

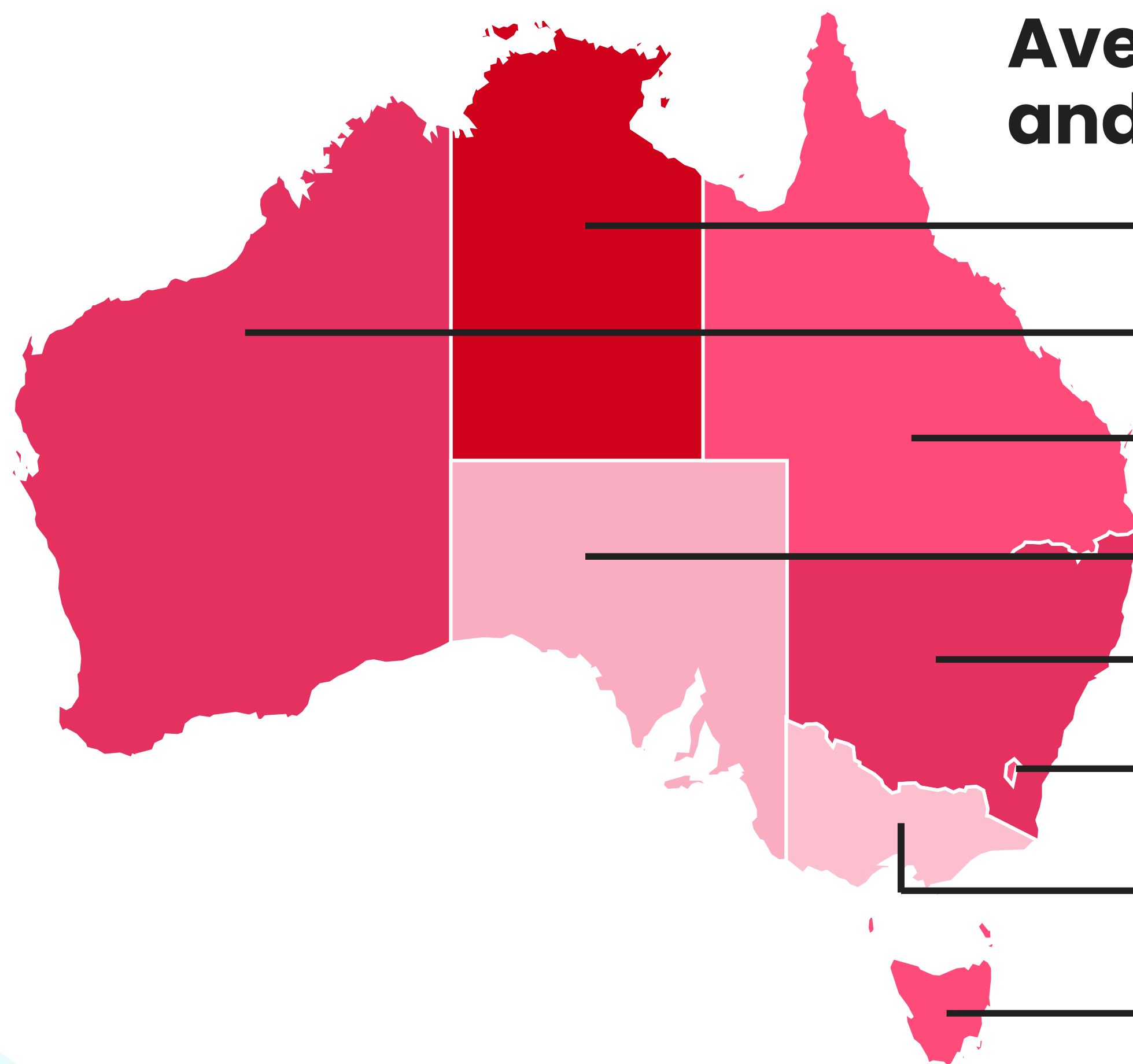
Teachers spending their own money on school purchases

The latest 'State of our Schools' survey from the Australian Education Union – conducted in early 2023 – shows that of almost 6,000 respondents, a vast majority are spending hundreds of dollars of their own money each year on items for work.

