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INTRODUCTION

Results from the quarterly Survey of Tourist Accommodation are published in *Tourist Accommodation, Australia* (Cat. no. 8635.0), which contains information at the national, State and Tourism Region levels. As advised in the March quarter 1998 issue of that publication, the Survey of Tourist Accommodation has been substantially revised since the December 1997 quarter.

This data service provides additional information specific to the Northern Territory, including data for small areas within Tourism Regions. Following an agreement with the Northern Territory Tourist Commission, the scope of the survey has been enlarged from the March to December quarters 1998 for the Northern Territory to include:

- hotels, motels and guest houses and serviced apartments with five or more rooms or units;
- holiday flats, units and houses 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.

The first group of tables in this data service contains data based on the enlarged survey scope for the Northern Territory. The second group of tables contains data based on the survey scope for other States, which includes only hotels, motels and guest houses and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms.

Information in respect of 1997 has been retabulated on the basis of the new scope and included in this data service. More detailed 1997 data may be available on request.

As well as reflecting the changes described above, this data service 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. The composition of each Tourism Region is included at the back of this data service.

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TABLE 1 — SUMMARY OF HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES AND SERVICED APARTMENTS, NORTHERN TERRITORY (a)

Particulars	Unit	Quarter ended				Year ended		
		September 1997	December 1997	March 1998	June 1998	September 1998	December 1998	December 1998
LICENSED HOTELS WITH FACILITIES								
Establishments	no.	32	32	32	30	32	32	..
Guest rooms	no.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,051	..
Bed spaces	no.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	5,838	..
Employment (persons)	no.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,741	..
Room nights occupied	no.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	94,589	n.p.
Room occupancy rate	per cent	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	50.1	n.p.
Guest nights	no.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	155,658	n.p.
Bed occupancy rate	per cent	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	29.0	n.p.
Guest arrivals	no.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	91,767	n.p.
Average length of stay	days	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1.7	n.p.
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	11,930	n.p.
MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES								
Establishments	no.	58	57	57	56	55	55	..
Guest rooms	no.	3,210	3,148	3,174	3,094	3,099	3,104	..
Bed spaces	no.	9,587	9,542	9,549	9,404	9,327	9,288	..
Employment (persons)	no.	1,231	1,110	1,054	1,141	1,208	1,078	..
Room nights occupied	no.	195,566	146,745	118,301	147,974	195,890	145,500	607,665
Room occupancy rate	per cent	66.2	50.7	42.6	52.7	68.7	51.0	53.8
Guest nights	no.	341,098	241,183	195,917	248,240	344,032	250,726	1,038,915
Bed occupancy rate	per cent	38.7	27.5	23.4	29.1	40.1	29.4	30.5
Guest arrivals	no.	184,696	135,734	107,420	137,600	196,400	145,077	586,497
Average length of stay	days	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	16,973	12,146	9,457	12,691	18,372	13,012	53,531
SERVICED APARTMENTS								
Establishments	no.	18	18	19	19	18	19	..
Guest rooms	no.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,071	..
Bed spaces	no.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	3,342	..
Employment (persons)	no.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	376	..
Room nights occupied	no.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	58,561	n.p.
Room occupancy rate	per cent	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	59.4	n.p.
Guest nights	no.	n.a.	n.a.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	110,766	n.p.
Bed occupancy rate	per cent	n.a.	n.a.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	36.0	n.p.
Guest arrivals	no.	n.a.	n.a.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	38,812	n.p.
Average length of stay	days	n.a.	n.a.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2.9	n.p.
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	5,373	n.p.
TOTAL ESTABLISHMENTS								
Establishments	no.	108	107	108	105	105	106	..
Guest rooms	no.	6,333	6,267	6,325	6,188	6,210	6,226	..
Bed spaces	no.	18,734	18,765	18,889	18,254	18,492	18,468	..
Employment (persons)	no.	3,515	3,287	3,096	3,393	3,441	3,195	..
Room nights occupied	no.	389,866	297,127	238,939	299,789	404,235	298,650	1,241,613
Room occupancy rate	per cent	66.9	51.5	43.6	53.7	70.8	52.2	55.2
Guest nights	no.	n.a.	n.a.	387,020	508,124	714,106	517,150	2,126,400
Bed occupancy rate	per cent	n.a.	n.a.	23.6	30.8	42.0	30.5	31.8
Guest arrivals	no.	n.a.	n.a.	198,886	263,281	350,627	275,656	1,088,450
Average length of stay	days	n.a.	n.a.	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.0
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	39,318	28,939	22,460	29,588	42,830	30,315	125,192

(a) Comprising establishments with 5 or more rooms or units.

TABLE 2 — SUMMARY OF CARAVAN PARKS, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Particulars	Unit	Quarter ended				Year ended		December 1998
		September 1997	December 1997	March 1998	June 1998	September 1998	December 1998	
SHORT-TERM CARAVAN PARKS								
Establishments	no.	62	60	61	57	58	58	..
Capacity								
On-site vans	no.	130	139	108	108	102	84	..
Other powered sites	no.	3,142	3,102	3,191	3,069	3,221	3,219	..
Unpowered sites	no.	3,476	3,563	3,490	3,198	3,082	3,062	..
Cabins, etc.	no.	303	308	344	347	362	388	..
<i>Total capacity</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>7,051</i>	<i>7,112</i>	<i>7,133</i>	<i>6,722</i>	<i>6,767</i>	<i>6,753</i>	<i>..</i>
Sites occupied by long-term guests	no.	341	285	287	319	304	286	..
Other sites permanently reserved	no.	9	3	7	7	7	5	..
Employment (persons)	no.	327	316	253	372	366	276	..
Site nights occupied	no.	244,887	100,666	66,508	196,144	275,428	108,768	646,848
Site occupancy rate	per cent	38.0	15.4	11.6	32.2	44.2	17.5	26.7
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	4,407	1,762	1,167	3,625	4,823	2,008	11,623
LONG-TERM CARAVAN PARKS								
Establishments	no.	17	17	17	17	17	17	..
Capacity								
On-site vans	no.	176	172	173	178	177	180	..
Other powered sites	no.	1,437	1,435	1,427	1,430	1,435	1,436	..
Unpowered sites	no.	480	484	484	484	492	478	..
Cabins, etc.	no.	109	109	109	109	101	107	..
<i>Total capacity</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>2,202</i>	<i>2,200</i>	<i>2,193</i>	<i>2,201</i>	<i>2,205</i>	<i>2,201</i>	<i>..</i>
Sites occupied by long-term guests	no.	712	648	621	631	679	623	..
Other sites permanently reserved	no.	16	10	7	8	18	3	..
Employment (persons)	no.	82	88	85	98	93	89	..
Site nights occupied	no.	105,367	75,881	67,269	89,052	112,629	74,466	343,416
Site occupancy rate	per cent	52.0	37.5	35.1	45.0	55.5	36.8	43.2
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	1,301	809	775	1,223	1,431	790	4,219
TOTAL CARAVAN PARKS								
Establishments	no.	79	77	78	74	75	75	..
Capacity								
On-site vans	no.	306	311	281	286	279	264	..
Other powered sites	no.	4,579	4,537	4,618	4,499	4,656	4,655	..
Unpowered sites	no.	3,956	4,047	3,974	3,682	3,574	3,540	..
Cabins, etc.	no.	412	417	453	456	463	495	..
<i>Total capacity</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>9,253</i>	<i>9,312</i>	<i>9,326</i>	<i>8,923</i>	<i>8,972</i>	<i>8,954</i>	<i>..</i>
Sites occupied by long-term guests	no.	1,053	933	908	950	983	909	..
Other sites permanently reserved	no.	25	13	14	15	25	8	..
Employment (persons)	no.	409	404	338	470	459	365	..
Site nights occupied	no.	350,254	176,547	133,777	285,196	388,057	183,234	990,264
Site occupancy rate	per cent	41.3	20.6	17.5	35.3	47.0	22.2	30.7
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	5,708	2,571	1,942	4,848	6,254	2,798	15,842

