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

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MAIN FEATURES

The number of overseas movements in June 1989 was 634,900, 3% more than the 618,100 recorded in June 1988. There were 301,200 arrivals (the same as in June 1988) and 333,700 departures (5% more than in June 1988).

Permanent movement

In June 1989 11,400 settlers arrived in Australia, about the same as in June 1988. 1,810 permanent departures were recorded, 15% more than in June 1988.

Arrivals of visitors for short-term visits

In June 1989, 142,700 arrivals of overseas visitors for short-term visits were recorded, 13% less than in June 1988 but 22% more than in June 1987. The strong growth and subsequent decline in actual short-term overseas arrivals last year (1988) was influenced by Australia's Bicentennial and World-Expo activities. In the first half of 1989, 979,400 visitor arrivals were recorded, 3% less than in 1988 but 22% more than in 1987.

Country of residence	June month			January to June		
	1989	1988	1987	1989	1988	1987
New Zealand	39,500	51,800	37,900	194,800	225,900	182,600
Japan	23,800	27,100	12,600	170,600	159,900	90,000
U.S.A.	19,600	23,500	18,700	132,200	146,800	147,800
U.K. & Ireland	14,800	13,600	10,100	139,400	130,000	97,700
Other	45,000	47,900	37,300	342,400	345,700	284,700
All countries	142,700	163,800	116,500	979,400	1,008,400	802,800

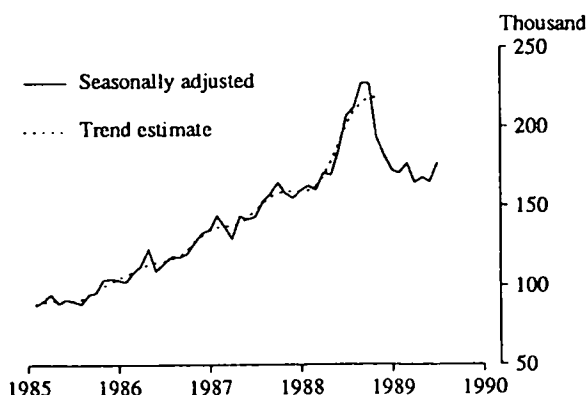
Arrivals of visitors from New Zealand in June 1989 numbered 39,500 (28% of total), a decrease of 24% compared with June 1988, but a small increase (4%) over June 1987. The same pattern of growth and subsequent decrease is shown for arrivals from Japan and the U.S.A., although arrivals from Japan in June 1989 were considerably higher (89%) than in June 1987. Visitor arrivals from the U.K. and Ireland have shown a consistent increase.

74,000 arrivals (52%) were for the purpose of 'holiday', 31,400 (22%) for 'visiting relatives' and 17,800 (12%) for 'business'. 71% of visitor arrivals were for less than one month, 50% intended to stay for less than 2 weeks.

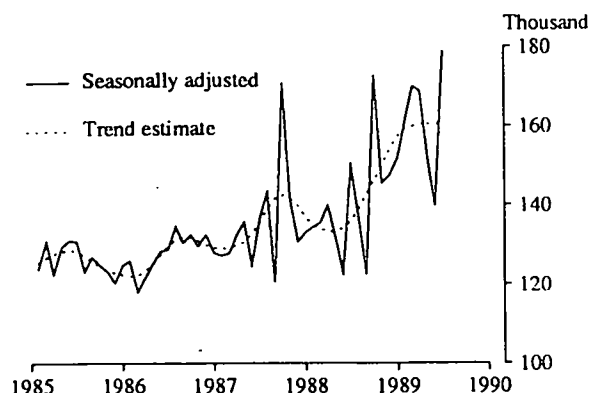
Departures of Australian residents for short-term trips abroad
In June 1989 197,800 departures of Australian residents for short-term overseas trips were recorded, 19% more than in June 1988. This continues the increase in the number of Australian residents travelling overseas for short-term visits. During the six months to June 1989, 912,800 departures of Australian residents for short-term visits were recorded, up 139,300 (18%) for the same period in 1988.

