

## Explanatory Notes

The figures in the tables were obtained from forms sent to all private hospitals in Australia. Two collection forms were used to collect the data: Form PHE1 for private acute and psychiatric hospitals and Form PHE2 for free-standing day hospital facilities. A copy of the relevant collection form is provided with the tables. The form contains definitions which may help you with the interpretation of the data in the tables.

Please note that in each table title, a reference to the relevant question number on the collection form is given in brackets.

The associated publication, Private Hospitals, Australia, 1998-99 (Catalogue Number 4390.0), was released in June 2000. It contains less detailed data and can be obtained by contacting any ABS office. The price is \$18.50.

Please contact Keith Carter (1800 806 415) if you would like to find out more about the tables provided herewith or the associated publication.

In order to maintain confidentiality, it has been necessary to suppress one dimension of some tables. Thus either the State dissection or another component has been omitted.

### Symbols used

n.a	not available
n.p.	confidential- not available for release
—	nil or rounded to zero

Private Health Establishments Collection, Unpublished tables, 1998-99  
 Series 1- Private acute and psychiatric hospitals for States and Australia  
 State dissection provided is: NSW and ACT combined, Vic., Qld, SA and NT combined,  
 WA, Tas.)

Table	Details
1	Patient accommodation classification (hospitals, separations, days), for States and Australia
2	Surgical and obstetric procedures performed during the year (no. of procedures and no. of hospitals), for States and Australia
3	Specialised services (special care units) (no. of hospitals, beds, patients, days), for States and Australia
4	Specialised services (other) (no. of hospitals, beds, patients, days), for Australia only.
5	Accident/emergency treatment during the year (no. of hospitals, patients, days), for States and Australia Australia.
7	Nursing staff turnover (no. of hospitals by percentage turnover, for States. For Australia only, this is further split by hospital size, based on no. of nurses employed.)
8	Teaching of medical, nursing and allied health staff (no. of hospitals teaching, no. with affiliated teaching status, no. of teachers for States and Australia.)
9	Operating theatres in last week of the year (no. of hospitals, theatres, sessions, hours and staff, for States and Australia. For Australia only, this is further split by hospital size, based on no. of theatres in the hospital.)
10	Day surgery theatres in last week of the year (no. of hospitals, theatres, sessions, hours and staff, for States and Australia. For Australia only, this is further split by hospital size, based on no. of theatres in the hospital.)
11	Labour wards (no. of hospitals, wards, and staff, for States and Australia. For Australia only, this is further split by hospital size, based on no. of wards in the hospital.)
12	Psychiatric wards or units (no. of hospitals, beds and staff, for NSW, Vic., Balance and Australia.)
13	Separate intensive care and coronary care units (no. of hospitals and beds in units, for States and Australia. For Australia only, no. of staff also shown and a further split by hospital size, based on no. of units in the hospital.)
14	Combined intensive/coronary care units (no. of hospitals and beds in units, for States and Australia. For Australia only, no. of staff also shown and a further split by hospital size, based on no. of units in the hospital.)
15	Neonatal intensive care unit (no. of hospitals and beds in units, for States and Australia. For Australia only, no. of staff also shown and a further split by hospital size, based on no. of units in the hospital.)
16	High dependency units (no. of hospitals and beds in units, for States and Australia. For Australia only, no. of staff also shown and a further split by hospital size, based on no. of units in the hospital.)
17	Accident/emergency or casualty units (no. of hospitals, beds in units, and staff, for Australia only.
18	Recurrent expenditure (expenditure items, showing total cost and average cost per occupied bed, separation and patient day, for States and Australia.)
19	Period contract services (type of service, showing no. of hospitals fully, partly or not contracted, and total cost, for Australia only.)
20	Capital expenditure (capital items, showing no. of hospitals and gross expenditure, for States and Australia.)
21	Accommodation status (no. of hospitals, separations, patient days and average length of stay for Australia only.)
22	Compensation status (no. of hospitals, separations, patient days and average length of stay for States and Australia.)
23	Patient separations by age and sex (10-year age groups for States and Australia.)

- 24 Principal diagnosis (no. of hospitals and separations, for States and Australia.)
- 25 Principal procedures (no. of hospitals and separations, for States and Australia.)
- 26 External causes (no. of hospitals and separations, for Australia only).
- 27 Place of occurrence of external cause (no. of hospitals and separations, for Australia only).
- 28 Self-paying / other patients (no. of separations and days, for States and Australia.)
- 29 Consumer related issues (no. of hospitals complying with 5 different indicators, for States and Australia.)

TABLE 1 - PATIENT ACCOMODATION CLASSIFICATION 1998-99 (Q9)

Patient classification	Hospitals No.	Separations (‘000)	Patient days (‘000)	Average length of stay (days) No.
NSW and ACT				
Same-day patients	82	221.2	221.2	1.0
Overnight-stay patients				
Advanced surgery	66	45.2	280.4	6.2
Surgery	67	91.1	284.2	3.1
Obstetrics	28	18.5	103.7	5.6
Psychiatric	12	6.6	125.7	19.2
Rehabilitation	16	5.7	104.6	18.5
Nursing home type	9	0.1	3.9	47.1
Medical and other	80	79.0	510.5	6.5
All overnight-stay patients	90	246.1	1412.9	5.7
Total	90	467.3	1634.0	3.5
Vic.				
Same-day patients	83	240.7	240.7	1.0
Overnight-stay patients				
Advanced surgery	59	33.1	229.1	6.9
Surgery	63	83.2	289.2	3.5
Obstetrics	33	16.1	93.4	5.8
Psychiatric	10	6.1	94.3	15.5
Rehabilitation	15	7.9	146.1	18.6
Nursing home type	20	0.1	21.7	203.1
Medical and other	82	92.8	588.1	6.3
All overnight-stay patients	93	239.3	1462.0	6.1
Total	95	480.0	1702.6	3.6
Qld				
Same-day patients	48	155.4	155.4	1.0
Overnight-stay patients				
Advanced surgery	36	23.8	185.3	7.8
Surgery	37	56.8	202.7	3.6
Obstetrics	21	12.8	72.7	5.7
Psychiatric	9	4.6	84.3	18.2
Rehabilitation	5	1.2	27.7	23.1
Nursing home type	17	0.8	83.9	103.9
Medical and other	50	85.4	524.9	6.2
All overnight-stay patients	52	185.4	1181.5	6.4
Total	52	340.8	1336.9	3.9

TABLE 1 - PATIENT ACCOMODATION CLASSIFICATION 1998-99 (Q9) (continued)

Patient classification	Hospitals No.	Separations (‘000)	Patient days (‘000)	Av. length of stay (days) No.
<b>SA and NT</b>				
Same-day patients	36	64.0	64.0	1.0
Overnight-stay patients				
Advanced surgery	26	12.6	83.3	6.6
Surgery	28	32.3	102.0	3.2
Obstetrics	16	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Psychiatric	3	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Rehabilitation	2	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Nursing home type	6	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Medical and other	34	31.7	194.2	6.1
All overnight-stay patients	38	84.8	479.8	5.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>148.9</b>	<b>543.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>
<b>W.A.</b>				
Same-day patients	26	88.1	88.1	1.0
Overnight-stay patients				
Advanced surgery	18	13.4	88.1	6.6
Surgery	22	42.7	137.8	3.2
Obstetrics	13	8.8	53.0	6.0
Psychiatric	7	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Rehabilitation	2	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Nursing home type	3	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Medical and other	25	36.9	217.8	5.9
All overnight-stay patients	28	104.8	546.1	5.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>192.9</b>	<b>634.2</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>Tas.</b>				
Same-day patients	9	22.2	22.2	1.0
Overnight-stay patients				
Advanced surgery	7	3.8	28.0	7.4
Surgery	7	10.0	36.7	3.7
Obstetrics	3	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Psychiatric	1	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Rehabilitation	1	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Nursing home type	1	—	n.p.	n.p.
Medical and other	8	15.5	81.8	5.3
All overnight-stay patients	9	32.3	167.0	5.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>54.4</b>	<b>189.2</b>	<b>3.5</b>

TABLE 1 - PATIENT ACCOMODATION CLASSIFICATION 1998-99 (Q9) (continued)

Patient classification	Hospitals No.	Separations ( <sup>'000</sup> )	Patient days ( <sup>'000</sup> )	Av. length of stay (days) No.
Australia				
Same-day patients	284	791.5	791.5	1.0
Overnight-stay patients				
Advanced surgery	212	131.9	894.2	6.8
Surgery	224	316.0	1052.6	3.3
Obstetrics	114	63.5	360.7	5.7
Psychiatric	42	22.5	388.4	17.3
Rehabilitation	41	16.2	305.5	18.9
Nursing home type	56	1.3	130.5	99.5
Medical and other	279	341.3	2117.3	6.2
All overnight-stay patients	310	892.7	5249.2	5.9
Total	312	1684.2	6040.7	3.6

TABLE 2 - SURGICAL AND OBSTETRIC PROCEDURES PERFORMED  
DURING THE YEAR 1998-99 (Q10)