TABLE 3 — SUMMARY OF HOLIDAY FLATS, UNITS AND HOUSES, NORTHERN TERRITORY (a)

Particulars	Unit	Quarter ended				Year ended		
		September 1997	December 1997	March 1998	June 1998	September 1998	December 1998	December 1998
Letting entities	no.	8	8	8	8	8	7	..
Flats, units and houses								
Single bedroom	no.	89	89	89	89	89	89	..
Multiple bedroom	no.	114	114	114	114	115	102	..
<i>Total flats, units and houses</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>203</i>	<i>203</i>	<i>203</i>	<i>203</i>	<i>204</i>	<i>191</i>	<i>..</i>
Bed spaces	no.	792	792	792	792	796	746	..
Employment (persons) (b)	no.	42	39	43	49	42	41	..
Unit nights occupied	no.	13,608	10,426	9,719	11,731	13,342	9,900	44,692
Unit occupancy rate	per cent	72.9	55.8	53.2	63.5	71.1	56.3	61.2
Unit lettings	no.	2,929	1,740	2,311	2,873	2,899	1,753	9,836
Average length of stay	days	4.6	6.0	4.2	4.1	4.6	5.6	4.5
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	1,088	741	630	958	1,132	689	3,408

(a) Comprising letting entities with 5 or more units etc. (b) Employment numbers exclude real estate agents and their employees.

TABLE 4 — SUMMARY OF VISITOR HOSTELS, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Particulars	Unit	Quarter ended				Year ended		
		September 1997	December 1997	March 1998	June 1998	September 1998	December 1998	December 1998
Establishments	no.	34	34	34	33	34	35	..
Bed spaces	no.	3,283	3,232	3,170	3,171	3,189	3,373	..
Employment (persons)	no.	173	169	158	185	232	217	..
Guest nights	no.	181,737	134,661	104,481	160,085	183,662	134,659	582,887
Bed occupancy rate	per cent	60.2	45.3	37.8	55.5	62.6	43.8	50.0
Guest arrivals	no.	101,692	73,551	50,453	77,498	105,529	73,206	306,686
Average length of stay	days	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.1	1.7	1.8	1.9
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	2,719	1,986	1,587	2,536	2,837	2,174	9,133

TABLE 5— HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES AND SERVICED APARTMENTS BY ESTABLISHMENT SIZE, NORTHERN TERRITORY (a)

Particulars	Establishment size (number of rooms)						Northern Territory
	5-9	10-15	16-25	26-50	51-100	101+	
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT							
<i>December quarter 1997—</i>							
Establishments	6	13	22	22	26	18	107
Guest rooms	38	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,936	2,851	6,267
Bed spaces	100	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	5,303	8,888	18,765
Employment (persons)	36	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,090	1,404	3,287
<i>December quarter 1998—</i>							
Establishments	6	14	21	22	25	18	106
Guest rooms	44	n.p.	n.p.	833	1,868	2,873	6,226
Bed spaces	123	n.p.	n.p.	2,548	5,168	8,683	18,468
Employment (persons)	31	n.p.	n.p.	358	1,089	1,482	3,195
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED							
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	605	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	84,969	154,002	297,127
<i>1998—</i>							
October	409	n.p.	n.p.	14,657	37,564	63,273	123,870
November	508	n.p.	n.p.	11,524	27,011	56,183	101,160
December	489	n.p.	n.p.	8,931	20,964	38,058	73,620
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	1,406	n.p.	n.p.	35,112	85,539	157,514	298,650
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)							
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	17.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	47.7	58.7	51.5
<i>1998—</i>							
October	36.6	n.p.	n.p.	56.8	64.9	71.0	64.3
November	47.0	n.p.	n.p.	46.1	48.2	65.2	54.2
December	35.9	n.p.	n.p.	34.6	36.2	42.7	38.1
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	39.5	n.p.	n.p.	45.8	49.8	59.6	52.2
GUEST NIGHTS							
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<i>1998—</i>							
October	615	n.p.	n.p.	27,927	68,674	110,109	220,924
November	755	n.p.	n.p.	18,223	45,638	93,092	167,662
December	761	n.p.	n.p.	16,435	36,626	65,154	128,564
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	2,131	n.p.	n.p.	62,585	150,938	268,355	517,150
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)							
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<i>1998—</i>							
October	19.3	n.p.	n.p.	35.4	42.9	40.9	38.6
November	24.4	n.p.	n.p.	23.8	29.4	35.7	30.3
December	20.0	n.p.	n.p.	20.8	22.9	24.2	22.5
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	21.1	n.p.	n.p.	26.7	31.7	33.6	30.5
GUEST ARRIVALS							
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<i>1998—</i>							
October	467	n.p.	n.p.	11,725	36,864	58,709	114,358
November	485	n.p.	n.p.	8,139	24,712	52,830	91,140
December	553	n.p.	n.p.	7,725	19,237	37,794	70,158
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	1,505	n.p.	n.p.	27,589	80,813	149,333	275,656
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)							
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	1.4	n.p.	n.p.	2.3	1.9	1.8	1.9
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)							
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	28	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	6,675	18,584	28,939
<i>1998—</i>							
October	19	n.p.	n.p.	1,113	3,101	8,184	12,922
November	22	n.p.	n.p.	771	2,305	6,963	10,409
December	23	n.p.	n.p.	598	1,687	4,371	6,983
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	63	n.p.	n.p.	2,482	7,092	19,518	30,315

(a) Comprising establishments with 5 or more rooms or units.

**TABLE 6— HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES AND SERVICED APARTMENTS
BY STAR GRADING BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, NORTHERN TERRITORY (a)**

Particulars	Darwin (SD)				Northern Territory - Balance (SD)			
	Star grading			Total	Star grading			Total
	1 and Ungraded	2	3, 4 and 5		1 and Ungraded	2	3, 4 and 5	
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT								
<i>December quarter 1997—</i>								
Establishments	14	7	13	34	27	19	27	73
Guest rooms	n.p.	320	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	842	n.p.	n.p.
Bed spaces	n.p.	942	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,493	n.p.	n.p.
Employment (persons)	n.p.	67	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	463	n.p.	n.p.
<i>December quarter 1998—</i>								
Establishments	11	6	18	35	23	20	28	71
Guest rooms	321	261	1,966	2,548	n.p.	n.p.	2,248	3,678
Bed spaces	938	741	5,616	7,295	n.p.	n.p.	6,847	11,173
Employment (persons)	74	62	1,334	1,470	n.p.	n.p.	1,209	1,725
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED								
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>13,789</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>29,223</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>
<i>1998—</i>								
October	6,632	4,319	41,561	52,512	n.p.	n.p.	51,154	71,358
November	5,550	3,182	33,385	42,117	n.p.	n.p.	44,350	59,043
December	4,509	2,634	26,522	33,665	n.p.	n.p.	29,090	39,955
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>16,691</i>	<i>10,135</i>	<i>101,468</i>	<i>128,294</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>124,594</i>	<i>170,356</i>
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)								
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>46.8</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>37.7</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>
<i>1998—</i>								
October	66.6	53.4	68.2	66.5	n.p.	n.p.	73.4	62.7
November	57.6	40.6	56.6	55.1	n.p.	n.p.	65.8	53.6
December	45.3	32.6	43.5	42.6	n.p.	n.p.	41.7	35.0
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>56.5</i>	<i>42.2</i>	<i>56.1</i>	<i>54.7</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>60.2</i>	<i>50.4</i>
GUEST NIGHTS								
<i>December quarter 1997</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>	<i>n.a.</i>
<i>1998—</i>								
October	10,604	7,081	67,436	85,121	n.p.	n.p.	100,664	135,803
November	8,671	4,484	50,035	63,190	n.p.	n.p.	80,903	104,472
December	6,807	4,389	44,539	55,735	n.p.	n.p.	54,210	72,829
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>26,082</i>	<i>15,954</i>	<i>162,010</i>	<i>204,046</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>235,777</i>	<i>313,104</i>
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)								
<i>December quarter 1997</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>	<i>n.a.</i>
<i>1998—</i>								
October	36.5	30.8	38.7	37.6	n.p.	n.p.	47.4	39.3
November	30.8	20.2	29.7	28.9	n.p.	n.p.	39.4	31.2
December	23.4	19.1	25.6	24.6	n.p.	n.p.	25.5	21.0
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>30.2</i>	<i>23.4</i>	<i>31.4</i>	<i>30.4</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>37.4</i>	<i>30.5</i>
GUEST ARRIVALS								
<i>December quarter 1997</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>	<i>n.a.</i>
<i>1998—</i>								
October	5,257	2,548	25,875	33,680	n.p.	n.p.	54,764	80,678
November	4,126	1,794	19,925	25,845	n.p.	n.p.	47,756	65,295
December	3,495	1,875	17,465	22,835	n.p.	n.p.	33,092	47,323
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>12,878</i>	<i>6,217</i>	<i>63,265</i>	<i>82,360</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>135,612</i>	<i>193,296</i>
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)								
<i>December quarter 1997</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>	<i>n.a.</i>
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>1.6</i>
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)								
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>803</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>1,883</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>
<i>1998—</i>								
October	401	266	4,193	4,861	n.p.	n.p.	6,416	8,061
November	316	193	3,137	3,646	n.p.	n.p.	5,665	6,763
December	248	154	2,427	2,829	n.p.	n.p.	3,378	4,154
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>966</i>	<i>613</i>	<i>9,757</i>	<i>11,336</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>15,459</i>	<i>18,978</i>

