

**OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, AUSTRALIA  
MAY 1991**

**MAIN FEATURES**

The total number of overseas movements in May 1991 was 657,900, 1 per cent less than in May 1990 (663,800). There were 308,800 arrivals (about the same as in May 1990) and 349,100 departures (1% less than in May 1990).

*Permanent and long-term movement*  
In May 1991:

- 9,410 settlers arrived in Australia, 4 per cent more than in May 1990 (9,060). The number of arrivals of settlers born in Northeast Asia (1,520) increased 37 per cent compared with May 1990 (1,110). Settlers born in New Zealand and the United Kingdom declined 21 and 9 per cent respectively compared with May 1990.
- Long-term visitor arrivals (2,860) were 12 per cent lower than May 1990 (3,240).
- 2,450 permanent departures were recorded, 4 per cent less than in May 1990 (2,550). This represents the second consecutive monthly decrease in permanent departures when compared with the same months last year.
- Australian residents departing long-term (4,820) decreased 8 per cent from May 1990 (5,230).

*Arrivals of overseas visitors for short-term visits*  
In May 1991:

- The number of short-term overseas visitor arrivals was 161,400, 8 per cent more than in May 1990 (149,900). In seasonally adjusted terms, short-term visitor arrivals were 11 per cent more than in April 1991 and the highest recorded seasonally adjusted number since September 1988 (204,300). The trend estimate of visitor arrivals is showing an increase.
- The main purposes for visiting Australia remain 'holiday' (59%) and 'visiting relatives' (19%). The

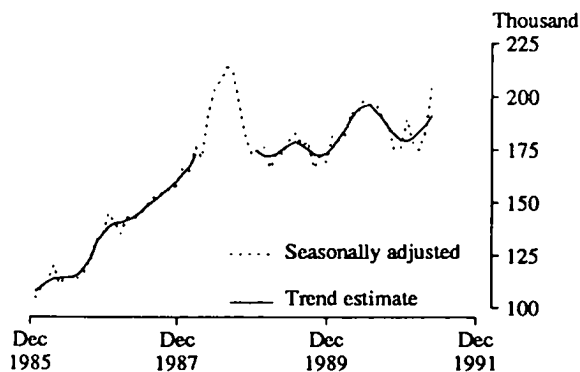
number of visitors arriving for the purposes of 'holiday' and 'visiting relatives' increased 15 and 14 per cent respectively compared with May 1990.

- There was a 21 per cent increase in the number of visitors staying for less than 1 week compared with May 1990.
- The major source countries were: New Zealand with 44,500 (28% of total), Japan with 37,900 (23%), the U.S.A. with 16,800 and the United Kingdom with 15,400 (both 10%). These four major source countries accounted for 71 per cent of all visitor arrivals. Visitors from these source countries increased as follows: New Zealand (20%), the United Kingdom (17%), Japan (12%) and the U.S.A. (marginally) compared with May 1990.

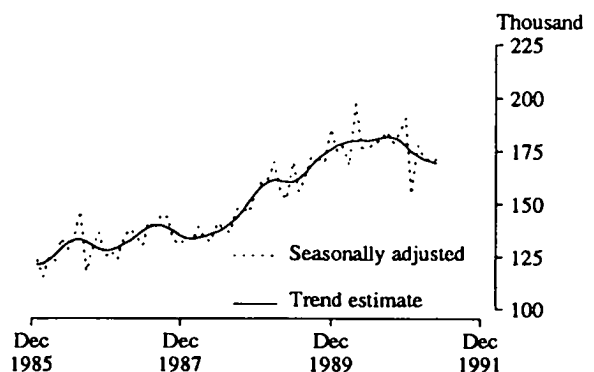
*Departures of Australian residents for short-term trips abroad*  
In May 1991:

- 163,900 Australian residents departed for short-term visits overseas, 2 per cent less than in May 1990 (167,900). In seasonally adjusted terms the number of departures were similar to March and April 1991.
- The most popular destinations were: the U.S.A. (17% of total), the United Kingdom (14%), New Zealand (13%) and Indonesia (7%). When compared with May 1990, resident departures to the U.S.A. increased by 13 per cent and to New Zealand by 7 per cent, while departures to the United Kingdom and Indonesia declined by 8 and 3 per cent respectively.
- There were 78,600 (48%) departures for 'holiday', 37,700 (23%) for 'visiting relatives' and 28,600 (17%) for 'business'. Australian residents travelling overseas for 'visiting relatives' increased 13 per cent while residents travelling for 'holiday' decreased 5 per cent compared with May 1990.

**SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS (a)**



**SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES (b)**



(a) Refer to paragraph 20 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Refer to paragraph 21 of the Explanatory Notes.