	Number of procedures	Number of hospitals reporting
NSW and ACT		
Procedures		
Advanced surgery	54833	67
Surgery	203404	68
Minor surgery	100139	55
Other Surgery (a)	21970	30
Obstetrics	18321	28
Total	398667	68
Vic.		
Procedures		
Advanced surgery	46746	59
Surgery	181685	65
Minor surgery	94453	50
Other Surgery (a)	1905	22
Obstetrics	16105	33
Total	340894	67
Qld		
Procedures		
Advanced surgery	35734	36
Surgery	139081	37
Minor surgery	99516	32
Other Surgery (a)	4088	13
Obstetrics	13510	21
Total	291929	40
SA and NT		
Procedures		
Advanced surgery	21147	26
Surgery	59654	28
Minor surgery	n.p.	25
Other Surgery (a)	n.p.	9
Obstetrics	5167	16
Total	117955	29

TABLE 2 - SURGICAL AND OBSTETRIC PROCEDURES PERFORMED  
DURING THE YEAR 1998-99 (Q10) (continued)

	Number of procedures	Number of hospitals reporting
W.A.		
Procedures		
Advanced surgery	16371	19
Surgery	91438	22
Minor surgery	16516	15
Other Surgery (a)	2184	5
Obstetrics	8403	13
Total	134912	22
Tas.		
Procedures		
Advanced surgery	6543	7
Surgery	24931	7
Minor surgery	n.p.	7
Other Surgery (a)	n.p.	2
Obstetrics	2458	3
Total	49228	7
Australia		
Procedures		
Advanced surgery	181374	214
Surgery	700193	227
Minor surgery	355130	184
Other Surgery (a)	32924	81
Obstetrics	63964	114
Total	1333585	233

(a) Not covered by Medicare.



TABLE 3 - SPECIALISED SERVICES (SPECIAL CARE UNITS) 1998-99 (Q12)

	Number of hospitals	Average number of beds	Number of occurrences	Number of patient days	Average length of stay (days)
NSW and ACT					
Neonatal ICU					
Level 11	18	94	3147	15649	5
Level 111	—	—	—	—	—
Separate ICU and separate CCU	14	150	7297	24469	3.4
Combined ICU/CCU	11	89	5561	14247	2.6
High dependency unit	19	75	3045	8350	2.7
Vic.					
Neonatal ICU					
Level 11	19	103	2636	15458	5.9
Level 111	1	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Separate ICU and separate CCU	8	163	13040	36326	2.8
Combined ICU/CCU	7	68	3888	14374	3.7
High dependency unit	33	159	9605	33248	3.5
Qld					
Neonatal ICU					
Level 11	16	67	929	11847	12.8
Level 111	1	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Separate ICU and separate CCU	7	71	1591	6577	4.1
Combined ICU/CCU	9	79	5545	15658	2.8
High dependency unit	10	41	1323	6115	4.6
SA and NT					
Neonatal ICU					
Level 11	5	n.p.	693	4618	6.7
Level 111	—	—	—	—	—
Separate ICU and separate CCU	7	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Combined ICU/CCU	1	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
High dependency unit	11	55	3674	8449	2.3

TABLE 3 - SPECIALISED SERVICES (SPECIAL CARE UNITS) 1998-99 (Q12) (continued)

	Number of hospitals	Average number of beds	Number of occurrences	Number of patient days	Average length of stay (days)
WA					
Neonatal ICU					
Level 11	7	42	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Level 111	—	—	—	—	—
Separate ICU and separate CCU	2	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Combined ICU/CCU	3	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
High dependency unit	3	10	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Tas.					
Neonatal ICU					
Level 11	2	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Level 111	—	—	—	—	—
Separate ICU and separate CCU	—	—	—	—	—
Combined ICU/CCU	3	23	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
High dependency unit	5	22	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Australia					
Neonatal ICU					
Level 11	67	352	9451	55229	5.8
Level 111	2	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Separate ICU and separate CCU	38	497	29544	89507	3
Combined ICU/CCU	34	296	19162	58458	3.1
High dependency unit	81	362	18565	59015	3.2

TABLE 4 - SPECIALISED SERVICES (OTHER) 1998-99 (Q13)

	No. of hospitals	No. of occurrences	No. of patient days	Av. length of stay
Australia (a)				
Services				
Obstetric/maternity service	97	76314	397791	5.2
Specialist paediatric service	22	22506	47940	2.1
Cardiac surgery unit	17	18276	79691	4.4
Neurological unit	8	9447	30653	3.2
Acute spinal cord injury unit	—	—	—	—
Burns unit	—	—	—	—
Major plastic/reconstructive surgery unit	3	5014	n.p.	n.p.
Bone marrow transplant units	1	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Other transplant units	—	—	—	—
Acute renal dialysis unit	4	12936	12936	1
Maintenance renal dialysis centre	13	33603	33627	1
Infectious diseases unit	—	—	—	—
Psychiatric unit/ward (a)	42	67489	426440	6.3
Oncology unit	48	68412	122917	1.8
Rehabilitation unit (a)	36	19725	284565	14.4
IVF unit	6	3775	3775	1
Comprehensive epilepsy unit	2	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Clinical genetics unit	—	—	—	—
Sleep centre	41	11176	11313	1
AIDS unit	—	—	—	—
Diabetes unit	—	—	—	—
Alcohol and drug unit	10	4192	33105	7.9
Nursing home care unit (b)	6	42	14966	356.3
Geriatric assessment unit	4	n.p.	—	—
Domiciliary care service	13	19411	—	—
Hospice/palliative care unit	11	3638	37888	10.4
Dedicated day surgery unit	108	344750	344750	1
Other specialised services	12	8966	15464	1.7

(a) Dissection by States not available because of confidentiality constraints.

TABLE 5 - ACCIDENT/EMERGENCY TREATMENT DURING THE YEAR 1998-99 (Q14)

NSW and ACT	
Number of hospitals treating A&E cases	9
Number of hospitals with a formal A&E unit	6
Total A&E Patients treated	78678
Number of those who were admitted	20884
Total patient days for these admitted patients	102619
Vic.	
Number of hospitals treating A&E cases	23
Number of hospitals with a formal A&E unit	16
Total A&E Patients treated	131023
Number of those who were admitted	23143
Total patient days for these admitted patients	127450
Qld	
Number of hospitals treating A&E cases	17
Number of hospitals with a formal A&E unit	11
Total A&E Patients treated	106626
Number of those who were admitted	29860
Total patient days for these admitted patients	191780
SA and NT	
Number of hospitals treating A&E cases	10
Number of hospitals with a formal A&E unit	4
Total A&E Patients treated	34006
Number of those who were admitted	12608
Total patient days for these admitted patients	73952
WA	
Number of hospitals treating A&E cases	6
Number of hospitals with a formal A&E unit	3
Total A&E Patients treated	85832
Number of those who were admitted	n.p.
Total patient days for these admitted patients	n.p.

TABLE 5 - ACCIDENT/EMERGENCY TREATMENT DURING THE YEAR 1998-99 (Q14)  
(continued)

Tas.	
Number of hospitals treating A&E cases	5
Number of hospitals with a formal A&E unit	5
Total A&E Patients treated	50804
Number of those who were admitted	n.p.
Total patient days for these admitted patients	n.p.
Australia	
Number of hospitals treating A&E cases	70
Number of hospitals with a formal A&E unit	45
Total A&E Patients treated	486969
Number of those who were admitted	110281
Total patient days for these admitted patients	610189

TABLE 6 - FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) STAFF 1998-99 (Q17)

Staff category	Number of hospitals	FTE staff Average for year	Av. FTE staff per occupied bed
NSW and ACT			
Salaried medical officer	49	236	0.1
Nursing administrator	88	301	0.1
Nurse educator	39	82	0.0
Other registered nurse	88	5965	1.3
Enrolled nurse	78	942	0.2
Student and trainee/pupil nurses	3	n.p.	n.p.
Other nursing staff	44	200	0.1
Orderlies, porters	49	341	0.1
Diag. health professionals	53	449	0.1
Admin. & clerical	88	1442	0.3
Catering & kitchen	82	1069	0.2
Domestic	81	875	0.2
Engineering and maintenance	76	180	0.0
Other staff	18	n.p.	n.p.
Total	90	12287	2.7
Vic.			
Salaried medical officer	30	160	0.0
Nursing administrator	85	278	0.1
Nurse educator	26	48	0.0
Other registered nurse	94	6172	1.3
Enrolled nurse	69	375	0.1
Student and trainee/pupil nurses	2	n.p.	n.p.
Other nursing staff	22	104	0.0
Orderlies, porters	48	375	0.1
Diag. health professionals	52	590	0.1
Admin. & clerical	94	1606	0.3
Catering & kitchen	80	1100	0.2
Domestic	78	841	0.2
Engineering and maintenance	76	188	0.0
Other staff	17	n.p.	n.p.
Total	94	11933	2.6

TABLE 6 - FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) STAFF 1998-99 (Q17) (continued)

