# **TOURISM INDICATORS**

### **AUSTRALIA**

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CHANGES TO THE SURVEY OF TOURIST ACCOMMODATION From March quarter 1998, significant changes will be made to the ongoing Survey of Tourist Accommodation. The Survey will include hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities in most rooms, and services apartments. Establishments with fewer than 15 rooms or units will be excluded from the collection.

For further information on this and other developments in tourist accommodation statistics, please contact Andy Harris on telephone 02 6252 5452, fax 02 6251 5324 or Internet: andy.harris@abs.gov.au.

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### ${f TOURISM--KEY}$ NATIONAL INDICATORS

			_	Percenta	ge change on
Data item					
Tourist accommodation – supply and	Period				
demand <sup>1</sup>					
Licensed hotels, motels, etc.		Units			
Room occupancy rate †			Latest		
Room nights occupied	Dec. qtr 1997		figures		
Room nights available	Dec. qtr 1997			Previous	
Guest nights occupied	Dec. qtr 1997	no.		Period	
Guest arrivals	Dec. qtr 1997	%			Corresponding
Takings from accommodation	Dec. qtr 1997	'000s	5 041		period last year
	Dec. qtr 1997	'000s	58.2		
Caravan parks	Dec. qtr 1997	'000s	9 641	_	
Site occupancy rate †		'000s	16 633	0.2	
	Dec. qtr 1997	\$m	16 864	1.3	2.8
Holiday flats, units and houses	Dec. qtr 1997		8 285	1.0	-1.7
Unit occupancy rate †	•	no.	979.2	1.2	0.9
	Dec. qtr 1997	%		1.5	4.0
Visitor hostels	Dec. qtr 1997		2 685	3.1	0.7
Bed occupancy rate †		no.	43.7		2.4
	Dec. qtr 1997	%		- 0.2	3.5
	Dec. qtr 1997	,,	43 883	- 1.1	0.0
Domestic tourism <sup>2</sup>	200. qu 1001	no.	53.2		- 0.6
Number of overnight trips		%	00.2	4.0	0.3
Number of visitor nights		70	500	- <b>1.</b> 7	0.0
Number of visitor flights	1996 – 1997		46.1	±.,	3.9
	1996 – 1997		70.1	0.2	- 0.8
International visitor arrivals	1990 – 1991	'000s		1.7	- 0.0
Number of visitor arrivals <sup>3</sup>		'000s		1.1	4.4
Number of visitor arrivals <sup>3</sup>		0005	62 780		1.1
	Fahruan, 1009		250 990		1.1
Expenditure by international visitors <sup>4</sup>	February 1998		250 990		
	1997 1996				
Australian departures <sup>3</sup>	1990	no.			- 0.4
Short-term departures		no.	252.000		- 0.4 - 2.1
Short-term departures		\$m	353 600		- 2.1
Short-term departures	F-1 4000		4 317 900	0.4	
	February 1998		7 105	2.1	
D-15	1997				
Balance of payments <sup>5</sup>		no.		••	- 13.3
Travel credits		no.	400.000		3.7
Travel debits	D 1 - 1007		196 900		13.4
Balance on travel services	Dec. qtr 1997		2 932 800		
	Dec. qtr 1997	•		- 5.0	
	Dec. qtr 1997	\$m			
Exchange rates <sup>6</sup>		\$m			9.3
\$US		\$m	2 863		7.3
¥ Japanese			- 2 082		
	December 1997		781	- 5.7	
-	December 1997			- 10.8	
Price index 7		per \$A		<b>11.</b> o	1.5
Holiday travel and accommodation		per \$A			14.0
			0.6527		<b>- 21.3</b>
	Dec. qtr 1997		84.79		
				- 4.1	
For footnotes see end of table.		1989-90=100		- 2.3	
					- 18.1
			107.8		- 8.3
				2.0	

Percentage change on

Data item

Period

Employment 8

Employed in accommodation, cafes and Units

restaurants Latest Males figures

November 1997 Females Previous November 1997 Persons period

'000s November 1997 Corresponding

'000s period last year

Average weekly earnings 9 '000s 186.3

 $^{\rm 1}$  Tourist Accommodation, Australia (8635.0).

<sup>2</sup> Domestic Tourism Monitor, Bureau of Tourism Research

<sup>3</sup> Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia (3401.0). Tt <sup>3</sup> Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia (3401.0).
<sup>4</sup> International Visitor Survey, Bureau of Tourism Research. Excludes international airfares and inclusive package tours purchased outside Australia. ).8

1.2 <sup>5</sup> Balance of Payments, Australia (5302.0). 2.0

<sup>6</sup> Reserve Bank of Australia Bulletin.

<sup>7</sup> Consumer Price Index (6401.0). <sup>8</sup> The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

<sup>9</sup> Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (6302.0).

 $^{\rm 10}$  Building Approvals, Australia (8731.0).

<sup>11</sup> Building Activity, Australia (8752.0.40.001 1.6

NOTE: † Change is shown in terms of percentage points.

421.9 40.3 1.5 20.5

162.4 74.7 13.5

173.4

### IN BRIEF

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN **GOODS AND SERVICES** 

Travel credits for the month of March 1998 were \$925m. This represents 46% of the total international services credits. However, this was 37% less than the previous month and 11% less than for March 1997. Travel debits were \$641m for the month, similar to most recent months.

For more information refer to International Trade in Goods and Services, monthly (5368.0).

**RETAIL TURNOVER** 

The trend estimate for retail turnover in the Hospitality and services category for the month of March 1998 was \$1851m, A marginal increase over both the previous month and the same month in 1997. In original terms, there was a 10% increase over the previous month. However, March is traditionally a high turnover month for retail turnover in the Hospitality and services sector.

For more information refer to Retail Trade, monthly (8501.0).

**UNEMPLOYMENT** 

Unemployed persons who had previously worked full time for at least two weeks in the last two years in the Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurant industry totalled 21,300 in March 1998. This represents 6% of the total number of unemployed at that time. Of the unemployed who previously worked in the industry, 52% were males. Almost half of unemployed who had worked in the industry had a duration of unemployment of between 4 and 13 weeks.

For more information refer to Labour Force, Australia, monthly (6203.0).

**BUILDING ACTIVITY** 

The value of building work commenced on hotels etc. during the December quarter 1997 was \$339.1m. This was an increase of 75% over the figure for the corresponding period in 1996 and represented 10% of all non-residential building commencements. There was \$421.9m of building work on hotels etc. completed during the same period, an increase of 173% over the December quarter 1996 and 10% of the total value of non-residential building completions. The value of hotels etc still under construction at the end of December 1997 was \$1,532.9m.

For more information refer to Building Activity, Australia, quarterly (8752.0).

**TOURISM REGIONS** 

The ABS, in consultation with the State and Territory Tourist Commissions and the Bureau of Tourism Research, has finalised a set of tourism regions which it is intended will be used for Tourist Accommodation publications. There may be some future changes to these regions, depending on factors including revisions to the ABS Australian Standard Geographical Classification.

As previously advised, there will be no State/Territory Tourist Accommodation publications from the March quarter 1998. Regional data will be included in the national publication and will be based on the tourism regions described above. Some finer level geographic data will be available on request.

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### FEATURE ARTICLE — DOWNTURN IN ASIAN VISITOR ARRIVALS

### **EFFECTS ON TOURISM**

The impact of the Asian currency crisis and attendant credit squeeze is being felt across the Australian economy. Overseas arrivals and departures data can shed some light on the situation, revealing changing patterns of movements and the sectors which are most affected.

The number of short term arrivals for all purposes from South East and North East Asia fell by 6% between the 1996 and 1997 December quarters. However, this fall mainly affected arrivals from Korea (down 26% between the 1996 and 1997 December quarters), Indonesia (down 22%), Thailand (down 45%), Taiwan (down 10%) and Malaysia (down 6%). Over the same period, arrivals from China and Singapore actually increased (22% and 9% respectively).

Tourism has been one of the main casualties of the crisis and export earnings from tourism can be expected to fall significantly as a result. Short-term arrivals from North East and South East Asia for 'holiday' purposes fell by 8% and 12% respectively between the 1996 and 1997 December quarters. Over this period, the countries most affected were Thailand (down 57%), Korea (down 33%), Indonesia (down 29%) Taiwan (down 15%) and Malaysia (down 12%).

Student arrivals for education purposes were also affected. January is traditionally a month of high numbers of arrivals for education, coinciding with the beginning of the school and university years. Short term arrivals for education from North East Asia in January 1998 were 44% lower than in January 1997. The comparable figure for South East Asia showed a fall of 13%. The biggest drops were recorded for Korea (63%), Hong Kong (45%), Taiwan (40%), Malaysia (23%), Japan (21%), Thailand (20%) and Indonesia (14%). Data for February, which is another month of high arrivals for education, will show more about the impact in this area.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information regarding short term visitor arrivals, please refer to *Overseas Arrivals and Departures*, monthly, (ABS Cat. no. 3401.0), or contact Chris Mason on telephone 02 6252 6533, fax 02 6252 7494 or at chris.mason@abs.gov.au on the internet.

### FEATURE ARTICLE — TOURIST ACCOMMODATION DEVELOPMENTS

**KEY POINTS** 

The ABS recently surveyed tourist accommodation development projects with an approved completion value of \$2.0 million or more. Results from the survey showed that:

- projects completed in the 12 months ended 31 December 1997 had a total value of \$1,129 million. They included developments which created 4,584 hotel and motel rooms (including 982 with a star grading of 5) and 840 holiday flats, units and serviced apartments.
- in the 12 month periods ending 31 December 1998 and 31 December 1999, the number of additional hotel and motel rooms expected to be completed are 4,711 and 2,940 respectively.
- of the 12,235 hotel and motel rooms completed or planned to be completed in the 3 year period January 1997 to December 1999, 24% are star grade 5 and 52% star grade 4.

The following table shows details at 31 December 1997 of new accommodation:

	COMPLETED IN 12 MONTHS TO:	EXPECTED COMPLET MONTHS	ED IN 12
Type of accommodation(a)	31 Dec 1997	31 Dec 1998	31 Dec 1999
Number of rooms, etc. (excluding refurbishments)			
Total Hotels, motels	4 584	4 711	2 940
Star grade 2	160	362	_
Star grade 3	929	957	252
Star grade 4	2 306	2 868	1 248
Star grade 5	982	472	1 440
Other	207	52	_
Holiday flats, units and serviced apartments			
Number of units	840	1 598	478
Backpacker hostels Number of bed spaces	48	_	_
Value of projects (including refurbishments) (\$m	1)		
Total value of all projects	1 129	752	502
(a) No caravan park projects were completed or expected to be completed in the period.			

SURVEY NOTES

Tourist accommodation developments include new work or alterations and additions to establishments which provide predominantly short-term accommodation to the general public.

Relevant construction jobs (including refurbishments) were identified from the March to December 1997 quarterly Building Activity Surveys. Each developer was followed up for more information about each project. Projects covered include some not yet commenced at 30 November 1997 but which were expected to be completed no later than 31 December 1999. For more details and the availability of other data from the survey, contact

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tony Bammann on (08) 8237 7316.

### FEATURE ARTICLE — OVERSEAS TOURISM MARKETING EXPENDITURE

### INTRODUCTION

The ABS, on behalf of the Department of Industry, Science & Tourism (DIST), conducted a survey of Overseas Tourism Marketing Expenditure (SOTME) in respect of the financial year 1996–97. The SOTME collected information on expenditure by Australian tourism businesses and organisations on marketing their products overseas. The available information is cross-classified by market region and type of business. Further information was collected on the nature of the expenditure, the status of respondents in relation to the Export Markets Development Scheme, effectiveness of expenditure and changes in expenditure patterns over the previous three years. A similar survey was conducted in respect to the 1994–95 financial year. The population for the survey was compiled from lists provided to the ABS by DIST.

#### SURVEY POPULATION

For the 1996–97 survey, 1753 businesses were originally approached. Of these businesses, 834 businesses were in scope for the survey.

The remaining were businesses that had ceased trading, businesses that were not involved in overseas tourism marketing activity or businesses that were duplicates of, or whose promotional activity was recorded by, another business included in the survey.

#### **RESULTS**

Overseas marketing expenditure by the businesses described above, (noting that the figures exclude independent/cooperative expenditure by the Australian Tourism Commission), amounted to \$279.8m. This represents a 5.6% increase over the total recorded for the 1994–95 survey.

The major market targeted was Japan, where the operators described above expended \$80.2m. Other markets which attracted significant marketing expenditure were Asia (excluding Japan) (\$75.8m) the USA and Canada (\$40.7m), Europe, the UK and Ireland (\$55.9m) and New Zealand (\$17.7m). Together, these destinations attracted around 97% of total overseas marketing expenditure.

Inbound tour operators spent more on overseas marketing than any of the other single relevant industry sectors (\$63.5m). Operators of accommodation establishments also spent a significant \$49.3m. The Other Operators category, which includes Airlines, Meeting & Incentive Travel, Convention and Exhibition organisers, spent \$87.3m overall.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, including details of Country/Region of expenditure and more detailed industry dissections, please contact Wayne Duncan on telephone (07) 3222 6201 or fax (07) 3222 6284.

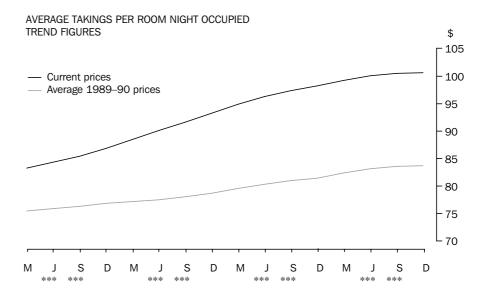
### **TOURIST ACCOMMODATION**

**AUSTRALIA** 

The following comments are based on the data presented in tables 1 to 10 and relate to trends in room nights occupied and takings from accommodation for hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities.

Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates were revised as from March reference quarter 1997, following the ABS annual reanalysis of seasonal factors. Seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The results of the latest review have been used to compile the revised seasonally adjusted and trend estimates given in this publication. See paragraphs 15 and 16 of the Explanatory Notes for more information on the seasonal adjustment process.

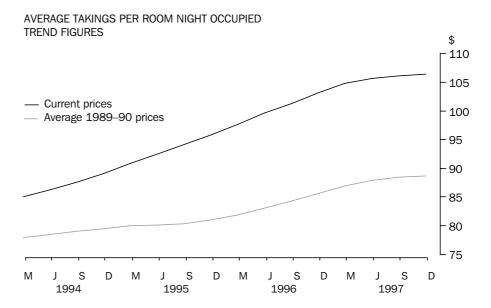
After steadily increasing since March quarter 1994, the trend in average takings per room night occupied at both current and average 1989-90 prices, has levelled off somewhat. Over the year to December 1997, the increase was 2.5% at current prices, while at average 1989-90 prices, the trend increased by 2.8% over the same period.



#### STATES/TERRITORIES

**New South Wales** 

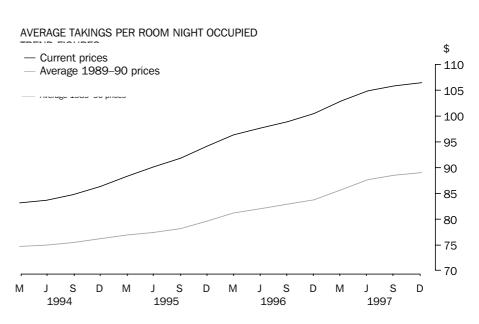
The trend in average takings per room night occupied for New South Wales has closely followed the Australian trend in that its rate of increase is slowing. The increase in the trend at current prices in December quarter 1997 was 3.2% over the same period in 1996, while at average 1989–90 prices, the increase in the trend was 3.6% for the year.



### Victoria

The trend in average takings for Victoria continues to display strong growth although there are signs of this growth slowing. Over the four quarters to December 1997 the trend at both current and average 1989–90 prices increased by just over 6%.

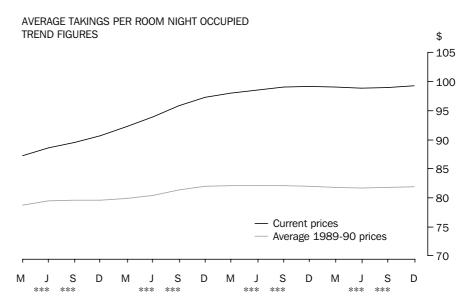
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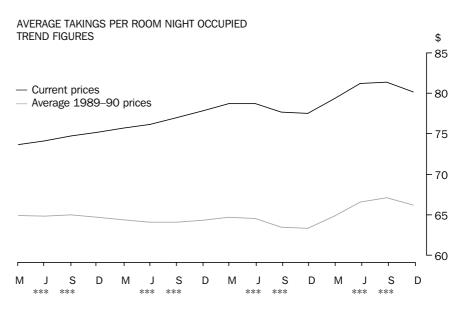
Queensland

The trend increase in average takings per room night occupied has flattened over recent years compared with the steady rise that occurred between June quarter 1992 and December quarter 1995. Over the year to December quarter 1997 there was virtually no change in average takings at either constant or average 1989-90 prices.



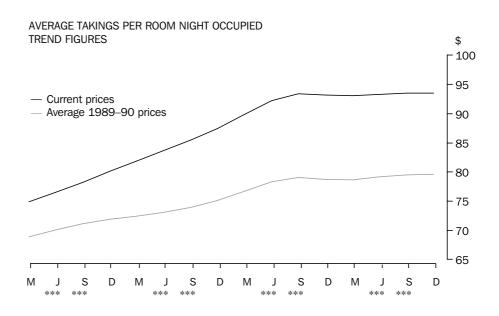
South Australia

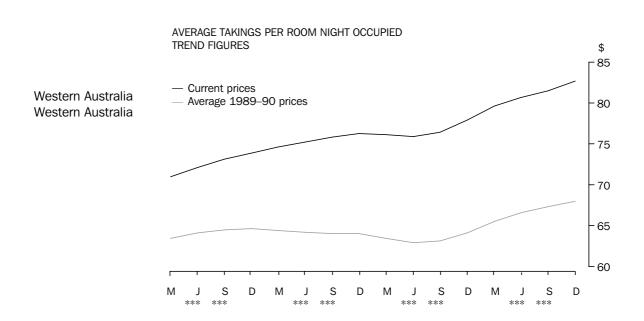
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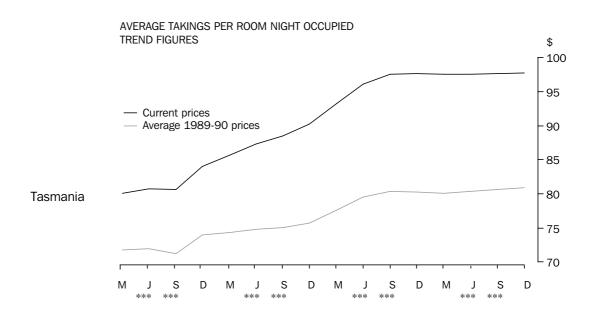


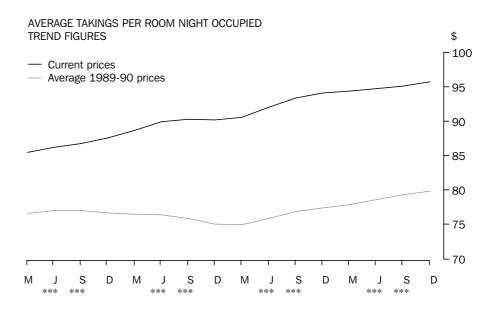
Australia

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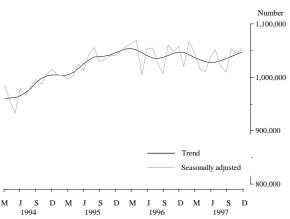




