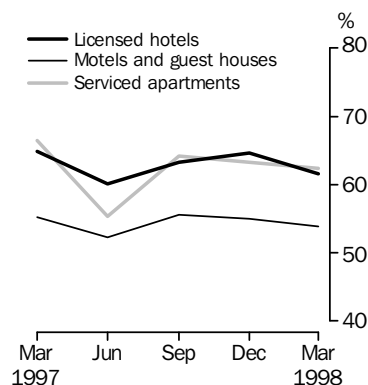


TOURIST ACCOMMODATION AUSTRALIA

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Occupancy rates

Quarterly
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Accommodation takings

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MARCH QTR KEY FIGURES

LICENSED HOTELS

	Mar Qtr 97	Mar Qtr 98	change
Rooms available (no.)	65 079	69 124	6.2 %
Room nights occupied ('000)	3 797.5	3 816.8	0.5 %
Room occupancy rate (%)	64.9	61.6	-3.3 pts
Takings from accommodation (\$'000)	497 793	505 731	1.6 %

MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES

	Mar Qtr 97	Mar Qtr 98	change
Rooms available (no.)	81 786	83 427	2.0 %
Room nights occupied ('000)	4 058.5	4 033.8	-0.6 %
Room occupancy rate (%)	55.2	53.9	-1.3 pts
Takings from accommodation (\$'000)	312 210	314 800	0.8 %

SERVICED APARTMENTS

	Mar Qtr 97	Mar Qtr 98	change
Rooms available (no.)	19 092	21 643	13.4 %
Room nights occupied ('000)	1 126.0	1 205.5	7.1 %
Room occupancy rate (%)	66.4	62.4	-4.0 pts
Takings from accommodation (\$'000)	120 495	134 968	12.0 %

MARCH QTR KEY POINTS

CAPACITY INCREASES

- Rooms and units available in licensed hotels, motels and guest houses and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms or units increased by 5% in the March quarter 1998 compared with the March quarter 1997.
- Capacity available in serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms or units increased by 13%. This accommodation type has been separately identified in the survey for the first time this quarter, but data for 1997 have been recompiled to provide comparisons.

OCCUPANCY RATES FALL

- Although room nights occupied increased overall in the March quarter 1998 compared with the March quarter 1997, occupancy rates fell for all accommodation types. This reflected increases in accommodation supply exceeding demand changes.

ACCOMMODATION TAKINGS INCREASE

- Takings from accommodation increased for each accommodation type in the March quarter 1998 compared with the March quarter 1997, with the largest increase of 12% recorded for serviced apartments. Average takings per room night occupied increased for licensed hotels from \$131 to \$133, for motels and guest houses from \$77 to \$78 and for serviced apartments from \$107 to \$112.

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

As advised in the December quarter 1997 publication, the Survey of Tourist Accommodation has been substantially revised from this quarter:

- The survey no longer collects data on caravan parks, holiday flats, units and houses or visitor hostels on an ongoing basis.
- Only hotels, motels and guest houses with 15 or more rooms are now included (previously establishments with five or more rooms were included).
- Serviced apartments with 15 or more units are included in the collection as a separate category for the first time.
- Due to the separate classification of serviced apartments, there have been several changes to definitions of accommodation units. Some establishments have been reclassified to different accommodation types as a result (see Explanatory Notes).
- Employment information is no longer collected separately for males and females. However, additional information on full-time, part-time and casual employees and monthly employment levels is being collected on a trial basis during 1998. These details are not included in this publication, but may be available on request.

Annual counts of establishments and capacity will be compiled in respect of the previous survey scope. The survey will also be expanded in the year 2000 to cover significant establishments within the previous scope. See Explanatory Notes for further details.

This publication presents the first information collected in the revised survey.

Information in respect of 1997 has been retabulated on the basis of the new scope and included in this publication. Note that 1997 data presented in this publication will differ from previously published data. More detailed 1997 data may be available on request.

As well as reflecting the changes described above, this publication contains a new geographic classification for regional data. Data are now classified by Tourism Regions as defined by the relevant State and Territory Tourist Commissions or equivalent organisations. See the Explanatory Notes for more information. Data classified at a lower geographic level than Tourism Region may be available on request.

The former State and Territory Tourist Accommodation publications (Cat. nos 8635.1 to 8635.8) ceased with the December quarter 1997 issues.

NOTE

1997 data presented in this publication will differ from previously published data.

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<i>Period</i>	<i>Establish- ments</i>	<i>Guest rooms</i>	<i>Bed spaces</i>	<i>Persons employed</i>	<i>Room nights occupied</i>	<i>Room occupancy rate</i>	<i>Guest nights</i>	<i>Bed occupancy rate</i>	<i>Guest arrivals</i>	<i>Average length of stay</i>	<i>Takings from accom- modation</i>
	no.	no.	no.	no.	'000	%	'000	%	'000	days	\$'000
LICENSED HOTELS WITH FACILITIES											
1997											
March quarter	724	65 079	173 139	60 698	3 797.5	64.9	6 358.5	40.8	2 606.6	2.4	497 793
June quarter	727	65 612	175 337	68 013	3 575.8	60.1	5 675.6	35.7	2 432.4	2.3	460 689
September quarter	732	66 909	178 142	69 251	3 869.8	63.3	6 434.8	39.5	2 711.3	2.4	500 972
December quarter	738	68 027	182 349	73 629	4 004.8	64.6	6 573.9	39.6	2 852.8	2.3	535 114
1998											
March quarter	750	69 124	185 113	72 522	3 816.8	61.6	6 209.9	37.4	2 688.9	2.3	505 731
Year ended March 1998	..	..	..	..	15 267.2	62.4	24 894.2	38.1	10 685.4	2.3	2 002 506
MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES											
1997											
March quarter	2 340	81 786	245 146	31 039	4 058.5	55.2	7 324.8	33.2	3 977.1	1.8	312 210
June quarter	2 348	82 275	246 949	31 065	3 899.4	52.3	6 673.8	29.8	3 734.0	1.8	294 557
September quarter	2 377	83 292	250 095	31 651	4 259.5	55.6	7 480.6	32.5	4 196.5	1.8	333 223
December quarter	2 377	83 476	250 289	31 304	4 224.1	55.0	7 477.4	32.5	4 146.0	1.8	324 208
1998											
March quarter	2 377	83 427	249 154	31 150	4 033.8	53.9	7 193.5	32.2	3 895.3	1.8	314 800
Year ended March 1998	..	..	..	..	16 416.8	54.2	28 825.3	31.8	15 971.8	1.8	1 266 788
SERVICED APARTMENTS											
1997											
March quarter	438	19 092	68 139	7 630	1 126.0	66.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	120 495
June quarter	446	19 497	69 542	7 582	977.2	55.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	99 561
September quarter	460	19 987	71 919	7 771	1 179.6	64.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	121 085
December quarter	472	20 831	75 169	8 190	1 210.5	63.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	127 928
1998											
March quarter	482	21 643	77 423	8 386	1 205.5	62.4	2 648.0	38.3	715.0	3.7	134 968
Year ended March 1998	..	..	..	..	4 572.8	61.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	483 542
TOTAL ESTABLISHMENTS											
1997											
March quarter	3 502	165 957	486 424	99 367	8 982.1	60.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	930 498
June quarter	3 521	167 384	491 828	106 660	8 452.5	55.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	854 807
September quarter	3 569	170 188	500 156	108 673	9 309.0	59.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	955 280
December quarter	3 587	172 334	507 807	113 123	9 439.3	59.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	987 250
1998											
March quarter	3 609	174 194	511 690	112 058	9 056.0	58.0	16 051.3	35.0	7 299.2	2.2	955 499
Year ended March 1998	..	..	..	..	36 256.8	58.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3 752 836

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units. See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 6.

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Period	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Serviced apartments	1	2	3	4	5	Ungraded	Total
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT (number)										
March quarter 1997										
Establishments	169	959	104	30	219	697	116	14	156	1 232
Guest rooms	18 343	30 742	4 554	923	5 972	24 647	n.p.	n.p.	6 048	53 639
Bed spaces	45 285	93 894	15 937	3 336	18 148	73 934	n.p.	n.p.	17 610	155 116
Persons employed	15 064	11 765	2 046	346	2 068	9 783	n.p.	n.p.	3 256	28 875
March quarter 1998										
Establishments	177	971	115	33	213	662	125	13	217	1 263
Guest rooms	19 605	31 470	5 049	1 092	6 157	23 342	12 301	3 589	9 643	56 124
Bed spaces	49 086	95 958	17 935	4 101	18 191	69 942	34 393	8 024	28 328	162 979
Persons employed	20 765	11 937	2 127	364	2 239	9 329	9 385	4 053	9 459	34 829
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)										
1997										
March quarter	1 218.0	1 520.0	292.9	22.6	253.2	1 338.2	n.p.	n.p.	274.9	3 030.9
1998										
January	369.1	531.2	114.3	10.5	91.2	423.0	249.9	80.0	160.0	1 014.6
February	400.6	463.0	96.2	9.4	77.1	374.2	262.2	87.5	149.5	959.8
March	413.9	527.6	101.3	10.8	90.6	419.8	277.1	86.3	158.4	1 042.9
March quarter	1 183.6	1 521.9	311.8	30.7	258.8	1 217.0	789.1	253.7	467.9	3 017.3
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (%)										
1997										
March quarter	73.8	55.0	71.5	27.1	47.1	60.3	n.p.	n.p.	50.5	62.8
1998										
January	60.8	54.5	73.0	31.1	47.8	58.5	65.6	71.9	53.5	58.3
February	73.0	52.6	68.0	30.6	44.7	57.3	76.2	87.1	55.4	61.1
March	68.1	54.1	64.7	31.9	47.4	58.0	72.7	77.5	53.0	59.9
March quarter	67.1	53.7	68.6	31.2	46.7	57.9	71.4	78.6	53.9	59.8
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)										
1997										
March quarter	1 966.4	2 816.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
January	639.1	1 095.2	271.9	18.1	186.1	861.6	473.4	136.0	331.0	2 006.2
February	605.8	781.3	190.6	14.2	134.6	623.0	413.4	129.7	262.9	1 577.8
March	620.7	897.7	198.8	16.7	159.5	700.9	432.2	127.7	280.3	1 717.2
March quarter	1 865.6	2 774.2	661.3	49.0	480.2	2 185.5	1 318.9	393.4	874.2	5 301.2
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (%)										
1997										
March quarter	48.2	33.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
January	42.0	36.8	48.9	14.2	33.0	39.7	44.5	54.7	37.7	39.7
February	44.1	29.1	38.0	12.3	26.4	31.8	43.0	57.7	33.1	34.6
March	40.8	30.2	35.8	13.2	28.3	32.3	40.5	51.3	31.9	34.0
March quarter	42.3	32.1	41.0	13.3	29.3	34.7	42.6	54.5	34.3	36.1

