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1.1

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

AT END OF PERIOD.....

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Mean Population</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000
Financial Years				
1993-94	856.3	846.3	1 702.6	1 689.7
1994-95	871.8	861.6	1 733.4	1 717.9
1995-96 p	887.9	877.9	1 765.7	1 750.0
Calendar years				
1994	863.1	853.1	1 716.2	1 703.5
1995 p	879.6	869.5	1 749.2	1 733.5
1996 p	896.3	886.4	1 782.7	1 766.1
Quarters				
Sep 95 p	876.2	865.8	1 742.0	..
Dec 95 p	879.6	869.5	1 749.2	..
Mar 96 p	884.2	874.3	1 758.5	..
Jun 96 p	887.9	877.9	1 765.7	..
Sep 96 p	892.0	882.0	1 774.0	..
Dec 96 p	896.3	886.4	1 782.7	..

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.1

The estimated resident population of Western Australia at 31 December 1996 was 1,782,700, an increase of 8,700 in the December quarter and 33,500 in the calendar year. The growth rate during the calendar year 1996 was 1.92 % and showed no change from 1995.

1.2

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

	Natural increase	Net estimated overseas migration(a)	Net estimated interstate migration	Total increase
	'000	'000	'000	'000
Financial Years				
1993-94	14.3	6.7	3.7	24.7
1994-95	14.7	10.5	4.9	30.1
1995-96 p	14.2	13.5	3.8	31.6
Calendar years				
1994	14.5	8.0	4.5	26.9
1995 p	14.6	13.2	4.3	32.0
1996 p	13.8	14.0	5.6	33.3
Quarters				
Sep 95 p	3.4	3.9	1.1	8.3
Dec 95 p	3.5	3.1	0.2	6.9
Mar 96 p	3.7	4.4	1.1	9.1
Jun 96 p	3.7	2.2	1.4	7.2
Sep 96 p	3.1	3.9	1.3	8.3
Dec 96 p	3.4	3.5	1.8	8.7

(a) Includes an adjustment for 'category jumping'

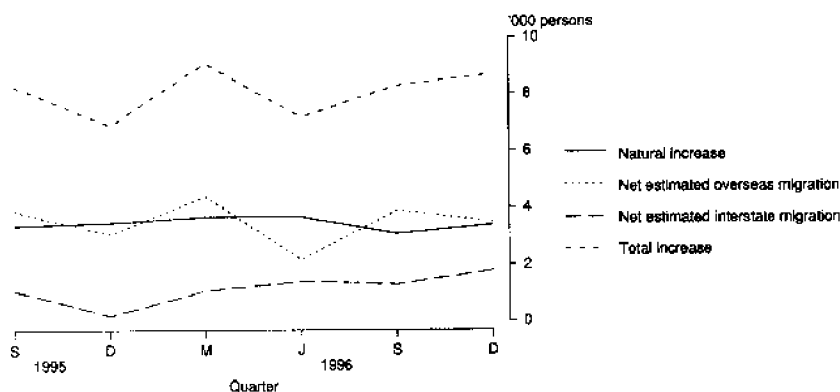
Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.2

In the December quarter 1996 the population increased by 8,700 compared with an increase of 8,300 in the previous quarter.

For the calendar year 1996 the increase of 33,300 was 4% higher than the increase in the previous year. In 1996 the natural increase was less than in the previous two years, but both the net estimated overseas and interstate migration were higher.

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

1.3

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

	<i>Live Births</i>	<i>Infant Deaths</i>	<i>Total Deaths</i>	<i>Marriages</i>	<i>Divorces</i>
Financial Years					
1993-94	25 309	148	10 522	10 316	4 934
1994-95	25 022	137	10 261	10 381	4 930
1995-96 p	24 872	141	10 669	10 019	5 195
Calendar years					
1994	25 124	137	10 295	10 366	5 024
1995	25 122	128	10 361	10 404	5 040
1996 p	24 766	156	11 011	10 135	4 959
Quarters					
Jun 95	6 348	32	2 598	2 367	1 158
Sep 95	6 311	30	2 917	1 524	1 332
Dec 95	6 046	28	2 532	3 266	1 469
Mar 96 p	6 233	54	2 588	2 935	1 231
Jun 96 p	6 282	29	2 632	2 294	1 163
Sep 96 p	6 192	37	3 092	1 458	1 294
Dec 96 p	6 059	36	2 699	3 448	1 271

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.3

The number of marriages rose by 1,990 or 136% in December quarter 1996 from the previous quarter. This compares with a rise of 1,742 marriages or 114% for the same quarters a year ago.

The number of total deaths dropped by 393 from September quarter 1996, a fall of 13%. Births and divorces both fell by 2% from the previous quarter. Compared to December quarter 1995, the number of deaths increased by 167 or 7%, marriages by 182 or 6% and births by 13 or less than 1%. The number of divorces fell by 198 or 13%.

Preliminary data for 1996 shows a drop of 356 livebirths or 1% from calendar year 1995. The number of divorces fell slightly by 81 and marriages dropped by 269 or 3%. Total deaths rose by 650 or 6% and infant deaths increased by 28 or 22%.

1.4

RATES OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

	Live Births(a)	Infant Deaths(b)	Total Deaths(a)	Marriages(a)	Divorces(a)
Financial Years					
1993-94	15.0	5.8	6.2	6.1	2.9
1994-95	14.6	5.5	6.0	6.0	2.9
1995-96 p	14.2	5.7	6.1	5.7	3.0
Calendar years					
1994	14.7	5.5	6.0	6.1	2.9
1995	14.5	5.1	6.0	6.0	2.9
1996 p	14.0	6.3	6.2	5.7	2.8
Quarters					
Jun 95	14.7	5.0	6.0	5.5	2.7
Sep 95	14.6	4.8	6.7	3.5	3.1
Dec 95	13.9	4.6	5.8	7.5	3.4
Mar 96 p	14.2	8.7	5.9	6.7	2.8
Jun 96 p	14.3	4.6	6.0	5.2	2.6
Sep 96 p	14.0	6.0	7.0	3.3	2.9
Dec 96 p	13.6	5.9	6.1	7.8	2.9

(a) For financial and calendar years the rate is per '000 mean resident population.
For quarters, the mean is the average of the previous and current quarterly population.

(b) Infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.4

The rate for marriages in December quarter 1996 was more than double the rate for the previous quarter, reflecting the large rise in the number of marriages.

Preliminary rates for 1996 calendar year show falls for livebirths, marriages and divorces compared to calendar year 1995 but rises for infant deaths and total deaths.

For more information regarding tables on Vital statistics please contact Mike Joske on (08) 9360 5276

2.1 OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES BY MONTH

	SHORT-TERM ARRIVALS.....			LONG-TERM ARRIVALS.....		Total Arrivals
	Permanent Arrivals	Australian Residents	Overseas Visitors	Australian Residents	Overseas Visitors	
ARRIVALS						
Financial Years						
1993-94	7 740	269 890	297 750	8 900	7 430	591 700
1994-95	10 380	289 250	339 690	9 070	8 470	656 850
1995-96	11 320	308 110	361 180	8 600	10 170	699 380
Months						
Feb 96	940	20 650	39 640	630	2 530	64 380
Mar 96	900	20 660	31 010	670	560	53 810
Apr 96	850	23 670	32 270	580	660	58 020
May 96	680	20 100	22 550	500	380	44 210
Jun 96	860	25 530	26 720	630	500	54 250
Jul 96	910	31 490	28 780	670	1 900	63 750
Aug 96	840	28 570	28 950	580	500	59 430
Sep 96	860	31 390	27 540	640	540	60 970
Oct 96	940	38 310	34 460	690	740	75 130
Nov 96	1 000	25 040	37 270	930	480	64 730
Dec 96	990	18 980	49 430	1 450	490	71 340
Jan 97	900	39 040	29 630	870	1 850	72 290
Feb 97	780	21 440	39 350	626	2 700	64 900
Mar 97	920	24 880	35 670	740	590	62 800
Apr 97	830	24 030	33 000	580	670	59 110

	SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES.....			LONG-TERM DEPARTURES.....		Total Departures
	Permanent Departures	Australian Residents	Overseas Visitors	Australian Residents	Overseas Visitors	
DEPARTURES						
Financial Years						
1993-94	3 430	274 770	29 540	7 340	4 140	580 220
1994-95	3 580	292 270	343 610	7 560	4 710	651 730
1995-96	3 890	305 910	366 340	7 680	5 480	689 300
Months						
Feb 96	320	17 840	35 700	730	440	55 030
Mar 96	350	25 730	32 970	750	400	60 200
Apr 96	330	23 540	33 160	670	330	58 030
May 96	370	25 720	27 520	630	270	54 500
Jun 96	200	29 410	31 240	530	560	61 940
Jul 96	340	32 280	25 420	640	560	59 240
Aug 96	270	27 420	29 840	660	390	58 580
Sep 96	260	34 960	25 200	520	370	61 320
Oct 96	250	26 830	28 770	500	330	56 680
Nov 96	320	24 850	32 650	530	590	58 950
Dec 96	310	35 260	42 400	730	1 180	79 880
Jan 97	370	23 760	41 050	1 120	500	66 800
Feb 97	280	20 340	36 760	710	410	58 500
Mar 97	320	27 960	32 850	730	410	62 270
Apr 97	330	25 870	36 390	750	390	63 730

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0001. Since figures have been rounded to the nearest ten, discrepancies may occur between sums of component items and totals.

2.2

SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS FROM SELECTED COUNTRIES(a)

	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.....					Total(b)
	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Japan	Singapore	
Financial Years						
1993-94	25 150	57 480	27 840	27 530	50 700	297 750
1994-95	24 330	61 070	44 240	28 980	59 600	339 690
1995-96	24 200	59 220	49 260	30 120	64 690	361 180
Months						
Feb 96	1 760	6 440	8 150	3 190	6 460	39 640
Mar 96	2 280	6 010	3 320	2 900	4 760	31 010
Apr 96	2 260	5 990	3 360	2 460	5 760	32 270
May 96	1 630	2 180	2 610	1 320	5 270	22 550
Jun 96	1 660	2 610	4 950	1 290	6 970	26 720
Jul 96	3 000	2 610	5 190	3 430	3 310	28 780
Aug 96	2 100	3 480	3 670	3 720	4 800	28 950
Sep 96	2 430	4 860	2 500	3 220	3 550	27 540
Oct 96	2 740	5 470	4 250	2 430	4 690	34 460
Nov 96	1 680	9 350	3 120	2 170	7 850	37 270
Dec 96	2 400	10 090	6 840	3 990	7 630	49 430
Jan 97	1 940	7 200	3 400	3 220	2 500	29 630
Feb 97	1 410	6 440	7 930	3 040	5 060	39 350
Mar 97	2 080	8 420	3 400	3 500	5 200	35 670
Apr 97	2 590	5 710	4 120	2 850	5 430	33 000

(a) Comprises travellers whose intended or actual stay is less than twelve months.

(b) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0013

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.1

Total arrivals in April 1997 were 6% lower than in the previous month but were 2% higher than in April 1996.

The number of Australian residents returning from short-term visits overseas fell by 3% from the previous month to 24,030 persons. This was 2% higher than in April 1996. The number of overseas visitors arriving in Western Australia for short-term visits declined by 7% from March 1997 but was up by 2% on a year ago.

The number of residents returning to Western Australia in April 1997 after a long-term stay overseas dropped by 22% from the previous month and remained unchanged on April 1996. Arrivals of long-term overseas visitors rose by 14% on March 1997 and by 2% on April 1996.

Total departures in April 1997 rose by 2% from the previous month and were 10% higher than in April 1996.

The number of short-term departures of Australian residents fell by 7% on March 1997, but rose by 10% on April 1996. Short-term departures of overseas visitors grew by 11% from March 1997. The number of long-term departures of overseas visitors fell by 5% whilst long-term departures of Australian residents rose by 3% on March 1997.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.2

Total short-term overseas visitor arrivals fell by 7% on March 1997. The total of 33,000 arrivals in April 1997 was 2% higher than in April 1996.

The number of visitors from Indonesia rose by 720 persons or 21% on March 1997 and by 23% on April 1996. There was a rise in short-term arrivals from New Zealand of 25% and 4% from Singapore compared to March 1997. Short-term arrivals from the United Kingdom and Ireland fell by 32% and from Japan by 19%. Compared to April 1996, arrivals from Japan increased by 16% and by 15% from New Zealand, but fell by 6% from Singapore and by 5% from the United Kingdom and Ireland.

2.3

SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS BY AIR, PURPOSE OF JOURNEY: HOLIDAY

	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.....								Total(a)
	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Japan	Malaysia	Singapore	Thailand	United States	
Financial Years									
1993-94	9 160	22 260	20 850	24 460	19 180	39 370	7 950	2 910	180 850
1994-95	7 720	19 290	33 350	24 640	19 200	45 100	7 180	2 760	193 880
1995-96	6 800	19 010	35 610	23 840	20 800	47 520	8 770	3 250	200 560
Months									
Feb 96	640	1 990	6 400	2 390	2 840	4 320	460	140	23 030
Mar 96	670	1 930	2 520	2 650	1 490	3 520	870	590	17 510
Apr 96	540	1 660	2 050	1 750	2 410	4 330	1 620	170	17 140
May 96	230	810	1 960	1 000	2 760	4 150	790	320	13 580
Jun 96	580	500	3 850	780	2 240	5 640	610	250	16 240
Jul 96	470	1 140	3 200	2 900	1 440	1 480	590	190	14 280
Aug 96	580	870	2 220	3 300	2 790	3 650	980	100	17 310
Sep 96	1 150	1 650	1 360	2 490	1 670	2 510	550	190	14 360
Oct 96	550	1 680	2 800	1 810	2 280	3 410	1 610	200	18 580
Nov 96	370	2 790	2 150	1 680	2 010	6 510	580	160	20 580
Dec 96	610	3 690	5 710	3 380	2 420	5 840	1 330	400	29 630
Jan 97	420	2 930	1 290	2 520	570	960	500	280	13 050
Feb 97	350	2 610	5 600	2 750	2 690	3 110	730	190	22 380
Mar 97	570	3 110	2 260	2 770	1 110	3 820	960	200	19 150
Apr 97	570	1 700	2 510	2 380	1 860	3 440	1 150	150	16 340

(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTWAT31 for monthly figures and PMTR0031 for financial year figures.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.3

The number of short-term overseas visitor arrivals for holidays in Western Australia in April 1997 fell by 15% on March 1997. The total of 16,340 visitors was 5% lower than April 1996.

April 1997 saw a rise of 250 holidaymakers or 11% from Indonesia on March 1997. Arrivals from Malaysia rose by 750 persons or 68% whilst arrivals from Singapore fell by 380 persons or 10%. Holidaymakers from the United Kingdom and Ireland declined by 45% whilst holidaymakers from Japan fell by 14% compared to the previous month.

Compared to April 1996, the number of holidaymakers from Japan increased by 36%, by 22% from Indonesia, 6% from New Zealand and 2% from the United Kingdom and Ireland. Holidaymakers from Thailand fell by 29%, from Malaysia by 23%, Singapore by 21% and the United States by 12%.

2.4

SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS(a)

COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.....

