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**OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, AUSTRALIA  
NOVEMBER 1989**

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**MAIN FEATURES**

The number of overseas movements in November 1989 was 693,900, 1% more than in November 1988 and 13% more than in November 1987. There were 363,300 arrivals (up 2% on November 1988) and 330,500 departures (no change from November 1988).

*Permanent movement*

In November 1989:

- 10,770 settlers arrived in Australia, 17% below the total for November 1988 (13,010).
- 2,100 permanent departures were recorded, 30% more than November 1988 (1,610).

*Arrivals of visitors for short-term visits*

In November 1989:

- Total short-term visitor arrivals numbered 192,700, 7% below the figure for November 1988 but 5% higher than November 1987. In seasonally adjusted terms, November 1989 short-term arrivals showed an increase of 3% over October 1989.
- There has been a continued reduction in visitors arriving in Australia to attend conventions compared with 1988. Only 1% of total short-term visitors arrived for conventions in November 1989 compared with 4% in November 1988. However, the proportion of visitors arriving to visit relatives increased to 21% in November 1989 compared with 19% in November 1988.
- There has been a continuing decline in visitor numbers from the U.S.A compared with the corresponding month in the two previous years. In November 1989 the number of visitors from the U.S.A was 22,500, (12% of all visitor arrivals) 27%

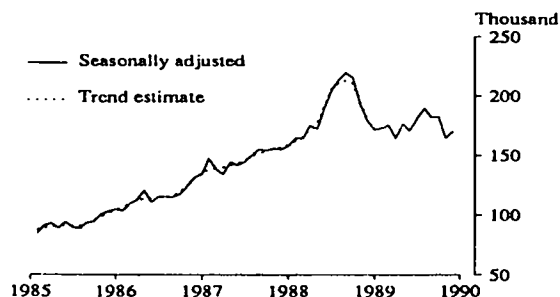
below that for November 1988 and 34% below the number for November 1987.

- Visitors from Japan were also fewer in number than one year ago (29,200 in November 1989 compared with 36,200 in November 1988). This decline was partly offset by increases in the number of visitors from Hong Kong (+1,200), Malaysia (+1,400), Singapore (+1,400) and Taiwan (+1,000).
- Visitors from the U.K. rose from 12% of the total visitors in November 1988 to 14% in November 1989 showing an increase of 4% in actual visitor numbers (27,100 in 1989, 26,500 in 1988). The number of visitors from New Zealand also increased, 41,600 in November 1989 (21% of total visitor arrivals) compared with 37,800 in November 1988 (18% of total visitor arrivals).

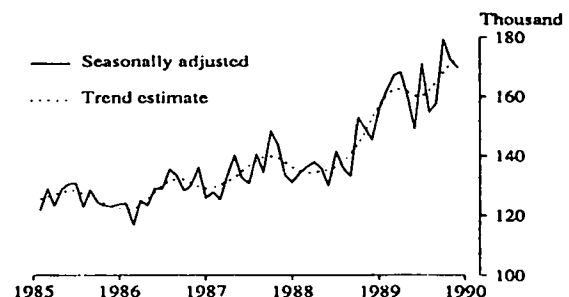
*Departures of Australian residents for short-term trips abroad*  
In November 1989:

- There were 144,200 departures of Australian residents for short-term visits overseas. This is 16% above the figure for November 1988 and continues the trend, which started in December 1988, for increased numbers of Australians to visit overseas. Areas visited were generally the same as in November 1988 in percentage terms although the proportion of Australian residents who intended to visit the U.S.A was down slightly (10% in November 1989 compared with 12% in November 1988) and offset by an increase in the proportion who intended to visit New Zealand (17% in November 1989 compared with 14% in November 1988). Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand continued to increase in popularity as destinations, a trend which has been evident since early 1989.

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



**SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES**



(a) Refer to paragraph 20 of the Explanatory Notes at the back of this publication.

NOTE: Explanatory Notes are published at the back of this publication.

