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**INTERSTATE ROAD FREIGHT MOVEMENT, AUSTRALIA
MARCH QUARTER, 1994**

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MAIN FEATURES

Following a 4.5 per cent increase in the December 1993 quarter, total interstate road freight moved by major operators during the March quarter 1994 fell by 3.6 per cent to nearly 4.5 million tonnes. This is consistent with the seasonal movement for each March quarter since 1989.

Total freight tonnes originating from Tasmania, Geelong and Perth showed increases of 58.7 per cent, 23.2 per cent and 13.5 per cent, respectively. Seasonal factors such as cartage of grains, fertilisers and fresh produce contributed to these increases.

Total freight received in Wollongong fell by 27.6 per cent, which some carriers attributed to seasonal factors.

**ROAD FREIGHT ORIGINATING
FROM CENTRES**

Change between
Dec qtr 1993
and March qtr 1994
%

Sydney	-5.5
Newcastle	-7.4
Wollongong	-0.6
Melbourne	-6.7
Geelong	23.2
Brisbane	-3.0
Adelaide	-2.8
Perth	13.5
Tasmania	58.7
Darwin	-6.8
Canberra	-1.7
Other Interstate	-1.6
Total	-3.6

**ROAD FREIGHT RECEIVED
BY CENTRES**

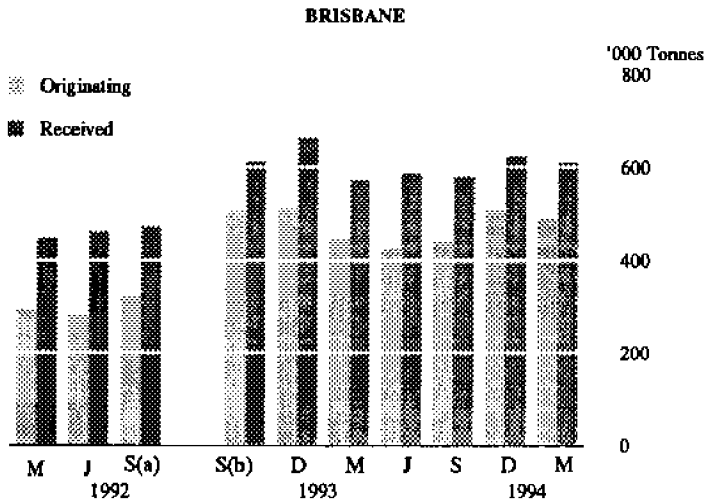
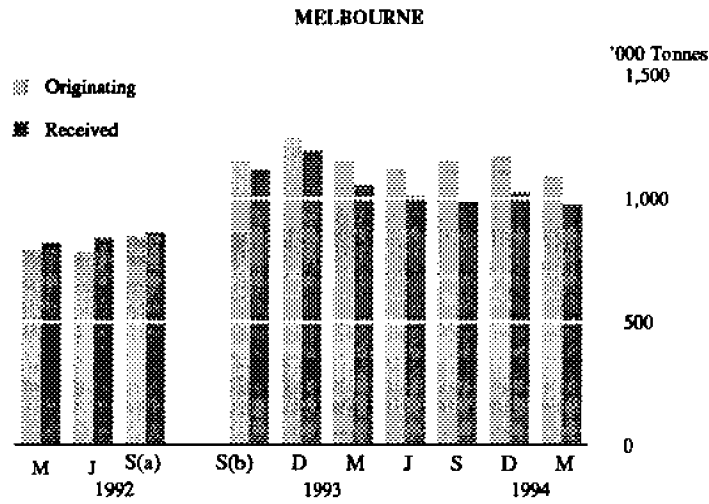
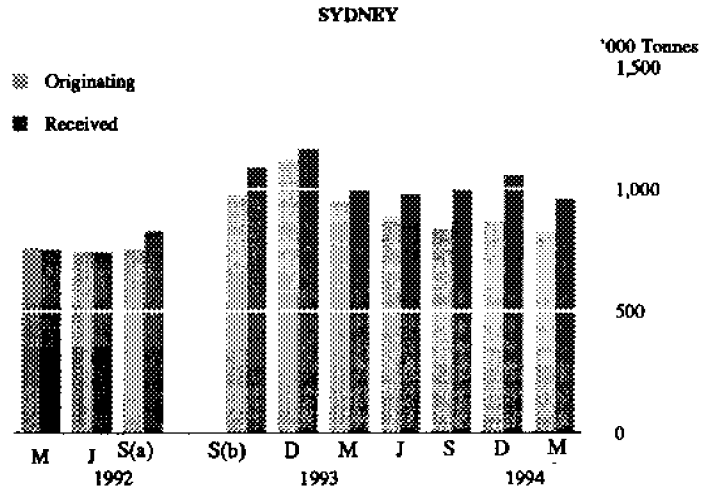
Change between
Dec qtr 1993
and March qtr 1994
%