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	Wales	Victoria	Queensland	Australia	Australia	Tasmania	Territory	Territory	Australia
		ESTA	BLISHMENTS	AND CAPAC	ITY (number)				
December quarter 1996—									
Establishments	1,732	1,013	1,137	352	337	187	98	2 202	4,903
Guest rooms Bed spaces	57,582 166,474	29,918 83,279	44,373 137,178	10,951 31,266	15,996 41,580	5,604 16,195	5,644 16,729	3,808 11,422	173,876 504,123
Ded spaces	100,474	65,219	137,176	31,200	41,560	10,193	10,729	11,422	304,123
December quarter 1997—									
Establishments	1,771	1,040	1,176	347	344	213	102	48	5,041
Guest rooms	59,662	30,904	47,108	10,897	16,296	5,921	6,137	3,872	180,797
Bed spaces	172,984	85,581	146,771	31,206	42,709	16,995	18,272	11,652	526,170
	ROC	OM NIGHT	S OCCUPIED (	'000) SEASON	IALLY ADJU	STED			
December quarter 1996	3,167.5	1,486.3	2,489.7	532.5	841.2	268.2	319.3	212.5	9,317.2
March quarter 1997	3,132.7	1,545.1	2,449.0	538.7	841.9	255.6	315.1	210.3	9,288.2
June quarter 1997	3,064.2	1,521.0	2,426.3	518.8	837.7	245.5	291.8	195.7	9,101.1
September quarter 1997	3,083.7	1,576.6	2,501.0	539.5	828.6	267.4	294.8	201.6	9,293.1
October	1,053.5	511.2	833.7	187.9	276.5	92.1	104.7	75.9	3,135.3
November	1,044.5	507.7	831.0	185.9	285.4	87.8	102.0	69.2	3,113.5
December	1,053.9	518.0	818.3	185.7	285.0	94.4	99.8	68.5	3,123.7
December quarter 1997	3,151.8	1,536.8	2,483.0	559.5	846.8	276.3	306.6	213.6	9,374.4
		ROO	M NIGHTS OC	CCUPIED ('000	)) TREND				
December quarter 1996	3,131.0	1,504.3	2,446.9	524.5	841.8	259.4	308.2	208.3	9,224.4
March quarter 1997	3,116.4	1,521.6	2,454.7	528.7	840.0	255.9	308.7	204.7	9,230.6
June quarter 1997	3,096.8	1,542.1	2,459.2	532.5	836.9	256.0	301.7	202.9	9,228.1
September quarter 1997	3,096.4	1,551.4	2,471.1	539.4	836.7	262.7	297.4	203.3	9,258.3
October	1,039.0	515.7	832.1	183.1	278.3	91.2	100.5	70.3	3,110.1
November	1,043.3	513.6	830.6	184.3	280.3	92.0	101.0	70.9	3,116.0
December	1,046.5	511.1	828.6	185.6	282.6	92.5	101.2	70.8	3,118.8
December quarter 1997	3,119.7	1,550.9	2,492.5	551.1	839.2	272.1	299.2	207.5	9,332.0
	TAKING	S FROM AC	COMMODAT	ION (\$m) SEA	SONALLY A	DJUSTED			
December quarter 1996	326.1	147.6	247.4	39.9	78.7	21.2	30.8	20.1	911.9
March quarter 1997	327.2	161.9	242.8	42.9	77.5	20.5	31.2	19.8	923.8
June quarter 1997	327.7	158.3	237.7	42.9	78.1	19.5	28.2	18.5	910.9
September quarter 1997	323.7	168.0	249.3	44.4	78.4	21.9	28.5	19.2	933.5
October	111.6	53.5	82.6	15.6	26.0	7.7	10.5	7.3	314.7
November	111.4	53.8	81.9	13.0	26.2	7.3	10.3	6.6	310.6
December	113.3	55.8	81.1	15.3	26.1	7.8	9.5	6.5	315.5
December quarter 1997	336.3	163.1	245.6	43.9	78.3	22.8	30.3	20.5	940.7
	•	TAKINGS I	FROM ACCOM	IMODATION	(\$m) TREND				
December quarter 1996	322.9	151.1	242.6	40.7	78.4	20.2	30.1	19.6	905.5
March quarter 1997	326.2	156.5	243.1	41.9	78.1	20.4	30.1	19.3	915.6
June quarter 1997	327.2	161.8	243.0	43.2	78.1	20.7	29.4	19.2	922.6
September quarter 1997	328.5	164.4	244.5	43.9	78.2	21.4	29.0	19.3	929.3
October	109.9	54.7	82.7	14.6	26.0	7.5	9.9	6.7	312.1
November	110.7	54.7	82.5	14.5	26.0	7.6	9.9	6.8	312.7
December	111.3	54.3	82.1	14.5	26.1	7.7	10.0	6.8	312.7
December quarter 1997	332.0	165.1	247.2	44.2	78.5	22.5	29.2	19.8	938.5
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December quarter 1996—									
Original	277.0	127.3	217.4	35.3	69.3	18.6	23.7	17.1	785.6
Seasonally adjusted	270.9	123.1	204.8	32.6	66.5	17.5	25.3	16.6	757.2
Trend	268.0	126.0	200.4	33.2	66.2	16.6	24.7	16.1	751.3
December quarter 1997—									
Original	287.9	140.5	215.6	39.7	69.5	19.8	23.4	17.9	814.1
Seasonally adjusted	280.0	136.1	202.3	36.2	66.6	18.8	25.1	17.1	782.2
Trend	276.8	137.9	204.0	36.5	66.8	18.5	24.2	16.6	781.2

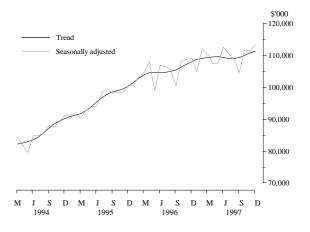
		Room ni	ights occupied	('000)(a)
Period		Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend(b)
1994 —	March quarter June quarter September quarter	2,882.8 2,773.6 2,990.7	2,892.9 2,868.1 2,945.5	2,863.5 2,902.9 2,943.3
1995 —	December quarter  March quarter  June quarter  September quarter	3,065.3 2,992.3 2,939.0 3,173.6	3,008.6 3,004.1 3,039.6 3,128.2	2,982.1 3,021.1 3,055.8 3,100.8
1996 —	December quarter  March quarter  June quarter	3,172.2 3,198.4 3,024.3	3,116.4 3,168.7 3,129.6	3,139.7 3,142.5 3,130.7
1997 —	September quarter December quarter March quarter June quarter September quarter December quarter	3,123.4 3,221.7 3,168.7 2,945.2 3,113.8 3,220.2	3,089.7 3,167.5 3,132.7 3,064.2 3,083.7 3,151.8	3,131.4 3,131.0 3,116.4 3,096.8 3,096.4 3,119.7

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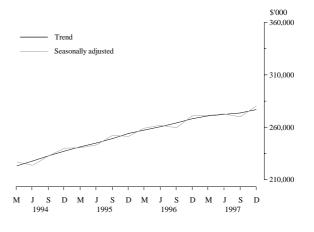
			Takings at	current prices	s(\$m)(a)
				Seasonally	
Period			Original	adjusted	Trend(b)
1994	_	March quarter	250.1	247.5	243.7
		June quarter	233.5	246.1	250.4
		September quarter	261.0	258.4	257.9
		December quarter	274.9	268.2	265.8
1995	—	March quarter	276.9	273.2	274.5
		June quarter	265.8	280.6	282.8
		September quarter	298.1	295.8	291.8
		December quarter	305.3	297.5	300.7
1996	_	March quarter	316.6	308.5	306.9
		June quarter	296.8	313.7	311.8
		September quarter	314.3	312.2	317.3
		December quarter	333.5	326.1	322.9
1997	_	March quarter	337.2	327.2	326.2
		June quarter	305.7	327.7	327.2
		September quarter	325.2	323.7	328.5
		December quarter	345.7	336.3	332.0

#### MONTHLY TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION AT CURRENT PRICES



	Tak	ings at averag	ge 1989–90 pri	ces (\$m)(c)
Period		Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend(b)
1994	March quarter June quarter	229.2 212.2	226.9 223.7	223.1 227.8
1995	September quarter December quarter  March quarter	235.2 245.9 243.5	232.8 239.9 240.3	232.6 237.2 241.6
1,,,,	June quarter September quarter	230.4 254.1	243.1 252.2	244.9 249.2
1996	<ul><li>December quarter</li><li>March quarter</li><li>June quarter</li></ul>	258.0 265.8 247.5	251.5 259.0 261.6	254.2 257.4 260.2
1007	September quarter December quarter	261.5 277.0	259.7 270.9	263.9 268.0
1997	<ul> <li>March quarter</li> <li>June quarter</li> <li>September quarter</li> <li>December quarter</li> </ul>	279.6 254.3 271.5 287.9	271.3 272.6 270.2 280.0	270.9 272.2 273.7 276.8
	= quarter	207.7	200.0	270.0

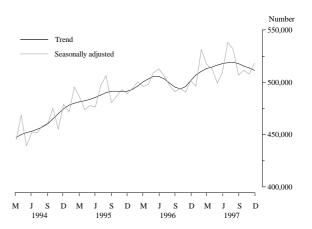
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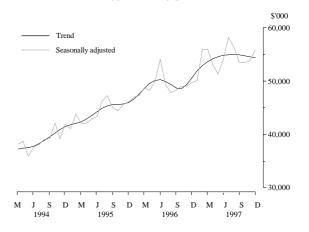
		Room ni	ghts occupied (	('000)(a)
Period		Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend(b)
1994 -	March quarter	1,372.7	1,321.3	1,316.7
	June quarter	1,310.0	1,359.8	1,351.0
	September quarter	1,315.5	1,371.6	1,383.0
	December quarter	1,460.9	1,409.1	1,409.7
1995 -	<ul> <li>March quarter</li> </ul>	1,506.9	1,452.2	1,434.0
	June quarter	1,372.1	1,427.9	1,452.4
	September quarter	1,421.6	1,483.9	1,463.8
	December quarter	1,519.1	1,468.7	1,479.6
1996 -	March quarter	1,568.2	1,490.2	1,496.3
	June quarter	1,458.2	1,519.9	1,499.2
	September quarter	1,427.7	1,493.9	1,502.0
	December quarter	1,542.4	1,486.3	1,504.3
1997 -	<ul> <li>March quarter</li> </ul>	1,608.9	1,545.1	1,521.6
	June quarter	1,459.8	1,521.0	1,542.1
	September quarter	1,504.7	1,576.6	1,551.4
	December quarter	1,595.5	1,536.8	1,550.9
	December quarter	1,393.3	1,550.6	1,330.9

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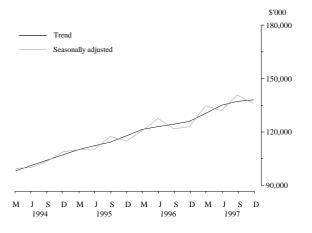
			Takings o	at current pric	ces (\$m)(a)
Period			Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend(b)
1994	_	March quarter	115.5	110.8	109.4
		June quarter	105.8	112.1	113.0
		September quarter	113.7	116.2	117.2
		December quarter	127.1	123.1	121.6
1995	_	March quarter	131.9	126.9	126.5
		June quarter	120.6	128.2	130.8
		September quarter	135.3	138.4	134.4
		December quarter	140.3	136.1	139.2
1996	_	March quarter	150.9	142.8	144.1
		June quarter	142.7	152.2	146.5
		September quarter	141.8	145.3	148.6
		December quarter	152.6	147.6	151.1
1997	_	March quarter	169.4	161.9	156.5
		June quarter	148.7	158.3	161.8
		September quarter	163.7	168.0	164.4
		December quarter	168.3	163.1	165.1

#### MONTHLY TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION AT CURRENT PRICES



			Seasonally	
Period		Original	adjusted	Trend(b)
1994 -	March quarter	103.8	99.7	98.3
	June quarter	94.5	100.1	101.1
	September quarter	101.3	103.6	104.3
	December quarter	112.4	108.8	107.3
1995 -	March quarter	114.7	110.3	110.2
	June quarter	103.8	110.3	112.4
	September quarter	115.0	117.7	114.4
	December quarter	118.4	114.8	117.8
1996 -	March quarter	127.5	120.7	121.4
	June quarter	119.7	127.7	123.0
	September quarter	118.5	121.5	124.3
	December quarter	127.3	123.1	126.0
1997 -	March quarter	141.0	134.8	130.4
	June quarter	124.0	132.0	135.1
	September quarter	137.0	140.6	137.3
	December quarter	140.5	136.1	137.9
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# QUARTERLY TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES



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			Room nights occupied ('000)(a)		
Period			Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend(b)
1994	_	March quarter	2,140.8	2,300.3	2,296.4
		June quarter	2,201.9	2,327.7	2,324.1
		September quarter	2,555.5	2,332.4	2,334.6
		December quarter	2,405.4	2,338.9	2,342.3
1995	_	March quarter	2,188.3	2,352.4	2,350.9
		June quarter	2,235.6	2,364.0	2,361.3
		September quarter	2,596.3	2,368.7	2,373.8
		December quarter	2,448.5	2,388.9	2,389.5
1996		March quarter	2,269.2	2,406.5	2,397.5
		June quarter	2,278.3	2,410.6	2,409.5
		September quarter	2,617.2	2,398.8	2,431.3
		December quarter	2,556.8	2,489.7	2,446.9
1997		March quarter	2,288.5	2,449.0	2,454.7
		June quarter	2,292.7	2,426.3	2,459.2
		September quarter	2,726.7	2,501.0	2,471.1
		December quarter	2,559.3	2,483.0	2,492.5

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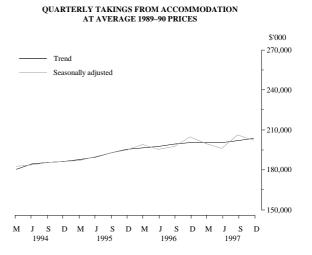
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			Takings a	Takings at current prices (\$m)(a)			
				Seasonally			
Period			Original	adjusted	Trend(b)		
1994	_	March quarter	190.6	202.5	200.2		
		June quarter	190.5	205.0	205.7		
		September quarter	222.6	208.7	208.8		
		December quarter	225.3	212.0	212.2		
1995	_	March quarter	204.0	216.5	216.8		
		June quarter	206.2	222.1	221.8		
		September quarter	242.5	227.5	227.5		
		December quarter	245.6	231.2	232.3		
1996	_	March quarter	227.1	238.1	235.0		
		June quarter	218.2	235.1	237.4		
		September quarter	252.9	238.4	240.8		
		December quarter	262.6	247.4	242.6		
1997	_	March quarter	229.9	242.8	243.1		
		June quarter	220.6	237.7	243.0		
		September quarter	264.1	249.3	244.5		
		December quarter	261.7	245.6	247.2		

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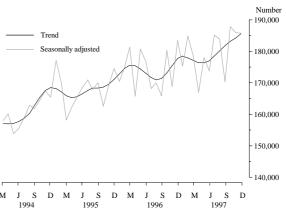
			Takings at average 1989–90 prices (\$m)(c)		
Period			Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend(b)
1994	_	March quarter	172.0	182.7	180.7
		June quarter	170.8	183.8	184.5
		September quarter	r 197.8	185.5	185.6
		December quarter	198.2	186.5	186.2
1995	_	March quarter	176.2	186.9	187.7
		June quarter	176.4	190.0	189.8
		September quarter	r 205.7	193.0	192.9
		December quarter	207.1	195.0	195.6
1996	_	March quarter	189.9	199.1	196.5
		June quarter	181.2	195.3	197.5
		September quarter	r 209.7	197.7	199.5
		December quarter	217.4	204.8	200.4
1997	—	March quarter	189.3	199.8	200.6
		June quarter	182.1	196.3	200.7
		September quarter	r 218.8	206.5	202.0
		December quarter	215.6	202.3	204.0



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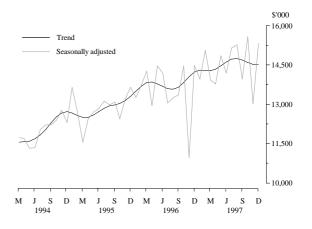
		Room nights occupied ('000)(a)		
Period		Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend(b)
1994 -	March quarter	477.8	472.2	471.7
	June quarter	456.9	469.6	474.5
	September quarter	471.5	483.7	484.0
	December quarter	517.0	497.4	494.8
1995 -	March quarter	509.7	505.3	501.3
	June quarter	481.8	496.2	502.2
	September quarter	495.1	508.8	505.1
	December quarter	524.2	506.5	513.7
1996 <del>-</del>	March quarter	538.7	526.8	518.8
	June quarter	507.5	523.2	518.1
	September quarter	489.6	504.0	520.4
	December quarter	553.1	532.5	524.5
1997 -	March quarter	544.1	538.7	528.7
	June quarter	503.7	518.8	532.5
	September quarter	522.4	539.5	539.4
	December quarter	584.1	559.5	551.1

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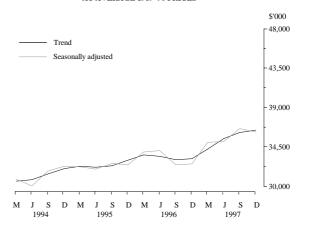
			Takings at current prices (\$m)(a)		
				Seasonally	
Period			Original	adjusted	Trend(b)
1994	_	March quarter	35.0	35.0	34.8
		June quarter	32.5	34.4	35.1
		September quarter	34.7	36.5	36.2
		December quarter	41.3	37.5	37.2
1995	_	March quarter	37.9	37.9	37.9
		June quarter	35.8	38.0	38.3
		September quarter	37.1	39.2	38.9
		December quarter	43.0	39.3	40.0
1996	_	March quarter	41.9	41.3	40.9
		June quarter	39.1	41.6	40.8
		September quarter	37.6	39.7	40.4
		December quarter	43.3	39.9	40.7
1997		March quarter	43.0	42.9	41.9
		June quarter	40.4	42.9	43.2
		September quarter	41.7	44.4	43.9
		December quarter	48.1	43.9	44.2

#### MONTHLY TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION AT CURRENT PRICES



		Tak	tings at avera	ge 1989–90 pri	ces(m)(c)
Period			Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend(b)
1994		March quarter	30.8	30.8	30.6
		June quarter	28.5	30.0	30.8
		September quarter	30.2	31.8	31.4
		December quarter	35.6	32.3	32.0
1995	_	March quarter	32.2	32.2	32.3
		June quarter	30.1	32.0	32.2
		September quarter	30.9	32.6	32.4
		December quarter	35.5	32.5	33.0
1996	_	March quarter	34.5	33.9	33.6
		June quarter	32.1	34.1	33.4
		September quarter	30.7	32.5	33.1
		December quarter	35.3	32.6	33.2
1997	_	March quarter	35.1	35.0	34.3
		June quarter	33.1	35.2	35.5
		September quarter	34.4	36.6	36.2
		December quarter	39.7	36.2	36.5

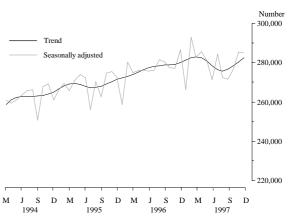
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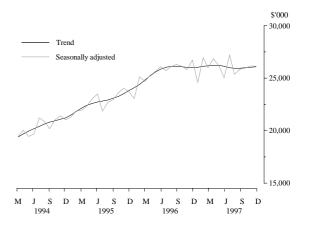
		Room nights occupied ('000)(a)		
Period		Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend(b)
1994	March quarter June quarter	753.7 733.0	770.8 783.9	768.4 779.3
	September quarter December quarter	818.0 829.1	782.7 798.3	788.2 797.0
1995 -	March quarter	784.2	801.2	803.0
	June quarter September quarter	764.8 824.3	817.2 788.7	805.6 806.4
1996	December quarter     March quarter	851.3 806.0	822.6 813.9	810.4 818.7
	June quarter September quarter	774.9 873.3	827.7 838.2	828.7 835.7
1997 -	December quarter  March quarter	871.4 824.0	841.2 841.9	841.8 840.0
1997	June quarter	785.0	837.7	836.9
	September quarter December quarter	863.0 878.2	828.6 846.8	836.7 839.2

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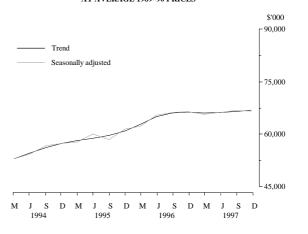
		Takings at current prices (\$m)(a)		
			Seasonally	
Period		Original	adjusted	Trend(b)
1994 -	March quarter	57.0	57.5	57.5
	June quarter	55.0	59.2	59.5
	September quarter	64.5	62.3	61.7
	December quarter	66.3	63.5	63.8
1995 -	<ul> <li>March quarter</li> </ul>	64.4	65.1	65.7
	June quarter	64.0	68.9	67.4
	September quarter	70.0	67.5	68.9
	December quarter	74.4	71.4	70.8
1996 -	<ul> <li>March quarter</li> </ul>	72.8	72.8	73.5
	June quarter	71.6	77.0	76.4
	September quarter	80.8	78.2	78.0
	December quarter	82.0	78.7	78.4
1997 -	<ul> <li>March quarter</li> </ul>	76.6	77.5	78.1
	June quarter	72.8	78.1	78.1
	September quarter	80.9	78.4	78.2
	December quarter	81.7	78.3	78.5

#### MONTHLY TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION AT CURRENT PRICES



		Т	Takings at average 1989–90 prices (\$m)(c)			
Period			Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend(b)	
1994		March quarter	52.5	53.0	52.9	
		June quarter	50.4	54.3	54.5	
		September quarter	58.6	56.6	56.1	
		December quarter	59.7	57.2	57.3	
1995	_	March quarter	57.0	57.6	58.2	
		June quarter	55.7	59.9	58.8	
		September quarter	60.6	58.4	59.6	
		December quarter	64.0	61.4	60.8	
1996	—	March quarter	62.2	62.2	62.8	
		June quarter	60.7	65.3	64.9	
		September quarter	68.3	66.1	66.0	
		December quarter	69.3	66.5	66.2	
1997	_	March quarter	64.8	65.6	66.1	
		June quarter	61.7	66.1	66.2	
		September quarter	68.9	66.7	66.5	
		December quarter	69.5	66.6	66.8	