	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Malaysia	Singapore	Total(a)
Financial Years						
1993-94	22 020	38 580	64 720	23 420	24 170	274 770
1994-95	25 750	40 850	68 420	23 070	25 840	292 270
1995-96	25 100	44 070	68 860	22 780	29 430	305 910
Months						
Feb 96	2 290	1 680	3 720	1 040	1 990	17 840
Mar 96	2 500	4 110	6 230	1 740	3 080	25 730
Apr 96	1 820	3 330	5 360	1 460	1 770	23 540
May 96	960	5 650	4 420	1 520	1 360	25 720
Jun 96	1 100	5 770	7 610	2 030	2 090	29 410
Jul 96	1 850	5 830	7 790	2 090	2 400	32 280
Aug 96	1 900	3 760	8 100	1 510	1 950	27 420
Sep 96	2 680	4 920	9 390	2 850	2 470	34 960
Oct 96	2 150	3 090	8 990	1 890	1 890	26 830
Nov 96	1 830	2 740	7 590	1 840	1 820	24 850
Dec 96	4 790	4 990	7 230	2 960	2 690	35 260
Jan 97	2 770	2 240	6 510	1 650	2 020	23 760
Feb 97	1 910	2 170	4 870	1 930	2 380	20 340
Mar 97	2 210	3 290	7 630	1 740	2 960	27 960
Apr 97	2 360	3 670	5 900	1 540	1 860	25 870

(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMT0013.

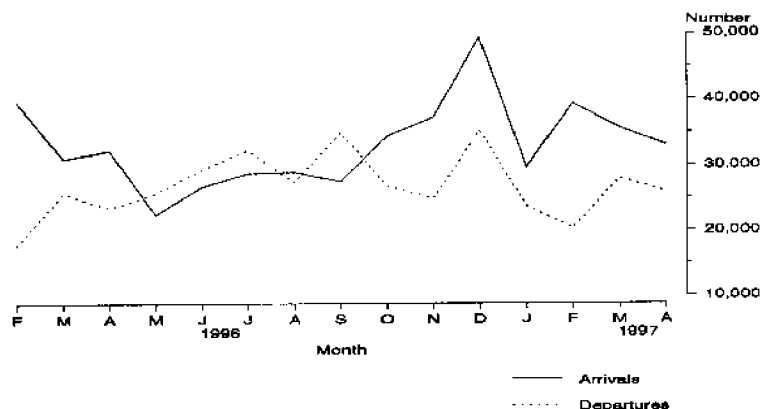
ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.4

There was a fall of 2,090 persons or 7% in short-term departures of Australian residents from Western Australia in April 1997 from the previous month. The total of 25,870 persons was 2,330 persons or 10% higher than April 1996.

Compared to March 1997, short-term departures of residents to the United Kingdom and Ireland increased by 12% and by 7% for New Zealand. Departures to Singapore fell by 37%, Indonesia by 23% and Malaysia by 11%.

Compared to April 1996, short-term departures of Australian residents to New Zealand increased by 30%, the United Kingdom and Ireland and Indonesia by 10% each, and Malaysia and Singapore by 5% each.

SHORT-TERM ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS AND DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS BY MONTH



Source: Unpublished table PMTR0013

2.5

SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS BY AIR TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS - HOLIDAY

	COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.....							Total (a)
	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Malaysia	Singapore	Thailand	United States	
Financial Years								
1993-94	9 420	15 080	53 670	12 480	12 160	11 690	9 100	150 490
1994-95	11 100	18 430	55 070	11 480	13 220	12 560	9 940	160 730
1995-96	10 120	18 420	53 060	10 430	15 670	12 750	9 650	160 120
Months								
Feb 96	820	380	2 340	440	810	580	370	7 800
Mar 96	1 070	1 580	4 520	580	1 910	820	760	13 000
Apr 96	840	1 540	3 620	610	950	1 400	640	11 980
May 96	350	2 690	3 310	460	630	710	690	12 330
Jun 96	300	2 440	6 330	890	1 110	1 230	930	16 640
Jul 96	960	3 020	6 680	1 040	1 320	1 080	1 720	19 110
Aug 96	700	2 060	6 710	870	860	860	780	16 080
Sep 96	840	2 190	8 340	1 500	1 020	1 150	1 110	20 830
Oct 96	1 070	1 710	7 330	790	1 340	1 250	460	15 990
Nov 96	640	950	6 100	1 000	1 010	500	450	12 620
Dec 96	1 790	1 970	6 430	1 510	1 420	490	1 260	18 950
Jan 97	1 060	740	5 240	830	900	560	500	11 980
Feb 97	830	580	3 680	620	1 020	650	150	9 260
Mar 97	960	1 250	6 520	650	2 150	1 160	840	16 210
Apr 97	1 220	1 960	4 080	310	550	810	610	12 910

(a) Total includes countries listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTWAT31 for monthly figures and PMTR0031 for financial year figures.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.5

There were 12,910 short-term departures from Western Australia of Australian residents for holidays abroad in April 1997. This was 3,300 residents or 20% less than departed in March 1997 but 930 residents or 8% more than departed in April 1996.

Compared with March 1997, only two countries recorded increases as holiday destinations for short-term departures of Australian residents. They were the United Kingdom and Ireland with an increase of 57% and New Zealand with 27%. All other countries listed recorded decreases of departures of holidaymakers, with departures to Singapore falling by 74% and Malaysia by 52%. Departures to Indonesia fell by 37%, Thailand by 30% and the United States by 27%.

Indonesia remains Western Australia's favourite holiday destination. Of the total of 12,910 departures in April 1997, 4,080 persons or 32% chose Indonesia as their holiday destination. Compared to April 1996, departures of holidaymakers to New Zealand increased by 45%, the United Kingdom and Ireland by 27% and Indonesia by 13%. Holidaymakers to Malaysia decreased by 49%, Singapore and Thailand by 42% each and the United States by 5%.

For more information regarding Overseas Arrivals and Departures, please contact Mike Joske on (08) 9360 5276.

2.6

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

HOTELS, MOTELS, GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES..... CARAVAN PARKS.....

	Guest Rooms	Room occupancy rates	Guest arrivals	Number of sites	Site occupancy rates	Guest arrivals
	Number	%	'000	Number	%	'000
Financial Years(a)						
1993-94	14 754	57	2 154	29 202	39	1 250
1994-95	14 754	60	2 219	29 554	40	1 231
1995-96	15 085	60	2 256	29 952	40	1 299
Months						
Jan 96		52	203		45	131
Feb 96		57	179		37	73
Mar 96	14 928	58	198	30 085	37	85
Apr 96		59	187		41	125
May 96		56	171		37	89
Jun 96	15 085	55	167	29 952	40	98
Jul 96		57	193		46	151
Aug 96		61	207		45	164
Sep 96	15 396	68	235	29 990	44	153
Oct 96		67	232		38	116
Nov 96		61	195		36	79
Dec 96	15 996	54	193	30 105	40	111
Jan 97		54	487		45	128
Feb 97		60	424		39	76
Mar 97	16 065	58	474	30 212	40	102

HOLIDAY FLATS, UNITS, HOUSES..... VISITOR HOSTELS.....

