

**OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, AUSTRALIA
MARCH 1989**

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MAIN FEATURES

The number of overseas movements in March 1989 was 700,200 compared with 637,500 in March 1988, an increase of 10%. There were 331,400 arrivals (6% more than in March 1988) and 368,900 departures (14% more than in March 1988).

Permanent movement

In March 1989:

- 11,650 settlers arrived in Australia, 9% less than in March 1988.
- 2,080 permanent departures were recorded, 21% more than in March 1988.

Arrivals of visitors for short-term visits

In March 1989:

- 180,000 arrivals of overseas visitors for short-term visits were recorded, 3% less than in March 1988. In seasonally adjusted terms, arrivals were 7% lower than in February 1989.
- Arrivals from New Zealand numbered 32,700 (18% of total), a decrease of 8% compared with March 1988.
- Arrivals from Japan numbered 32,300 (18% of total), an increase of 5% compared with March 1988.

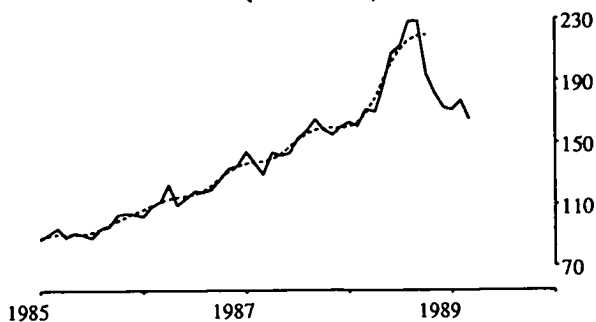
- Arrivals from the U.K. and Ireland numbered 31,500 (17% of total), a decrease of 14% compared with March 1988.
- Arrivals from the U.S.A. numbered 22,200 (12% of total), a decrease of 7% compared with March 1988.
- 96,300 arrivals (53%) were for the purpose of 'holiday', 38,600 (21%) for 'visiting relatives' and 20,900 (12%) for 'business'.
- 72% of visitor arrivals were for less than one month, 50% intended to stay for less than 2 weeks.

Departures of Australian residents for short-term trips abroad

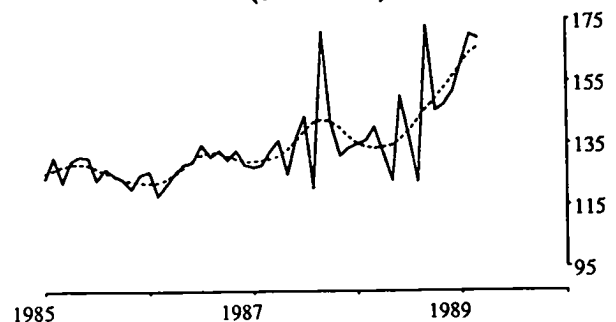
In March 1989:

- 170,900 departures of Australian residents for short-term overseas trips were recorded, 23% more than in March 1988.
- The most popular overseas destinations were New Zealand (16%), the U.K. and Ireland (12%), the U.S.A. (12%) and Hong Kong (8%).
- 97,300 departures (57%) were for the purpose of 'holiday', 30,700 (18%) for 'visiting relatives' and 24,400 (14%) for 'business'.

**SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATE (a)
(Thousands)**



**SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATE
(Thousands)**



(a) Refer to paragraph 20 of the Explanatory Notes at the back of this publication.

Trend estimate -----
Seasonally adjusted —

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) | Overseas visitors (Trend estimate) (b) | |
| <i>Year ended</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>31 December -</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 1988 | 151,550 | 54,990 | 47,330 | 253,860 | 1,636,600 | 2,249,400 | .. | .. | 4,139,900 |
| <i>1987 -</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| December | 12,860 | 8,540 | 2,980 | 24,380 | 101,200 | 245,800 | 172,600 | n.a. | 371,400 |
| <i>1989 -</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 12,600 | 5,240 | 8,200 | 26,030 | 222,200 | 168,900 | 171,000 | n.a. | 417,200 |
| February | 10,790 | 3,770 | 8,080 | 22,640 | 129,100 | 191,100 | 176,900 | n.a. | 342,800 |
| March | 11,650 | 3,670 | 3,930 | 19,240 | 132,100 | 180,000 | 164,700 | n.a. | 331,400 |

