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# OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, AUSTRALIA **JULY 1989**

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### MAIN FEATURES

The number of overseas movements in July 1989 was 727,600, slightly more than the 721,000 recorded in July 1988. There were 393,300 arrivals (2% more than in July 1988) and 334,200 departures (the same as in July 1988).

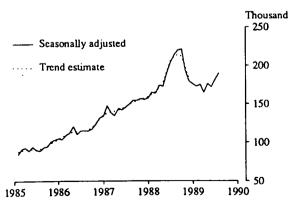
Permanent movement In July 1989:

- 10,740 settlers arrived in Australia, 14% less than in July 1988.
- 2,150 permanent departures were recorded, 20% more than in July 1988.

Arrivals of visitors for short-term visits In July 1989:

- 175,400 arrivals of overseas visitors for shortterm visits were recorded, 14% less than in July 1988 but 24% more than in July 1987. The strong growth and subsequent decline in actual short-term overseas arrivals during 1988 was influenced by Australia's Bicentennial and World-Expo activities.
- Arrivals from New Zealand (45,900) and the U.S.A. (21,600) were lower than in July 1988 (decreases of 24% and 31% respectively), although they were 3% higher than in the same month two years ago in 1987.

## SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS (a)



- In contrast, arrivals from Japan (29,400) and the U.K. and Ireland (19,800) were both higher this month than in July 1988, showing increases of 4% and 10% respectively. They were also considerably higher (81% and 47% respectively) than in July 1987.
- More than half (52%) of short term arrivals were for the purpose of 'holiday', (23%) for 'visiting relatives' and (11%) for 'business'.
- The duration of stay of visitors in Australia remains short, with 42% of visitor arrivals staying for less than 2 weeks.

Departures of Australian residents for short-term trips abroad

In July 1989:

- 173,800 departures of Australian residents for short-term overseas trips were recorded, 13% more than in July 1988.
- The most popular overseas destinations were the U.K. and Ireland (13%), the U.S.A. (13%), New Zealand (12%), and Indonesia (8%).
- 96,700 departures (56%) were for the purpose of 'holiday', 33,000 (19%) for 'visiting relatives' and 25,400 (15%) for 'business'.

### SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES

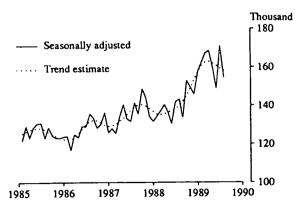


TABLE 1. TOTAL MOVEMENT - ARRIVALS: CATEGORY OF MOVEMENT

				Total		Short-term a	irrivals (a)		
Period	Permanent arrivals	Long-term arrivals Australian Overseas		permanent and long-term	Australian	Overseas visitors	Overseas visitors (Seasonally	Overseas visitors (Trend	Total arrivals
	Settlers	residents	visitors	arrivals	residents	(Actual)	adjusted)	estimate) (b)	(a)
Year ended									
31 December -									
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
1988 -									
April	12,580	3,450	3,300	19,330	121,000	160,500	172,900	177,900	300,800
May	11,470	3,380	2,640	17,490	104,000	157,100	189,900	191,200	278,600
June	11,380	4,190	3,060	18,630	118,800	163,800	204,800	206,700	301,200
July	12,490	4,640	4,090	21,220	162,400	203,300	214,300	212,100	386,900
August	13,560	3,910	3,220	20,690	136,900	196,900	219,900	214,900	354,400
September	12,780	4,220	3,600	20,600	160,600	179,600	221,800		360,800
October	12,660	4,220	3,660	20,540	188,400	207,300	194,600	199,800	416,200
November	13,010	5,120	3,070	21,200	128,600	208,000	180,100	n.a.	357,800
December	12,860	8,540	2,980	24,380	101,200	245,800	176,300	n.a.	371,400
1989 -									
January	12,600	5,240	8,200	26,040	222,200	168,900	173,100	n.a.	417,200
February	10,790	3,770	8,080	22,640	129,100	191,100	175,500	n.a.	342,800
March	11,650	3,670	3,930	19,250	132,100	180,000	164,800		331,40
April	11,350	3,250	3,720	18,320	141,100	160,100	176,800		319,50
May	10,180	3,040	3,020	16,240	121,200	136,600	172,000		274,00
June	11,400	4,190	3,210	18,800	139,700	142,700	181,500		301,20
July	10,740	4,400	4,870	20,010	197,900	175,400	190,300	n.a.	393,30

<sup>(</sup>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. NOTE: the Seasonally adjusted and Trend estimate figures in this table have been revised following the regular annual reanalysis. The adjustment methodology has also been changed. See paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail.