	Guest units	Unit occupancy rates	Unit Lettings	Bed spaces	Bed occupancy Rates	Guest nights
	Number	%	'000	Number	%	'000
Financial Years(a)						
1993-94	2 224	55	96	3 119	38	416
1994-95	2 419	57	110	2 834	41	431
1995-96	2 687	57	134	3 171	43	478
Months						
Jan 96		73	12		47	46
Feb 96		58	11		44	40
Mar 96	2 414	59	13	2 794	45	44
Apr 96		64	12		46	44
May 96		43	10		41	40
Jun 96	2 687	46	10	3 171	41	39
Jul 96		57	11		40	39
Aug 96		48	10		36	36
Sep 96	2 705	60	13	3 172	39	37
Oct 96		63	14		39	38
Nov 96		54	12		41	38
Dec 96	2 797	61	13	3 109	41	39
Jan 97		69	14		42	42
Feb 97		55	12		41	37
Mar 97	2 623	58	13	3 224	42	42

(a) Number at 30 June

Reference: Tourist Accommodation WA (8635.5)

For more information regarding this table, please contact Pam Prince on
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3.1

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): Seasonally Adjusted

	<i>Employed full-time</i>	<i>Total employed</i>	<i>Total unemployed</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>
Males					
Apr 96	425.4	477.3	39.5	7.6	76.0
May 96	426.5	478.9	41.1	7.9	76.4
Jun 96	425.7	477.4	43.0	8.3	76.3
Jul 96	432.1	481.4	40.7	7.8	76.4
Aug 96	426.1	481.3	43.3	8.3	76.6
Sep 96	426.0	480.4	41.9	8.0	76.1
Oct 96	430.3	484.0	42.8	8.1	76.6
Nov 96	429.9	480.3	41.9	8.0	75.8
Dec 96	428.5	483.7	41.3	7.9	76.1
Jan 97	434.3	491.4	36.7	7.0	76.4
Feb 97	435.9	491.2	38.4	7.3	76.5
Mar 97	433.0	490.2	37.4	7.1	76.1
Apr 97	434.6	490.4	36.2	6.9	75.8
May 97	436.1	492.0	37.2	7.0	76.1
Jun 97	437.5	495.5	38.2	7.2	76.5
Females					
Apr 96	195.4	346.5	25.1	6.8	54.2
May 96	192.6	356.5	27.9	7.3	56.0
Jun 96	195.2	356.2	29.3	7.6	56.0
Jul 96	197.3	360.9	29.1	7.5	56.5
Aug 96	201.4	367.9	28.6	7.2	57.4
Sep 96	200.1	365.3	27.3	7.0	56.7
Oct 96	194.3	360.8	27.4	7.1	55.9
Nov 96	195.3	364.0	27.8	7.1	56.3
Dec 96	197.6	366.5	29.6	7.5	56.8
Jan 97	194.8	364.5	33.4	8.4	57.0
Feb 97	189.7	366.5	32.3	8.1	57.0
Mar 97	187.8	359.4	31.6	8.1	55.8
Apr 97	191.7	356.8	31.5	8.1	55.4
May 97	191.7	355.9	26.2	6.9	54.4
Jun 97	186.6	356.1	27.5	7.2	54.5
Persons					
Apr 96	620.8	823.8	64.7	7.3	65.1
May 96	619.1	835.4	69.1	7.6	66.1
Jun 96	620.9	833.6	72.4	8.0	66.1
Jul 96	629.3	842.3	69.8	7.6	66.4
Aug 96	627.6	849.2	71.9	7.8	66.9
Sep 96	626.1	845.7	69.2	7.6	66.3
Oct 96	624.6	844.8	70.2	7.7	66.2
Nov 96	625.2	844.3	69.7	7.6	66.0
Dec 96	626.0	850.2	70.9	7.7	66.4
Jan 97	629.1	855.9	70.1	7.6	66.7
Feb 97	625.6	857.7	70.8	7.6	66.7
Mar 97	620.8	849.6	69.0	7.5	65.9
Apr 97	626.3	847.3	67.8	7.4	65.5
May 97	627.8	847.9	63.5	7.0	65.2
Jun 97	624.1	851.6	65.7	7.2	65.5

Reference: The Labour Force, Australia Preliminary (6202.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 3.1

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 7.2% in June 1997.

The seasonally adjusted number of persons unemployed increased by 2,200 to 65,700 while the number of persons employed increased by 3,700 to 851,600.

Western Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate for June 1997 increased by 0.3 percentage points to 65.5% and continues to be the highest of all the States.

3.2

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): Trend

	Employed full-time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	'000	%	%
Males					
Apr 96	426.4	477.4	41.3	8.0	76.3
May 96	426.8	478.2	41.5	8.0	76.3
Jun 96	427.2	479.2	41.7	8.0	76.4
Jul 96	427.5	479.9	42.1	8.1	76.4
Aug 96	427.7	480.5	42.4	8.1	76.4
Sep 96	428.1	481.2	42.5	8.1	76.3
Oct 96	428.8	482.3	42.1	8.0	76.3
Nov 96	429.8	483.8	41.3	7.9	76.3
Dec 96	431.1	485.7	40.2	7.6	76.2
Jan 97	432.4	487.6	39.0	7.4	76.2
Feb 97	433.6	489.4	38.0	7.2	76.2
Mar 97	434.5	490.8	37.4	7.1	76.2
Apr 97	435.4	492.0	37.1	7.0	76.2
May 97	436.1	493.0	37.0	7.0	76.1
Jun 97	436.8	493.7	37.1	7.0	76.1
Females					
Apr 96	194.0	353.5	27.7	7.3	55.6
May 96	195.5	355.6	27.8	7.3	55.8
Jun 96	196.6	358.0	28.0	7.3	56.1
Jul 96	197.5	360.5	28.1	7.2	56.3
Aug 96	198.1	362.7	28.1	7.2	56.5
Sep 96	198.3	364.4	28.1	7.1	56.6
Oct 96	197.8	365.1	28.3	7.2	56.7
Nov 96	196.5	365.3	29.1	7.4	56.7
Dec 96	194.8	365.0	30.2	7.8	56.7
Jan 97	193.3	364.1	31.2	7.9	56.6
Feb 97	192.0	362.8	31.5	8.0	56.4
Mar 97	190.9	360.9	31.1	8.0	56.0
Apr 97	189.9	358.8	30.2	7.9	55.4
May 97	189.1	356.9	29.2	7.6	54.9
Jun 97	188.4	355.3	28.1	7.3	54.4
Persons					
Apr 96	620.4	831.0	69.0	7.7	65.9
May 96	622.2	833.8	69.3	7.7	66.0
Jun 96	623.8	837.2	69.8	7.7	66.2
Jul 96	624.9	840.4	70.2	7.7	66.3
Aug 96	625.8	843.2	70.5	7.7	66.4
Sep 96	626.5	845.5	70.5	7.7	66.4
Oct 96	626.6	847.4	70.4	7.7	66.4
Nov 96	626.3	849.1	70.4	7.7	66.4
Dec 96	625.9	850.7	70.4	7.6	66.4
Jan 97	625.7	851.8	70.2	7.6	66.4
Feb 97	625.6	852.2	69.5	7.5	66.3
Mar 97	625.4	851.7	68.5	7.4	66.0
Apr 97	625.3	850.8	67.3	7.3	65.8
May 97	625.2	849.9	66.2	7.2	65.5
Jun 97	625.1	848.9	65.1	7.1	65.2

Reference: Labour Force, Australia Preliminary (6202.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 3.2

Trend estimates for December 1996 to May 1997 have been revised.

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 7.1%.

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Lesley Martin on (08) 9360 5320.

3.3

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

Period	FULL TIME ADULTS.....		ALL PERSONS
	Ordinary Time earnings	Total earnings	Total earnings
	\$	\$	\$
Males			
18 Aug 95	716.80	778.40	673.30
17 Nov 95	731.30	790.70	682.40
16 Feb 96	743.80	802.10	688.10
17 May 96	748.50	807.10	690.80
16 Aug 96	747.40	806.70	690.80
15 Nov 96	742.80	802.40	688.30
Females			
18 Aug 95	555.60	569.80	405.40
17 Nov 95	564.30	577.10	407.70
16 Feb 96	570.60	582.50	409.90
17 May 96	576.70	588.40	411.40
16 Aug 96	583.70	596.00	412.40
15 Nov 96	589.40	602.60	413.00
Persons			
18 Aug 95	659.50	704.10	545.50
17 Nov 95	671.80	714.50	550.30
16 Feb 96	681.50	723.10	554.10
17 May 96	686.40	728.00	554.90
16 Aug 96	688.00	730.30	552.50
15 Nov 96	687.20	730.10	547.90

Reference: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (6302.0)

3.4

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

WORKERS INVOLVED.....