Sydney	-8.9
Newcastle	-3.6
Wollongong	-27.6
Melbourne	-5.1
Geelong	-9.3
Brisbane	-2.0
Adelaide	-6.8
Perth	-0.1
Tasmania	-11.2
Darwin	-6.2
Canberra	-1.3
Other Interstate	4.7
Total	-3.6

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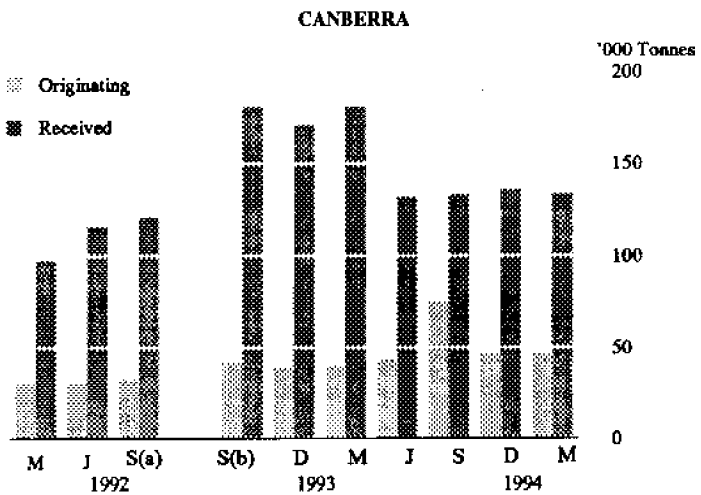
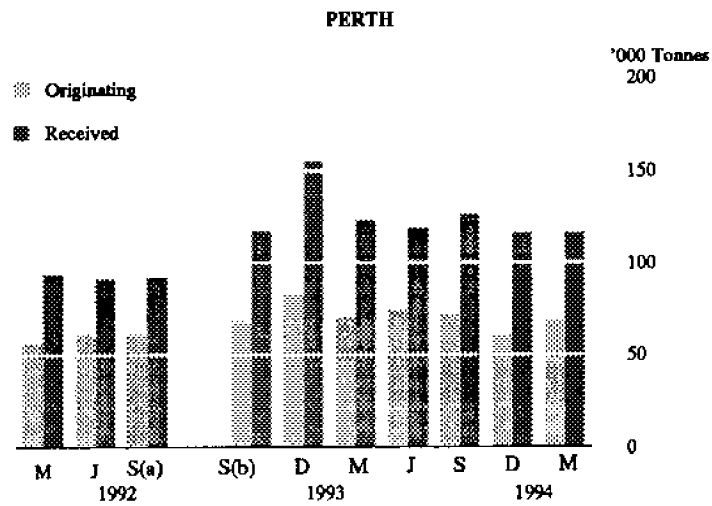
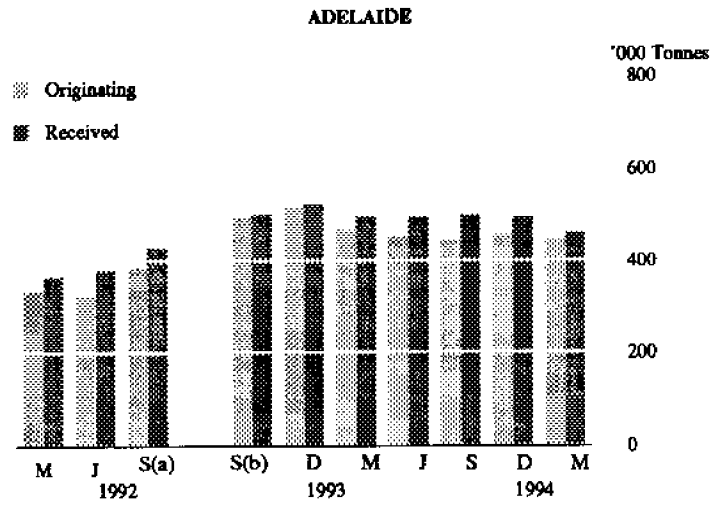
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INTERSTATE ROAD FREIGHT ORIGINATING/RECEIVED AT MAJOR CENTRES