(a) Comprising establishments with 5 or more rooms or units.

TABLE 7— HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES AND SERVICED APARTMENTS BY STAR GRADING, NORTHERN TERRITORY (a)

Particulars	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Serviced apartments	Star grading					Northern Territory
				1	2	3	4 and 5	Ungraded	
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT									
<i>December quarter 1997—</i>									
Establishments	32	57	18	7	26	31	9	34	107
Guest rooms	n.p.	3,148	n.p.	98	1,162	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	6,267
Bed spaces	n.p.	9,542	n.p.	283	3,435	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	18,765
Employment (persons)	n.p.	1,110	n.p.	72	530	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	3,287
<i>December quarter 1998—</i>									
Establishments	32	55	19	8	26	35	11	26	106
Guest rooms	2,051	3,104	1,071	n.p.	n.p.	2,754	1,460	781	6,226
Bed spaces	5,838	9,288	3,342	n.p.	n.p.	8,372	4,091	2,379	18,468
Employment (persons)	1,741	1,078	376	n.p.	n.p.	1,293	1,250	248	3,195
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED									
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>146,745</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>2,508</i>	<i>43,012</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>297,127</i>
<i>1998—</i>									
October	37,447	63,131	23,292	n.p.	n.p.	61,481	31,234	13,541	123,870
November	33,816	47,897	19,447	n.p.	n.p.	49,927	27,808	11,636	101,160
December	23,326	34,472	15,822	n.p.	n.p.	37,639	17,973	8,825	73,620
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>94,589</i>	<i>145,500</i>	<i>58,561</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>149,047</i>	<i>77,015</i>	<i>34,002</i>	<i>298,650</i>
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)									
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>50.7</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>27.8</i>	<i>40.2</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>51.5</i>
<i>1998—</i>									
October	58.9	65.8	70.2	n.p.	n.p.	72.0	69.0	56.5	64.3
November	55.0	51.6	60.5	n.p.	n.p.	60.4	63.5	50.2	54.2
December	36.7	35.8	47.7	n.p.	n.p.	44.1	39.7	36.5	38.1
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>50.1</i>	<i>51.0</i>	<i>59.4</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>58.8</i>	<i>57.3</i>	<i>47.6</i>	<i>52.2</i>
GUEST NIGHTS									
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>241,183</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>
<i>1998—</i>									
October	63,621	112,030	45,273	n.p.	n.p.	116,249	51,851	22,013	220,924
November	53,830	79,782	34,050	n.p.	n.p.	86,836	44,102	18,162	167,662
December	38,207	58,914	31,443	n.p.	n.p.	68,029	30,720	13,611	128,564
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>155,658</i>	<i>250,726</i>	<i>110,766</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>271,114</i>	<i>126,673</i>	<i>53,786</i>	<i>517,150</i>
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)									
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>27.5</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>
<i>1998—</i>									
October	35.2	39.0	43.7	n.p.	n.p.	44.8	40.9	30.1	38.6
November	30.7	28.7	34.0	n.p.	n.p.	34.6	35.9	25.7	30.3
December	21.1	20.5	30.3	n.p.	n.p.	26.2	24.2	18.5	22.5
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>29.0</i>	<i>29.4</i>	<i>36.0</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>35.2</i>	<i>33.7</i>	<i>24.7</i>	<i>30.5</i>
GUEST ARRIVALS									
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>135,734</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>
<i>1998—</i>									
October	36,324	62,892	15,142	n.p.	n.p.	58,089	22,550	14,660	114,358
November	32,221	46,588	12,331	n.p.	n.p.	45,936	21,745	11,578	91,140
December	23,222	35,597	11,339	n.p.	n.p.	36,646	13,911	9,033	70,158
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>91,767</i>	<i>145,077</i>	<i>38,812</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>140,671</i>	<i>58,206</i>	<i>35,271</i>	<i>275,656</i>
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)									
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>1.8</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>
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>1.9</i>
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)									
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>12,146</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>2,686</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>28,939</i>
<i>1998—</i>									
October	4,903	5,739	2,280	n.p.	n.p.	6,518	4,091	1,062	12,922
November	4,338	4,343	1,728	n.p.	n.p.	5,056	3,745	840	10,409
December	2,689	2,930	1,365	n.p.	n.p.	3,598	2,207	616	6,983
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>11,930</i>	<i>13,012</i>	<i>5,373</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>15,173</i>	<i>10,044</i>	<i>2,518</i>	<i>30,315</i>

(a) Comprising establishments with 5 or more rooms or units.

TABLE 8 — HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES AND SERVICED APARTMENTS:

Statistical Local Areas	Establish- ments	Guest rooms	Bed spaces	Employ- ment (persons)	Room nights occupied				Room occupancy rates (per cent)			
					Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec. qtr	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec. qtr
City — Inner (Darwin)	25	2,217	6,446	962	46,192	36,637	29,236	112,065	67.2	55.1	42.5	54.9
Balance	13	385	1,027	542	6,531	5,664	4,666	16,861	54.7	49.0	39.1	47.6
<i>Darwin (TR)</i>	38	2,602	7,473	1,504	52,723	42,301	33,902	128,926	65.4	54.2	42.0	53.9
<i>Katherine (TR)</i>	13	505	1,439	167	7,103	5,536	4,390	17,029	45.4	36.5	28.0	36.7
Tennant Creek (T)	5	198	547	45	2,542	2,178	1,476	6,196	41.4	36.7	24.0	34.0
Balance	6	85	234	32	755	533	571	1,859	28.7	20.9	21.7	23.8
<i>Tablelands (TR)</i>	11	283	781	77	3,297	2,711	2,047	8,055	37.6	31.9	23.3	30.9
Alice Springs (T) — Ross	5	545	1,624	349	11,042	7,860	5,235	24,137	65.4	48.1	31.0	48.1
Alice Springs (T) — Stuart	14	795	2,486	321	17,540	14,043	9,966	41,549	71.2	58.9	40.4	56.8
Balance	4	255	769	67	5,548	3,601	2,968	12,117	70.2	47.1	37.5	51.6
<i>Alice Springs (TR)</i>	23	1,595	4,879	737	34,130	25,504	18,169	77,803	69.0	53.3	36.7	53.0
Northern Territory Tourism Regions — Balance	20	1,228	3,844	709	26,462	24,958	15,020	66,440	70.0	68.2	39.5	59.1
<i>Northern Territory</i>	106	6,226	18,468	3,195	123,870	101,160	73,620	298,650	64.3	54.2	38.1	52.2

(a) Comprising establishments with 5 or more rooms or units.