TABLE 1. TOTAL MOVEMENT - ARRIVALS: CATEGORY OF MOVEMENT

Period	Permanent arrivals 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)	Overseas visitors (Trend estimate b)	
<i>Year ended</i>									
<i>31 December -</i>									
1986	103,330	55,870	38,130	197,320	1,513,200	1,429,400	..	..	3,139,900
1987	128,290	54,030	39,940	222,260	1,586,300	1,784,900	..	..	3,593,500
1988	151,550	54,990	47,330	253,860	1,637,900	2,249,300	..	..	4,141,100
<i>1988 -</i>									
August	13,560	3,910	3,220	20,690	136,900	196,900	219,600	213,300	354,400
September	12,780	4,220	3,600	20,600	160,600	179,600	215,400	210,300	360,800
October	12,660	4,220	3,660	20,540	188,400	207,300	194,500	197,500	416,200
November	13,010	5,120	3,070	21,200	128,600	208,000	179,300	n.a.	357,800
December	12,860	8,540	2,980	24,380	101,200	245,800	171,700	n.a.	371,400
<i>1989 -</i>									
January	12,600	5,240	8,200	26,040	222,200	168,900	172,900	n.a.	417,200
February	10,790	3,770	8,080	22,640	129,100	191,100	175,200	n.a.	342,800
March	11,650	3,670	3,930	19,250	132,100	180,000	164,400	n.a.	331,400
April	11,350	3,250	3,720	18,320	141,100	160,100	176,500	n.a.	319,500
May	10,180	3,040	3,020	16,240	121,200	136,600	171,000	n.a.	274,000
June	11,400	4,190	3,210	18,800	139,700	142,700	181,100	n.a.	301,200
July	10,740	4,400	4,870	20,010	197,900	175,400	190,100	n.a.	393,300
August	11,500	4,140	3,680	19,320	159,000	161,400	182,200	n.a.	339,800
September	10,620	3,970	3,540	18,130	187,300	149,900	182,900	n.a.	355,400
October	9,740	4,210	3,630	17,580	218,000	174,100	164,900	n.a.	409,600
November	10,770	4,960	3,510	19,240	151,400	192,700	170,100	n.a.	363,300

(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 paragraph 18 to 20 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)	Australian residents (Trend estimate b)	Overseas visitors	
<i>Year ended</i>									
<i>31 December -</i>									
1986	18,820	48,560	27,190	94,570	1,539,600	..	..	1,363,800	2,997,900
1987	20,420	50,280	31,720	102,420	1,622,300	..	..	1,701,200	3,425,900
1988	20,320	54,120	30,330	104,770	1,697,600	..	..	2,174,100	3,976,500
<i>1988 -</i>									
August	1,530	5,070	2,030	8,630	141,900	133,200	140,500	200,300	350,800
September	1,440	3,950	1,980	7,370	170,300	152,900	143,800	181,600	359,300
October	1,520	3,660	1,790	6,970	127,800	149,400	147,900	192,500	327,300
November	1,610	3,690	2,610	7,910	124,100	145,500	152,600	198,200	330,200
December	2,050	4,880	6,050	12,980	206,700	155,900	157,000	171,800	391,500
<i>1989 -</i>									
January	2,060	7,360	3,250	12,670	131,700	161,800	160,400	221,700	366,100
February	1,860	5,140	2,320	9,320	112,700	167,000	162,400	170,900	292,900
March	2,080	5,420	3,150	10,650	170,900	168,200	162,600	187,300	368,900
April	2,090	5,260	2,500	9,850	153,000	159,500	161,500	172,700	335,500
May	1,820	4,430	2,260	8,510	146,700	149,000	160,200	162,000	317,200
June	1,810	4,210	2,950	8,970	197,800	171,000	160,100	127,000	333,700
July	2,150	4,940	2,720	9,810	173,800	154,700	161,900	150,600	334,200
August	2,160	5,570	2,340	10,070	165,400	157,600	164,900	178,400	353,900
September	1,890	4,170	2,280	8,340	201,700	179,300	168,100	149,700	359,700
October	1,990	3,620	2,160	7,770	147,000	172,500	170,900	154,800	309,600
November	2,100	4,070	3,230	9,400	144,200	169,600	173,200	177,000	330,500