(a) old coverage basis (b) new coverage basis

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TABLE 1. FREIGHT MOVED INTERSTATE BY MAJOR FREIGHT FORWARDERS AND ROAD TRANSPORT OPERATORS
BETWEEN SPECIFIED CENTRES, BY ROAD
(Tonnes)

Origin	Quarter—	Destination								
		Sydney	Newcastle	Wollongong	Other New South Wales	Melbourne	Geelong	Other Victoria	Brisbane	Other Queensland
Sydney										
	1992-93 —									
	March	..	..	..	..	432,780	4,128	36,394	187,316	27,249
	June	..	..	..	..	377,292	5,963	35,227	208,994	36,359
	1993-94 —									
	September	..	..	..	..	352,332	6,694	23,100	199,877	39,435
	December	..	..	..	..	375,321	6,946	26,204	212,743	34,236
	March	..	..	..	..	348,587	5,257	23,864	211,310	26,647
Newcastle										
	1992-93 —									
	March	..	..	..	..	20,605	4,978	1,058	8,874	12,498
	June	..	..	..	..	22,804	5,324	851	11,014	12,453
	1993-94 —									
	September	..	..	..	..	20,660	7,494	5,094	12,581	12,913
	December	..	..	..	..	20,771	6,212	n.p.	10,524	32,275
	March	..	..	..	..	20,144	2,278	n.p.	14,215	23,227
Wollongong										
	1992-93 —									
	March	..	..	..	..	49,794	n.p.	6,351	10,696	5,115
	June	..	..	..	..	42,404	n.p.	4,419	11,498	n.p.
	1993-94 —									
	September	..	..	..	..	50,787	n.p.	523	12,341	4,746
	December	..	..	..	..	52,321	n.p.	2,418	11,252	5,212
	March	..	..	..	..	52,149	67	3,583	11,296	4,588
Other New South Wales										
	1992-93 —									
	March	..	..	..	..	180,439	65,910	51,100	109,193	63,316
	June	..	..	..	..	189,822	50,788	66,856	91,230	84,621
	1993-94 —									
	September	..	..	..	..	191,116	56,023	45,835	86,872	102,618
	December	..	..	..	..	183,570	60,174	60,354	103,520	92,989
	March	..	..	..	..	184,950	59,362	55,907	110,106	107,229
Melbourne										
	1992-93 —									
	March	468,719	13,256	16,091	130,549	..	..	..	148,845	50,191
	June	434,411	9,524	13,240	138,865	..	..	..	152,505	47,802
	1993-94 —									
	September	448,269	19,913	10,707	134,714	..	..	..	156,253	52,501
	December	453,078	13,956	12,316	142,709	..	..	..	165,665	46,784
	March	403,287	11,434	10,933	161,049	..	..	..	148,180	49,515
Geelong										
	1992-93 —									
	March	14,403	62	n.p.	11,430	..	..	..	1,676	n.p.
	June	11,196	41	n.p.	9,508	..	..	..	1,851	168
	1993-94 —									
	September	10,318	78	n.p.	9,355	..	..	..	1,860	93
	December	12,144	94	n.p.	11,766	..	..	..	455	125
	March	12,188	78	n.p.	18,567	..	..	..	1,688	55
Other Victoria										
	1992-93 —									
	March	103,149	5,204	3,983	18,283	..	..	..	49,336	4,111
	June	109,059	5,375	n.p.	13,417	..	..	..	52,997	2,836
	1993-94 —									
	September	108,852	5,220	n.p.	12,823	..	..	..	50,826	4,915
	December	111,139	5,815	n.p.	15,460	56,536	3,070
	March	113,026	4,678	134	17,773	55,884	3,980