Staff category	Number of hospitals	FTE staff Average for year	Av. FTE staff per occupied bed
Qld			
Salaried medical officer	20	152	0.0
Nursing administrator	48	208	0.1
Nurse educator	25	37	0.0
Other registered nurse	52	4367	1.2
Enrolled nurse	45	634	0.2
Student and trainee/pupil nurses	2	n.p.	n.p.
Other nursing staff	24	142	0.0
Orderlies, porters	31	336	0.1
Diag. health professionals	18	113	0.0
Admin. & clerical	50	1220	0.3
Catering & kitchen	46	835	0.2
Domestic	46	667	0.2
Engineering and maintenance	43	177	0.1
Other staff	17	n.p.	n.p.
Total	52	9000	2.5
SA and NT			
Salaried medical officer	7	55	0.0
Nursing administrator	35	110	0.1
Nurse educator	11	n.p.	n.p.
Other registered nurse	38	1741	1.2
Enrolled nurse	29	296	0.2
Student and trainee/pupil nurses	—	—	—
Other nursing staff	10	62	0.0
Orderlies, porters	9	32	0.0
Diag. health professionals	12	n.p.	n.p.
Admin. & clerical	38	465	0.3
Catering & kitchen	36	358	0.2
Domestic	33	200	0.1
Engineering and maintenance	31	64	0.0
Other staff	12	24	0.0
Total	38	3441	2.3

TABLE 6 - FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) STAFF 1998-99 (Q19) (continued)

Staff category	Number of hospitals	FTE staff Average for year	Av. FTE staff per occupied bed
WA			
Salaried medical officer	12	73	0.0
Nursing administrator	26	85	0.1
Nurse educator	13	27	0.0
Other registered nurse	28	2248	1.3
Enrolled nurse	26	250	0.1
Student and trainee/pupil nurses	—	—	—
Other nursing staff	7	65	0.0
Orderlies, porters	19	289	0.2
Diag. health professionals	19	148	0.1
Admin. & clerical	28	783	0.5
Catering & kitchen	23	411	0.2
Domestic	25	390	0.2
Engineering and maintenance	20	110	0.1
Other staff	10	47	0.0
Total	28	4926	2.8
Tas.			
Salaried medical officer	7	64	0.1
Nursing administrator	8	35	0.1
Nurse educator	3	n.p.	n.p.
Other registered nurse	9	694	1.3
Enrolled nurse	7	84	0.2
Student and trainee/pupil nurses	—	—	—
Other nursing staff	4	29	0.1
Orderlies, porters	6	58	0.1
Diag. health professionals	5	n.p.	n.p.
Admin. & clerical	9	171	0.3
Catering & kitchen	8	126	0.2
Domestic	8	110	0.2
Engineering and maintenance	8	28	0.1
Other staff	2	n.p.	n.p.
Total	9	1467	2.8



TABLE 6 - FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) STAFF 1998-99 (Q17) (continued)

Staff category	Number of hospitals	FTE staff Average for year	Av. FTE staff per occupied bed
Australia			
Salaried medical officer	125	740	0.1
Nursing administrator	290	1017	0.1
Nurse educator	117	207	0.0
Other registered nurse	309	21187	1.3
Enrolled nurse	254	2582	0.2
Student and trainee/pupil nurses	7	71	—
Other nursing staff	111	602	0.0
Orderlies, porters	162	1430	0.1
Diag. health professionals	159	1385	0.1
Admin. & clerical	307	5687	0.3
Catering & kitchen	275	3899	0.2
Domestic	271	3083	0.2
Engineering and maintenance	254	747	0.1
Other staff	76	413	0.0
Total	311	43053	2.6

TABLE 7 - NURSING STAFF TURNOVER (REGISTERED AND ENROLLED NURSES) 1998-99 (Q18)

Per cent turnover	Number of hospitals with nurses numbering				Total
	less than 10	10-19	20-49	50 +	
NSW and ACT					
Nil	—	—	—	—	7
0.01-9.99	—	—	—	—	32
10.00-19.99	—	—	—	—	16
20.00+	—	—	—	—	23
Not stated	—	—	—	—	12
Total	8	9	29	44	90
Vic.					
Nil	—	—	—	—	12
0.01-9.99	—	—	—	—	30
10.00-19.99	—	—	—	—	19
20.00+	—	—	—	—	15
Not stated	—	—	—	—	19
Total	17	16	31	31	95
Qld					
Nil	—	—	—	—	7
0.01-9.99	—	—	—	—	14
10.00-19.99	—	—	—	—	11
20.00+	—	—	—	—	16
Not stated	—	—	—	—	4
Total	8	5	13	26	52
SA and NT					
Nil	—	—	—	—	5
0.01-9.99	—	—	—	—	9
10.00-19.99	—	—	—	—	11
20.00+	—	—	—	—	5
Not stated	—	—	—	—	8
Total	9	8	9	12	38
WA					
Nil	—	—	—	—	2
0.01-9.99	—	—	—	—	7
10.00-19.99	—	—	—	—	3
20.00+	—	—	—	—	12
Not stated	—	—	—	—	4
Total	1	7	9	11	28

TABLE 7 - NURSING STAFF TURNOVER (REGISTERED AND ENROLLED NURSES) 1998-99 (Q18)  
(continued)

Per cent turnover	Number of hospitals with nurses numbering				Total
	less than 10	10-19	20-49	50 +	
Tas.					
Nil	—	—	—	—	—
0.01-9.99	—	—	—	—	6
10.00-19.99	—	—	—	—	—
20.00+	—	—	—	—	2
Not stated	—	—	—	—	1
Total	—	2	—	7	9
Australia					
Nil	15	9	6	3	33
0.01-9.99	6	12	31	49	98
10.00-19.99	1	7	22	30	60
20.00+	6	12	22	33	73
Not stated	15	7	10	16	48
Total	43	47	91	131	312

NOTE: To maintain confidentiality, turnover by State is not further dissected by hospital size.

TABLE 8 - TEACHING 1998-99 (Q19)

NSW and ACT	
Number of hospitals teaching -	
Medical staff/undergrads.	19
Nursing staff/trainees	47
Allied health professionals	14
Number of hospitals with affiliated teaching status	21
FTE nursing staff providing nurse education	77
Number of hospitals reporting such staff	51
Vic.	
Number of hospitals teaching -	
Medical staff/undergrads.	12
Nursing staff/trainees	38
Allied health professionals	10
Number of hospitals with affiliated teaching status	12
FTE nursing staff providing nurse education	43
Number of hospitals reporting such staff	33
Qld	
Number of hospitals teaching -	
Medical staff/undergrads.	8
Nursing staff/trainees	24
Allied health professionals	6
Number of hospitals with affiliated teaching status	10
FTE nursing staff providing nurse education	40
Number of hospitals reporting such staff	23
SA and NT	
Number of hospitals teaching -	
Medical staff/undergrads.	6
Nursing staff/trainees	10
Allied health professionals	3
Number of hospitals with affiliated teaching status	8
FTE nursing staff providing nurse education	9
Number of hospitals reporting such staff	8

TABLE 8 - TEACHING 1998-99 (Q19) (continued)

WA	
Number of hospitals teaching -	
Medical staff/undergrads.	7
Nursing staff/trainees	20
Allied health professionals	9
Number of hospitals with affiliated teaching status	5
FTE nursing staff providing nurse education	22
Number of hospitals reporting such staff	13
Tas.	
Number of hospitals teaching -	
Medical staff/undergrads.	5
Nursing staff/trainees	4
Allied health professionals	1
Number of hospitals with affiliated teaching status	4
FTE nursing staff providing nurse education	5
Number of hospitals reporting such staff	3
Australia	
Number of hospitals teaching -	
Medical staff/undergrads.	57
Nursing staff/trainees	143
Allied health professionals	43
Number of hospitals with affiliated teaching status	60
FTE nursing staff providing nurse education	196
Number of hospitals reporting such staff	131

TABLE 9 - OPERATING THEATRES IN LAST WEEK OF 1998-99 (Q20)

	Hospitals with theatres numbering			Total
	1	2-3	4+	
NSW and ACT				
Number of hospitals	—	—	—	66
Number of theatres	—	—	—	242
Number Sessions/Week				
Total	—	—	—	2012
Average/theatre	—	—	—	8
Hours used/week				
Total	—	—	—	6461
Average/theatre	—	—	—	27
FTE staff(numbers)				
Reg. nurses with post-grad	—	—	—	431
Other reg. nurses	—	—	—	659
Non-reg. nurses	—	—	—	266
Vic.				
Number of hospitals	—	—	—	59
Number of theatres	—	—	—	189
Number Sessions/Week				
Total	—	—	—	1393
Average/theatre	—	—	—	7
Hours used/week				
Total	—	—	—	4811
Average/theatre	—	—	—	26
FTE staff(numbers)				
Reg. nurses with post-grad	—	—	—	466
Other reg. nurses	—	—	—	548
Non-reg. nurses	—	—	—	71
Qld				
Number of hospitals	—	—	—	37
Number of theatres	—	—	—	150
Number Sessions/Week				
Total	—	—	—	1119
Average/theatre	—	—	—	8
Hours used/week				
Total	—	—	—	3413
Average/theatre	—	—	—	23
FTE staff(numbers)				
Reg. nurses with post-grad	—	—	—	199
Other reg. nurses	—	—	—	511
Non-reg. nurses	—	—	—	154