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

	Year ended		Quarter ended		January to		Month of		
	31 December		30 September		November		November		
	1987	1988	1988	1989	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
<b>ARRIVALS</b>									
<b>Intended length of stay</b>									
Under 1 week	441,100	495,300	115,300	119,300	448,600	455,000	48,200	55,000	52,500
1 and under 2 weeks	410,100	567,800	153,200	114,100	518,800	444,600	46,600	54,700	49,600
2 weeks and under 1 month	403,600	541,200	164,800	116,200	481,000	389,900	35,000	39,600	33,900
1 and under 2 months	224,900	279,500	66,900	60,500	232,000	218,400	17,900	19,800	18,600
2 and under 3 months	85,800	99,300	20,100	19,900	84,700	83,900	9,000	9,400	9,600
3 and under 6 months	93,400	110,300	22,200	22,100	95,300	97,500	12,200	13,900	13,300
6 and under 12 months	115,300	146,100	34,500	34,600	133,500	143,600	13,200	15,500	15,100
<b>Total (a)</b>	<b>1,784,900</b>	<b>2,249,300</b>	<b>579,900</b>	<b>486,700</b>	<b>2,003,500</b>	<b>1,832,900</b>	<b>183,100</b>	<b>208,000</b>	<b>192,700</b>
<b>Purpose of Journey</b>									
In Transit	100,900	88,700	22,200	19,200	80,900	71,800	9,800	7,500	7,000
Attending convention	31,100	56,700	20,400	6,400	54,600	24,600	2,200	8,000	2,600
Business	195,300	234,300	59,000	57,600	221,500	217,800	21,900	25,700	23,900
Accompanying business traveller	18,900	23,000	6,200	5,000	21,400	18,400	1,600	2,300	1,400
Visiting relatives	370,200	448,500	98,300	101,500	371,600	379,000	35,800	39,700	42,300
Holiday	938,300	1,237,000	327,600	258,400	1,104,600	979,900	102,300	111,300	105,000
Employment	21,300	26,600	6,900	7,400	25,100	27,900	1,700	2,600	2,400
Education	35,200	47,800	13,400	14,200	45,700	53,600	2,200	2,800	3,100
Other and not stated	73,700	86,600	25,700	17,000	78,100	60,000	5,500	7,900	5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,784,900</b>	<b>2,249,300</b>	<b>579,900</b>	<b>486,700</b>	<b>2,003,500</b>	<b>1,832,900</b>	<b>183,100</b>	<b>208,000</b>	<b>192,700</b>
<b>DEPARTURES</b>									
<b>Intended length of stay</b>									
Under 1 week	103,400	138,300	34,500	46,900	127,700	160,300	9,300	13,500	16,900
1 and under 2 weeks	377,900	402,300	112,000	136,200	368,900	450,600	28,000	33,300	39,800
2 weeks and under 1 month	468,400	480,200	133,000	150,500	420,400	494,600	30,000	29,800	36,500
1 and under 2 months	292,000	302,300	83,400	95,700	239,100	278,000	12,100	15,300	17,800
2 and under 3 months	135,300	145,400	44,200	47,500	121,700	130,100	11,600	14,800	14,600
3 and under 6 months	125,000	126,600	33,500	39,100	117,900	129,500	8,300	10,500	11,000
6 and under 12 months	87,300	96,300	23,300	25,000	89,500	100,500	4,800	6,400	7,600
<b>Total (a)</b>	<b>1,622,300</b>	<b>1,697,600</b>	<b>465,500</b>	<b>540,900</b>	<b>1,490,800</b>	<b>1,744,900</b>	<b>113,700</b>	<b>124,100</b>	<b>144,200</b>
<b>Purpose of Journey</b>									
Attending convention	37,000	37,200	11,800	16,100	35,800	46,200	2,200	3,000	3,900
Business	227,500	264,400	69,500	77,500	249,700	284,200	19,400	24,000	25,700
Accompanying business traveller	27,700	28,800	8,200	9,200	26,600	30,400	1,900	1,700	2,300
Visiting relatives	332,600	343,400	86,700	95,700	281,200	313,900	19,500	26,200	28,800
Holiday	874,100	912,000	259,600	306,700	797,300	950,200	54,700	61,200	73,700
Employment	24,300	28,400	7,200	8,900	25,800	33,100	1,700	2,100	3,200
Education	13,500	15,300	5,000	5,300	13,700	17,300	900	1,100	1,400
Other and not stated	85,600	68,200	17,500	21,600	60,800	69,600	13,400	4,900	5,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,622,300</b>	<b>1,697,600</b>	<b>465,500</b>	<b>540,900</b>	<b>1,490,800</b>	<b>1,744,900</b>	<b>113,700</b>	<b>124,100</b>	<b>144,200</b>