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BETWEEN SPECIFIED CENTRES, BY ROAD *continued*
(Tonnes)

Origin	Quarter	Destination								Total
		Adelaide	Other South Australia	Perth	Other Western Australia	Tasmania	Darwin	Other Northern Territory	Canberra	
Sydney										
	1992-93—									
	March	117,905	6,881	35,239	529	4,598	2,954	345	94,034	950,352
	June	120,792	4,837	38,359	427	4,926	3,210	536	49,690	886,612
	1993-94 —									
	September	116,945	5,094	35,167	759	3,585	3,916	332	48,188	835,424
	December	117,933	4,111	35,070	538	4,298	4,027	656	52,202	874,285
	March	111,404	4,872	33,546	507	2,864	4,420	1,182	51,958	826,418
Newcastle										
	1992-93—									
	March	9,870	1,545	217	6	11	n.p.	n.p.	393	60,138
	June	8,705	n.p.	329	n.p.	14	22	n.p.	253	64,267
	1993-94 —									
	September	8,787	n.p.	124	n.p.	20	12	n.p.	937	71,556
	December	8,342	1,909	262	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	462	84,425
	March	11,139	2,410	215	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	396	78,197
Wollongong										
	1992-93—									
	March	5,888	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	189	81,489
	June	5,636	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	203	n.p.	416	72,689
	1993-94 —									
	September	6,316	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	223	n.p.	n.p.	79,603
	December	5,380	n.p.	1,569	n.p.	n.p.	217	n.p.	272	80,203
	March	5,232	n.p.	1,350	n.p.	n.p.	321	—	206	79,737
Other New South Wales										
	1992-93—									
	March	42,461	2,823	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	34,090	557,462
	June	39,270	4,716	4,625	n.p.	294	n.p.	—	25,413	558,741
	1993-94 —									
	September	39,300	8,806	5,456	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	30,278	569,676
	December	40,032	9,445	5,514	n.p.	496	n.p.	n.p.	28,739	587,949
	March	39,143	12,105	11,344	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	27,786	611,271
Melbourne										
	1992-93—									
	March	211,718	31,206	44,345	640	..	3,322	522	31,843	1,151,247
	June	212,782	24,464	38,963	716	..	8,310	1,280	35,373	1,118,235
	1993-94 —									
	September	214,038	24,337	44,673	2,376	..	5,278	381	37,357	1,150,797
	December	216,039	29,023	40,442	1,683	..	6,013	876	38,426	1,167,010
	March	186,697	34,800	38,876	1,286	..	5,364	492	37,026	1,088,939
Geelong										
	1992-93—									
	March	1,033	8	138	n.p.	..	n.p.	—	n.p.	36,717
	June	5,800	12	185	n.p.	..	n.p.	—	n.p.	32,719
	1993-94 —									
	September	4,662	n.p.	147	n.p.	..	9	—	n.p.	30,102
	December	n.p.	22	140	n.p.	..	n.p.	—	n.p.	32,449
	March	n.p.	26	81	n.p.	..	n.p.	—	n.p.	39,960
Other Victoria										
	1992-93—									
	March	24,284	13,677	2,008	n.p.	..	90	n.p.	3,890	228,294
	June	30,469	19,455	2,146	14	..	n.p.	—	3,282	240,400
	1993-94 —									
	September	34,777	n.p.	2,303	n.p.	..	38	—	2,421	240,378
	December	26,432	23,262	2,632	n.p.	..	34	n.p.	2,128	247,732
	March	28,037	38,134	1,532	n.p.	..	35	n.p.	2,607	266,079

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(Tonnes)