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	Room n	Room nights occupied ('000)(a)		
		Seasonally		
Period	Original	adjusted	Trend(b)	
1994 — March quarter	318.0	254.9	259.7	
June quarter	247.7	268.9	266.5	
September quarter	212.4	271.8	267.9	
December quarter	272.4	261.0	265.3	
1995 — March quarter	330.3	263.8	262.4	
June quarter	238.1	261.9	265.1	
September quarter	211.1	271.6	270.5	
December quarter	288.8	274.8	271.6	
1996 — March quarter	337.2	267.7	266.4	
June quarter	234.3	256.6	261.0	
September quarter	199.4	257.3	260.5	
December quarter	282.8	268.2	259.4	
1997 — March quarter	317.5	255.6	255.9	
June quarter	224.4	245.5	256.0	
September quarter	209.3	267.4	262.7	
December quarter	289.9	276.3	272.1	

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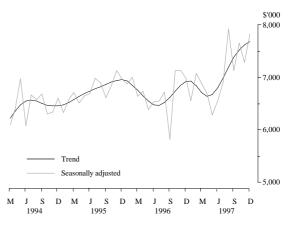
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MONTHLY ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED

			Takings at current prices (\$m)(a)						
			Seasonally						
Period			Original	adjusted	Trend(b)				
1994	_	March quarter	22.8	18.0	18.4				
		June quarter	17.8	19.4	19.2				
		September quarter	15.2	19.9	19.6				
		December quarter	20.2	19.2	19.6				
1995		March quarter	25.0	19.6	19.6				
		June quarter	18.0	19.8	19.9				
		September quarter	15.5	20.5	20.5				
		December quarter	22.1	20.9	20.7				
1996		March quarter	26.3	20.5	20.3				
		June quarter	17.8	19.6	19.8				
		September quarter	14.4	19.1	19.9				
		December quarter	22.6	21.2	20.2				
1997		March quarter	25.8	20.5	20.4				
		June quarter	17.7	19.5	20.7				
		September quarter	16.7	21.9	21.4				
		December quarter	24.0	22.8	22.5				

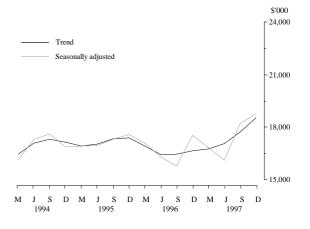
MONTHLY	TAKINGS	FROM	ACCOMMODATION
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			Takings at avera	age 1989–90 <sub>1</sub>	prices (\$m)(c)
				Seasonally	
Period			Original	adjusted	Trend(b)
1994	_	March quarter	20.4	16.1	16.5
		June quarter	15.8	17.3	17.1
		September quarter	13.4	17.6	17.3
		December quarter		16.8	17.1
1995	_	March quarter	21.5	16.9	16.9
		June quarter	15.3	16.9	17.0
		September quarter	13.1	17.3	17.3
		December quarter	18.5	17.6	17.4
1996	_	March quarter	21.9	17.1	16.9
		June quarter	14.8	16.3	16.4
		September quarter	11.9	15.8	16.4
		December quarter		17.5	16.6
1997	_	March quarter	21.2	16.8	16.7
		June quarter	14.6	16.1	17.0
		September quarter	13.9	18.2	17.7

December quarter

# QUARTERLY TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES



<sup>(</sup>a) For presentation purposes, the quarterly estimates of seasonally adjusted and trend data for room nights occupied and takings at current prices, shown in the tables, have been derived by summing the relevant monthly figures. However, the charts show the data plotted on a monthly basis. (b) Trend estimates are derived by eliminating the regular effects of seasonality and irregular short-term economic and other effects. Trend estimates, therefore, provide a more reliable measure of underlying movements in the data. (c) The deflator used to revalue current price data in this table is the Hobart All Groups Consumer Price Index. See paragraphs 4 to 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

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	Room nights occupied ('000)(a)(b)					
		Seasonally	_			
Period	Original	adjusted	Trend(c)			
1994 — March quarter	204.6	269.6	268.3			
June quarter	274.6	267.8	270.5			
September quarter	347.5	270.4	271.2			
December quarter	285.2	304.7	299.4			
1995 — March quarter	221.6	291.8	294.8			
June quarter	294.9	289.0	290.1			
September quarter	372.5	289.8	289.8			
December quarter	273.4	292.0	292.3			
1996 — March quarter	226.6	295.2	290.8			
June quarter	295.3	289.8	291.1			
September quarter	369.6	287.5	299.1			
December quarter	302.5	319.3	308.2			
1997 — March quarter	238.5	315.1	308.7			
June quarter	296.7	291.8	301.7			
September quarter	380.4	294.8	297.4			
December quarter	288.3	306.6	299.2			

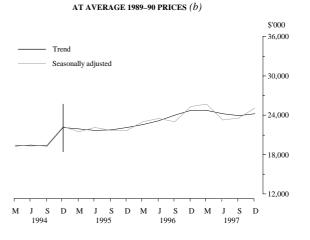
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			Takings at current prices (\$m)(a)(b)  Seasonally					
Period			Original	adjusted	Trend(c)			
1994	_	March quarter	15.5	21.6	21.5			
		June quarter	22.2	21.6	21.8			
		September quarter	29.4	22.0	21.8			
		December quarter	23.5	25.3	25.2			
1995	_	March quarter	17.7	24.7	25.2			
		June quarter	26.5	25.8	25.3			
		September quarter	34.2	25.6	25.6			
		December quarter	23.8	25.8	26.3			
1996	_	March quarter	19.9	27.5	27.1			
		June quarter	29.2	28.3	28.0			
		September quarter	37.2	27.9	29.2			
		December quarter	28.9	30.8	30.1			
1997		March quarter	22.2	31.2	30.1			
		June quarter	29.0	28.2	29.4			
		September quarter	38.3	28.5	29.0			
		December quarter	28.2	30.3	29.2			

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MONTHLY TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION

		Ta	Takings at average 1989–90 prices (\$m)(d)						
Period			Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend(c)				
1994	_	March quarter	13.9	19.4	19.2				
		June quarter	19.7	19.2	19.4				
		September quarter	26.0	19.4	19.3				
		December quarter	20.6	22.3	22.1				
1995	_	March quarter	15.4	21.5	21.9				
		June quarter	22.7	22.1	21.7				
		September quarter	29.0	21.7	21.7				
		December quarter	20.0	21.7	22.1				
1996	_	March quarter	16.6	23.0	22.6				
		June quarter	24.2	23.5	23.2				
		September quarter	30.6	23.0	24.0				
		December quarter	23.7	25.3	24.7				
1997	_	March quarter	18.2	25.7	24.7				
		June quarter	23.9	23.2	24.2				
		September quarter	31.6	23.6	24.0				
		December quarter	23.4	25.1	24.2				



QUARTERLY TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION

<sup>(</sup>a) For presentation purposes, the quarterly estimates of seasonally adjusted and trend data for room nights occupied and takings at current prices, shown in the tables, have been derived by summing the relevant monthly figures. However, the charts show the data plotted on a monthly basis. (b) There is a break in series as 2 establishments previously classified as holiday units, were reclassified as motels from December quarter 1994. (c) Trend estimates are derived by eliminating the regular effects of seasonality and irregular short-term economic and other effects. Trend estimates, therefore, provide a more reliable measure of underlying movements in the data. (d) The deflator used to revalue current price data in this table is the Darwin All Groups Consumer Price Index. See paragraphs 4 to 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

		Room ni	ghts occupied (	'000)(a)
Period		Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend(b)
1994	March quarter	204.5	212.1	208.3
	June quarter	199.2	203.9	208.5
	September quarter	213.9	212.3	209.2
	December quarter	215.8	207.6	212.2
1995	<ul> <li>March quarter</li> </ul>	212.8	219.8	215.2
	June quarter	209.3	213.4	214.8
	September quarter	210.5	211.8	210.4
	December quarter	216.0	206.1	207.6
1996	March quarter	198.3	202.4	207.5
	June quarter	215.9	219.0	207.8
	September quarter	197.6	198.3	209.2
	December quarter	221.0	212.5	208.3
1997	March quarter	203.4	210.3	204.7
	June quarter	192.0	195.7	202.9
	September quarter	200.8	201.6	203.3
	December quarter	225.4	213.6	207.5

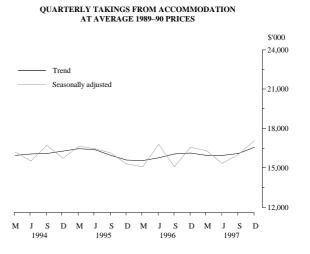
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1994 1995 1996 1997	

Period  1994 — March quarter June quarter September quarter December quarter 1995 — March quarter June quarter September quarter September quarter December quarter 1996 — March quarter	Takings at current prices (\$m)(a)							
			Seasonally					
Period		Original	adjusted	Trend(b)				
1994 —	March quarter	17.5	18.1	17.8				
	June quarter	17.2	17.4	18.0				
	September quarter	18.8	18.8	18.2				
	December quarter	18.4	17.9	18.6				
1995	<ul> <li>March quarter</li> </ul>	18.8	19.4	19.1				
	June quarter	19.2	19.4	19.3				
	September quarter	19.0	19.3	19.0				
	December quarter	19.2	18.4	18.7				
1996	March quarter	18.0	18.2	18.8				
	June quarter	20.3	20.4	19.1				
	September quarter	18.2	18.3	19.5				
	December quarter	20.7	20.1	19.6				
1997	March quarter	19.2	19.8	19.3				
	June quarter	18.3	18.5	19.2				
	September quarter	19.0	19.2	19.3				
	December quarter	21.5	20.5	19.8				

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MONTHLY TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION

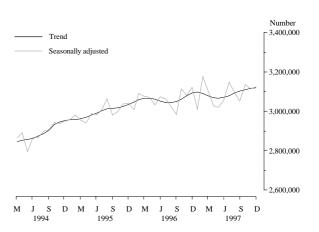
		Т	akings at avera	ige 1989–90 p	rices (\$m)(c)
Period			Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend(b)
1994	—	March quarter	15.7	16.2	16.0
		June quarter	15.4	15.5	16.1
		September quarter	16.7	16.7	16.1
		December quarter	16.2	15.8	16.3
1995	—	March quarter	16.2	16.7	16.5
		June quarter	16.4	16.5	16.4
		September quarter	15.9	16.2	16.0
		December quarter	16.0	15.3	15.6
1996	_	March quarter	14.9	15.1	15.6
		June quarter	16.7	16.8	15.8
		September quarter	15.0	15.1	16.1
		December quarter	17.1	16.6	16.1
1997	_	March quarter	15.8	16.3	16.0
		June quarter	15.2	15.4	15.9
		September quarter	15.9	16.0	16.1
		December quarter	17.9	17.1	16.6



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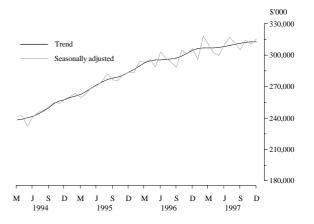
1994 — March quarter June quarter September quarter December quarter 1995 — March quarter June quarter September quarter	Room nights occupied ('000)(b)							
		Seasonally						
Period	Original	adjusted	Trend(c)					
1994 — March quarter	8,354.9	8,494.2	8,453.1					
June quarter	8,196.9	8,549.7	8,577.2					
September quarter	8,925.0	8,670.4	8,681.3					
December quarter	9,051.2	8,825.7	8,802.8					
1995 — March quarter	8,746.2	8,890.6	8,882.7					
June quarter	8,535.5	8,909.2	8,947.3					
September quarter	9,305.0	9,051.6	9,020.5					
December quarter	9,293.5	9,076.2	9,104.4					
1996 — March quarter	9,142.7	9,171.4	9,138.6					
June quarter	8,788.8	9,176.3	9,146.1					
September quarter	9,297.6	9,067.7	9,189.5					
December quarter	9,551.6	9,317.2	9,224.4					
1997 — March quarter	9,193.5	9,288.2	9,230.6					
June quarter	8,699.4	9,101.1	9,228.1					
September quarter	9,521.2	9,293.1	9,258.3					
December quarter	9,640.8	9,374.4	9,332.0					

### MONTHLY ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED



	1994 — March quarter June quarter September quarter December quarter 1995 — March quarter June quarter September quarter December quarter December quarter June quarter June quarter June quarter September quarter December quarter December quarter June quarter June quarter June quarter	Takings at current prices (\$m)(b)							
Period			Original						
1994	1994 — March quarter June quarter September quarter December quarter 1995 — March quarter June quarter September quarter December quarter December quarter June quarter	703.9	711.1	703.2					
		*	674.5	715.2	722.7				
			759.9	742.8	741.3				
		December quarter	796.9	766.8	764.0				
1995	_	March quarter	776.7	783.3	785.4				
		June quarter	756.1	802.7	805.6				
		September quarter	851.6	833.7	826.6				
		December quarter	873.6	840.6	848.8				
1996		March quarter	873.5	869.8	866.5				
			835.8	888.0	879.7				
			897.1	879.1	893.8				
			946.1	911.9	905.5				
1997			923.4	923.8	915.6				
			853.2	910.9	922.6				
			949.7	933.5	929.3				
		December quarter	979.2	940.7	938.5				
		December quarter	919.2	<i>9</i> 40.7	930.3				

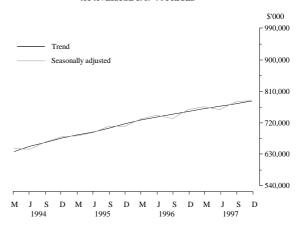
#### MONTHLY TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION AT CURRENT PRICES



		Seasonally	
Period	Original	adjusted	Trend(c)
1994 — March quarter	638.3	644.8	637.2
June quarter	607.4	644.0	651.3
September quarter	679.2	663.9	662.7
December quarter	706.2	679.6	675.6
1995 — March quarter	676.7	682.4	685.2
June quarter	650.8	690.9	693.2
September quarter	724.3	709.0	703.4
December quarter	737.5	709.6	716.5
1996 — March quarter	733.3	730.1	726.7
June quarter	697.0	740.6	734.3
September quarter	746.2	731.3	743.3
December quarter	785.6	757.2	751.3
1997 — March quarter	765.1	765.3	759.7
June quarter	708.9	756.9	766.7
September quarter	791.9	778.5	773.4
December quarter	814.1	782.2	781.2

Takings at average 1080, 00 prices (\$m)(d)

# QUARTERLY TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION AT AVERAGE 1989–90 PRICES



<sup>(</sup>a) All figures for Australia have been derived by summing the corresponding State and Territory figures (see Tables 2 to 9). (b) For presentation purposes, the quarterly estimates of seasonally adjusted and trend data for room nights occupied and takings at current prices, shown in the tables, have been derived by summing the relevant monthly figures. However, the charts show the data plotted on a monthly basis. (c) Trend estimates are derived by eliminating the regular effects of seasonality and irregular short-term economic and other effects. Trend estimates, therefore, provide a more reliable measure of underlying movements in the data. (d) The deflator used to revalue current price data is the Consumer Price Index.

						Total			
	Licensed	Star grading Licensed Motels and							
	hotels with facilities		1	2	3	4	5	Ungraded	Total
		ESTABLISH	MENTS AN	D CAPACIT	ΓY (number)				
December quarter 1996—									
Establishments	263	1,469	61	423	868	126	15	239	1,732
Guest rooms	19,245	38,337	1,199	8,043	26,285	12,202	3,649	6,204	57,582
Rooms per establishment	73	26	20	19	30	97	243	26	33
December quarter 1997—									
Establishments	272	1,499	69	380	858	138	14	312	1,771
Guest rooms	20,825	38,837	1,454	7,815	25,494	12,198	3,602	9,099	59,662
Rooms per establishment	77	26	21	21	30	88	257	29	34
	AVERAGE NI	GHTLY NUMB	ER OF ROO	MS OCCUF	PIED PER ES	TABLISHM	ENT		
October	53.2	16.1	6.3	9.9	19.8	77.9	196.0	12.6	21.7
November	56.3	14.7	5.9	8.7	18.4	80.3	216.6	12.4	21.0
December	46.5	12.9	5.4	7.9	15.9	67.3	170.6	11.3	18.0
December quarter 1996	51.9	14.6	5.9	8.9	18.1	75.1	194.1	12.1	20.2
October	53.9	15.6	7.3	10.9	19.1	67.7	207.3	15.2	21.5
November	55.3	14.2	6.8	9.5	17.6	68.0	217.3	14.8	20.5
December	45.0	12.7	6.4	8.8	15.5	55.9	181.4	12.9	17.7
December quarter 1997	51.3	14.2	6.9	9.7	17.4	63.8	201.9	14.3	19.9
	AVERAC	GE NIGHTLY N	UMBER OF	GUESTS P	PER OCCUPI	ED ROOM			
Ostalass	1.6	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.0	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.0
October November	1.6	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.8 1.7
November December	1.6 1.7	1.8 2.0	1.7 1.8	1.8 1.9	1.7 1.9	1.6 1.8	1.5 1.7	1.7 1.8	1.7
December quarter 1996	1.7	2.0 1.9	1.8 1.7	1.9 1.9	1.9 1.8	1.8 1.7	1.7	1.8 1.7	1.9 1.8
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October	1.5	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.8	1.8
November	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.8	1.7
December	1.6	2.0	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.5	2.0	1.8
December quarter 1997	1.6	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.8

The number of establishments increased by 2% and the number of guest rooms available by 4% in New South Wales between December quarter 1996 and the December quarter 1997. Accordingly, the average number of rooms per establishment increased from 33 to 34. Due mainly to the reclassification and declassification of establishments, there were changes in room supply across the different star gradings. The most significant were for the star grade 1 and ungraded categories which recorded increases of 21% and 47% respectively.

While the average size of establishments increased slightly overall, the average nightly number of rooms occupied fell. The star grade 3 and star grade 4 categories mainly contributed to the decrease. Significant increases for the star grade 1 and ungraded categories were less than the increases for available rooms in those categories and failed to offset the overall decrease.

The average nightly number of guests per occupied room remained unchanged overall, with slight falls in the star grade 4 and star grade 5 categories being offset by an increase for the ungraded category. This would mainly be due to the reclassification or declassification of existing establishments as well as the addition of new establishments to the collection.

		_				Total				
	Licensed	Motels and -			Star grad	ling				
	hotels with facilities	hotels with	guest houses	1	2	3	4	5	Ungraded	Total
	A	VERAGE TA	KINGS PER I	ESTABLISH	MENT (\$'00	0)				
October	234.6	38.2	8.0	16.3	48.7	304.3	1,286.9	44.0	68.0	
November	244.9	34.0	6.9	13.7	44.1	304.3	1,406.5	43.6	66.0	
December	203.4	32.6	6.8	13.5	41.0	268.1	1,096.0	39.5	58.5	
December quarter 1996	682.9	104.8	21.8	43.5	133.8	876.7	3,789.3	127.1	192.5	
October	243.0	38.2	9.8	19.4	47.5	275.7	1,438.5	52.6	69.7	
November	243.4	33.7	9.1	16.4	42.5	269.9	1,454.5	50.5	65.9	
December	207.9	32.8	9.3	16.3	39.9	229.0	1.271.4	48.7	59.7	
December quarter 1997	694.3	104.7	28.3	52.1	129.9	774.7	4,164.4	151.8	195.2	
	AV	ERAGE TAKI	NGS PER RO	OOM NIGHT	OCCUPIEI	<b>)</b> (\$)				
October	142.5	76.6	41.0	53.1	79.1	126.0	211.8	112.7	101.1	
November	145.3	77.3	38.9	52.2	79.8	126.8	216.4	118.4	105.0	
December	141.1	81.3	41.0	55.0	82.9	128.9	207.3	113.2	104.7	
December quarter 1996	143.1	78.3	40.3	53.4	80.5	127.1	212.1	114.8	103.5	
October	148.9	78.9	43.3	57.5	80.4	131.3	223.8	117.5	105.5	
November	149.5	79.3	44.4	57.4	80.7	132.4	223.1	118.9	108.1	
December	148.9	83.1	47.0	59.9	83.2	132.4	226.0	122.0	108.9	
December quarter 1997	149.1	80.3	44.8	58.2	81.3	132.0	224.2	119.4	107.4	
		AVERAGE	TAKINGS P	ER GUEST	NIGHT (\$)					
October	90.7	40.7	22.0	20.4	12.7	75.0	124 1	657	57.0	
November November	89.6 93.4	40.7 43.8	23.9 23.3	28.4 29.3	42.7 46.2	75.0 78.6	134.1 141.0	65.7 70.9	57.0 62.5	
November December	93.4 83.1	43.8	23.3 22.4	29.3 28.7	46.2	78.6 71.0	123.6	70.9 62.7	56.2	
December quarter 1996	88.9	41.8	23.2	28.8	43.9	74.9	133.2	66.4	58.5	
October	96.5	41.8	25.5	30.5	44.0	80.9	152.2	63.7	60.1	
November	98.4	44.7	26.5	32.3	46.9	84.6	152.0	67.0	64.7	
December	90.9	42.1	28.0	30.8	43.8	75.4	150.2	62.4	59.1	

Overall, average takings per establishment increased marginally despite the decrease in average room occupancy. Only the star grade 4 category experienced a decrease, with all other categories recording relatively strong increases. The decrease for the star grade 4 category was smaller than the decrease in average occupancy, while the star grade 3 category recorded an increase despite a fall in average occupancy. For the remaining star grade categories, increases in average takings per establishment were greater than the increases in average occupancy.