The most popular overseas destinations were the U.K. and Ireland (15%), the U.S.A. (12%), New Zealand (11%) and Indonesia (8%). 110,900 departures (56%) were for the purpose of 'holiday', 41,400 (21%) for 'visiting relatives' and 25,800 (13%) for 'business'.

SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS (a)



SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES



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

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>								
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	1,637,900	2,249,300	..	4,141,100
<i>1988 -</i>								
March	12,780	3,860	3,960	20,600	107,600	185,200	171,000	168,700
April	12,580	3,450	3,300	19,330	121,000	160,500	169,700	178,300
May	11,470	3,380	2,640	17,490	104,000	157,100	185,200	189,800
June	11,380	4,190	3,060	18,630	118,800	163,800	206,600	201,100
July	12,490	4,640	4,090	21,220	162,400	203,300	212,400	210,000
August	13,560	3,910	3,220	20,690	136,900	196,900	227,800	215,800
September	12,780	4,220	3,600	20,600	160,600	179,600	228,000	218,600
October	12,660	4,220	3,660	20,540	188,400	207,300	193,900	219,300
November	13,010	5,120	3,070	21,200	128,600	208,000	182,200	n.a.
December	12,860	8,540	2,980	24,380	101,200	245,800	172,600	n.a.
<i>1989 -</i>								
January	12,600	5,240	8,200	26,040	222,200	168,900	171,000	n.a.
February	10,790	3,770	8,080	22,640	129,100	191,100	176,900	n.a.
March	11,650	3,670	3,930	19,250	132,100	180,000	164,700	n.a.
April	11,350	3,250	3,720	18,320	141,100	160,100	167,900	n.a.
May	10,180	3,040	3,020	16,240	121,200	136,600	165,300	n.a.
June	11,400	4,190	3,210	18,800	139,700	142,700	177,000	n.a.

(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)	
<i>Year ended 31 December -</i>								
1986	18,820	48,560	27,190	94,570	1,539,600	1,363,600
1987	20,420	50,280	31,720	102,420	1,622,300	1,701,200
1988	20,320	54,120	30,330	104,770	1,697,600	2,174,100
<i>1988 -</i>								
March	1,720	4,650	2,610	8,980	138,600	140,100	133,400	176,600
April	1,810	4,620	1,980	8,410	132,400	131,500	133,800	172,400
May	1,750	4,130	2,000	7,880	129,200	122,900	134,400	182,500
June	1,570	3,920	2,280	7,770	165,700	150,200	136,200	143,400
July	1,800	4,670	2,370	8,840	153,300	136,300	139,200	171,900
August	1,530	5,070	2,030	8,630	141,900	122,700	142,700	200,300
September	1,440	3,950	1,980	7,370	170,300	172,900	146,300	181,600
October	1,520	3,660	1,790	6,970	127,800	145,600	150,000	192,500
November	1,610	3,690	2,610	7,910	124,100	147,600	154,100	198,200
December	2,050	4,880	6,050	12,980	206,700	151,900	157,400	171,800
<i>1989 -</i>								
January	2,060	7,360	3,250	12,670	131,700	161,000	159,500	221,700
February	1,860	5,140	2,320	9,320	112,700	170,100	160,000	170,900
March	2,080	5,420	3,150	10,650	170,900	168,900	160,500	187,300
April	2,090	5,260	2,500	9,850	153,000	151,900	160,600	172,700
May	1,820	4,430	2,260	8,510	146,700	139,900	160,600	162,000
June	1,810	4,210	2,950	8,970	197,800	179,100	160,800	127,000

