

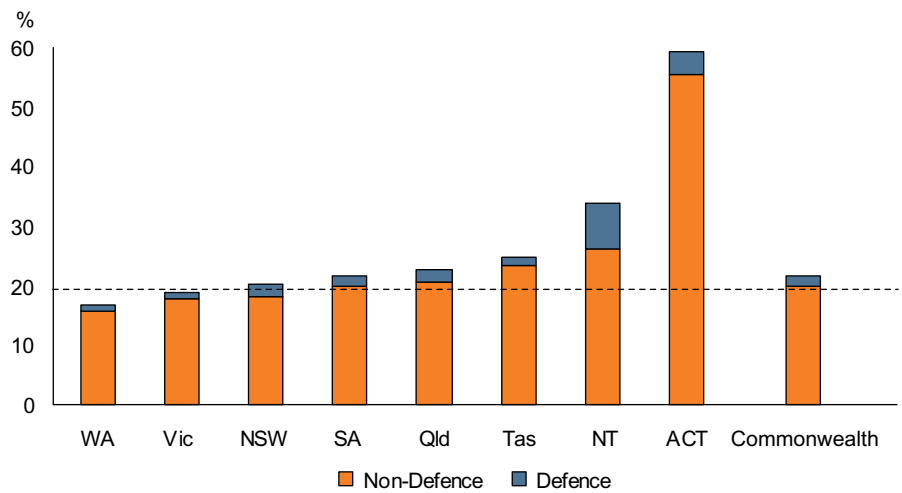
## The Public Sector and Defence

Spending by the Territory and Commonwealth governments (excluding Defence) in 2007-08 on wages, goods, services and infrastructure was \$4.1 billion, or about 26 per cent of SFD. Nationally, public sector spending accounts for 19.8 per cent of total spending. Also in 2007-08, the Australian Defence Force (ADF) spent a further \$1.1 billion (recurrent) in the Territory.

The public sector is the largest employer in the Territory, with about 25 per cent of the workforce employed by the Commonwealth, Territory or local government in 2007-08. Nationally, about 16.3 per cent of the workforce is employed in the public sector.

The high level of public sector employment in the Territory is attributed to the scale-related aspects of providing government services to a small population and the large ADF presence.

Public Sector Spending as a Percentage of State Final Demand by Jurisdiction, 2007-08



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