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<i>Guest nights</i>				<i>Guest arrivals</i>				<i>Takings from accommodation (\$'000)</i>			
<i>Oct.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Dec. qtr</i>	<i>Oct.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Dec. qtr</i>	<i>Oct.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Dec. qtr</i>
74,786	54,860	48,199	177,845	30,061	22,781	19,642	72,484	4,379	3,240	2,472	10,091
10,978	8,829	8,115	27,922	4,141	3,415	3,661	11,217	503	421	375	1,299
85,764	63,689	56,314	205,767	34,202	26,196	23,303	83,701	4,882	3,660	2,847	11,390
12,388	8,967	7,914	29,269	9,508	6,313	5,898	21,719	503	284	222	1,009
4,070	3,415	2,944	10,429	3,088	2,691	2,381	8,160	156	125	89	370
1,488	1,043	1,280	3,811	1,298	899	1,132	3,329	40	29	33	103
5,558	4,458	4,224	14,240	4,386	3,590	3,513	11,489	196	155	122	473
20,335	13,118	8,795	42,248	11,849	9,646	6,125	27,620	996	655	447	2,098
31,866	23,176	16,570	71,612	16,339	13,253	10,184	39,776	1,532	1,118	734	3,384
11,901	6,774	5,642	24,317	5,981	3,764	3,158	12,903	268	161	162	591
64,102	43,068	31,007	138,177	34,169	26,663	19,467	80,299	2,795	1,934	1,344	6,073
52,957	47,330	29,013	129,300	32,093	28,378	17,977	78,448	4,540	4,370	2,446	11,356
220,924	167,662	128,564	517,150	114,358	91,140	70,158	275,656	12,922	10,409	6,983	30,315

TABLE 9 — CARAVAN PARKS BY STATISTICAL AREA, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Particulars	Darwin (SD) and Alligator (SSD)	Darwin Rural Areas and Daly (SSDs)	Lower Top End Northern Territory (SSD)	Barkly (SSD)	Central Northern Territory (SSD)	Northern Territory		Total
						Short-term parks	Long-term parks	
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT								
<i>December quarter 1997—</i>								
Establishments	9	21	23	9	15	60	17	77
Capacity								
On-site vans	27	165	14	22	83	139	172	311
Other powered sites	1,263	945	880	336	1,113	3,102	1,435	4,537
Unpowered sites	562	566	1,125	370	1,424	3,563	484	4,047
Cabins, flats, etc.	40	90	138	44	105	308	109	417
<i>Total capacity</i>	<i>1,892</i>	<i>1,766</i>	<i>2,157</i>	<i>772</i>	<i>2,725</i>	<i>7,112</i>	<i>2,200</i>	<i>9,312</i>
Sites occupied by long-term guests	315	323	48	21	226	285	648	933
Other sites permanently reserved	—	4	8	—	1	3	10	13
Employment (persons)	47	98	113	46	100	316	88	404
<i>December quarter 1998—</i>								
Establishments	9	20	22	9	15	58	17	75
Capacity								
On-site vans	27	153	7	23	54	84	180	264
Other powered sites	1,268	1,050	830	316	1,191	3,219	1,436	4,655
Unpowered sites	562	510	978	365	1,125	3,062	478	3,540
Cabins, flats, etc.	40	132	143	44	136	388	107	495
<i>Total capacity</i>	<i>1,897</i>	<i>1,845</i>	<i>1,958</i>	<i>748</i>	<i>2,506</i>	<i>6,753</i>	<i>2,201</i>	<i>8,954</i>
Sites occupied by long-term guests	281	325	46	23	234	286	623	909
Other sites permanently reserved	—	1	4	1	2	5	3	8
Employment (persons)	42	90	114	41	78	276	89	365
SITE NIGHTS OCCUPIED								
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>53,946</i>	<i>40,813</i>	<i>20,477</i>	<i>7,391</i>	<i>53,920</i>	<i>100,666</i>	<i>75,881</i>	<i>176,547</i>
<i>1998—</i>								
October	20,481	15,741	9,951	3,179	30,344	51,247	28,449	79,696
November	16,080	11,961	6,060	2,072	18,769	31,526	23,416	54,942
December	12,524	12,161	4,819	1,875	17,217	25,995	22,601	48,596
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>49,085</i>	<i>39,863</i>	<i>20,830</i>	<i>7,126</i>	<i>66,330</i>	<i>108,768</i>	<i>74,466</i>	<i>183,234</i>
SITE OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)								
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>31.0</i>	<i>25.1</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>21.5</i>	<i>15.4</i>	<i>37.5</i>	<i>20.6</i>
<i>1998—</i>								
October	34.8	27.5	16.4	13.7	39.1	24.5	41.7	28.7
November	28.3	21.6	10.3	9.2	25.0	15.6	35.5	20.5
December	21.3	21.3	7.9	8.1	22.2	12.4	33.1	17.5
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>28.1</i>	<i>23.5</i>	<i>11.6</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>28.8</i>	<i>17.5</i>	<i>36.8</i>	<i>22.2</i>
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)								
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>501</i>	<i>558</i>	<i>339</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>1,051</i>	<i>1,762</i>	<i>809</i>	<i>2,571</i>
<i>1998—</i>								
October	210	204	133	54	665	953	313	1,266
November	159	155	79	33	385	558	253	810
December	122	152	64	33	351	497	224	722
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>491</i>	<i>511</i>	<i>275</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>1,401</i>	<i>2,008</i>	<i>790</i>	<i>2,798</i>

TABLE 10 — VISITOR HOSTELS BY STATISTICAL DIVISION AND SELECTED AREAS, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Particulars	Northern Territory - Balance (SD)					Northern Territory
	Darwin (SD)	Alice Springs (T)	Katherine (T)	Balance	Total	
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT						
<i>December quarter 1997—</i>						
Establishments	10	8	3	13	24	34
Bed spaces	1,246	868	187	931	1,986	3,232
Employment (persons)	59	40	12	58	110	169
<i>December quarter 1998—</i>						
Establishments	11	8	3	13	24	35
Bed spaces	1,334	884	182	973	2,039	3,373
Employment (persons)	69	38	7	103	148	217
GUEST NIGHTS						
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>56,173</i>	<i>39,671</i>	<i>11,859</i>	<i>26,958</i>	<i>78,488</i>	<i>134,661</i>
<i>1998—</i>						
October	24,360	15,897	4,079	13,229	33,205	57,565
November	19,006	13,185	3,033	8,904	25,122	44,128
December	13,189	11,435	2,058	6,284	19,777	32,966
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>56,555</i>	<i>40,517</i>	<i>9,170</i>	<i>28,417</i>	<i>78,104</i>	<i>134,659</i>
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)						
December quarter 1997	49.0	49.7	68.9	31.5	43.0	45.3
<i>1998—</i>						
October	58.9	58.0	72.3	43.9	52.5	55.1
November	47.5	52.8	55.5	30.5	42.1	44.3
December	31.9	44.3	36.5	20.8	32.1	32.0
December quarter 1998	46.1	51.8	54.8	31.7	42.4	43.8
GUEST ARRIVALS						
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>22,806</i>	<i>23,891</i>	<i>6,782</i>	<i>20,072</i>	<i>50,745</i>	<i>73,551</i>
<i>1998—</i>						
October	8,909	9,141	2,853	10,043	22,037	30,946
November	6,727	7,980	2,405	6,994	17,379	24,106
December	4,563	7,134	1,631	4,826	13,591	18,154
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>20,199</i>	<i>24,255</i>	<i>6,889</i>	<i>21,863</i>	<i>53,007</i>	<i>73,206</i>
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)						
December quarter 1997	2.5	1.7	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.8
<i>1998—</i>						
October	2.7	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.9
November	2.8	1.7	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.8
December	2.9	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.8
December quarter 1998	2.8	1.7	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.8
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)						
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>721</i>	<i>529</i>	<i>132</i>	<i>604</i>	<i>1,264</i>	<i>1,986</i>
<i>1998—</i>						
October	351	242	49	303	594	945
November	275	186	34	214	434	709
December	181	166	23	150	338	519
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>807</i>	<i>594</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>667</i>	<i>1,367</i>	<i>2,174</i>