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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		Quarter ended		January to		Month of		
	31 December		30 June		June		June		
	1987	1988	1988	1989	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
ARRIVALS									
Intended length of stay									
Under 1 week	441,100	495,200	114,000	111,800	233,900	239,200	29,700	36,600	35,000
1 and under 2 weeks	410,100	567,800	133,400	114,800	252,200	238,000	25,900	44,700	36,700
2 weeks and under 1 month	403,600	541,200	112,500	91,700	227,600	202,200	26,900	38,500	29,200
1 and under 2 months	224,900	279,500	50,800	47,900	122,300	119,300	14,000	18,500	16,500
2 and under 3 months	85,800	99,300	19,900	19,700	48,100	47,500	6,400	8,300	7,200
3 and under 6 months	93,400	110,300	20,800	21,700	48,800	52,400	6,400	7,700	7,600
6 and under 12 months	115,300	146,100	27,400	31,600	69,600	80,600	6,700	8,700	10,600
Not stated	10,700	9,700	2,700	—	5,800	100	600	800	—
Total	1,784,900	2,249,300	481,400	439,400	1,008,400	979,400	116,500	163,800	142,700
Purpose of Journey									
In Transit	100,900	88,700	19,100	17,500	44,500	40,100	6,900	5,500	5,300
Attending convention	31,100	56,700	12,700	6,100	20,200	12,800	1,600	2,400	1,800
Business	195,300	234,300	58,100	57,300	114,600	114,400	15,600	17,300	17,800
Accompanying business traveller	18,900	23,000	5,000	4,100	10,300	10,100	900	1,500	1,100
Visiting relatives	370,200	448,500	90,600	93,200	197,700	200,000	22,700	32,400	31,400
Holiday	938,300	1,237,000	264,000	229,200	546,200	520,900	57,400	93,400	74,000
Employment	21,300	26,600	6,200	7,800	13,000	15,900	1,800	2,200	2,600
Education	35,200	47,800	8,600	9,300	26,300	32,400	1,600	2,900	3,100
Other and not stated	73,700	86,600	17,100	14,900	35,500	32,900	8,100	6,300	5,600
Total	1,784,900	2,249,300	481,400	439,400	1,008,400	979,400	116,500	163,800	142,700
DEPARTURES									
Intended length of stay									
Under 1 week	103,400	138,300	36,800	44,600	66,700	81,400	10,000	12,700	15,100
1 and under 2 weeks	377,900	402,300	92,000	112,100	186,500	226,800	28,100	32,100	44,100
2 weeks and under 1 month	468,400	480,200	110,100	133,400	217,600	261,900	40,100	44,900	57,400
1 and under 2 months	292,000	302,300	73,100	85,300	121,800	144,900	29,300	31,900	36,400
2 and under 3 months	135,300	145,400	38,000	42,000	56,200	61,200	14,200	15,900	15,900
3 and under 6 months	125,000	126,500	48,700	50,400	67,400	73,200	18,100	20,200	21,000
6 and under 12 months	87,300	96,300	27,300	29,400	54,400	62,000	6,800	7,700	7,900
Not stated	33,000	6,300	1,400	200	2,900	1,300	2,700	400	—
Total	1,622,300	1,697,600	427,300	497,500	773,500	912,800	149,400	165,700	197,800
Purpose of Journey									
Attending convention	37,000	37,200	9,900	14,600	17,400	23,400	3,500	2,600	4,200
Business	227,500	264,400	71,300	83,500	130,500	152,700	19,600	22,900	25,800
Accompanying business traveller	27,700	28,700	8,000	8,500	14,500	16,400	2,300	2,700	2,800
Visiting relatives	332,600	343,400	88,000	95,300	148,700	167,700	35,000	37,100	41,400
Holiday	874,100	912,000	222,400	261,800	408,500	487,800	78,100	90,100	110,900
Employment	24,300	28,400	7,400	9,000	14,400	18,000	1,700	2,400	2,500
Education	13,500	15,300	3,200	4,900	6,600	9,400	1,100	1,200	2,300
Other and not stated	85,600	68,200	17,100	20,000	33,000	37,400	8,000	6,700	7,800
Total	1,622,300	1,697,600	427,300	497,500	773,500	912,800	149,400	165,700	197,800