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<i>Period</i>	<i>Licensed hotels with facilities</i>	<i>Motels and guest houses</i>	<i>Serviced apartments</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Ungraded</i>	<i>Total</i>
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)										
1997										
March quarter	777.9	1 642.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
January	258.5	616.6	72.0	8.3	107.1	458.9	203.9	51.1	117.8	947.1
February	266.9	455.0	59.4	6.5	75.3	346.8	193.7	53.3	105.8	781.3
March	280.5	533.4	62.4	7.5	90.3	402.3	210.2	53.3	112.8	876.4
March quarter	806.0	1 604.9	193.8	22.3	272.7	1 208.0	607.8	157.6	336.3	2 604.7
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)										
1997										
March quarter	2.5	1.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
March quarter	2.3	1.7	3.4	2.2	1.8	1.8	2.2	2.5	2.6	2.0
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)										
1997										
March quarter	179 385	119 893	35 246	929	14 429	112 718	n.p.	n.p.	34 801	334 524
1998										
January	54 746	44 102	15 946	505	5 955	37 013	33 130	17 310	20 880	114 794
February	62 327	36 804	12 401	454	4 883	32 210	35 627	19 439	18 918	111 531
March	63 083	41 158	12 681	500	5 701	35 038	37 376	19 188	19 119	116 923
March quarter	180 156	122 064	41 029	1 460	16 540	104 261	106 133	55 937	58 917	343 248
AVERAGE TAKINGS PER ROOM NIGHT OCCUPIED (\$)										
1997										
March quarter	147.3	78.9	120.3	41.2	57.0	84.2	n.p.	n.p.	126.6	110.4
1998										
January	148.3	83.0	139.5	47.9	65.3	87.5	132.6	216.4	130.5	113.1
February	155.6	79.5	128.9	48.5	63.3	86.1	135.9	222.2	126.5	116.2
March	152.4	78.0	125.1	46.3	63.0	83.5	134.9	222.4	120.7	112.1
March quarter	152.2	80.2	131.6	47.5	63.9	85.7	134.5	220.5	125.9	113.8
AVERAGE TAKINGS PER AVAILABLE ROOM NIGHT (\$)										
1997										
March quarter	108.7	43.4	86.0	11.2	26.8	50.8	n.p.	n.p.	63.9	69.3
1998										
January	90.2	45.2	101.9	14.9	31.2	51.2	87.0	155.6	69.8	66.0
February	113.7	41.8	87.7	14.9	28.3	49.3	103.6	193.4	70.1	71.0
March	103.8	42.2	81.0	14.8	29.9	48.4	98.0	172.5	64.0	67.2
March quarter	102.2	43.1	90.3	14.9	29.8	49.6	96.0	173.2	67.9	68.0

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Period	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Serviced apartments	1	2	3	4	5	Ungraded	Total
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT (number)										
March quarter 1997										
Establishments	113	494	40	4	90	370	89	9	85	647
Guest rooms	8 719	16 116	1 832	94	2 772	11 060	7 128	2 474	3 139	26 667
Bed spaces	20 959	46 861	5 692	258	7 647	32 159	18 530	5 417	9 501	73 512
Persons employed	8 068	5 860	914	82	1 252	4 218	4 730	3 169	1 391	14 842
March quarter 1998										
Establishments	116	505	47	4	88	387	102	11	76	668
Guest rooms	9 794	16 519	2 290	90	2 654	11 837	8 247	2 979	2 796	28 603
Bed spaces	23 212	47 477	7 147	249	7 382	34 500	20 907	6 595	8 203	77 836
Persons employed	14 275	6 027	1 020	44	825	4 360	5 528	9 428	1 137	21 322
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)										
1997										
March quarter	562.3	805.1	126.9	1.9	122.5	555.2	471.4	187.3	156.1	1 494.3
1998										
January	175.1	268.4	50.1	0.8	41.4	200.8	147.9	62.7	40.1	493.7
February	192.1	245.6	45.7	0.7	33.5	177.2	163.7	68.6	39.7	483.4
March	216.9	290.4	49.8	0.8	39.0	213.3	185.7	73.7	44.6	557.1
March quarter	584.1	804.4	145.6	2.3	113.9	591.3	497.3	205.1	124.3	1 534.1
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (%)										
1997										
March quarter	71.7	55.5	77.0	22.0	49.1	55.8	73.5	84.1	55.3	62.3
1998										
January	60.1	52.4	70.6	27.2	50.3	54.7	60.5	68.2	46.5	56.5
February	72.8	53.1	71.3	28.5	45.1	53.5	74.1	82.5	50.8	61.2
March	71.5	56.7	70.1	27.8	47.4	58.1	72.7	79.8	51.4	62.9
March quarter	68.1	54.1	70.6	27.8	47.7	55.5	69.0	76.7	49.5	60.1
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)										
1997										
March quarter	865.9	1 451.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
January	289.1	522.9	110.8	1.4	84.7	393.1	273.5	94.2	75.9	922.8
February	281.8	409.8	83.7	1.1	64.1	300.6	247.1	95.7	66.8	775.4
March	323.3	492.9	93.9	1.2	74.4	366.7	286.6	102.7	78.5	910.1
March quarter	894.2	1 425.5	288.5	3.7	223.3	1 060.4	807.2	292.6	221.2	2 608.3
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (%)										
1997										
March quarter	45.9	34.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
January	41.6	35.5	50.0	18.2	37.0	36.8	43.7	46.3	30.0	38.6
February	44.8	30.8	41.8	15.1	31.0	31.1	43.7	51.9	29.1	35.9
March	45.0	33.5	42.4	15.9	32.5	34.3	44.3	50.2	30.9	37.7
March quarter	43.8	33.4	44.9	16.4	33.6	34.2	43.9	49.4	30.0	37.5

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GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)										
1997										
March quarter	405.6	793.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
January	131.8	283.6	24.6	0.8	43.7	206.7	127.9	34.5	26.5	440.0
February	137.7	233.5	22.6	0.6	32.8	165.1	129.2	40.3	25.7	393.7
March	148.9	280.7	26.0	0.7	43.8	199.7	140.6	41.0	29.8	455.6
March quarter	418.4	797.7	73.2	2.1	120.3	571.5	397.7	115.7	82.1	1 289.3
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)										
1997										
March quarter	2.1	1.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
March quarter	2.1	1.8	3.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.5	2.7	2.0
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)										
1997										
March quarter	81 770	66 267	17 065	51	7 618	43 325	60 914	38 180	15 014	165 101
1998										
January	24 858	22 548	6 759	26	2 831	16 374	18 581	12 518	3 835	54 165
February	28 262	20 055	6 073	22	2 155	13 783	20 812	13 819	3 798	54 390
March	35 515	24 545	6 982	27	2 561	17 068	26 213	16 743	4 430	67 042
March quarter	88 634	67 148	19 814	75	7 547	47 225	65 606	43 079	12 063	175 596
AVERAGE TAKINGS PER ROOM NIGHT OCCUPIED (\$)										
1997										
March quarter	145.4	82.3	134.4	27.7	62.2	78.0	129.2	203.9	96.1	110.5
1998										
January	141.9	84.0	134.9	34.6	68.4	81.5	125.6	199.7	95.7	109.7
February	147.1	81.7	132.8	31.0	64.4	77.8	127.1	201.3	95.7	112.5
March	163.7	84.5	140.3	34.1	65.7	80.0	141.2	227.1	99.4	120.3
March quarter	151.7	83.5	136.1	33.3	66.3	79.9	131.9	210.1	97.0	114.5
AVERAGE TAKINGS PER AVAILABLE ROOM NIGHT (\$)										
1997										
March quarter	104.2	45.7	103.5	6.1	30.5	43.5	95.0	171.5	53.1	68.8
1998										
January	85.3	44.0	95.2	9.4	34.4	44.6	76.0	136.3	44.5	61.9
February	107.1	43.4	94.7	8.8	29.0	41.6	94.3	166.1	48.6	68.8
March	117.1	47.9	98.4	9.5	31.1	46.5	102.7	181.3	51.1	75.6
March quarter	103.3	45.2	96.1	9.3	31.6	44.3	91.1	161.1	48.1	68.8

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Period	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Serviced apartments	1	2	3	4	5	Ungraded	Total
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT (number)										
March quarter 1997										
Establishments	160	504	179	11	192	372	90	16	162	843
Guest rooms	19 000	17 839	7 479	268	5 272	16 088	n.p.	n.p.	6 909	44 318
Bed spaces	58 384	53 730	28 150	690	15 929	49 723	n.p.	n.p.	23 329	140 264
Persons employed	20 497	6 616	2 798	114	1 958	7 136	n.p.	n.p.	3 235	29 911
March quarter 1998										
Establishments	174	515	198	15	156	368	116	18	214	887
Guest rooms	20 493	18 227	8 594	384	4 280	14 861	13 713	4 427	9 649	47 314
Bed spaces	63 209	54 948	31 996	1 008	13 102	45 838	44 252	13 743	32 210	150 153
Persons employed	20 483	6 702	3 025	154	1 517	6 527	11 400	7 356	3 256	30 210
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)										
1997										
March quarter	1 038.7	888.5	413.2	10.0	218.8	835.1	n.p.	n.p.	362.5	2 340.4
1998										
January	373.1	290.6	173.4	4.5	59.2	248.0	252.7	94.6	178.2	837.1
February	308.0	268.5	121.3	3.9	50.0	216.1	219.2	80.2	128.4	697.8
March	339.9	297.3	130.1	4.0	56.2	240.3	238.0	87.3	141.4	767.2
March quarter	1 021.0	856.4	424.8	12.5	165.5	704.4	709.8	262.1	448.0	2 302.2
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (%)										
1997										
March quarter	60.8	55.5	61.4	41.3	46.3	57.7	n.p.	n.p.	58.3	58.8
1998										
January	58.7	51.7	65.7	38.1	44.6	53.8	59.4	68.9	60.7	57.3
February	53.7	53.0	51.0	37.1	42.0	52.0	57.1	64.7	48.6	53.0
March	53.6	52.7	49.2	34.5	42.7	52.4	56.0	63.6	47.6	52.5
March quarter	55.4	52.5	55.5	36.6	43.1	52.7	57.5	65.8	52.4	54.3
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)										
1997										
March quarter	1 982.8	1 581.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
January	756.8	569.9	457.1	8.7	114.5	519.1	532.1	180.3	429.0	1 783.8
February	534.0	445.6	275.7	6.2	81.6	374.7	383.4	136.4	273.1	1 255.3
March	586.7	486.5	297.3	6.2	92.7	415.2	416.0	143.0	297.3	1 370.5
March quarter	1 877.4	1 502.0	1 030.1	21.1	288.9	1 308.9	1 331.6	459.7	999.4	4 409.5
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (%)										
1997										
March quarter	37.8	32.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
January	38.6	33.6	46.6	27.9	28.2	36.5	38.8	42.3	43.8	38.5
February	30.2	29.2	31.2	22.2	22.4	29.2	30.9	35.4	31.0	30.0
March	30.0	28.6	30.3	20.4	23.0	29.3	30.3	33.6	30.1	29.6
March quarter	33.0	30.5	36.2	23.6	24.6	31.8	33.4	37.2	35.1	32.8

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Period	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Serviced apartments	1	2	3	4	5	Ungraded	Total
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)										
1997										
March quarter	704.9	784.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
January	261.7	272.2	89.8	3.6	59.7	218.0	196.0	45.5	100.8	623.7
February	224.8	217.1	66.6	3.1	43.5	169.5	168.9	44.0	79.5	508.5
March	242.7	243.9	74.2	3.1	49.5	188.1	181.6	48.9	89.6	560.8
March quarter	729.2	733.3	230.6	9.7	152.7	575.7	546.5	138.5	269.9	1 693.0
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)										
1997										
March quarter	2.8	2.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
March quarter	2.6	2.0	4.5	2.2	1.9	2.3	2.4	3.3	3.7	2.6
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)										
1997										
March quarter	135 655	63 911	40 882	374	12 539	67 240	n.p.	n.p.	35 568	240 448
1998										
January	51 059	21 316	18 772	192	3 607	20 528	29 682	20 196	16 943	91 147
February	37 893	19 094	11 544	133	2 812	15 918	23 690	14 728	11 250	68 531
March	41 863	21 257	11 764	132	3 153	17 856	25 601	16 307	11 834	74 884
March quarter	130 814	61 667	42 080	457	9 572	54 302	78 973	51 231	40 026	234 561
AVERAGE TAKINGS PER ROOM NIGHT OCCUPIED (\$)										
1997										
March quarter	130.6	71.9	98.9	37.5	57.3	80.5	n.p.	n.p.	98.1	102.7
1998										
January	136.9	73.3	108.2	42.2	61.0	82.8	117.5	213.6	95.1	108.9
February	123.0	71.1	95.2	34.1	56.2	73.7	108.1	183.6	87.6	98.2
March	123.2	71.5	90.4	32.9	56.1	74.3	107.6	186.8	83.7	97.6
March quarter	128.1	72.0	99.1	36.7	57.9	77.1	111.3	195.5	89.3	101.9
AVERAGE TAKINGS PER AVAILABLE ROOM NIGHT (\$)										
1997										
March quarter	79.5	39.9	60.7	15.5	26.5	46.5	n.p.	n.p.	57.2	60.4
1998										
January	80.4	37.9	71.1	16.1	27.2	44.6	69.8	147.2	57.7	62.4
February	66.1	37.7	48.5	12.6	23.6	38.3	61.7	118.8	42.6	52.0
March	66.1	37.7	44.5	11.3	23.9	38.9	60.2	118.8	39.9	51.2
March quarter	71.0	37.8	54.9	13.4	25.0	40.7	64.0	128.6	46.8	55.3