Average takings per room night occupied increased overall and for all star grade categories, with the strongest growth being experienced in the star grade 1, star grade 2 and star grade 5 categories. Similarly, strong growth in average takings per guest night was recorded for these star grade categories although the ungraded category experienced a small decrease. For the star grade 4 and star grade 5 categories, strong increases in average takings per guest night occurred despite falls in the average nightly number of guests per occupied room.

						Total			
	Licensed	Motels and			Star grad	ding			
	hotels with facilities	guest houses	1	2	3	4	5	Ungraded	Total
		ESTABLISH	MENTS AN	D CAPACI	ΓY (number)				
December quarter 1996—									
Establishments	193	820	13	247	522	106	9	116	1.013
Guest rooms	10.046	19,872	171	4,393	12.725	7.166	2,474	2.989	29,918
Rooms per establishment	52	24	13	18	24	68	275	26	30
December quarter 1997—									
Establishments	197	843	10	231	553	125	11	110	1,040
Guest rooms	10,568	20,336	147	4,001	13,688	7,996	2,996	2,076	30,904
Rooms per establishment	54	24	15	17	25	64	272	19	30
	AVERAGE NI	GHTLY NUMB	ER OF ROO	MS OCCUI	PIED PER ES	TABLISHMI	ENT		
October	36.5	12.9	2.7	7.6	13.3	49.8	227.7	12.9	17.4
November	39.1	12.9	2.8	7.6	13.3	52.0	250.2	13.0	17.9
December	30.7	10.5	3.4	6.5	10.8	40.5	190.6	10.7	14.4
December quarter 1996	35.4	12.1	3.0	7.2	12.5	47.4	222.5	12.2	16.6
October	37.3	13.1	3.2	7.6	14.0	45.5	218.6	6.8	17.6
November	39.0	12.9	3.5	7.5	13.6	47.9	230.1	6.9	17.8
December  December quarter 1997	31.7 36.0	10.6 12.2	3.2 3.3	6.5 7.2	11.5 <i>13.0</i>	36.8 <i>43.4</i>	188.4 212.2	5.4 6.3	14.6 <i>16.7</i>
December quarter 1997	30.0	12.2	3.3	7.2	15.0	43.4	212.2	0.3	10.7
	AVERAC	GE NIGHTLY N	NUMBER OF	F GUESTS F	PER OCCUPI	ED ROOM			
October	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.8	1.6
November	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.8	1.6
December	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.9	1.0
December quarter 1996	1.6	1.7	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.7
October	1.5	1.7	1.3	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.6
November	1.5	1.7	1.3	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.6
December	1.6	1.8	1.4	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.7
December quarter 1997	1.6	1.7	1.3	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.7

The increase in the number of available guest rooms in Victoria over the year ended December quarter 1997 was proportionally slightly greater than the increase in the number of establishments, however the overall average number of rooms per establishment remained about the same. Increases in the number of available rooms per establishment were primarily at the upper end of the market, with star grade 1, star grade 2 and ungraded establishments each recording falls. Most of this change is due to reclassification of establishments and the addition of new establishments to the collection.

The average nightly number of rooms occupied per establishment increased marginally overall. Only the star grade 1 and star grade 3 categories experienced increases.

The average nightly number of guests per occupied room remained the same overall, with decreases in the star grade 1 and ungraded categories being offset by an increase in the star grade 5 category.

						Total			
	Linnand	Motels and —			Star grad	ling			
	hotels with facilities	guest houses	1	2	3	4	5	Ungraded	Tota
	A	VERAGE TAK	KINGS PER E	ESTABLISH	MENT (\$'00	0)			
Ootohou	147.6	30.3	2.3	12.9	29.4	183.5	1 276 2	33.1	52.7
October November	162.0	30.3	2.3	12.9	29.4	183.5	1,276.2 1,457.5	33.1	52.7 55.1
November December	162.0	24.8	2.3	13.0	24.2	192.7	1,457.5	33.9 27.5	33.1 42.8
	429.0						, -	27.5 94.6	150.7
December quarter 1996	429.0	85.1	7.3	37.3	82.6	522.7	3,756.4	94.0	130.7
October	166.2	30.5	3.0	13.8	31.5	171.9	1,338.2	14.8	56.2
November	176.6	31.1	3.1	13.2	30.5	188.4	1,445.5	14.3	58.6
December	137.4	25.8	3.5	12.1	26.6	141.2	1,126.8	11.5	47.0
December quarter 1997	480.2	87.4	9.6	39.0	88.6	501.4	3,910.4	40.6	161.8
	AV	ERAGE TAKI	NGS PER RC	OOM NIGHT	OCCUPIED	<b>)</b> (\$)			
October	130.2	75.7	27.8	55.0	71.6	118.8	180.8	82.6	97.5
November	138.2	77.4	26.9	56.8	72.7	123.6	194.2	86.6	102.7
December	125.7	76.0	24.9	56.8	72.0	116.7	173.1	83.2	96.2
December quarter 1996	131.8	76.4	26.4	56.2	72.1	119.9	183.5	84.2	98.9
October	143.8	75.3	30.9	58.5	72.7	121.8	197.5	70.3	102.7
November	151.0	80.3	29.4	58.8	74.8	131.1	209.4	69.6	109.6
December	139.8	78.7	34.9	60.0	74.6	123.7	192.9	68.5	103.9
December quarter 1997	145.2	78.0	31.7	59.1	74.0	125.7	200.3	69.5	105.5
		AVERAGE	TAKINGS P	ER GUEST N	NIGHT (\$)				
October	86.9	43.9	20.3	31.0	40.9	79.8	130.9	46.4	59.6
November	90.7	43.9 44.9	20.3 19.1	31.0	40.9	79.8 81.1	130.9	40.4 47.7	62.5
December	76.2	42.1	18.2	30.6	39.8	69.5	116.7	43.9	55.2
December quarter 1996	84.9	43.7	19.1	31.2	40.9	77.1	129.7	46.1	59.3
October	94.5	43.6	23.4	32.5	41.6	78.1	139.1	42.8	62.4
November	99.5	47.0	23.1	32.9	43.5	84.1	147.4	43.2	67.3
December	85.6	43.2	25.0	31.7	40.9	73.1	126.2	41.0	59.6
	50.0								63.2

Average takings per establishment increased by 7% overall with only the star grade 4 and ungraded categories recording decreases. For those categories recording increases, the rises were significantly greater than average occupancy. This would indicate increased average tariffs for these categories.

Average takings per room night occupied and per guest night both increased by a similar amount overall, with only the ungraded category experiencing a decrease. Particularly strong growth was reported for the star grade 1 category. The overall result, once again, reflects increased tariffs as all average takings figures showed significant proportional increases over average occupancy.

						Total				
	Licensed	Motels and			Star gra	ding				
	hotels with facilities	hotels with	guest houses	1	2	3	4	5	Ungraded	Total
		ESTABLIS	HMENTS AN	D CAPACIT	ΓY (number)					
December quarter 1996—										
Establishments	270	867	25	372	461	89	16	174	1,137	
Guest rooms	20,770	23,603	377	6,960	16,662	11,709	3,837	4,828	44,373	
Rooms per establishment	77	27	15	19	36	132	240	28	39	
December quarter 1997—										
Establishments	277	899	33	320	487	122	19	195	1,176	
Guest rooms	22,011	25,097	531	5,889	16,243	13,828	4,438	6,179	47,108	
Rooms per establishment	79	28	16	18	33	113	234	32	40	
	AVERAGE NI	GHTLY NUM	BER OF ROO	MS OCCUF	PIED PER ES	TABLISHM	ENT			
October	53.4	17.8	6.8	10.4	24.9	98.0	180.5	15.7	26.3	
November	52.1	16.7	6.3	9.6	23.0	96.9	187.9	15.1	25.1	
December	46.2	14.5	5.5	8.7	20.2	83.7	152.6	14.1	22.0	
December quarter 1996	50.5	16.3	6.2	9.6	22.7	92.8	173.5	15.0	24.5	
October	53.4	17.4	7.5	9.6	21.7	80.5	170.8	17.4	25.8	
November	51.7	16.0	7.1	8.8	19.7	77.3	176.3	16.4	24.4	
December	44.5	14.3	6.4	8.4	17.6	66.7	143.8	14.4	21.4	
December quarter 1997	49.8	15.9	7.0	8.9	19.7	74.8	163.5	16.0	23.8	
	AVERAC	GE NIGHTLY	NUMBER OF	GUESTS P	PER OCCUPI	ED ROOM				
October	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.8	
November	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.8	
December	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	
December quarter 1996	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	
October	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	
November	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	
December	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	
December quarter 1997	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	

The number of establishments in Queensland increased by 3% while the supply of guest rooms increased by 6% between December quarter 1996 and December quarter 1997. This led to an overall increase in the average size of establishments from 39 to 40 rooms. The average number of rooms per establishment, however, fell for all star grade categories other than the star grade 1 and ungraded categories which recorded increases of 7% and 14% respectively.

Due to reclassification of establishments and the addition of new establishments, most star grade categories recorded significant changes in the number of establishments and guest rooms. The star grade 2 category recorded decreases in both the number of establishments and the number of rooms, while the number of rooms also fell for the star grade 3 category. All other categories recorded increases in number of rooms.

The average nightly number of rooms occupied per establishment fell overall, with only the star grade 1 and ungraded categories experiencing increases. The star grade 2, star grade 3, star grade 4 and star grade 5 categories all recorded greater decreases than the average size of establishments in these categories.

The only change that occurred in average nightly number of guests per occupied room was in the star grade 2 category where there was an increase from 1.7 to 1.8. There was no change overall.

						Total			
	Licensed	Motels and	Star grading  Motels and						
	hotels with facilities	guest houses	1	2	3	4	5	Ungraded	Total
	A	VERAGE TAI	KINGS PER I	ESTABLISH	MENT (\$'00	0)			
October	216.0	40.2	7.5	16.7	61.4	353.3	1,183.7	46.6	82.0
November	205.6	36.7	7.3 6.9	15.0	53.8	335.4	1,183.7	46.6 44.4	76.8
December	196.3	33.5	6.7	15.3	51.3	308.5	1,071.8	45.6	70.8
December quarter 1996	617.9	33.3 110.4	21.1	47.0	166.4	997.2	3,457.9	136.7	231.0
December quarter 1990	017.5	110.7	21.1	77.0	100.7	<i>&gt;&gt;7.12</i>	5,157.5	130.7	231.0
October	210.1	40.0	8.2	16.3	51.8	285.0	1,077.7	42.1	80.1
November	196.4	35.5	7.3	14.2	44.5	261.9	1,063.6	39.5	73.4
December	184.4	33.6	7.7	15.0	43.5	238.1	964.0	39.3	69.1
December quarter 1997	590.9	109.1	23.2	45.5	139.7	785.0	3,105.4	120.9	222.6
	AV	ERAGE TAKI	NGS PER RC	OM NIGHT	OCCUPIED	<b>)</b> (\$)			
October	130.9	72.8	35.6	51.9	79.4	116.3	211.6	97.6	100.8
November	131.5	73.2	36.2	52.0	78.1	115.4	213.3	98.4	101.9
December	137.1	74.6	38.8	56.6	82.1	118.9	226.5	104.1	105.8
December quarter 1996	133.0	73.5	36.8	53.4	79.8	116.8	216.6	100.0	102.7
October	130.0	74.3	35.1	54.9	77.0	114.2	203.6	85.3	101.1
November	129.1	74.1	34.3	54.0	75.2	113.1	201.1	86.0	101.3
December	134.6	76.1	38.5	57.9	79.8	115.4	216.3	90.3	104.7
December quarter 1997	131.1	74.8	35.9	55.6	77.2	114.2	206.5	87.1	102.3
		AVERAGE	TAKINGS P	ER GUEST I	NIGHT (\$)				
October	70.2	40.7	21.4	30.0	42.9	63.5	115.2	52.6	55.2
November	72.8	41.8	21.4	31.0	43.1	65.3	120.0	53.8	57.3
December	68.8	38.3	22.8	31.0	40.7	60.4	115.2	51.6	53.7
December quarter 1996	70.6	40.3	21.8	30.6	42.3	63.1	116.8	52.7	55.4
October	68.5	40.9	20.4	31.2	41.2	60.6	110.5	46.2	54.5
November	72.2	41.9	20.9	31.5	42.6	62.8	112.8	47.4	57.0
December	68.1	38.6	22.2	31.4	39.9	58.1	110.1	44.9	53.1
	69.6	40.5	21.1	31.4	41.2	60.5	111.2	46.1	54.8

Average takings per establishment decreased overall. All categories other than the star grade 1 category recorded significant decreases. These decreases reflect similar decreases in average room occupancy. The increase in the star grade 1 category reflects the increase in room nights occupied in this category.

Average takings per room night occupied and per guest both fell marginally overall, contributing to the decrease in average takings per establishment. The star grade 2 category recorded the only increase in average takings per room and per guest, while the ungraded category experienced the greatest decrease (13% for both measures).

	Licensed hotels with facilities	_	Total							
		0	Star grading							
			1	2	3	4	5	Ungraded	Total	
		ESTABLIS	HMENTS AN	D CAPACIT	Y (number)					
December quarter 1996—										
Establishments	114	238	14	119	160	28	3	28	352	
Guest rooms	4.356	6,595	165	2.368	4.944	1.819	1.081	574	10.951	
Rooms per establishment	38	28	12	20	31	65	360	21	31	
December quarter 1997—										
Establishments	110	237	13	116	160	29	3	26	347	
Guest rooms	4,342	6,555	155	2,379	4,911	1,890	1,083	479	10,897	
Rooms per establishment	39	28	12	21	31	65	361	18	31	
	AVERAGE NI	GHTLY NUM	BER OF ROO	MS OCCUP	IED PER ES	TABLISHMI	ENT			
October	24.2	17.0	3.5	9.7	19.4	47.8	310.5	8.4	19.4	
November	22.0	15.1	2.9	8.3	16.7	48.4	281.2	7.4	17.3	
December	18.0	12.9	2.2	7.4	14.1	39.6	215.5	7.1	14.6	
December quarter 1996	21.4	15.0	2.8	8.5	16.7	45.3	268.9	7.6	17.1	
October	25.9	18.0	3.9	10.4	20.4	50.3	309.7	8.6	20.5	
November	25.2	16.4	4.0	9.2	18.5	50.6	314.4	7.3	19.2	
December	19.6	13.2	3.6	7.8	14.5	38.2	231.4	7.7	15.2	
December quarter 1997	23.6	15.9	3.8	9.1	17.8	46.3	284.9	7.8	18.3	
	AVERAC	GE NIGHTLY	NUMBER OF	GUESTS P	ER OCCUPII	ED ROOM				
October	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.7	
November	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.7	
December	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.0	1.0	
December quarter 1996	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.3	1.7	1.6	
October	1.5	1.8	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.3	1.7	1.7	
November	1.5	1.6	1.0	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.3	1.7	1.7	
December	1.6	1.8	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.7	1.7	
	1.0	1.0		1.0	1.0		1.4		1./	

The number of establishments and number of guest rooms available in South Australia were both slightly lower in December quarter 1997 compared with the same quarter in 1996. The average number of rooms per establishment was unchanged at 31. The most significant variation in number of guest rooms and average size was in the ungraded category which recorded decreases of 17% and 14% respectively.

The average nightly number of rooms occupied per establishment increased by 7% overall. All star grade categories recorded increases, the greatest being in the star grade 1 category which increased by 36%.

The average nightly number of guests per occupied room remained unchanged overall. However, the star grade 1 and star grade 4 categories both experienced increases.

	Licensed hotels with facilities	_	Total							
		0	Star grading							
			1	2	3	4	5	Ungraded	Total	
	A	VERAGE TAI	KINGS PER I	ESTABLISH	MENT (\$'00	0)				
October	70.3	36.1	4.0	14.2	40.2	154.3	1,246.8	13.3	47.2	
November	61.8	31.1	2.9	11.1	33.3	151.2	1,080.0	10.3	41.1	
December	50.0	27.4	2.3	10.5	29.4	121.9	841.5	10.1	34.7	
December quarter 1996	182.0	94.6	9.2	35.7	102.9	427.5	3,168.2	33.6	122.9	
October	77.8	40.5	4.5	15.7	44.1	168.5	1,319.9	14.4	52.3	
November	76.3	35.4	3.6	12.6	38.4	167.0	1,328.8	12.0	48.4	
December	56.7	29.1	3.3	11.3	31.5	129.2	900.0	11.6	37.9	
December quarter 1997	210.7	105.0	11.4	39.6	113.9	464.6	3,548.8	38.0	138.5	
	AV	ERAGE TAKI	NGS PER RC	OOM NIGHT	OCCUPIED	<b>D</b> (\$)				
October	93.5	68.5	36.8	47.1	66.8	104.1	129.5	51.2	78.6	
November	93.6	68.7	34.0	44.6	66.6	104.0	128.0	46.1	78.9	
December	89.4	68.4	34.4	45.3	67.4	99.2	125.9	46.0	76.8	
December quarter 1996	92.4	68.5	35.3	45.8	66.9	102.6	128.1	47.9	78.2	
October	96.9	72.4	37.5	48.8	69.8	108.0	137.5	54.0	82.2	
November	100.7	72.0	30.3	46.3	69.2	110.0	140.9	55.2	84.0	
December	93.2	71.6	29.4	47.2	69.9	109.0	125.5	48.9	80.4	
December quarter 1997	97.2	72.0	32.4	47.5	69.6	109.0	135.4	52.7	82.3	
		AVERAGE	TAKINGS P	ER GUEST I	NIGHT (\$)					
0.41	<i>21.</i> 5	20.5	25.0	07.1	20.4	<i>2</i>	0.4.5	20.7	47.0	
October	61.7	38.7	25.0	27.1	38.4	64.1	94.7	28.7	47.2	
November	63.9	41.6	24.5	27.5	40.4	67.9	94.4	28.9	50.2	
December	56.7	38.4	25.8	25.5	37.8	61.4	84.9	27.3	45.2	
December quarter 1996	60.9	39.5	25.0	26.7	38.9	64.6	91.8	28.3	47.5	
October	64.4	41.2	23.2	27.8	41.1	64.6	103.4	31.3	49.6	
November	69.5	43.7	21.0	28.2	43.3	69.7	104.3	32.8	53.6	
December	58.9	39.7	19.1	26.7	39.6	60.9	89.9	30.7	46.9	
December quarter 1997	64.5	41.6	21.2	27.6	41.4	65.2	99.9	31.6	50.2	

Reflecting the increase in average room demand, there were overall increases recorded in average takings per establishment (13%), average takings per room night occupied (5%) and average takings per guest night (6%). All star grade categories experienced strong increases in average takings per establishment. For all, other than the star grade 1 category, the increases were greater than the increases in average room occupancy.

The only decreases in average takings per room night and per guest were in the star grade 1 category. Particularly strong growth was experienced in the ungraded category which recorded increases of 10% and 12% respectively.

