



OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, AUSTRALIA MARCH 1985

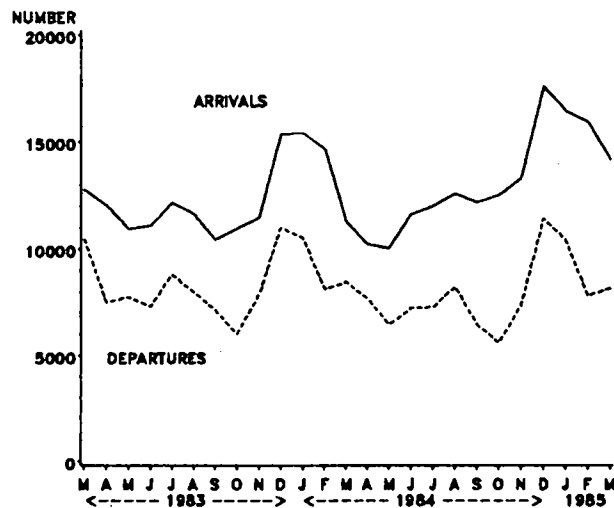
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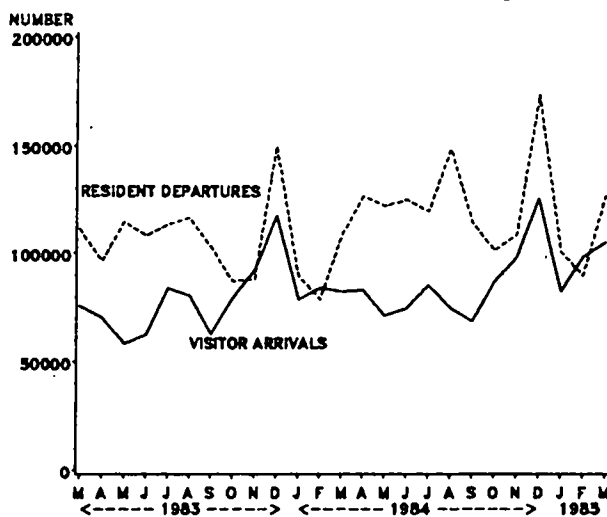
MAIN FEATURES

Permanent and long-term movements



In March 1985 there were 14,170 permanent and long-term arrivals, 26% more than in March 1984 (11,290). The number of permanent and long-term departures was 8,150, 3% fewer than in March 1984 (8,430).

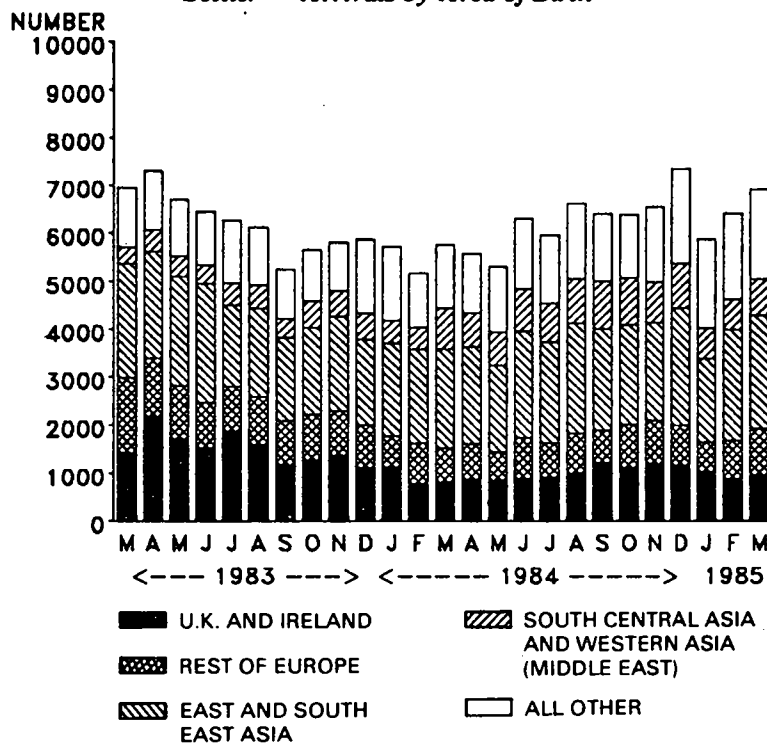
Short-term visitor arrivals and resident departures



