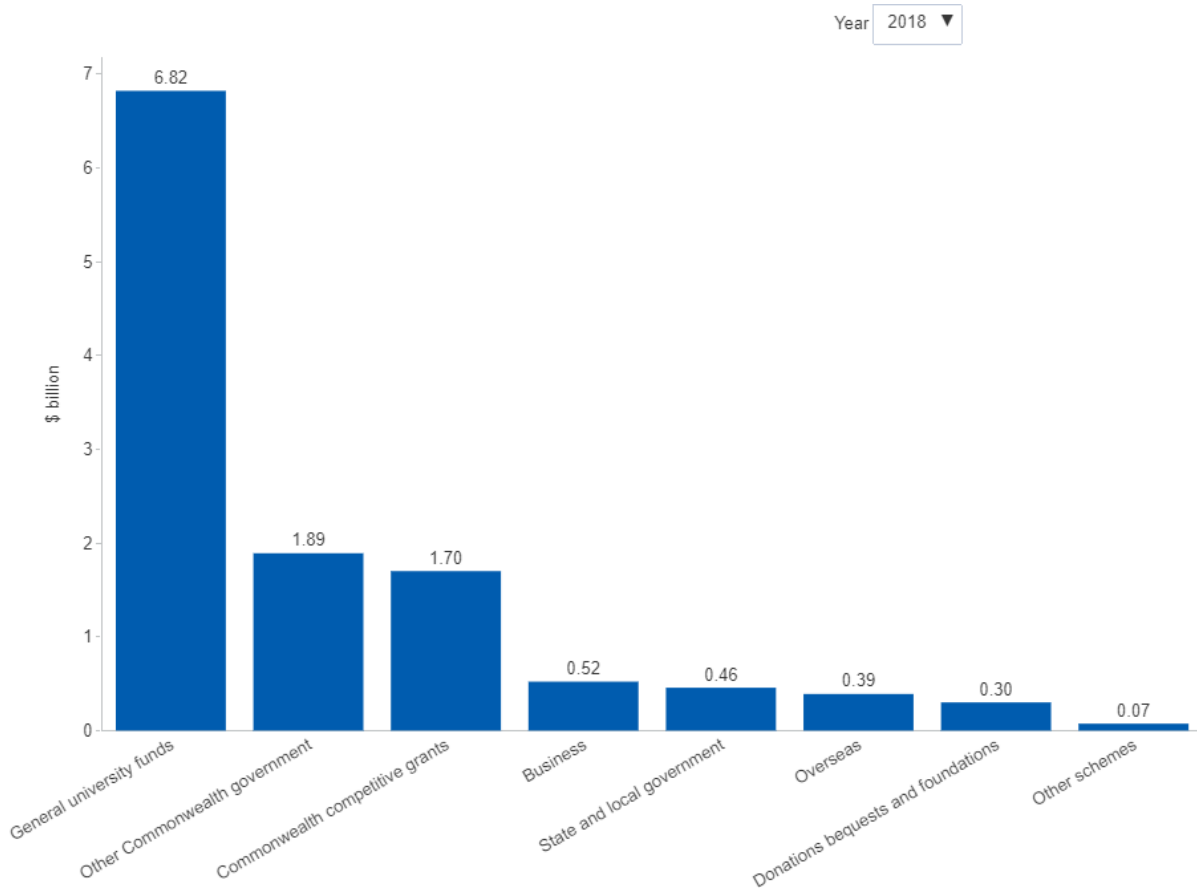


3.3.3 Higher education resources devoted to R&D (HERD) by source of funds

There has been a sustained growth in total HERD over the last two decades. Total HERD was nearly \$12.2 billion in 2018 with a significant contribution coming from *General university funds*. Over the last 20 years, this source has increased from \$1.8 billion in 2000 to \$6.8 billion in 2018, but as a share of total HERD this funding source has decreased from 63 per cent in 2000 to 56 per cent in 2018. Much of this contraction is due to increased *Other Commonwealth government* funding from just under 6 per cent in 2000 to over 15 per cent in 2018. It is now the second largest source of funds.¹

Figure: Higher education resources devoted to R&D (HERD), by source of funds, \$ billion, latest 2018



This chart shows that, in 2018, the largest source of funding for Higher education R&D is General university funds, followed by Other Commonwealth government funding and Commonwealth competitive grants.

¹ ABS, *Research and Experimental Development, Higher Education Organisations, Australia*, Cat. No. 8111.0 (<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/industry/technology-and-innovation/research-and-experimental-development-higher-education-organisations-australia/latest-release>)