	<i>Number of Disputes</i>	<i>Directly</i>	<i>Indirectly</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Working days lost</i>
	Number	'000	'000	'000	'000
Calendar Year					
1994	82	15.7	0.2	15.9	27.4
1995	70	99.7	0.0	99.7	101.6
1996	54	36.2	0.0	36.2	47.3
Months					
May 96	8	10.0	—	10.0	9.9
Jun 96	1	4.4	—	4.4	4.4
Jul 96	4	2.1	—	2.1	1.8
Aug 96	6	10.2	—	10.2	8.5
Sep 96	6	3.0	—	3.0	1.6
Oct 96	6	3.0	—	3.3	1.6
Nov 96	8	1.3	—	1.3	0.8
Dec 96	2	0.2	—	0.2	0.1
Jan 97	4	1.3	0.1	1.4	15.5
Feb 97	5	1.3	—	1.3	2.4
Mar 97	1	0.1	—	0.1	0.1
Apr 97	6	14.3	—	14.3	17.6

Reference: Industrial Disputes, Unpublished ABS Data

4.1

MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER: Original

	<i>Food</i>	<i>Department stores</i>	<i>Clothing and soft goods</i>	<i>Other household goods</i>	<i>Recreational goods</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Jun 96	400.6	90.3	67.5	108.0	50.5
Jul 96	420.5	93.6	64.7	127.7	53.4
Aug 96	431.1	94.2	60.7	130.6	52.1
Sep 96	406.6	82.2	55.9	111.5	51.2
Oct 96	445.0	101.3	68.4	138.8	55.6
Nov 96	442.0	109.6	67.0	138.2	53.0
Dec 96	501.1	176.8	88.1	163.7	68.2
Jan 97	468.6	86.4	62.2	145.7	51.1
Feb 97	422.1	76.2	48.3	127.6	46.9
Mar 97	459.6	89.1	54.5	125.7	47.8
Apr 97	420.6	88.5	57.1	137.3	56.2
May 97	447.8	107.0	63.0	145.2	56.7

	<i>Hospitality and services</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Trend estimates</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Jun 96	158.5	92.6	968.0	1 026.3	1 029.3
Jul 96	150.6	88.5	999.0	1 018.0	1 023.2
Aug 96	151.8	84.0	1 004.5	1 049.7	1 016.8
Sep 96	146.5	81.0	934.9	969.3	1 012.7
Oct 96	154.3	94.6	1 058.0	1 035.0	1 013.5
Nov 96	153.3	94.3	1 057.4	1 017.1	1 019.1
Dec 96	168.4	121.1	1 287.4	994.5	1 028.4
Jan 97	156.6	83.8	1 054.4	1 066.0	1 039.0
Feb 97	143.8	82.8	947.7	1 064.5	1 048.7
Mar 97	152.6	77.5	1 006.8	1 054.7	1 056.1
Apr 97	155.2	91.5	1 006.4	1 040.4	1 061.7
May 97	155.2	92.7	1 067.6	1 075.0	1 069.1

Reference: Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0)

5.1

NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

	HOUSES.....		OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.....		TOTAL (a).....	
	Dwelling Units	Value	Dwelling Units	Value	Dwelling Units	Value
	No.	\$m	No.	\$m	No.	\$m
Financial years						
1993-94	19 437	1 503.7	7 144	461.0	26 776	1 964.7
1994-95	16 207	1 354.3	6 105	420.3	22 427	1 774.6
1995-96	12 211	1 148.3	3 527	272.3	15 853	1 420.7
Months						
Mar 96	1 101	104.5	362	33.7	1 501	138.2
Apr 96	922	90.9	244	17.3	1 169	108.1
May 96	1 183	114.3	227	15.0	1 420	129.2
Jun 96	966	94.0	227	15.3	1 195	109.3
Jul 96	1 165	107.3	166	10.9	1 336	118.2
Aug 96	1 134	110.4	136	11.1	1 277	121.4
Sep 96	1 108	108.2	127	9.0	1 245	117.2
Oct 96	1 157	111.0	204	15.9	1 376	126.9
Nov 96	1 175	112.6	187	15.2	1 366	127.8
Dec 96	1 035	102.4	194	18.1	1 242	120.5
Jan 97	1 034	103.4	135	15.6	1 182	119.0
Feb 97	803	80.2	238	21.1	1 047	101.3
Mar 97	1 039	108.7	165	17.1	1 216	125.8
Apr 97	1 456	143.8	163	15.4	1 626	159.2
May 97	1 376	140.5	195	16.8	1 576	157.3

(a) Includes conversions

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

*For more information regarding this table, please contact
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5.2

NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

	<i>Private</i>	<i>Public</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years			
1993-94	513.1	153.9	667.0
1994-95	580.9	147.3	728.2
1995-96	692.0	111.1	803.1
Months			
Mar 96	35.5	21.4	56.9
Apr 96	60.8	5.7	66.5
May 96	103.4	14.0	117.4
Jun 96	62.1	10.0	72.1
Jul 96	63.9	8.7	72.6
Aug 96	71.7	61.7	133.4
Sep 96	74.1	17.8	91.9
Oct 96	114.6	26.4	141.0
Nov 96	54.9	110.1	165.0
Dec 96	39.0	7.4	46.4
Jan 97	31.7	35.0	66.7
Feb 97	73.6	44.2	117.8
Mar 97	68.3	22.1	90.4
Apr 97	72.7	6.1	78.8
May 97	63.1	83.3	146.4

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

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5.3

SELECTED HOUSING PRICE INDEXES: PERTH

	<i>Materials used in house building</i>	<i>Established homes</i>	<i>Project homes</i>
Financial Years			
1993-94	109.1	104.7	96.2
1994-95	112.7	109.0	100.0
1995-96	114.7	108.2	101.6
Quarters			
Dec 95	114.9	108.3	101.6
Mar 96	114.6	107.5	101.3
Jun 96	114.6	108.2	101.4
Sep 96	115.0	108.0	101.5
Dec 96	115.0	107.5	101.4
Mar 97	115.3	110.4	101.2

Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

References: Price Index of Materials used in House Building (6408.0);

House Price Indexes (6416.0)

5.4

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING, PERTH

SPECIAL SERIES.....

	<i>All Groups</i>	<i>Electrical materials</i>	<i>Mechanical services</i>	<i>Plumbing</i>
Financial years				
1993-94	107.1	101.9	104.2	105.1
1994-95	110.1	107.3	106.8	114.4
1995-96	113.2	113.0	112.3	120.1
Months				
Mar 96	113.4	112.8	113.4	119.7
Apr 96	113.5	113.5	114.4	118.9
May 96	113.6	114.0	114.5	120.3
Jun 96	113.5	113.9	114.6	120.4
Jul 96	113.9	112.6	114.3	117.3
Aug 96	114.0	110.3	114.1	117.4
Sep 96	114.2	110.2	113.5	117.9
Oct 96	114.3	110.2	113.8	117.0
Nov 96	114.1	109.4	112.6	117.4
Dec 96	114.4	109.6	112.7	119.0
Jan 97	114.6	110.3	113.3	119.1
Feb 97 p	115.1	110.3	113.4	120.1
Mar 97 p	115.1	111.5	112.9	120.5
Apr 97 p	115.3	111.1	113.0	121.1
May 97 p	115.2	110.9	112.8	121.3

SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS.....