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<i>Period</i>	<i>Licensed hotels with facilities</i>	<i>Motels and guest houses</i>	<i>Serviced apartments</i>	<i>1 and ungraded</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4 and 5</i>	<i>Total</i>
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT (number)								
March quarter 1997								
Establishments	61	152	17	17	62	125	26	230
Guest rooms	3 819	5 252	626	500	1 813	4 584	2 800	9 697
Bed spaces	9 756	15 911	2 084	1 437	5 070	13 444	7 800	27 751
Persons employed	3 842	2 108	283	238	983	2 657	2 355	6 233
March quarter 1998								
Establishments	59	149	19	16	64	120	27	227
Guest rooms	3 808	5 181	726	487	1 888	4 463	2 877	9 715
Bed spaces	9 748	15 883	2 422	1 619	5 312	13 147	7 975	28 053
Persons employed	4 025	2 039	321	255	973	2 468	2 689	6 385
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)								
1997								
<i>March quarter</i>	193.7	263.6	40.9	18.7	68.2	234.8	176.5	498.2
1998								
January	60.5	88.6	14.6	7.3	24.6	75.9	55.9	163.7
February	66.9	80.9	13.4	7.0	21.3	70.5	62.4	161.2
March	78.5	97.8	16.2	7.7	25.1	87.6	72.1	192.5
<i>March quarter</i>	206.0	267.3	44.2	22.0	71.0	234.0	190.5	517.4
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (%)								
1997								
<i>March quarter</i>	56.3	55.8	72.6	41.7	41.8	57.0	70.0	57.1
1998								
January	51.2	55.2	65.0	48.1	42.0	54.9	62.7	54.4
February	62.8	55.8	65.8	51.6	40.3	56.4	77.5	59.3
March	66.5	61.2	72.0	50.9	43.5	63.3	80.9	64.1
<i>March quarter</i>	60.1	57.4	67.6	50.2	42.0	58.2	73.6	59.2
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)								
1997								
<i>March quarter</i>	294.7	456.8	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
1998								
January	103.9	168.8	32.9	15.8	46.3	146.2	97.4	305.6
February	92.2	128.4	27.0	13.7	34.3	112.8	86.7	247.6
March	110.5	160.3	32.4	15.0	43.0	142.2	102.9	303.1
<i>March quarter</i>	306.6	457.5	92.3	44.5	123.6	401.2	287.0	856.3
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (%)								
1997								
<i>March quarter</i>	33.6	31.9	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
1998								
January	34.4	34.3	43.9	31.4	28.1	35.9	39.4	35.1
February	33.8	28.9	39.7	30.2	23.1	30.7	38.8	31.5
March	36.6	32.7	43.1	30.0	26.5	34.9	41.6	34.9
<i>March quarter</i>	34.9	32.1	42.3	30.5	26.0	33.9	40.0	33.9

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GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)								
1997								
March quarter	135.5	249.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998								
January	48.1	91.5	9.6	5.5	25.7	78.7	39.2	149.2
February	45.6	69.7	7.7	4.1	18.6	60.5	39.7	122.9
March	53.3	85.9	9.8	4.6	24.3	74.8	45.3	149.0
March quarter	146.9	247.0	27.1	14.3	68.6	213.9	124.2	421.1
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)								
1997								
March quarter	2.2	1.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998								
March quarter	2.1	1.9	3.4	3.1	1.8	1.9	2.3	2.0
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)								
1997								
March quarter	18 629	18 548	3 284	1 000	3 000	16 454	20 007	40 461
1998								
January	5 594	6 349	1 249	552	1 169	5 462	6 009	13 192
February	6 937	5 867	1 203	579	958	5 004	7 467	14 008
March	8 320	7 031	1 461	670	1 200	6 168	8 773	16 812
March quarter	20 851	19 247	3 913	1 801	3 327	16 633	22 250	44 012
AVERAGE TAKINGS PER ROOM NIGHT OCCUPIED (\$)								
1997								
March quarter	96.2	70.4	80.3	53.4	44.0	70.1	113.4	81.2
1998								
January	92.5	71.7	85.4	76.1	47.6	71.9	107.5	80.6
February	103.6	72.5	90.0	82.2	45.0	71.0	119.6	86.9
March	105.9	71.9	90.1	87.2	47.8	70.5	121.6	87.3
March quarter	101.2	72.0	88.5	81.9	46.9	71.1	116.8	85.1
AVERAGE TAKINGS PER AVAILABLE ROOM NIGHT (\$)								
1997								
March quarter	54.2	39.3	58.3	22.2	18.4	39.9	79.4	46.4
1998								
January	47.4	39.5	55.5	36.6	20.0	39.5	67.4	43.8
February	65.1	40.4	59.2	42.5	18.1	40.0	92.7	51.5
March	70.5	44.0	64.9	44.4	20.8	44.6	98.4	56.0
March quarter	60.8	41.3	59.9	41.1	19.7	41.4	85.9	50.4

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Period	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Serviced apartments	1	2	3	4	5	Ungraded	Total
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT (number)										
March quarter 1997										
Establishments	129	110	48	5	77	143	19	7	36	287
Guest rooms	8 731	5 420	2 054	137	2 456	7 753	n.p.	n.p.	1 545	16 205
Bed spaces	21 264	14 874	7 308	255	5 950	21 665	n.p.	n.p.	4 183	43 446
Persons employed	6 737	2 271	700	34	1 417	3 589	n.p.	n.p.	771	9 708
March quarter 1998										
Establishments	132	112	50	5	63	129	15	8	74	294
Guest rooms	8 851	5 518	2 227	122	1 893	7 207	2 061	1 937	3 376	16 596
Bed spaces	22 040	14 965	7 859	260	4 509	19 394	5 499	5 176	10 026	44 864
Persons employed	6 733	2 109	843	35	1 093	3 236	1 534	2 135	1 652	9 685
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)										
1997										
March quarter	443.4	282.6	119.9	2.2	112.8	400.7	n.p.	n.p.	67.1	846.0
1998										
January	160.3	96.6	48.7	0.9	25.8	126.4	43.4	48.2	60.9	305.6
February	146.2	82.5	37.1	0.9	23.1	110.0	37.5	41.7	52.6	265.8
March	165.0	93.4	42.5	1.0	25.8	126.3	43.6	46.4	58.0	300.9
March quarter	471.5	272.6	128.2	2.7	74.8	362.6	124.5	136.3	171.5	872.3
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (%)										
1997										
March quarter	56.5	58.1	64.9	17.5	51.1	57.5	n.p.	n.p.	48.6	58.1
1998										
January	58.4	56.5	70.5	23.7	44.0	56.6	68.0	80.3	58.2	59.4
February	59.0	53.6	59.4	25.4	43.7	54.6	65.0	76.9	55.6	57.3
March	60.1	55.1	61.5	25.3	44.4	56.7	68.2	77.2	55.4	58.6
March quarter	59.2	55.1	64.0	24.8	44.0	56.0	67.1	78.2	56.4	58.5
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)										
1997										
March quarter	688.2	493.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
January	256.1	189.2	117.8	1.2	42.7	239.1	75.5	85.2	119.4	563.1
February	208.2	135.5	74.7	1.0	33.0	176.5	56.0	64.8	87.0	418.4
March	237.1	155.9	84.2	1.3	38.9	204.9	65.1	70.9	96.1	477.3
March quarter	701.4	480.6	276.8	3.5	114.6	620.5	196.6	221.0	302.6	1 458.8
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (%)										
1997										
March quarter	36.0	37.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
January	37.5	40.8	48.4	15.0	30.6	39.8	44.3	53.1	38.4	40.5
February	33.7	32.4	34.0	13.4	26.1	32.6	36.4	44.7	31.0	33.3
March	34.7	33.8	34.6	16.4	28.1	34.2	38.2	44.2	30.9	34.4
March quarter	35.4	35.8	39.1	15.0	28.3	35.6	39.7	47.4	33.5	36.2

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Period	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Serviced apartments	1	2	3	4	5	Ungraded	Total
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)										
1997										
March quarter	277.6	222.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
January	97.0	75.8	28.0	0.4	21.1	95.0	21.8	24.7	37.8	200.8
February	89.4	60.6	21.9	0.3	15.9	76.8	20.9	23.5	34.5	171.8
March	99.5	68.8	23.0	0.4	18.9	85.4	24.8	24.7	37.1	191.3
March quarter	285.9	205.2	72.8	1.1	55.9	257.2	67.5	72.8	109.5	563.9
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)										
1997										
March quarter	2.5	2.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
March quarter	2.5	2.3	3.8	3.2	2.1	2.4	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.6
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)										
1997										
March quarter	47 682	20 828	11 491	64	6 053	30 895	n.p.	n.p.	6 746	80 001
1998										
January	16 759	7 518	5 343	42	1 521	10 145	4 941	6 927	6 045	29 620
February	15 263	6 141	3 614	37	1 257	8 457	4 119	6 045	5 102	25 017
March	17 253	6 940	3 996	46	1 423	9 744	4 814	6 672	5 491	28 190
March quarter	49 275	20 599	12 954	125	4 200	28 346	13 874	19 644	16 639	82 827
AVERAGE TAKINGS PER ROOM NIGHT OCCUPIED (\$)										
1997										
March quarter	107.5	73.7	95.8	29.3	53.6	77.1	n.p.	n.p.	100.6	94.6
1998										
January	104.5	77.8	109.8	46.5	58.9	80.3	113.8	143.7	99.3	96.9
February	104.4	74.4	97.5	43.1	54.3	76.9	109.8	144.9	97.0	94.1
March	104.5	74.3	94.1	47.7	55.2	77.2	110.5	143.9	94.6	93.7
March quarter	104.5	75.6	101.0	45.8	56.2	78.2	111.5	144.1	97.0	94.9
AVERAGE TAKINGS PER AVAILABLE ROOM NIGHT (\$)										
1997										
March quarter	60.8	42.8	62.2	5.1	27.4	44.4	n.p.	n.p.	48.9	54.9
1998										
January	61.1	44.0	77.4	11.0	25.9	45.4	77.3	115.4	57.8	57.6
February	61.6	39.9	58.0	11.0	23.7	42.0	71.4	111.5	54.0	53.9
March	62.9	40.9	57.9	12.1	24.5	43.8	75.3	111.1	52.5	54.9
March quarter	61.9	41.6	64.6	11.4	24.7	43.8	74.8	112.7	54.8	55.5