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TABLE 1. TOTAL MOVEMENT — ARRIVALS: CATEGORY OF MOVEMENT

| Period                          | Permanent arrivals<br>Settlers | Long-term arrivals   |                   | Total permanent and long-term arrivals | Short-term arrivals (a) |                            |  | Total arrivals (a) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------|
|                                 |                                | Australian residents | Overseas visitors |  | Australian residents    | Overseas visitors (Actual) | Overseas visitors (Seasonally adjusted) (Trend estimate b) |                    |
| <i>Year ended 31 December —</i> |                                |                      |                   |  |                         |                            |  |                    |
| 1988                            | 151,550                        | 54,990               | 47,330            | 253,860                                | 1,637,900               | 2,249,300                  | ..   | 4,141,100          |
| 1989                            | 131,060                        | 53,440               | 53,540            | 238,050                                | 1,912,700               | 2,080,300                  | ..   | 4,231,000          |
| 1990                            | 121,560                        | 56,370               | 56,120            | 234,050                                | 2,109,300               | 2,214,900                  | ..   | 4,558,300          |
| <i>1990 —</i>                   |                                |                      |                   |  |                         |                            |  |                    |
| March                           | 9,610                          | 3,630                | 3,840             | 17,080                                 | 137,500                 | 189,100                    | 180,900  | 343,700            |
| April                           | 10,250                         | 3,560                | 4,240             | 18,050                                 | 158,600                 | 181,100                    | 192,200  | 357,700            |
| May                             | 9,060                          | 2,930                | 3,240             | 15,230                                 | 144,800                 | 149,900                    | 192,100  | 309,900            |
| June                            | 10,100                         | 4,080                | 3,360             | 17,540                                 | 149,700                 | 157,300                    | 198,500  | 324,600            |
| July                            | 10,390                         | 4,790                | 5,650             | 20,830                                 | 211,600                 | 185,400                    | 196,500  | 417,800            |
| August                          | 11,320                         | 4,440                | 3,770             | 19,540                                 | 182,000                 | 178,200                    | 196,600  | 379,700            |
| September                       | 10,390                         | 4,420                | 3,530             | 18,340                                 | 205,800                 | 162,700                    | 190,300  | 386,900            |
| October                         | 9,990                          | 4,570                | 3,750             | 18,300                                 | 230,800                 | 190,600                    | 186,100  | 439,700            |
| November                        | 10,650                         | 4,960                | 3,040             | 18,650                                 | 157,200                 | 198,600                    | 174,800  | 374,400            |
| December                        | 10,700                         | 9,510                | 3,050             | 23,260                                 | 123,000                 | 253,100                    | 176,000  | 399,400            |
| <i>1991 —</i>                   |                                |                      |                   |  |                         |                            |  |                    |
| January                         | 9,680                          | 6,250                | 8,740             | 24,670                                 | 260,000                 | 177,400                    | 189,600  | 462,100            |
| February                        | 9,690                          | 4,430                | 10,250            | 24,370                                 | 135,100                 | 190,600                    | 177,700  | 350,100            |
| March                           | 10,890                         | 4,480                | 4,070             | 19,450                                 | 141,300                 | 189,200                    | 174,900  | 350,000            |
| April                           | 8,050                          | 3,270                | 3,590             | 14,900                                 | 124,000                 | 168,000                    | 184,300  | 306,900            |
| May                             | 9,410                          | 3,510                | 2,860             | 15,780                                 | 131,600                 | 161,400                    | 204,300  | 308,800            |

(a) Figures for short-term movement are largely based on a sample and are subject to sampling error. See Paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail. (b) See paragraphs 18 to 21 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 2. TOTAL MOVEMENT — DEPARTURES: CATEGORY OF MOVEMENT

| Period                          | Permanent departures | Long-term departures |                   | Total permanent and long-term departures | Short-term departures (a)     |   |                   | Total departures (a) |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------------------|---|-------------------|----------------------|
|                                 |                      | Australian residents | Overseas visitors |  | Australian residents (Actual) | Australian residents (Seasonally adjusted) (Trend estimate b) | Overseas visitors |                      |
| <i>Year ended 31 December —</i> |                      |                      |                   |  |                               |   |                   |                      |
| 1988                            | 20,320               | 54,120               | 30,330            | 104,770                                  | 1,697,600                     | ..  | 2,174,100         | 3,976,500            |
| 1989                            | 24,830               | 59,220               | 35,990            | 120,040                                  | 1,989,800                     | ..  | 2,020,400         | 4,130,300            |
| 1990                            | 30,370               | 66,300               | 40,810            | 137,470                                  | 2,169,900                     | ..  | 2,162,700         | 4,470,100            |
| <i>1990 —</i>                   |                      |                      |                   |  |                               |   |                   |                      |
| March                           | 2,450                | 5,800                | 3,070             | 11,310                                   | 168,600                       | 168,200   | 179,500           | 376,900              |
| April                           | 2,600                | 5,800                | 2,740             | 11,130                                   | 193,400                       | 197,700   | 180,000           | 392,600              |
| May                             | 2,550                | 5,230                | 2,770             | 10,550                                   | 167,900                       | 176,500   | 180,200           | 353,900              |
| June                            | 2,250                | 4,770                | 3,360             | 10,380                                   | 209,800                       | 176,300   | 180,100           | 369,200              |
| July                            | 2,590                | 5,740                | 3,090             | 11,420                                   | 198,400                       | 179,400   | 180,600           | 366,100              |
| August                          | 2,560                | 6,300                | 2,720             | 11,590                                   | 184,300                       | 179,900   | 181,200           | 383,900              |
| September                       | 2,290                | 4,770                | 2,550             | 9,600                                    | 214,300                       | 184,400   | 181,700           | 393,800              |
| October                         | 2,530                | 4,280                | 2,480             | 9,290                                    | 156,200                       | 179,000   | 181,500           | 327,400              |
| November                        | 2,430                | 4,510                | 4,130             | 11,060                                   | 154,900                       | 183,300   | 180,300           | 359,200              |
| December                        | 3,230                | 5,800                | 7,490             | 16,530                                   | 251,200                       | 190,900   | 177,700           | 446,900              |
| <i>1991 —</i>                   |                      |                      |                   |  |                               |   |                   |                      |
| January                         | 2,820                | 8,110                | 3,650             | 14,580                                   | 127,900                       | 154,900   | 174,900           | 386,200              |
| February                        | 2,770                | 5,860                | 3,710             | 12,350                                   | 125,100                       | 177,800   | 172,700           | 317,400              |
| March                           | 2,900                | 6,100                | 4,020             | 13,020                                   | 171,500                       | 171,400   | 171,200           | 382,100              |
| April                           | 2,400                | 5,720                | 3,020             | 11,140                                   | 167,000                       | 171,000   | 170,300           | 359,100              |
| May                             | 2,450                | 4,820                | 2,960             | 10,230                                   | 163,900                       | 171,200   | 169,500           | 349,100              |