In March 1985 there were 105,400 short-term visitor arrivals, an increase of 28% over March 1984 (82,400). The major countries from which short-term visitors arrived were the United Kingdom (20,200, an increase of 41% over March 1984), the U.S.A. (18,200, 12% increase), New Zealand (16,700, 18% increase) and Japan (11,200, 35% increase).

126,800 short-term resident departures were recorded for March 1985, 16% higher than the 108,800 recorded in March 1984. The largest increases were recorded in travel to New Zealand (36%), the United Kingdom (16%), Hong Kong (26%) and Indonesia (25%).

Settler — Arrivals by Area of Birth



6,930 settler arrivals were recorded in March 1985, 20% more than in March 1984 (5,750). This continues the increase in settler arrivals recorded each month since July 1984, compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. Increases in settler arrivals for March 1985 compared with March 1984 figures were recorded for all continents except Africa (-6%). Oceania (81%), Europe (25%) and America (18%) recorded the highest increases.

Settlers born in Asia increased 8% over the number for March 1984 and totalled 3,140 (45% of all settlers).

Included in this category are 320 settlers born in Western Asia (Middle East). Settlers born in Europe increased 25% and numbered 1,920 (28% of all settlers) of whom 950 were born in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This series of publications contains the latest available statistics of overseas arrivals and departures in summary form. The new data in this issue are statistics for March 1985. More detailed statistics are available in the quarterly and annual publications, *Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia* (3402.0 and 3404.0).

Scope

2. The statistics in this publication relate to the number of movements rather than the number of travellers (i.e. the multiple movements of individual persons during a given reference period are each counted separately). However, the statistics exclude the movements of operational air crew and ships' crew, transit passengers who pass through Australia but are not cleared for entry, and passengers on pleasure cruises commencing and finishing in Australia aboard ships not then engaged on regular voyages.

Definitions

Category of movement

3. Category of movement is primarily determined by the traveller's selection of his or her own category on the passenger card. This selection is accepted provided it is consistent with other information on the card.

Permanent movement

4. Permanent movement comprises arrivals of settlers (i.e. persons who hold migrant visas, regardless of stated intended period of stay), New Zealand citizens who indicate an intention to settle and those who are otherwise eligible to settle (e.g. overseas born children of Australian citizens), and permanent departures of Australian residents, including former residents (i.e. those who on departure state they do not intend to return to Australia). This definition of settlers is now identical to that used by the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs. Previously the definition of settlers used by the ABS was the stated intention of the traveller only. Numerically the effect of the change in definition is insignificant, and the

change was made to avoid the confusion caused by minor differences between data on settlers published separately by ABS and the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs.

Long-term movement

5. Long-term movement is defined as the arrivals of visitors (except those who hold migrant visas — see paragraph 4 above) and the temporary departures by Australian residents with the intention to stay, in Australia or abroad respectively, for twelve months or more, together with the departure of visitors and the return of Australian residents who had stayed, in Australia or abroad, for twelve months or more.

Short-term movement

6. Movements of travellers whose intended or actual period of stay is less than twelve months are classified as short-term, except those who on arrival hold migrant visas (see paragraph 4 above).

Country of birth or residence

7. The grouping of countries into regions in Asia in Table 2 is based on United Nations' classification of world regions. Applying this classification, the region which includes most 'middle east' countries is included in Asia and is called 'Western Asia (Middle East)'. The Appendix to this publication contains a detailed list of countries included in the various regions of Asia.