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		Sydney	Newcastle	Wollon- gong	Other New South Wales	Melbourne	Geelong	Other Victoria	Brisbane	Other Queens- land
Brisbane										
	1992-93—									
	March	151,503	9,785	2,411	116,068	86,756	n.p.	12,620	..	..
	June	147,792	8,705	2,504	113,347	79,122	n.p.	8,208	..	..
	1993-94 —									
	September	156,886	8,864	4,849	115,214	81,049	1,458	11,415	..	..
	December	168,036	9,798	1,837	163,759	86,796	n.p.	8,524	..	..
	March	167,717	12,426	1,404	149,107	84,530	1,320	12,002	..	..
Other Queensland										
	1992-93—									
	March	68,127	2,023	n.p.	61,579	20,601	32	6,981	..	..
	June	82,453	n.p.	n.p.	23,019	35,546	28	1,779	..	..
	1993-94 —									
	September	81,939	2,533	n.p.	33,859	34,528	221	574	..	..
	December	116,890	4,140	6,241	n.p.	51,687	205	1,420	..	..
	March	78,593	4,655	n.p.	82,915	29,221	41	n.p.	..	..
Adelaide										
	1992-93—									
	March	112,023	4,863	606	14,699	170,980	3,742	71,105	35,062	6,084
	June	108,970	2,945	1,151	16,217	161,042	2,648	63,942	36,288	5,779
	1993-94 —									
	September	105,795	2,697	500	15,499	155,839	2,615	70,635	35,423	6,116
	December	106,503	3,158	n.p.	12,157	161,463	4,366	70,953	40,958	7,812
	March	102,161	4,542	1,518	11,644	151,100	3,142	78,855	37,380	7,084
Other South Australia										
	1992-93—									
	March	34,896	3,383	n.p.	3,264	63,151	n.p.	94,157	10,779	304
	June	39,878	3,404	n.p.	4,389	71,571	693	108,826	11,230	263
	1993-94 —									
	September	42,874	6,221	n.p.	4,604	69,974	1,469	114,498	14,605	3,015
	December	44,087	5,408	n.p.	3,448	75,905	816	81,335	9,824	262
	March	37,608	2,941	n.p.	5,280	83,150	n.p.	81,664	10,046	63
Perth										
	1992-93—									
	March	19,851	166	n.p.	401	22,319	21	287	6,531	1,026
	June	20,565	83	n.p.	863	24,813	n.p.	401	5,997	1,309
	1993-94 —									
	September	18,321	128	n.p.	678	23,915	71	924	5,472	1,333
	December	15,769	128	88	695	14,502	n.p.	1,961	6,512	1,305
	March	18,445	228	n.p.	518	15,600	n.p.	479	5,811	1,143
Other Western Australia										
	1992-93—									
	March	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
	June	n.p.	—	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	—	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
	1993-94 —									
	September	n.p.	—	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	—	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
	December	n.p.	—	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
	March	n.p.	—	—	n.p.	26	n.p.	n.p.	—	n.p.
Tasmania										
	1992-93—									
	March	n.p.	7	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	..	n.p.	n.p.
	June	1,003	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	..	n.p.	n.p.
	1993-94 —									
	September	772	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
	December	423	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	28
	March	1,192	n.p.	n.p.	23	507	26

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BETWEEN SPECIFIED CENTRES, BY ROAD *continued*
(Tonnes)

Origin	Quarter—	Destination							Total	
		Adelaide	Other South Australia	Perth	Other Western Australia	Tasmania	Darwin	Other Northern Territory		Canberra
Brisbane										
	1992-93—									
	March	44,467	926	5,644	n.p.	1,060	4,830	434	6,629	444,569
	June	40,423	1,024	5,305	723	n.p.	7,699	349	7,471	425,677
	1993-94 —									
	September	40,913	928	5,624	404	1,063	7,216	349	4,943	441,175
	December	43,887	1,029	5,809	457	1,339	8,290	n.p.	5,678	506,950
	March	40,509	799	5,396	454	1,800	7,441	815	5,975	491,695
Other Queensland										
	1992-93—									
	March	14,128	n.p.	689	70	120	384	n.p.	263	184,742
	June	7,089	n.p.	1,549	n.p.	116	1,445	n.p.	362	165,378
	1993-94 —									
	September	9,679	n.p.	2,584	9	88	1,032	254	550	171,286
	December	9,633	n.p.	1,765	12	224	839	241	535	271,152
	March	5,527	415	2,257	n.p.	157	748	498	n.p.	213,945
Adelaide										
	1992-93—									
	March	..	..	22,890	n.p.	365	16,478	n.p.	4,818	466,706
	June	..	..	22,160	n.p.	n.p.	18,147	4,889	6,563	454,314
	1993-94 —									
	September	..	..	24,812	n.p.	447	18,144	n.p.	3,401	445,887
	December	..	..	17,780	n.p.	1,163	17,953	6,320	3,694	456,168
	March	..	..	17,678	720	883	17,342	6,036	3,546	443,631
Other South Australia										
	1992-93—									
	March	..	..	1,886	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	—	1,127	214,048
	June	..	..	2,108	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	—	323	243,264
	1993-94 —									
	September	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,204	264,200
	December	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	30	n.p.	n.p.	1,245	225,891
	March	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	15	23	n.p.	248	223,558
Perth										
	1992-93—									
	March	17,055	218	..	..	n.p.	710	n.p.	213	69,591
	June	17,026	373	..	..	323	1,586	n.p.	150	74,215
	1993-94 —									
	September	16,736	455	..	..	260	1,773	n.p.	312	70,854
	December	15,504	277	..	..	533	1,214	n.p.	264	59,809
	March	21,916	287	..	..	779	1,423	n.p.	342	67,871
Other Western Australia										
	1992-93—									
	March	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	—	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	4,339
	June	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	—	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	674
	1993-94 —									
	September	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	—	—	1,257
	December	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	—	—	n.p.	1,441
	March	31	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	—	n.p.	643
Tasmania										
	1992-93—									
	March	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	—	n.p.	3,659
	June	n.p.	—	n.p.	—	..	n.p.	—	74	2,194
	1993-94 —									
	September	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,857
	December	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	—	53	1,912
	March	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	—	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	3,034