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TABLE 3. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS AND DEPARTURES OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS BY INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY AND PURPOSE OF JOURNEY

|                                 | Year ended       |                  | Quarter ended  |                | January to     |                | Month of       |                |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                 | 31 December      | 1990             | 31 March       | 1991           | May            | 1991           | May            | 1991           |
|                                 | 1989             | 1990             | 1990           | 1991           | 1990           | 1991           | 1990           | 1991           |
| <b>ARRIVALS</b>                 |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| <b>Intended length of stay</b>  |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Under 1 week                    | 499,800          | 563,100          | 142,600        | 130,500        | 232,800        | 231,800        | 44,100         | 53,400         |
| 1 and under 2 weeks             | 494,000          | 571,100          | 133,500        | 156,700        | 225,600        | 253,400        | 43,800         | 47,300         |
| 2 weeks and under 1 month       | 448,500          | 459,000          | 109,700        | 113,600        | 177,700        | 176,400        | 28,600         | 31,900         |
| 1 and under 2 months            | 265,600          | 268,000          | 67,900         | 65,300         | 99,800         | 96,200         | 11,400         | 12,400         |
| 2 and under 3 months            | 98,900           | 98,300           | 26,700         | 22,900         | 38,300         | 33,600         | 5,000          | 4,800          |
| 3 and under 6 months            | 110,700          | 104,500          | 28,500         | 25,700         | 41,700         | 37,200         | 6,200          | 5,400          |
| 6 and under 12 months           | 162,700          | 150,700          | 49,100         | 42,500         | 73,100         | 57,900         | 10,700         | 6,300          |
| <b>Total (a)</b>                | <b>2,080,300</b> | <b>2,214,900</b> | <b>558,100</b> | <b>557,200</b> | <b>889,000</b> | <b>886,600</b> | <b>149,900</b> | <b>161,400</b> |
| <b>Purpose of journey</b>       |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| In transit                      | 78,600           | 70,200           | 20,100         | 17,600         | 30,400         | 28,400         | 5,100          | 5,700          |
| Attending convention            | 25,400           | 32,500           | 6,500          | 7,400          | 10,600         | 12,400         | 1,900          | 2,900          |
| Business                        | 230,800          | 231,100          | 62,200         | 50,600         | 100,400        | 89,200         | 19,300         | 17,800         |
| Accompanying business traveller | 19,400           | 21,800           | 5,600          | 4,800          | 8,900          | 8,200          | 1,500          | 1,600          |
| Visiting relatives              | 459,900          | 456,000          | 106,200        | 104,100        | 173,500        | 168,200        | 26,600         | 30,200         |
| Holiday                         | 1,107,000        | 1,233,700        | 303,800        | 324,800        | 483,900        | 514,700        | 82,500         | 94,900         |
| Employment                      | 30,000           | 29,600           | 8,600          | 5,900          | 13,400         | 11,100         | 2,600          | 2,600          |
| Education                       | 62,800           | 64,600           | 27,600         | 24,400         | 39,200         | 31,500         | 5,100          | 2,800          |
| Other and not stated            | 66,400           | 75,300           | 17,500         | 17,500         | 28,800         | 22,800         | 5,300          | 3,000          |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>2,080,300</b> | <b>2,214,900</b> | <b>558,100</b> | <b>557,200</b> | <b>889,000</b> | <b>886,600</b> | <b>149,900</b> | <b>161,400</b> |
| <b>DEPARTURES</b>               |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| <b>Intended length of stay</b>  |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Under 1 week                    | 175,900          | 189,600          | 42,200         | 40,700         | 76,800         | 75,200         | 16,600         | 15,800         |
| 1 and under 2 weeks             | 487,800          | 523,600          | 119,500        | 118,600        | 205,600        | 197,300        | 35,900         | 37,300         |
| 2 weeks and under 1 month       | 565,200          | 604,800          | 132,900        | 120,900        | 225,600        | 203,200        | 41,000         | 40,200         |
| 1 and under 2 months            | 353,300          | 389,200          | 61,700         | 61,300         | 118,500        | 113,200        | 28,300         | 27,600         |
| 2 and under 3 months            | 158,500          | 181,500          | 24,100         | 22,900         | 53,700         | 50,400         | 14,600         | 15,200         |
| 3 and under 6 months            | 139,800          | 157,500          | 23,900         | 23,400         | 60,400         | 54,000         | 19,800         | 16,300         |
| 6 and under 12 months           | 108,100          | 123,600          | 35,400         | 36,800         | 60,400         | 62,200         | 11,600         | 11,500         |
| <b>Total (a)</b>                | <b>1,989,800</b> | <b>2,169,900</b> | <b>439,700</b> | <b>424,500</b> | <b>801,000</b> | <b>755,500</b> | <b>167,900</b> | <b>163,900</b> |
| <b>Purpose of journey</b>       |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Attending convention            | 47,700           | 55,300           | 10,400         | 7,000          | 22,700         | 15,500         | 6,200          | 5,200          |
| Business                        | 302,200          | 306,900          | 72,400         | 65,600         | 130,000        | 125,500        | 30,400         | 28,600         |
| Accompanying business traveller | 33,000           | 31,600           | 7,200          | 6,600          | 13,800         | 10,900         | 3,400          | 2,200          |
| Visiting relatives              | 387,600          | 439,200          | 78,500         | 88,800         | 149,200        | 159,600        | 33,400         | 37,700         |
| Holiday                         | 1,085,500        | 1,193,900        | 235,600        | 223,000        | 426,400        | 385,100        | 83,000         | 78,600         |
| Employment                      | 35,700           | 41,500           | 10,700         | 12,500         | 17,100         | 21,100         | 3,600          | 3,900          |
| Education                       | 19,400           | 24,100           | 5,800          | 5,600          | 9,400          | 8,700          | 1,800          | 1,500          |
| Other and not stated            | 78,700           | 77,300           | 19,000         | 15,400         | 32,500         | 28,900         | 6,100          | 6,300          |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>1,989,800</b> | <b>2,169,900</b> | <b>439,700</b> | <b>424,500</b> | <b>801,000</b> | <b>755,500</b> | <b>167,900</b> | <b>163,900</b> |

(a) Includes not stated.