(a) Includes not stated.

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

Country of birth (Summary)	Year ended		Quarter ended		January to		Month of		
	31 December		30 September		November		November		
	1987	1988	1988	1989	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
<b>Total Africa</b>	<b>9,060</b>	<b>8,150</b>	<b>1,730</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>7,490</b>	<b>4,910</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>470</b>
<b>Total America</b>	<b>7,440</b>	<b>7,800</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>1,940</b>	<b>7,150</b>	<b>6,620</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>530</b>
<b>Asia-</b>									
East and South East Asia	37,970	45,500	11,370	11,790	41,000	42,490	3,670	3,990	3,620
South Central Asia	7,900	8,920	2,560	1,790	8,100	6,240	670	640	480
Western Asia (Middle East)	7,000	7,000	1,750	1,200	6,450	4,460	760	670	430
<b>Total Asia</b>	<b>52,870</b>	<b>61,430</b>	<b>15,680</b>	<b>14,780</b>	<b>55,550</b>	<b>53,200</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>4,530</b>
<b>Europe-</b>									
U.K. and Ireland	24,030	29,030	7,840	7,070	27,290	24,950	3,030	2,720	2,840
Other Europe	15,390	15,590	4,140	3,370	14,420	11,700	1,760	1,500	1,240
<b>Total Europe</b>	<b>39,420</b>	<b>44,630</b>	<b>11,980</b>	<b>10,440</b>	<b>41,710</b>	<b>36,650</b>	<b>4,790</b>	<b>4,210</b>	<b>4,080</b>
<b>Oceania-</b>									
New Zealand	15,360	24,870	6,150	3,340	22,610	16,290	1,470	1,930	870
Other Oceania	4,140	4,660	1,180	1,020	4,170	3,660	240	330	290
<b>Total Oceania</b>	<b>19,490</b>	<b>29,530</b>	<b>7,330</b>	<b>4,370</b>	<b>26,770</b>	<b>19,950</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>2,260</b>	<b>1,160</b>
<b>Total (a)</b>	<b>128,290</b>	<b>151,550</b>	<b>38,830</b>	<b>32,870</b>	<b>138,690</b>	<b>121,340</b>	<b>12,970</b>	<b>13,010</b>	<b>10,770</b>

(a) Includes not stated.