(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 18 to 20 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</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>31 December -</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 1988 | 20,320 | 54,120 | 30,330 | 104,770 | 1,697,700 | .. | .. | 2,174,000 | 3,976,500 |
| <i>1987 -</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 136,200 | 143,400 | 316,900 |
| July | 1,800 | 4,670 | 2,370 | 8,830 | 153,300 | 136,300 | 139,200 | 171,900 | 334,000 |
| August | 1,530 | 5,070 | 2,030 | 8,630 | 141,900 | 122,700 | 142,700 | 200,300 | 350,800 |
| September | 1,440 | 3,950 | 1,980 | 7,360 | 170,300 | 172,900 | r146,300 | 181,600 | 359,300 |
| October | 1,520 | 3,660 | 1,790 | 6,970 | 127,800 | 145,600 | r149,600 | 192,500 | 327,300 |
| November | 1,610 | 3,690 | 2,610 | 7,910 | 124,100 | 147,600 | r152,900 | 198,200 | 330,200 |
| December | 2,050 | 4,880 | 6,050 | 12,980 | 206,700 | 151,900 | r156,700 | 171,800 | 391,500 |
| <i>1989 -</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2,060 | 7,360 | 3,250 | 12,670 | 131,700 | 161,000 | r160,500 | 221,700 | 366,100 |
| February | 1,860 | 5,140 | 2,320 | 9,320 | 112,700 | 170,100 | r164,300 | 170,900 | 292,900 |
| March | 2,080 | 5,420 | 3,150 | 10,640 | 170,900 | 168,900 | 166,100 | 187,300 | 368,900 |

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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 31 March | | | Month of March | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 1987 | 1988 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 |
| ARRIVALS | | | | | | | | |
| Intended length of stay | | | | | | | | |
| Under 1 week | 441,100 | 495,200 | 111,900 | 119,900 | 127,400 | 38,200 | 42,000 | 44,800 |
| 1 and under 2 weeks | 410,100 | 567,800 | 88,900 | 118,800 | 123,200 | 31,000 | 44,100 | 45,200 |
| 2 weeks and under 1 month | 403,600 | 541,200 | 91,800 | 115,100 | 110,500 | 30,600 | 41,900 | 39,400 |
| 1 and under 2 months | 224,900 | 279,500 | 58,400 | 71,500 | 71,400 | 21,000 | 27,000 | 23,100 |
| 2 and under 3 months | 85,800 | 99,300 | 23,100 | 28,200 | 27,800 | 7,900 | 9,200 | 7,300 |
| 3 and under 6 months | 93,400 | 110,300 | 23,300 | 28,000 | 30,700 | 7,500 | 8,200 | 8,000 |
| 6 and under 12 months | 115,300 | 146,100 | 32,800 | 42,200 | 49,000 | 8,000 | 11,800 | 12,200 |
| Not stated | 10,700 | 9,700 | 2,600 | 3,100 | — | 900 | 1,000 | — |
| Total | 1,784,900 | 2,249,300 | 432,800 | 527,000 | 540,000 | 145,200 | 185,200 | 180,000 |
| Purpose of Journey | | | | | | | | |
| In Transit | 100,900 | 88,700 | 27,100 | 25,500 | 22,600 | 8,800 | 8,600 | 7,300 |