8. Statistics on country of birth or residence have certain limitations because of inadequate reporting on passenger cards. For instance, it is not possible to make a distinction between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, (for the tables in this publication 'Ireland' refers to 'The Republic of Ireland' plus 'Ireland, undefined'), or to separately identify England, Scotland and Wales. Similarly 'Germany' could refer to the Federal Republic or to the Democratic Republic.

Estimation Method

9. Overseas arrival and departure statistics are derived from a combination of full enumeration and sampling. Fully enumerated strata cover all movements by sea regardless of duration of stay, all permanent movements and all movements with a duration of stay of one year or more. All movements by air with a duration of stay of less than one year are sampled and statistics relating to these movements are therefore estimates which may differ from statistics which would have been obtained if details of all these movements had been processed.

10. The statistics in this publication have been rounded to a level consistent with their general validity. The sums of the components may not add exactly to totals, due to rounding.

Corrections and imputations

11. The imprecision due to sampling errors should not be confused with errors arising from imperfections in reporting, which may occur in any data collection,

whether sampled or not. Every effort is made to minimise such errors, both through careful design of the passenger cards and through checks on the information once it is received. During the edit process some items are corrected where they conflict with other known information. Missing replies to certain items such as age and country of birth are also imputed by reference to other related items.

12. Errors of this kind differ from discrepancies arising from the fact that certain information reflects the travellers intentions, or in the case of settler arrivals the fact that the traveller holds a migrant visa, at the time the cards were completed. These intentions are of course subject to change. The items particularly affected by such discrepancies are the distinction between permanent and temporary movement and in the latter case, length of intended stay, country in which most time will be spent and purpose of journey.

Related publications

13. Comprehensive definitions and explanations, and detailed data for three and twelve monthly periods, are contained in *Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia* (3402.0 and 3404.0). Some additional unpublished information in various forms can be made available on request.

14. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

— nil or rounded to zero.

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TABLE 1. OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES — SUMMARY

Period	Permanent arrivals	Arrivals of residents returning after—		Arrivals of visitors for—		Total arrivals
		Long-term	Short-term	Long-term	Short-term	
<i>Year ended 31 December—</i>						
1982	107,170	53,770	1,259,600	34,270	954,700	2,409,500
1983	78,390	47,810	1,219,700	27,380	943,900	2,317,100
1984	73,110	51,550	1,374,700	28,870	1,015,100	2,543,300
<i>1984—</i>						
January	5,720	5,210	160,200	4,450	78,700	254,200
February	5,170	3,650	88,700	5,810	84,500	187,900
March	5,750	3,180	83,900	2,360	82,400	177,600
April	5,570	3,130	94,100	1,550	83,300	187,600
May	5,300	2,940	113,900	1,820	71,500	195,500
June	6,300	3,620	100,300	1,730	74,700	186,600
July	5,950	4,120	115,500	1,950	85,500	213,000
August	6,630	4,120	118,600	1,860	75,100	206,300
September	6,410	3,780	158,600	1,990	68,700	239,400
October	6,390	4,310	139,800	1,840	86,800	239,100
November	6,560	5,130	112,600	1,650	98,300	224,300
December	7,350	8,350	88,400	1,860	125,700	231,700
<i>1985—</i>						
January	5,870	5,490	182,000	5,080	82,600	281,000
February	6,400	3,890	106,500	5,650	98,800	221,200
March	6,930	3,920	100,500	3,320	105,400	220,100