85% of teachers use their own money to purchase supplies or equipment for school

\$856 is the average amount spent per person, per year

Average spend, per person, by state and territory



Northern Territory: \$1,415

Western Australia: \$1,182

Queensland: \$939

South Australia: \$770

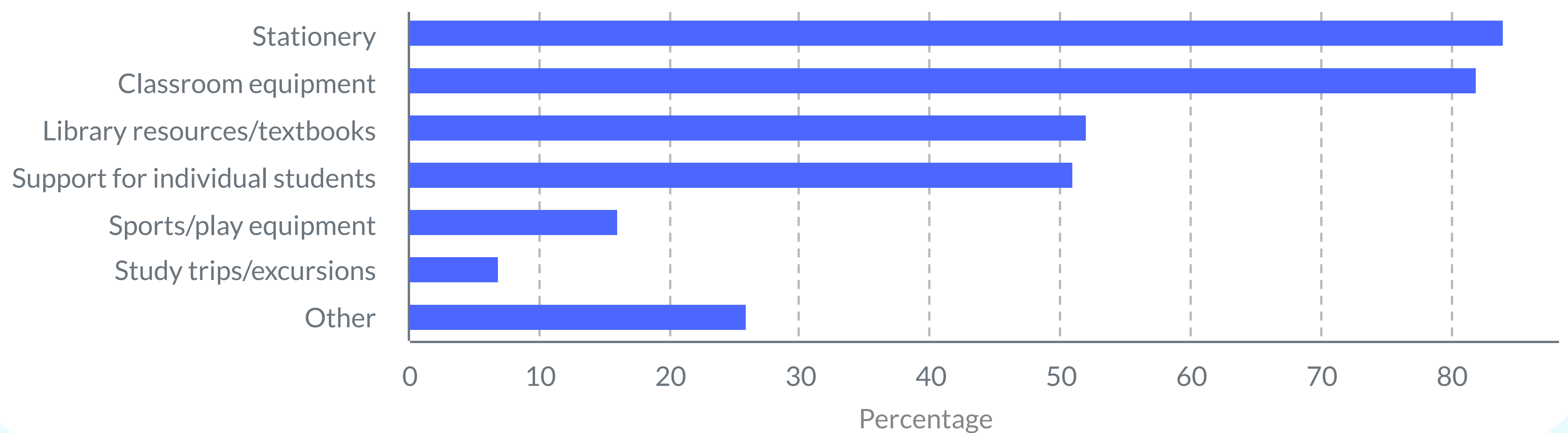
New South Wales: \$1,114

ACT: \$744

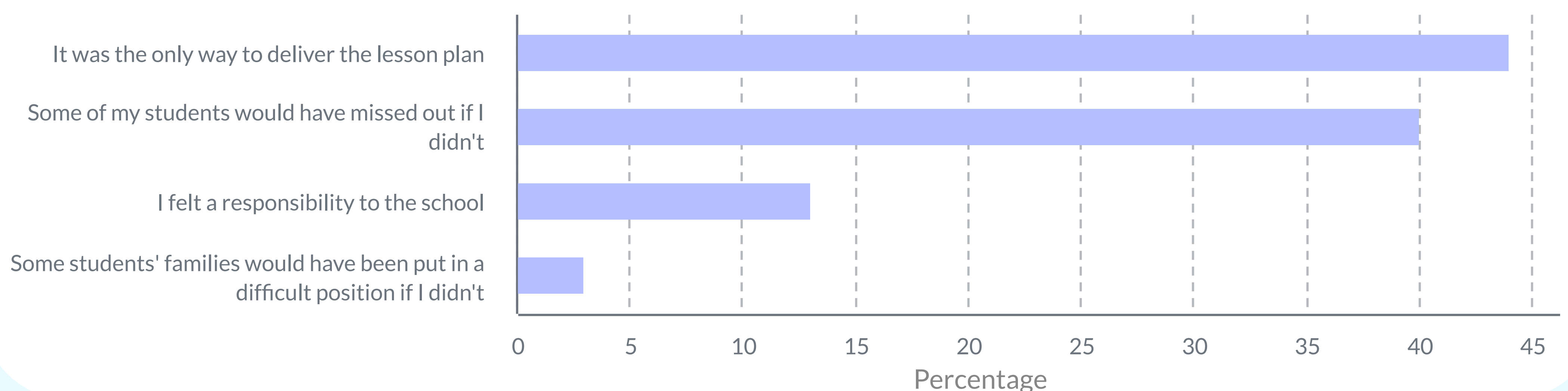
Victoria: \$692

Tasmania: \$835

What are teachers spending their money on?



Why are teachers spending their own money?



Source: Australian Education Union. (2023). 'State of our Schools 2023'