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## OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, AUSTRALIA NOVEMBER 1988

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### MAIN FEATURES

The number of overseas movements in November 1988 was 688,000, compared with 613,700 in November 1987, an increase of 12%. There were 357,800 arrivals (10% more than in November 1987) and 330,200 departures (15% more than in November 1987).

#### *Permanent movement*

In November 1988, 13,010 settlers arrived in Australia, compared with 12,970 in November 1987, and 1,610 permanent departures were recorded, 7% more than in November 1987.

#### *Arrivals of visitors for short-term visits*

In November 1988, there were 208,000 arrivals of overseas visitors for short-term visits. This continues the high level of arrivals recorded throughout 1988.

In seasonally adjusted terms, arrivals in November 1988 were 17% higher than in November 1987. Compared with the number of arrivals in the recent past few months, however, the seasonally adjusted number of arrivals has fallen 20% from the peak of 228,000 in September 1988 to 182,200 in November 1988, probably reflecting the conclusion of World Expo 88 in October 1988.

*With the conclusion of World Expo 88 in October 1988 an abrupt dislocation may have occurred in the trend path of the Short-term Overseas Visitor Arrivals series. In these circumstances there are insufficient data available to estimate reliably the current trend movements, therefore the trend estimate for November 1988 is not published. As subsequent data becomes available this situation with regard to estimates of trend movements will be monitored, and will be released when considered reliable.*

#### *Profile of Japanese visitors*

Visitors from Japan increased by 44% from 25,200 in November 1987 to 36,200 in November 1988, well above the increase of all visitors. Japanese visitors are short stayers - with 94% of all visitors staying for less than two weeks, and 47% staying for less than a week.

They predominantly tend to spend their time in the eastern States. New South Wales is the most popular State for Japanese visitors followed by Queensland and Victoria (71%, 19% and 7% respectively in November 1988).

The number of Japanese visitors spending the most time in Queensland has increased by 72% since November 1987 while the number spending the most time in New South Wales has increased by 35% over the same period.

Most Japanese visitors (82%) come to Australia for the purpose of 'holiday' and a further 11% visit for 'Convention, Business or Employment'. The majority of Japanese visitors are young with 54% of arrivals under 30 years of age. For 'holiday' arrivals, this proportion is 60%. The profile of those arriving for the purpose of 'Convention, Business or Employment' is older with 84% over 30 years of age.

#### *Departures of Australian residents for short-term trips abroad*

In November 1988, there were 124,100 departures of Australian residents for short-term overseas trips, 9% more than in November 1987. The trend estimate for resident short-term departures continues to show an increase. The most popular overseas destinations were New Zealand (14%), the U.S.A. (12%), the U.K. and Ireland (10%) and Indonesia (8%). There were 61,200 departures (49%) for the purpose of 'holiday', 26,200 (21%) for 'visiting relatives' and 24,000 (19%) for 'business' purposes.