Period	Permanent departures	Departures of residents for—		Departures of visitors after—		Total departures
		Long-term	Short-term	Long-term	Short-term	
<i>Year ended 31 December—</i>						
1982	22,490	46,890	1,286,900	22,960	921,500	2,300,700
1983	25,870	48,180	1,253,000	26,460	928,900	2,282,400
1984	22,310	50,780	1,418,600	23,270	985,800	2,500,800
<i>1984—</i>						
January	1,940	6,320	90,100	2,240	108,600	209,200
February	1,970	4,520	78,800	1,610	85,800	172,700
March	2,150	4,430	108,800	1,850	86,700	203,900
April	2,010	4,010	126,300	1,620	84,000	217,900
May	1,890	4,520	122,000	1,750	86,000	216,200
June	1,710	3,790	125,100	1,720	64,400	196,800
July	1,650	4,060	119,600	1,560	71,900	198,800
August	1,910	4,590	148,800	1,730	85,400	242,400
September	1,500	3,660	114,600	1,300	69,200	190,200
October	1,560	2,870	101,600	1,150	73,500	180,600
November	1,760	3,480	108,800	2,120	88,500	204,700
December	2,270	4,530	174,100	4,630	81,700	267,300
<i>1985—</i>						
January	1,770	6,520	101,100	2,160	110,800	222,400
February	1,690	4,600	89,900	1,500	92,100	189,800
March	1,740	4,700	126,800	1,710	108,800	243,700

TABLE 2. PERMANENT (SETTLER) ARRIVALS: COUNTRY OF BIRTH

Country of birth (Summary)	Quarter ended 31 March		Year ended 31 December		Month of—			
					February		March	
	1984	1985	1983	1984	1984	1985	1984	1985
Africa	930	800	4,340	3,290	260	240	310	290
America	940	1,570	4,020	5,580	240	610	380	450
Asia(a)—								
East and South East Asia	5,940	6,420	24,350	25,090	1,950	2,310	2,050	2,370
South Central Asia	980	1,140	3,280	5,350	260	320	460	450
Western Asia (Middle East)	810	920	2,080	4,310	200	320	400	320
Total Asia	7,740	8,480	29,700	34,750	2,410	2,960	2,910	3,140
Europe—								
U.K. and Ireland	2,680	2,820	19,630	11,750	770	860	800	950
Other Europe	2,230	2,360	13,760	9,330	850	770	730	970
Total Europe	4,910	5,180	33,360	21,070	1,620	1,630	1,530	1,920
Oceania—								
New Zealand	1,720	2,730	5,320	6,850	510	820	510	1,010
Other Oceania	420	430	1,650	1,570	140	140	120	130
Total Oceania	2,130	3,160	6,950	8,420	640	960	630	1,140
At sea and not stated	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—
Total	16,640	19,200	78,390	73,110	5,170	6,400	5,750	6,930

(a) For a detailed composition of the regions of Asia, refer to the Appendix to this publication.

**TABLE 3. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS
SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS**