TABLE 9 - OPERATING THEATRES IN LAST WEEK OF 1998-99 (Q20) (continued)

	Hospitals with theatres numbering			Total
	1	2-3	4+	
<b>SA and NT</b>				
Number of hospitals	—	—	—	20
Number of theatres	—	—	—	77
Number Sessions/Week				
Total	—	—	—	570
Average/theatre	—	—	—	7
Hours used/week				
Total	—	—	—	1561
Average/theatre	—	—	—	20
FTE staff(numbers)				
Reg. nurses with post-grad	—	—	—	90
Other reg. nurses	—	—	—	148
Non-reg. nurses	—	—	—	76
<b>WA</b>				
Number of hospitals	—	—	—	21
Number of theatres	—	—	—	91
Number Sessions/Week				
Total	—	—	—	659
Average/theatre	—	—	—	7
Hours used/week				
Total	—	—	—	2427
Average/theatre	—	—	—	27
FTE staff(numbers)				
Reg. nurses with post-grad	—	—	—	69
Other reg. nurses	—	—	—	285
Non-reg. nurses	—	—	—	62
<b>Tas.</b>				
Number of hospitals	—	—	—	7
Number of theatres	—	—	—	25
Number Sessions/Week				
Total	—	—	—	129
Average/theatre	—	—	—	5
Hours used/week				
Total	—	—	—	455
Average/theatre	—	—	—	18
FTE staff(numbers)				
Reg. nurses with post-grad	—	—	—	39
Other reg. nurses	—	—	—	84
Non-reg. nurses	—	—	—	7

TABLE 9 - OPERATING THEATRES IN LAST WEEK OF 1998-99 (Q20) (continued)

	Hospitals with theatres numbering			Total
	1	2-3	4+	
<b>Australia</b>				
Number of hospitals	15	113	82	210
Number of theatres	15	272	487	774
Number Sessions/Week				
Total	64	1885	3933	5882
Average/theatre	4	7	8	8
Hours used/week				
Total	176	5765	13186	19128
Average/theatre	12	21	27	25
FTE staff(numbers)				
Reg. nurses with post-grad	18	333	943	1294
Other reg. nurses	16	710	1509	2235
Non-reg. nurses	6	209	420	635

Note: To maintain confidentiality, further dissection by number of theatres is provided for Australia only.



TABLE 10 - DAY SURGERY THEATRES IN LAST WEEK OF 1998-99 (Q20)

	Hospitals with theatres numbering			Total
	1	2-3	4+	
NSW and ACT				
Number of hospitals	—	—	—	23
Number of theatres	—	—	—	32
Number Sessions/Week				
Total	—	—	—	192
Average/theatre	—	—	—	6
Hours used/week				
Total	—	—	—	650
Average/theatre	—	—	—	20
FTE staff(numbers)				
Reg. nurses with post/grad. theatre quals.	—	—	—	19
Other reg. nurses	—	—	—	72
Non-reg. nurses	—	—	—	12
Vic.				
Number of hospitals	—	—	—	32
Number of theatres	—	—	—	58
Number Sessions/Week				
Total	—	—	—	331
Average/theatre	—	—	—	6
Hours used/week				
Total	—	—	—	1026
Average/theatre	—	—	—	18
FTE staff(numbers)				
Reg. nurses with post/grad. theatre quals.	—	—	—	78
Other reg. nurses	—	—	—	95
Non-reg. nurses	—	—	—	12
Qld				
Number of hospitals	—	—	—	24
Number of theatres	—	—	—	41
Number Sessions/Week				
Total	—	—	—	240
Average/theatre	—	—	—	6
Hours used/week				
Total	—	—	—	490
Average/theatre	—	—	—	12
FTE staff(numbers)				
Reg. nurses with post/grad. theatre quals.	—	—	—	24
Other reg. nurses	—	—	—	95
Non-reg. nurses	—	—	—	23

TABLE 10 - DAY SURGERY THEATRES IN LAST WEEK OF 1998-99 (Q20) (continued)

	Hospitals with theatres numbering			
	1	2-3	4+	
SA and NT				
Number of hospitals	—	—	—	9
Number of theatres	—	—	—	14
Number Sessions/Week				
Total	—	—	—	77
Average/theatre	—	—	—	6
Hours used/week				
Total	—	—	—	140
Average/theatre	—	—	—	10
FTE staff(numbers)				
Reg. nurses with post/grad. theatre quals.	—	—	—	n.p.
Other reg. nurses	—	—	—	17
Non-reg. nurses	—	—	—	n.p.
WA				
Number of hospitals	—	—	—	11
Number of theatres	—	—	—	23
Number Sessions/Week				
Total	—	—	—	115
Average/theatre	—	—	—	5
Hours used/week				
Total	—	—	—	417
Average/theatre	—	—	—	18
FTE staff(numbers)				
Reg. nurses with post/grad. theatre quals.	—	—	—	n.p.
Other reg. nurses	—	—	—	53
Non-reg. nurses	—	—	—	n.p.
Tas.				
Number of hospitals	—	—	—	5
Number of theatres	—	—	—	6
Number Sessions/Week				
Total	—	—	—	30
Average/theatre	—	—	—	5
Hours used/week				
Total	—	—	—	71
Average/theatre	—	—	—	12
FTE staff(numbers)				
Reg. nurses with post/grad. theatre quals.	—	—	—	—
Other reg. nurses	—	—	—	15
Non-reg. nurses	—	—	—	—

TABLE 10 - DAY SURGERY THEATRES IN LAST WEEK OF 1998-99 (Q20) (continued)

	Hospitals with theatres numbering			
	1	2-3	4+	
<b>Australia</b>				
Number of hospitals	276	28	8	104
Number of theatres	68	66	40	174
Number Sessions/Week				
Total	349	381	255	985
Average/theatre	5	6	6	6
Hours used/week				
Total	903	872	1018	2794
Average/theatre	13	13	26	16
FTE staff(numbers)				
Reg. nurses with post/grad. theatre quals.	16	57	58	130
Other reg. nurses	100	135	111	346
Non-reg. nurses	23	20	15	58

Note: To maintain confidentiality, further dissection by number of Theatres is provided for Australia only.

TABLE 11 - LABOUR WARDS 1998-99 (Q21)

	Labour wards with beds numbering			Total
	1-2 beds	3-4 beds	5+ beds	
NSW and ACT				
Number of hospitals with labour wards	—	—	—	22
Number of beds in labour wards	—	—	—	89
Labour ward staff (FTE at end of year)				
Reg. nurses with post-graduate midwifery qualifications	—	—	—	328
Other registered and non-registered nurses	—	—	—	61
Vic.				
Number of hospitals with labour wards	—	—	—	29
Number of beds in labour wards	—	—	—	119
Labour ward staff (FTE at end of year)				
Reg. nurses with post-graduate midwifery qualifications	—	—	—	319
Other registered and non-registered nurses	—	—	—	n.p.
Qld				
Number of hospitals with labour wards	—	—	—	21
Number of beds in labour wards	—	—	—	64
Labour ward staff (FTE at end of year)				
Reg. nurses with post-graduate midwifery qualifications	—	—	—	164
Other registered and non-registered nurses	—	—	—	n.p.
SA and NT				
Number of hospitals with labour wards	—	—	—	13
Number of beds in labour wards	—	—	—	38
Labour ward staff (FTE at end of year)				
Reg. nurses with post-graduate midwifery qualifications	—	—	—	n.p.
Other registered and non-registered nurses	—	—	—	n.p.
WA				
Number of hospitals with labour wards	—	—	—	13
Number of beds in labour wards	—	—	—	55
Labour ward staff (FTE at end of year)				
Reg. nurses with post-graduate midwifery qualifications	—	—	—	150
Other registered and non-registered nurses	—	—	—	9

TABLE 11 - LABOUR WARDS 1998-99 (Q21) (continued)

	Labour wards with beds numbering			
	1-2 beds	3-4 beds	5+ beds	
Tas.				
Number of hospitals with labour wards	—	—	—	3
Number of beds in labour wards	—	—	—	15
Labour ward staff (FTE at end of year)				
Reg. nurses with post-graduate midwifery qualifications	—	—	—	n.p.
Other registered and non-registered nurses	—	—	—	n.p.
Australia				
Number of hospitals with labour wards	29	48	24	101
Number of beds in labour wards	51	168	161	380
Labour ward staff (FTE at end of year)				
Reg. nurses with post-graduate midwifery qualifications	104	509	469	1082
Other registered and non-registered nurses	20	60	55	135

NOTE: The further dissection of States by hospitals according to number of labour wards is suppressed to maintain confidentiality.

