



**FRIENDLY SOCIETIES: AUSTRALIA**

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Enclosed are the Friendly Societies tables for the quarter ended June 1998.

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**TABLE 1. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES : ASSETS**  
(\$ million)

	<i>Dec 95</i>	<i>Mar 96</i>	<i>Jun 96</i>	<i>Sep 96</i>	<i>Dec 96</i>	<i>Mar 97</i>	<i>Jun 97</i>	<i>Sep 97</i>	<i>Dec 97</i>	<i>Mar 98</i>	<i>Jun 98</i>
<b>ASSETS</b>											
<i>Assets in Australia</i>											
<i>Cash and deposits</i>	1,455	1,138	1,664	1,267	880	914	1,611	960	824	717	1,463
Cash and bank deposits	945	616	1,214	843	494	556	1,250	597	572	514	1,234
Other deposit taking institutions	510	522	450	424	386	358	361	363	252	203	229
<i>Loans and placements</i>	529	432	412	405	397	391	369	366	370	362	344
<i>Short term securities</i>	3,353	4,003	3,475	3,337	2,920	2,790	3,216	3,305	3,173	3,262	2,679
Bills of exchange	1,739	1,468	1,833	1,141	1,004	1,207	1,517	1,700	1,475	1,234	1,210
Bank certificates of deposit	1,270	2,027	1,218	1,713	1,566	1,314	1,495	1,131	1,349	1,658	1,082
Other short term securities	344	508	424	483	350	269	204	474	349	370	387
<i>Long term securities</i>	2,263	1,800	1,558	1,639	2,198	2,381	1,233	1,690	1,792	1,726	1,522
Commonwealth government bonds	704	476	289	349	411	621	228	302	336	295	308
State and local government securities	778	647	565	671	923	921	412	645	549	564	443
Other long term securities	781	677	704	619	864	839	593	743	907	867	771
<i>Equities and Units in trusts</i>	186	175	170	168	164	163	171	186	199	204	212
Private trading corporation shares	120	116	112	111	109	108	119	119	128	133	138
Financial sector shares	38	38	36	33	32	32	30	34	33	32	36
Units in trusts	28	21	22	24	23	23	22	33	38	39	38
<i>Other financial assets</i>	61	102	138	93	98	101	83	63	56	121	129
<i>Non-financial assets</i>											
Land and buildings	377	378	373	366	382	387	391	341	328	324	292
Other non-financial assets	71	73	70	73	78	72	143	97	103	98	111
<i>Total Assets in Australia</i>	8,295	8,101	7,860	7,348	7,117	7,199	7,217	7,008	6,845	6,814	6,752
<i>Assets overseas</i>	-	-	29	33	37	42	45	48	52	51	55
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>8,295</b>	<b>8,101</b>	<b>7,889</b>	<b>7,381</b>	<b>7,154</b>	<b>7,241</b>	<b>7,262</b>	<b>7,056</b>	<b>6,897</b>	<b>6,865</b>	<b>6,807</b>

**TABLE 2. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES : LIABILITIES**  
(\$ million)

	<i>Dec 95</i>	<i>Mar 96</i>	<i>Jun 96</i>	<i>Sep 96</i>	<i>Dec 96</i>	<i>Mar 97</i>	<i>Jun 97</i>	<i>Sep 97</i>	<i>Dec 97</i>	<i>Mar 98</i>	<i>Jun 98</i>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>											
<i>Participants' equity</i>	7,816	7,656	7,418	6,891	6,761	6,724	6,764	6,681	6,499	6,441	6,385
<i>Borrowings</i>	101	102	102	105	104	81	106	105	108	103	111
<i>Other liabilities</i>	378	343	369	385	289	436	392	270	290	321	311
<b><i>TOTAL LIABILITIES</i></b>	<b>8,295</b>	<b>8,101</b>	<b>7,889</b>	<b>7,381</b>	<b>7,154</b>	<b>7,241</b>	<b>7,262</b>	<b>7,056</b>	<b>6,897</b>	<b>6,865</b>	<b>6,807</b>

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Introduction

The statistics have been compiled from data furnished to the ABS by 42 of the largest friendly societies in the quarterly Survey of Balance Sheet Information.

### Scope

2 A friendly society for the purposes of the survey is any organisation registered as a friendly society under the appropriate State legislation. All assets and liabilities of the friendly societies arising from services offered by them are within scope.

### Coverage

3 The information in this table is compiled from data furnished to the ABS by 42 of the largest friendly societies as part of the Survey of Financial Information. These societies approximated 95 per cent of the total assets of friendly societies as at June 1992.

### Basis of valuation

4 Respondents to the survey are requested to report assets at their market value.

### Financial Instruments

5 The classification of financial instrument used follows that set out in the ABS Publication *Australian National Accounts, Financial Accounts (5232.0)*. A definition of these instruments is contained in that publication.

### Revisions

6 Revisions to previously published statistics are included in this publication.

### Other publications

7 Readers may also wish to refer to the following publication which is available on request: *Managed Funds: Australia (5655.0)* -- issued quarterly.

### Symbols and other usages

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

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