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

Country of birth (Summary)	Year ended		Quarter ended		January to		Month of		
	31 December		30 June		June		June		
	1987	1988	1988	1989	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
Total Africa	9,060	8,150	2,110	1,250	4,620	2,800	750	700	460
Total America	7,440	7,800	1,900	1,720	3,930	3,520	550	590	620
Asia-									
East and South East Asia	37,970	45,500	10,270	12,200	21,650	23,720	2,770	2,980	4,160
South Central Asia	7,900	8,920	2,140	1,680	4,240	3,490	790	740	580
Western Asia (Middle East)	7,000	7,000	1,600	1,030	3,580	2,430	590	490	430
Total Asia	52,870	61,430	14,010	14,920	29,480	29,650	4,150	4,200	5,180
Europe-									
U.K. and Ireland	24,030	29,030	7,090	6,640	13,970	12,920	1,830	2,490	2,340
Other Europe	15,390	15,590	3,330	2,790	7,450	5,870	1,340	1,130	1,140
Total Europe	39,420	44,630	10,410	9,430	21,420	18,780	3,170	3,620	3,480
Oceania-									
New Zealand	15,360	24,870	6,050	4,620	12,480	11,150	1,020	1,910	1,310
Other Oceania	4,140	4,660	930	990	2,260	2,060	290	360	350
Total Oceania	19,490	29,530	6,980	5,610	14,740	13,210	1,310	2,270	1,660
At sea and not stated	—	10	10	—	10	10	—	—	—
Total	128,290	151,550	35,430	32,930	74,200	67,960	9,930	11,380	11,400