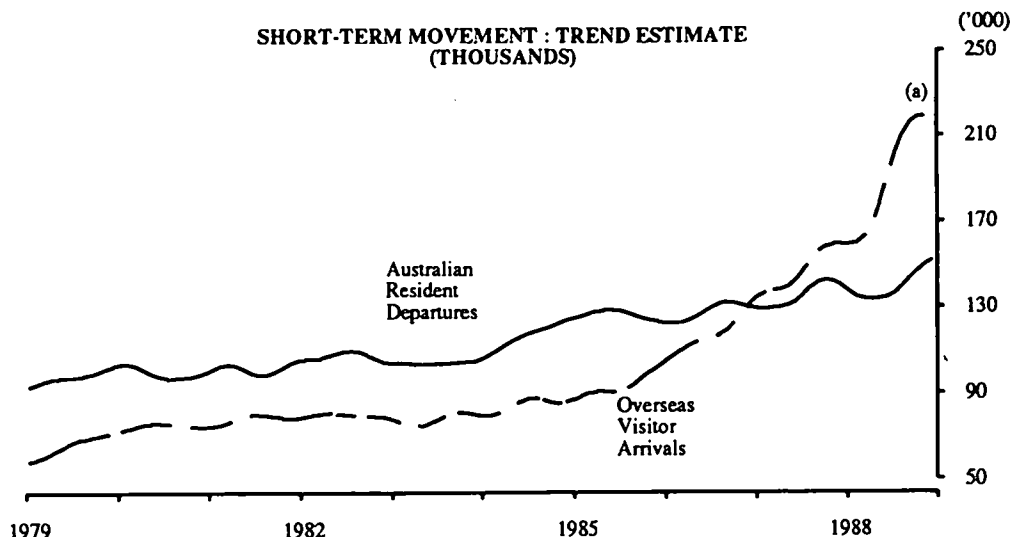


TABLE 1. TOTAL MOVEMENT - ARRIVALS: CATEGORY OF MOVEMENT

Period	Permanent arrivals Settlers	Long-term arrivals		Total permanent and long-term arrivals	Short-term arrivals (a)			Total arrivals (a)	
		Australian residents	Overseas visitors		Australian residents	Overseas visitors (Actual)	Overseas visitors (Seasonally adjusted) estimate (b)		
<i>Year ended 31 December -</i>									
1985	82,000	55,670	34,880	172,550	1,494,700	1,142,600	..	2,809,900	
1986	103,330	55,870	38,130	197,320	1,513,200	1,429,400	..	3,139,900	
1987	128,290	54,030	39,940	222,260	1,586,300	1,784,900	..	3,593,500	
<i>1987 -</i>									
August	11,110	4,010	3,060	18,180	149,100	140,400	157,700	156,000	307,700
September	11,860	3,730	2,770	18,350	156,800	128,000	164,900	158,300	303,100
October	11,540	4,440	3,160	19,140	183,800	165,700	158,300	159,300	368,600
November	12,970	5,410	2,520	20,910	122,600	183,100	154,900	159,500	326,600
December	11,860	8,410	2,520	22,780	88,500	222,800	159,900	159,300	334,100
<i>1988 -</i>									
January	14,160	5,570	7,330	27,050	196,400	161,300	162,900	160,000	384,800
February	11,840	3,910	6,430	22,170	112,200	180,400	160,400	162,900	314,800
March	12,780	3,860	3,960	20,590	107,600	185,200	171,000	168,700	313,400
April	12,580	3,450	3,300	19,320	121,000	160,500	169,700	178,300	300,800
May	11,470	3,380	2,640	17,490	104,000	157,100	185,200	189,800	278,600
June	11,380	4,190	3,060	18,630	118,800	163,800	206,600	201,100	301,200
July	12,490	4,640	4,090	21,220	162,400	203,300	212,400	210,000	386,900
August	13,560	3,910	3,220	20,690	136,900	196,900	227,800	215,800	354,400
September	12,780	4,220	3,600	20,600	160,600	179,600	228,000	218,600	360,800
October	12,660	4,220	3,660	20,550	188,400	207,300	193,900	219,300	416,200
November	13,010	5,120	3,070	21,190	128,600	208,000	182,200	n.a.	357,800

(a) Figures for short term movement are largely based on a sample and are subject to sampling error. See paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail. (b) See paragraph 17 to 19 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 2. TOTAL MOVEMENT - DEPARTURES: CATEGORY OF MOVEMENT