	Licensed hotels with facilities	_	Total							
		0	Star grading							
			1	2	3	4	5	Ungraded	Total	
		ESTABLISH	MENTS AN	D CAPACIT	Y (number)					
December quarter 1996—										
Establishments	163	174	12	108	149	21	6	41	337	
Guest rooms	9,346	6.650	206	2,728	7,587	2,316	1,867	1.292	15.996	
Rooms per establishment	57	38	17	25	51	110	311	32	47	
December quarter 1997—										
Establishments	167	177	11	85	146	20	8	74	344	
Guest rooms	9,528	6,768	179	2,086	7,403	1,965	1,937	2,726	16,296	
Rooms per establishment	57	38	16	25	51	98	242	37	47	
	AVERAGE NI	GHTLY NUMB	ER OF ROO	MS OCCUP	IED PER ES	TABLISHMI	ENT			
October	38.1	25.9	5.1	14.4	34.8	84.5	265.9	12.7	31.8	
November	35.8	22.2	4.3	13.0	30.2	80.3	250.7	13.7	28.7	
December	31.0	20.2	3.2	11.8	26.8	65.9	225.5	12.8	25.4	
December quarter 1996	34.9	22.7	4.2	13.1	30.6	76.6	247.3	13.0	28.6	
October	36.3	25.0	4.4	12.7	33.5	69.3	182.5	22.0	30.5	
November	35.2	21.5	3.8	11.9	29.3	66.1	187.8	20.8	28.2	
December	30.2	19.7	2.5	10.6	25.8	60.0	167.8	17.4	24.8	
December quarter 1997	33.9	22.1	3.6	11.7	29.5	65.1	179.3	20.0	27.8	
	AVERAC	GE NIGHTLY N	IUMBER OI	GUESTS P	ER OCCUPII	ED ROOM				
Oatahan	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.6	17	1.5	1 5	1.7	1.0	
October November	1.5	1.8 1.7	1.2 1.2	1.6	1.7	1.5 1.5	1.5 1.5	1.7 1.6	1.6	
December	1.5 1.7	1.7	1.2	1.5 1.7	1.7 1.9	1.5 1.7	1.5	1.6	1.6 1.8	
December quarter 1996	1.7	1.9 1.8	1.3	1.7 1.6	1.9 1.8	1.7 1.6	1.6 1.5	1.6 1.6	1.8 1.7	
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October	1.5	1.8	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	
November	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.6	
December	1.6	1.9	1.5	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7	
December quarter 1997	1.5	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.7	

The number of establishments in Western Australia increased marginally between December 1996 and December 1997, as did the number of available guest rooms. Accordingly, the average number of rooms per establishment remained unchanged. Due to reclassification and the addition of new establishments there were changes in room numbers and average size across the star grades. The largest were for the ungraded category and were due to the declassification of a significant number of establishments during the year (i.e. establishments which were previously included in the star grade categories but which were "ungraded" at the end of the year).

The average nightly number of rooms occupied per establishment decreased marginally overall with all star grade categories other than the ungraded category, which increased by 54%, recording significant falls. The greatest decrease (33%) was in the star grade 5 category which suggests that some previous star grade 5 establishments have been declassified and are now "ungraded".

Overall, there was no change in the average nightly number of guests per occupied room, with decreases in the star grade 3 and ungraded categories being offset by increases in the star grade 1 and star grade 5 categories.

		_				Total			
	Licensed	Motels and —			Star grad	ling			
	hotels with facilities	guest houses	1	2	3	4	5	Ungraded	Tota
	A	VERAGE TAI	KINGS PER I	ESTABLISH	MENT (\$'00	0)			
October	120.9	61.9	4.9	23.5	82.5	292.8	1,386.6	27.3	90.4
November	112.1	48.3	3.4	20.7	67.4	262.6	1,221.0	37.0	79.
December	101.7	47.6	3.3	19.6	63.2	248.7	1.097.2	35.7	73.
December quarter 1996	334.6	157.8	3.3 11.7	63.9	213.0	804.0	3,704.8	100.0	243
secember quarter 1990	221.0	137.0	11.7	05.7	213.0	001.0	2,707.0	100.0	275
October	118.2	60.4	5.4	21.6	79.9	264.6	869.4	62.3	88.4
November	109.9	48.4	4.6	19.3	65.8	236.0	846.5	55.9	78.3
December	96.4	46.6	3.5	17.7	61.7	216.6	753.5	46.3	70.8
December quarter 1997	324.6	155.3	13.6	58.6	207.4	717.2	2,469.4	164.6	237.5
	AV	ERAGE TAKI	NGS PER RC	OOM NIGHT	OCCUPIED	) (\$)			
October	107.4	77.3	31.0	52.9	76.4	125.5	168.2	82.0	94.4
November	107.4	72.6	27.2	53.2	74.3	122.2	162.3	90.2	93.3
December	107.6	76.1	34.7	53.4	76.5	128.4	156.9	90.4	94.0
December quarter 1996	107.5	75.4	30.7	53.2	75.8	125.3	162.8	87.9	94.
October	105.1	77.8	39.2	55.1	77.0	123.2	153.7	91.4	93.0
November	104.7	74.9	40.8	54.0	74.8	119.0	150.3	91.6	92.9
December	103.5	76.4	45.6	54.1	77.1	116.4	144.9	88.0	92.4
December quarter 1997	104.5	76.5	41.2	54.4	76.3	119.7	149.7	90.5	93.0
		AVERAGE	TAKINGS PI	ER GUEST	NIGHT (\$)				
October	69.6	43.4	25.9	33.4	43.9	81.4	113.0	47.5	57.4
November	70.9	43.0	23.3	34.3	44.5	81.5	110.8	56.8	58.9
December	64.5	40.6	26.3	32.3	40.8	77.5	95.6	55.1	53.9
December quarter 1996	68.4	42.4	25.2	33.4	43.1	80.2	106.6	53.4	56.8
October	68.3	43.3	31.7	34.6	44.4	76.2	97.3	59.6	56.
November	70.1	42.9	29.0	35.0	44.9	75.3	95.4	63.2	58.3
December	64.3	40.3	30.8	32.5	42.6	68.5	84.8	55.9	53.5
December quarter 1997	67.6	42.2	30.5	34.1	44.0	73.4	92.5	59.7	56.2

Average takings per establishment decreased by more than 2% overall. The higher star grade categories experienced the largest decreases with the star grade 4 and star grade 5 categories recording falls of 11% and 33% respectively. These falls reflect similar decreases in average occupancy and have resulted largely from the declassification of some establishments. The ungraded category experienced an increase of 65%. This increase was greater than the increase in average occupancy.

Average takings per room night occupied and average takings per guest night both decreased marginally overall. Both the star grade 4 and star grade 5 categories recorded significant decreases with all other star grade categories recording increases. Once again, it should be noted that these movements were, to some extent, caused by movement of some establishments to the ungraded category.

				Total		
			St	ar grading		
	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and — guest houses	1, 2 and ungraded	3	4 and 5	Total
	ESTA	BLISHMENTS AND	CAPACITY (number	er)		
December quarter 1996—						
Establishments	91	96	74	74	39	187
Guest rooms	3,532	2.072	1,456	2,409	1.739	5,604
Rooms per establishment	39	22	20	33	45	30
December quarter 1997—						
Establishments	98	115	75	80	58	213
Guest rooms	3,519	2,402	1,325	2,416	2,180	5,921
Rooms per establishment	36	21	18	30	38	28
A	VERAGE NIGHTLY	NUMBER OF ROOM	AS OCCUPIED PER	ESTABLISHMEN	Т	
October	21.1	12.4	8.2	17.6	30.7	16.6
November	22.8	13.4	8.9	19.5	32.4	18.0
December	19.0	10.7	7.9	14.8	27.6	14.7
December quarter 1996	21.0	12.2	8.3	17.3	30.2	16.4
October	19.3	10.9	6.4	15.7	24.3	14.8
November	20.5	11.4	6.8	16.5	25.8	15.6
December	18.6	10.1	6.3	13.9	24.2	14.0
December quarter 1997	19.5	10.8	6.5	15.4	24.8	14.8
	AVERAGE NIGH	TLY NUMBER OF	GUESTS PER OCCU	PIED ROOM		
October	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.7
November	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.7
December	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.8
December quarter 1996	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.7
October	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.7
November	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.7
December	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.8
December quarter 1997	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.7

The number of hotels, motels and guest houses in Tasmania increased by 14% between December quarter 1995 and December quarter 1997, while the supply of guest rooms increased by 6%. The average number of guest rooms per establishment accordingly decreased by 7%. Due to reclassification of establishments and the inclusion in the survey of new, smaller establishments, the star grade 4 and 5 category had on average 16% fewer rooms per establishment. The remaining categories also recorded decreases.

The average nightly number of rooms occupied per establishment fell by 10%. This is a greater decrease than that for average size and, once again, all star grade categories recorded decreases with the largest being for the star grade 4 and 5 category which fell by 18%, although this was in line with the decrease in average establishment size.

Average nightly number of guests per occupied room remained unchanged overall with the 1 star, 2 star and ungraded category recording a small decrease.

				Total		
			Ste	ar grading		
	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and — guest houses	1, 2 and ungraded	3	4 and 5	Total
	AVERAC	E TAKINGS PER E	STABLISHMENT (\$	'000)		
Owelen	55.0	26.6	19.0	24.9	04.2	40.5
October	55.2	26.6	18.0	34.8	94.2	40.5
November	57.4	28.1	18.9	38.1	94.9	42.3
December	51.6	24.6	18.5	31.9	85.5	37.8
December quarter 1996	164.2	79.3	55.4	104.7	274.6	120.6
October	52.8	25.1	12.8	32.9	77.0	37.8
November	52.0	25.9	12.9	32.2	78.0	37.9
December	51.3	24.7	14.1	30.2	75.8	36.9
December quarter 1997	156.0	75.7	39.8	95.2	230.8	112.6
	AVERAGE	TAKINGS PER RO	OM NIGHT OCCUP	IED (\$)		
October	84.3	69.4	71.0	63.6	99.0	78.6
November	83.9	69.6	70.4	65.2	97.7	78.4
December	87.7	74.2	75.4	69.6	99.8	82.6
December quarter 1996	85.2	70.9	72.2	65.9	98.8	79.8
October	88.0	74.2	64.7	67.3	102.2	82.5
November	84.4	75.6	63.8	65.1	100.7	80.9
December	89.1	78.6	72.8	70.1	100.8	85.0
December quarter 1997	87.1	76.1	67.0	67.4	101.2	82.8
	AVE	RAGE TAKINGS PE	ER GUEST NIGHT (\$	)		
October	52.2	38.1	39.6	35.3	64.6	46.4
November	51.8	38.1	40.4	36.6	61.8	46.1
December	50.2	38.8	40.6	36.6	59.2	45.7
December quarter 1996	51.4	38.3	40.2	36.1	61.9	46.1
October	54.8	41.1	37.6	37.2	65.3	48.9
November	53.1	42.1	38.0	37.0	63.4	48.5
December	50.8	40.7	40.8	36.3	57.7	46.6
December quarter 1997	52.9	41.3	38.8	36.8	62.0	48.0

Overall, average takings per establishment decreased by 7%. Decreases were recorded for all star grade categories that were in line with the decreases in average occupancy. The largest decrease was 28% for the 1 star, 2 star and ungraded category. This category also experienced the largest fall in average occupancy.

Average takings per room night occupied and per guest night, however, both increased overall with increases for the 4 star and 5 star category more than offsetting decreases in the 1 star, 2 star and ungraded category. The star grade 3 category recorded a decrease in average takings per room night occupied but an increase in average takings per guest.

					Total			
	Licensed	Motels and —		Ste	ar grading			
	hotels with facilities	guest houses	1	2	3	4 and 5	Ungraded	Total
		ESTABLISHME	NTS AND CA	PACITY (num	iber)			
December quarter 1996—								
Establishments	31	67	13	30	31	6	18	98
Guest rooms	2,046	3,598	266	1,337	2,559	1,063	419	5,644
Rooms per establishment	66	54	20	45	83	177	23	58
December quarter 1997—								
Establishments	34	68	7	26	30	8	31	102
Guest rooms	2,391	3,746	98	1,162	2,393	1,118	1,366	6,137
Rooms per establishment	70	55	14	45	80	140	44	60
	AVERAGE NIGH	ITLY NUMBER (	OF ROOMS C	OCCUPIED PE	R ESTABLIS	HMENT		
October	47.5	38.4	9.9	28.2	66.9	128.0	12.6	41.3
November	41.9	31.8	6.6	19.9	60.1	115.3	10.3	35.0
December	30.1	22.3	5.7	15.3	41.5	75.5	8.4	24.8
December quarter 1996	39.8	30.8	7.4	21.2	56.1	106.2	10.5	33.7
October	42.7	34.6	4.5	22.5	58.6	89.4	23.0	37.3
November	37.6	29.6	4.0	17.2	50.7	80.8	21.0	32.3
December	27.0	20.5	3.2	14.2	33.9	55.5	14.8	22.7
December quarter 1997	35.7	28.2	3.9	18.0	47.7	75.2	19.6	30.7
	AVERAGE	NIGHTLY NUM	BER OF GUE	ESTS PER OCC	CUPIED ROC	)M		
October	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.7
November	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.6
December	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.3	1.7
December quarter 1996	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.7
October	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7
November	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6
December	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7
December quarter 1997	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.7

There was an increase of 4 establishments (4%) in the Northern Territory over the year to December 1997 and the number of guest rooms increased by 9%. Accordingly, the average number of rooms per establishment increased from 58 to 60. There was significant variation in room numbers across the different star gradings. However, much of the change was due to establishments being declassified during the year, i.e. establishments which were included in the star grade categories last year but were included as "ungraded" at the end of December 1997.

Overall, the average nightly number of rooms occupied per establishment fell by 9%, with a large increase for the ungraded category failing to offset significant falls in each of the remaining star grade categories. Each star grade category showed a larger fall in average occupancy than in average size.

The average nightly number of guests per occupied room remained unchanged overall, with increases in the star grade 4 and star grade 5 category offsetting decreases in the star grade 1 and star grade 2 categories.

					Total			
	Licensed	Motels and —		Ste	ar grading			
	hotels with facilities	guest houses	1	2	3	4 and 5	Ungraded	Tota
	AV	'ERAGE TAKING	GS PER ESTA	BLISHMENT	(\$'000)			
October	186.8	94.1	16.3	54.0	203.9	592.3	21.4	123.4
November	150.0	77.5	10.2	38.7	171.9	484.0	17.7	100.5
December	111.0	52.3	9.2	29.0	120.0	332.8	13.3	70.9
December quarter 1996	447.8	223.9	35.7	121.7	495.8	1,409.0	52.4	294.7
October	168.0	89.5	5.7	45.8	187.5	385.6	59.9	115.
November	142.9	73.5	4.9	31.5	155.6	345.7	50.6	96.6
December	95.5	48.8	3.9	26.0	103.4	222.4	31.7	64.4
December quarter 1997	406.4	211.8	14.6	103.3	446.5	953.7	142.2	276.7
	AVE	RAGE TAKINGS	PER ROOM	NIGHT OCCU	JPIED (\$)			
October	126.8	79.0	53.1	61.8	98.2	149.2	54.7	96.4
November	119.2	82.0	51.6	65.9	95.3	140.0	57.2	96.1
December	118.9	76.6	52.2	62.2	93.3	142.1	53.1	93.0
December quarter 1996	122.2	79.4	52.4	63.2	96.0	144.2	55.1	95.3
October	127.0	83.5	40.4	65.7	103.3	139.1	84.1	100.
November	126.8	82.6	41.6	60.9	102.4	142.7	80.3	99.8
December	114.0	76.9	39.9	59.2	98.3	129.2	69.1	91.6
December quarter 1997	123.6	81.6	40.7	62.4	101.8	137.9	79.0	97.9
		AVERAGE TAK	KINGS PER G	UEST NIGHT	(\$)			
October	78.1	44.3	31.6	33.3	56.2	94.2	35.6	55.9
November	77.2	49.2	31.4	38.9	57.5	94.2	37.7	59.4 59.4
December	72.9	44.2	28.8	33.3	54.6	90.8	39.9	54.9
December quarter 1996	76.4	45.9	30.8	34.9	56.2	93.6	37.3	56.8
October	77.1	48.3	25.5	38.7	59.3	83.9	51.3	58.9
November	81.3	51.4	25.7	37.5	62.6	89.6	55.2	62.8
December	69.2	44.9	24.5	34.1	56.6	77.2	44.5	54.3
December quarter 1997	76.4	48.5	25.3	37.1	59.8	84.1	50.8	59.0

Overall average takings per establishment decreased in line with the decrease in average demand. All star grade categories, other than the ungraded category, recorded significant falls. The ungraded category recorded an increase of 171%. Once again, these variations would be largely due to the de-grading of establishments.

Average takings per room night occupied and per guest night increased 3% and 4% respectively overall. There was significant variability across the star grades, however, with large increases for the ungraded category being strongly influenced by the de-grading of establishments. The largest decreases were for the star grade 1 category which experienced a fall of 22% in average takings per room night occupied and 18% in average takings per guest night.

				Total		
	Licensed	Motels and	St	ar grading		
	Licensed Motels and — hotels with guest facilities houses		1, 2 and ungraded	3	4 and 5	Total
	ESTA	BLISHMENTS AND	CAPACITY (number	er)		
December quarter 1996—						
Establishments	15	32	14	24	9	47
Guest rooms	1.765	2.043	681	2.144	983	3,808
Rooms per establishment	118	64	49	89	109	81
December quarter 1997—						
Establishments	15	33	14	24	10	48
Guest rooms	1,762	2,110	657	2,022	1,193	3,872
Rooms per establishment	117	64	47	84	119	81
A	VERAGE NIGHTLY	NUMBER OF ROOM	AS OCCUPIED PER	ESTABLISHMEN'	Т	
October	96.9	47.1	32.0	70.4	91.1	63.0
November	71.8	35.9	22.0	51.0	77.3	47.4
December	65.1	32.4	21.7	45.5	68.4	42.8
December quarter 1996	78.0	38.5	25.3	55.7	79.0	51.1
October	95.2	49.9	35.6	65.8	99.7	64.0
November	77.6	38.9	25.5	53.0	82.0	51.0
December	56.6	29.6	18.6	41.1	58.0	38.0
December quarter 1997	76.5	39.5	26.6	53.3	79.8	51.0
	AVERAGE NIGH	TLY NUMBER OF	GUESTS PER OCCU	JPIED ROOM		
October	1.6	1.9	2.4	1.7	1.5	1.8
November	1.4	1.8	2.2	1.6	1.4	1.6
December 1006	1.6	2.0	2.6	1.7	1.6	1.8
December quarter 1996	1.5	1.9	2.4	1.7	1.5	1.7
October	1.5	2.0	2.2	1.8	1.6	1.8
November	1.4	1.9	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.6
December	1.6	2.0	2.2	1.8	1.7	1.8
December quarter 1997	1.5	2.0	2.2	1.7	1.6	1.7

The number of establishments in the Australian Capital Territory increased from 47 to 48 (2%) in December quarter 1997 compared with the same quarter in 1996 and room supply also increased by 2%. Accordingly, the average number of rooms per establishment remained unchanged. The overall increase in room supply was attributable to the star grade 4 and star grade 5 category with the remaining categories recording decreases. This could reflect some changes in classification of establishments across star grade categories.

The average nightly number of rooms occupied per establishment fell marginally overall, driven by a fall in demand for rooms in the star grade 3 category. Increases in the remaining categories failed to offset this decrease.

The average number of guests per occupied room remained unchanged, with a decrease in the star grade 1, 2 and ungraded category being offset by an increase in star grade 4 and star grade 5 category. Average number of guests remained the same for the star grade 3 category.

				Total		
	Licensed	Motels and —	Sto	ar grading		
	hotels with facilities	motets ana — guest houses	1, 2 and ungraded	3	4 and 5	Total
	AVERAC	E TAKINGS PER E	STABLISHMENT (\$	'000)		
October	350.0	105.8	64.0	184.5	368.0	183.8
November	244.8	78.7	43.8	120.4	298.5	131.7
December	228.8	76.8	52.5	113.1	271.2	125.3
December quarter 1996	823.6	261.3	160.4	418.0	937.7	440.8
December quarter 1990	023.0	201.5	100.4	410.0	937.7	440.0
October	355.2	116.5	78.5	176.7	383.1	191.1
November	279.0	86.3	53.8	135.9	301.9	146.6
December	198.6	69.3	46.6	104.2	211.7	109.8
December quarter 1997	832.9	272.1	178.8	416.8	896.7	447.4
	AVERAGE	TAKINGS PER RO	OM NIGHT OCCUPI	(\$)		
October	1165	72.5	C4.5	94.5	120.2	94.1
	116.5	72.5	64.5	84.5	130.3	,
November December	113.6	73.0	66.4	78.7 80.1	128.8 127.8	92.6 94.4
	113.4	76.5 73.8	77.9			
December quarter 1996	114.8	/3.8	68.9	81.6	129.1	93.8
October	120.3	75.3	71.2	86.6	124.0	96.2
November	119.8	74.0	70.3	85.5	122.8	95.8
December	113.3	75.5	80.7	81.7	117.8	93.0
December quarter 1997	118.4	74.9	73.2	85.0	122.1	95.3
	AVE	RAGE TAKINGS PE	ER GUEST NIGHT (\$	)		
October	74.8	37.5	26.7	49.9	86.5	53.8
November	79.7	40.8	30.4	49.4	92.0	57.4
December	71.1	37.8	30.3	46.7	79.0	52.0
December quarter 1996	75.1	38.5	28.8	48.9	85.8	54.3
October	78.2	38.0	31.7	49.4	78.7	54.2
November	85.9	39.5	34.6	52.0	83.0	58.2
December	70.5	37.4	36.6	44.8	71.0	50.9
December quarter 1997	78.5	38.3	33.7	49.0	78.0	54.6

Average takings per establishment increased marginally over the period, with a decrease in the star grade 4 and star grade 5 category being offset by increases in the 1 star, 2 star and ungraded category. For the star grade 4 and 5 category, the decrease occurred despite an increase in average occupancy. For the remaining categories, there was a greater increase in average takings per establishment for the star grade 1, 2 and ungraded category than there was in average occupancy, and for the star grade 3 category there was a marginal decrease which was less than the fall in average occupancy.