TABLE 5. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS, COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Country of residence	Year ended		Quarter ended		January to		Month of		
	31 December		30 September		November		November		
	1987	1988	1988	1989	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
<b>AFRICA -</b>									
South Africa	9,600	9,400	1,800	1,600	7,500	6,700	800	1,100	1,000
Other	7,900	10,900	2,500	2,100	9,200	7,800	700	1,100	900
<i>Total Africa</i>	<i>17,500</i>	<i>20,300</i>	<i>4,400</i>	<i>3,700</i>	<i>16,700</i>	<i>14,500</i>	<i>1,500</i>	<i>2,200</i>	<i>1,900</i>
<b>AMERICA -</b>									
Canada	52,700	66,700	17,700	10,700	60,000	48,800	7,400	6,600	6,100
U.S.A.	309,000	322,300	85,500	60,800	297,100	239,200	34,100	30,900	22,500
Other	11,300	15,400	3,600	2,700	13,100	10,100	1,100	1,700	800
<i>Total America</i>	<i>373,100</i>	<i>404,400</i>	<i>106,700</i>	<i>74,200</i>	<i>370,200</i>	<i>298,100</i>	<i>42,500</i>	<i>39,200</i>	<i>29,400</i>
<b>ASIA -</b>									
China	10,900	18,000	4,900	3,400	16,000	19,700	1,600	2,400	2,400
Hong Kong	42,700	49,400	15,100	16,400	44,500	47,800	3,100	2,500	3,700
India	7,400	10,700	2,800	2,600	9,700	9,800	700	900	800
Indonesia	21,500	29,600	7,100	6,500	25,500	24,500	1,600	1,900	1,800
Israel	4,400	5,200	1,300	1,400	4,600	4,800	400	600	500
Japan	215,600	352,300	88,700	88,400	316,800	314,400	25,200	36,200	29,200
Korea (a)	6,900	9,200	2,200	2,700	8,400	9,200	700	1,100	900
Malaysia	47,100	52,100	11,000	9,000	46,500	40,700	5,500	4,400	5,800
Philippines	12,200	13,400	3,200	2,300	12,400	10,000	900	1,200	800
Singapore	57,000	63,500	11,300	11,400	52,100	52,600	6,200	6,900	8,300
Taiwan	16,000	19,200	3,700	4,300	17,400	19,000	2,500	2,000	3,000
Thailand	11,200	15,800	3,800	3,300	14,600	16,200	900	1,400	1,300
Other	18,200	21,900	5,500	6,000	19,200	19,800	1,800	2,000	2,100
<i>Total Asia</i>	<i>470,900</i>	<i>660,300</i>	<i>160,400</i>	<i>157,800</i>	<i>587,900</i>	<i>588,500</i>	<i>51,100</i>	<i>63,400</i>	<i>60,700</i>
<b>EUROPE -</b>									
Austria	6,400	9,100	2,000	2,100	8,000	8,000	900	1,000	900
Denmark	8,700	11,400	2,600	2,400	10,100	8,800	1,100	1,300	1,000
Finland	4,200	5,700	1,200	900	5,100	4,400	600	1,200	700
France	17,100	21,000	5,600	5,800	18,700	17,900	1,600	2,300	1,900
Germany (b)	53,300	65,900	14,100	14,200	57,600	59,500	6,100	6,700	6,000
Greece	7,100	8,100	1,400	1,400	6,500	5,800	900	1,100	1,000
Ireland (c)	9,800	13,100	2,700	2,400	11,000	11,000	1,200	1,300	1,000
Italy	19,300	25,200	7,000	6,100	21,400	17,200	1,800	2,600	1,900
Netherlands	17,300	22,400	5,200	4,300	19,700	17,300	1,800	3,300	2,800
Norway	4,300	5,200	1,100	700	4,700	3,200	400	600	400
Poland	3,400	4,100	1,000	1,100	3,500	4,000	500	500	600
Sweden	21,900	26,900	3,800	3,300	22,100	20,600	3,000	3,600	2,800
Switzerland	21,300	26,000	4,700	5,100	22,300	23,000	2,900	3,000	2,700
United Kingdom	198,900	260,300	46,200	46,900	220,200	230,200	20,000	25,200	26,100
U.S.S.R (d)	1,500	2,900	800	1,100	2,500	4,600	200	300	500
Yugoslavia	6,300	6,800	1,200	1,200	5,600	5,300	800	1,000	900
Other	11,000	15,500	4,200	3,600	13,700	12,000	1,600	2,000	1,700
<i>Total Europe</i>	<i>411,900</i>	<i>529,600</i>	<i>104,600</i>	<i>102,600</i>	<i>453,400</i>	<i>452,900</i>	<i>45,400</i>	<i>57,100</i>	<i>53,000</i>
<b>OCEANIA -</b>									
Fiji	16,500	19,300	4,600	3,900	16,500	15,000	1,300	1,800	1,600
New Caledonia	14,400	17,200	4,400	2,300	15,600	11,900	1,100	900	700
New Zealand	427,300	534,300	176,900	128,500	488,400	404,300	36,100	37,800	41,600
Papua New Guinea	32,800	37,800	10,300	9,200	32,800	30,000	2,400	2,700	2,400
Other	14,700	19,800	5,800	4,600	17,200	16,000	1,300	1,900	1,300
<i>Total Oceania</i>	<i>505,800</i>	<i>628,200</i>	<i>201,900</i>	<i>148,500</i>	<i>570,500</i>	<i>477,200</i>	<i>42,300</i>	<i>45,100</i>	<i>47,600</i>
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>1,784,900</b>	<b>2,249,300</b>	<b>579,900</b>	<b>486,700</b>	<b>2,003,500</b>	<b>1,832,900</b>	<b>183,100</b>	<b>208,000</b>	<b>192,700</b>