TABLE 12- PSYCHIATRIC WARDS OR UNITS 1998-99 (Q22)

	NSW	Vic.	Balance	Australia
Hospitals with psychiatric ward or units	12	10	20	42
Beds	506	418	718	1642
FTE Staff				
Registered nurses with appropriate postgraduate qualifications	132	112	224	467
Other registered nurses	n.p.	n.p.	150	445
Non-registered nurses	23	41	48	111
Occupational therapists	17	11	20	48
Social workers	4	6	9	19
Psychologists	22	13	24	59
Other	n.p.	n.p.	8	33
Total	387	314	483	1183

TABLE 13 - SPECIAL CARE UNITS - SEPARATE INTENSIVE CARE  
AND CORONARY CARE UNITS, 1998-99 (Q23)

	Units with beds numbering-		Total
	1-5	6+	
NSW and ACT			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	13
Number of beds in the units	—	—	147
Vic.			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	8
Number of beds in the units	—	—	163
Qld			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	7
Number of beds in the units	—	—	71
SA and NT			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	7
Number of beds in the units	—	—	n.p.
WA			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	2
Number of beds in the units	—	—	n.p.
Tas.			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	—
Number of beds in the units	—	—	—
Australia			
Number of hospitals with units	9	28	37
Number of beds in the units	34	460	494
FTE staff(numbers)			
Reg. nurses with appr. postgrad. quals	30	514	543
Other registered nurses	n.p.	n.p.	283
Non-registered nurses	—	4	4

NOTE: The further dissection of States according to the number of beds in the units is suppressed to maintain confidentiality.

TABLE14 - SPECIAL CARE UNITS - COMBINED INTENSIVE/CORONARY CARE UNITS  
1998-99 (Q23)

	Units with beds numbering-		Total
	1-5	6+	
NSW and ACT			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	11
Number of beds in units	—	—	89
Vic.			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	7
Number of beds in units	—	—	68
Qld			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	9
Number of beds in units	—	—	79
SA and NT			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	1
Number of beds in units	—	—	n.p.
WA			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	3
Number of beds in units	—	—	n.p.
Tas.			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	3
Number of beds in units	—	—	25
Australia			
Number of hospitals with units	6	28	34
Number of beds in units	25	273	298
FTE staff (numbers)			
Reg. nurses with appr. postgrad. quals.	24	309	334
Other registered nurses	27	185	212
Non-registered nurses	—	9	9

NOTE: The further dissection of States according to the number of beds in the units is suppressed to maintain confidentiality.



TABLE 15 - SPECIAL CARE UNITS - NEONATAL SPECIAL CARE UNITS 1998-99 (Q23)

	Units with beds numbering-		Total
	1-5	6+	
NSW and ACT			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	18
Number of beds in units	—	—	93
Vic.			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	19
Number of beds in units	—	—	103
Qld			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	16
Number of beds in units	—	—	67
SA and NT			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	5
Number of beds in units	—	—	n.p.
WA			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	7
Number of beds in units	—	—	42
Tas.			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	2
Number of beds in units	—	—	n.p.
Australia			
Number of hospitals with units	40	27	67
Number of beds in units	135	216	351
FTE staff(numbers)			
Reg. nurses with appr. postgrad. quals.	94	83	177
Other registered nurses	55	70	125
Non-registered nurses	n.p.	n.p.	5

NOTE: The further dissection of States according to the Number of beds in units is suppressed to maintain confidentiality.

TABLE 16 - SPECIAL CARE UNITS - HIGH DEPENDENCY UNITS 1998-99 (Q23)

	Units with beds numbering		Total
	1-5	6+	
NSW and ACT			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	18
Number of beds in units	—	—	73
Vic.			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	32
Number of beds in units	—	—	158
Qld			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	10
Number of beds in units	—	—	41
SA and NT			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	9
Number of beds in units	—	—	48
WA			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	3
Number of beds in units	—	—	10
Tas.			
Number of hospitals with units	—	—	5
Number of beds in units	—	—	22
Australia			
Number of hospitals with units	64	13	77
Number of beds in units	228	124	352
FTE staff(numbers)			
Reg. nurses with appr. postgrad. quals	103	42	145
Other registered nurses	90	53	143
Non-registered nurses	—	n.p.	n.p.

NOTE: The further dissection of States according to the Number of beds in the units is suppressed to maintain confidentiality.

TABLE 17 - ACCIDENT/EMERGENCY OR CASUALTY UNITS 1998-99 (Q24)

	Number
Australia (a)	
Accident emergency/ or casualty units	
Number of hospitals	38
Number of beds	341
FTE staff (number)	
Salaried medical staff	156.7
Registered nurses	422.3
Non-registered nurses	13.7

(a) Dissection by States not available because of confidentiality constraints.

TABLE 18 - RECURRENT EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1998-99 (Q26)

Type of expenditure	Total cost (\$'000)	Average cost \$		
		Per occupied bed	Per patient separation	Per patient day
<b>NSW AND ACT</b>				
Wages and salaries	598903.9	133780	1282	367
Drugs, med. and surg. supplies	125396.4	28010	268	77
Surgical prostheses and homograft items	64420.6	14390	138	39
Food supplies	20780.9	4642	45	13
Fuel, light & power	11257.8	2515	24	7
Other domestic services	9571.1	2190	21	6
Repairs & mtce	20982.4	4729	45	13
Patient transport	959.6	309	3	1
Administrative expenses	87203.3	19479	187	53
Interest payments	9013.7	2349	22	6
Depreciation	63453	14329	136	39
Contract services (excl. med. pracs.)	50879.5	12019	114	33
Other recurrent expenditure	3341.1	1285	12	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1066163.2</b>	<b>238154</b>	<b>2282</b>	<b>653</b>
<b>Vic.</b>				
Wages and salaries	609677.0	130703	1270	358
Drugs, med. and surg. supplies	103895.4	22273	217	61
Surgical prostheses and homograft items	40948.8	8779	85	24
Food supplies	20354.5	4410	43	12
Fuel, light & power	11413.3	2488	24	7
Other domestic services	9813.7	2208	22	6
Repairs & mtce	21331.5	4671	45	13
Patient transport	937.9	358	4	1
Administrative expenses	95135.7	20395	198	56
Interest payments	12710.6	3258	31	9
Depreciation	45828.8	10047	98	28
Contract services (excl. med. pracs.)	72484.9	15637	151	43
Other recurrent expenditure	6093.4	1920	18	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1050625.4</b>	<b>225231</b>	<b>2189</b>	<b>617</b>

TABLE 18 - RECURRENT EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1998-99 (Q26) (continued)

Type of expenditure	Total cost (\$'000)	Average cost \$		
		Per occupied bed	Per patient separation	Per patient day
Qld				
Wages and salaries	423568.7	115643	1243	317
Drugs, med. and surg. supplies	68891.2	18809	202	52
Surgical prostheses and homograft items	25956.7	7087	76	19
Food supplies	14252.8	4075	44	11
Fuel, light & power	11068.4	3022	33	8
Other domestic services	6099.9	1682	18	5
Repairs & mtce	14076.2	3843	41	11
Patient transport	23.4	29	—	—
Administrative expenses	50308.1	13735	148	38
Interest payments	8530.1	4292	44	12
Depreciation	43239.3	12417	128	34
Contract services (excl. med. pracs.)	27899.8	7716	82	21
Other recurrent expenditure	3685.9	2036	21	6
Total	697600.6	190460	2047	522
SA and NT				
Wages and salaries	162816.4	109280	1094	299
Drugs, med. and surg. supplies	29729.9	19954	200	55
Surgical prostheses and homograft items	8219.9	5517	55	15
Food supplies	6142.3	4123	41	11
Fuel, light & power	4281.2	2899	29	8
Other domestic services	1646.8	1184	12	3
Repairs & mtce	4442.8	2982	30	8
Patient transport	118.3	120	1	—
Administrative expenses	21212	14237	143	39
Interest payments	5995.9	5069	52	14
Depreciation	15356.3	10752	110	30
Contract services (excl. med. pracs.)	14749.4	9975	100	27
Other recurrent expenditure	1083.2	2720	32	8
Total	275794.4	185109	1853	507

TABLE 18 - RECURRENT EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1998-99 (Q26) (continued)

Type of expenditure	Total cost (\$'000)	Average cost \$		
		Per occupied bed	Per patient separation	Per patient day
WA				
Wages and salaries	225153.2	129581	1167	355
Drugs, med. and surg. supplies	43550.0	25232	228	69
Surgical prostheses and homograft items	12055.8	6938	63	19
Food supplies	7968.7	4595	42	13
Fuel, light & power	7932.1	4565	41	13
Other domestic services	2238.0	1587	14	4
Repairs & mtce	6108.3	3516	32	10
Patient transport	155.2	273	2	1
Administrative expenses	34234.8	19703	178	54
Interest payments	2202.7	1872	18	5
Depreciation	25477.4	15184	138	42
Contract services (excl. med. pracs.)	33127.0	19065	172	52
Other recurrent expenditure	1192.5	777	7	2
Total	401395.6	231012	2081	633
Tas.				
Wages and salaries	75329.2	145350	1384	398
Drugs, med. and surg. supplies	10030.0	19353	184	53
Surgical prostheses and homograft items	5221.5	10073	96	28
Food supplies	2279.9	4431	42	12
Fuel, light & power	2305.3	4448	42	12
Other domestic services	546.3	1260	12	4
Repairs & mtce	2004.5	3868	37	11
Patient transport	455.9	1020	10	3
Administrative expenses	9371.4	18082	172	50
Interest payments	726.4	3428	35	9
Depreciation	7519.6	14509	138	40
Contract services (excl. med. pracs.)	6049.0	11672	111	32
Other recurrent expenditure	173.0	3571	29	10
Total	122012.0	235426	2242	645