Average takings per room night occupied and average takings per guest night both increased overall. The star grade 4 and 5 category was the only to experience a decrease, however, this was more than offset by increases in the remaining star grade categories.

						Total			
	Licensed	Motels and —			Star gra	ding			
	hotels with facilities	guest houses	1	2	3	4	5	Ungraded	Total
		ESTABLISH	IMENTS AN	ID CAPACIT	ΓΥ (number)				
December quarter 1996—									
Establishments	1,140	3,763	139	1,354	2,289	421	52	648	4,903
Guest rooms	71,106	102,770	2,476	27,100	75,315	38,504	13,401	17,080	173,876
Rooms per establishment	62	27	18	20	33	91	258	26	35
December quarter 1997—									
Establishments	1,170	3,871	144	1,207	2,338	507	58	787	5,041
Guest rooms	74,946	105,851	2,654	24,414	74,570	41,876	14,548	22,735	180,797
Rooms per establishment	64	27	18	20	32	83	251	29	36
	AVERAGE NI	GHTLY NUMB	ER OF ROO	OMS OCCUP	PIED PER ES	TABLISHM	ENT		
October	43.2	16.9	6.5	10.4	21.4	69.6	207.8	13.3	23.0
November	43.2	15.6	5.6	9.4	19.8	70.3	215.7	13.0	22.0
December	36.3	13.4	5.0	8.4	16.8	58.3	173.7	11.8	18.7
December quarter 1996	40.9	15.3	5.7	9.4	19.3	66.0	198.9	12.7	21.2
October	43.1	16.5	6.8	10.2	20.3	60.0	195.8	15.0	22.7
November	42.9	15.2	6.3	9.2	18.6	59.5	202.5	14.4	21.6
December	35.6	13.2	5.7	8.3	16.0	49.1	167.3	12.3	18.4
December quarter 1997	40.5	15.0	6.3	9.3	18.3	56.2	188.4	13.9	20.9
	AVERAC	GE NIGHTLY N	NUMBER O	F GUESTS P	ER OCCUPI	ED ROOM			
Ootohou	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.7	1.6	1.0	1.7
October November	1.6 1.6	1.8 1.7	1.8 1.7	1.8 1.7	1.8 1.7	1.7 1.6	1.6 1.5	1.8 1.7	1.7 1.7
December	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.3	1.7	1.7
December quarter 1996	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.8
October	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.7
November	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.7
December	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.8
December									

The number of hotels, motels and guest houses in Australia increased by 3% in December quarter 1997, compared with December quarter 1996 and the number of rooms available rose by 4%. Accordingly, the average size of establishments in terms of average number of rooms increased by 3%. Only the star grade 2 and star grade 3 categories recorded decreases in the number of rooms available. Some of this variability is due to reclassification and declassification of establishments, as well as the inclusion of new establishments in the survey.

The average number of rooms occupied per establishment decreased marginally overall, with only the star grade 1 and ungraded categories experiencing increases. The average number of guests per occupied room also showed an overall decrease, however, there was no change across the star grade categories. For all star grade categories other than the star grade 1 and star grade 2 categories, the changes in average nightly number of rooms occupied per establishment roughly reflected the changes in average establishment size. For the star grade 1 category there was an 11% increase in average occupancy and no increase in average size, while for the star grade 2 category demand fell by 1% while average size remained unchanged.

		_				Total			
	Licensed	Motels and —			Star grad	ding			
	hotels with facilities	guest houses	1	2	3	4	5	Ungraded	Total
	А	VERAGE TAI	KINGS PER I	ESTABLISH	MENT (\$'00	0)			
Octobor	168.7	39.2	7.9	17.2	51.5	257.5	1 222 2	20.2	60.2
October November	166.7	39.2 35.2	7.9 6.6	17.2 14.9	51.5 45.7	257.5 252.1	1,223.2 1,260.7	39.2 38.9	69.3 65.8
December	143.3	32.0	6.5	14.9	43.7	232.1	1,024.3		57.9
								36.5	
December quarter 1996	478.7	106.4	21.1	46.4	138.6	727.7	3,508.3	114.7	193.0
October	172.3	39.3	8.4	17.9	49.0	224.7	1,175.4	43.4	70.1
November	167.8	35.2	7.6	15.3	43.3	218.9	1,187.8	40.7	66.0
December	143.8	32.2	7.6	14.8	39.4	184.0	1,010.6	38.0	58.1
December quarter 1997	483.8	106.7	23.6	48.0	131.7	627.6	3,373.8	122.0	194.2
	AV	ERAGE TAKI	NGS PER RO	OOM NIGHT	ГОССИРІЕГ	<b>)</b> (\$)			
October November	126.8 129.2	74.9 75.4	39.6 39.9	53.2 53.1	77.6 77.1	120.1 120.5	189.9 194.8	96.9 100.2	97.5 99.9
November December	129.2	75.4 77.2	39.9 41.8	55.1 55.3	77.1 79.4	120.5	194.8	100.2	100.0
December quarter 1996	127.7	75.8	40.4	53.8	78.0	120.5	190.2	99.0	99.1
October	130.6	76.6	39.8	56.3	78.0	120.9	193.7	97.5	100.3
November	130.6	76.6 77.4	39.8 39.9	55.5	78.0 77.5	120.9	195.7	97.3 98.0	100.3
December	130.8	77.4 79.0	43.1	55.5 57.6	77.3 79.5	122.0	193.3	100.2	102.4
December quarter 1997	131.2	77.6	40.8	56.4	78.3	121.6	194.9	98.5	102.5
		AVERAGE	TAKINGS P	ER GUEST	NIGHT (\$)				
October	76.9	41.3	21.6	29.9	43.0	71.9	120.9	54.6	55.9
November	80.1	43.3	23.2	31.0	44.5	74.1	126.2	57.5	59.4
December	72.2	40.4	21.8	30.1	41.8	67.0	112.2	53.4	54.1
December quarter 1996	76.5	41.6	22.2	30.3	43.1	71.1	120.0	55.2	56.5
October	79.4	42.1	22.3	31.3	43.4	71.1	124.3	55.1	57.5
November	83.1	44.3	23.1	32.2	45.3	74.8	126.2	57.5	61.1
December	75.4	41.1	24.5	31.0	42.1	66.7	117.2	53.5	55.6
		42.5	23.2	31.5			—		58.1

Average takings per establishment increased marginally overall, with increases in the star grade 1, star grade 2 and ungraded categories more than offsetting decreases in the remaining categories. Apart from the star grade 2 category, where there was an increase in average takings despite a fall in average occupancy, average takings per establishment closely reflected increased occupancy for the remaining categories.

Average takings per room night occupied and per guest night both increased by 3% overall. There was, however, some variability across the different star grade categories. Average takings per guest night fell in the star grade 4 category despite an increase in average takings per room night, while for the ungraded category, there was a marginal increase in average takings per guest and a small decrease per occupied room. These variations are largely due to reclassification and declassification of establishments over the survey period. The overall increase in average takings per guest night occurred mainly because of the fall in the average number of guests per occupied room.

### INTERNATIONAL TOURISM

VISITOR ARRIVALS

During the December quarter 1997, 1,194,200 overseas visitors arrived in Australia. This was 0.3% more than arrived in the December quarter 1996 (1,191,100).

The trend estimate for arrivals of overseas visitors continued to decline during the December quarter 1997. However, the estimate for the month of December 1997 was 2.5% greater than for the same month in 1996.

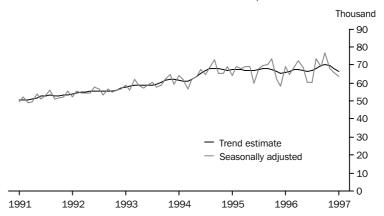
There were significant decreases in the number of visitor arrivals from Thailand (45%), Korea (28%) and Indonesia (22%). These were offset, to some extent, by increases from the United Kingdom (12%) and Singapore and Canada (both 9%).

The median intended length of stay for visitors arriving in Australia during the December quarter 1997 was 9.5 days. This was much the same as for the December quarter 1996. The countries recording the greatest median lengths of stay for visitors arriving in Australia were Switzerland (29.6 days), Germany (27.6 days) and the United Kingdom (24.0 days).

VISITORS FROM JAPAN

During December quarter 1997, 195,300 visitors arrived from Japan, an increase of 2% over the same quarter in 1996. Visitors from Japan accounted for 16% of all visitors to Australia in December quarter 1997, the same proportion of all visitors to Australia as in the December quarter 1996.

MONTHLY VISITOR ARRIVALS, RESIDENTS OF JAPAN, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES, TO DECEMBER



After peaking in August 1997, the trend estimate for visitors arriving from Japan has been declining over recent months and is 4% lower than for the month of December 1996.

The median length of stay in Australia for visitors from Japan for December quarter 1997 was 5.8 days, 8% less than for the December quarter in 1996 (6.3 days).

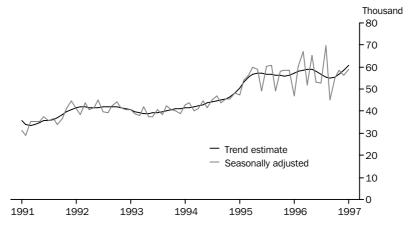
The majority of Japanese visitors to Australia by air disembarked at either Brisbane (44%) or Sydney (30%). Almost all of the remaining Japanese visitors disembarked at Cairns.

VISITORS FROM NEW **7FALAND** 

Visitor arrivals from New Zealand during December quarter 1997 totalled 177,400, an increase of 6% over the same quarter in 1996.

These visitors accounted for 15% of all visitors arriving in Australia during the quarter compared to 14% in the December quarter 1996. The trend estimate of visitors increased by 17% between the months of December 1996 and December 1997.

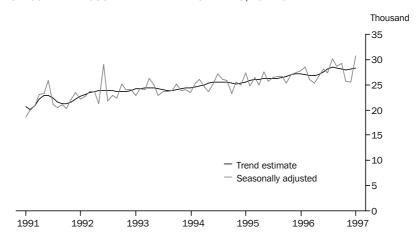
#### MONTHLY VISITOR ARRIVALS, RESIDENTS OF NEW ZEALAND, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES, TO DECEMBER



Visitors arriving from New Zealand during the December quarter 1997 had a median intended length of stay of 8.8 days. and overall intended to stay a total of 2.7 million days in Australia. Of this total, 42% was accounted for by people whose main purpose for travelling to Australia was 'Visiting friends/relatives', while a further 37% were 'Holiday' visitors. Of New Zealand visitors who travelled by air, 48% disembarked in Sydney, 27% in Brisbane and 21% in Melbourne.

VISITORS FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

MONTHLY VISITOR ARRIVALS, RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES, TO DECEMBER



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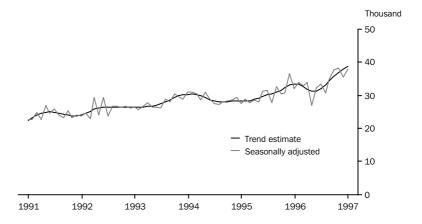
United States of America, marginally fewer than arrived in December quarter 1996. These visitor arrivals represented 8% of all visitor arrivals in Australia for the quarter. The trend estimate for visitors arriving from the United States increased by 4% in December 1997 compared to December 1996.

Visitors from the United States of America in December quarter 1997 had a median intended length of stay of 11.9 days and intended to stay a total of 1.8 million days. This was a decrease of 6 % from the December quarter 1996. Most visitors arriving by air from the United States of America during the December quarter 1997 (83%) disembarked in Sydney, while a further 12% disembarked in Melbourne.

VISITORS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM

Kingdom during the December quarter 1997. This was 9% more than in the corresponding quarter in 1996 and represented 12% of total visitor arrivals. The trend estimate of visitor arrivals increased by 21% between the months of December 1996 and December 1997.

MONTHLY VISITOR ARRIVALS. RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM. SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES, TO DECEMBER



Visitors from the United Kingdom during December quarter 1997 intended to spend a total of 7.2 million person days in Australia with a median intended length of stay of 24 days. United Kingdom visitors accounted for 12% of all visitors to Australia during December quarter 1996.

**DEPARTURES OF AUSTRALIAN** RESIDENTS FOR SHORT-TERM TRIPS

There were 770,100 departures of Australian residents for short-term trips abroad during December quarter 1997. This was 6% more than the number of similar departures in December quarter 1996. New Zealand was the most popular country of intended stay, accounting for 15% of all Australian residents departing, followed by Indonesia (11%), the United States of America (12%) and the United Kingdom (9%).

During December quarter 1997, the median intended length of stay for Australian residents departing on short-term trips abroad was 18.3 days, a decrease of 3% from the figure reported in December quarter 1996 (18.9 days). The United Kingdom reported both the highest median intended length of stay (29.7 days) and the highest total number of days intended to be spent abroad (3.7 million days) for the December quarter 1997. The next highest median intended lengths of stay were recorded by Italy and Viet Nam (both 29.6 days).

Half (50%) of all departures by air from Australia during December quarter 1997 were from Kingsford Smith (Sydney) airport. Tullamarine (Melbourne) airport recorded 22% of total departures with Eagle Farm (Brisbane) airport accounting for 12% and Perth airport 11%.

The main purpose of journey for Australian residents departing for short-term trips abroad during December quarter 1997 was for 'holiday', accounting for 39% of all persons departing, followed by 'visiting friends/relatives' (34%) and 'business' (10%).

There were 145,100 visitor arrivals from the United

## **OVERSEAS ARRIVALS**

ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE FOR SELECTED COUNTRIES (a) 20 JANUARY 1997 TO DECEMBER 1997 ('000)

						199	7					
Country of residence	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
				SEASON	ALLY AD	JUSTED						
Canada	5.2	5.4	5.2	5.1	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.3	6.1	4.9	5.8	5.7
Germany	11.3	10.4	10.0	11.1	10.4	9.3	9.6	12.6	11.2	10.1	11.2	12.2
Hong Kong	13.6	13.3	13.1	12.5	13.7	11.7	11.3	10.7	16.5	14.7	11.1	11.6
Japan	65.1	69.3	72.5	68.7	60.5	60.3	73.6	69.5	76.8	68.2	66.0	64.0
Malaysia	8.7	11.7	9.6	11.7	16.2	10.4	15.1	10.1	19.3	11.7	7.4	17.0
New Zealand	60.5	67.1	51.7	65.1	53.3	52.6	69.6	45.0	54.8	58.3	56.4	58.9
Papua New Guinea	3.6	3.5	3.2	3.4	4.5	3.1	3.6	4.1	3.5	3.8	4.4	3.5
Singapore	17.4	17.6	21.5	20.1	18.4	22.5	23.4	19.9	21.8	24.8	19.3	17.8
United Kingdom	34.1	32.8	34.0	27.1	32.5	33.3	30.7	35.0	37.7	38.4	35.6	37.9
United States of America	28.5	26.1	25.3	26.6	28.2	27.3	30.2	28.7	29.2	25.7	25.4	30.6
Other	107.3	106.8	108.5	103.0	129.4	126.6	124.5	105.8	112.7	106.1	107.1	88.8
Total	355.3	363.9	354.7	354.4	372.5	362.8	397.1	346.7	389.6	366.8	349.7	348.0
				TREN	D ESTIM	ATE						
Canada	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.6
Germany	11.0	10.8	10.5	10.3	10.2	10.3	10.5	10.8	11.0	11.1	11.2	11.3
Hong Kong	13.6	13.5	13.2	12.7	12.4	12.3	12.5	12.8	13.0	13.1	13.1	12.9
Japan	66.8	67.4	67.4	66.9	66.6	67.1	68.4	69.6	70.2	69.6	68.2	66.6
Malaysia	12.1	12.1	11.9	12.0	12.5	13.1	13.6	13.6	13.3	13.0	12.7	12.4
New Zealand	58.0	58.6	58.9	58.9	58.1	56.9	55.6	55.2	55.5	56.7	58.6	60.8
Papua New Guinea	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0
Singapore	18.0	18.5	19.2	19.9	20.7	21.4	21.8	21.9	21.7	21.5	21.2	21.1
United Kingdom	33.3	32.7	31.9	31.3	31.4	32.1	33.2	34.6	35.9	36.9	37.8	38.7
United States of America	27.1	26.8	26.7	27.0	27.6	28.2	28.4	28.3	28.1	27.9	28.0	28.4
Other	106.5	108.0	111.1	115.0	118.4	120.3	119.8	116.5	111.2	105.5	100.5	96.0
Total	355.2	357.3	359.8	362.9	366.8	370.8	373.1	372.5	369.2	364.7	360.7	357.7

<sup>(</sup>a) For further explanation, see Glossary.

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## ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE FOR SELECTED COUNTRIES (a) DECEMBER QUARTER 1997

		Origii ('000			% change		Median intended	No.
Country of residence	October	November	December	December quarter 1997		% of total visitors	length of stay (days)	person days (a) ('000)
Canada	5.4	7.4	8.0	20.8	8.9	1.7	20.9	1.001.2
Germany	13.5	12.7	15.0	41.2	0.6	3.5	27.6	1,550.4
Hong Kong	11.7	9.1	15.2	36.0	-7.1	3.0	8.2	683.3
Indonesia	10.8	10.8	12.8	34.4	-21.8	2.9	7.8	709.8
Japan	58.5	61.8	75.1	195.3	1.7	16.4	5.8	2,491.9
Korea	21.9	22.7	10.1	54.6	-25.8	4.6	4.6	918.6
Malaysia	12.3	11.7	13.7	37.7	-6.5	3.2	7.9	686.3
New Zealand	64.7	52.3	60.4	177.4	5.8	14.9	8.8	2,715.1
Papua New Guinea	3.6	4.2	4.6	12.4	3.6	1.0	8.0	208.6
Singapore	19.1	28.5	39.8	87.3	8.9	7.3	7.4	1,023.5
Switzerland	3.5	4.8	5.7	14.1	-3.4	1.2	29.6	666.4
Taiwan	11.9	10.8	10.2	32.8	-9.7	2.7	6.9	475.7
Thailand	4.3	2.8	5.8	12.9	-45.0	1.1	6.7	285.5
United Kingdom	38.7	47.1	59.3	145.1	11.7	12.2	24.0	7,210.2
United States of America	28.2	28.9	32.1	89.2	-0.4	7.5	11.9	1,816.6
Other	58.6	63.8	80.4	202.9	7.6	17.0	n.a.	8,729.7
Total	366.5	379.5	448.3	1,194.2	0.3	100.0	9.5	31,173.0

<sup>(</sup>a) For further explanation, see Glossary.

#### DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 ('000)

Country of embarkation	Kingsford Smith (Sydney)	Tullamarine (Melbourne)	Eagle Farm (Brisbane)	Cairns	Adelaide	Perth	Darwin	Total Aust. (b)
Fiji	7.2	1.1	1.7		_	_	_	10.0
Hong Kong	33.8	12.6	7.2	11.1	1.6	4.6	0.3	71.4
Indonesia	21.1	8.1	3.1	1.5	0.5	13.4	3.9	51.8
Japan	58.7	6.0	84.5	37.5	0.3	5.7	0.3	193.3
Malaysia	18.1	8.0	9.3	1.2	2.2	15.7	1.3	55.8
New Zealand	113.0	48.4	62.5	5.5	0.1	3.7		233.8
Papua New Guinea	1.9		4.6	7.5	_	_		14.0
Philippines	7.4	2.1	2.0	0.2	_	_		11.7
Singapore	51.8	28.0	35.7	12.0	8.7	46.1	5.4	189.1
Thailand	18.1	6.0	3.3	0.5	_	6.3		34.3
United Kingdom	28.9	11.2	4.9	0.4	1.6	15.6	0.1	62.8
United States of America	69.2	10.2	1.1	2.4	0.1	0.1		83.2
Other	100.1	22.0	36.2	5.4	1.5	11.5	2.2	178.9
Total	529.5	163.8	256.1	85.1	16.6	122.7	13.5	1190.2

(a) For further explanation, see Glossary. (b) Includes all airports.

Overseas visitor arrivals in Australia by air totalled 1,190,200 during December quarter 1997, only marginally more than during the same quarter in 1996 (1,186,700). Almost half (529,500 or 44%) arrived in Australia through Kingsford Smith (Sydney) airport, 22% arrived through Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 14% through Tullamarine (Melbourne) and a further 10% through Perth airport. These percentages are very close to those recorded for the December quarter 1996.

The major countries of embarkation of overseas visitors to Australia by air were New Zealand (20% of all visitors by air), Japan (16%) and Singapore (also 16%).

Kingsford Smith airport was the most important port of entry for overseas visitors from all countries of embarkation except Japan and Papua New Guinea. The countries of embarkation with the highest proportions of arrivals by air at Kingsford Smith airport were the United States of America (83%), Fiji (72%), Philippines (62%), Thailand (53%) and New Zealand (48%). For visitors embarking from Japan, the main ports of arrival were Eagle Farm (44%), Kingsford Smith (30%) and Cairns (19%).