TABLE 4. PERMANENT (SETTLER) ARRIVALS : COUNTRY OF BIRTH (a)

| Country of birth<br>(Summary)          | Year ended     |                | Quarter ended |               | January to    |               | Month of     |              |
|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | 31 December    | 1990           | 31 March      | 1991          | May           | 1991          | May          | 1991         |
|  | 1989           | 1990           | 1990          | 1991          | 1990          | 1991          | 1990         | 1991         |
| <b>OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA —</b>        |                |                |               |               |               |               |              |              |
| New Zealand                            | 17,340         | 8,970          | 2,820         | 2,010         | 4,340         | 3,000         | 680          | 540          |
| Other                                  | 4,040          | 3,810          | 1,120         | 970           | 1,810         | 1,500         | 330          | 210          |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>21,390</b>  | <b>12,780</b>  | <b>3,940</b>  | <b>2,980</b>  | <b>6,150</b>  | <b>4,500</b>  | <b>1,020</b> | <b>750</b>   |
| <b>EUROPE AND THE USSR —</b>           |                |                |               |               |               |               |              |              |
| United Kingdom                         | 26,400         | 23,470         | 5,900         | 5,080         | 9,920         | 8,080         | 1,630        | 1,470        |
| Other                                  | 13,230         | 11,340         | 2,830         | 2,700         | 4,690         | 4,320         | 980          | 880          |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>39,630</b>  | <b>34,820</b>  | <b>8,730</b>  | <b>7,770</b>  | <b>14,610</b> | <b>12,410</b> | <b>2,610</b> | <b>2,350</b> |
| <i>Middle East and North Africa</i>    | 6,580          | 6,390          | 1,310         | 1,700         | 2,080         | 2,770         | 430          | 630          |
| <i>Southeast Asia</i>                  | 29,690         | 30,520         | 6,740         | 6,470         | 11,800        | 10,900        | 2,580        | 2,550        |
| <i>Northeast Asia</i>                  | 16,290         | 18,860         | 3,840         | 6,330         | 6,560         | 9,060         | 1,110        | 1,520        |
| <i>Southern Asia</i>                   | 5,780          | 7,760          | 1,470         | 2,440         | 2,580         | 3,900         | 550          | 770          |
| <i>The Americas</i>                    | 7,460          | 6,600          | 1,570         | 1,480         | 2,600         | 2,580         | 490          | 620          |
| <i>Africa (excluding North Africa)</i> | 4,190          | 3,800          | 1,120         | 1,100         | 1,640         | 1,590         | 270          | 230          |
| <b>Total (b)</b>                       | <b>131,060</b> | <b>121,560</b> | <b>28,720</b> | <b>30,270</b> | <b>48,030</b> | <b>47,720</b> | <b>9,060</b> | <b>9,410</b> |

(a) See paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes other and not stated.

TABLE 5. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS  
COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (a)