TABLE 18 - RECURRENT EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1998-99 (Q26) (continued)

Type of expenditure	Total cost (\$'000)	Average cost \$		
		Per occupied bed	Per patient separation	Per patient day
Australia				
Wages and salaries	2095448.4	126615	1244	347
Drugs, med. and surg. supplies	381492.9	23067	227	63
Surgical prostheses and homograft items	156823.2	9476	93	26
Food supplies	71779.0	4396	43	12
Fuel, light & power	48258.1	2932	29	8
Other domestic services	29915.8	1908	19	5
Repairs & mtce	68945.7	4201	41	12
Patient transport	2650.2	311	3	1
Administrative expenses	297465.2	17974	177	49
Interest payments	39179.4	3186	31	9
Depreciation	200874.4	12480	121	34
Contract services (excl. med. pracs.)	205189.7	12651	124	35
Other recurrent expenditure	15569.1	1628	16	5
Total	3613591.1	218345	2146	598

TABLE 19 - PERIOD CONTRACT SERVICES 1998-99 (Q27)

Period contract services	Cost (\$'000)
AUSTRALIA (a)	
Laundry	40183
Cleaning	12165
Waste disposal	6788
Catering	10656
Building maintenance	8221
Plant & equipment maintenance	18814
Medical & allied hth profs.	80615
Management of services	2662
Security	4146
Other	20939

(a) Dissection by States not available because of confidentiality constraints.



TABLE 20 - CAPITAL EXPENDITURE 1998-99 (Q29)

	Number of hospitals	Gross capital expenditure (\$'000)
NSW and ACT		
Categories		
Land and buildings	44	103008
Computer equipment	57	5645
Major medical equipment	41	21363
Plant and other equipment	69	26465
Intangible assets	3	n.p.
Other	21	n.p.
Total	78	166669
Vic.		
Categories		
Land and buildings	46	82010
Computer equipment	54	2759
Major medical equipment	36	11123
Plant and other equipment	60	12582
Intangible assets	5	n.p.
Other	21	n.p.
Total	74	124614
Qld		
Categories		
Land and buildings	24	110112
Computer equipment	27	1789
Major medical equipment	25	11196
Plant and other equipment	40	11977
Intangible assets	2	n.p.
Other	17	n.p.
Total	44	138066
SA and NT		
Categories		
Land and buildings	18	6103
Computer equipment	20	1291
Major medical equipment	17	3504
Plant and other equipment	22	1936
Intangible assets	—	—
Other	15	1483
Total	29	14317

TABLE 20 - CAPITAL EXPENDITURE 1998-998 (Q29) (continued)

	Number of hospitals	Gross capital expenditure (\$'000)
WA		
Categories		
Land and buildings	18	55979
Computer equipment	20	1576
Major medical equipment	15	7916
Plant and other equipment	24	9784
Intangible assets	—	—
Other	5	684
Total	24	75939
Tas.		
Categories		
Land and buildings	4	n.p.
Computer equipment	6	268
Major medical equipment	5	1267
Plant and other equipment	7	2122
Intangible assets	1	n.p.
Other	4	n.p.
Total	8	8157
Australia		
Categories		
Land and buildings	154	361395
Computer equipment	184	13327
Major medical equipment	139	56369
Plant and other equipment	222	64865
Intangible assets	11	16061
Other	83	15746
Total	257	527763

TABLE 21 - ACCOMODATION STATUS 1998-99 (Q30)

	Number of hospitals	Separations ( <sup>'000</sup> )	Patient days ( <sup>'000</sup> )	Average length of stay (days)
Australia (a)				
Eligible public patients	65	77	289	3.8
Eligible private patients	312	1362	4694	3.5
Eligible Dept. Vet. Affairs patients	270	147	800	5.4
Eligible other patients	278	92	242	2.6
Ineligible patients	77	6	17	2.8
Total	312	1684	6041	3.6

(a) Dissection by States not available because of confidentiality constraints.

TABLE 22 - COMPENSATION STATUS 1998-99 (Q31)

	Number of hospitals	Separations ( <sup>'000</sup> )	Patient days ( <sup>'000</sup> )	Average length of stay (days)
NSW and ACT				
Compensable patients	78	21	56	2.7
Non-compensable patients	90	446	1578	3.5
Total	90	467	1634	3.5
Vic.				
Compensable patients	86	21	94	4.5
Non-compensable patients	95	459	1609	3.5
Total	95	480	1703	3.6
Qld				
Compensable patients	43	10	15	1.5
Non-compensable patients	52	331	1322	4
Total	52	341	1337	3.9
SA and NT				
Compensable patients	36	8	17	2.1
Non-compensable patients	38	141	527	3.7
Total	38	149	544	3.7
WA				
Compensable patients	24	8	17	2.1
Non-compensable patients	28	185	617	3.3
Total	28	193	634	3.3
Tas.				
Compensable patients	6	2	5	2.5
Non-compensable patients	9	53	184	3.5
Total	9	54	189	3.5
Australia				
Compensable patients	273	70	204	2.9
Non-compensable patients	312	1614	5836	3.6
Total	312	1684	6041	3.6

TABLE 23 - SEPARATIONS BY AGE AND SEX 1998-99 (Q35)

Inpatient separations by sex and age (years)	Males	Females	Persons
NSW and ACT			
Less than 1	2972	1997	4969
1-4	4919	2976	7895
5-14	6641	5763	12404
15-24	12961	16076	29037
25-34	15846	38867	54713
35-44	21857	36544	58401
45-54	32784	38900	71684
55-64	33577	32362	65939
65-74	40827	36420	77247
75-84	33993	32028	66021
85+ (a)	7625	11326	18951
Total	214002	253259	467261
Vic.			
Less than 1	3082	2076	5158
1-4	3849	2465	6314
5-14	5804	4865	10669
15-24	12937	16156	29093
25-34	14709	40260	54969
35-44	21904	40138	62042
45-54	29419	40746	70165
55-64	33329	33917	67246
65-74	41202	38950	80152
75-84	34912	36483	71395
85+ (a)	8062	14694	22756
Total	209209	270750	479959
Qld			
Less than 1	2265	1412	3677
1-4	3628	2563	6191
5-14	4813	3924	8737
15-24	8168	10676	18844
25-34	8921	26567	35488
35-44	13817	24832	38649
45-54	22808	26878	49686
55-64	25390	23675	49065
65-74	31284	28319	59603
75-84	31972	24868	56840
85+ (a)	5728	8311	14039
Total	158794	182025	340819

TABLE 23 - SEPARATIONS BY AGE AND SEX, 1998-99 (Q35)

(continued)

Inpatient separations by sex and age (years)	Males	Females	Persons
SA and NT			
Less than 1	733	512	1245
1-4	1453	1062	2515
5-14	2008	1658	3666
15-24	4575	5399	9974
25-34	5284	11379	16663
35-44	7017	11805	18822
45-54	10326	13746	24072
55-64	9877	11000	20877
65-74	11833	12338	24171
75-84	7584	11942	19526
85+ (a)	2102	5212	7314
Total	62792	86053	148845
WA			
Less than 1	1932	1363	3295
1-4	2486	1595	4081
5-14	3261	2849	6110
15-24	6099	8726	14825
25-34	7531	19018	26549
35-44	9549	16702	26251
45-54	13889	16915	30804
55-64	12636	13090	25726
65-74	13940	12256	26196
75-84	12954	9826	22780
85+ (a)	2802	3451	6253
Total	87079	105791	192870
Tas.			
Less than 1	748	579	1327
1-4	573	344	917
5-14	925	787	1712
15-24	1211	2660	3871
25-34	1654	5274	6928
35-44	2449	4573	7022
45-54	3631	4689	8320
55-64	2987	3624	6611
65-74	4276	4084	8360
75-84	3545	3694	7239
85+ (a)	772	1347	2119
Total	22771	31655	54426

TABLE 23 - SEPARATIONS BY AGE AND SEX, 1998-99 (Q35)

(continued)

Inpatient separations by sex and age (years)	Males	Females	Persons
Australia			
Less than 1	11732	7939	19671
1-4	16908	11005	27913
5-14	23452	19846	43298
15-24	45951	59693	105644
25-34	53945	141365	195310
35-44	76593	134594	211187
45-54	112857	141874	254731
55-64	117796	117668	235464
65-74	143362	132367	275729
75-84	124960	118841	243801
85+ (a)	27091	44341	71432
Total	754647	929533	1684180

(a) Age was not given for a small number of patients (3971 persons for Australia as a whole).