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<i>Period</i>	<i>Licensed hotels with facilities</i>	<i>Motels and guest houses</i>	<i>Serviced apartments</i>	<i>1, 2 and ungraded</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4 and 5</i>	<i>Total</i>
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT (number)							
March quarter 1997							
Establishments	55	50	21	42	61	23	126
Guest rooms	2 950	1 689	670	1 211	2 414	1 684	5 309
Bed spaces	8 027	5 275	2 674	3 767	7 373	4 836	15 976
Persons employed	3 087	731	368	994	1 234	1 958	4 186
March quarter 1998							
Establishments	55	52	23	41	61	28	130
Guest rooms	2 930	1 743	848	1 109	2 396	2 016	5 521
Bed spaces	8 000	5 372	3 231	3 336	7 317	5 950	16 603
Persons employed	2 870	753	395	515	1 239	2 264	4 018
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)							
1997							
<i>March quarter</i>	163.7	101.6	38.7	59.6	134.0	110.4	304.0
1998							
January	54.2	35.9	18.6	18.2	46.1	44.4	108.7
February	55.7	33.9	15.8	16.9	44.4	44.1	105.4
March	63.5	39.1	17.6	19.3	51.8	49.1	120.2
<i>March quarter</i>	173.4	108.9	52.0	54.4	142.3	137.6	334.3
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (%)							
1997							
<i>March quarter</i>	61.7	66.8	64.3	54.7	61.7	72.8	63.6
1998							
January	59.7	66.4	70.6	52.8	62.0	71.1	63.5
February	67.9	69.5	66.6	54.3	66.2	78.2	68.2
March	69.9	72.4	66.9	56.2	69.8	78.5	70.2
<i>March quarter</i>	65.8	69.4	68.1	54.5	66.0	75.9	67.3
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)							
1997							
<i>March quarter</i>	280.8	194.7	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
1998							
January	101.9	74.1	47.1	38.3	99.5	85.3	223.1
February	90.1	62.8	33.3	31.3	81.7	73.1	186.2
March	102.0	73.6	36.6	35.6	95.0	81.6	212.2
<i>March quarter</i>	294.0	210.5	117.0	105.2	276.2	240.0	621.4
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (%)							
1997							
<i>March quarter</i>	38.9	41.0	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
1998							
January	41.1	44.5	47.1	37.0	43.9	46.2	43.3
February	40.2	41.7	36.8	33.5	39.9	43.9	40.0
March	41.1	44.2	36.5	34.4	41.9	44.2	41.2
<i>March quarter</i>	40.8	43.5	40.2	35.0	41.9	44.8	41.6

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<i>Period</i>	<i>Licensed hotels with facilities</i>	<i>Motels and guest houses</i>	<i>Serviced apartments</i>	<i>1, 2 and ungraded</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4 and 5</i>	<i>Total</i>
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)							
1997							
March quarter	152.4	110.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998							
January	54.0	42.1	22.8	22.6	59.3	37.1	119.0
February	51.1	36.7	17.2	18.9	50.1	36.1	105.1
March	56.4	43.6	19.1	21.7	59.1	38.2	119.0
March quarter	161.6	122.4	59.1	63.2	168.4	111.4	343.1
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)							
1997							
March quarter	1.8	1.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998							
March quarter	1.8	1.7	2.0	1.7	1.6	2.2	1.8
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)							
1997							
March quarter	13 892	7 691	3 905	4 692	9 586	11 209	25 487
1998							
January	4 756	2 890	1 930	1 336	3 489	4 751	9 577
February	4 762	2 609	1 556	1 209	3 124	4 594	8 927
March	5 331	3 016	1 849	1 368	3 765	5 063	10 196
March quarter	14 849	8 515	5 335	3 913	10 378	14 409	28 699
AVERAGE TAKINGS PER ROOM NIGHT OCCUPIED (\$)							
1997							
March quarter	84.9	75.7	100.8	78.7	71.5	101.5	83.8
1998							
January	87.7	80.5	104.0	73.5	75.7	106.9	88.1
February	85.5	76.9	98.4	71.6	70.4	104.1	84.7
March	84.0	77.1	105.1	70.8	72.6	103.2	84.8
March quarter	85.6	78.2	102.7	72.0	72.9	104.7	85.9
AVERAGE TAKINGS PER AVAILABLE ROOM NIGHT (\$)							
1997							
March quarter	52.3	50.6	64.8	43.1	44.1	74.0	53.3
1998							
January	52.4	53.5	73.4	38.9	47.0	76.0	56.0
February	58.0	53.5	65.5	38.9	46.6	81.4	57.7
March	58.7	55.8	70.3	39.8	50.7	81.0	59.6
March quarter	56.3	54.3	69.9	39.2	48.1	79.4	57.8

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Period	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Serviced apartments	1 and ungraded	2	3	4	5	Total
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT (number)									
March quarter 1997									
Establishments	24	48	16	23	27	31	7	—	88
Guest rooms	1 847	3 047	1 043	981	n.p.	2 572	n.p.	—	5 937
Bed spaces	5 178	9 223	3 006	2 625	n.p.	7 989	n.p.	—	17 407
Persons employed	1 911	1 105	266	254	n.p.	1 214	n.p.	—	3 282
March quarter 1998									
Establishments	24	50	17	27	25	30	9	—	91
Guest rooms	1 974	3 109	1 077	1 413	1 167	2 435	1 145	—	6 160
Bed spaces	5 587	9 358	3 438	4 129	3 424	7 675	3 155	—	18 383
Persons employed	1 665	1 016	337	455	318	1 085	1 160	—	3 018
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)									
1997									
March quarter	82.0	118.2	42.6	22.2	n.p.	131.7	n.p.	—	242.9
1998									
January	22.6	32.7	14.7	13.9	9.5	32.1	14.5	—	70.0
February	24.3	36.8	13.5	17.0	9.1	31.8	16.7	—	74.6
March	28.5	47.4	15.1	17.9	12.8	41.5	18.7	—	91.0
March quarter	75.4	116.9	43.3	48.8	31.3	105.5	50.0	—	235.6
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (%)									
1997									
March quarter	49.3	43.4	59.4	34.4	n.p.	56.9	n.p.	—	47.6
1998									
January	37.1	34.6	45.8	32.6	27.0	43.2	40.9	—	37.4
February	45.3	43.8	51.1	45.9	30.0	49.0	52.2	—	45.4
March	48.0	50.7	50.2	43.9	37.1	57.5	52.8	—	49.7
March quarter	43.4	43.0	48.9	40.5	31.4	49.9	48.5	—	44.1
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)									
1997									
March quarter	132.1	194.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	—	n.a.
1998									
January	37.1	56.9	27.5	21.9	17.0	57.9	24.7	—	121.6
February	34.3	60.9	22.4	24.9	14.8	54.0	23.9	—	117.6
March	41.3	75.0	24.7	26.0	19.7	68.4	26.9	—	141.0
March quarter	112.7	192.9	74.6	72.9	51.6	180.3	75.5	—	380.2
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (%)									
1997									
March quarter	28.3	23.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	—	n.a.
1998									
January	21.5	20.0	27.0	17.6	16.7	24.7	25.3	—	21.8
February	22.6	23.9	26.6	22.9	16.7	26.4	27.0	—	24.0
March	24.6	26.5	25.6	21.5	19.5	30.1	27.5	—	25.8
March quarter	22.9	23.5	26.4	20.6	17.7	27.1	26.6	—	23.8

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GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)									
1997									
March quarter	77.0	100.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	—	n.a.
1998									
January	19.4	30.3	10.1	9.6	8.9	30.1	11.1	—	59.8
February	19.4	33.2	8.8	12.1	7.4	30.6	11.3	—	61.4
March	21.2	41.0	10.8	11.6	10.8	38.0	12.6	—	73.0
March quarter	59.9	104.5	29.7	33.3	27.2	98.6	35.0	—	194.1
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)									
1997									
March quarter	1.7	1.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	—	n.a.
1998									
March quarter	1.9	1.8	2.5	2.2	1.9	1.8	2.2	—	2.0
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)									
1997									
March quarter	9 848	9 394	3 401	1 310	n.p.	12 168	n.p.	—	22 644
1998									
January	2 699	2 606	1 141	1 061	559	2 954	1 871	—	6 445
February	2 937	3 050	1 271	1 354	533	3 346	2 024	—	7 257
March	3 487	3 720	1 367	1 439	739	4 057	2 339	—	8 575
March quarter	9 123	9 375	3 779	3 854	1 831	10 358	6 234	—	22 277
AVERAGE TAKINGS PER ROOM NIGHT OCCUPIED (\$)									
1997									
March quarter	120.1	79.4	79.8	59.1	n.p.	92.4	n.p.	—	93.2
1998									
January	119.4	79.6	77.8	76.3	59.1	92.0	128.8	—	92.1
February	121.0	82.9	94.0	79.8	58.8	105.2	121.0	—	97.3
March	122.4	78.5	90.4	80.2	57.9	97.7	124.8	—	94.2
March quarter	121.0	80.2	87.2	79.0	58.5	98.2	124.7	—	94.6
AVERAGE TAKINGS PER AVAILABLE ROOM NIGHT (\$)									
1997									
March quarter	59.2	34.5	47.4	20.4	n.p.	52.6	n.p.	—	44.4
1998									
January	44.3	27.6	35.7	24.9	16.0	39.8	52.7	—	34.4
February	54.8	36.3	48.1	36.7	17.6	51.6	63.1	—	44.2
March	58.7	39.8	45.4	35.2	21.5	56.2	65.9	—	46.9
March quarter	52.5	34.5	42.7	32.0	18.4	49.0	60.5	—	41.7

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Period	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Serviced apartments	1, 2 and ungraded	3	4 and 5	Total
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT (number)							
March quarter 1997							
Establishments	13	23	13	12	27	10	49
Guest rooms	1 670	1 681	834	698	2 305	1 182	4 185
Bed spaces	4 286	5 378	3 288	2 463	7 038	3 451	12 952
Persons employed	1 492	583	255	170	1 059	1 101	2 330
March quarter 1998							
Establishments	13	23	13	12	21	16	49
Guest rooms	1 669	1 660	832	775	1 575	1 811	4 161
Bed spaces	4 231	5 193	3 395	2 590	4 803	5 426	12 819
Persons employed	1 706	567	318	337	705	1 549	2 591
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)							
1997							
March quarter	95.8	78.8	50.8	28.2	122.2	75.0	225.4
1998							
January	30.2	28.8	19.0	11.4	28.4	38.2	77.9
February	34.8	27.5	18.2	10.7	30.4	39.5	80.6
March	36.8	29.1	18.4	11.4	31.3	41.6	84.3
March quarter	101.8	85.4	55.6	33.5	90.0	119.2	242.8
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (%)							
1997							
March quarter	63.7	52.1	67.7	44.9	58.9	70.5	59.8
1998							
January	58.3	55.9	73.5	47.4	58.1	68.0	60.4
February	74.5	59.2	78.2	49.5	68.9	77.8	69.2
March	71.1	56.5	71.3	47.4	64.1	74.1	65.3
March quarter	67.8	57.2	74.2	48.1	63.5	73.1	64.8
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)							
1997							
March quarter	147.7	136.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998							
January	55.1	57.2	43.3	26.6	56.2	72.9	155.7
February	51.1	44.4	31.2	19.1	48.0	59.7	126.7
March	51.6	48.8	32.8	21.5	49.7	62.0	133.3
March quarter	157.9	150.4	107.4	67.2	153.9	194.6	415.7
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (%)							
1997							
March quarter	38.3	28.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998							
January	42.0	35.5	41.2	33.1	37.7	43.3	39.2
February	43.2	30.5	32.9	26.3	35.7	39.3	35.3
March	39.4	30.3	31.2	26.8	33.4	36.9	33.5
March quarter	41.5	32.2	35.1	28.8	35.6	39.8	36.0

