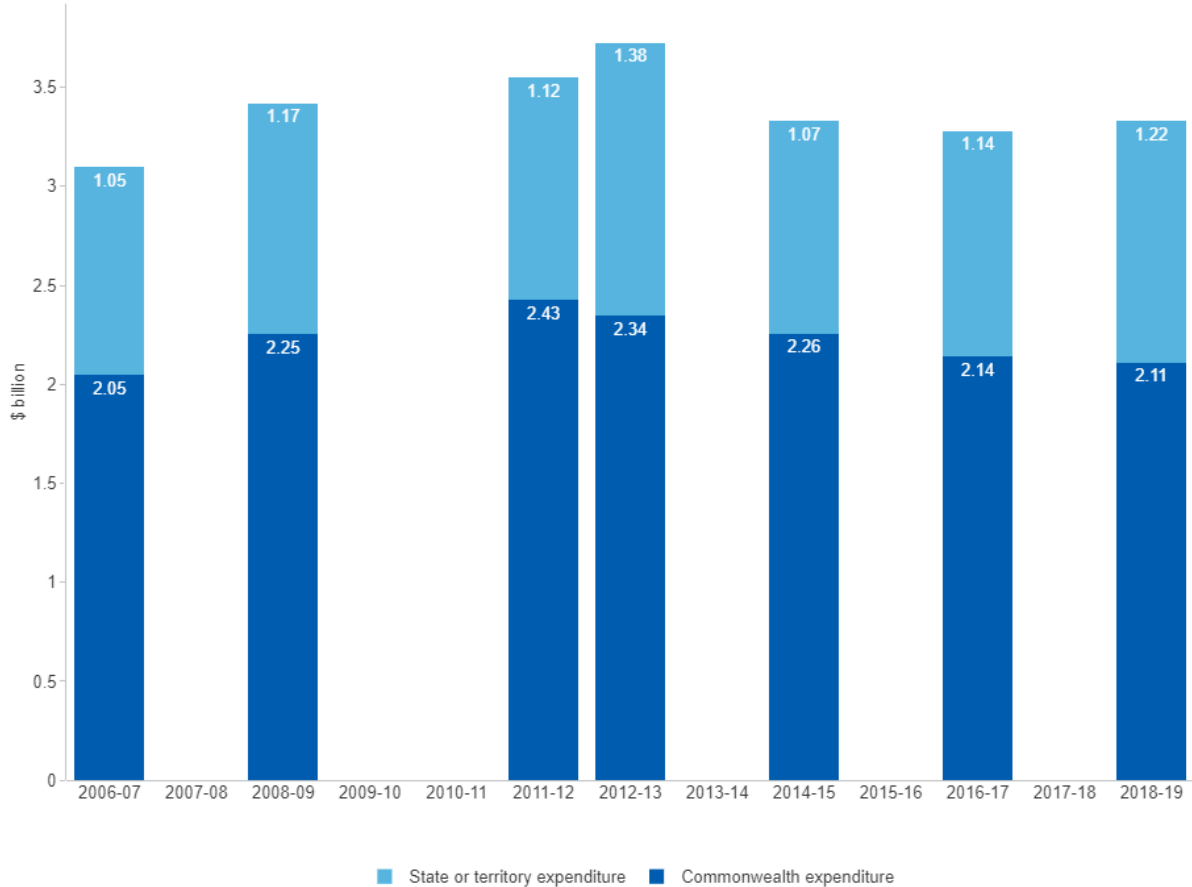


3.2.3 Government expenditure on R&D (GovERD) by level of government

Australia’s total GovERD comprises expenditure by both the Commonwealth, and states and territories. The share of *Commonwealth expenditure* currently makes up around two-thirds of total spending, and this has remained fairly stable over the last 12 years for which data are available. GovERD by the Commonwealth peaked in 2011–12 at \$2.43 billion before declining to \$2.11 billion in 2016–17. GovERD by states and territories peaked at \$1.38 billion in 2012–13, trailing the Commonwealth by approximately one year.¹

Figure: Government expenditure on R&D (GovERD), by level of government, \$ billion, latest 2018–19



¹ ABS, *Research and Experimental Development, Government and Private Non-Profit Organisations, Australia*, Cat. No. 8109.0 (<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/industry/technology-and-innovation/research-and-experimental-development-government-and-private-non-profit-organisations-australia/latest-release>)