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Preface

As each year passes, more and more emphasis is placed on the provision of client tailored information solutions to support informed decision making, research and discussion within governments and the community generally. This has resulted in a proliferation of ways and means of presenting statistical information and an increased need for the Australian Bureau of Statistics to spend more time with clients, understanding their requirements and working together to achieve the best solution.

In parallel with the above, and as a consequence of developments in technology, there has evolved an increasing demand for greater consistency between data collection agencies, so that the most effective information solution can be achieved. The Australian Bureau of Statistics is spending proportionally more time attempting to achieve such consistency through the development of suitable statistical classifications, better co-ordination of government statistical activities and the promotion of statistical standards.

The above fields of endeavour presently attract a high priority. At the same time, the national and individual State year books continue to be very popular general references to key economic and social statistics. They provide a valuable gateway to the extensive data holdings of the ABS, and in some cases other organisations.

The *Victorian Year Book* has provided a gateway to information about Victoria since 1873. In its own right it represents an authoritative statistical record of Victoria's development.

Year Books are not easy to produce. They represent a lot of effort by the various respondents to censuses and surveys, the people who process and collate the information and the people involved in the preparation of the final product. I wish to thank all these contributors for their part in enabling this *Year Book* to be produced.

I have much pleasure in introducing the 1992 edition of the *Victorian Year Book*. I wish to remind readers that the Australian Bureau of Statistics also produces the ABS Catalogue of Publications and Products (Catalogue 1101.0), which will be of assistance when seeking further statistical information.

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General Information

Symbols	The following symbols mean: <ul style="list-style-type: none">cr. creditdr. debitn.a. not availablen.e.c. not elsewhere classifiedn.e.i. not elsewhere includedn.e.s. not elsewhere specifiedn.p. not available for publication, but included in totals where applicablen.y.a. not yet availablep preliminary - figure or series subject to revisionr figure or series revised since previous issue.. not applicable- nil or rounded down to zero— break in continuity of series (where a line is drawn across a column between two consecutive figures)* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes M, males; F, females; T, total
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Yearly periods shown as, e.g. 1990 refer to the year ended 31 December 1990. Those shown as, e.g. 1989-90 refer to the year ended 30 June 1990. Other yearly periods are specifically indicated.

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