| Country of residence                     | Year ended       |                  | Quarter ended  |                | January to     |                | Month of       |                |
|--|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | 31 December      | 1990             | 31 March       | 1991           | May            | 1991           | May            | 1991           |
| <b>OCEANIA &amp; ANTARCTICA —</b>        |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Fiji                                     | 17,500           | 16,000           | 4,100          | 4,100          | 6,600          | 6,500          | 1,100          | 1,100          |
| New Caledonia                            | 13,400           | 14,400           | 5,500          | 5,900          | 7,700          | 7,500          | 1,000          | 800            |
| New Zealand                              | 449,300          | 418,400          | 75,600         | 90,100         | 148,000        | 166,600        | 37,100         | 44,500         |
| Papua New Guinea                         | 34,800           | 34,600           | 8,400          | 8,500          | 13,900         | 13,200         | 2,400          | 2,100          |
| Other                                    | 18,400           | 17,200           | 4,500          | 4,600          | 7,000          | 6,800          | 1,300          | 1,100          |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>533,500</b>   | <b>500,700</b>   | <b>98,100</b>  | <b>113,300</b> | <b>183,300</b> | <b>200,500</b> | <b>42,900</b>  | <b>49,600</b>  |
| <b>EUROPE &amp; THE USSR —</b>           |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Austria                                  | 9,200            | 9,600            | 2,500          | 2,500          | 3,600          | 3,800          | 500            | 600            |
| Belgium                                  | 3,700            | 4,200            | 1,300          | 900            | 1,600          | 1,300          | 100            | 100            |
| Denmark                                  | 10,200           | 9,900            | 3,100          | 2,600          | 4,200          | 3,600          | 400            | 400            |
| Finland                                  | 5,200            | 5,800            | 1,500          | 1,600          | 2,000          | 2,100          | 300            | 200            |
| France                                   | 20,100           | 21,100           | 5,200          | 4,700          | 7,500          | 7,100          | 1,200          | 1,100          |
| Germany, Fed Rep                         | 68,100           | 74,200           | 21,200         | 21,200         | 30,900         | 30,800         | 3,700          | 3,800          |
| Greece                                   | 7,400            | 7,500            | 1,900          | 1,300          | 2,600          | 1,800          | 300            | 200            |
| Ireland, Republic of                     | 12,200           | 10,600           | 3,200          | 2,400          | 4,600          | 3,500          | 600            | 500            |
| Italy                                    | 20,500           | 24,400           | 4,900          | 4,200          | 7,000          | 6,300          | 1,000          | 900            |
| Netherlands                              | 20,100           | 21,100           | 5,800          | 5,400          | 7,800          | 7,400          | 900            | 800            |
| Norway                                   | 3,700            | 4,400            | 1,200          | 1,100          | 1,600          | 1,600          | 100            | 200            |
| Sweden                                   | 24,100           | 22,000           | 7,600          | 5,700          | 9,500          | 7,100          | 600            | 500            |
| Switzerland                              | 27,400           | 29,500           | 8,500          | 8,800          | 11,400         | 11,900         | 1,000          | 1,300          |
| United Kingdom                           | 272,900          | 277,700          | 81,200         | 79,400         | 121,500        | 117,600        | 13,200         | 15,400         |
| USSR & Baltic States                     | 5,400            | 5,300            | 1,500          | 1,300          | 2,100          | 1,900          | 300            | 300            |
| Yugoslavia                               | 6,400            | 5,800            | 1,600          | 1,200          | 2,200          | 1,800          | 200            | 300            |
| Other                                    | 15,300           | 16,500           | 3,900          | 3,500          | 5,700          | 4,700          | 700            | 600            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>531,700</b>   | <b>549,500</b>   | <b>156,100</b> | <b>147,700</b> | <b>225,700</b> | <b>214,300</b> | <b>25,300</b>  | <b>27,200</b>  |
| <b>MIDDLE EAST &amp; NORTH AFRICA —</b>  |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Israel                                   | 5,400            | 5,300            | 1,500          | 1,200          | 2,200          | 1,800          | 300            | 300            |
| Other                                    | 11,600           | 12,100           | 2,800          | 1,800          | 4,500          | 3,200          | 800            | 600            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>17,000</b>    | <b>17,400</b>    | <b>4,300</b>   | <b>3,000</b>   | <b>6,700</b>   | <b>5,000</b>   | <b>1,100</b>   | <b>1,000</b>   |
| <b>SOUTHEAST ASIA —</b>                  |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Indonesia                                | 29,000           | 34,400           | 7,600          | 7,800          | 12,700         | 13,300         | 1,900          | 1,700          |
| Malaysia                                 | 44,300           | 46,600           | 12,700         | 12,300         | 21,700         | 21,200         | 4,400          | 4,600          |
| Philippines                              | 11,000           | 13,600           | 3,100          | 3,800          | 5,900          | 7,000          | 1,200          | 1,400          |
| Singapore                                | 65,200           | 75,900           | 15,300         | 16,700         | 26,000         | 28,000         | 5,100          | 4,700          |
| Thailand                                 | 17,300           | 19,600           | 4,800          | 4,800          | 9,200          | 10,500         | 1,700          | 2,400          |
| Other                                    | 3,900            | 5,000            | 1,300          | 1,500          | 2,200          | 2,300          | 300            | 300            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>170,600</b>   | <b>195,000</b>   | <b>44,800</b>  | <b>47,100</b>  | <b>77,700</b>  | <b>82,200</b>  | <b>14,700</b>  | <b>15,200</b>  |
| <b>NORTHEAST ASIA —</b>                  |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| China                                    | 29,100           | 23,700           | 8,400          | 3,900          | 15,100         | 6,000          | 3,000          | 1,000          |
| Hong Kong                                | 54,100           | 54,500           | 17,300         | 19,800         | 24,700         | 26,300         | 2,600          | 3,200          |
| Japan                                    | 349,500          | 479,900          | 119,700        | 119,600        | 188,500        | 195,500        | 33,900         | 37,900         |
| Korea                                    | 10,400           | 14,100           | 3,200          | 4,600          | 5,300          | 8,200          | 1,000          | 1,900          |
| Taiwan                                   | 21,500           | 25,300           | 11,000         | 8,300          | 14,700         | 11,400         | 1,500          | 1,500          |
| Other                                    | 500              | 500              | 100            | 200            | 200            | 300            | —              | —              |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>465,200</b>   | <b>597,900</b>   | <b>159,600</b> | <b>156,400</b> | <b>248,500</b> | <b>247,600</b> | <b>42,100</b>  | <b>45,500</b>  |
| <b>SOUTHERN ASIA —</b>                   |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| India                                    | 10,900           | 11,000           | 2,800          | 2,000          | 5,100          | 3,900          | 1,300          | 1,100          |
| Sri Lanka                                | 4,000            | 3,900            | 1,100          | 900            | 1,800          | 1,400          | 400            | 200            |
| Other                                    | 3,300            | 3,000            | 800            | 400            | 1,300          | 900            | 200            | 300            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>18,200</b>    | <b>17,800</b>    | <b>4,700</b>   | <b>3,300</b>   | <b>8,200</b>   | <b>6,200</b>   | <b>1,900</b>   | <b>1,600</b>   |
| <b>THE AMERICAS —</b>                    |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Brazil                                   | 2,500            | 2,900            | 800            | 800            | 1,100          | 1,100          | 200            | 200            |
| Canada                                   | 54,200           | 53,700           | 15,400         | 15,100         | 22,400         | 20,900         | 3,400          | 2,800          |
| United States of America (b)             | 261,700          | 251,600          | 67,600         | 63,200         | 104,900        | 97,800         | 16,800         | 16,800         |
| Other                                    | 8,200            | 8,800            | 2,300          | 2,200          | 3,400          | 3,200          | 500            | 500            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>326,600</b>   | <b>317,000</b>   | <b>86,100</b>  | <b>81,300</b>  | <b>131,800</b> | <b>122,900</b> | <b>20,900</b>  | <b>20,400</b>  |
| <b>AFRICA (excluding North Africa) —</b> |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| South Africa                             | 8,000            | 9,100            | 2,300          | 2,300          | 3,500          | 3,500          | 400            | 500            |
| Zimbabwe                                 | 3,600            | 3,600            | 1,000          | 900            | 1,500          | 1,300          | 300            | 200            |
| Other                                    | 3,900            | 4,200            | 1,100          | 1,400          | 1,800          | 2,100          | 300            | 300            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>15,500</b>    | <b>16,900</b>    | <b>4,300</b>   | <b>4,500</b>   | <b>6,800</b>   | <b>6,900</b>   | <b>900</b>     | <b>900</b>     |
| <b>Total (c)</b>                         | <b>2,080,300</b> | <b>2,214,900</b> | <b>558,100</b> | <b>557,200</b> | <b>889,000</b> | <b>886,600</b> | <b>149,900</b> | <b>161,400</b> |

(a) See paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes America undefined. (c) Includes other and not stated.