| Attending convention | 31,100 | 56,700 | 5,000 | 7,500 | 6,700 | 1,500 | 2,800 | 2,500 |
| Business | 195,300 | 234,300 | 46,900 | 56,500 | 57,100 | 18,500 | 20,100 | 20,900 |
| Accompanying business traveller | 18,900 | 23,000 | 4,900 | 5,200 | 5,900 | 1,400 | 1,600 | 2,100 |
| Visiting relatives | 370,200 | 448,500 | 85,400 | 107,100 | 106,800 | 34,000 | 43,300 | 38,600 |
| Holiday | 938,300 | 1,237,000 | 225,100 | 282,200 | 291,700 | 70,900 | 96,800 | 96,300 |
| Employment | 21,300 | 26,600 | 5,800 | 6,900 | 8,100 | 1,700 | 2,100 | 2,400 |
| Education | 35,200 | 47,800 | 12,900 | 17,700 | 23,200 | 1,800 | 3,100 | 4,000 |
| Other and not stated | 73,700 | 86,600 | 19,500 | 18,400 | 18,000 | 6,600 | 6,800 | 6,100 |
| Total | 1,784,900 | 2,249,300 | 432,800 | 527,000 | 540,000 | 145,200 | 185,200 | 180,000 |
| DEPARTURES | | | | | | | | |
| Intended length of stay | | | | | | | | |
| Under 1 week | 103,400 | 138,300 | 21,400 | 29,900 | 36,800 | 9,100 | 12,000 | 15,600 |
| 1 and under 2 weeks | 377,900 | 402,300 | 79,400 | 94,600 | 114,700 | 31,100 | 37,700 | 49,600 |
| 2 weeks and under 1 month | 468,400 | 480,200 | 101,700 | 107,500 | 128,500 | 36,900 | 40,100 | 48,900 |
| 1 and under 2 months | 292,000 | 302,300 | 47,300 | 48,700 | 59,500 | 18,900 | 19,100 | 23,900 |
| 2 and under 3 months | 135,300 | 145,400 | 19,400 | 18,100 | 19,200 | 9,900 | 8,500 | 9,200 |
| 3 and under 6 months | 125,000 | 126,500 | 20,000 | 18,700 | 22,800 | 11,100 | 9,400 | 11,800 |
| 6 and under 12 months | 87,300 | 96,300 | 27,600 | 27,100 | 32,600 | 12,600 | 11,100 | 11,700 |
| Not stated | 33,000 | 6,300 | 8,000 | 1,600 | 1,100 | 3,000 | 700 | 100 |
| Total | 1,622,300 | 1,697,600 | 324,700 | 346,200 | 415,300 | 132,500 | 138,600 | 170,900 |
| Purpose of Journey | | | | | | | | |
| Attending convention | 37,000 | 37,200 | 8,900 | 7,500 | 8,800 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,600 |
| Business | 227,500 | 264,400 | 50,900 | 59,200 | 69,200 | 20,700 | 21,600 | 24,400 |
| Accompanying business traveller | 27,700 | 28,700 | 6,100 | 6,500 | 7,900 | 2,000 | 2,300 | 2,900 |
| Visiting relatives | 332,600 | 343,400 | 58,100 | 60,600 | 72,400 | 26,900 | 27,000 | 30,700 |
| Holiday | 874,100 | 912,000 | 172,200 | 186,100 | 226,000 | 69,200 | 74,500 | 97,300 |
| Employment | 24,300 | 28,400 | 6,800 | 7,000 | 9,000 | 2,100 | 2,200 | 3,200 |
| Education | 13,500 | 15,300 | 3,200 | 3,400 | 4,500 | 900 | 900 | 1,500 |
| Other and not stated | 85,600 | 68,200 | 18,600 | 15,900 | 17,400 | 6,900 | 6,300 | 7,300 |
| Total | 1,622,300 | 1,697,600 | 324,700 | 346,200 | 415,300 | 132,500 | 138,600 | 170,900 |