			Λ	Iain purpose of	journey (b)			
Country of residence	Convention/ conference	Business	Visiting friends/ relatives	Holiday	Employ- ment	Education	Other and not stated	Total
			PERSO	ONS				
Canada	0.4	1.8	8.0	9.3	0.2	0.2	0.9	20.8
Germany	0.6	2.5	7.8	28.7	0.1	0.4	1.2	41.2
Hong Kong	0.6	3.4	8.4	21.3	0.1	0.9	1.3	36.0
Indonesia	0.7	2.4	5.0	21.1	0.2	2.5	2.6	34.4
Japan	0.7	8.0	4.8	175.0	0.1	1.6	5.2	195.3
Korea	1.5	2.7	4.6	40.0	_	2.1	3.6	54.6
Malaysia	1.1	1.9	8.2	24.1	0.1	0.9	1.5	37.7
New Zealand	4.7	25.0	59.6	76.8	1.3	0.7	9.3	177.4
Papua New Guinea	0.6	0.8	2.4	6.4	_	0.5	1.8	12.4
Singapore	1.1	7.0	8.4	67.2	0.2	0.7	2.7	87.3
Switzerland	0.2	0.9	2.4	10.1		0.2	0.3	14.1
Taiwan	0.5	1.5	1.8	24.9		0.9	3.2	32.8
Thailand	0.4	1.2	2.0	7.3	_	1.1	0.9	12.9
United Kingdom	2.1	10.3	68.0	56.8	2.4	0.4	5.0	145.1
United Kingdom United States of America	4.0	18.0	23.0	37.7	0.8	0.5	5.0	89.2
Other	8.3	23.4	61.7	84.9	1.9	3.5	19.2	202.9
Total	27.7	110.9	275.9	691.5	7.5	17.0	63.6	1,194.2
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						20.2	45.0	4.004.0
Canada	5.7	38.3	339.3	498.3	51.5	20.2	47.8	1,001.2
Germany	7.5	54.5	357.2	1,004.3	24.4	38.0	64.5	1,550.4
Hong Kong	3.7	41.1	184.6	240.2	3.9	182.8	26.9	683.3
Indonesia	6.2	31.3	96.9	246.2	3.3	276.8	49.2	709.8
Japan	4.8	183.6	121.4	1,816.5	27.0	221.2	117.4	2,491.9
Korea	11.7	35.3	125.6	327.0	3.5	346.8	68.8	918.6
Malaysia	9.0	19.3	230.8	265.3	9.4	123.7	28.7	686.3
New Zealand	31.7	204.3	1,141.8	998.6	173.6	19.9	145.1	2,715.1
Papua New Guinea	4.7	6.0	56.6	92.7	2.8	30.4	15.5	208.6
Singapore	9.0	51.5	159.4	652.1	18.4	91.9	41.3	1,023.5
Switzerland	2.6	19.5	105.8	479.8	3.6	32.9	22.1	666.4
Taiwan	3.7	16.8	72.9	218.8	3.0	130.1	30.3	475.7
Thailand	3.4	11.0	64.5	66.1	3.7	110.8	26.0	285.5
United Kingdom	32.6	212.8	2,728.8	3,351.2	457.2	58.3	369.4	7,210.2
United States of America	36.6	298.0	585.0	629.1	80.2	52.9	134.9	1,816.6
Other	104.0	469.7	3,491.1	3,152.6	278.4	461.3	772.8	8,729.7
Total	277.0	1,693.0	9,861.5	14,038.7	1,143.9	2,198.1	1,960.9	31,173.0

(a) For further explanation, see Glossary. (b) See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes and Glossary for further explanation.

During December quarter 1997, 1,194,200 visitors arrived in Australia, a marginal increase over the number in December quarter 1996. These visitors intended to spend a total of 31.2 million days in Australia, an increase of 4% over the corresponding period in 1996. Off the total number of intended days to be stayed, 45% (14.1 million days) were intended for 'Holiday' purposes and 32% for 'Visiting friends/relatives'.

Visitors from the United Kingdom intended to stay the greatest number of person days, 7.2 million (23%), of all days of intended length of stay. This number of days was followed by visitors from New Zealand (2.7 million days or 9%) and visitors from Japan (2.5 million days or 8%).

## A. MAIN PURPOSE OF JOURNEY (a) BY INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY **DECEMBER QUARTER 1997**

('000')

		Intended length of stay						
Main purpose of journey (a)	Under 1 week	1 week and under 2 weeks	2 weeks and under 1 month	1 month and under 2 months	2 months and under 3 months	3 months and under 6 months	6 months and under 12 months	Total (b)
Convention/conference	0.3	0.4	_	_	_	_	_	0.7
Business	4.2	2.2	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.4	8.0
Visiting friends/relatives	0.8	1.7	1.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	4.8
Holiday	95.9	69.2	5.9	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.6	175.0
Employment	_	_	_	_	0.1	_	0.1	0.1
Education	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.6	1.6
Other and not stated	2.3	2.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	5.2
Total	103.6	75.9	7.7	1.9	1.2	1.9	3.1	195.3

 $<sup>(</sup>a) \ See \ paragraphs \ 9 \ and \ 10 \ of \ the \ Explanatory \ Notes \ and \ Glossary \ for \ further \ explanation. \ (b) \ Includes \ not \ stated.$ 

# B. AGE BY MAIN PURPOSE OF JOURNEY (a) DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 ('000)

		Age group (years)						
Main purpose of journey (a)	0 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65 and over	Total
Convention/conference	_	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	_	0.7
Business		0.3	2.1	1.9	2.8	0.9	_	8.0
Visiting friends/relatives	0.3	1.0	1.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.4	4.8
Holiday	7.7	33.8	60.7	18.2	23.6	20.1	10.9	175.0
Employment					_	0.1	_	0.1
Education		0.9	0.5	0.2	_		_	1.6
Other and not stated	0.4	0.6	1.9	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.2	5.2
Total	8.4	36.7	67.0	21.8	27.7	22.3	11.4	195.3

<sup>(</sup>a) See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes and Glossary for further explanation.

# C. MAJOR PORT OF ARRIVAL BY AIR BY COUNTRY OF LAST EMBARKATION DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 ('000)

			Major p	ort of clearar	псе			
Country of last embarkation	Kingsford Smith (Sydney)	Tullamarine (Melbourne)	Eagle Farm (Brisbane)	Cairns	Adelaide	Perth	Darwin	Total Aust. (a)
Major group —								
Oceania and Antarctica	1.7	0.9	0.7	0.3	_	0.1	_	3.7
Europe and the Former USSR	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Middle East and North Africa	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Southeast Asia	2.1	0.6	0.9	0.2	0.1	2.5	0.4	6.8
Northeast Asia	53.5	6.1	81.8	36.5	0.4	5.7	0.2	184.5
Southern Asia	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
The Americas	0.3	_	_	_	_	_	_	0.3
Africa (excluding North Africa)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Total (b)	57.7	7.6	83.4	37.0	0.5	8.3	0.5	195.3
Major source countries —								
Japan	51.0	5.4	81.1	36.0	0.3	5.4	0.2	179.6
Singapore	1.5	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.1	1.9	0.1	4.7
New Zealand	1.5	0.9	0.6	0.1		0.1		3.2

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes all airports. (b) Includes not stated.

#### A. MAIN PURPOSE OF JOURNEY (a) BY INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY **DECEMBER QUARTER 1997** ('000')

		Intended length of stay						
Main purpose of journey (a)	Under 1 week	1 week and under 2 weeks	2 weeks and under 1 month	1 month and under 2 months	2 months and under 3 months	3 months and under 6 months	6 months and under 12 months	Total (b)
Convention/conference	3.1	1.2	0.4	_	_	_	_	4.7
Business	19.0	3.3	1.4	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.2	25.0
Visiting friends/relatives	10.6	19.6	19.5	6.8	1.6	0.6	0.8	59.6
Holiday	19.7	34.9	18.2	2.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	76.8
Employment	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	1.3
Education	0.3	0.2	_		_	_	_	0.7
Other and not stated	4.7	2.5	1.2	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.1	9.3
Total	57.6	61.8	40.9	10.7	2.4	1.9	2.1	177.4

<sup>(</sup>a) See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes and Glossary for further explanation. (b) Includes not stated.

# B. AGE BY MAIN PURPOSE OF JOURNEY (a) DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 ('000)

	Age group (years)							
Main purpose of journey (a)	0 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65 and over	Total
Convention/conference	_	0.4	0.8	1.6	1.3	0.4	0.2	4.7
Business	_	0.9	5.9	8.9	6.8	2.1	0.3	25.0
Visiting friends/relatives	8.1	7.3	11.0	8.5	8.4	7.9	8.4	59.6
Holiday	9.6	10.7	15.5	13.7	14.0	7.7	5.5	76.8
Employment		0.6	0.5	0.1	0.1	_		1.3
Education	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	_		0.7
Other and not stated	0.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	0.9	0.5	9.3
Total	18.7	21.7	35.5	34.9	32.5	19.0	15.0	177.4

<sup>(</sup>a) See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes and Glossary for further explanation.

## C. MAJOR PORT OF ARRIVAL BY AIR BY COUNTRY OF LAST EMBARKATION DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 ('000')

			Major p	ort of cleara	ісе			
Country of last embarkation	Kingsford Smith (Sydney)	Tullamarine (Melbourne)	Eagle Farm (Brisbane)	Cairns	Adelaide	Perth	Darwin	Total Aust. (a)
Major group —								
Oceania and Antarctica	72.9	35.2	52.8	3.5	0.1	3.3	_	168.1
Europe and the Former USSR	0.5	0.2	_	_	_	0.2	_	0.8
Middle East and North Africa	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Southeast Asia	2.0	0.4	0.6	_	0.1	0.5	0.2	3.9
Northeast Asia	0.9	0.2	0.4	_	_	0.1	_	1.7
Southern Asia	0.2	_	_	_	_		_	0.2
The Americas	0.6	_	_	_	_		_	0.7
Africa (excluding North Africa)	0.6	_	_	_	_	0.1	_	0.7
Total (b)	77.7	36.1	53.8	3.6	0.1	4.2	0.3	176.1
Major source countries —								
New Zealand	72.6	35.2	52.6	3.3	0.1	3.3	_	167.4
Singapore	0.4	0.1	0.1		0.1	0.3	_	1.0
United Kingdom	0.3	0.2	_		_	0.2	_	0.6

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes all airports. (b) Includes not stated.

# A. MAIN PURPOSE OF JOURNEY (a) BY INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY DECEMBER QUARTER 1997

			Intend	led length of st	ay			
Main purpose of journey (a)	Under 1 week	1 week and under 2 weeks	2 weeks and under 1 month	1 month and under 2 months	2 months and under 3 months	3 months and under 6 months	6 months and under 12 months	Total (b)
Convention/conference	0.2	1.0	0.8	_	_	_	_	2.1
Business	3.5	2.9	2.2	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.1	10.3
Visiting friends/relatives	1.6	4.9	25.6	21.9	6.4	6.0	1.7	68.0
Holiday	4.6	7.0	21.9	10.0	2.5	4.0	6.8	56.8
Employment		0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	1.4	2.4
Education		_		_	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4
Other and not stated	0.8	1.7	0.7	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.9	5.0
Total	10.7	17.6	51.4	33.4	9.7	11.2	11.1	145.1

<sup>(</sup>a) See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes and Glossary for further explanation. (b) Includes not stated.

## B. AGE BY MAIN PURPOSE OF JOURNEY (a) DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 ('000)

	Age group (years)							
Main purpose of journey (a)	0 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65 and over	Total
Convention/conference	_	_	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.1	2.1
Business	_	0.3	2.8	3.3	2.8	1.1	0.1	10.3
Visiting friends/relatives	5.3	4.0	11.9	7.7	11.3	12.4	15.4	68.0
Holiday	3.0	8.9	17.4	6.8	8.0	7.3	5.5	56.8
Employment	_	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.1	_	_	2.4
Education	_	0.1	0.2	_	_	_	_	0.4
Other and not stated	0.5	0.8	1.2	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.7	5.0
Total	8.7	15.1	34.9	19.3	23.6	21.7	21.8	145.1

<sup>(</sup>a) See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes and Glossary for further explanation.

# C. MAJOR PORT OF ARRIVAL BY AIR BY COUNTRY OF LAST EMBARKATION DECEMBER QUARTER 1997

			Major p	oort of cleara	псе			
Country of last embarkation	Kingsford Smith (Sydney)	Tullamarine (Melbourne)	Eagle Farm (Brisbane)	Cairns	Adelaide	Perth	Darwin	Total Aust. (a)
Major group —								
Oceania and Antarctica	8.1	2.1	1.9	0.8	_	0.2	_	13.1
Europe and the Former USSR	24.0	8.1	3.6	0.3	1.5	12.5	_	50.1
Middle East and North Africa	0.7	0.7	_	_	_	_	_	1.5
Southeast Asia	18.4	7.6	6.9	4.4	3.7	14.3	2.3	57.7
Northeast Asia	7.7	2.0	2.5	2.4	0.3	1.2	0.1	16.1
Southern Asia	0.3	_	_	_	_	_	_	0.3
The Americas	3.4	0.8	_	0.1	_	_	_	4.3
Africa (excluding North Africa)	0.6	_	_	_	_	1.2	_	1.8
Total (b)	63.1	21.4	14.9	8.0	5.4	29.4	2.5	144.9
Major source countries —								
United Kingdom	21.3	7.6	3.5	0.3	1.5	12.5		46.8
Singapore	9.5	4.5	3.7	3.4	2.6	8.0	0.9	32.6
New Zealand	7.1	2.0	1.6	0.5	_	0.2		11.4
Hong Kong	4.0	1.6	1.0	1.5	0.3	1.0		9.5
Thailand	3.4	0.8	0.7	0.2	_	1.0		6.1

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes all airports. (b) Includes not stated.

# A. MAIN PURPOSE OF JOURNEY (a) BY INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 ('000')

		Intended length of stay						
Main purpose of journey (a)	Under 1 week	1 week and under 2 weeks	2 weeks and under 1 month	1 month and under 2 months	2 months and under 3 months	3 months and under 6 months	6 months and under 12 months	Total (b)
Convention/conference	1.2	2.1	0.8	_	_	_	_	4.0
Business	6.9	6.2	3.2	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.2	18.0
Visiting friends/relatives	1.4	5.4	10.3	4.1	0.7	0.8	0.4	23.0
Holiday	6.1	14.1	14.2	1.8	0.5	0.6	0.3	37.7
Employment	_	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.8
Education		0.1	0.1		0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5
Other and not stated	1.0	2.3	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.2	5.0
Total	16.7	30.2	29.4	7.2	1.8	2.3	1.5	89.2

(a) See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes and Glossary for further explanation. (b) Includes not stated.

# B. AGE BY MAIN PURPOSE OF JOURNEY (a) DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 ('000')

		Age group (years)						
Main purpose of journey (a)	0 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65 and over	Total
Convention/conference	_	0.1	0.5	0.9	1.7	0.7	0.2	4.0
Business	_	0.3	3.6	6.1	5.7	2.0	0.3	18.0
Visiting friends/relatives	2.5	3.1	4.3	3.5	4.0	2.5	3.1	23.0
Holiday	2.0	2.2	6.6	6.0	6.8	6.2	7.7	37.7
Employment	_	_	0.2	0.5	0.1	_	_	0.8
Education	_	0.3	0.2	_	_	_	_	0.5
Other and not stated	0.4	0.4	1.2	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.8	5.0
Total	4.9	6.5	16.6	18.0	18.9	12.1	12.0	89.2

(a) See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes and Glossary for further explanation.

# C. MAJOR PORT OF ARRIVAL BY AIR BY COUNTRY OF LAST EMBARKATION DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 ('000)

		Major port of clearance								
Country of last embarkation	Kingsford Smith (Sydney)	Tullamarine (Melbourne)	Eagle Farm (Brisbane)	Cairns	Adelaide	Perth	Darwin	Total Aust. (a)		
Major group —										
Oceania and Antarctica	8.8	3.8	1.8	1.2	_	_	_	15.8		
Europe and the Former USSR	0.3	_	_	_	_	0.2		0.5		
Middle East and North Africa	_	_	_	_	_	_		_		
Southeast Asia	2.7	1.1	0.3	0.4	_	1.3	0.2	6.0		
Northeast Asia	1.6	0.6	0.5	0.3	_	0.2		3.1		
Southern Asia	_	_	_	_	_	_		0.1		
The Americas	52.2	7.1	0.8	2.0	_	_		62.2		
Africa (excluding North Africa)	0.1	_	_	_	_	0.1	_	0.2		
Total (b)	65.7	12.6	3.4	3.8	_	1.8	0.2	87.9		
Major source countries —										
United States of America	52.2	7.1	0.8	2.0	_	_	_	62.2		
New Zealand	7.6	3.8	1.3	0.6	_	_	_	13.4		
Singapore	1.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	_	0.6	_	2.9		

(a) Includes all airports. (b) Includes not stated.

### **OVERSEAS DEPARTURES**

DEPARTURES OF OVERSEAS VISITORS (a) ('000) 28 **DECEMBER QUARTER 1997** 

			State or	Territory in	which most t	ime was spen	nt .		
Length of stay in Australia	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust. (b)
			JAP	AN					
Under 1 week	46.0	5.1	42.5	0.4	3.2		0.1	0.3	98.0
1 week and under 2 weeks	28.9	2.6	30.6	0.7	2.7	0.2	0.4	0.5	66.7
2 weeks and under 1 month	1.5	0.6	1.2	0.1	0.7	_	_	0.1	4.1
1 month and under 2 months	0.9	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	_	_	_	1.6
2 months and under 1 year	3.6	1.2	2.6	0.3	0.6	0.1	_	0.4	8.8
Total	80.9	9.6	77.2	1.4	7.2	0.3	0.5	1.4	179.2
			NEW ZE.	ALAND					
Under 1 week	33.2	14.2	8.9	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.5	59.5
1 week and under 2 weeks	15.8	10.1	31.2	1.5	2.1	0.8	0.2	0.6	62.4
2 weeks and under 1 month	8.6	4.4	16.7	0.8	2.6	0.4	0.1	0.2	34.0
1 month and under 2 months	2.2	0.8	2.6	_	0.6	_	_	0.1	6.3
2 months and under 1 year	2.7	0.9	2.4	_	1.3	_	0.2	0.1	7.6
Total	62.5	30.4	62.0	3.3	7.4	1.7	0.6	1.4	169.9
			UNITED K	INGDOM					
Under 1 week	6.6	2.2	1.9	0.2	1.0	_	0.1	_	12.0
1 week and under 2 weeks	6.6	2.3	2.8	0.6	2.1	0.3	0.2	_	15.0
2 weeks and under 1 month	14.6	4.9	8.1	2.1	7.5	0.3	0.4	0.2	38.2
1 month and under 2 months	6.9	2.7	4.5	1.7	4.6	0.2	0.2	0.1	21.1
2 months and under 1 year	6.6	2.1	3.0	0.9	2.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	15.1
Total	41.3	14.2	20.3	5.6	17.5	0.9	1.1	0.5	101.5
		UNI	TED STATES	S OF AMER	ICA				
Under 1 week	11.5	2.8	3.0	0.3	0.8	_	0.2	0.3	19.0
1 week and under 2 weeks	17.0	3.3	5.8	0.3	1.0	0.4	0.3	0.5	28.8
2 weeks and under 1 month	10.9	2.8	4.7	0.9	1.1	0.3	0.4	0.2	21.3
1 month and under 2 months	2.3	0.7	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	5.6
2 months and under 1 year	3.5	1.5	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3	7.4
Total	45.2	11.1	15.6	2.4	3.9	0.9	1.1	1.5	82.0
		Т	TOTAL ALL	COUNTRIE	S				
Under 1 week	175.0	39.2	99.7	3.3	29.3	0.7	1.9	1.9	352.4
1 week and under 2 weeks	130.7	42.9	115.2	6.1	27.4	3.5	1.8	2.9	331.2
2 weeks and under 1 month	69.4	26.9	52.2	6.8	22.3	2.2	3.0	1.6	185.1
1 month and under 2 months	30.3	12.8	19.8	4.5	12.7	0.9	2.0	0.8	84.1
2 months and under 1 year	49.4	30.0	23.7	5.6	17.8	1.1	1.4	2.2	131.4
Total	454.8	151.8	310.7	26.3	109.6	8.4	10.2	9.5	1084.2

<sup>(</sup>a) For further explanation, see Glossary. (b) Includes Other Territories and not stated.

Of the 181,000 Japanese visitors to leave Australia during December quarter 1997, the majority (164,700 or 92%) had stayed for less than two weeks; 55% (98,000) had stayed under one week.