Period	Permanent departures	Long-term departures		Total permanent and long-term departures	Short-term departures (a)			Total departures (a)	
		Australian residents	Overseas visitors		Australian residents (Actual)	Australian residents (Seasonally adjusted)	Australian residents (Trend estimate) (b)		Overseas visitors
<i>Year ended 31 December -</i>									
1985	18,620	51,030	23,790	93,440	1,512,000	..	..	1,096,500	2,702,000
1986	18,820	48,560	27,190	94,570	1,539,600	..	..	1,363,800	2,997,900
1987	20,420	50,280	31,720	102,420	1,622,300	..	..	1,701,200	3,425,900
<i>1987 -</i>									
August	1,760	4,500	1,960	8,220	144,500	120,600	141,600	149,900	302,600
September	1,560	3,490	1,660	6,710	165,400	170,900	142,600	125,900	298,000
October	1,560	3,060	1,540	6,170	122,700	142,100	141,900	139,700	268,600
November	1,510	3,160	2,230	6,890	113,700	130,900	140,000	166,500	287,100
December	1,970	3,990	5,010	10,970	175,000	133,300	137,200	147,500	333,500
<i>1988 -</i>									
January	1,880	6,570	2,540	10,990	113,200	134,600	134,900	207,700	331,900
February	1,660	4,320	2,110	8,080	94,400	135,700	133,800	175,200	277,700
March	1,720	4,650	2,610	8,980	138,600	140,100	133,400	176,600	324,200
April	1,810	4,620	1,980	8,400	132,400	131,500	133,800	172,400	313,200
May	1,750	4,130	2,000	7,880	129,200	122,900	134,400	182,500	319,600
June	1,570	3,920	2,280	7,770	165,700	150,200	r136,300	143,400	316,900
July	1,800	4,670	2,370	8,830	153,300	136,300	r139,500	171,900	334,000
August	1,530	5,070	2,030	8,630	141,900	122,700	r143,300	200,300	350,800
September	1,440	3,950	1,980	7,360	170,300	172,900	r146,900	181,600	359,300
October	1,520	3,660	1,790	6,970	127,800	145,600	r149,900	192,500	327,300
November	1,610	3,690	2,610	7,910	124,100	147,600	152,100	198,200	330,200

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TABLE 3. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS AND DEPARTURES OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS, INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY AND PURPOSE OF JOURNEY

	Year ended 31 December		Quarter ended 30 September		January to November		Month of November	
	1986	1987	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988
<b>ARRIVALS</b>								
<b>Intended length of stay</b>								
Under 1 week	361,700	441,100	102,600	115,300	400,400	448,600	48,200	55,000
1 and under 2 weeks	294,600	410,100	101,400	153,200	370,100	518,800	46,600	54,700
2 weeks and under 1 month	315,000	403,600	97,400	164,800	346,000	481,000	35,000	39,600
1 and under 2 months	194,400	224,900	47,700	66,900	181,200	232,000	17,900	19,800
2 and under 3 months	74,200	85,800	16,000	20,100	71,200	84,700	9,000	9,400
3 and under 6 months	81,400	93,400	18,400	22,200	80,500	95,300	12,200	13,900
6 and under 12 months	95,900	115,300	24,600	34,500	103,300	133,500	13,200	15,500
Not stated	12,200	10,700	2,300	2,700	9,400	9,700	1,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,429,400</b>	<b>1,784,900</b>	<b>410,500</b>	<b>579,900</b>	<b>1,562,100</b>	<b>2,003,500</b>	<b>183,100</b>	<b>208,000</b>
<b>Purpose of Journey</b>								
In Transit	99,400	100,900	24,400	22,200	92,500	80,900	9,800	7,500
Attending convention	26,500	31,100	11,300	20,400	29,000	54,600	2,200	8,000
Business	169,600	195,300	48,500	59,000	184,100	221,500	21,900	25,700
Accompanying business traveller	15,000	18,900	5,200	6,200	17,600	21,400	1,600	2,300
Visiting relatives	326,000	370,200	78,600	98,300	302,700	371,600	35,800	39,700
Holiday	694,600	938,300	212,700	327,600	817,200	1,104,600	102,300	111,300
Employment	19,700	21,300	5,500	6,900	19,900	25,100	1,700	2,600
Education	24,200	35,200	9,700	13,400	33,500	45,700	2,200	2,800
Other and not stated	54,400	73,700	14,700	25,700	65,500	78,100	5,500	7,900
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,429,400</b>	<b>1,784,900</b>	<b>410,500</b>	<b>579,900</b>	<b>1,562,100</b>	<b>2,003,500</b>	<b>183,100</b>	<b>208,000</b>
<b>DEPARTURES</b>								
<b>Intended length of stay</b>								
Under 1 week	87,000	103,400	26,700	34,500	95,000	127,700	9,300	13,500
1 and under 2 weeks	359,300	377,900	120,000	112,000	352,000	368,900	28,000	33,300
2 weeks and under 1 month	453,400	468,400	135,200	133,000	418,800	420,400	30,000	29,800
1 and under 2 months	273,000	292,000	85,500	83,400	234,000	239,100	12,100	15,300
2 and under 3 months	139,000	135,300	41,000	44,200	115,600	121,700	11,600	14,800
3 and under 6 months	124,700	125,000	35,400	33,500	117,700	117,900	8,300	10,500
6 and under 12 months	88,400	87,300	19,400	23,300	81,600	89,500	4,800	6,400
Not stated	14,800	33,000	4,300	1,800	32,600	5,600	9,600	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,539,600</b>	<b>1,622,300</b>	<b>467,500</b>	<b>465,500</b>	<b>1,447,300</b>	<b>1,490,800</b>	<b>113,700</b>	<b>124,100</b>
<b>Purpose of Journey</b>								
Attending convention	33,600	37,000	11,500	11,800	36,100	35,800	2,200	3,000
Business	199,700	227,500	60,700	69,500	214,500	249,700	19,400	24,000
Accompanying business traveller	26,600	27,700	8,100	8,200	26,100	26,600	1,900	1,700
Visiting relatives	308,500	332,600	90,700	86,700	278,300	281,200	19,500	26,200
Holiday	875,400	874,100	267,700	259,600	778,800	797,300	54,700	61,200
Employment	23,100	24,300	6,700	7,200	22,800	25,800	1,700	2,100
Education	12,600	13,500	4,300	5,000	12,100	13,700	900	1,100
Other and not stated	60,100	85,600	17,800	17,500	78,600	60,800	13,400	4,900
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,539,600</b>	<b>1,622,300</b>	<b>467,500</b>	<b>465,500</b>	<b>1,447,300</b>	<b>1,490,800</b>	<b>113,700</b>	<b>124,100</b>