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

| Country of birth (Summary) | Year ended 31 December | | Quarter ended 31 March | | | Month of March | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 1987 | 1988 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 |
| Total Africa | 9,060 | 8,150 | 2,620 | 2,510 | 1,550 | 660 | 760 | 420 |
| Total America | 7,440 | 7,800 | 1,750 | 2,030 | 1,800 | 670 | 650 | 620 |
| Asia- | | | | | | | | |
| East and South East Asia | 37,970 | 45,500 | 8,490 | 11,380 | 11,520 | 3,320 | 3,870 | 4,150 |
| South Central Asia | 7,900 | 8,920 | 1,860 | 2,100 | 1,810 | 620 | 690 | 710 |
| Western Asia (Middle East) | 7,000 | 7,000 | 1,330 | 1,980 | 1,400 | 470 | 710 | 410 |
| Total Asia | 52,870 | 61,430 | 11,690 | 15,470 | 14,730 | 4,420 | 5,280 | 5,260 |
| Europe- | | | | | | | | |
| U.K. and Ireland | 24,030 | 29,030 | 5,630 | 6,890 | 6,280 | 1,980 | 2,290 | 2,100 |
| Other Europe | 15,390 | 15,590 | 3,400 | 4,120 | 3,070 | 1,210 | 1,360 | 980 |
| Total Europe | 39,420 | 44,630 | 9,030 | 11,010 | 9,360 | 3,190 | 3,640 | 3,080 |
| Oceania- | | | | | | | | |
| New Zealand | 15,360 | 24,870 | 3,470 | 6,430 | 6,530 | 1,170 | 2,150 | 1,960 |
| Other Oceania | 4,140 | 4,660 | 830 | 1,330 | 1,070 | 290 | 290 | 300 |
| Total Oceania | 19,490 | 29,530 | 4,300 | 7,760 | 7,600 | 1,460 | 2,440 | 2,260 |
| At sea and not stated | — | 10 | — | — | 10 | — | — | — |
| Total | 128,290 | 151,550 | 29,370 | 38,770 | 35,040 | 10,400 | 12,780 | 11,650 |