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(Tonnes)

Origin	Quarter—	Destination								
		Sydney	Newcastle	Wollon- gong	Other New South Wales	Melbourne	Geelong	Other Victoria	Brisbane	Other Queens- land
Darwin										
	1992-93—									
	March	711	n.p.	n.p.	29	500	n.p.	n.p.	1,364	266
	June	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	20	517	n.p.	40	1,587	n.p.
	1993-94 —									
	September	676	18	n.p.	74	359	n.p.	n.p.	1,595	392
	December	1,110	26	n.p.	169	728	n.p.	29	1,864	660
	March	742	21	n.p.	36	707	n.p.	32	1,609	1,190
Other Northern Territory										
	1992-93—									
	March	15	n.p.	—	n.p.	n.p.	—	n.p.	13	n.p.
	June	205	—	—	n.p.	n.p.	—	n.p.	26	19
	1993-94 —									
	September	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	—	56	n.p.
	December	n.p.	n.p.	—	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	92	n.p.
	March	n.p.	n.p.	—	n.p.	100	n.p.	n.p.	107	n.p.
Canberra										
	1992-93—									
	March	24,045	n.p.	239	6,103	3,879	74	n.p.	2,004	389
	June	24,517	349	238	7,300	6,093	n.p.	727	2,325	98
	1993-94 —									
	September	29,347	539	331	34,181	4,682	12	1,274	2,161	309
	December	28,461	292	396	7,773	3,831	n.p.	1,100	1,877	371
	March	28,567	232	n.p.	6,689	5,057	31	372	1,796	303
Total										
	1992-93—									
	March	1,000,201	39,138	28,644	362,876	1,053,903	81,282	281,121	572,675	174,638
	June	980,952	32,238	26,973	327,132	1,011,129	66,715	291,461	588,055	198,851
	1993-94 —									
	September	1,004,389	46,220	20,566	361,153	985,497	76,662	274,083	580,566	229,015
	December	1,057,834	42,820	23,836	432,271	1,027,181	80,345	256,683	622,514	228,656
	March	963,690	41,263	17,266	453,652	975,321	72,892	264,524	609,935	226,182

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(Tonnes)

