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SALES OF GOODS AND SERVICES BY BUSINESSES INVOLVED IN WATER RELATED ACTIVITY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1992-93 AND 1993-94

MAIN FEATURES

Results from the 1993-94 survey of businesses involved in water related activities in South Australia indicate that:

- Total sales of goods and services, at constant prices, of all businesses participating in water, sewerage and drainage related activities for 1993-94 showed a decrease of 0.3% compared with 1992-93 data.
- Sales of goods and services, at constant prices, to overseas and interstate destinations, decreased by 2.2% over the 1993-94 financial year when compared with 1992-93.

TABLE 1. SALES OF GOODS AND SERVICES BY BUSINESSES INVOLVED IN WATER RELATED ACTIVITY, AT 1992-93 PRICES

	Sales \$m 1992-93 \$m	Sales \$m 1993-94 \$m	Change in Sales per cent
Overseas sales	40.7	32.4	-20.4
Interstate sales	154.4	158.4	2.6
Sales interstate and overseas	195.2	190.8	-2.2
Total sales of businesses trading overseas/interstate	387.6	344.6	-11.1
Total sales of goods and services	556.9	555.0	-0.3
Sales interstate and overseas as a percentage of total sales of businesses trading overseas/interstate	10.0

TABLE 2. ESTABLISHMENTS AND EMPLOYMENT OF BUSINESSES INVOLVED IN WATER RELATED ACTIVITY

	No. of Establishments 1992-93	No. of Establishments 1993-94	Change in No. of Establishments per cent	Employment 1992-93	Employment 1993-94	Change in Employment per cent
Businesses trading overseas	44	58	31.8	2,322	2,337	0.6
Businesses trading interstate	71	74	4.2	3,065	2,979	-2.8
Businesses trading overseas/interstate (a)	73	75	2.7	3,089	3,003	-2.8
All businesses involved in water related activity	127	136	7.1	4,185	4,294	2.6

(a) This is not the sum of employment or establishments trading interstate and overseas. Some businesses may trade both interstate and overseas.

INQUIRIES

- for more information about statistics in this publication and the availability of related unpublished statistics, contact Gary Niedorfer on Adelaide (08) 237 7379 or any ABS Office.
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains statistics relating to the sales of goods and services for South Australian businesses participating in or intending to participate in the water, sewerage and drainage related activities of South Australia. The data contained in this publication may be subject to revision.

Source of Data

2. These statistics are compiled from the ABS survey entitled 'Survey of Businesses involved in Water Related Activities in South Australia' conducted in June 1995.

Statistical Unit

3. The survey uses the establishment as the statistical unit for which data are reported. The establishment is defined as the smallest organisational unit within a business within a State or Territory for which annual details of income, expenses, stocks and employment are maintained. In most cases an establishment equates to a single business location.

Scope

4. Businesses involved in water related activities are defined as those business establishments resident in South Australia identified as participating in or intending to participate in the provision of goods and/or services to water supply, sewerage and drainage services within South Australia, interstate or overseas.

Methodology

5. Data are collected for South Australian operations of each establishment. Businesses which operated in more than one State are asked to provide financial details for South Australian establishments only.

Valuation

6. Data are collected on an accrual accounting basis. Accrual accounting records flows at the time economic value is created, transformed, exchanged, transferred or extinguished. Flows which imply a change of ownership are recorded when ownership passes. It incorporates transactions which do not involve a cash outlay, for example, depreciation expense.

7. Transactions are reported on a gross basis: that is, the total value of goods and services supplied are recorded even if they are settled on a net basis.

Constant Price Estimates

8. Constant price estimates measure changes in value after the direct effects of price changes have been eliminated. Implicit price deflators (IPDs) are used to revalue current price estimates to constant price estimates.

9. Implicit price deflators are derived by dividing seasonally adjusted and trend current price estimates by the corresponding constant price estimates. The IPDs used to calculate constant price estimates for this survey are the

Export IPD and the Gross Non-farm Product IPD for Australia.

Sales of Goods and Services Overseas

10. Sales of goods and services from South Australia to overseas destinations cover all movable goods which subtract from South Australia's stock of material resources, plus all services which are provided as a result of work won by South Australian located businesses. Goods in transit as well as repair trade are excluded.

11. Sales of goods and services overseas are valued free on board (f.o.b.) at the port of shipment in Australian dollars (\$A).

Sales of Goods and Services Interstate

12. Sales of goods and services interstate comprises receipts derived from the sales of goods and services by South Australian businesses to interstate customers in the ordinary course of business.

13. The sale or movement of goods and services to interstate branches and parent or subsidiary companies are included. Goods in transit as well as repair trade are excluded.

Total Sales

14. Total sales comprise the sum of sales of goods and services by South Australian establishments within (a) South Australia, (b) interstate and (c) overseas.

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

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