(a) Includes North Korea, South Korea and Korea undefined. (b) Comprises the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany. (c) Includes Republic of Ireland and Ireland, undefined. (d) Includes Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine and U.S.S.R. (e) Includes other and not stated.

TABLE 6. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : DEPARTURES OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS, COUNTRY OF INTENDED STAY

Country of intended stay	Year ended		Quarter ended		January to		Month of		
	31 December		30 September		November		November		
	1987	1988	1988	1989	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
<b>AFRICA -</b>									
Egypt	4,100	4,900	900	1,400	3,800	5,200	400	400	700
South Africa	7,700	8,300	1,500	2,500	6,000	9,100	700	900	1,500
Other	8,800	9,700	2,400	2,500	7,800	8,600	400	900	900
<i>Total Africa</i>	<i>20,600</i>	<i>22,900</i>	<i>4,700</i>	<i>6,300</i>	<i>17,600</i>	<i>22,900</i>	<i>1,600</i>	<i>2,200</i>	<i>3,100</i>
<b>AMERICA -</b>									
Canada	20,400	23,700	8,000	9,800	21,000	26,300	1,100	1,600	1,600
U.S.A.	174,100	196,300	52,300	67,200	175,500	213,200	13,900	14,900	15,000
Other	20,400	23,900	6,900	4,500	19,400	16,900	1,600	2,000	1,700
<i>Total America</i>	<i>215,000</i>	<i>243,900</i>	<i>67,300</i>	<i>81,600</i>	<i>215,900</i>	<i>256,400</i>	<i>16,600</i>	<i>18,400</i>	<i>18,200</i>
<b>ASIA -</b>									
China	17,200	19,100	6,100	2,500	17,400	13,000	900	1,000	900
Cyprus	3,100	3,200	1,100	1,200	2,900	3,300	200	300	200
Hong Kong	103,300	104,700	25,800	26,500	91,300	101,200	8,000	9,700	9,400
India	20,000	19,300	3,900	5,000	14,300	17,600	2,000	2,100	1,900
Indonesia	117,400	133,600	37,600	41,300	121,200	131,800	9,400	9,800	11,100
Israel	7,000	6,000	1,100	1,100	4,700	4,900	600	400	400
Japan	25,600	30,100	7,500	10,500	26,700	36,400	2,100	3,300	3,400
Korea (a)	4,700	7,400	2,900	7,400	6,700	6,900	400	600	500
Lebanon	6,300	5,300	1,400	1,300	4,700	4,300	400	300	700
Malaysia	47,200	48,400	12,600	17,000	42,100	52,900	3,000	3,000	4,400
Philippines	33,500	35,700	7,700	9,000	29,800	35,800	2,800	2,900	3,100
Singapore	83,700	93,400	25,000	30,800	83,800	106,000	6,700	7,900	10,200
Taiwan	6,700	8,000	1,800	2,100	6,800	8,800	700	700	700
Thailand	48,800	59,800	13,900	21,500	52,500	76,900	4,700	5,100	7,600
Turkey	5,600	6,300	1,900	2,100	5,900	6,500	300	300	400
Other	17,300	19,500	4,600	5,200	16,400	21,100	1,100	1,600	1,900
<i>Total Asia</i>	<i>547,400</i>	<i>599,900</i>	<i>155,000</i>	<i>179,100</i>	<i>527,300</i>	<i>627,200</i>	<i>43,100</i>	<i>49,000</i>	<i>56,700</i>
<b>EUROPE -</b>									
Austria	5,100	5,300	1,500	1,900	4,600	5,300	200	300	400
France	15,800	16,300	5,000	5,600	14,100	18,100	1,000	1,000	1,200
Germany (b)	26,100	26,900	8,500	9,400	24,300	28,200	1,900	1,800	2,300
Greece	33,900	33,600	9,400	10,100	31,600	29,300	1,300	1,900	1,300
Ireland (c)	6,700	8,100	2,900	3,200	7,000	8,300	500	500	600
Italy	40,100	39,300	12,900	13,600	35,700	38,300	1,500	2,200	2,300
Malta	4,800	5,300	1,400	1,600	4,900	4,600	300	300	200
Netherlands	14,100	12,700	4,600	3,800	11,700	12,300	800	800	800
Poland	3,100	3,900	1,000	1,300	3,500	4,900	100	200	200
Spain	5,100	5,000	1,400	1,800	4,500	4,900	200	400	600
Sweden	3,000	3,900	1,200	1,200	3,600	3,800	300	200	300