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

| Country of residence | Year ended | | Quarter ended | | | Month of | | |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 31 December | | 31 March | | | March | | |
| | 1987 | 1988 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 |
| AFRICA - | | | | | | | | |
| South Africa | 9,600 | 9,400 | 2,400 | 2,100 | 2,000 | 700 | 700 | 700 |
| Other | 7,900 | 10,900 | 1,800 | 2,300 | 2,400 | 600 | 700 | 600 |
| <i>Total Africa</i> | <i>17,500</i> | <i>20,300</i> | <i>4,200</i> | <i>4,500</i> | <i>4,300</i> | <i>1,300</i> | <i>1,500</i> | <i>1,300</i> |
| AMERICA - | | | | | | | | |
| Canada | 52,700 | 66,700 | 15,000 | 15,400 | 17,500 | 4,400 | 4,500 | 5,300 |
| U.S.A. | 309,000 | 322,300 | 83,900 | 77,700 | 72,500 | 24,500 | 24,000 | 22,200 |
| Other | 11,300 | 15,400 | 2,700 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 800 | 800 | 1,000 |
| <i>Total America</i> | <i>373,100</i> | <i>404,400</i> | <i>101,500</i> | <i>96,600</i> | <i>93,500</i> | <i>29,700</i> | <i>29,300</i> | <i>28,500</i> |
| ASIA - | | | | | | | | |
| China | 10,900 | 18,000 | 1,900 | 2,900 | 7,300 | 700 | 1,100 | 2,600 |
| Hong Kong | 42,700 | 49,400 | 11,300 | 14,200 | 15,400 | 2,700 | 3,600 | 4,300 |
| India | 7,400 | 10,700 | 1,500 | 2,200 | 2,200 | 600 | 900 | 800 |
| Indonesia | 21,500 | 29,600 | 5,200 | 5,200 | 6,700 | 1,700 | 1,300 | 2,300 |
| Israel | 4,400 | 5,200 | 1,000 | 1,300 | 1,400 | 300 | 400 | 400 |
| Japan | 215,600 | 352,300 | 51,700 | 80,300 | 94,200 | 19,500 | 30,800 | 32,300 |
| Korea | 6,900 | 9,200 | 1,400 | 2,300 | 2,500 | 500 | 600 | 900 |
| Malaysia | 47,100 | 52,100 | 10,800 | 13,200 | 11,900 | 3,300 | 4,200 | 3,600 |
| Philippines | 12,200 | 13,400 | 3,000 | 2,700 | 2,900 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 |
| Singapore | 57,000 | 63,500 | 11,900 | 13,300 | 13,100 | 4,100 | 4,400 | 5,000 |
| Taiwan | 16,000 | 19,200 | 6,300 | 6,600 | 6,900 | 1,400 | 1,700 | 1,400 |
| Thailand | 11,200 | 15,800 | 2,700 | 2,800 | 4,700 | 1,100 | 1,000 | 2,000 |
| Other | 18,200 | 21,900 | 4,100 | 4,900 | 5,200 | 1,300 | 1,600 | 2,100 |
| <i>Total Asia</i> | <i>470,900</i> | <i>660,300</i> | <i>112,900</i> | <i>151,800</i> | <i>174,300</i> | <i>38,500</i> | <i>53,100</i> | <i>58,900</i> |
| EUROPE - | | | | | | | | |
| Denmark | 8,700 | 11,400 | 2,400 | 3,300 | 2,900 | 600 | 1,200 | 800 |
| Finland | 4,200 | 5,700 | 900 | 1,300 | 1,500 | 200 | 400 | 400 |
| France | 17,100 | 21,000 | 4,000 | 5,400 | 5,100 | 1,200 | 1,700 | 1,700 |
| Germany(a) | 53,300 | 65,900 | 15,600 | 21,600 | 22,200 | 4,900 | 6,400 | 6,700 |
| Greece | 7,100 | 8,100 | 1,700 | 1,900 | 1,700 | 500 | 500 | 300 |
| Ireland(b) | 9,800 | 13,100 | 2,300 | 3,700 | 3,600 | 1,000 | 1,600 | 1,300 |
| Italy | 19,300 | 25,200 | 5,400 | 6,000 | 4,900 | 1,500 | 1,900 | 1,200 |
| Netherlands | 17,300 | 22,400 | 5,800 | 6,700 | 5,800 | 1,600 | 1,700 | 1,700 |
| Norway | 4,300 | 5,200 | 1,100 | 1,900 | 1,300 | 300 | 900 | 300 |
| Sweden | 21,900 | 26,900 | 6,600 | 8,800 | 9,200 | 2,100 | 2,700 | 2,400 |
| Switzerland | 21,300 | 26,000 | 5,900 | 7,800 | 8,300 | 1,700 | 2,200 | 2,300 |
| United Kingdom | 198,900 | 260,300 | 61,200 | 81,900 | 84,200 | 26,100 | 35,000 | 30,200 |
| Yugoslavia | 6,300 | 6,800 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 1,600 | 500 | 600 | 500 |
| Other | 22,300 | 31,700 | 5,000 | 7,600 | 8,000 | 1,500 | 2,500 | 2,400 |
| <i>Total Europe</i> | <i>411,900</i> | <i>529,600</i> | <i>119,800</i> | <i>159,800</i> | <i>160,100</i> | <i>43,800</i> | <i>59,200</i> | <i>52,300</i> |
| OCEANIA - | | | | | | | | |
| Fiji | 16,500 | 19,300 | 3,600 | 4,400 | 4,300 | 1,000 | 1,600 | 1,400 |
| New Caledonia | 14,400 | 17,200 | 5,300 | 6,100 | 5,800 | 700 | 1,000 | 800 |
| New Zealand | 427,300 | 534,300 | 71,100 | 90,500 | 83,000 | 26,600 | 35,600 | 32,700 |
| Papua New Guinea | 32,800 | 37,800 | 8,400 | 8,500 | 8,900 | 2,000 | 2,500 | 2,200 |
| Other | 14,700 | 19,800 | 3,600 | 3,900 | 4,600 | 1,000 | 1,200 | 1,500 |
| <i>Total Oceania</i> | <i>505,800</i> | <i>628,200</i> | <i>92,000</i> | <i>113,500</i> | <i>106,700</i> | <i>31,200</i> | <i>41,900</i> | <i>38,600</i> |
| Other and not stated | 5,700 | 6,600 | 2,400 | 900 | 1,000 | 700 | 200 | 400 |
| Total | 1,784,900 | 2,249,300 | 432,800 | 527,000 | 540,000 | 145,200 | 185,200 | 180,000 |