TABLE 11 — SUMMARY OF HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES AND SERVICED APARTMENTS, NORTHERN TERRITORY (a)

Particulars	Unit	Quarter ended				Year ended		
		September 1997	December 1997	March 1998	June 1998	September 1998	December 1998	December 1998
LICENSED HOTELS WITH FACILITIES								
Establishments	no.	25	24	24	23	24	24	..
Guest rooms	no.	1,991	1,970	1,974	1,937	1,974	1,973	..
Bed spaces	no.	5,529	5,558	5,587	5,165	5,612	5,601	..
Employment (persons)	no.	1,883	1,805	1,665	1,805	1,798	1,702	..
Room nights occupied	no.	118,369	91,009	75,381	91,259	126,963	92,749	386,352
Room occupancy rate	per cent	64.6	50.2	43.4	51.9	70.1	51.1	54.3
Guest nights	no.	201,022	147,521	112,749	146,265	212,981	152,647	624,642
Bed occupancy rate	per cent	39.5	28.9	22.9	31.2	41.4	29.6	31.4
Guest arrivals	no.	106,101	87,356	59,925	84,640	101,605	89,408	335,578
Average length of stay	days	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.7	2.1	1.7	1.9
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	14,842	11,609	9,123	11,033	16,155	11,833	48,143
MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES								
Establishments	no.	50	49	50	48	49	48	..
Guest rooms	no.	3,133	3,071	3,109	3,015	3,042	3,030	..
Bed spaces	no.	9,371	9,326	9,358	9,181	9,153	9,081	..
Employment (persons)	no.	1,175	1,054	1,016	1,071	1,162	1,030	..
Room nights occupied	no.	193,258	144,938	116,878	146,094	193,208	143,187	599,367
Room occupancy rate	per cent	67.0	51.3	43.0	53.2	69.0	51.4	54.2
Guest nights	no.	336,633	237,771	192,882	244,611	339,006	246,508	1,023,007
Bed occupancy rate	per cent	39.0	27.7	23.5	29.3	40.3	29.5	30.7
Guest arrivals	no.	180,705	132,424	104,499	134,069	191,991	141,651	572,210
Average length of stay	days	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	16,826	12,043	9,375	12,582	18,216	12,894	53,067
SERVICED APARTMENTS								
Establishments	no.	16	16	17	17	16	16	..
Guest rooms	no.	1,045	1,049	1,077	1,067	1,037	1,038	..
Bed spaces	no.	3,350	3,349	3,438	3,395	3,236	3,218	..
Employment (persons)	no.	338	313	337	400	387	372	..
Room nights occupied	no.	71,382	56,617	43,310	57,765	76,646	57,282	235,003
Room occupancy rate	per cent	74.2	58.7	48.9	61.5	80.3	60.0	62.9
Guest nights	no.	n.a.	n.a.	74,618	108,329	149,575	108,758	441,280
Bed occupancy rate	per cent	n.a.	n.a.	26.4	36.2	50.2	36.7	37.5
Guest arrivals	no.	n.a.	n.a.	29,707	37,994	48,272	38,248	154,221
Average length of stay	days	n.a.	n.a.	2.5	2.9	3.1	2.8	2.9
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	7,275	5,048	3,778	5,713	8,061	5,315	22,868
TOTAL ESTABLISHMENTS								
Establishments	no.	91	89	91	88	89	88	..
Guest rooms	no.	6,169	6,090	6,160	6,019	6,053	6,041	..
Bed spaces	no.	18,250	18,233	18,383	17,741	18,001	17,900	..
Employment (persons)	no.	3,396	3,172	3,018	3,276	3,347	3,104	..
Room nights occupied	no.	383,009	292,564	235,569	295,118	396,817	293,218	1,220,722
Room occupancy rate	per cent	67.5	52.2	44.1	54.2	71.3	52.8	55.7
Guest nights	no.	n.a.	n.a.	380,249	499,205	701,562	507,913	2,088,929
Bed occupancy rate	per cent	n.a.	n.a.	23.8	31.1	42.4	30.8	32.1
Guest arrivals	no.	n.a.	n.a.	194,131	256,703	341,868	269,307	1,062,009
Average length of stay	days	n.a.	n.a.	2.0	1.9	2.1	1.9	2.0
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	38,942	28,700	22,277	29,327	42,432	30,042	124,078

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

TABLE 12— HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES AND SERVICED APARTMENTS BY ESTABLISHMENT SIZE, NORTHERN TERRITORY (a)

Particulars	Establishment size (number of rooms)				Northern Territory
	15-25	26-50	51-100	101+	
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT					
<i>December quarter 1997—</i>					
Establishments	23	22	26	18	89
Guest rooms	n.p.	n.p.	1,936	2,851	6,090
Bed spaces	n.p.	n.p.	5,303	8,888	18,233
Employment (persons)	n.p.	n.p.	1,090	1,404	3,172
<i>December quarter 1998—</i>					
Establishments	23	22	25	18	88
Guest rooms	467	833	1,868	2,873	6,041
Bed spaces	1,501	2,548	5,168	8,683	17,900
Employment (persons)	175	358	1,089	1,482	3,104
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED					
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	84,969	154,002	292,564
<i>1998—</i>					
October	6,336	14,657	37,564	63,273	121,830
November	4,674	11,524	27,011	56,183	99,392
December	4,043	8,931	20,964	38,058	71,996
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	15,053	35,112	85,539	157,514	293,218
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)					
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	47.7	58.7	52.2
<i>1998—</i>					
October	43.8	56.8	64.9	71.0	65.1
November	33.4	46.1	48.2	65.2	54.8
December	27.9	34.6	36.2	42.7	38.4
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	35.0	45.8	49.8	59.6	52.8
GUEST NIGHTS					
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
<i>1998—</i>					
October	10,847	27,927	68,674	110,109	217,557
November	7,809	18,223	45,638	93,092	164,762
December	7,379	16,435	36,626	65,154	125,594
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	26,035	62,585	150,938	268,355	507,913
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)					
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
<i>1998—</i>					
October	23.3	35.4	42.9	40.9	39.2
November	17.3	23.8	29.4	35.7	30.7
December	15.9	20.8	22.9	24.2	22.6
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	18.9	26.7	31.7	33.6	30.8
GUEST ARRIVALS					
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
<i>1998—</i>					
October	4,700	11,725	36,864	58,709	111,998
November	3,613	8,139	24,712	52,830	89,294
December	3,259	7,725	19,237	37,794	68,015
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	11,572	27,589	80,813	149,333	269,307
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)					
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	2.2	2.3	1.9	1.8	1.9
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)					
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	6,675	18,584	28,700
<i>1998—</i>					
October	420	1,113	3,101	8,184	12,817
November	288	771	2,305	6,963	10,326
December	242	598	1,687	4,371	6,898
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	950	2,482	7,092	19,518	30,042

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

**TABLE 13— HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES AND SERVICED APARTMENTS
BY STAR GRADING BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, NORTHERN TERRITORY (a)**