TABLE 4. PERMANENT (SETTLER) ARRIVALS : COUNTRY OF BIRTH

Country of birth (Summary)	Year ended 31 December		Quarter ended 30 September		January to November		Month of November	
	1986	1987	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988
<b>Total Africa</b>	<b>7,350</b>	<b>9,060</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>1,730</b>	<b>8,240</b>	<b>7,490</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>690</b>
<b>Total America</b>	<b>6,600</b>	<b>7,440</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>6,830</b>	<b>7,150</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>540</b>
<b>Asia-</b>								
East and South East Asia	28,260	37,970	9,930	11,370	34,160	41,000	3,670	3,990
South Central Asia	6,030	7,900	1,940	2,560	7,210	8,100	670	640
Western Asia (Middle East)	5,480	7,000	1,850	1,750	6,080	6,450	760	670
<b>Total Asia</b>	<b>39,770</b>	<b>52,870</b>	<b>13,730</b>	<b>15,680</b>	<b>47,450</b>	<b>55,550</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>5,300</b>
<b>Europe-</b>								
U.K. and Ireland	20,670	24,030	6,080	7,840	22,330	27,290	3,030	2,720
Other Europe	12,180	15,390	4,000	4,140	14,220	14,420	1,760	1,500
<b>Total Europe</b>	<b>32,840</b>	<b>39,420</b>	<b>10,080</b>	<b>11,980</b>	<b>36,550</b>	<b>41,710</b>	<b>4,790</b>	<b>4,210</b>
<b>Oceania-</b>								
New Zealand	14,140	15,360	3,800	6,150	13,670	22,610	1,470	1,930
Other Oceania	2,620	4,140	1,110	1,180	3,680	4,170	240	330
<b>Total Oceania</b>	<b>16,760</b>	<b>19,490</b>	<b>4,910</b>	<b>7,330</b>	<b>17,350</b>	<b>26,770</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>2,260</b>
At sea and not stated	10	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,330</b>	<b>128,290</b>	<b>32,890</b>	<b>38,830</b>	<b>116,430</b>	<b>138,690</b>	<b>12,970</b>	<b>13,010</b>