TABLE 6. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : DEPARTURES OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS  
COUNTRY OF INTENDED STAY (a)

| Country of intended stay                 | Year ended       |                  | Quarter ended  |                | January to     |                | Month of       |                |
|--|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | 31 December      | 1990             | 31 March       | 1991           | May            | 1991           | 1990           | 1991           |
| <b>OCEANIA &amp; ANTARCTICA —</b>        |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Fiji                                     | 93,900           | 102,000          | 18,900         | 21,300         | 34,300         | 31,700         | 6,800          | 4,400          |
| New Caledonia                            | 14,500           | 14,900           | 2,800          | 3,400          | 4,900          | 5,400          | 800            | 1,000          |
| New Zealand                              | 297,300          | 320,200          | 80,900         | 81,100         | 128,000        | 123,300        | 19,100         | 20,500         |
| Norfolk Island                           | 12,200           | 14,200           | 2,900          | 3,700          | 5,300          | 6,800          | 1,100          | 1,400          |
| Papua New Guinea                         | 34,400           | 34,000           | 7,300          | 9,000          | 13,000         | 15,100         | 2,600          | 2,800          |
| Vanuatu                                  | 12,800           | 17,200           | 3,800          | 4,100          | 5,500          | 6,600          | 800            | 1,100          |
| Other                                    | 27,300           | 27,400           | 6,300          | 4,900          | 10,000         | 9,300          | 1,600          | 2,100          |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>492,400</b>   | <b>529,900</b>   | <b>122,800</b> | <b>127,500</b> | <b>201,000</b> | <b>198,200</b> | <b>32,900</b>  | <b>33,300</b>  |
| <b>EUROPE &amp; THE USSR —</b>           |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Austria                                  | 6,400            | 7,600            | 1,400          | 1,400          | 2,700          | 2,700          | 800            | 600            |
| France                                   | 20,500           | 24,100           | 3,700          | 3,900          | 8,200          | 8,000          | 2,300          | 2,000          |
| Germany, Fed Rep                         | 30,800           | 34,500           | 5,900          | 5,800          | 12,300         | 12,200         | 3,200          | 3,200          |
| Greece                                   | 31,700           | 32,900           | 4,400          | 3,300          | 12,100         | 9,400          | 4,100          | 3,500          |
| Ireland, Republic of                     | 10,100           | 11,900           | 1,200          | 1,800          | 3,000          | 3,500          | 1,100          | 900            |
| Italy                                    | 41,600           | 45,000           | 5,000          | 4,900          | 16,200         | 12,000         | 6,000          | 4,000          |
| Netherlands                              | 13,300           | 15,900           | 2,500          | 1,800          | 5,900          | 5,200          | 1,600          | 1,900          |
| Poland                                   | 5,400            | 6,300            | 500            | 400            | 2,000          | 1,900          | 800            | 800            |
| Spain                                    | 5,600            | 6,300            | 1,300          | 1,000          | 2,400          | 1,800          | 600            | 400            |
| Sweden                                   | 4,200            | 4,900            | 500            | 700            | 1,500          | 1,700          | 600            | 500            |
| Switzerland                              | 9,000            | 9,500            | 1,800          | 1,900          | 4,100          | 3,900          | 800            | 1,000          |
| United Kingdom                           | 237,500          | 252,800          | 41,400         | 39,000         | 94,300         | 84,600         | 25,100         | 23,000         |
| Yugoslavia                               | 15,200           | 17,500           | 1,800          | 1,500          | 5,500          | 3,600          | 2,200          | 1,100          |
| Other                                    | 32,400           | 40,100           | 5,000          | 4,900          | 12,300         | 11,100         | 4,300          | 3,800          |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>463,600</b>   | <b>509,200</b>   | <b>76,200</b>  | <b>72,400</b>  | <b>182,400</b> | <b>161,500</b> | <b>53,500</b>  | <b>46,800</b>  |
| <b>MIDDLE EAST &amp; NORTH AFRICA —</b>  |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Egypt                                    | 6,300            | 4,800            | 1,400          | 400            | 2,000          | 1,000          | 100            | 200            |
| Israel                                   | 6,200            | 4,800            | 1,200          | 700            | 2,500          | 1,600          | 600            | 500            |
| Lebanon                                  | 5,000            | 7,700            | 1,400          | 600            | 2,900          | 2,600          | 900            | 1,100          |
| Turkey                                   | 6,900            | 8,400            | 1,200          | 500            | 4,100          | 1,800          | 1,400          | 1,000          |
| Other                                    | 7,100            | 6,300            | 1,500          | 700            | 2,700          | 1,900          | 600            | 600            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>31,400</b>    | <b>32,100</b>    | <b>6,600</b>   | <b>2,900</b>   | <b>14,200</b>  | <b>8,900</b>   | <b>3,700</b>   | <b>3,300</b>   |
| <b>SOUTHEAST ASIA —</b>                  |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Indonesia                                | 146,100          | 158,000          | 31,800         | 34,300         | 55,900         | 57,700         | 11,500         | 11,100         |
| Malaysia                                 | 62,300           | 75,100           | 16,500         | 14,400         | 27,100         | 23,700         | 5,000          | 4,600          |
| Philippines                              | 41,900           | 40,500           | 9,800          | 9,000          | 16,800         | 15,800         | 3,200          | 2,900          |
| Singapore                                | 117,800          | 105,500          | 25,900         | 22,100         | 42,900         | 35,600         | 6,800          | 6,500          |
| Thailand                                 | 86,600           | 99,100           | 24,700         | 15,300         | 38,800         | 25,400         | 6,200          | 4,500          |
| Other                                    | 7,100            | 9,000            | 1,800          | 3,500          | 3,000          | 5,100          | 500            | 900            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>461,600</b>   | <b>487,200</b>   | <b>110,500</b> | <b>98,500</b>  | <b>184,500</b> | <b>163,200</b> | <b>33,200</b>  | <b>30,400</b>  |
| <b>NORTHEAST ASIA —</b>                  |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| China                                    | 13,900           | 12,800           | 2,300          | 2,400          | 4,100          | 5,100          | 700            | 1,200          |
| Hong Kong                                | 116,800          | 120,500          | 28,900         | 29,900         | 45,800         | 48,800         | 7,000          | 8,500          |
| Japan                                    | 40,600           | 47,900           | 9,300          | 9,500          | 18,000         | 17,600         | 4,500          | 4,400          |
| Korea                                    | 7,800            | 8,000            | 1,300          | 1,400          | 2,800          | 3,000          | 500            | 900            |
| Taiwan                                   | 10,600           | 13,600           | 2,800          | 3,200          | 4,800          | 5,700          | 800            | 1,200          |
| Other                                    | 300              | 400              | 100            | —              | 200            | 100            | 100            | —              |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>190,000</b>   | <b>203,200</b>   | <b>44,600</b>  | <b>46,400</b>  | <b>75,700</b>  | <b>80,200</b>  | <b>13,600</b>  | <b>16,200</b>  |
| <b>SOUTHERN ASIA —</b>                   |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| India                                    | 23,200           | 22,100           | 5,500          | 4,400          | 8,200          | 6,800          | 800            | 1,000          |
| Sri Lanka                                | 3,500            | 7,200            | 800            | 1,400          | 1,900          | 2,300          | 700            | 400            |
| Other                                    | 7,900            | 8,000            | 1,900          | 1,500          | 2,900          | 2,100          | 400            | 200            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>34,600</b>    | <b>37,300</b>    | <b>8,200</b>   | <b>7,300</b>   | <b>13,000</b>  | <b>11,200</b>  | <b>2,000</b>   | <b>1,600</b>   |
| <b>THE AMERICAS —</b>                    |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Canada                                   | 30,100           | 32,500           | 4,800          | 4,400          | 10,000         | 9,200          | 3,100          | 3,000          |
| United States of America (b)             | 247,200          | 300,200          | 58,600         | 57,000         | 107,800        | 109,900        | 24,000         | 27,100         |
| Other                                    | 15,800           | 15,400           | 3,400          | 3,600          | 5,100          | 5,600          | 700            | 900            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>293,100</b>   | <b>348,100</b>   | <b>66,700</b>  | <b>65,000</b>  | <b>122,900</b> | <b>124,700</b> | <b>27,900</b>  | <b>31,000</b>  |
| <b>AFRICA (excluding North Africa) —</b> |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| South Africa                             | 11,600           | 10,400           | 2,300          | 2,000          | 4,000          | 3,100          | 500            | 600            |
| Other                                    | 9,200            | 9,300            | 1,300          | 1,800          | 2,400          | 3,400          | 500            | 600            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>20,900</b>    | <b>19,600</b>    | <b>3,700</b>   | <b>3,800</b>   | <b>6,500</b>   | <b>6,500</b>   | <b>1,000</b>   | <b>1,200</b>   |
| <b>Total (c)</b>                         | <b>1,989,800</b> | <b>2,169,900</b> | <b>439,700</b> | <b>424,500</b> | <b>801,000</b> | <b>755,500</b> | <b>167,900</b> | <b>163,900</b> |