Approximately 72% of visitors from New Zealand and 58% of visitors from the United States of America had spent less than two weeks in Australia. For these two countries, 92% and 84% of departures respectively had spent less than a month in Australia.

New South Wales was the most popular destination of overseas visitors. Of all departing overseas visitors, 43% stated, on departure, that they had spent the most time in New South Wales, including 55% of all visitors from the United States of America, 45% from Japan, 41% from the United Kingdom and 39% from New Zealand. Queensland was the second most visited State (29% of all visitors) and Victoria the third most popular (13% of all visitors).

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Country of intended stay	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
				SEASON	ALLY AD	JUSTED						
Fiji	7.0	6.8	6.5	5.8	6.6	6.8	5.9	5.4	5.8	6.0	7.6	6.3
Hong Kong	16.7	17.0	15.4	14.4	14.7	15.1	11.1	11.7	7.4	12.0	10.7	12.4
Indonesia	22.9	23.4	26.0	22.9	27.0	24.7	24.4	27.6	31.1	26.8	28.1	24.2
Italy	4.8	5.3	5.8	4.9	6.0	5.1	4.4	5.7	5.7	6.0	5.1	3.2
Malaysia	8.4	9.0	10.4	7.8	8.6	8.5	8.5	9.5	8.1	5.9	8.2	6.9
New Zealand	33.3	33.8	34.7	32.5	36.2	33.7	30.4	35.5	33.7	35.7	35.0	34.8
Singapore	8.9	8.0	7.7	6.9	10.6	9.0	8.6	11.7	10.0	7.8	9.4	7.4
Thailand	6.8	9.0	9.8	5.6	7.4	7.5	5.9	6.8	7.2	6.3	8.7	8.7
United Kingdom	23.8	24.3	25.9	21.0	32.8	26.4	26.3	25.5	29.1	31.0	28.2	25.4
United States of America	30.9	27.7	27.8	28.2	28.6	28.6	24.0	32.4	31.7	29.8	31.2	31.1
Other	74.7	74.0	84.5	71.9	79.0	77.5	74.5	80.4	83.2	90.4	84.7	75.7
Total	238.2	238.5	254.4	221.9	257.3	243.1	223.8	252.2	253.0	257.7	256.8	235.9
				TREN	D ESTIM	ATE						
Fiji	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.3	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.4	6.6
Hong Kong	16.0	16.2	16.0	15.3	14.4	13.2	12.1	11.2	10.7	10.6	10.7	10.9
Indonesia	23.5	23.8	24.2	24.5	25.0	25.8	26.6	27.2	27.6	27.6	27.3	27.0
Italy	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.2	4.9	4.6
Malaysia	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.7	8.5	8.2	8.0	7.6	7.3	7.0
New Zealand	35.0	34.5	34.1	33.8	33.6	33.6	33.7	33.9	34.2	34.6	34.9	35.3
Singapore	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.4	8.9	9.4	9.7	9.8	9.5	9.1	8.7	8.3
Thailand	7.8	8.0	7.9	7.6	7.2	6.8	6.6	6.7	7.0	7.4	7.8	8.2
United Kingdom	24.3	24.6	25.2	25.8	26.4	27.0	27.6	27.9	28.1	28.1	27.9	28.0
United States of America	28.9	28.6	28.2	27.9	27.8	28.1	28.7	29.4	30.1	30.7	31.2	31.5
Other	74.4	75.5	76.4	76.8	77.0	77.7	79.0	80.8	82.5	83.4	83.6	83.3
Total	238.1	239.6	240.8	241.0	240.9	241.8	243.8	246.7	249.3	250.7	250.6	250.9

<sup>(</sup>a) For further explanation, see Glossary.

#### DEPARTURES OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS FOR SHORT-TERM TRIPS ABROAD, 30 SELECTED COUNTRIES OF INTENDED STAY (a), DECEMBER QUARTER 1997

		Origi ('000			% change over December quarter 1996	% of	Median intended length of stay (days)	No. person days (a) ('000)
Country of intended stay	October	November	December	December quarter 1997		total short-term departures		
Canada	2.2	2.0	5.8	9.9	11.2	1.3	27.8	585.4
China	8.8	6.1	8.5	23.3	41.7	3.0	18.8	754.0
Fiji	6.4	6.5	8.9	21.8	5.3	2.8	9.8	370.4
Hong Kong	10.6	11.9	18.2	40.6	-21.1	5.3	29.1	1,887.6
Indonesia	31.8	25.8	23.6	81.2	16.9	10.5	9.7	1,478.2
Italy	4.4	2.6	2.8	9.8	-0.7	1.3	29.6	406.9
Japan	6.2	4.9	4.9	16.0	30.7	2.1	12.4	483.6
Malaysia	5.9	7.9	10.5	24.3	-15.4	3.2	20.2	928.3
New Zealand	33.1	31.8	51.3	116.2	-4.4	15.1	11.3	2,045.0
Philippines	4.0	5.2	9.6	18.8	1.4	2.4	27.6	623.3
Singapore	8.0	9.9	8.4	26.3	0.6	3.4	7.6	647.8
Thailand	7.5	9.0	9.8	26.2	14.9	3.4	13.4	572.4
United Kingdom	24.2	18.8	24.1	67.2	16.6	8.7	29.7	3,676.5
United States of America	29.6	25.7	35.9	91.2	6.7	11.8	20.2	2,909.5
Viet Nam	2.2	4.2	8.3	14.6	-4.4	1.9	29.6	658.8
Other	52.1	60.3	70.2	182.6	12.7	23.7	n.a.	8,159.5
Total	236.9	232.5	300.7	770.1	5.9	100.0	18.3	26,187.3

<sup>(</sup>a) For further explanation, see Glossary.

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## DEPARTURES OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS FOR SHORT-TERM TRIPS ABROAD BY AIR BY COUNTRY OF DISEMBARKATION (a) BY PORT OF DEPARTURE, DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 ('000)

Country of disembarkation	Kingsford Smith (Sydney)	Tullamarine (Melbourne)	Eagle Farm (Brisbane)	Cairns	Adelaide	Perth	Darwin	Total Aust. (b)
Fiji	13.8	4.0	3.5	_	0.1	_	_	21.4
Hong Kong	31.3	15.4	8.6	0.6	1.6	5.9	_	63.4
Indonesia	23.7	17.6	4.3	0.8	1.7	24.7	9.6	82.8
Japan	13.4	2.1	4.2	1.6	0.2	0.4	_	21.8
Malaysia	10.8	7.0	3.8	0.4	1.7	7.5	1.2	32.6
New Zealand	61.8	30.5	24.6	1.1	0.8	4.4	_	123.6
Papua New Guinea	1.8	0.1	3.9	4.5	_	_	0.1	10.4
Philippines	11.7	4.4	2.8	_	0.1	0.1	_	19.1
Singapore	27.8	14.3	9.1	0.8	4.8	19.1	1.6	77.9
Thailand	19.2	10.2	4.6	0.1	0.3	6.8	0.1	41.2
United Kingdom	18.8	11.7	4.5	0.3	1.9	7.1	0.1	44.3
United States of America	74.5	19.5	1.4	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.1	96.2
Other	77.5	30.7	16.8	0.5	1.4	6.5	0.7	134.4
Total	386.0	167.1	92.0	10.8	15.1	82.7	13.4	769.1

(a) For further explanation, see Glossary. (b) Includes all airports.

Of the 770,100 Australian residents who departed the country during December quarter 1997, almost all departed by air. Half of these departures were from Sydney airport, with the next most prominent airport for embarkation being Melbourne (22%), while 12% departed from Brisbane and 11% from Perth.

The main country of intended short-term stay for departing Australian resident for the quarter was New Zealand with 16% of the Total number of departures. A further 13% intended to disembark in the United States of America, 11% in Indonesia and 10% in Singapore.

Of Australian residents intending to disembark in the United States of America, 77% left from Sydney airport. Exactly half of New Zealand bound outbound short-term Australian residents left from the same airport. Of all overseas departures of Australian residents from Darwin airport, 72% intended to disembark in Indonesia.

		Main purpose of journey (a)								
Country of intended stay	Convention/ conference	Business	Visiting friends/ relatives	Holiday	Employ- ment	Education	Other and not stated	Tota		
			PERSO	ONS						
Canada	0.3	0.9	3.0	4.9	0.3	0.3	0.1	9.9		
China	1.3	5.2	6.2	9.2	0.4	0.4	0.7	23.3		
Fiji	0.4	1.5	4.5	14.0	0.2	0.2	1.0	21.8		
Hong Kong	1.3	8.2	12.8	14.8	1.6	0.2	1.7	40.6		
Indonesia	1.2	8.5	4.6	64.1	1.0	0.5	1.3	81.2		
Italy	0.3	1.3	3.0	4.4	0.1	0.3	0.3	9.8		
Japan	0.8	5.5	2.7	5.7	0.5	0.3	0.6	16.0		
Malaysia	0.7	6.4	6.2	8.8	1.1	0.2	0.9	24.3		
New Zealand	3.7	22.7	46.1	38.1	1.0	0.7	4.0	116.2		
Philippines	0.6	2.6	8.2	6.5	0.2	—	0.7	18.8		
Singapore	1.7	7.9	4.3	9.9	1.4	0.4	0.8	26.3		
Thailand	1.1	3.3	2.2	18.4	0.5	0.1	0.7	26.2		
United Kingdom	1.0	6.9	24.1	31.6	1.4	0.3	2.0	67.2		
United Kingdom United States of America	7.5	15.2	15.2	48.1	1.4	1.5	2.4	91.2		
Viet Nam	0.1	0.8	8.8	4.1	0.3	0.1	0.4	14.6		
Other	4.1	24.2	60.3	76.2	6.8	3.5	7.6	182.6		
Other	4.1	24.2	00.3	70.2	0.6	3.3	7.0	102.0		
Total	26.0	121.2	212.0	358.7	17.9	9.1	25.2	770.1		
		NU	MBER OF PER	SON DAYS (b	)					
Canada	8.5	28.1	182.9	258.0	56.4	37.6	14.0	585.4		
China	10.6	131.3	321.8	203.4	36.2	12.8	38.0	754.0		
Fiji	2.4	27.5	121.5	181.8	18.8	2.2	16.2	370.4		
Hong Kong	14.3	305.8	616.1	549.6	286.9	28.2	86.7	1,887.6		
Indonesia	9.3	251.8	155.9	867.5	97.2	19.3	77.2	1,478.2		
Italy	8.8	31.6	131.1	186.3	16.0	12.3	20.8	406.9		
Japan	5.2	83.3	113.2	154.7	83.3	24.1	19.8	483.6		
Malaysia	10.2	160.9	262.3	248.8	159.5	15.3	71.2	928.3		
New Zealand	25.9	174.0	952.5	688.1	89.9	36.4	78.2	2,045.0		
Philippines	7.6	41.2	330.9	185.3	32.2	1.2	25.0	623.3		
Singapore	10.4	118.1	141.4	141.3	156.5	39.6	40.6	647.8		
Thailand	10.3	62.5	75.0	351.2	41.8	0.9	30.8	572.4		
United Kingdom	18.7	211.2	1,123.5	1,829.1	284.2	35.3	174.5	3,676.5		
United States of America	102.5	393.2	615.2	1,355.9	233.8	96.2	112.7	2,909.5		
Viet Nam	1.6	31.4	449.3	112.0	38.8	5.0	20.6	658.8		
Other	58.2	621.6	3,414.5	2,803.3	557.7	237.3	466.8	8,159.5		
Total	304.5	2,673.3	9,007.1	10,116.4	2,189.2	603.6	1,293.2	26,187.3		

(a) See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes and Glossary for further explanation. (b) For further explanation, see Glossary.

Australian residents departing for short-term trips overseas during the December quarter 1997 intended to spend a total of 26.2 million person days overseas. Their average intended length of stay overseas was 34 days. This is significantly longer than the average length of stay for visitors arriving in Australia during the corresponding period in 1996 (26 days).

The main purpose for resident overseas departures was 'Holiday', with 39% of person days being intended for this reason. Departures for 'Visiting friends/relatives' accounted for 34% of days overseas and 'Business' for 10%. Australians 'Visiting friends/relatives' spent an average of 42 days overseas, while those on business spent, on average, 22 days. 'Holiday' short-term resident travellers spent 28 days overseas. The longest intended length of overseas stay was for those travelling for 'Employment' (122 days) or 'Education' (66 days) purposes.

The greatest number of person days were intended to be spent in the United Kingdom (3.7 million days), followed by the United States of America (2.9 million days) and New Zealand (2 million days).

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

This series of tables and graphs contain statistics, for Australia and each State and Territory, from a quarterly survey of tourist accommodation establishments. Statistics in this publication are the latest available and so may differ from those previously published in Tourist Accommodation publications.

Scope and coverage

- Tourist accommodation establishments included in the survey, and for which data appear in this publication, are hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities and which provide predominantly short-term accommodation (i.e. for periods of less than 2 months). This category comprises hotels licensed to operate a public bar and motels, private hotels and guest houses all of which provide a bath (or shower) and toilet in most guest rooms and have breakfast available for guests. From December quarter 1993, hotel, motel and guest house establishments with fewer than five rooms have been formally excluded from the scope of this statistical collection.
- Data collected and published for each establishment include both long-term and short-term guests at these establishments.

Estimates at constant prices

- Estimates of quarterly takings from accommodation contained in this publication are also expressed in terms of average 1989-90 prices. These estimates are presented in original, seasonally adjusted and trend terms, for Australia and each State and Territory, in Tables 1-10. (Note: monthly data at constant prices are not available.)
- Takings from accommodation for each State and Territory have been deflated using the All Groups Consumer Price Index (CPI) for each capital city. The CPI has been used as it is a measure of the general extent of price change (inflation) in the economy. (Note: the CPI is only produced for capital cities.) As an example, an increase of 10% in the New South Wales takings from accommodation at 1989-90 prices over a period would mean that New South Wales takings from accommodation had increased 10% more than the Sydney CPI over that period, implying that takings from accommodation in New South Wales had increased 10% more than inflation.
- General information on price deflators and constant price estimates is contained in Section 4 of Australian National Accounts: Concepts, Sources and Methods (5216.0).

INTERNATIONAL TOURISM

This series of tables and graphs contains statistics on overseas visitor arrivals to and departures from Australia, and departures of Australian residents for short-term trips abroad, for the stated month or quarter during which the movement occurred.

Source of the statistics

- Persons arriving in, or departing from, Australia are required to complete prescribed questionnaires in the form of Incoming and Outgoing Passenger cards. These cards provide information to the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs for administrative purposes and serve as the source of statistics of overseas arrivals and departures. In accordance with the Census and Statistics Act 1905, information relating to individuals, individual flights or ships and individual carriers, which is contained in these cards or other documents, is treated as confidential by the ABS.
- Implementation of the *Migration Reform Act*, 1992 by the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs required that a health and character check be incorporated with the Incoming passenger card. The redesign of both passenger cards followed and new passenger cards were officially introduced on 1 September 1994. The main statistical change relating to data in this publication affects the Purpose of journey classification and constitutes a break in time series for this data item.

**10** The following changes were made to the Purpose of journey question: on the Incoming passenger card, In transit was dropped; on the Outgoing passenger card, Student vacation was dropped; and on both cards, Visiting relatives was changed to Visiting friends/relatives, Convention was changed to Convention/conference and Accompanying business visitor was dropped.

Scope

11 The statistics in this publication relate to the number of movements of travellers 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.

Estimation method

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

Corrections and imputations

- 13 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 are also imputed by reference to other related items.
- **14** 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

- **15** Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates are shown in various graphs and tables in this publication. In these series, account has been taken of normal seasonal factors and 'trading day' effects (arising from the varying number 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. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting the series are available on request.
- **16** Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effect 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. Irregular influences that are highly volatile can make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variation and cannot be assumed to indicate changes in the trend.

TREND ESTIMATES

17 Smoothing seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series and creates the trend estimates. The trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term weighted moving average to the monthly and a 7-term Henderson moving average to the quarterly seasonally adjusted series. The 7- and 13-term Henderson averages (like all Henderson averages) are symmetric but, as the end of a time series is approached, asymmetric forms of the average are applied.

Unlike the weights of the standard 7-term Henderson moving average, the weights employed with the quarterly data have been tailored to suit the particular characteristics of individual series.

**18** While these techniques enable trend estimates for recent months or quarters to be produced, it does result in revisions to the estimates for the most recent months or quarters as additional observations become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller and after 3 months/2 quarters have little impact on the series. There may also be revisions as a result of changes in the original data, and as a result of re-estimation of seasonal factors. The information paper, A Guide to Interpreting Time Series - Monitoring "Trends", an Overview (1348.0) provides an introduction to the smoothing of seasonally adjusted time series data. For more detailed information, see A Guide to Smoothing Time Series — Estimates of "Trend" (1316.0), or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (06) 252 6345.

#### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

19 Comprehensive definitions and explanations, and detailed data are contained in the publications below:

Directory of Tourism Statistics, 1997 (1130.0) — irregular Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia (3401.0) — issued monthly Migration, Australia (3412.0) — issued annually Consumer Price Index (6401.0) — issued quarterly Tourist Accommodation, Australia (8635.0) — issued quarterly

- 20 Tourist accommodation publications for Australia, and each State and Territory, are released by the respective offices of the ABS. More detailed statistics may be available upon request.
- **21** These publications are available from ABS bookshops or by mail order.
- **22** Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of* Publications, Australia (1101.0). The ABS also issues on Tuesdays and Fridays, a Release Advice (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

UNPUBLISHED STATISTICS

23 As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may make available, on request, other relevant unpublished data. A charge may be made for this information.

ROUNDING

24 Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER **USAGES** 

- nil or rounded to zero
- not applicable
- not available n.a.

#### **GLOSSARY**

Average nightly number of guests per occupied room

Guest nights divided by room nights occupied.

Average nightly number of rooms occupied per establishment

The average number of rooms per establishment multiplied by the occupancy rate for the survey period.

Average takings per guest

The takings from accommodation divided by the total number of guest nights for the survey period.

Average takings per room night occupied The takings from accommodation divided by the total number of room nights occupied for the survey period.

Average takings per establishment The takings from accommodation for the survey period divided by the number of establishments at the end of the survey period.

Country of residence. intended stay, embarkation or disembarkation The classification of countries in this publication is based on the Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (ASCCSS). For more detailed information refer to the ABS publication Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (1269.0).

Since the publication of the ASCCSS, political developments in Europe and the former USSR have resulted in a number of changes to the country classification. These changes are detailed in Revisions 1.01 and 1.02 of the ASCCSS. Further developments in Europe and Africa have affected some of the categories in this publication and are detailed in Revision 1.03 of the ASCCSS.

Statistics on country of residence, intended stay, embarkation or disembarkation have certain limitations because of inadequate reporting on passenger cards. For instance, it is not possible to identify separately England, Scotland and Wales. Similarly 'Korea' includes both the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

**Guest nights** 

The total number of nights each paying guest stayed during the survey period.

**Guest rooms** 

The maximum number of rooms, units, suites, etc. available for accommodating paying guests at hotels and motels with facilities during the survey period.

Median length of stay

Defined as the length of stay which divides the relevant population into two equal parts, one-half of the cases falling below the median and the other half exceeding it.

**Number of establishments** 

For hotels, motels etc. the number of establishments within the scope of the survey which operated for any part of the survey period or which closed temporarily for the quarter for seasonal reasons.

**Number of person days** 

Defined as the number of visitor arrivals or short-term resident departures intending to stay for a particular length of stay multiplied by that length of stav.

**Purpose of journey** 

From September quarter 1994, all statistics relating to Purpose of journey are published using the following categories: Convention/conference, Business, Visiting friends/relatives, Holiday, Employment, Education and Other. In tabulations of data collected before September 1994, the Other category will include In transit and the Holiday category will include Student vacation and Accompanying business visitor.

Room nights available The total number of guest rooms available multiplied by the number of days

for which they were available during the survey period.

Room nights occupied The total number of nights each guest room was occupied by a paying guest

during the survey period.

Rooms per establishment The average number of rooms per establishment.

**Short-term movement** Movements of travellers whose intended or actual length of stay is less than 12 months are classified as short-term. These tables relate to short-term

movements only.

Star grading The grading of hotels and motels with facilities is based on the classification

> system used by members of the Australian Automobile Association (AAA). The gradings are allocated according to a points system based on the amenities and facilities available to guests. Details of the grading scheme are contained in the RACV-RAASA members' publication Accommodation Australia, or the individual tour guides produced by members of the AAA. For the purpose of classifying establishments to a star grading in this publication, 'half' star gradings are ignored (e.g. a two and a half star grading

has been shown as a two star).

**Takings from** accommodation Revenue received from the provision of accommodation. Takings from meals are excluded. Takings from accommodation for each month generally represent the takings received during that month. Where payments are received in advance of, or after, the provision of accommodation to guests, the monthly figure for takings from accommodation may not necessarily bear a direct relationship to the number of guests accommodated during the month.

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