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 June		June		June		
	1987	1988	1988	1989	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
AFRICA -									
South Africa	9,600	9,400	1,700	1,500	3,900	3,500	600	400	500
Other	7,900	10,900	2,600	1,800	4,900	4,200	400	700	400
<i>Total Africa</i>	<i>17,500</i>	<i>20,300</i>	<i>4,300</i>	<i>3,300</i>	<i>8,800</i>	<i>7,700</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,100</i>	<i>900</i>
AMERICA -									
Canada	52,700	66,700	12,600	9,300	28,100	26,800	2,500	2,900	2,100
U.S.A.	309,000	322,300	69,100	59,700	146,800	132,200	18,700	23,500	19,600
Other	11,300	15,400	2,400	2,300	5,900	5,800	800	800	700
<i>Total America</i>	<i>373,100</i>	<i>404,400</i>	<i>84,200</i>	<i>71,300</i>	<i>180,800</i>	<i>164,800</i>	<i>22,000</i>	<i>27,100</i>	<i>22,500</i>
ASIA -									
China	10,900	18,000	4,100	5,400	7,000	12,700	600	1,300	1,900
Hong Kong	42,700	49,400	9,800	8,700	24,000	24,100	2,400	3,500	3,200
India	7,400	10,700	3,000	3,200	5,200	5,400	500	800	800
Indonesia	21,500	29,600	9,000	7,300	14,100	14,000	2,000	3,700	3,100
Israel	4,400	5,200	1,000	1,000	2,300	2,400	300	400	400
Japan	215,600	352,300	79,600	76,500	159,900	170,600	12,600	27,100	23,800
Korea	6,900	9,200	2,100	2,200	4,400	4,700	500	600	700
Malaysia	47,100	52,100	13,300	9,800	26,500	21,700	2,300	2,800	2,100
Philippines	12,200	13,400	4,300	3,200	7,000	6,000	900	1,000	900
Singapore	57,000	63,500	16,500	15,600	29,800	28,700	6,100	7,100	6,600
Taiwan	16,000	19,200	3,100	2,400	9,700	9,400	300	600	600
Thailand	11,200	15,800	4,700	4,600	7,500	9,200	700	1,200	900
Other	18,200	21,900	5,300	4,700	10,200	9,900	1,200	1,500	1,500
<i>Total Asia</i>	<i>470,900</i>	<i>660,300</i>	<i>155,800</i>	<i>144,400</i>	<i>307,600</i>	<i>318,800</i>	<i>30,500</i>	<i>51,500</i>	<i>46,700</i>
EUROPE -									
Denmark	8,700	11,400	1,800	1,600	5,100	4,500	400	600	700
Finland	4,200	5,700	900	900	2,200	2,300	200	300	400
France	17,100	21,000	3,800	3,600	9,200	8,700	1,600	1,100	1,200
Germany(a)	53,300	65,900	8,500	10,500	30,100	32,700	2,200	2,300	2,900
Greece	7,100	8,100	1,400	1,100	3,200	2,800	400	600	400
Ireland(b)	9,800	13,100	2,300	2,900	6,000	6,600	900	1,000	1,000
Italy	19,300	25,200	3,200	2,900	9,200	7,800	900	1,100	1,000
Netherlands	17,300	22,400	2,900	3,100	9,600	8,900	700	800	900
Norway	4,300	5,200	700	500	2,600	1,800	200	200	200
Sweden	21,900	26,900	3,300	3,200	12,100	12,400	800	1,000	1,000
Switzerland	21,300	26,000	4,000	4,300	11,700	12,600	700	1,000	1,200
United Kingdom	198,900	260,300	42,100	48,700	124,000	132,900	9,200	12,600	13,700
Yugoslavia	6,300	6,800	1,100	1,100	3,000	2,700	300	400	300
Other	22,300	31,700	5,600	5,800	13,200	13,800	1,000	1,800	1,900
<i>Total Europe</i>	<i>411,900</i>	<i>529,600</i>	<i>81,400</i>	<i>90,300</i>	<i>241,100</i>	<i>250,400</i>	<i>19,500</i>	<i>24,800</i>	<i>26,900</i>
OCEANIA -									
Fiji	16,500	19,300	4,100	4,300	8,600	8,600	1,100	1,300	1,400
New Caledonia	14,400	17,200	3,100	2,400	9,200	8,200	600	800	700
New Zealand	427,300	534,300	135,400	111,800	225,900	194,800	37,900	51,800	39,500
Papua New Guinea	32,800	37,800	8,300	6,900	16,800	15,800	2,600	3,800	2,700
Other	14,700	19,800	4,000	4,100	7,900	8,700	900	1,400	1,600
<i>Total Oceania</i>	<i>505,800</i>	<i>628,200</i>	<i>154,900</i>	<i>129,400</i>	<i>268,400</i>	<i>236,100</i>	<i>42,900</i>	<i>59,100</i>	<i>45,700</i>
Other and not stated	5,700	6,600	900	700	1,700	1,700	500	200	—
Total	1,784,900	2,249,300	481,400	439,400	1,008,400	979,400	116,500	163,800	142,700