Switzerland	7,400	8,100	2,400	2,300	7,000	8,100	400	400	400
United Kingdom	207,400	213,400	68,300	74,400	191,700	213,300	10,700	12,500	13,700
Yugoslavia	17,600	16,000	5,500	5,300	15,100	13,900	800	800	800
Other	18,000	19,000	6,600	8,000	17,500	21,900	700	1,000	1,400
<i>Total Europe</i>	<i>408,200</i>	<i>416,900</i>	<i>132,500</i>	<i>143,600</i>	<i>376,900</i>	<i>415,100</i>	<i>20,700</i>	<i>24,200</i>	<i>26,700</i>
<b>OCEANIA -</b>									
Cook Islands	4,000	4,100	1,500	1,100	3,700	3,300	200	300	200
Fiji	60,500	73,200	21,500	27,900	64,300	83,200	1,700	4,700	7,200
New Caledonia	10,800	10,300	3,100	4,100	8,800	12,500	800	1,100	1,200
New Zealand	275,300	247,100	59,900	75,800	207,900	248,900	23,100	17,900	24,200
Norfolk Is.	18,400	15,000	3,600	1,900	13,400	11,300	1,800	1,100	800
Papua New Guinea	27,500	32,700	9,300	8,400	29,200	30,900	2,100	2,900	2,600
Solomon Islands	4,100	3,600	1,100	1,100	3,200	3,300	300	200	200
Tahiti	5,100	5,200	1,300	1,800	4,600	6,300	300	600	400
Vanuatu	5,700	9,100	2,400	4,100	8,200	11,300	500	700	1,400
Other	5,800	6,800	1,400	4,000	5,700	10,900	800	300	1,300
<i>Total Oceania</i>	<i>417,400</i>	<i>407,100</i>	<i>105,200</i>	<i>130,200</i>	<i>349,000</i>	<i>421,900</i>	<i>31,400</i>	<i>29,900</i>	<i>39,500</i>
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>1,622,300</b>	<b>1,697,600</b>	<b>465,500</b>	<b>540,900</b>	<b>1,490,800</b>	<b>1,744,900</b>	<b>113,700</b>	<b>124,100</b>	<b>144,200</b>

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## 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 that 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. The grouping of countries into regions in Asia in Table 4 is based on United Nations' classification of world regions. Applying this classification, the region which includes most 'middle east' countries is included in Asia and is called 'Western Asia (Middle East)'.

9. Statistics on country of birth or residence have certain limitations because of inadequate reporting on passenger cards. For instance, it is not possible to make a distinction between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, or to separately identify England, Scotland and Wales. Similarly 'Germany' could refer to the Federal Republic or to the Democratic Republic.

**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 and 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 (062) 52 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 conclusion of World Expo 88 in October 1988 an abrupt dislocation may have occurred in the trend path of the Short-term Overseas Visitor Arrivals series. In these circumstances there are insufficient data available to estimate reliably the current trend movements, therefore the trend estimate from November 1988 onwards is not published. As subsequent data become available this situation with regard to estimates of trend movements will be monitored, and will be released when considered reliable.

#### Related publications

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

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23. 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 Mark Patton on Canberra (062) 52 6671.

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