(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 | | | Month of | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 31 December | | 31 March | | | March | | |
| | 1987 | 1988 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 |
| AFRICA - | | | | | | | | |
| Egypt | 4,100 | 4,900 | 800 | 1,200 | 1,500 | 400 | 400 | 600 |
| South Africa | 7,700 | 8,300 | 1,300 | 1,500 | 2,300 | 500 | 600 | 1,300 |
| Other | 8,800 | 9,700 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 2,000 | 700 | 700 | 600 |
| <i>Total Africa</i> | <i>20,600</i> | <i>22,900</i> | <i>3,900</i> | <i>4,600</i> | <i>5,900</i> | <i>1,600</i> | <i>1,800</i> | <i>2,500</i> |
| AMERICA - | | | | | | | | |
| Canada | 20,400 | 23,700 | 2,600 | 3,900 | 4,800 | 1,200 | 1,400 | 2,000 |
| U.S.A. | 174,100 | 196,300 | 31,500 | 35,500 | 50,000 | 13,900 | 14,700 | 20,400 |
| Other | 20,400 | 23,900 | 4,000 | 4,200 | 4,600 | 1,400 | 1,800 | 1,500 |
| <i>Total America</i> | <i>215,000</i> | <i>243,900</i> | <i>38,200</i> | <i>43,700</i> | <i>59,300</i> | <i>16,500</i> | <i>17,800</i> | <i>23,800</i> |
| ASIA - | | | | | | | | |
| China | 17,200 | 19,100 | 4,100 | 3,900 | 3,800 | 2,200 | 1,700 | 1,900 |
| Hong Kong | 103,300 | 104,700 | 22,800 | 25,300 | 31,200 | 8,500 | 9,100 | 13,300 |
| India | 20,000 | 19,300 | 4,600 | 4,300 | 5,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,800 |
| Indonesia | 117,400 | 133,600 | 24,500 | 30,200 | 31,800 | 8,400 | 9,700 | 12,500 |
| Israel | 7,000 | 6,000 | 1,100 | 1,300 | 1,200 | 500 | 600 | 600 |
| Japan | 25,600 | 30,100 | 4,600 | 6,200 | 7,600 | 2,100 | 2,500 | 3,400 |
| Lebanon | 6,300 | 5,300 | 500 | 900 | 1,200 | 100 | 400 | 300 |
| Malaysia | 47,200 | 48,400 | 9,300 | 11,400 | 13,900 | 3,000 | 4,500 | 5,500 |
| Philippines | 33,500 | 35,700 | 7,400 | 8,700 | 10,800 | 2,200 | 3,400 | 4,200 |
| Singapore | 83,700 | 93,400 | 18,600 | 21,200 | 27,800 | 6,500 | 8,300 | 12,000 |
| Thailand | 48,800 | 59,800 | 10,800 | 14,700 | 20,500 | 4,200 | 5,900 | 7,600 |
| Turkey | 5,600 | 6,300 | 800 | 900 | 700 | 400 | 400 | 300 |
| Other | 31,800 | 38,100 | 7,300 | 8,400 | 10,700 | 2,400 | 3,400 | 4,500 |
| <i>Total Asia</i> | <i>547,400</i> | <i>599,900</i> | <i>116,400</i> | <i>137,300</i> | <i>166,600</i> | <i>42,100</i> | <i>51,200</i> | <i>67,700</i> |
| EUROPE - | | | | | | | | |
| France | 15,800 | 16,300 | 2,700 | 2,900 | 3,800 | 1,100 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Germany(a) | 26,100 | 26,900 | 4,000 | 3,700 | 4,800 | 2,000 | 1,500 | 1,900 |
| Greece | 33,900 | 33,600 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,400 | 2,600 | 2,900 | 2,400 |
| Ireland(b) | 6,700 | 8,100 | 700 | 800 | 1,200 | 500 | 300 | 700 |
| Italy | 40,100 | 39,300 | 6,000 | 5,400 | 6,500 | 3,300 | 3,000 | 3,100 |
| Netherlands | 14,100 | 12,700 | 2,800 | 1,700 | 2,200 | 1,500 | 800 | 1,100 |
| Switzerland | 7,400 | 8,100 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 2,200 | 500 | 600 | 800 |
| United Kingdom | 207,400 | 213,400 | 35,300 | 31,000 | 38,900 | 21,100 | 15,900 | 19,100 |
| Yugoslavia | 17,600 | 16,000 | 2,000 | 1,500 | 1,900 | 1,300 | 900 | 1,200 |
| Other | 39,100 | 42,500 | 5,900 | 5,600 | 7,200 | 2,700 | 2,600 | 3,500 |
| <i>Total Europe</i> | <i>408,200</i> | <i>416,900</i> | <i>65,700</i> | <i>59,000</i> | <i>73,300</i> | <i>36,600</i> | <i>29,600</i> | <i>34,800</i> |
| OCEANIA - | | | | | | | | |
| Fiji | 60,500 | 73,200 | 11,600 | 17,200 | 18,100 | 4,100 | 7,500 | 7,000 |
| New Caledonia | 10,800 | 10,300 | 2,700 | 2,100 | 2,700 | 600 | 700 | 1,100 |
| New Zealand | 275,300 | 247,100 | 64,300 | 65,100 | 69,100 | 23,200 | 23,300 | 27,100 |
| Norfolk Is. | 18,400 | 15,000 | 5,100 | 4,100 | 4,100 | 1,900 | 1,700 | 1,600 |
| Papua New Guinea | 27,500 | 32,700 | 5,800 | 6,900 | 8,700 | 1,800 | 2,500 | 2,700 |
| Vanuatu | 5,700 | 9,100 | 1,100 | 1,700 | 1,600 | 300 | 800 | 700 |
| Other | 19,000 | 19,700 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 4,700 | 1,400 | 1,300 | 1,500 |
| <i>Total Oceania</i> | <i>417,400</i> | <i>407,100</i> | <i>94,200</i> | <i>100,600</i> | <i>109,000</i> | <i>33,300</i> | <i>37,700</i> | <i>41,800</i> |
| Other and not stated | 13,700 | 6,900 | 6,300 | 1,100 | 1,100 | 2,500 | 500 | 300 |
| Total | 1,622,300 | 1,697,600 | 324,700 | 346,200 | 415,300 | 132,500 | 138,600 | 170,900 |

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

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) comprise 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 these 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 permanent movements and all movements with a duration of stay of one year or more are fully enumerated and processed. All movements 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.

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 is 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

tures 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 \$A 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).

20. 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 from November 1988 onwards is not published. As subsequent data become available this situation with regard to estimates of trend movements will be monitored, and will be released when considered reliable.

Related publications

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

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