	<i>Structural timber</i>	<i>Clay bricks</i>	<i>Ready mixed concrete</i>	<i>Structural steel</i>	<i>Aluminium windows</i>
Financial years					
1993-94	110.6	113.9	116.6	100.4	104.4
1994-95	110.6	118.0	117.8	103.6	112.4
1995-96	109.3	120.7	115.0	107.5	118.1
Months					
Mar 96	109.1	120.2	114.1	108.2	118.2
Apr 96	108.6	120.2	114.7	108.2	118.2
May 96	108.6	123.4	114.7	108.8	118.2
Jun 96	108.6	123.4	114.7	108.8	116.4
Jul 96	108.6	123.4	119.8	108.8	116.4
Aug 96	105.9	123.4	119.5	109.7	116.4
Sep 96	105.9	123.6	119.4	111.2	116.4
Oct 96	105.7	123.6	119.4	111.2	116.4
Nov 96	105.6	123.6	119.6	113.4	116.4
Dec 96	105.6	123.6	119.6	115.7	116.4
Jan 97	105.6	123.6	119.6	116.0	116.4
Feb 97 p	107.4	123.6	121.8	116.1	116.4
Mar 97 p	107.6	123.6	121.7	116.1	116.4
Apr 97 p	107.5	123.6	120.9	116.1	118.8
May 97 p	107.5	126.6	120.4	116.1	118.8

Base of each index 1989-90 = 100.0

Reference: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building (6407.0)

6.1

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)

	CATTLE.....			OTHER.....			
	Bulls, bullocks, steers	Cows, heifers	Total (excluding calves)	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
Financial Years							
1993-94	271	168	439	4	2 952	1 553	550
1994-95	244	186	430	4	3088r	1464r	604
1995-96	218	182	400	3	2833r	1594r	563
Months							
Mar 96	17	16	33	-	268r	123	48
Apr 96	15	12	28	-	234r	135r	46
May 96	16	13	29	-	283r	168r	51
Jun 96	15	11	26	-	213r	146r	44
Jul 96p	13	12	25	-	172	163	49
Aug 96p	14	15	29	-	230	173	44
Sep 96p	17	17	33	1	275	179	43
Oct 96p	20	20	40	-	314	242	39
Nov 96p	20	20	40	1	270	157	45
Dec 96p	21	20	41	-	235	129	47
Jan 97p	20	21	41	-	219	126	43
Feb 97p	17	21	38	-	223	180	46
Mar 97p	14	18	33	-	239	176	50
Apr 97p	14	15	30	-	227	198	45
May 97p	14	16	30	-	250	229	49

Reference: Livestock Products (7215.0)

6.2

MEAT PRODUCED (a)(Tonnes Carcass Weight)

	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat
Financial Years					
1993-94	101 513	296	61 731	24 936	32 423
1994-95	97 140	250	61868r	22359r	37 109
1995-96	94 859	213	57428r	28139r	35 341
Months					
Apr 96	6 853	13	4799r	2394r	2 899
May 96	6 906	16	5699r	2879r	3 225
Jun 96	6 354	21	4239r	2585r	2 754
Jul 96p	5 731	23	3 412	2 778	2 892
Aug 96p	6 731	23	4 532	2 951	2 913
Sep 96p	7 907	29	5 383	3 054	2 991
Oct 96p	9 456	24	6 272	3 985	2 919
Nov 96p	9 416	25	5 466	2 644	3 165
Dec 96p	9 130	26	4 693	2 226	3 261
Jan 97p	9 291	23	4 245	2 161	3 095
Feb 97p	8 512	21	4 280	3 110	3 310
Mar 97p	7 389	21	4 982	2 990	3 575
Apr 97p	6 662	17	4 681	3 381	3 149
May 97p	6 859	20	4 835	3 974	3 734

(a) Red meat is shown in carcass weight and excludes offal.

Reference: Livestock Products (7215.0)

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6.3

WOOL RECEIVALS(a) AND LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS

	RECEIVALS OF TAXABLE WOOL BY BROKERS AND DEALERS.....		EXPORT OF LIVE SHEEP.....		
	Bales	Tonnes	Quantity '000	Gross Value \$'000	Gross Weight '000t
Financial Years					
1993-94	1 196 990	212 670	4 524.1	127 564	238.0
1994-95	972 837	172 575	3 871.4	127 974	193.3
1995-96	931 048	165 842	4 690.6	181 069	232.3
Months					
Mar 96	92 096	16 422	518.1	19 863	26.5
Apr 96	71 694	12 719	306.8	11 183	15.8
May 96	52 751	9 326	523.2	17 453	26.2
Jun 96	24 310	4 284	236.2	8 320	10.3
Jul 96	53 329	9 510	209.4	7 540	10.3
Aug 96	99 902	17 933	262.2	9 613	12.4
Sep 96	121 600	21 734	437.7	16 378	21.9
Oct 96	121 626	21 541	466.8	17 067	24.3
Nov 96	84 634	14 957	329.2	11 537	17.2
Dec 96	35 874r	6 275r	274.3	9 372	13.9
Jan 97	63 073r	11 233r	354.4	12 425	19.2
Feb 97	84 541r	15 002r	368.8r	13 080r	18.9r
Mar 97	85 449	15 256	386.5r	13 379	19.1r
Apr 97	77 887	13 792	101.2	3 411	5.2
May 97	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	360.8	12 515	17.8

(a) Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers

Reference: FTRACCS Trade Statistics

6.4

ENERGY PRODUCTION

	Coal(a)	Electricity generated	Gas for distribution(b)	Crude oil(c)(d)	Natural gas(d)
	'000 tonnes	million kWh	million MJ	mega-litres	million m ³
Financial Years					
1993-94	5 151	15 755	172 432	7 639	13 659
1994-95	5 882	16 756	186 658	12 680	15 714
1995-96	5 897	17 422	181 710	9 676	16 766
Months					
Apr 96	413	1 366	15 305		
May 96	487	1 475	16 609		
Jun 96	569	1 456	16 614	4 204	4 208
Jul 96	379	1 523	17 292		
Aug 96	414	1 473	17 097		
Sep 96	469	1 379	15 454	4 187	4 115
Oct 96	517	1 412	15 558		
Nov 96	584	1 328	17 457		
Dec 96	446	1 401	17 883	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
Jan 97	448	1 463	17 659		
Feb 97	469	1 362	15 408		
Mar 97	561	1 331	17 201	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
Apr 97	407	n.a.	n.a.		

(a) Department of Minerals and Energy

(b) Available for issue through mains

(c) includes condensate

(d) Source: Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics

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6.5

MINERAL EXPLORATION: EXPENDITURE BY TYPE OF MINERAL SOUGHT

	METALLIC MINERALS.....			NON-METALLIC MINERALS....		
	Base metals(a)	Gold	Other	Diamonds	Other	Total minerals
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years						
1993-94	63.3	310.2	31.5	46.6	2.1	453.7
1994-95	58.8	379.4	17.9	35.2	5.6	495.5
1995-96	89.0	367.8	6.9	33.8	6.0	519.5
Months						
Dec 95	17.5	100.0	4.8	7.4	1.1	128.9
Mar 96	21.8	83.9	n.a.	4.9	2.1	117.8
Jun 96	32.3	93.4	n.a.	11.7	1.6	147.0
Sep 96	23.6	120.2	0.8	8.8	1.4	162.8
Dec 96	20.1	147.9	n.a.	11.5	n.a.	187.7
Mar 97	17.4	108.1	1.1	7.5	0.4	144.2

(a) Includes copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel and cobalt.