TABLE 5. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS, COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Country of residence	Year ended		Quarter ended		January to		Month of	
	31 December		30 September		November		November	
	1986	1987	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988
<b>AFRICA -</b>								
South Africa	12,500	9,600	2,000	1,800	8,100	7,500	800	1,100
Other	7,100	7,900	1,700	2,500	6,400	9,200	700	1,100
<b>Total Africa</b>	<b>19,600</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>14,500</b>	<b>16,700</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>2,200</b>
<b>AMERICA -</b>								
Canada	47,000	52,700	8,900	17,700	45,900	60,000	7,400	6,600
U.S.A.	245,400	309,000	65,500	85,500	280,500	297,100	34,100	30,900
Other	9,300	11,300	2,500	3,600	9,600	13,100	1,100	1,700
<b>Total America</b>	<b>301,700</b>	<b>373,100</b>	<b>77,000</b>	<b>106,700</b>	<b>336,000</b>	<b>370,200</b>	<b>42,500</b>	<b>39,200</b>
<b>ASIA -</b>								
China	6,200	10,900	2,900	4,900	9,800	16,000	1,600	2,400
Hong Kong	33,500	42,700	11,800	15,100	37,200	44,500	3,100	2,500
India	6,900	7,400	1,900	2,800	6,600	9,700	700	900
Indonesia	17,700	21,500	4,600	7,100	17,600	25,500	1,600	1,900
Israel	4,000	4,400	1,200	1,300	3,900	4,600	400	600
Japan	145,600	215,600	53,800	88,700	188,900	316,800	25,200	36,200
Korea	4,800	6,900	1,700	2,200	5,900	8,400	700	1,100
Malaysia	38,600	47,100	9,300	11,000	41,100	46,500	5,500	4,400
Philippines	11,200	12,200	2,600	3,200	11,200	12,400	900	1,200
Singapore	45,000	57,000	9,500	11,300	45,900	52,100	6,200	6,900
Taiwan	12,000	16,000	1,900	3,700	14,000	17,400	2,400	2,000
Thailand	8,000	11,200	2,600	3,800	10,200	14,600	900	1,400
Other	16,000	18,200	4,400	5,500	15,600	19,200	1,800	2,000
<b>Total Asia</b>	<b>349,500</b>	<b>470,900</b>	<b>108,300</b>	<b>160,400</b>	<b>407,900</b>	<b>587,900</b>	<b>51,100</b>	<b>63,400</b>
<b>EUROPE -</b>								
Denmark	6,300	8,700	1,700	2,600	7,300	10,100	1,100	1,300
Finland	3,100	4,200	800	1,200	3,200	5,100	600	1,200
France	13,900	17,100	4,800	5,600	15,100	18,700	1,600	2,300
Germany(a)	41,900	53,300	9,800	14,100	44,700	57,600	6,100	6,700
Greece	6,400	7,100	1,300	1,400	5,700	6,500	900	1,100
Ireland(b)	7,400	9,800	1,900	2,700	8,400	11,600	1,200	1,300
Italy	17,300	19,300	5,000	7,000	15,800	21,400	1,800	2,600
Netherlands	15,900	17,300	3,400	5,200	14,900	19,700	1,800	3,300
Norway	3,200	4,300	800	1,100	3,100	4,700	400	600
Sweden	14,200	21,900	3,300	3,800	17,600	22,100	3,000	3,600
Switzerland	16,900	21,300	3,600	4,700	17,700	22,300	2,900	3,000
United Kingdom	176,000	198,900	33,300	46,200	165,200	220,200	20,000	25,200
Yugoslavia	6,400	6,300	1,000	1,200	5,100	5,600	800	1,000
Other	18,800	22,300	5,000	7,900	18,600	27,800	3,100	3,800
<b>Total Europe</b>	<b>347,500</b>	<b>411,900</b>	<b>75,800</b>	<b>104,600</b>	<b>342,500</b>	<b>453,400</b>	<b>45,400</b>	<b>57,100</b>
<b>OCEANIA -</b>								
Fiji	13,300	16,500	3,900	4,600	14,700	16,500	1,300	1,800
New Caledonia	11,100	14,400	2,600	4,400	12,600	15,600	1,100	900
New Zealand	336,700	427,300	127,600	176,900	387,000	488,400	36,100	37,800
Papua New Guinea	31,900	32,800	7,200	10,300	28,200	32,800	2,400	2,700
Other	13,100	14,700	3,600	5,800	13,100	17,200	1,300	1,900
<b>Total Oceania</b>	<b>406,100</b>	<b>505,800</b>	<b>144,900</b>	<b>201,900</b>	<b>455,700</b>	<b>570,500</b>	<b>42,300</b>	<b>45,100</b>
Other and not stated	5,000	5,700	700	1,900	5,400	4,700	300	900
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,429,400</b>	<b>1,784,900</b>	<b>410,500</b>	<b>579,900</b>	<b>1,562,100</b>	<b>2,003,500</b>	<b>183,100</b>	<b>208,000</b>