TABLE 24 - PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS 1998-99 (a) (Q37)

Principal Diagnosis	Number of hospitals	Number of separations
NSW and ACT		
Certain infections and parasitic diseases	72	2522
Neoplasms	78	38621
Disease of the blood and blood-forming organs	70	2654
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases	79	2741
Mental and behavioural disorders	74	22614
Diseases of the nervous system	82	11652
Diseases of the eye and adnexa	68	23564
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	66	6248
Diseases of the circulatory system	76	30506
Diseases of the respiratory system	75	19480
Diseases of the digestive system	75	68810
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	73	7211
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and corrective tissue	76	53032
Diseases of the genitourinary system	74	40919
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	61	25978
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	34	2755
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	67	2802
Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings	82	18540
Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	78	19945
Factors influencing health status and contact with health services	80	66667
Total	90	467261



TABLE 24 - PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS 1998-99 (a) (Q37) (continued)

Principal Diagnosis	Number of hospitals	Number of separations
Vic.		
Certain infections and parasitic diseases	78	3059
Neoplasms	83	41113
Disease of the blood and blood-forming organs	70	4163
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases	78	3983
Mental and behavioural disorders	84	27173
Diseases of the nervous system	86	12118
Diseases of the eye and adnexa	57	15775
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	68	5755
Diseases of the circulatory system	82	34775
Diseases of the respiratory system	82	18692
Diseases of the digestive system	79	66566
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	80	7368
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and corrective tissue	82	47062
Diseases of the genitourinary system	80	38303
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	64	24891
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	28	2922
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	60	2089
Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings	85	20998
Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	83	21274
Factors influencing health status and contact with health services	88	81880
Total	95	479959

TABLE 24 - PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS 1998-99 (a) (Q37) (continued)

Principal Diagnosis	Number of hospitals	Number of separations
Qld		
Certain infections and parasitic diseases	48	4335
Neoplasms	46	32186
Disease of the blood and blood-forming organs	45	3554
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases	47	2771
Mental and behavioural disorders	49	15245
Diseases of the nervous system	46	8276
Diseases of the eye and adnexa	39	9694
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	40	3918
Diseases of the circulatory system	47	27306
Diseases of the respiratory system	47	16901
Diseases of the digestive system	47	58173
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	45	4788
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and corrective tissue	47	26327
Diseases of the genitourinary system	47	25650
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	38	17432
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	23	1373
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	37	1457
Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings	50	17179
Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	48	16218
Factors influencing health status and contact with health services	47	48036
Total	52	340819

TABLE 24 - PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS 1998-99 (a) (Q37) (continued)

Principal Diagnosis	Number of hospitals	Number of separations
SA and NT		
Certain infections and parasitic diseases	32	1416
Neoplasms	35	10964
Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs	31	1408
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases	35	1344
Mental and behavioural disorders	37	3943
Diseases of the nervous system	38	4227
Diseases of the eye and adnexa	25	4694
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	28	2625
Diseases of the circulatory system	37	10689
Diseases of the respiratory system	36	7739
Diseases of the digestive system	34	24733
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	35	2384
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and corrective tissue	37	20102
Diseases of the genitourinary system	34	10934
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	26	6950
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	13	646
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	25	759
Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings	36	6280
Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	37	8754
Factors influencing health status and contact with health services	35	18254
Total	38	148845

TABLE 24 - PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS 1998-99 (a) (Q37) (continued)

Principal Diagnosis	Number of hospitals	Number of separations
WA		
Certain infections and parasitic diseases	22	1989
Neoplasms	24	13874
Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs	22	1768
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases	22	1435
Mental and behavioural disorders	24	12083
Diseases of the nervous system	25	4611
Diseases of the eye and adnexa	21	6105
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	18	2356
Diseases of the circulatory system	24	12083
Diseases of the respiratory system	23	8571
Diseases of the digestive system	24	30552
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	23	3217
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and corrective tissue	22	23925
Diseases of the genitourinary system	24	15447
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	22	12426
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	14	n.p.
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	21	1022
Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings	24	9154
Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	23	9385
Factors influencing health status and contact with health services	26	n.p.
Total	28	192870

TABLE 24 - PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS 1998-99 (a) (Q37) (continued)

Principal Diagnosis	Number of hospitals	Number of separations
Tas.		
Certain infections and parasitic diseases	7	694
Neoplasms	7	4180
Disease of the blood and blood-forming organs	7	487
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases	7	504
Mental and behavioural disorders	8	2435
Diseases of the nervous system	7	1453
Diseases of the eye and adnexa	6	1696
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	6	610
Diseases of the circulatory system	7	4027
Diseases of the respiratory system	7	2299
Diseases of the digestive system	7	8093
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	7	948
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and corrective tissue	7	6014
Diseases of the genitourinary system	7	4717
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	7	3990
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	5	n.p.
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	7	300
Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings	8	3367
Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	7	3269
Factors influencing health status and contact with health services	8	n.p.
Total	9	54426

TABLE 24 - PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS 1998-99 (a) (Q37) (continued)

Principal Diagnosis	Number of hospitals	Number of separations
Australia		
Certain infections and parasitic diseases	259	14015
Neoplasms	273	140938
Disease of the blood and blood-forming organs	245	14034
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases	268	12778
Mental and behavioural disorders	276	83493
Diseases of the nervous system	284	42337
Diseases of the eye and adnexa	216	61528
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	226	21512
Diseases of the circulatory system	273	119386
Diseases of the respiratory system	270	73682
Diseases of the digestive system	266	256927
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	263	25916
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and corrective tissue	271	176462
Diseases of the genitourinary system	266	135970
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	218	91667
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	117	9258
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	217	8429
Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings	285	75518
Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	276	78845
Factors influencing health status and contact with health services	284	241485
Total	312	1684180

(a) From 1998-99, based on the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision - Australian Modification (ICD-10-AM).

TABLE 25 - PRINCIPAL PROCEDURES 1998-99 (a) (Q41)

	Number of hospitals	Number of separations
NSW and ACT		
Procedures on		
Nervous system	66	11741
Endocrine system	51	1293
Eye and adnexa	63	23610
Ear and mastoid process	59	5922
Nose, mouth and pharynx	66	12554
Dental services	63	13173
Procedures on		
Respiratory system	63	2551
Cardiovascular system	63	18391
Blood and blood-forming organs	60	1010
Digestive system	69	79448
Urinary system	65	31072
Male genital organs	64	9751
Gynaecological procedures	64	28954
Obstetric procedures	36	17546
Procedures on musculoskeletal system	68	55943
Dermatological and plastic procedures	70	21904
Procedures on breast	66	6752
Chemotherapeutic and radiation oncology procedures	41	12435
Miscellaneous procedures	83	29050
Imaging services	60	7169
Allied health interventions	80	27041
Total	87	417310

TABLE 25 - PRINCIPAL PROCEDURES 1998-99 (a) (Q41) (continued)

	Number of hospitals	Number of separations
Vic.		
Procedures on		
Nervous system	67	11630
Endocrine system	45	848
Eye and adnexa	56	14828
Ear and mastoid process	55	5738
Nose, mouth and pharynx	62	8936
Dental services	53	13585
Procedures on		
Respiratory system	51	3223
Cardiovascular system	61	20719
Blood and blood-forming organs	56	1537
Digestive system	70	73536
Urinary system	66	34900
Male genital organs	63	8941
Gynaecological procedures	63	30726
Obstetric procedures	45	16153
Procedures on musculoskeletal system	70	48647
Dermatological and plastic procedures	74	20580
Procedures on breast	60	6679
Chemotherapeutic and radiation oncology procedures	46	30559
Miscellaneous procedures	86	28582
Imaging services	56	10124
Allied health interventions	79	17238
Total	92	407709



TABLE 25 - PRINCIPAL PROCEDURES 1998-99 (a) (Q41) (continued)

	Number of hospitals	Number of separations
Qld		
Procedures on		
Nervous system	38	7362
Endocrine system	28	746
Eye and adnexa	34	9459
Ear and mastoid process	35	3201
Nose, mouth and pharynx	39	8974
Dental services	35	7569
Procedures on		
Respiratory system	37	3199
Cardiovascular system	38	14517
Blood and blood-forming organs	36	1180
Digestive system	40	69334
Urinary system	38	22628
Male genital organs	37	4933
Gynaecological procedures	37	14810
Obstetric procedures	33	13187
Procedures on musculoskeletal system	41	27829
Dermatological and plastic procedures	45	15419
Procedures on breast	37	3930
Chemotherapeutic and radiation oncology procedures	31	10466
Miscellaneous procedures	47	23854
Imaging services	40	10979
Allied health interventions	45	14630
Total	50	288206

TABLE 25 - PRINCIPAL PROCEDURES 1998-99 (a) (Q41) (continued)

	Number of hospitals	Number of separations
SA and NT		
Procedures on		
Nervous system	29	4182
Endocrine system	17	309
Eye and adnexa	20	5448
Ear and mastoid process	23	2752
Nose, mouth and pharynx	27	5328
Dental services	21	5239
Procedures on		
Respiratory system	22	1183
Cardiovascular system	26	5368
Blood and blood-forming organs	22	399
Digestive system	29	26444
Urinary system	29	7517
Male genital organs	26	2309
Gynaecological procedures	24	7652
Obstetric procedures	22	5530
Procedures on musculoskeletal system	31	20817
Dermatological and plastic procedures	31	5447
Procedures on breast	26	2270
Chemotherapeutic and radiation oncology procedures	15	n.p.
Miscellaneous procedures	36	n.p.
Imaging services	24	3660
Allied health interventions	33	3176
Total	38	129299

TABLE 25 - PRINCIPAL PROCEDURES 1998-99 (a) (Q41) (continued)