	Quarter ended		Year ended		Month of—			
	31 March		31 December		February		March	
	1984	1985	1983	1984	1984	1985	1984	1985
<i>Intended length of stay</i>								
Under 1 week	60,900	75,100	202,600	230,500	21,800	27,600	21,600	28,100
1 and under 2 weeks	45,200	52,700	176,400	199,100	17,200	19,700	16,700	20,700
2 weeks and under 1 month	48,600	56,100	221,600	230,100	16,200	17,900	16,900	22,100
1 and under 2 months	38,100	41,600	158,500	156,900	11,900	13,300	12,500	15,600
2 and under 3 months	16,000	17,900	57,300	61,800	5,200	5,500	5,000	6,100
3 and under 6 months	16,600	18,300	64,100	65,900	4,800	5,900	4,900	5,600
6 and under 12 months	17,800	22,100	55,500	62,000	6,500	8,000	4,000	6,100
Not stated	2,200	3,000	8,000	8,900	800	1,000	700	1,100
<i>Purpose of journey</i>								
In transit	17,900	21,800	62,300	64,400	5,900	7,700	6,000	7,300
Attending convention	4,200	2,900	16,700	19,400	1,700	800	1,800	1,600
Business	34,600	39,600	123,800	140,000	13,400	14,400	13,000	16,100
Accompanying business traveller	3,500	3,900	12,200	13,900	1,200	1,200	1,100	1,300
Visiting relatives	59,300	67,000	268,200	270,500	16,900	19,400	19,800	26,200
Holiday	104,200	124,400	396,100	435,600	36,900	45,000	35,200	45,700
Employment	3,400	4,700	11,600	12,400	1,000	1,500	1,100	1,500
Education	8,800	9,800	17,500	18,400	4,100	4,600	1,200	1,700
Other and not stated	9,700	12,700	35,600	40,400	3,400	4,200	3,200	4,100
<i>Country of residence</i>								
AFRICA—								
South Africa	2,600	2,300	11,400	10,600	700	700	1,000	1,000
Other	1,500	1,500	5,800	6,500	500	400	500	600
<i>Total Africa</i>	<i>4,000</i>	<i>3,800</i>	<i>17,200</i>	<i>17,100</i>	<i>1,300</i>	<i>1,100</i>	<i>1,400</i>	<i>1,600</i>
AMERICA—								
Canada	11,100	12,100	33,000	34,500	4,000	3,900	3,400	4,100
U.S.A.	42,100	47,600	140,000	160,400	14,500	16,600	16,300	18,200
Other	1,500	1,800	5,100	5,800	400	500	600	600
<i>Total America</i>	<i>54,800</i>	<i>61,400</i>	<i>178,000</i>	<i>200,800</i>	<i>18,900</i>	<i>21,000</i>	<i>20,300</i>	<i>22,900</i>
ASIA—								
Hong Kong	5,600	7,000	20,900	21,200	2,700	3,600	1,300	2,000
India	1,200	1,800	5,400	5,900	400	700	400	600
Indonesia	3,100	3,800	13,300	14,200	1,100	1,300	1,000	1,300
Japan	23,200	30,200	71,800	87,900	8,700	11,500	8,300	11,200
Malaysia	7,600	9,200	27,700	29,300	3,700	4,200	2,000	3,000
Philippines	1,800	2,400	6,700	8,300	600	900	800	900
Singapore	6,800	8,300	29,700	33,000	2,800	3,600	2,300	2,800
Thailand	1,300	1,400	5,000	5,400	500	600	500	500
Other	6,600	9,200	23,900	29,500	2,900	3,200	2,000	3,500
<i>Total Asia</i>	<i>57,300</i>	<i>73,300</i>	<i>204,500</i>	<i>234,600</i>	<i>23,500</i>	<i>29,800</i>	<i>18,600</i>	<i>26,000</i>
EUROPE—								
France	2,600	2,500	10,000	11,200	900	900	900	800
Germany(a)	10,200	11,600	34,600	34,200	4,000	4,700	3,100	4,000
Greece	800	1,600	4,200	5,000	300	600	200	500
Ireland(b)	1,200	1,400	5,000	4,000	300	500	400	600
Italy	2,800	3,300	12,000	13,400	900	1,300	900	1,000
Netherlands	4,100	5,200	14,900	14,100	1,300	1,600	1,100	1,400
Switzerland	3,500	3,900	11,600	12,500	1,300	1,500	1,000	1,100
United Kingdom	44,200	49,600	147,700	145,500	12,400	14,300	14,300	20,200
Yugoslavia	1,100	1,300	3,900	4,700	400	500	200	400
Other	7,300	9,200	24,200	28,800	2,700	3,300	2,100	3,200
<i>Total Europe</i>	<i>78,000</i>	<i>89,500</i>	<i>268,100</i>	<i>273,500</i>	<i>24,500</i>	<i>29,200</i>	<i>24,300</i>	<i>33,200</i>
OCEANIA—								
Fiji	2,700	3,000	9,400	9,700	1,000	1,100	700	1,000
New Caledonia	2,700	2,700	8,500	7,400	900	800	500	800
New Zealand	37,000	41,700	225,000	234,400	11,800	12,400	14,100	16,700
Papua New Guinea	6,000	7,100	23,000	23,700	1,600	1,900	1,500	1,900
Other	2,500	3,100	7,900	10,900	900	1,100	800	1,000
<i>Total Oceania</i>	<i>50,900</i>	<i>57,500</i>	<i>273,800</i>	<i>286,200</i>	<i>16,200</i>	<i>17,400</i>	<i>17,500</i>	<i>21,400</i>
Not stated	600	1,100	2,200	2,900	200	300	200	300
Total	245,600	286,800	943,900	1,015,100	84,500	98,800	82,400	105,400