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

TABLE 6. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT: DEPARTURES OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS,  
COUNTRY OF INTENDED STAY

Country of intended stay	Year ended		Quarter ended		January to		Month of	
	31 December		30 September		November		November	
	1986	1987	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988
<b>AFRICA -</b>								
Egypt	3,400	4,100	900	900	3,300	3,800	400	400
South Africa	5,600	7,700	1,400	1,500	5,800	6,000	700	900
Other	7,000	8,800	2,400	2,400	7,000	7,800	400	900
<i>Total Africa</i>	<i>16,000</i>	<i>20,600</i>	<i>4,800</i>	<i>4,700</i>	<i>16,100</i>	<i>17,600</i>	<i>1,600</i>	<i>2,200</i>
<b>AMERICA -</b>								
Canada	21,000	20,400	7,900	8,000	18,200	21,000	1,100	1,600
U.S.A.	145,600	174,100	53,300	52,300	158,800	175,500	13,900	14,900
Other	19,000	20,400	4,500	6,900	16,100	19,400	1,600	2,000
<i>Total America</i>	<i>185,600</i>	<i>215,000</i>	<i>65,800</i>	<i>67,300</i>	<i>193,100</i>	<i>215,900</i>	<i>16,600</i>	<i>18,400</i>
<b>ASIA -</b>								
China	19,100	17,200	5,100	6,100	15,800	17,400	900	1,000
Hong Kong	119,300	103,300	26,500	25,800	91,900	91,300	8,000	9,700
India	17,300	20,000	4,700	3,900	15,900	14,300	2,000	2,100
Indonesia	104,400	117,400	33,500	37,600	108,100	121,200	9,400	9,800
Israel	5,100	7,000	1,400	1,100	5,600	4,700	600	400
Japan	26,500	25,600	6,700	7,500	23,000	26,700	2,100	3,300
Lebanon	6,800	6,300	2,900	1,400	5,800	4,700	400	300
Malaysia	41,600	47,200	14,000	12,600	41,800	42,100	3,000	3,000
Philippines	30,000	33,500	7,200	7,700	28,900	29,800	2,800	2,900
Singapore	80,800	83,700	25,500	25,000	76,300	83,800	6,700	7,900
Thailand	34,600	48,800	12,500	13,900	44,200	52,500	4,700	5,100
Turkey	4,700	5,600	1,600	1,900	5,200	5,900	300	300
Other	30,000	31,800	8,200	10,400	27,900	32,900	2,400	3,200
<i>Total Asia</i>	<i>520,200</i>	<i>547,400</i>	<i>149,900</i>	<i>155,000</i>	<i>490,400</i>	<i>527,300</i>	<i>43,100</i>	<i>49,000</i>
<b>EUROPE -</b>								
France	14,300	15,800	4,800	5,000	14,100	14,100	1,000	1,000
Germany(a)	25,300	26,100	8,000	8,500	23,400	24,300	1,900	1,800
Greece	31,600	33,900	10,800	9,400	31,100	31,600	1,300	1,900
Ireland(b)	6,000	6,700	2,500	2,900	6,000	7,000	500	500
Italy	39,300	40,100	13,100	12,900	36,300	35,700	1,500	2,200
Netherlands	13,300	14,100	4,200	4,600	13,000	11,700	800	800
Switzerland	7,500	7,400	1,800	2,400	6,300	7,000	400	400
United Kingdom	204,500	207,400	67,800	68,300	189,400	191,700	10,700	12,500
Yugoslavia	17,300	17,600	5,900	5,500	16,700	15,100	800	800
Other	37,500	39,100	11,500	13,100	35,100	38,600	1,800	2,400
<i>Total Europe</i>	<i>396,700</i>	<i>408,200</i>	<i>130,500</i>	<i>132,500</i>	<i>371,400</i>	<i>376,900</i>	<i>20,700</i>	<i>24,200</i>
<b>OCEANIA -</b>								
Fiji	77,300	60,500	28,600	21,500	55,100	64,300	1,700	4,700
New Caledonia	10,000	10,800	2,400	3,100	9,600	8,800	800	1,100
New Zealand	256,300	275,300	66,700	59,900	235,000	207,900	23,100	17,900
Norfolk Is.	19,300	18,400	3,700	3,600	16,700	13,400	1,800	1,100
Papua New Guinea	25,800	27,500	7,600	9,300	24,700	29,200	2,100	2,900
Vanuatu	8,700	5,700	1,400	2,400	4,700	8,200	500	700
Other	18,000	19,000	5,100	5,400	17,100	17,100	1,600	1,500
<i>Total Oceania</i>	<i>415,400</i>	<i>417,400</i>	<i>115,300</i>	<i>105,200</i>	<i>362,800</i>	<i>349,000</i>	<i>31,400</i>	<i>29,900</i>
Other and not stated	5,800	13,700	1,200	900	13,400	4,100	300	400
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,539,600</b>	<b>1,622,300</b>	<b>467,500</b>	<b>465,500</b>	<b>1,447,300</b>	<b>1,490,800</b>	<b>113,700</b>	<b>124,100</b>