Particulars	Darwin (SD)				Northern Territory - Balance (SD)			
	Star grading			Total	Star grading			Total
	1 and Ungraded	2	3, 4 and 5		1 and Ungraded	2	3, 4 and 5	
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT								
<i>December quarter 1997—</i>								
Establishments	13	7	12	32	13	17	27	57
Guest rooms	n.p.	320	1,393	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Bed spaces	n.p.	942	4,082	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Employment (persons)	n.p.	67	1,016	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
<i>December quarter 1998—</i>								
Establishments	8	6	18	32	10	18	28	56
Guest rooms	n.p.	261	1,966	n.p.	n.p.	813	2,248	n.p.
Bed spaces	n.p.	741	5,616	n.p.	n.p.	2,394	6,847	n.p.
Employment (persons)	n.p.	62	1,334	n.p.	n.p.	239	1,209	n.p.
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED								
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>13,789</i>	<i>72,983</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>
<i>1998—</i>								
October	n.p.	4,319	41,561	n.p.	n.p.	11,388	51,154	n.p.
November	n.p.	3,182	33,385	n.p.	n.p.	7,318	44,350	n.p.
December	n.p.	2,634	26,522	n.p.	n.p.	5,180	29,090	n.p.
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>10,135</i>	<i>101,468</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>23,886</i>	<i>124,594</i>	<i>n.p.</i>
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)								
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>46.8</i>	<i>56.9</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>
<i>1998—</i>								
October	n.p.	53.4	68.2	n.p.	n.p.	45.2	73.4	n.p.
November	n.p.	40.6	56.6	n.p.	n.p.	30.0	65.8	n.p.
December	n.p.	32.6	43.5	n.p.	n.p.	20.6	41.7	n.p.
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>42.2</i>	<i>56.1</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>31.9</i>	<i>60.2</i>	<i>n.p.</i>
GUEST NIGHTS								
<i>December quarter 1997</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>	<i>n.a.</i>
<i>1998—</i>								
October	n.p.	7,081	67,436	n.p.	n.p.	20,348	100,664	n.p.
November	n.p.	4,484	50,035	n.p.	n.p.	11,974	80,903	n.p.
December	n.p.	4,389	44,539	n.p.	n.p.	9,306	54,210	n.p.
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>15,954</i>	<i>162,010</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>41,628</i>	<i>235,777</i>	<i>n.p.</i>
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)								
<i>December quarter 1997</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>	<i>n.a.</i>
<i>1998—</i>								
October	n.p.	30.8	38.7	n.p.	n.p.	27.4	47.4	n.p.
November	n.p.	20.2	29.7	n.p.	n.p.	16.7	39.4	n.p.
December	n.p.	19.1	25.6	n.p.	n.p.	12.5	25.5	n.p.
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>23.4</i>	<i>31.4</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>18.9</i>	<i>37.4</i>	<i>n.p.</i>
GUEST ARRIVALS								
<i>December quarter 1997</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>	<i>n.a.</i>
<i>1998—</i>								
October	n.p.	2,548	25,875	n.p.	n.p.	14,003	54,764	n.p.
November	n.p.	1,794	19,925	n.p.	n.p.	8,597	47,756	n.p.
December	n.p.	1,875	17,465	n.p.	n.p.	6,817	33,092	n.p.
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>6,217</i>	<i>63,265</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>29,417</i>	<i>135,612</i>	<i>n.p.</i>
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)								
<i>December quarter 1997</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>	<i>n.a.</i>
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>n.p.</i>
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)								
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>803</i>	<i>7,526</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>
<i>1998—</i>								
October	n.p.	266	4,193	n.p.	n.p.	872	6,416	n.p.
November	n.p.	193	3,137	n.p.	n.p.	505	5,665	n.p.
December	n.p.	154	2,427	n.p.	n.p.	334	3,378	n.p.
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>613</i>	<i>9,757</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>1,711</i>	<i>15,459</i>	<i>n.p.</i>

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

TABLE 14— HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES AND SERVICED APARTMENTS BY STAR GRADING, NORTHERN TERRITORY (a)

Particulars	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Serviced apartments	Star grading				Northern Territory
				1 and Ungraded	2	3	4 and 5	
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT								
<i>December quarter 1997—</i>								
Establishments	24	49	16	26	24	30	9	89
Guest rooms	1,970	3,071	1,049	1,394	n.p.	2,408	n.p.	6,090
Bed spaces	5,558	9,326	3,349	4,135	n.p.	7,598	n.p.	18,233
Employment (persons)	1,805	1,054	313	488	n.p.	1,033	n.p.	3,172
<i>December quarter 1998—</i>								
Establishments	24	48	16	18	24	35	11	88
Guest rooms	1,973	3,030	1,038	753	1,074	2,754	1,460	6,041
Bed spaces	5,601	9,081	3,218	2,302	3,135	8,372	4,091	17,900
Employment (persons)	1,702	1,030	372	260	301	1,293	1,250	3,104
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED								
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>91,009</i>	<i>144,938</i>	<i>56,617</i>	<i>59,286</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>133,123</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>292,564</i>
<i>1998—</i>								
October	36,691	62,371	22,768	13,408	15,707	61,481	31,234	121,830
November	33,283	47,094	19,015	11,157	10,500	49,927	27,808	99,392
December	22,775	33,722	15,499	8,570	7,814	37,639	17,973	71,996
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>92,749</i>	<i>143,187</i>	<i>57,282</i>	<i>33,135</i>	<i>34,021</i>	<i>149,047</i>	<i>77,015</i>	<i>293,218</i>
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)								
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>50.2</i>	<i>51.3</i>	<i>58.7</i>	<i>46.2</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>60.1</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>52.2</i>
<i>1998—</i>								
October	60.0	66.4	70.8	57.4	47.2	72.0	69.0	65.1
November	56.2	51.8	61.1	49.4	32.6	60.4	63.5	54.8
December	37.2	35.9	48.2	36.7	23.5	44.1	39.7	38.4
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>51.1</i>	<i>51.4</i>	<i>60.0</i>	<i>47.8</i>	<i>34.4</i>	<i>58.8</i>	<i>57.3</i>	<i>52.8</i>
GUEST NIGHTS								
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>147,521</i>	<i>237,771</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>1998—</i>								
October	62,371	110,671	44,515	22,028	27,429	116,249	51,851	217,557
November	52,985	78,408	33,369	17,366	16,458	86,836	44,102	164,762
December	37,291	57,429	30,874	13,150	13,695	68,029	30,720	125,594
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>152,647</i>	<i>246,508</i>	<i>108,758</i>	<i>52,544</i>	<i>57,582</i>	<i>271,114</i>	<i>126,673</i>	<i>507,913</i>
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)								
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>28.9</i>	<i>27.7</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>1998—</i>								
October	35.9	39.3	44.6	30.9	28.2	44.8	40.9	39.2
November	31.5	28.8	34.6	25.1	17.5	34.6	35.9	30.7
December	21.5	20.4	30.9	18.4	14.1	26.2	24.2	22.6
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>29.6</i>	<i>29.5</i>	<i>36.7</i>	<i>24.8</i>	<i>20.0</i>	<i>35.2</i>	<i>33.7</i>	<i>30.8</i>
GUEST ARRIVALS								
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>87,356</i>	<i>132,424</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>1998—</i>								
October	35,292	61,736	14,970	14,808	16,551	58,089	22,550	111,998
November	31,564	45,582	12,148	11,222	10,391	45,936	21,745	89,294
December	22,552	34,333	11,130	8,766	8,692	36,646	13,911	68,015
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>89,408</i>	<i>141,651</i>	<i>38,248</i>	<i>34,796</i>	<i>35,634</i>	<i>140,671</i>	<i>58,206</i>	<i>269,307</i>
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)								
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>1.8</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>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>1.9</i>
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)								
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>11,609</i>	<i>12,043</i>	<i>5,048</i>	<i>4,696</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>13,479</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>28,700</i>
<i>1998—</i>								
October	4,863	5,699	2,256	1,070	1,138	6,518	4,091	12,817
November	4,311	4,306	1,709	827	698	5,056	3,745	10,326
December	2,659	2,889	1,350	605	488	3,598	2,207	6,898
<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>11,833</i>	<i>12,894</i>	<i>5,315</i>	<i>2,502</i>	<i>2,324</i>	<i>15,173</i>	<i>10,044</i>	<i>30,042</i>