(a) Comprises the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany. (b) Includes Republic of Ireland and Ireland, undefined.

**TABLE 4. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : DEPARTURES OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS
SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS**

	Quarter ended		Year ended		Month of—			
	31 March		31 December		February		March	
	1984	1985	1983	1984	1984	1985	1984	1985
<i>Intended length of stay</i>								
Under 1 week	14,000	14,900	58,000	62,800	4,900	5,400	5,800	6,300
1 and under 2 weeks	61,400	70,300	252,400	296,700	16,700	19,600	22,700	25,900
2 weeks and under 1 month	95,800	117,300	405,900	448,900	26,300	32,600	34,200	43,900
1 and under 2 months	41,000	46,300	233,900	255,900	12,200	13,800	16,200	18,400
2 and under 3 months	17,600	19,300	108,600	135,200	4,800	5,200	8,600	9,100
3 and under 6 months	19,000	19,700	101,100	119,500	5,200	4,700	10,300	11,400
6 and under 12 months	25,800	26,600	77,200	84,200	7,800	7,800	9,900	10,700
Not stated	3,100	3,500	16,000	15,500	800	800	1,200	1,200
<i>Purpose of journey</i>								
Attending convention	5,800	6,500	27,000	30,900	1,900	2,200	2,700	3,000
Business	40,600	40,500	148,900	174,300	14,000	13,000	15,500	16,200
Accompanying business traveller	5,600	5,900	21,200	23,400	1,400	1,800	2,000	1,900
Visiting relatives	46,200	50,300	236,600	265,000	14,000	15,900	19,100	21,200
Holiday	159,500	193,500	737,800	837,200	41,600	51,300	63,300	77,300
Employment	6,000	6,000	19,900	20,600	1,500	1,800	1,800	1,700
Education	2,900	2,900	11,500	12,600	900	700	500	900
Other and not stated	11,200	12,200	50,000	54,700	3,500	3,200	4,000	4,600
<i>Country in which most time will be spent</i>								
AFRICA—								
South Africa	1,700	1,900	7,000	7,800	500	500	500	900
Other	1,800	1,500	7,300	8,900	400	600	700	500
<i>Total Africa</i>	<i>3,400</i>	<i>3,400</i>	<i>14,300</i>	<i>16,700</i>	<i>900</i>	<i>1,100</i>	<i>1,200</i>	<i>1,300</i>
AMERICA—								
Canada	2,000	2,300	14,300	15,800	600	600	1,000	1,100
U.S.A.	28,400	30,700	137,700	140,600	8,500	8,700	12,900	12,800
Other	3,600	4,600	11,800	17,600	1,300	1,500	1,500	1,600
<i>Total America</i>	<i>34,000</i>	<i>37,700</i>	<i>163,800</i>	<i>174,000</i>	<i>10,400</i>	<i>10,700</i>	<i>15,400</i>	<i>15,500</i>
ASIA—								
Hong Kong	20,500	26,600	78,900	96,100	5,100	6,800	8,200	10,300
India	3,600	3,400	12,800	14,400	1,100	700	1,000	1,400
Indonesia	19,900	21,200	80,200	87,900	5,200	5,600	5,900	7,400
Japan	4,400	5,300	24,300	26,300	1,000	1,000	2,100	3,000
Malaysia	8,700	10,000	38,900	38,700	2,200	2,500	2,500	3,300