Reference: Actual and Expected Private Mineral Exploration Expenditure, Australia (8412.0)

6.6

MINERAL PRODUCTION

	Iron ore	Bauxite	Gold	Ilmenite	Nickel	Diamonds
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	kg	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 carats
Financial Years						
1993-94	119 690	27 087	193 599	1 612	62	39 909
1994-95	132743r	26 852	187 280	1 631	94	43590r
1995-96	143489r	28 250	206486r	1 871	105	42566r
Months						
Dec 95	35 167r	7 028	48 675	477	24	12 153
Mar 96	35 968r	6 946	53 100	417	26	11 473
Jun 96	35823r	6 825	55 946	477	30	9 835
Sep 96	36 603r	6 865	53 836	464	28	11 235
Dec 96	37 576	6 734	57 201	472	29	9 450
Mar 97	35 864	6 722	55 899	461	28	7 036

Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics

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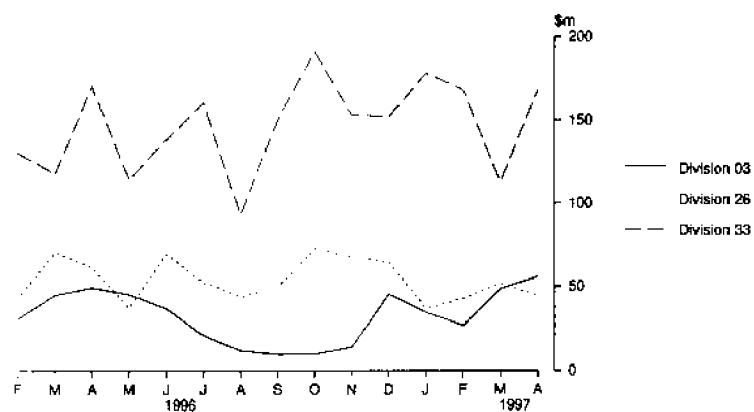
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IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

	33 Petroleum, petroleum products, etc	71 Power generating equipment and machinery	72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	74 General industrial machinery and equipment	78 Road vehicles
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years					
1993-94	678.4	189.7	432.2	254.0	690.0
1994-95	823.8	203.1	436.9	308.0	802.1
1995-96	768.9	356.1	510.3	345.7	794.5
Months					
Feb 96	72.8	85.5	41.8	36.4	53.8
Mar 96	74.2	13.5	39.6	28.7	60.0
Apr 96	56.4	25.6	41.9	27.8	62.5
May 96	69.9	26.5	46.6	32.2	74.6
Jun 96	47.6	23.0	38.5	27.2	72.1
Jul 96	115.1	46.2	34.0	25.8	70.7
Aug 96	92.7	40.2	46.3	29.8	74.3
Sep 96	39.2	20.0	31.9	26.3	63.0
Oct 96	107.3	27.5	33.0	29.7	81.0
Nov 96	66.2	26.3	49.0	31.7	73.2
Dec 96	126.6	28.3	217.8	27.8	66.6
Jan 97	109.8	24.7	49.4	50.4	61.3
Feb 97	118.0	13.9	45.3	35.7	57.4
Mar 97	36.2	16.3	59.5	36.5	63.4
Apr 97	44.4	18.6	55.9	64.9	66.7

Reference: Fastraccs Trade Statistics

IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION



Source: Fastraccs Trade Statistics

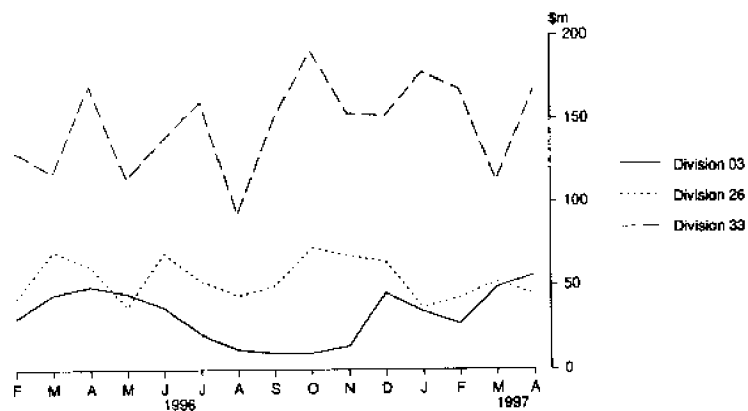
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EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

	03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs, etc	04 Cereals and cereal preparations	26 Textile fibres and waste (excluding yarn or fabric)	28 Metaliferous ores and metal scrap	33 Petroleum, petroleum products etc.
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years					
1993-94	413.3	1 150.1	656.1	2 999.4	882.9
1994-95	408.6	1 154.3	733.8	3 094.0	1 544.4
1995-96	364.2	1 874.9	692.6	3 221.8	1 586.0
Months					
Feb 96	31.1	197.6	42.8	233.6	130.3
Mar 96	45.1	185.3	70.8	275.5	117.5
Apr 96	49.6	177.7	61.5	251.6	170.0
May 96	45.5	161.9	37.5	259.7	114.4
Jun 96	37.2	153.5	69.6	314.8	138.2
Jul 96	21.2	121.5	52.4	299.8	160.4
Aug 96	12.0	104.7	44.2	295.8	92.9
Sep 96	10.0	113.1	49.9	289.9	150.0
Oct 96	10.0	120.5	72.4	278.4	190.8
Nov 96	14.1	90.5	67.7	273.4	152.9
Dec 96	45.6	177.9	64.2	271.5	151.9
Jan 97	34.8	201.3	37.2	280.4	177.8
Feb 97	27.1	146.7	42.8	275.6	168.1
Mar 97	48.8	207.2	51.9	321.2	113.0
Apr 97	56.0	158.3	44.4	312.8	167.8

Reference: Fastraccs Trade Statistics

EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION



Source: Fastraccs trade statistics

8.1

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS (a)

	WESTERN AUSTRALIA.....				PERTH STATISTICAL DIVISION.....		
	Passenger vehicles	Light commercial vehicles	Trucks and buses	Total(b)	Motorcycles and scooters	Total(b)	Motorcycles and scooters
Financial Years							
1993-94	48 589	10 350	2 136	61 075	2 103	47 604	1 470
1994-95	51 947	10 782	2 170	64 899	2 344	50 519	1 649
1995-96	51 134	10 838	2 315	64 287	2 440	49 743	1 647
Months							
Apr 96	4 109	804	145	5 058	230	3 882	164
May 96	4 889	1 139	204	6 232	198	4 979	135
Jun 96	4 590	1 199	223	6 012	157	4 546	116
Jul 96	4 580	895	201	5 676	174	4 483	107
Aug 96	4 728	839	177	5 744	216	4 623	133
Sep 96	4 392	748	177	5 317	183	4 331	111
Oct 96	5 209	874	196	6 279	238	4 977	165
Nov 96	4 656	819	186	5 661	368	4 455	287
Dec 96	4 861	859	181	5 901	228	4 584	159
Jan 97	4 436	802	129	5 367	196	4 222	136
Feb 97	4 760	989	186	5 935	205	4 587	126
Mar 97	4 167	874	181	5 202	213	3 966	153
Apr 97	4 670	960	221	5 851	188	4 478	115
May 97	5 072	909	183	6 164	234	5 089	162

(a) Excludes plant and equipment, caravans and trailers. (b) Excludes motor cycles.