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

TABLE 15 — HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES AND SERVICED APARTMENTS:

<i>Statistical Local Areas</i>	<i>Establish-ments</i>	<i>Guest rooms</i>	<i>Bed spaces</i>	<i>Employ-ment (persons)</i>	<i>Room nights occupied</i>				<i>Room occupancy rates (per cent)</i>			
					<i>Oct.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Dec. qtr</i>	<i>Oct.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Dec. qtr</i>
City — Inner (Darwin)	25	2,217	6,446	962	46,192	36,637	29,236	112,065	67.2	55.1	42.5	54.9
Balance	9	340	883	531	6,228	5,342	4,359	15,929	59.1	52.4	41.4	50.9
<i>Darwin (TR)</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>2,557</i>	<i>7,329</i>	<i>1,493</i>	<i>52,420</i>	<i>41,979</i>	<i>33,595</i>	<i>127,994</i>	<i>66.1</i>	<i>54.7</i>	<i>42.4</i>	<i>54.4</i>
Alice Springs (T) — Ross	5	545	1,624	349	11,042	7,860	5,235	24,137	65.4	48.1	31.0	48.1
Alice Springs (T) — Stuart	14	795	2,486	321	17,540	14,043	9,966	41,549	71.2	58.9	40.4	56.8
Balance	4	255	769	67	5,548	3,601	2,968	12,117	70.2	47.1	37.5	51.6
<i>Alice Springs (TR)</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>1,595</i>	<i>4,879</i>	<i>737</i>	<i>34,130</i>	<i>25,504</i>	<i>18,169</i>	<i>77,803</i>	<i>69.0</i>	<i>53.3</i>	<i>36.7</i>	<i>53.0</i>
Northern Territory Tourism Regions — Balance	31	1,889	5,692	874	35,280	31,909	20,232	87,421	60.2	56.3	34.5	50.3
<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>6,041</i>	<i>17,900</i>	<i>3,104</i>	<i>121,830</i>	<i>99,392</i>	<i>71,996</i>	<i>293,218</i>	<i>65.1</i>	<i>54.8</i>	<i>38.4</i>	<i>52.8</i>

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

TOURISM REGIONS AND SELECTED STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS, NORTHERN TERRITORY, DECEMBER QUARTER 1998 (a)

<i>Guest nights</i>				<i>Guest arrivals</i>				<i>Takings from accommodation (\$'000)</i>			
<i>Oct.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Dec. qtr</i>	<i>Oct.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Dec. qtr</i>	<i>Oct.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Dec. qtr</i>
74,786	54,860	48,199	177,845	30,061	22,781	19,642	72,484	4,379	3,240	2,472	10,091
10,451	8,270	7,597	26,318	3,847	3,113	3,344	10,304	486	403	358	1,248
85,237	63,130	55,796	204,163	33,908	25,894	22,986	82,788	4,865	3,643	2,830	11,339
20,335	13,118	8,795	42,248	11,849	9,646	6,125	27,620	996	655	447	2,098
31,866	23,176	16,570	71,612	16,339	13,253	10,184	39,776	1,532	1,118	734	3,384
11,901	6,774	5,642	24,317	5,981	3,764	3,158	12,903	268	161	162	591
64,102	43,068	31,007	138,177	34,169	26,663	19,467	80,299	2,795	1,934	1,344	6,073
68,218	58,564	38,791	165,573	43,921	36,737	25,562	106,220	5,157	4,749	2,725	12,630
217,557	164,762	125,594	507,913	111,998	89,294	68,015	269,307	12,817	10,326	6,898	30,042

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This data service contains data for the Northern Territory from the ABS quarterly Survey of Tourist Accommodation (STA). Survey results for all States and Territories and Australia are published in Tourist Accommodation, Australia (Cat. no. 8635.0).

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

2 For the Northern Territory, the survey includes the following categories of establishments:

- Establishments which provide predominantly short-term non-residential accommodation to the general public. These include:
 - ◆ *Hotels and resorts with facilities*—establishments with five or more rooms which are 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 with five or more rooms which are 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 with five or more units 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;
 - ◆ *Holiday flats, units and houses*—establishments (excluding those predominantly operated on a time share basis) 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. These establishments are mainly self-contained in terms of cooking, bath (or shower) and toilet facilities, but do not satisfy all the criteria required for serviced apartments. Data for holiday flats, units and houses include short-term owner occupation as well as paying guest occupation.
 - ◆ *Visitor hostels* which provide accommodation to visitors on a bed basis (rather than by the room). This category does not include establishments providing charity type accommodation (e.g. Salvation Army hostels) nor hotels, motels and guest houses without in-room facilities which provide accommodation on a per room basis.
- *Caravan parks* which provide either short-term (i.e. for periods of less than two months) or long-term accommodation to the general public and which provide powered sites for caravans and toilet, shower and laundry facilities for guests.

3 Data for each type of establishment (other than holiday flats, units and houses) include both long-term and short-term guests at these establishments.

4 Establishments which provide more than one type of accommodation (e.g. a motel with attached caravan park) are treated as two or more separate establishments. However, self-contained units, flats, cabins, etc. attached to hotels, motels or to caravan parks are included in the capacity for those establishments and not treated as separate holiday flat, unit or house establishments.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

5 The scope of the survey has changed significantly since the December quarter 1997, for which Northern Territory results were published in *Tourist Accommodation, Northern Territory* (Cat. no. 8635.7). Following an agreement with the Northern Territory Tourist Commission, the survey scope for the Northern Territory (as described above) is different to the survey scope for other States and Territories, which comprises only licensed hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms or units. This data service for the Northern Territory contains tables on the basis of both survey scopes to enable interstate comparisons to be made.

6 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

7 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.

GEOGRAPHICAL CLASSIFICATION

8 Statistics presented in this publication have been classified according to the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC), Edition 1998. The spatial units of the main structure of the ASGC used in this publication are defined as follows.

- Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) are legal Local Government Areas or parts thereof which add, without gaps or overlaps, to;
- Statistical Subdivisions (SSDs) which in turn add, without gaps or overlaps, to;
- Statistical Divisions (SDs) which in turn add, without gaps or overlaps, to The Northern Territory.

For more detailed information, refer to the ASGC (1216.0).

9 From the March quarter 1998, survey results are also aggregated to Tourism Regions as defined by relevant State and Territory Tourist Commissions or equivalent organisations. Details of the composition of Tourism Regions, including a map, follow.

FUTURE COLLECTION STRATEGY

10 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.

11 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). These counts are expected to be published annually in the December quarter issue of *Tourism Indicators, Australia* (Cat. no. 8634.0).