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

TABLE 7. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : DEPARTURES OF JAPANESE VISITORS - ACTUAL LENGTH OF STAY AND STATE OR TERRITORY IN WHICH MOST TIME SPENT

Period	Actual length of stay			State or Territory in which most time spent						Total
	Under 1 week	1 and under 2 weeks	2 weeks and over	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas., N.T. and A.C.T.	
1987 -										
August	9,400	8,100	4,500	14,800	1,500	4,000	100	1,500	200	22,100
September	8,900	5,600	1,600	11,000	1,400	2,800	100	700	100	16,100
October	9,800	7,800	1,500	13,500	1,700	2,800	200	900	100	19,100
November	13,000	10,700	1,700	18,600	1,900	4,000	200	500	200	25,400
December	10,300	8,900	2,000	14,700	1,800	3,800	100	500	100	21,200
1988 -										
January	11,600	9,900	3,400	17,400	1,800	4,200	200	1,000	200	24,900
February	10,900	11,300	3,000	17,100	2,200	4,600	400	700	200	25,200
March	11,800	12,200	7,800	22,000	2,400	5,800	200	1,100	300	31,900
April	11,900	9,900	2,900	17,300	2,200	4,100	600	500	100	24,700
May	14,300	13,600	2,000	19,900	2,100	6,700	400	600	200	29,900
June	13,600	11,300	1,700	18,400	1,600	5,800	200	500	100	26,600
July	11,800	9,200	2,100	15,200	1,600	5,400	100	500	200	23,100
August	12,300	15,500	7,000	20,300	2,600	9,300	600	1,300	600	34,800
September	13,300	12,600	2,900	19,000	2,400	6,300	200	700	100	28,800
October	15,200	15,500	1,900	21,900	2,200	7,400	100	700	200	32,600
November	16,500	16,600	2,100	25,000	2,300	6,800	200	700	100	35,200

TABLE 8. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : ARRIVALS OF JAPANESE VISITORS - AGE AND PURPOSE OF JOURNEY NOVEMBER 1988

Age	Purpose of journey				Total
	Attending convention, Business and Employment	Holiday, Accompanying business traveller	Visiting relatives	Other and not stated	
Under 19	-	300	-	-	400
20 - 24	200	5,900	-	400	6,600
25 - 29	400	11,700	100	600	12,700
30 - 34	600	3,800	-	200	4,700
35 - 39	700	1,300	100	100	2,300
40 - 44	600	900	-	100	1,700
45 - 49	500	900	-	100	1,500
50 and over	900	5,000	200	300	6,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>29,900</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>36,200</b>

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Introduction

1. This series of publications contains statistics of overseas arrivals and departures in summary form for the latest available month during which the movement occurred. More detailed statistics can be made available, on request, in unpublished form.

### 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). The statistics exclude the movements of operational air and ships' crew, of transit passengers who pass through Australia but are not cleared for entry, and of 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 their own category on the passenger card. This selection is accepted provided it is consistent with other information on the passenger card.