Philippines	5,600	6,800	26,200	26,700	1,800	2,000	1,800	2,200
Singapore	12,300	15,300	54,900	61,300	3,100	3,900	4,000	5,400
Thailand	4,700	6,100	16,900	19,800	1,100	1,300	1,800	2,300
Other	8,200	14,400	45,400	54,100	2,200	4,600	3,200	4,400
<i>Total Asia</i>	<i>88,000</i>	<i>109,200</i>	<i>378,400</i>	<i>425,400</i>	<i>22,800</i>	<i>28,400</i>	<i>30,500</i>	<i>39,700</i>
EUROPE—								
France	2,400	2,600	9,700	13,000	600	700	900	1,000
Germany(a)	4,200	4,200	18,700	23,300	1,200	1,200	1,900	1,900
Greece	4,100	4,200	25,000	28,500	900	1,100	2,200	2,500
Ireland(b)	800	900	4,000	5,700	300	200	400	500
Italy	5,100	5,700	35,600	39,500	1,400	1,300	2,400	3,000
Netherlands	2,000	1,900	11,200	12,200	500	600	1,000	900
Switzerland	1,500	1,700	5,600	6,600	400	500	500	400
United Kingdom	31,000	34,700	161,500	194,800	8,000	8,600	16,900	19,600
Yugoslavia	1,800	1,500	13,500	15,400	600	300	900	900
Other	5,100	5,400	29,500	36,300	1,500	1,500	2,200	2,200
<i>Total Europe</i>	<i>57,600</i>	<i>62,800</i>	<i>314,300</i>	<i>375,300</i>	<i>15,300</i>	<i>16,000</i>	<i>29,200</i>	<i>32,800</i>
OCEANIA—								
Fiji	17,800	14,900	79,100	88,800	4,800	4,000	6,100	5,100
New Caledonia	4,600	1,300	19,900	24,100	1,000	100	1,800	200
New Zealand	55,800	69,900	211,700	237,200	19,000	24,100	19,300	26,200
Papua New Guinea	6,400	5,800	25,500	26,300	2,000	1,800	2,000	1,800
Other	9,400	10,900	41,300	46,000	2,600	2,900	3,000	3,900
<i>Total Oceania</i>	<i>93,700</i>	<i>103,000</i>	<i>377,400</i>	<i>422,500</i>	<i>29,300</i>	<i>33,000</i>	<i>32,000</i>	<i>37,100</i>
Not stated	800	1,800	4,700	4,700	100	600	400	300
Total	277,700	317,800	1,253,000	1,418,600	78,800	89,900	108,800	126,800

(a) Comprises the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany. (b) Includes Republic of Ireland and Ireland, undefined.

APPENDIX

COMPOSITION OF COMPONENT REGIONS OF ASIA USED IN ABS OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES STATISTICS

(Source: Based on the composition of regions shown on p.42-43 of the United Nations Demographic Year Book, 1983).

EAST AND SOUTH EAST ASIA

EAST ASIA

China
Taiwan Province
Japan
Hong Kong
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of.
Korea, Republic of.
Macau
Mongolia

SOUTH EAST ASIA

Brunei
Burma
East Timor
Indonesia
Kampuchea
Laos
Malaysia
Philippines
Singapore
Thailand
Vietnam

SOUTH CENTRAL ASIA

Afghanistan
Bangladesh
Bhutan
India
Iran
Maldives
Nepal
Pakistan
Sri Lanka

WESTERN ASIA (MIDDLE EAST)

Bahrain
Cyprus
Iraq
Israel
Jordan
Kuwait
Lebanon
Oman
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Syria
Turkey
United Arab Emirates
Yemen, Arab Republic
Yemen, Democratic Republic