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GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)							
1997							
March quarter	75.8	73.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998							
January	26.1	28.4	11.4	10.5	25.3	30.1	66.0
February	26.9	24.5	8.0	8.5	23.8	27.1	59.4
March	28.0	27.3	9.2	10.1	23.3	31.1	64.5
March quarter	81.1	80.2	28.7	29.2	72.3	88.4	189.9
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)							
1997							
March quarter	1.9	1.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998							
March quarter	1.9	1.9	3.7	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.2
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)							
1997							
March quarter	10 933	5 679	5 221	1 996	10 233	9 603	21 832
1998							
January	3 295	2 053	2 156	752	2 342	4 410	7 504
February	4 153	2 033	1 953	705	2 591	4 843	8 139
March	4 581	2 100	1 956	734	2 621	5 282	8 637
March quarter	12 029	6 185	6 065	2 191	7 554	14 534	24 279
AVERAGE TAKINGS PER ROOM NIGHT OCCUPIED (\$)							
1997							
March quarter	114.2	72.1	102.7	70.8	83.7	128.1	96.9
1998							
January	109.2	71.3	113.8	66.0	82.6	115.6	96.3
February	119.2	73.8	107.2	65.6	85.3	122.7	101.0
March	124.6	72.2	106.3	64.5	83.7	127.0	102.5
March quarter	118.2	72.4	109.2	65.4	83.9	121.9	100.0
AVERAGE TAKINGS PER AVAILABLE ROOM NIGHT (\$)							
1997							
March quarter	72.7	37.5	69.6	31.8	49.3	90.3	58.0
1998							
January	63.7	39.9	83.6	31.3	48.0	78.5	58.2
February	88.9	43.7	83.8	32.5	58.8	95.5	69.9
March	88.5	40.8	75.8	30.6	53.7	94.1	67.0
March quarter	80.1	41.4	81.0	31.4	53.3	89.2	64.8

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Period	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Serviced apartments	1	2	3	4	5	Ungraded	Total
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT (number)										
March quarter 1997										
Establishments	724	2 340	438	62	694	1 826	375	51	494	3 502
Guest rooms	65 079	81 786	19 092	1 812	20 540	71 423	39 062	13 445	19 675	165 957
Bed spaces	173 139	245 146	68 139	5 995	59 432	213 325	113 694	33 394	60 584	486 424
Persons employed	60 698	31 039	7 630	724	8 655	30 890	31 571	17 775	9 752	99 367
March quarter 1998										
Establishments	750	2 377	482	62	635	1 778	433	55	646	3 609
Guest rooms	69 124	83 427	21 643	1 784	19 156	68 116	42 605	14 498	28 035	174 194
Bed spaces	185 113	249 154	77 423	5 896	55 435	202 616	124 224	36 871	86 648	511 690
Persons employed	72 522	31 150	8 386	682	7 505	28 949	33 532	24 949	16 441	112 058
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)										
1997										
March quarter	3 797.5	4 058.5	1 126.0	45.5	854.6	3 751.9	2 469.8	920.7	939.6	8 982.1
1998										
January	1 245.1	1 372.9	453.3	17.3	268.5	1 180.7	816.2	316.2	472.4	3 071.3
February	1 228.6	1 238.8	361.2	15.5	229.3	1 054.5	808.5	314.9	406.0	2 828.6
March	1 343.1	1 422.1	391.0	17.2	265.8	1 211.9	883.2	336.3	441.7	3 156.1
March quarter	3 816.8	4 033.8	1 205.5	50.0	763.6	3 447.1	2 507.8	967.4	1 320.2	9 056.0
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (%)										
1997										
March quarter	64.9	55.2	66.4	27.9	46.3	58.4	70.3	76.2	53.8	60.3
1998										
January	58.5	53.2	68.0	31.3	45.3	56.0	62.4	70.4	54.8	57.1
February	63.9	53.2	60.3	31.1	43.0	55.4	68.4	77.6	52.3	58.3
March	62.8	55.1	58.8	31.3	45.1	57.6	66.9	74.8	51.1	58.6
March quarter	61.6	53.9	62.4	31.3	44.5	56.3	65.8	74.2	52.8	58.0
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)										
1997										
March quarter	6 358.5	7 324.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
January	2 239.1	2 734.2	1 108.5	30.3	528.1	2 372.7	1 587.8	542.7	1 020.2	6 081.8
February	1 897.5	2 068.7	738.7	23.3	389.1	1 771.4	1 296.0	473.9	751.2	4 704.9
March	2 073.3	2 390.6	800.7	26.5	457.8	2 043.0	1 418.3	499.2	819.9	5 264.6
March quarter	6 209.9	7 193.5	2 648.0	80.0	1 375.1	6 187.1	4 302.1	1 515.8	2 591.3	16 051.3
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (%)										
1997										
March quarter	40.8	33.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
January	39.2	35.5	46.5	16.6	30.8	37.8	41.5	47.5	38.3	38.5
February	36.8	29.7	34.5	14.1	25.2	31.3	37.5	45.9	31.3	33.0
March	36.2	31.0	33.6	14.5	26.8	32.6	36.8	43.7	30.7	33.3
March quarter	37.4	32.2	38.3	15.1	27.7	34.0	38.6	45.7	33.5	35.0

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Period	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Serviced apartments	1	2	3	4	5	Ungraded	Total
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)										
1997										
March quarter	2 606.6	3 977.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
January	896.7	1 440.5	268.2	13.5	285.0	1 172.0	649.8	172.9	312.1	2 605.4
February	861.7	1 130.3	212.2	11.0	208.1	923.0	606.3	181.8	274.1	2 204.2
March	930.5	1 324.5	234.5	12.2	254.5	1 070.6	659.9	192.4	300.0	2 489.6
March quarter	2 688.9	3 895.3	715.0	36.7	747.5	3 165.6	1 916.0	547.1	886.2	7 299.2
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)										
1997										
March quarter	2.4	1.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
March quarter	2.3	1.8	3.7	2.2	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.8	2.9	2.2
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)										
1997										
March quarter	497 793	312 210	120 495	1 796	48 276	302 617	303 627	175 881	98 300	930 498
1998										
January	163 764	109 382	53 297	788	16 617	98 306	99 546	60 780	50 406	326 443
February	162 533	95 651	39 615	671	13 486	84 433	97 942	59 264	42 003	297 799
March	179 434	109 767	42 056	732	15 712	96 318	109 367	65 005	44 123	331 257
March quarter	505 731	314 800	134 968	2 191	45 815	279 057	306 856	185 049	136 532	955 499
AVERAGE TAKINGS PER ROOM NIGHT OCCUPIED (\$)										
1997										
March quarter	131.1	76.9	107.0	39.5	56.5	80.7	122.9	191.0	104.6	103.6
1998										
January	131.5	79.7	117.6	45.5	61.9	83.3	122.0	192.2	106.7	106.3
February	132.3	77.2	109.7	43.3	58.8	80.1	121.1	188.2	103.4	105.3
March	133.6	77.2	107.6	42.4	59.1	79.5	123.8	193.3	99.9	105.0
March quarter	132.5	78.0	112.0	43.8	60.0	81.0	122.4	191.3	103.4	105.5
AVERAGE TAKINGS PER AVAILABLE ROOM NIGHT (\$)										
1997										
March quarter	85.0	42.5	71.0	11.0	26.1	47.1	86.4	145.6	56.3	62.4
1998										
January	76.9	42.4	79.9	14.3	28.0	46.6	76.0	135.4	58.5	60.7
February	84.5	41.1	66.1	13.5	25.3	44.4	82.8	146.1	54.1	61.4
March	83.9	42.5	63.2	13.3	26.6	45.7	82.8	144.6	51.1	61.5
March quarter	81.7	42.0	69.9	13.7	26.7	45.6	80.5	141.9	54.6	61.2

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units. See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 6.

Period	South Coast	Illawarra	Sydney	Snowy Mountains	Capital Country	Murray	Riverina	Central West
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT (number)								
March quarter 1997								
Establishments	82	54	230	55	44	99	67	118
Guest rooms	2 046	1 767	23 592	2 064	1 403	2 887	1 851	3 338
Bed spaces	6 455	5 080	59 687	7 947	4 195	9 324	5 595	10 415
Persons employed	618	1 251	16 068	335	428	938	636	1 244
March quarter 1998								
Establishments	84	56	251	57	44	96	68	118
Guest rooms	2 092	1 821	25 741	2 154	1 391	2 794	1 869	3 354
Bed spaces	6 580	5 155	66 379	8 261	4 158	9 002	5 586	10 426
Persons employed	644	1 231	21 902	322	466	932	610	1 236
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)								
1997								
March quarter	97.2	81.5	1 680.2	29.8	59.8	129.9	90.6	148.5
1998								
January	40.6	28.8	522.7	10.7	18.9	43.1	27.9	48.6
February	28.6	28.4	562.3	7.6	19.1	37.6	24.9	42.3
March	32.3	30.8	579.9	9.4	20.3	45.8	31.2	52.7
March quarter	101.5	88.0	1 664.9	27.7	58.4	126.4	84.1	143.6
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (%)								
1997								
March quarter	52.8	51.2	79.1	16.1	47.4	50.0	54.4	49.4
1998								
January	62.7	51.0	65.6	16.0	43.9	49.7	48.2	46.7
February	48.8	55.8	78.1	12.5	49.1	48.0	47.6	45.1
March	49.9	54.5	72.7	14.1	47.1	52.9	53.9	50.7
March quarter	53.9	53.7	71.9	14.3	46.6	50.3	50.0	47.6
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)								
1997								
March quarter	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998								
January	93.0	60.5	930.3	25.1	40.6	94.3	50.9	100.8
February	54.8	48.7	889.7	13.8	31.5	66.3	37.2	67.9
March	62.1	52.6	908.2	18.3	34.0	83.8	48.2	85.5
March quarter	209.8	161.8	2 728.2	57.2	106.2	244.4	136.3	254.2
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)								
1997								
March quarter	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998								
January	50.0	29.8	357.6	12.5	28.3	48.5	37.7	76.2
February	31.8	26.5	368.5	7.3	21.3	38.3	27.8	47.0
March	36.2	30.1	383.8	9.7	23.2	48.0	35.6	59.6
March quarter	118.0	86.4	1 109.8	29.5	72.8	134.8	101.1	182.8
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)								
1997								
March quarter	6 753.8	7 903.4	230 849.2	1 913.0	3 431.2	8 735.6	5 640.7	9 485.1
1998								
January	3 302.9	2 779.6	72 290.3	794.6	1 244.6	3 167.7	1 731.3	3 188.8
February	1 925.5	2 722.9	81 042.0	502.8	1 198.1	2 492.2	1 543.7	2 644.1
March	2 026.4	2 952.0	82 184.0	593.5	1 263.3	3 041.8	1 929.3	3 328.2
March quarter	7 254.8	8 454.5	235 516.2	1 890.9	3 706.0	8 701.8	5 204.3	9 161.1