	Number of hospitals	Number of separations
WA		
Procedures on		
Nervous system	21	6850
Endocrine system	17	391
Eye and adnexa	18	5807
Ear and mastoid process	19	2179
Nose, mouth and pharynx	20	5080
Dental services	21	7306
Procedures on		
Respiratory system	20	1215
Cardiovascular system	20	5567
Blood and blood-forming organs	15	511
Digestive system	24	33881
Urinary system	21	9025
Male genital organs	21	3323
Gynaecological procedures	22	10050
Obstetric procedures	19	9260
Procedures on musculoskeletal system	22	23307
Dermatological and plastic procedures	23	8375
Procedures on breast	20	2807
Chemotherapeutic and radiation oncology procedures	10	n.p.
Miscellaneous procedures	25	n.p.
Imaging services	18	4475
Allied health interventions	20	4010
Total	26	159778

TABLE 25 - PRINCIPAL PROCEDURES 1998-99 (Q41) (continued)

	Number of hospitals	Number of separations
Tas.		
Procedures on		
Nervous system	7	1942
Endocrine system	7	162
Eye and adnexa	7	1862
Ear and mastoid process	7	659
Nose, mouth and pharynx	7	1012
Dental services	6	1094
Procedures on		
Respiratory system	7	328
Cardiovascular system	7	1635
Blood and blood-forming organs	7	271
Digestive system	7	9853
Urinary system	7	1971
Male genital organs	7	1217
Gynaecological procedures	7	3472
Obstetric procedures	7	2149
Procedures on musculoskeletal system	7	5871
Dermatological and plastic procedures	7	2210
Procedures on breast	7	671
Chemotherapeutic and radiation oncology procedures	4	n.p.
Miscellaneous procedures	8	n.p.
Imaging services	7	2236
Allied health interventions	6	792
Total	8	43125

TABLE 25 - PRINCIPAL PROCEDURES 1998-99 (a) (Q41) (continued)

	Number of hospitals	Number of separations
Australia		
Procedures on		
Nervous system	228	43707
Endocrine system	165	3749
Eye and adnexa	198	61014
Ear and mastoid process	198	20451
Nose, mouth and pharynx	221	41884
Dental services	199	47966
Procedures on		
Respiratory system	200	11699
Cardiovascular system	215	66197
Blood and blood-forming organs	196	4908
Digestive system	239	292496
Urinary system	226	107113
Male genital organs	218	30474
Gynaecological procedures	217	95664
Obstetric procedures	162	63825
Procedures on musculoskeletal system	239	182414
Dermatological and plastic procedures	250	73935
Procedures on breast	216	23109
Chemotherapeutic and radiation oncology procedures	147	70043
Miscellaneous procedures	285	99249
Imaging services	205	38643
Allied health interventions	263	66887
Total	301	1445427

(a) From 1998-99, based on the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision - Australian Modification (ICD-10-AM).

TABLE 26 - EXTERNAL CAUSE 1998-99 (a) (Q42)

	Number of hospitals	Number of separations
Australia (b)		
Pedestrian transport accidents	119	407
Pedal cyclist transport accidents	109	751
Motor vehicle accidents	209	2515
Other transport accidents	170	1299
Falls	257	24134
Exposure to mechanical forces	220	9688
Accidents due to drowning, submersion, suffocation	64	198
Exposure to electric current, heat, and fire	146	602
Contact with venomous animals and plants	77	188
Exposure to forces of nature	47	93
Accidental poisoning by noxious substances	121	761
Other accidents	247	19509
Intentional self-harm	88	1038
Assault	114	530
Event of undetermined intent	100	5547
Legal intervention and operations of war	11	15
Drugs, medicaments, biological substances in therapeutic use	203	5523
Misadventure to patients during surgical and medical care	124	722
Medical devices associated with adverse incidents	48	374
Surgical and other medical procedures causing abnormal reactions	255	37878
Sequelae of external causes of morbidity and mortality	n.p.	n.p.
Supplementary factors	n.p.	n.p.
Total	287	116414

(a) From 1998-99, based on the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision - Australian Modification (ICD-10-AM).

(b) Dissection by States not available because of confidentiality constraints.

TABLE 27-PLACE OF OCCURRENCE 1998-99 (a) (Q43)

Place of occurrence	Number of hospitals	Number of separations
Australia (b)		
Home	248	11678
Residential institution	164	1257
School or other public admin. area	139	1243
Sports and athletics area	172	4197
Street and Highway	165	2305
Trade and service area	127	1071
Industrial and construction area	181	3417
Farm	130	1787
Other specified place	152	1356
Unspecified place	272	32610
Total	281	60921

(a) From 1998-99, based on the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision - Australian Modification (ICD-10-AM).

(b) Dissection by States not available because of confidentiality constraints.

TABLE 28 - SELF-PAYING/OTHER PATIENTS: SEPARATIONS AND DAYS 1998-99 (Q33)

	Self-paying patients		All other patients		Total Patients	
	Separations ('000)	Patient days ('000)	Separations ('000)	Patient days ('000)	Separations ('000)	Patient days ('000)
NSW and ACT	60.2	158.6	407.1	1475.4	467.3	1634.0
Vic.	55.7	89.9	424.3	1612.8	480.0	1702.6
Qld	27.1	45.6	313.7	1291.3	340.8	1336.9
SA and NT	11.1	20.1	137.7	523.8	148.9	543.8
WA	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	192.9	634.2
Tas.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	54.4	189.2
Australia	165.6	331.1	1518.7	5709.6	1684.2	6040.7



TABLE 29 - CONSUMER RELATED ISSUES 1998-99 (Q15)

Consumer related issues	Number of hospitals		
	Yes	No	Total
NSW and ACT			
Is feedback sought by patient satisfaction questionnaires?	89	1	90
Is information explaining rights and responsibilities of patients displayed and made publically available in the hospital?	88	2	90
Are patients advised they may make a complaint to the hospital or an appropriate external body?	87	3	90
Are patients involved in setting up their discharge plan early in their period of hospitalisation?	83	7	90
Did the hospital contact the patient's health insurer to check that they are covered for the the procedure they are to undergo?	85	5	90
Vic.			
Is feedback sought by patient satisfaction questionnaires?	88	7	95
Is information explaining rights and responsibilities of patients displayed and made publically available in the hospital?	83	12	95
Are patients advised they may make a complaint to the hospital or an appropriate external body?	74	21	95
Are patients involved in setting up their discharge plan early in their period of hospitalisation?	87	8	95
Did the hospital contact the patient's health insurer to check that they are covered for the the procedure they are to undergo?	86	9	95
Qld			
Is feedback sought by patient satisfaction questionnaires?	50	2	52
Is information explaining rights and responsibilities of patients displayed and made publically available in the hospital?	49	3	52
Are patients advised they may make a complaint to the hospital or an appropriate external body?	47	5	52
Are patients involved in setting up their discharge plan early in their period of hospitalisation?	48	4	52
Did the hospital contact the patient's health insurer to check that they are covered for the the procedure they are to undergo?	47	5	52

TABLE 29 - CONSUMER RELATED ISSUES, 1998-99 (Q15) - continued

Consumer related issues	Number of hospitals		
	Yes	No	Total
<hr/> SA and NT			
Is feedback sought by patient satisfaction questionnaires?	37	1	38
Is information explaining rights and responsibilities of patients displayed and made publically available in the hospital?	37	1	38
Are patients advised they may make a complaint to the hospital or an appropriate external body?	33	5	38
Are patients involved in setting up their discharge plan early in their period of hospitalisation?	35	3	38
Did the hospital contact the patient's health insurer to check that they are covered for the the procedure they are to undergo?	33	5	38
<hr/> WA			
Is feedback sought by patient satisfaction questionnaires?	27	1	28
Is information explaining rights and responsibilities of patients displayed and made publically available in the hospital?	25	3	28
Are patients advised they may make a complaint to the hospital or an appropriate external body?	24	4	28
Are patients involved in setting up their discharge plan early in their period of hospitalisation?	24	4	28
Did the hospital contact the patient's health insurer to check that they are covered for the the procedure they are to undergo?	22	6	28
<hr/> Tas.			
Is feedback sought by patient satisfaction questionnaires?	8	1	9
Is information explaining rights and responsibilities of patients displayed and made publically available in the hospital?	7	2	9
Are patients advised they may make a complaint to the hospital or an appropriate external body?	8	1	9
Are patients involved in setting up their discharge plan early in their period of hospitalisation?	8	1	9
Did the hospital contact the patient's health insurer to check that they are covered for the the procedure they are to undergo?	9	—	9

TABLE 29 - CONSUMER RELATED ISSUES, 1998-99 (Q15) - continued

Consumer related issues	Number of hospitals		
	Yes	No	Total
Australia			
Is feedback sought by patient satisfaction questionnaires?	299	13	312
Is information explaining rights and responsibilities of patients displayed and made publically available in the hospital?	289	23	312
Are patients advised they may make a complaint to the hospital or an appropriate external body?	273	39	312
Are patients involved in setting up their discharge plan early in their period of hospitalisation?	285	27	312
Did the hospital contact the patient's health insurer to check that they are covered for the the procedure they are to undergo?	282	30	312