(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 June		June		June		
	1987	1988	1988	1989	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
AFRICA -									
Egypt	4,100	4,900	900	1,200	2,200	2,800	200	500	300
South Africa	7,700	8,300	1,700	2,200	3,200	4,600	500	600	700
Other	8,800	9,700	2,000	2,400	3,800	4,500	600	700	900
<i>Total Africa</i>	<i>20,600</i>	<i>22,900</i>	<i>4,600</i>	<i>5,900</i>	<i>9,200</i>	<i>11,800</i>	<i>1,400</i>	<i>1,700</i>	<i>2,000</i>
AMERICA -									
Canada	20,400	23,700	6,400	9,100	10,300	13,900	2,700	3,200	4,900
U.S.A.	174,100	196,300	55,300	61,700	90,900	111,700	18,100	21,800	24,700
Other	20,400	23,900	3,800	4,700	8,000	9,200	1,400	1,500	2,100
<i>Total America</i>	<i>215,000</i>	<i>243,900</i>	<i>65,400</i>	<i>75,400</i>	<i>109,100</i>	<i>134,700</i>	<i>22,300</i>	<i>26,500</i>	<i>31,600</i>
ASIA -									
China	17,200	19,100	4,100	4,400	8,000	8,200	1,200	1,500	400
Hong Kong	103,300	104,700	21,800	24,800	47,000	56,000	9,200	8,000	8,800
India	20,000	19,300	2,700	3,700	7,000	9,100	900	700	1,200
Indonesia	117,400	133,600	31,700	33,900	62,000	65,800	11,000	11,500	15,800
Israel	7,000	6,000	1,600	1,700	2,900	2,900	500	500	800
Japan	25,600	30,100	7,000	10,300	13,200	17,900	1,800	2,500	3,200
Lebanon	6,300	5,300	1,800	700	2,700	2,000	800	600	300
Malaysia	47,200	48,400	11,300	12,800	22,800	26,700	4,500	5,000	5,500
Philippines	33,500	35,700	7,600	10,200	16,200	21,000	2,500	2,300	3,200
Singapore	83,700	93,400	22,100	27,200	43,300	55,000	6,400	7,800	9,500
Thailand	48,800	59,800	13,000	18,800	27,700	39,300	3,400	5,000	6,900
Turkey	5,600	6,300	2,500	2,800	3,300	3,600	600	900	1,300
Other	31,800	38,100	7,800	11,900	16,200	22,600	2,600	2,800	4,300
<i>Total Asia</i>	<i>547,400</i>	<i>599,900</i>	<i>135,000</i>	<i>163,200</i>	<i>272,300</i>	<i>329,900</i>	<i>45,400</i>	<i>49,200</i>	<i>61,300</i>
EUROPE -									
France	15,800	16,300	4,100	6,000	7,000	9,700	1,800	1,700	2,400
Germany(a)	26,100	26,900	8,400	9,500	12,100	14,400	2,800	3,500	3,400
Greece	33,900	33,600	14,600	12,600	19,100	17,100	5,300	5,800	4,900
Ireland(b)	6,700	8,100	2,500	2,900	3,300	4,100	1,100	1,200	1,500
Italy	40,100	39,300	13,200	13,800	18,600	20,300	6,100	6,400	6,000
Netherlands	14,100	12,700	4,000	4,500	5,700	6,800	1,300	1,300	1,800
Switzerland	7,400	8,100	2,000	2,700	3,800	5,000	700	900	1,000
United Kingdom	207,400	213,400	67,900	73,800	99,000	112,800	22,400	24,600	29,200
Yugoslavia	17,600	16,000	6,700	5,200	8,300	7,100	3,100	3,400	2,600
Other	39,100	42,500	15,500	16,500	21,100	23,700	5,800	7,900	8,100
<i>Total Europe</i>	<i>408,200</i>	<i>416,900</i>	<i>138,900</i>	<i>147,700</i>	<i>197,900</i>	<i>221,000</i>	<i>50,500</i>	<i>56,600</i>	<i>60,700</i>
OCEANIA -									
Fiji	60,500	73,200	14,600	21,200	31,800	39,300	1,700	6,800	9,600
New Caledonia	10,800	10,300	1,300	3,000	3,400	5,700	1,100	400	1,300
New Zealand	275,300	247,100	47,900	59,700	112,900	128,700	18,700	16,900	22,300
Norfolk Is.	18,400	15,000	3,500	3,600	7,600	7,700	1,100	1,000	1,000
Papua New Guinea	27,500	32,700	7,500	8,700	14,400	17,500	2,600	3,400	3,600
Vanuatu	5,700	9,100	2,500	2,300	4,300	4,000	500	900	1,300
Other	19,000	19,700	4,500	6,600	8,000	11,200	2,200	1,800	2,900
<i>Total Oceania</i>	<i>417,400</i>	<i>407,100</i>	<i>81,900</i>	<i>105,000</i>	<i>182,400</i>	<i>214,100</i>	<i>27,800</i>	<i>31,200</i>	<i>42,100</i>
Other and not stated	13,700	6,900	1,500	200	2,600	1,300	1,900	400	—
Total	1,622,300	1,697,600	427,300	497,500	773,500	912,800	149,400	165,700	197,800

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

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

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 12 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 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 \$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 ad-

ditional 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.

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