Period	Hunter	Mid North Coast	Holiday Coast	Northern Rivers	New England/ North West	Outback	Central Coast	Blue Mountains
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT (number)								
March quarter 1997								
Establishments	83	87	46	72	90	37	35	33
Guest rooms	2 924	2 204	1 754	1 935	2 427	907	1 282	1 258
Bed spaces	9 364	6 990	5 808	6 257	7 397	2 668	4 461	3 473
Persons employed	2 010	790	1 074	591	824	260	920	888
March quarter 1998								
Establishments	90	85	46	73	89	37	36	33
Guest rooms	3 164	2 177	1 716	1 954	2 412	905	1 322	1 258
Bed spaces	10 426	6 913	5 680	6 250	7 271	2 693	4 507	3 692
Persons employed	2 079	789	1 051	572	812	255	951	977
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)								
1997								
March quarter	147.3	113.5	94.6	84.5	108.2	34.3	69.4	61.6
1998								
January	56.2	45.5	40.4	34.2	39.9	9.7	27.8	19.5
February	48.3	30.6	27.5	24.4	29.7	8.9	21.7	18.0
March	54.3	33.7	30.1	27.3	38.2	14.0	22.0	20.8
March quarter	158.8	109.7	98.1	85.9	107.7	32.6	71.6	58.3
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (%)								
1997								
March quarter	56.0	57.2	60.7	48.5	49.5	42.0	60.2	54.4
1998								
January	57.3	67.4	76.0	56.5	53.3	34.7	67.8	50.0
February	54.5	50.2	57.3	44.5	44.0	35.1	58.7	51.0
March	55.4	49.9	56.7	45.1	51.0	49.8	53.8	53.4
March quarter	55.8	56.0	63.6	48.8	49.6	40.1	60.1	51.5
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)								
1997								
March quarter	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998								
January	116.0	107.8	103.9	76.2	80.6	17.6	67.2	41.4
February	80.6	55.4	55.4	43.3	46.8	13.4	41.8	31.3
March	92.4	61.3	61.5	46.9	60.7	22.4	42.1	37.0
March quarter	289.1	224.5	220.8	166.5	188.1	53.5	151.1	109.6
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)								
1997								
March quarter	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998								
January	59.4	56.5	41.5	40.6	52.5	12.7	24.6	18.7
February	48.5	34.0	26.1	26.5	32.9	9.2	19.2	16.2
March	56.1	38.0	28.1	32.6	41.6	14.5	20.5	18.8
March quarter	164.1	128.5	95.6	99.7	127.1	36.5	64.3	53.7
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)								
1997								
March quarter	14 368.5	8 363.3	8 659.8	5 974.1	6 774.4	1 877.4	7 403.8	6 390.1
1998								
January	6 075.9	3 860.2	5 024.1	2 762.8	2 766.3	553.4	3 160.8	2 090.6
February	4 889.7	2 096.2	2 254.9	1 642.0	1 780.7	493.9	2 295.9	2 007.0
March	5 479.1	2 313.0	2 485.5	1 719.8	2 283.0	757.8	2 278.3	2 287.4
March quarter	16 444.7	8 269.5	9 764.4	6 124.6	6 830.0	1 805.0	7 735.0	6 385.0

Period	Mallee	Wimmera	Western Grampians	Central Highlands	Western	Geelong	Bendigo Loddon	Spa Country	Ballarat	Macedon
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT (number)										
March quarter 1997										
Establishments	44	5	20	15	53	21	28	5	24	2
Guest rooms	1 318	103	474	359	1 469	658	696	n.p.	783	n.p.
Bed spaces	3 983	299	1 389	1 167	4 557	1 962	2 146	n.p.	2 501	n.p.
Persons employed	486	24	151	107	839	354	295	n.p.	390	n.p.
March quarter 1998										
Establishments	43	6	21	15	56	23	28	5	24	3
Guest rooms	1 294	119	499	359	1 498	711	696	119	803	91
Bed spaces	3 942	336	1 459	1 134	4 743	2 069	2 132	361	2 562	195
Persons employed	453	28	177	108	722	366	333	87	392	62
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)										
1997										
March quarter	49.8	3.7	20.0	14.4	83.1	34.7	33.7	n.p.	39.1	n.p.
1998										
January	16.9	1.1	6.2	4.7	33.8	12.7	10.3	1.4	11.8	0.2
February	13.8	1.1	6.1	4.0	25.7	11.1	9.4	1.4	12.1	1.2
March	18.0	1.4	8.4	5.9	28.6	12.5	12.5	2.1	14.4	1.3
March quarter	48.7	3.6	20.7	14.5	88.1	36.4	32.2	5.0	38.2	2.8
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (%)										
1997										
March quarter	42.0	40.2	46.8	44.5	62.9	58.6	53.8	n.p.	55.5	n.p.
1998										
January	42.2	30.9	39.8	42.1	72.8	57.8	47.8	39.2	47.3	8.5
February	38.0	33.7	43.9	39.4	61.3	55.8	48.1	43.3	53.7	46.7
March	44.8	37.3	54.2	53.0	61.7	56.7	58.1	56.0	57.8	47.6
March quarter	41.8	34.0	46.1	45.0	65.4	56.8	51.5	46.3	52.9	33.8
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)										
1997										
March quarter	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
January	34.5	2.1	11.1	9.8	79.7	26.0	20.5	2.6	27.6	0.4
February	22.4	1.7	9.4	7.2	48.9	19.3	15.9	2.6	23.2	1.4
March	29.4	2.1	13.2	11.2	54.0	21.5	21.3	3.3	28.6	1.5
March quarter	86.3	6.0	33.6	28.1	182.6	66.8	57.7	8.5	79.4	3.3
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)										
1997										
March quarter	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
January	20.9	1.7	8.3	6.5	44.3	13.4	13.7	1.5	17.8	0.2
February	14.1	1.4	7.5	4.8	29.1	10.6	11.6	1.5	15.1	0.9
March	19.2	1.8	10.0	7.4	33.8	12.7	14.6	1.8	17.8	1.1
March quarter	54.1	4.9	25.8	18.7	107.2	36.7	39.9	4.8	50.7	2.2
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)										
1997										
March quarter	3 053.6	172.5	1 233.9	967.9	6 809.2	2 837.9	2 448.0	n.p.	2 894.3	n.p.
1998										
January	1 099.9	58.2	389.0	328.2	3 132.0	1 034.7	794.9	163.0	905.3	21.9
February	839.3	54.5	363.4	240.9	2 142.9	904.8	701.8	151.8	917.4	125.6
March	1 070.9	67.6	534.5	376.4	2 353.4	1 042.8	920.2	218.3	1 090.9	140.3
March quarter	3 010.1	180.3	1 287.0	945.5	7 628.3	2 982.3	2 416.8	533.1	2 913.6	287.8

Period	Peninsula	Upper Yarra	Melbourne East	Central Murray	Goulburn	High Country	Murray East	Lakes	Gippsland	Phillip Island	Melbourne
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT (number)											
March quarter 1997											
Establishments	19	13	13	22	27	75	14	25	37	10	175
Guest rooms	621	442	404	572	679	1 977	312	686	1 095	309	13 543
Bed spaces	1 787	1 162	1 067	1 705	2 034	6 770	933	2 071	3 034	1 069	33 416
Persons employed	323	248	279	164	341	549	77	252	357	167	9 312
March quarter 1998											
Establishments	20	13	12	21	27	75	14	24	38	9	191
Guest rooms	663	442	381	559	677	1 995	318	654	1 082	292	15 351
Bed spaces	1 875	1 134	935	1 611	2 016	6 796	983	1 945	3 017	1 001	37 590
Persons employed	396	244	343	176	315	582	77	230	376	150	15 705
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)											
1997											
March quarter	31.9	14.0	14.2	27.0	29.9	51.9	13.4	29.1	39.3	17.8	940.6
1998											
January	12.1	3.8	4.2	9.2	9.4	19.0	4.8	11.9	12.9	6.8	300.3
February	10.2	4.0	4.7	7.3	9.5	13.8	3.8	8.1	13.5	4.8	317.9
March	10.5	4.8	5.1	9.2	12.8	17.3	5.4	9.7	14.7	5.4	356.9
March quarter	32.8	12.6	14.1	25.7	31.7	50.1	14.0	29.7	41.1	17.1	975.1
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (%)											
1997											
March quarter	57.1	35.2	39.1	52.4	49.0	29.1	47.8	47.1	39.9	64.2	77.2
1998											
January	60.3	27.6	35.6	53.4	44.9	30.7	48.4	58.8	38.5	75.5	64.7
February	55.3	32.3	44.3	46.7	49.9	24.6	43.0	44.0	44.5	59.0	75.8
March	51.3	35.3	43.5	53.0	61.0	28.1	54.7	48.0	43.8	59.9	75.1
March quarter	55.6	31.7	41.0	51.2	52.0	27.9	48.9	50.5	42.2	65.0	71.7
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)											
1997											
March quarter	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1 439.0
1998											
January	23.1	6.7	6.3	19.0	17.2	43.7	9.9	25.7	21.3	18.9	517.0
February	15.9	6.1	6.5	13.4	14.7	27.0	6.8	14.8	20.2	10.6	487.4
March	17.8	7.8	7.5	16.2	21.4	34.7	9.6	17.7	22.6	11.8	556.9
March quarter	56.8	20.5	20.3	48.6	53.3	105.4	26.3	58.2	64.0	41.3	1 561.3
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)											
1997											
March quarter	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	629.0
1998											
January	9.9	3.8	3.3	11.8	11.1	19.5	6.7	14.5	12.2	9.0	209.9
February	8.1	3.5	3.9	8.8	10.0	13.6	4.6	9.5	11.9	5.2	218.2
March	9.0	4.1	3.8	10.2	12.9	18.5	6.1	11.9	13.4	5.8	239.7
March quarter	27.1	11.3	11.0	30.9	34.1	51.5	17.4	35.9	37.5	20.0	667.7
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)											
1997											
March quarter	3 496.2	1 287.0	1 325.5	1 880.3	1 906.3	3 725.0	714.2	1 910.5	2 306.4	1 405.9	124 048.4
1998											
January	1 426.9	360.5	421.2	718.7	621.2	1 489.0	262.4	832.4	783.1	650.3	38 671.8
February	1 151.6	460.5	470.9	510.7	604.2	994.8	191.3	473.6	789.8	387.7	41 912.4
March	1 204.3	517.3	545.1	619.7	837.0	1 261.0	297.0	581.8	894.0	443.7	52 025.7
March quarter	3 782.9	1 338.2	1 437.2	1 849.0	2 062.4	3 744.8	750.7	1 887.8	2 466.9	1 481.7	132 609.8

Period	Gold Coast	Brisbane	Sunshine Coast	Hervey Bay/ Maryborough	Brisbane Valley and Hinterland	Darling Downs	Bundaberg
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT (number)							
March quarter 1997							
Establishments	124	123	90	40	8	57	22
Guest rooms	10 266	7 605	3 376	1 397	174	1 372	525
Bed spaces	34 063	21 920	11 668	4 691	519	4 172	1 606
Persons employed	8 207	6 604	2 284	676	64	570	187
March quarter 1998							
Establishments	131	139	87	43	8	61	23
Guest rooms	11 706	8 156	3 388	1 522	174	1 502	549
Bed spaces	38 268	23 716	12 049	5 207	519	4 634	1 657
Persons employed	8 355	6 518	2 201	660	61	575	194
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)							
1997							
March quarter	616.7	423.6	170.9	56.3	7.1	62.7	25.5
1998							
January	262.5	129.8	74.9	22.9	2.7	21.2	8.9
February	180.6	139.3	45.9	17.6	1.9	21.2	8.7
March	184.5	155.2	50.9	19.7	2.2	24.9	9.5
March quarter	627.6	424.3	171.7	60.2	6.7	67.3	27.0
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (%)							
1997							
March quarter	66.8	61.9	57.0	44.8	46.4	50.9	54.0
1998							
January	72.3	51.5	73.0	48.5	49.5	45.5	52.0
February	55.3	61.2	49.7	41.4	38.6	50.5	56.4
March	51.0	61.4	49.3	41.7	43.2	53.4	55.8
March quarter	59.7	57.9	57.6	43.9	44.0	49.8	54.7
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)							
1997							
March quarter	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998							
January	595.7	234.5	200.4	54.4	5.8	42.0	17.1
February	366.1	216.1	104.4	33.6	3.0	35.0	13.2
March	369.1	233.9	118.2	38.8	3.5	42.0	14.4
March quarter	1 330.9	684.4	423.0	126.8	12.2	119.0	44.6
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)							
1997							
March quarter	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998							
January	165.8	106.7	51.7	25.5	2.3	29.0	11.2
February	121.5	105.8	37.1	17.2	1.6	23.1	8.4
March	127.5	117.0	43.2	19.9	2.0	27.8	9.4
March quarter	414.7	329.6	132.0	62.7	6.0	79.9	29.0
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)							
1997							
March quarter	70 097.4	41 269.3	19 864.2	4 193.0	459.1	3 729.8	1 845.0
1998							
January	29 982.2	12 275.9	9 844.2	1 864.7	179.8	1 319.0	663.6
February	19 181.5	13 752.8	5 195.9	1 146.3	125.4	1 259.0	566.6
March	19 275.1	15 702.2	5 332.0	1 320.3	139.4	1 516.2	618.3
March quarter	68 438.8	41 730.8	20 372.0	4 331.3	444.5	4 094.2	1 848.6