12 Some units will have been reclassified following the implementation of the new survey scope and definitions.

UNPUBLISHED STATISTICS

13 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.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

14 Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

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Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia (Cat. no. 3401.0) (issued monthly)

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15 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

16 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
(SD)	Statistical Division
(SSD)	Statistical Subdivision
(T)	Town
(TR)	Tourism Region

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 and serviced apartments, by dividing <i>Guest nights</i> by <i>Guest arrivals</i>; and ▪ for holiday flats, units and houses, 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.
Caravan park capacity	The total number of <i>On-site vans</i> , <i>Other powered sites</i> , <i>Unpowered sites</i> and <i>Cabins</i> , etc.
Establishments	For hotels, motels and guest houses and serviced apartments, caravan parks and visitor hostels, 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.
Guest arrivals	The total number of paying guests counted only on the first night they stayed at the accommodation establishment during the survey period.
Guest rooms	The maximum number of rooms available at each establishment during the survey period for accommodating short-term paying guests. Units and apartments within serviced apartments are treated as rooms in these survey results.
Letting entities	For holiday flats, units and houses, the number of owners, managers or real estate agents within the scope of the survey who operated for any part of the survey period.
Occupancy	<p>Occupancy in terms of <i>Room nights</i>, <i>Unit nights</i> or <i>Site nights</i> refers to the total number of nights each guest room, unit or caravan park site was occupied during the survey period.</p> <p>Occupancy in terms of <i>Guest nights</i> refers to the total number of paying guests counted on each night they stayed at the accommodation establishment 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>
Other sites permanently reserved	The total number of powered and unpowered sites, on-site vans and cabins, etc. continuously let for two months or more by the end of the survey period to tenants who occupy the sites on a casual or sporadic basis.

GLOSSARY *continued*

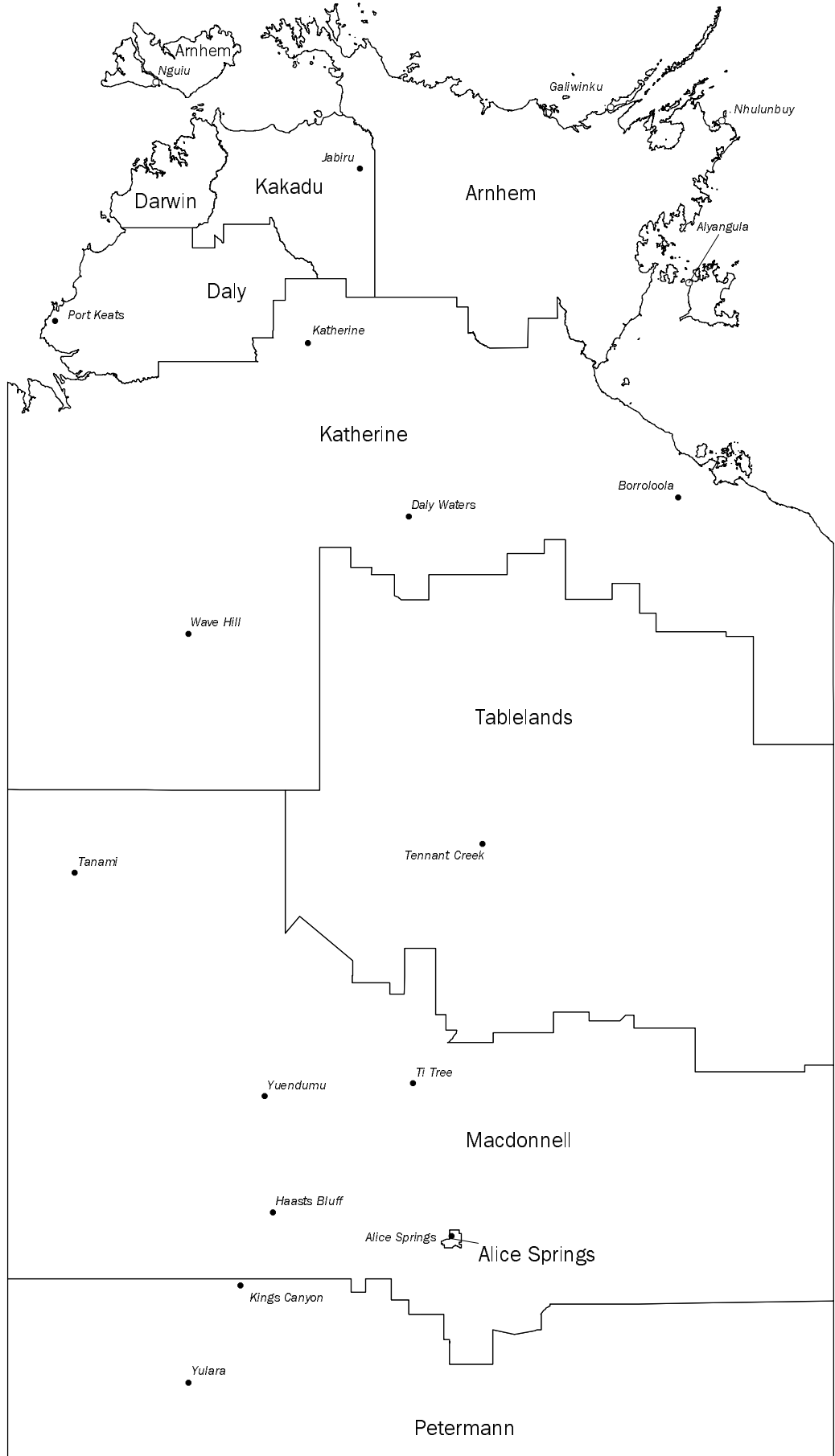
- Persons employed** The total number of persons working at each accommodation establishment at the end of the survey period (including working proprietors and those working on other than accommodation activities).
- Room nights available** The number of guest rooms/units available multiplied by the 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.
- Sites occupied by long-term guests** The total number of sites, etc. occupied at the end of the survey period by guests who have stayed continuously for two months or more.
- Star grading** The grading of hotels, motels and guest houses 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 *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 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. Rental and storage fees paid to caravan parks for the keeping of private vans in parks are included in the takings of the month they are received.
- Unit lettings** The total number of times a holiday flat, unit or house was occupied by a new tenant, counted only on the first night it was occupied by the new tenant.

COMPOSITION OF TOURISM REGIONS

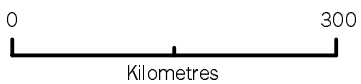
CONCORDANCE BETWEEN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (SLAs) OF THE AUSTRALIAN STANDARD GEOGRAPHIC CLASSIFICATION (1998 EDITION) AND TOURISM REGIONS

NORTHERN TERRITORY

	SLA code		SLA code
Darwin		Kakadu	
Coomalie (CGC)	710050700	Jabiru (T)	710152000
Cox-Finiss	710050759	South Alligator	710153309
Darwin (C)		Arnhem	
Alawa	705051004	Bathurst-Melville	710100609
Anula	705051008	East Arnhem - Bal	710251209
Brinkin	705051014	Groote Eylandt	710251609
City - Inner	705051018	Nhulunbuy	710252409
City - Remainder	705051138	West Arnhem	710154809
Coconut Grove	705051024	Katherine	
Fannie Bay	705051028	Elsy - Bal	710301409
Jingili	705051034	Gulf	710301809
Karama	705051038	Katherine (T)	710302200
Larrakeyah	705051044	Victoria	710304409
Leanyer	705051048	Tablelands	
Lee Point-Leanyer Swamp	705051052	Tableland	710353409
Ludmilla	705051054	Tennant Creek (T)	710353800
Malak	705051058	Tennant Creek - Bal	710354009
Marrara	705051064	Petermann	
Millner	705051068	Petermann	710403009
Moil	705051074	Alice Springs	
Nakara	705051078	Alice Springs (T) - Charles	710400201
Narrows	705051084	Alice Springs (T) - Heavitree	710400203
Nightcliff	705051088	Alice Springs (T) - Larapinta	710400205
Parap	705051094	Alice Springs (T) - Ross	710400207
Rapid Creek	705051098	Alice Springs (T) - Stuart	710400208
Stuart Park	705051104	MacDonnell	
The Gardens	705051108	Sandover - Bal	710403209
Tiwi	705051114	Tanami	710403609
Wagaman	705051118	Daly	
Wanguri	705051124	Daly	710200809
Winnellie	705051128		
Wulagi	705051134		
Driver	705102804		
East Arm	705101169		
Gray	705102808		
Litchfield (S) - Pt A	710052304		
Litchfield (S) - Pt B	710052308		
Moulden	705102814		
Palmerston (T) Bal	705102824		
Woodroffe	705102818		



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