Reference: Unpublished statistics

8.2

VEHICLE REGISTRATION STATISTICS(a)

	PASSENGER VEHICLES.....		OTHER VEHICLES.....		TOTAL.....	
	Original	Trend Estimate	Original	Trend Estimate	Original	Trend Estimate
Months						
Apr 96	4 109	4 544	949	1 131	5 058	5 675
May 96	4 889	4 616	1 343	1 142	6 232	5 758
Jun 96	4 590	4 647	1 422	1 145	6 012	5 792
Jul 96	4 580	4 643	1 096	1 132	5 676	5 775
Aug 96	4 728	4 635	1 016	1 103	5 744	5 734
Sep 96	4 392	4 655	925	1 072	5 317	5 727
Oct 96	5 209	4 686	1 070	1 044	6 279	5 730
Nov 96	4 656	4 709	1 005	1 039	5 661	5 748
Dec 96	4 861	4 724	1 040	1 057	5 901	5 781
Jan 97	4 436	4 742	931	1 085	5 367	5 827
Feb 97	4 760	4 771	1 175	1 107	5 935	5 878
Mar 97	4 167	4 809	1 035	1 114	5 202	5 923
Apr 97	4 670	4 850	1 181	1 108	5 851	5 958
May 97	5 072	4 904	1 092	1 097	6 164	6 001

(a) Excludes motorcycles, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

Reference: Unpublished statistics

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9.1

PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUPS:Original

	SELECTED INDUSTRY.....			TOTAL.....	
	<i>Mining</i>	<i>Manufacturing</i>	<i>Other selected industries</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>
Financial Years					
1994-95	4 046	595	2 216	6 857	6 856
1995-96	4 199	958	2 422	7 579	7 576
Quarters					
Dec 95	1 173	174	760	2 107	1 797
Mar 96	915	205	542	1 663	1 917
Jun 96	1 064	379	558	2 001	1 992
Sep 96	888	155	479	1 522	1 580
Dec 96	1 058	155	556	1 770	1 524
Mar 97	1 070	138	311	1 519	1 775

Reference: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (5646.0)

9.2

STATE FINAL DEMAND AND PRODUCTION ACCOUNT TREND DATA AT CURRENT PRICES

	Wages, salaries and supplements	Gross operating surplus	Indirect taxes less subsidies	GSP (income based)
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Months				
Sep 94	5 136	5 288	1 323	11 747
Dec 94	5 215	5 395	1 312	11 922
Mar 95	5 319	5 503	1 304	12 126
Jun 95	5 405	5 599	1 335	12 339
Sep 95	5 501	5 751	1 405	12 657
Dec 95	5 609	5 988	1 472	13 069
Mar 96	5 708	6 170	1 487	13 365
Jun 96	5 790	6 237	1 465	13 492
Sep 96	5 858	6 263	1 447	13 568
Dec 96	5 935	6 338	1 447	13 720
Mar 97	6 027	6 475	1 454	13 956

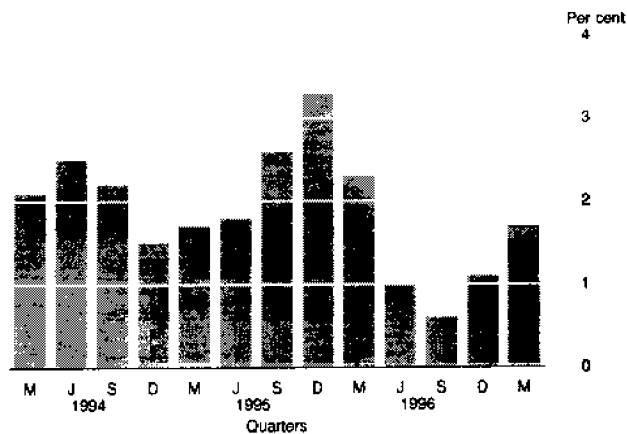
Reference: State Accounts (5242.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 9.2

GSP grew by 1.7% in the March quarter, continuing a pattern of increasing growth from the 0.6% increase recorded in September quarter 1996. Growth through the year to March quarter 1997 was 4.4%. Wages, salaries and supplements grew by 1.6% in the March quarter to be 5.6% higher than in the same quarter of the previous year. Growth in gross operating surplus of 2.2% in the March quarter and 4.9% for the year to March quarter 1997 was the strongest for any state on both counts. Indirect taxes less subsidies grew by 0.5% in the March quarter, the first increase since March quarter 1996. Despite this increase, a fall of 2.2% was recorded for the year to March quarter 1997.

PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN GSP(a) - TREND

(a) Gross State Product at current prices



Source: State Accounts (5242.0)

10.1

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.....

Indicator	Period	Unit	Current Australian Figure	Current figure	Change from last period (%)	Figure one year ago	Change from one year ago (%)
Population							
Estimated resident population	Dec qtr 96 p	'000	18 426.9	1 782.7	0.5	1 749.2	1.9
Natural increase	Dec qtr 96 p	No.	31 085	3 369	8.4	3 520	-4.3
Tourism							
<i>Hotels and motels, etc with facilities</i>							
Guest arrivals	Mar qtr 97	'000	7 810.5	568.2	-8.3	548.4	3.6
Guest rooms available	Mar qtr 97	No.	174 670	16 065	0.4	14 928	7.6
Room occupancy rates	Mar qtr 97	%	58.6	57.1	-5.3	59.5	-4.0
<i>Overseas visitors</i>							
Short-term arrivals	Apr 97	No.	325 900	33 000	-7.5	32 270	2.3
Long-term arrivals	Apr 97	No.	6 040	670	13.6	660	1.5
<i>Resident Departures</i>							
Short-term departures	Apr 97	No.	212 690	25 870	-7.5	23 540	9.9
Long-term departures	Apr 97	No.	6 340	750	2.7	670	11.9
Employment							
<i>Employed persons</i>							
Trend	Jun 97	'000	8 392.5	848.9	-0.1	837.2	1.4
<i>Unemployed persons</i>							
Looking for work (Trend)	Jun 97	'000	796.5	65.1	-1.7	69.8	-6.7
<i>Participation rate</i>							
Trend	Jun 97	%	63.1	65.2	-0.5	66.2	-1.5
<i>Unemployment rate</i>							
Trend	Jun 97	%	8.7	7.1	-1.4	7.7	-7.8
<i>Full-time adult average weekly earnings</i>							
Males	Nov 96	\$	774.40	804.80	-0.1	776.20	3.7
Females	Nov 96	\$	614.20	559.00	1.1	568.70	4.6
Persons	Nov 96	\$	716.90	728.70	0.3	702.90	3.7
Retail							
<i>Monthly retail turnover</i>							
Original	May 97	\$m	10 504.3	1 067.6	6.1	1 032.6	3.4
Trend estimate	May 97	\$m	10 507.5	1 069.1	1.1	1 034.2	3.4
Construction							
<i>Building Approvals</i>							
Dwelling Units	May 97	No	13 438	1 576	-3.1	1 195	31.9
Value of all building	May 97	\$m	2 587.4	318.9	25.2	257.8	23.7
<i>Housing Price Indexes</i>							
Materials used in house building	Mar 97	Index No.	116.4	115.5	0.1	114.4	1.0
Established houses	Mar qtr 97	Index No.	115.3	110.4	2.7	107.5	2.7
Project homes	Mar qtr 97	Index No.	109.2	101.2	-0.2	101.3	-0.1
Mineral Exploration							
Gold	Mar qtr 97	\$m	151.7	108.1	-26.9	83.9	28.8
Other minerals	Mar qtr 97	\$m	86.1	36.1	-9.3	33.9	6.5
Overseas Trade							
Imports	Apr 97	\$m	6 766.7	578.0	19.4	477.9	20.9
Exports	Apr 97	\$m	6 253.6	1 607.5	-6.8	1 626.4	-1.2
Transport							
<i>Passenger vehicle registrations</i>							
Original	May 97	No.	48 958	5 072	8.6	4 889	3.7
Trend	May 97	No.	48 115	4 904	1.1	4 646	6.3
<i>Total registrations</i>							
Original	May 97	No.	58 605	6 164	5.3	6 232	-1.1
Trend	May 97	No.	57 040	6 001	1.1	5 758	4.2
Finance							
<i>Private New Capital Expenditure</i>							
Original	Mar qtr 97	\$m	9 698	1 519	-14.2	1 663	-8.7
Seasonally adjusted	Mar qtr 97	\$m	10 860	1 775	16.5	1 917	-7.4
<i>Gross State Product (Income based)</i>							
Current prices	Mar qtr 97	\$m	124 332	13 222	-14.0	12 818	3.2
State Final Demand at average 1989-90 prices	Mar qtr 97	\$m	104 913	10 904	-8.0	10 595	2.9

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