(a) See paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes America undefined. (c) Includes other and not stated.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Introduction

This series of publications contains statistics of overseas arrivals and departures in summary form for the latest available month during which the movement occurred. More detailed statistics can be made available, on request, in unpublished form.

### Scope

2. The statistics in this publication relate to the number of movements rather than the number of travellers (i.e. the multiple movements of individual persons during a given reference period are each counted separately). The statistics exclude the movements of operational air and ships' crew, of transit passengers who pass through Australia but are not cleared for entry, and of passengers on pleasure cruises commencing and finishing in Australia aboard ships not then engaged on regular voyages.

### Definitions

#### *Category of movement*

3. Category of movement is primarily determined by the traveller's selection of their own category on the passenger card. This selection is accepted provided it is consistent with other information on the passenger card.

#### *Permanent movement*

4. Permanent arrivals (settlers) comprise travellers who hold migrant visas, (regardless of stated intended period of stay), New Zealand citizens who indicate an intention to settle and those who are otherwise eligible to settle (e.g. overseas born children of Australian citizens). Permanent departures are Australian residents (including former settlers) who on departure state they do not intend to return to Australia.

#### *Long-term movement*

5. Long-term arrivals comprise overseas visitors (except those who hold migrant visas—see paragraph 4 above) who intend to stay in Australia for 12 months or more and Australian residents returning after an absence of 12 months or more overseas. Long-term departures comprise Australian residents who intend to stay abroad for 12 months or more and overseas visitors departing who stayed 12 months or more in Australia.

#### *Short-term movement*

6. Movements of travellers whose intended or actual length of stay is less than twelve months are classified as short-term, except those who on arrival hold migrant visas (see paragraph 4 above).

7. A significant number of travellers state exactly 12 months or one year as their intended period of stay. Many of these stay for less than that period and on their departure from, or return to, Australia are therefore classified as short-term. To maintain consistency between arrivals and departures, movements of travellers who report their actual or intended period of stay as being one year exactly are randomly allocated to long-term or short-term, in proportion to the number of movements of travellers who report their actual length of stay as up to one month more, or one month less, than one year.

#### *Country of birth or residence*

8. Classifications previously used in the ABS for social, demographic and labour statistics were adaptations of the United Nations (UN) country classification. Major Australian users indicated that the UN classification did not meet their requirements for analytical purposes.