Origin	Quarter—	Destination							Total	
		Adelaide	Other South Australia	Perth	Other Western Australia	Tasmania	Darwin	Other Northern Territory		Canberra
Darwin										
	1992-93—									
	March	3,577	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	66	7,925
	June	3,418	34	612	n.p.	137	..	..	50	10,636
	1993-94 —									
	September	3,256	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	64	7,889
	December	3,669	n.p.	886	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	102	10,303
	March	3,832	27	766	470	107	..	..	43	9,600
Other Northern Territory										
	1992-93—									
	March	401	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	—	..	..	n.p.	753
	June	293	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	—	..	..	n.p.	831
	1993-94 —									
	September	243	32	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	1,158
	December	313	42	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	4,095
	March	213	25	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	1,907
Canberra										
	1992-93—									
	March	1,799	18	264	n.p.	36	74	n.p.	..	39,980
	June	1,813	27	270	n.p.	46	105	9	..	43,951
	1993-94 —									
	September	1,961	n.p.	168	n.p.	59	49	35	..	75,335
	December	1,818	n.p.	246	n.p.	44	76	n.p.	..	46,568
	March	1,836	n.p.	277	n.p.	131	68	n.p.	..	45,798
Total										
	1992-93—									
	March	495,191	63,480	123,077	2,659	7,737	29,453	5,120	180,816	4,502,011
	June	493,800	58,932	119,033	4,330	10,809	42,091	9,944	132,352	4,394,797
	1993-94 —									
	September	497,831	62,355	127,803	7,419	7,112	39,043	6,087	132,633	4,458,434
	December	493,887	73,587	115,756	7,719	8,684	40,510	9,964	136,095	4,658,342
	March	460,362	94,837	115,612	6,056	7,715	38,003	10,586	134,387	4,492,283

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains statistics on interstate freight movements by road within Australia. The statistics are compiled using data collected each quarter from enterprises involved in the movement of road freight (as defined in paragraph 2).

Scope

2. The scope of the quarterly collection is those enterprises which undertake more than 20,000 tonnes of interstate road freight movements in a year either for hire or reward under prime contract arrangements or on own account. Road freight movements, in this context, refer to movements of freight for which road transport was used as the main mode. Movements of freight for which the majority of distance was by modes other than road transport are excluded from these statistics.

3. All movements between Melbourne or Geelong and Tasmania are classified as 'sea' or 'air' and therefore excluded from this publication. However, freight consigned to Tasmania, for example, by road from Sydney to Melbourne and then by sea or air to Tasmania would be classified as 'road' from Sydney to Tasmania because that segment of the journey constituted the majority of the line-haul distance. As Tasmania is treated as a single location for the purposes of this collection, the mode of transport after landing in Tasmania is not taken into account.

Coverage

4. Coverage for this collection was initially established in September quarter 1982 as those enterprises which were found, in the 1980-81 Census of Interstate Freight Movements, to meet the scope criteria. The combined activities of those enterprises at the time of the census constituted approximately 70 per cent of total interstate road freight movements during that year.

5. A coverage survey was conducted in August 1990 to update the list of enterprises included in the Interstate Road Freight Movements survey. Newly identified in-scope enterprises were included as of the September quarter 1990. A further coverage survey was conducted during 1992 resulting in an increase in coverage, as of the September quarter 1992 to over 80 per cent of total interstate road freight movements. It is planned to conduct similar coverage surveys approximately every two years.

6. Because of the high turnover in the number of interstate road freight operators, it is not possible to keep coverage of the survey up-to-date each quarter. Readers should be aware that as the time since the last coverage update increases, relative coverage of the statistics is likely to decline. Accordingly, the figures in this publication should be used with appropriate caution.

Definitions

7. The road freight data reported in this publication refer to movements made under prime contract and own account arrangements. A *prime contract* is defined as an agreement to

move freight, made with the original consignor of the freight. Freight moved on *own account* is freight owned and transported by the same legal entity. Freight moved by road under sub-contract arrangements has been excluded to avoid double counting.

8. Data in this publication are reported in gross tonnes (i.e. tonnages including the weight of the container). Furniture reported in cubic metres and freight reported in litres by respondents have been converted to approximate tonne equivalents.

9. A small number of businesses did not have records of tonnes moved by origin/destination. In these instances respondents were asked to provide estimates on the basis of experience over a typical short period.

Origins / Destinations

10. The geographical boundaries for the cities identified in this collection closely approximate those of their Statistical Divisions/Districts.

11. As from the September quarter 1992, the number of Origins and Destinations identified separately has been increased. The category previously given as "Other Interstate" has been split into "Other New South Wales", "Other Victoria", "Other Queensland", "Other South Australia", "Other Western Australia" and "Other Northern Territory".

Related publications

12. Users may also wish to refer to the following interstate freight movement publication which is available on request:

Interstate Freight Movement, Australia, 1991-92 (9212.0)

13. 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.

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r	figure or series revised since previous issue.
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