#### Permanent movement

4. Permanent arrivals (settlers) comprises travellers 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). Permanent departures are Australian residents (including former settlers) who on departure state they do not intend to return to Australia.

#### Long-term movement

5. Long-term arrivals comprise overseas visitors (except those that hold migrant visas—see paragraph 4 above) who intend to stay in Australia for 12 months or more and Australian residents returning after an absence of 12 months or more overseas. Long-term departures comprise Australian residents who intend to stay abroad for 12 months or more and overseas visitors departing who stayed 12 months or more in Australia.

#### Short-term movement

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

7. A significant number of travellers state exactly 12 months or one year as their intended period of stay. Many of them stay for less than that period and on their departure from, or return to, Australia are therefore classified as short-term. To maintain consistency between arrivals and departures, movements of travellers who report their actual or intended period of stay as being one year exactly

are randomly allocated to long-term or short-term, in proportion to the number of movements of travellers who report their actual length of stay as up to one month more, or one month less, than one year.

#### *Country of birth or residence*

8. The grouping of countries into regions in Asia in Table 4 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)'.

9. 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, or to separately identify England, Scotland and Wales. Similarly 'Germany' could refer to the Federal Republic or to the Democratic Republic.

#### Estimation method

10. Overseas arrival and departure statistics are derived from a combination of full enumeration and sampling. All movements by sea regardless of duration of stay, all permanent movements and all movements with a duration of stay of more than one year are fully enumerated and processed. All movements by air with a duration of stay of one year or less 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.

11. The statistics in this publication have been rounded, to the nearest 100 for short-term movements and to the nearest 10 for permanent and long-term movements. In tables showing both short-term and permanent and long-term movements the total movements have been rounded to the nearest 100. The sums of the components may, due to rounding, not add exactly to totals.

#### Corrections and imputations

12. 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.

13. Errors of this kind differ from discrepancies arising from the fact that certain information reflects the travellers' intentions, at the time the passenger cards were completed. These intentions are of course subject to change. Particularly affected 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.

### Seasonal adjustment

14. Original and seasonally adjusted short-term overseas visitor arrivals and short-term Australian resident departures are shown in Tables 1 and 2 respectively. In the seasonally adjusted series, account has been taken of normal seasonal factors and 'trading day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in the month) and the effect of movement in the date of Easter which may in successive years, affect figures for different months.

15. Seasonal adjustment may be carried out by various methods and the results may vary slightly according to the procedure adopted. Accordingly, seasonally adjusted statistics should not be regarded as in any way definitive. In interpreting particular seasonally adjusted statistics it is important to bear in mind the methods by which they have been derived and the limitations to which the methods used are subject.

16. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series may be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment procedures do not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month, such as the effect of major sporting and cultural events, changes in airfares structure and the fluctuation of SA relative to other currencies. Irregular influences that are highly volatile can make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variation.

17. The seasonally adjusted series can, however, be smoothed to reduce the impact of the irregular component in the adjusted series. There are a number of ways of accomplishing this, depending on the intended uses of the smoothed series. If importance is attached to measuring the underlying change in the most recent periods, moving averages employing appropriate weighting patterns should be adopted; the choice of averaging technique will determine in part the degree of smoothness of the derived series. The longer the term of the moving average the longer is the time series affected by revisions resulting from more recent data. In order to ensure that the underlying trend-cycle of a series is reflected in the trend estimate series, the degree of smoothness alone cannot always be used as the sole criterion in determining which moving average is appropriate.

18. The trend estimate short-term overseas visitor arrivals and short-term Australian resident departures statistics are shown in Tables 1 and 2 respectively. The trend estimate has been derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to the series.

19. While this technique enables smoothed data for the latest period to be produced, it does result in revisions to the smoothed series, principally, of recent months as additional observations become available. There may also be revisions as a result of the re-estimation of the seasonal factors. For further information concerning the smoothing process refer to an Information Paper *A Guide to Smoothing Time Series — Estimates of "Trend"* (1316.0).

### Related publications

20. Comprehensive definitions and explanations, and detailed data are contained in:

*Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia* (3402.0)—  
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