Hence the ABS has developed a new classification of countries called the Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (ASCCSS). In this classification, neighbouring countries are grouped into progressively broader geographic areas on the basis of social, cultural, political and economic similarities. As part of this process emphasis was given to developing aggregations which satisfied the requirements of Australian users. Unlike the previous UN classification, the ASCCSS does not take the conventional notion of continents as a constraint in the design of the classification structure. However, the base units of ASCCSS are broadly compatible with those of the UN classification and it is possible to aggregate statistics based on the ASCCSS to the UN classifications for purposes of comparison. The ASCCSS has been applied to Overseas Arrivals and Departures statistics from January 1991. The major changes are as follows:

- 'Africa' has been separated into two groups: 'Middle East and North Africa' and 'Africa (excluding North Africa)' which includes all other African countries.
- There is no longer a single category 'Asia'. Separate categories 'Southeast Asia', 'Northeast Asia' and 'Southern Asia' have been created. 'Middle East' countries formerly included in 'Asia' are now included in the new category 'Middle East and North Africa'.
- 'Cyprus' has been included in Europe (formerly included in Asia).
- 'Tahiti' has been included with 'French Polynesia'.

For more detailed information on the classification of countries refer to the ABS publication *Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics* (1269.0).

9. Statistics on country of birth, residence or citizenship have certain limitations because of inadequate reporting on passenger cards. For instance, it is not possible to identify separately England, Scotland and Wales. Similarly 'Korea' includes both the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. U.S.A. includes 'America (undefined)'. Germany refers to all people who list country of birth as either 'Germany, Federal Republic' or 'Germany, Democratic Republic' as a result of the unification of Germany in 1990.

#### Estimation method

10. Overseas arrival and departure statistics are derived from a combination of full enumeration and sampling. All permanent movements and all movements with a duration of stay of one year or more are fully enumerated and processed. All movements with a duration of stay of less than one year are sampled. Statistics relating to these movements are therefore estimates which may differ from statistics which would have been obtained if details of all these movements had been processed.

11. The statistics in this publication have been rounded, to the nearest 100 for short-term movements and to the nearest 10 for permanent and long-term movements. In tables showing both short-term and permanent and long-term movements the total movements have been rounded to the nearest 100. The sums of the components may, due to rounding, not add exactly to totals.

### Corrections and imputations

12. The imprecision due to sampling errors should not be confused with errors arising from imperfections in reporting, which may occur in any data collection, whether sampled or not. Every effort is made to minimise such errors, both through careful design of the passenger cards and through checks on the information once it is received. During the edit process some items are corrected where they conflict with other known information. Missing replies to certain items such as age and country of birth are also imputed by reference to other related items.

13. Errors of this kind differ from discrepancies arising from the fact that certain information reflects the travellers' intentions, at the time the passenger cards were completed. These intentions are of course subject to change. Particularly affected is the distinction between permanent and temporary movement and in the latter case, length of intended stay, country in which most time will be spent and purpose of journey.

### Seasonal adjustment

14. Original and seasonally adjusted short-term overseas visitor arrivals and short-term Australian resident departures are shown in Tables 1 and 2 respectively. In the seasonally adjusted series, account has been taken of normal seasonal factors and 'trading day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in the month) and the effect of movement in the date of Easter which may in successive years, affect figures for different months.

15. Seasonal adjustment may be carried out by various methods and the results may vary slightly according to the procedure adopted. Accordingly, seasonally adjusted statistics should not be regarded as in any way definitive. In interpreting particular seasonally adjusted statistics it is important to bear in mind the methods by which they have been derived and the limitations to which the methods used are subject. The adjustment procedure used for the short-term visitor arrivals and resident departures data is an aggregative adjustment. Prior to the July 1989 issue these data were adjusted at the category total level only (for visitor arrivals and resident departures separately). The aggregative method adjusts the major components separately (in this instance, the main countries of each category). The adjusted category total is obtained by summing the adjusted components. For more detail, contact the Supervisor, Time Series Analysis, A.B.S. on (06) 252 6103.

16. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series may be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment procedures do not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month, such as the effect of major sporting and cultural events, changes in airfares structure and the fluctuation of \$A relative to other currencies. Irregular influences that are highly volatile can make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variation.

17. The seasonally adjusted series can, however, be smoothed to reduce the impact of the irregular component in the adjusted series. There are a number of ways of accomplishing this, depending on the intended uses of the smoothed series. If importance is attached to measuring the underlying change in the most recent periods, moving

averages employing appropriate weighting patterns should be adopted; the choice of averaging technique will determine in part the degree of smoothness of the derived series. The longer the term of the moving average the longer is the time series affected by revisions resulting from more recent data. In order to ensure that the underlying trend-cycle of a series is reflected in the trend estimate series, the degree of smoothness alone cannot always be used as the sole criterion in determining which moving average is appropriate.

18. The trend estimate short-term overseas visitor arrivals and short-term Australian resident departures statistics are shown in Tables 1 and 2 respectively. The trend estimate has been derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to the series.

19. While this technique enables smoothed data for the latest period to be produced, it does result in revisions to the smoothed series, principally, of recent months as additional observations become available. There may also be revisions as a result of the re-estimation of the seasonal factors. For further information concerning the smoothing process refer to an Information Paper *A Guide to Smoothing Time Series — Estimates of 'Trend'* (1316.0).

20. With the opening of World Expo 88 in April 1988 and at its conclusion in October 1988, abrupt dislocations occurred in the trend path of the short-term overseas visitor arrivals series. As different countries displayed varied timings of this effect, the trend path between April and October 1988 is suppressed. Estimates of the trend path are now available from November 1988 onwards.

21. The reliability of the provisional trend estimate for January 1991 may have been adversely affected by the presence of temporary irregular effects associated with the commencement of the Gulf War. However, these influences are not expected to affect the reliability of the seasonally adjusted series, because they are neither seasonal nor trading-day type influences.

### Related publications

22. Comprehensive definitions and explanations, and detailed data are contained in:

*Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia* (3402.0)—issued quarterly

*Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia* (3404.0)—issued annually

23. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The *Catalogue* and *Publications Advice* are available from any ABS office.

### Unpublished statistics

24. As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be made to Mr Robert Chibnall on Canberra (06) 252 6671.

### Symbols and other usages

- nil or rounded to zero
- .. not applicable
- r figures or series revised since previous issue

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