<i>Period</i>	<i>Fitzroy</i>	<i>Mackay</i>	<i>Whitsundays</i>	<i>Northern</i>	<i>Tropical North Queensland</i>	<i>Outback</i>	<i>Great Barrier Reef</i>
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT (number)							
March quarter 1997							
Establishments	77	51	18	55	134	44	19
Guest rooms	2 859	1 643	2 417	2 399	9 131	1 154	2 755
Bed spaces	9 205	4 951	9 200	7 152	27 962	3 155	9 696
Persons employed	1 557	909	1 929	1 325	5 151	448	2 532
March quarter 1998							
Establishments	78	52	18	56	143	48	20
Guest rooms	2 908	1 680	2 366	2 393	9 739	1 231	3 111
Bed spaces	9 330	5 073	9 048	7 255	29 960	3 437	10 415
Persons employed	1 525	932	2 074	1 404	5 234	477	2 744
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)							
1997							
<i>March quarter</i>	154.3	83.9	116.3	115.2	463.0	44.7	132.3
1998							
January	44.2	30.0	48.8	34.9	142.3	14.1	61.0
February	41.5	23.7	30.9	37.8	133.2	15.4	36.3
March	46.9	28.2	33.9	41.4	152.3	17.7	47.3
<i>March quarter</i>	132.7	81.9	113.5	114.1	427.8	47.2	144.6
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (%)							
1997							
<i>March quarter</i>	60.0	56.7	53.7	53.4	56.4	43.1	53.4
1998							
January	49.0	57.6	66.5	48.4	47.1	37.0	73.3
February	51.0	50.5	46.6	58.6	48.9	45.1	48.7
March	52.1	54.1	46.2	55.8	50.7	46.6	50.0
<i>March quarter</i>	50.7	54.2	53.3	54.1	48.9	42.8	57.3
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)							
1997							
<i>March quarter</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
1998							
January	88.6	57.4	118.2	60.8	287.0	22.0	143.2
February	65.0	37.0	61.0	53.9	247.4	19.8	72.6
March	71.7	43.0	70.9	58.4	283.4	23.2	92.0
<i>March quarter</i>	225.3	137.4	250.1	173.1	817.7	64.9	307.7
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)							
1997							
<i>March quarter</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
1998							
January	42.4	22.8	32.5	29.2	90.8	13.8	33.3
February	33.6	16.6	21.4	27.1	84.2	10.8	21.7
March	36.9	19.5	21.0	29.8	93.7	13.0	25.5
<i>March quarter</i>	112.8	58.9	74.9	86.2	268.7	37.6	80.5
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)							
1997							
<i>March quarter</i>	11 867.7	5 986.4	17 951.9	8 347.3	52 344.2	2 492.2	24 848.6
1998							
January	4 037.3	2 251.5	8 183.5	2 548.4	17 157.1	839.8	11 810.8
February	3 144.0	1 633.0	4 627.9	2 586.8	14 403.4	908.0	6 424.5
March	3 567.8	1 851.2	4 894.8	2 976.6	16 691.5	998.4	7 684.1
<i>March quarter</i>	10 749.1	5 735.6	17 706.1	8 111.8	48 252.1	2 746.2	25 919.3

Period	South East	Murray- lands	Fleurieu Peninsula	Adelaide	Barossa Valley	Riverland	Mid North	Flinders Ranges	Far North	Eyre Peninsula	Yorke Peninsula	Kangaroo Island
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT (number)												
March quarter 1997												
Establishments	34	4	13	87	8	14	5	18	7	26	7	7
Guest rooms	966	96	446	5 290	226	526	138	577	348	743	138	203
Bed spaces	2 892	303	1 364	14 693	684	1 522	410	1 748	991	2 120	440	584
Persons employed	433	53	250	3 561	194	476	83	256	186	571	55	115
March quarter 1998												
Establishments	33	4	13	86	7	14	5	18	8	25	7	7
Guest rooms	930	96	444	5 287	210	525	137	609	367	770	136	204
Bed spaces	2 870	308	1 359	14 745	656	1 561	408	1 854	1 063	2 210	434	585
Persons employed	409	50	253	3 780	189	495	90	245	194	525	49	106
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)												
1997												
March quarter	44.1	3.7	16.6	318.2	10.4	19.4	6.4	24.9	9.4	28.9	5.2	10.9
1998												
January	15.6	1.2	7.8	99.8	3.5	6.6	2.1	7.6	3.4	9.9	2.2	4.0
February	12.0	1.0	5.2	107.9	3.1	5.9	2.2	7.7	3.4	8.8	1.5	2.6
March	16.4	1.5	6.6	126.7	4.2	6.8	2.5	9.2	3.9	10.3	1.6	2.8
March quarter	44.0	3.7	19.6	334.5	10.8	19.2	6.8	24.5	10.7	28.9	5.4	9.4
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (%)												
1997												
March quarter	50.7	43.4	41.4	66.8	51.2	41.3	51.6	48.0	29.9	43.2	41.7	59.7
1998												
January	54.1	39.8	56.7	60.9	53.6	40.3	50.0	40.4	29.9	41.3	52.9	63.4
February	46.1	37.9	41.9	72.9	52.6	39.8	57.2	45.0	33.1	40.7	39.5	45.6
March	58.3	50.3	47.8	77.3	64.3	41.7	59.4	48.7	34.6	43.1	38.5	44.6
March quarter	53.0	42.8	49.0	70.3	57.0	40.6	55.5	44.6	32.5	41.7	43.8	51.4
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)												
1997												
March quarter	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998												
January	31.4	2.6	20.7	178.4	7.2	12.3	4.5	12.3	6.1	17.4	4.3	8.4
February	19.9	1.8	9.8	162.3	5.5	8.9	3.6	11.1	5.0	12.4	2.6	4.7
March	27.8	2.6	14.4	194.3	7.0	10.5	4.3	13.9	5.8	14.5	2.9	5.2
March quarter	79.1	7.0	44.9	535.1	19.6	31.6	12.4	37.4	16.8	44.3	9.8	18.3
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)												
1997												
March quarter	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998												
January	20.4	1.9	11.7	68.7	4.3	8.2	3.0	9.0	4.1	11.7	2.2	4.1
February	12.9	1.3	6.3	67.4	3.4	6.5	2.6	7.1	2.9	8.1	1.6	2.5
March	17.0	1.9	7.6	80.1	4.5	7.4	3.3	9.4	3.5	9.7	1.8	2.7
March quarter	50.3	5.1	25.6	216.1	12.2	22.1	8.9	25.5	10.5	29.5	5.7	9.3
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)												
1997												
March quarter	2 552.9	206.4	1 299.1	29 494.9	696.6	1 061.6	411.7	1 476.6	717.9	1 603.3	243.0	696.9
1998												
January	953.6	71.8	541.0	9 144.3	241.6	398.8	145.3	478.1	274.1	569.9	110.0	263.6
February	696.4	54.2	369.3	10 711.6	216.8	339.7	142.6	481.0	250.2	496.8	75.9	173.0
March	915.8	83.2	501.9	12 730.6	288.5	400.3	163.9	596.6	293.0	570.2	78.5	189.3
March quarter	2 565.8	209.3	1 412.2	32 586.4	746.9	1 138.9	451.8	1 555.7	817.3	1 636.8	264.4	625.9

Period	South East	Goldfields	Midwest	Gascoyne	Pilbara	Kimberley	Perth	Peel	South West	Great Southern	Wheatbelt
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT (number)											
March quarter 1997											
Establishments	11	21	24	9	16	21	87	4	52	19	23
Guest rooms	318	867	779	407	1 005	1 274	8 102	203	1 931	662	657
Bed spaces	894	2 376	2 007	1 133	2 237	3 504	21 287	606	5 914	1 906	1 582
Persons employed	164	437	337	189	520	637	5 574	108	1 153	296	293
March quarter 1998											
Establishments	10	22	24	9	18	22	93	4	51	19	22
Guest rooms	299	912	780	410	1 051	1 304	8 410	203	1 943	684	600
Bed spaces	883	2 385	2 025	1 166	2 248	3 604	22 524	635	5 995	1 935	1 464
Persons employed	149	451	347	155	503	593	5 712	109	1 141	290	235
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)											
1997											
March quarter	16.2	39.7	31.5	14.2	44.0	37.6	498.6	9.9	105.0	28.5	20.8
1998											
January	6.3	13.2	11.9	4.1	13.1	10.9	186.6	4.6	38.2	11.3	5.4
February	4.5	14.2	9.6	3.7	15.5	9.2	160.7	3.1	31.2	8.1	5.9
March	4.7	16.1	10.3	4.7	16.3	14.3	180.6	4.0	33.6	9.5	7.0
March quarter	15.5	43.5	31.8	12.5	44.9	34.5	527.8	11.7	103.1	28.9	18.2
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (%)											
1997											
March quarter	56.6	50.8	45.0	39.0	48.6	32.9	68.5	54.4	60.4	48.7	35.2
1998											
January	68.1	46.6	49.2	32.1	40.2	27.1	71.6	73.4	63.5	53.1	28.8
February	54.2	55.4	44.1	32.1	52.7	25.3	68.2	55.2	57.9	42.5	35.0
March	50.4	57.0	42.4	37.2	50.2	35.3	69.3	63.0	56.5	44.7	38.7
March quarter	57.7	52.9	45.3	33.8	47.5	29.4	69.7	64.2	59.3	46.9	34.1
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)											
1997											
March quarter	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	31.2
1998											
January	14.1	21.5	20.4	7.9	16.1	21.7	329.7	7.9	91.6	23.6	8.7
February	8.2	19.3	14.2	5.6	17.4	14.6	250.8	5.1	60.1	14.0	9.0
March	8.0	22.3	15.6	7.6	21.6	23.6	280.9	6.8	65.4	15.7	9.9
March quarter	30.3	63.1	50.2	21.0	55.1	59.9	861.3	19.8	217.1	53.4	27.6
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)											
1997											
March quarter	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	18.9
1998											
January	5.3	11.4	10.1	3.8	5.2	5.6	102.8	2.4	35.0	13.2	5.8
February	3.7	8.5	7.8	2.5	6.2	5.2	94.0	1.9	27.6	8.8	5.7
March	3.3	10.0	8.5	3.2	7.3	7.2	103.5	2.6	30.4	9.2	6.2
March quarter	12.3	29.9	26.4	9.5	18.7	18.0	300.3	7.0	93.0	31.2	17.7
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)											
1997											
March quarter	963.9	3 034.1	1 801.5	960.3	3 462.2	3 009.1	54 165.4	870.8	8 603.6	2 095.7	1 034.6
1998											
January	416.7	990.5	699.0	325.0	1 005.5	938.8	20 200.4	430.3	3 443.3	885.2	285.6
February	269.4	1 083.0	590.9	256.8	1 244.7	758.8	17 273.5	260.3	2 401.4	578.1	300.4
March	291.5	1 269.5	591.0	339.3	1 379.2	1 244.2	19 232.2	341.5	2 499.2	668.9	333.2
March quarter	977.6	3 342.9	1 881.0	921.1	3 629.4	2 941.9	56 706.1	1 032.0	8 344.0	2 132.3	919.1

Period	Greater Hobart	Southern	East Coast	Northern	Greater Launceston	North West	West Coast
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT (number)							
March quarter 1997							
Establishments	33	14	5	1	31	32	10
Guest rooms	1 839	469	n.p.	n.p.	1 391	985	415
Bed spaces	5 210	1 675	n.p.	n.p.	4 464	2 842	1 180
Persons employed	1 770	292	n.p.	n.p.	1 208	584	209
March quarter 1998							
Establishments	37	14	5	2	30	32	10
Guest rooms	2 036	474	n.p.	n.p.	1 391	987	394
Bed spaces	5 832	1 619	n.p.	n.p.	4 487	2 839	1 124
Persons employed	1 689	271	n.p.	n.p.	1 148	562	227
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)							
1997							
March quarter	118.9	25.2	n.p.	n.p.	79.0	48.5	23.1
1998							
January	45.2	9.7	n.p.	n.p.	26.1	15.2	7.6
February	43.0	7.9	n.p.	n.p.	27.8	16.2	7.2
March	48.7	9.1	n.p.	n.p.	31.1	17.7	9.5
March quarter	136.9	26.7	n.p.	n.p.	85.0	49.1	24.3
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (%)							
1997							
March quarter	71.9	59.7	n.p.	n.p.	63.1	54.7	62.0
1998							
January	71.6	66.3	n.p.	n.p.	60.5	49.7	62.2
February	75.4	59.8	n.p.	n.p.	71.3	58.5	65.7
March	77.1	61.7	n.p.	n.p.	72.2	58.0	77.5
March quarter	74.7	62.7	n.p.	n.p.	67.9	55.3	68.5
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)							
1997							
March quarter	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998							
January	85.9	23.1	n.p.	n.p.	56.1	30.3	17.0
February	72.1	16.4	n.p.	n.p.	49.2	27.9	14.0
March	81.7	18.3	n.p.	n.p.	56.3	30.7	17.9
March quarter	239.7	57.8	n.p.	n.p.	161.6	88.9	48.9
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)							
1997							
March quarter	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998							
January	33.1	15.9	n.p.	n.p.	31.0	19.3	12.0
February	31.9	12.2	n.p.	n.p.	27.7	18.8	9.5
March	33.5	13.9	n.p.	n.p.	31.0	21.4	13.6
March quarter	98.5	42.0	n.p.	n.p.	89.7	59.5	35.1
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)							
1997							
March quarter	10 531.1	2 187.9	n.p.	n.p.	6 561.4	3 975.8	1 687.6
1998							
January	4 283.9	897.4	n.p.	n.p.	2 228.5	1 320.4	579.7
February	3 931.7	695.1	n.p.	n.p.	2 260.8	1 309.2	523.8
March	4 418.8	767.2	n.p.	n.p.	2 653.3	1 445.1	679.6
March quarter	12 634.4	2 359.7	n.p.	n.p.	7 142.6	4 074.6	1 783.1

Period	Darwin	Kakadu	Amhem	Katherine	Tablelands	Petermann	Alice Springs	Macdonnell	Daly	Canberra
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT (number)										
March quarter 1997										
Establishments	35	3	2	9	7	7	23	1	1	49
Guest rooms	2 455	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1 608	n.p.	n.p.	4 185
Bed spaces	6 727	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	4 898	n.p.	n.p.	12 952
Persons employed	1 451	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	740	n.p.	n.p.	2 330
March quarter 1998										
Establishments	34	4	3	11	7	7	23	1	1	49
Guest rooms	2 570	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1 594	n.p.	n.p.	4 161
Bed spaces	7 369	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	4 901	n.p.	n.p.	12 819
Persons employed	1 401	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	757	n.p.	n.p.	2 591
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)										
1997										
March quarter	100.6	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	63.4	n.p.	n.p.	225.4
1998										
January	30.7	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	16.8	n.p.	n.p.	77.9
February	35.2	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	19.6	n.p.	n.p.	80.6
March	39.8	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	22.3	n.p.	n.p.	84.3
March quarter	105.7	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	58.7	n.p.	n.p.	242.8
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (%)										
1997										
March quarter	51.1	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	43.8	n.p.	n.p.	59.8
1998										
January	39.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	34.0	n.p.	n.p.	60.4
February	49.2	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	43.9	n.p.	n.p.	69.2
March	49.9	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	45.2	n.p.	n.p.	65.3
March quarter	46.1	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	40.9	n.p.	n.p.	64.8
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)										
1997										
March quarter	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
January	48.7	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	29.7	n.p.	n.p.	155.7
February	52.1	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	31.5	n.p.	n.p.	126.7
March	57.6	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	36.5	n.p.	n.p.	133.3
March quarter	158.4	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	97.8	n.p.	n.p.	415.7
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)										
1997										
March quarter	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1998										
January	18.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	13.5	n.p.	n.p.	66.0
February	20.9	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	16.1	n.p.	n.p.	59.4
March	23.2	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	17.6	n.p.	n.p.	64.5
March quarter	62.4	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	47.2	n.p.	n.p.	189.9
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)										
1997										
March quarter	9 031.1	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	4 432.2	n.p.	n.p.	21 832.3
1998										
January	2 547.1	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1 166.5	n.p.	n.p.	7 503.8
February	2 986.5	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1 426.5	n.p.	n.p.	8 138.6
March	3 447.9	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1 536.5	n.p.	n.p.	8 636.5
March quarter	8 981.5	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	4 129.5	n.p.	n.p.	24 278.9

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains data for Australia and each State and Territory from the ABS quarterly Survey of Tourist Accommodation (STA).

SCOPE

2 The survey includes the following categories of establishments which provide predominantly short-term non-residential accommodation to the general public:

- *Hotels and resorts with facilities*—establishments licensed to operate a public bar and which provide accommodation on a room/suite basis, with a bath/shower and toilet in most guest rooms, but which do not have full cooking facilities (i.e. hot plates and oven/microwave) in most guest rooms;
- *Motels, private hotels and guest houses with facilities*—establishments not licensed to operate a public bar, and which provide accommodation on a room/suite basis, with a bath/shower and toilet in most guest rooms, but which do not have full cooking facilities (i.e. hot plates and oven/microwave) in most guest rooms;
- *Serviced apartments*—establishments which mostly comprise self-contained units at the same location, and which are available on a unit/apartment basis to the general public for a minimum of one night; the units should have full cooking facilities (i.e. hot plates and oven/microwave), refrigerator and bath/shower and toilet facilities; all bed linen and towels should be provided, and daily servicing (i.e. cleaning and bed making) must be available through the on-site management, although this service may not necessarily be used.

3 As a result of the separate classification of serviced apartments from the March quarter 1998, there have been several changes to definitions of accommodation units. Some units which were formerly in categories such as hotels, motels or holiday flats are now classified as serviced apartments. A small number of establishments which were previously classified as motels have been reclassified as holiday flats, units or houses and are therefore no longer in scope of the quarterly STA.

4 The short-term non-residential accommodation which is in scope of this survey is accommodation which is not let out on a lease basis, and which is let out to guests who would generally, although not necessarily, stay for periods of less than two months.

5 Some establishments included in the survey also provide long-term residential accommodation. For hotels, motels and guest houses, the amount of such activity is considered to be insignificant and is included in the data presented in this publication. For serviced apartments, only short-term non-residential accommodation is included.

COVERAGE

6 From the March quarter 1998, only those in-scope establishments with 15 or more rooms or units are covered by the survey. Data presented in this publication which relate to the 1997 calendar year have been recompiled on the new basis, and so may differ to data presented in earlier issues of this publication.

REGIONAL DATA

7 From the March quarter 1998, survey results are aggregated to Tourism Regions as defined by relevant State and Territory Tourist Commissions or equivalent organisations. Details of the composition of Tourism Regions, including maps, are available on request.

FUTURE COLLECTION STRATEGY

- 8** As part of the future collection strategy of the STA, significant caravan parks, visitor hostels and remaining holiday flats, units and houses will be surveyed triennially, commencing with a year 2000 reference year.
- 9** Each year, accommodation counts of number of establishments and capacity data will also be compiled in respect of the previous scope of the survey (but recognising serviced apartments separately) which was:
- hotels, motels and guest houses and serviced apartments with facilities and having five or more rooms;
 - holiday flats, units and houses (other than those included with serviced apartments) which are operated by owners, managers or real estate agents who have sole letting rights to at least five flats, units or houses for short term letting;
 - caravan parks; and
 - visitor hostels.
- 10** Some units will have been reclassified following the implementation of the new survey scope and definitions. As a result, data will not be strictly comparable with previously published data for particular accommodation types.
- 11** These counts are expected to be published annually in the December quarter issue of *Tourism Indicators, Australia* (Cat no. 8634.0).

UNPUBLISHED STATISTICS

- 12** The ABS may make available on request certain unpublished tourist accommodation statistics, including statistics for past quarters and for specific areas and more detailed information for specific data items. For example, detailed employment statistics showing the number of full-time, part-time or casual employees may be available. A charge may be made for this information.

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- 13** Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:
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- 14** Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (Cat no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues the *Release Advice* (Cat no. 1105.0) on Tuesdays and Fridays which lists publications to be released in the next few days. Both the Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

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

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

- | | |
|------|---|
| n.a. | not available |
| n.p. | not available for publication but included in totals where applicable |
| .. | not applicable |
| — | nil or rounded to zero |

GLOSSARY

Average length of stay	<p>Average length of stay is expressed in numbers of days and calculated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ for hotels, motels and guest houses, by dividing <i>Guest nights</i> by <i>Guest arrivals</i>; and ▪ for serviced apartments, by dividing <i>Unit nights occupied</i> by <i>Unit lettings</i>.
Bed spaces	Three-quarter beds are counted as one bed space; double beds as two bed spaces. Cots are excluded.
Capacity	Capacity in terms of <i>Guest rooms/units</i> or <i>Bed spaces</i> is the maximum number available to accommodate paying guests during the survey period. Capacity closed temporarily for seasonal reasons is included.
Establishments	The number of hotels, motels and guest houses and serviced apartments 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.
Guest arrivals	The total number of paying guests counted only on the first night they stayed at the accommodation establishment.
Guest nights	The total number of paying guests counted on each night they stayed at the accommodation establishment.
Guest rooms	The total number of rooms available at each establishment at the end of the survey period for accommodating short-term paying guests. Units and apartments within serviced apartments are treated as rooms in these survey results.
Occupancy	<p>Occupancy in terms of <i>Room nights</i> refers to the total number of nights each guest room or unit was occupied during the survey period.</p> <p>Occupancy in terms of <i>Guest nights</i> refers to the total number of nights each paying guest stayed during the survey period.</p>
Occupancy rates	<p><i>Occupancy rates</i> represent occupancy expressed as a percentage of total capacity available during the survey period, e.g. for the period</p> $\text{Room occupancy rate (\%)} = \frac{\text{Room nights occupied}}{(\text{Guest rooms}) \times (\text{No. of days in the period})} \times 100$ <p>providing that, for establishments closing (other than for seasonal reasons) or opening during the survey period, the denominator of the above expression includes only operating periods.</p>
Persons employed	The total number of persons working at each accommodation establishment at the end of the survey period (including working proprietors and those working on other than accommodation activities).
Room nights available	The number of guest rooms/units available multiplied by the number of days for which they were available during the survey period. For establishments closing (other than for seasonal reasons) or opening during this period, operating periods only are included.



Star grading	The grading of hotels and motels with facilities and serviced apartments 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 <i>Accommodation Australia</i> , 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 two star).
Takings from accommodation	Gross revenue from the provision of accommodation, including bed taxes. 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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