TABLE 2. TOTAL MOVEMENT - DEPARTURES: CATEGORY OF MOVEMENT

		Total				Short-term departures (a)				
Long-term departures  Australian Overseas		permanent and long-term	Australian residents	Australian residents (Seasonally	Australian residents (Trend	Overseas	Tota departures			
residents	Period	visitors	departures	(Actual)	adjusted)	estimate) (b)	visitors	(a		
	Year ended									
	31 December -						4 0 60 000	2 007 000		
48,560	1986	27,190	94,570	1,539,600		• •	1,363,800	2,997,900		
50,280	1987	31,720	102,420	1,622,300		• •	1,701,200	3,425,900		
54,120	1988	30,330	104,770	1,697,600	• •	••	2,174,100	3,976,500		
	1988 -							212.22		
4,620	April	1,980	8,410	132,400	136,400	136,500	172,400	313,200		
4,130	May	2,000	7,880	129,200	130,600	137,300	182,500	319,600		
3,920	June	2,280	7,770	165,700	141,900	138,400	143,400	316,900		
4,670	July	2,370	8,840	153,300	143,400	140,000	171,900	334,000		
5,070	August	2,030	8,630	141,900	133,500	142,300	200,300	350,800		
3,950	September	1,980	7,370	170,300	153,100	145,300	181,600	359,300		
3,660	October	1,790	6,970	127,800	149,700	148,900	192,500	327,300		
3,690	November	2,610	7,910	124,100	145,900	153,400	198,200	330,200		
4,880	December	6,050	12,980	206,700	157,900	157,600	171,800	391,500		
	1989 -									
7,360	January	3,250	12,670	131,700	162,500		221,700	366,100		
5,140	February	2,320	9,320	112,700	167,300	162,800	170,900	292,90		
5,420	March	3,150	10,650	170,900	168,600	163,100	187,300	368,90		
5,260	April	2,500	9,850	153,000	159,400		172,700	335,50		
4,430	May	2,260	8,510	146,700	148,900	160,800	162,000	317,20		
4,210	June	2,950	8,970	197,800	171,000	159,500	127,000	333,70		
4,940	July	2,720	9,810	173,800	154,600	158,300	150,600	334,20		

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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 June		January toJuly		Month of July		
		1988	1988	<u>1989</u>	1988	<u> 1989</u> -	1987	<u>1988 _</u>	1989
			ARRIV	ALS					
Intended length of stay									
Under 1 week	441,100	495,300	114,000	111,800	271,600	277,100	32,800	37,700	37,800
1 and under 2 weeks	410,100	567,800	133,400	114,800	300,300	273,300	31,000	48,100	35,200
2 weeks and under 1 month	403,600	541,200	112,500	91,700	286,300	247,400	35,400	58,700	45,200
1 and under 2 months	224,900 85,800	279,500 99,300	50,800 19,900	47,900 19,700	152,600 56,500	148,000 56,000	21,300 7,200	30,300 8,400	28,600 8,500
2 and under 3 months	93,400	110,300	20,800	21,700	56,700	60,300	6,500	7,800	7,900
3 and under 6 months 6 and under 12 months	115,300	146,100	27,400	31,600	80,800	92,800	7,400	11,200	12,200
Total (a)	1,784,900	2,249,300	481,400	439,400	1,211,700	1,154,800	142,000	203,300	175,400
Purpose of journey									
In Transit	100,900	88,700	19,100	17,500	51,600	46,200	7,500	7,000	6,100
Attending convention	31,100	56,700	12,700	6,100	24,900	14,100	2,200	4,700	1,200
Business	195,300	234,300	58,100	57,300	134,800	134,100	16,300	20,200	19,700
Accompanying business traveller	18,900	23,000	5,000	4,100	12,500	11,700	1,400	2,200	1,700
Visiting relatives	370,200	448,500	90,600	93,200	234,200	239,500	29,800	36,400	39,500
Holiday	938,300	1,237,000	264,000	229,200	660,400	611,500	73,200	114,200	90,600
Employment	21,300	26,600	6,200	7,800	15,200	18,400	1,900	2,200	2,500
Education	35,200	47,800	8,600	9,300	33,100	39,900	4,900	6,800	7,500
Other and not stated	73,700	86,600	17,100	14,900	45,100	39,400	5,000	9,600	6,500
Total	1,784,900	2,249,300	481,400	439,400	1,211,700	1,154,800	142,000	203,300	175,400
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Intended length of stay						<del></del>			
Under 1 week	103,400	138,300	36,800	44,600	78,200	96,600	8,500	11,500	15,100
1 and under 2 weeks	377,900	402,300	92,000	112,200	222,700	270,100	38,200	36,200	43,300
2 weeks and under 1 month	468,400	480,200	110,100	133,400	258,000	307,900	42,500	40,400	46,000
1 and under 2 months	292,000	302,300	73,100	85,300	146,300	173,500	26,500	24,500	28,600
2 and under 3 months	135,300	145,400	38,000	42,000	72,600	77,000	16,100	16,500	15,800
3 and under 6 months	125,000	126,600	48,700	50,400	82,300	89,000	17,300	14,900	15,800
6 and under 12 months	87,300	96,300	27,300	29,400	63,000	71,200	7,500	8,600	9,200
Total (a)	1,622,300	1,697,600	427,300	497,500	926,800	1,086,600	157,700	153,300	173,800
Purpose of journey									
Attending convention	37,000	37,200	9,900	14,600	21,200	28,200	3,000	3,800	4,800
Business	227,500	264,400	71,300	83,500	151,600	178,000	18,400	21,200	25,400
Accompanying business traveller	27,700	28,800	8,000	8,500	17,100	19,000	2,500	2,600	2,600
Visiting relatives	332,600	343,400	88,000	95,300	181,400	200,700	34,700	32,700	33,000
Holiday	874,100	912,000	222,400	261,800	491,900	584,500	88,100	83,400	96,700
Employment	24,300	28,400	7,400	9,000	16,900	21,200	2,800	2,500	3,200
Education	13,500	15,300	3,200	4,900	8,100	10,600	1,200	1,500	1,200
Other and not stated Total	85,600 1,622,300	68,200 1,697,600	17,100 <b>427,300</b>	20,000 <b>497,500</b>	38,600 <b>926,800</b>	44,300 1,086,600	7,000 <b>157,700</b>	5,500 1 <b>53,300</b>	6,900 1 <b>73,80</b> 0
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(a) Includes not stated.	TABLE 4. PE	DMANENT (	CETTI ED)	ADDIVAT	s · COUNTE	V OF RIPT	н		
	Year		Quarter		Janua			Month of	
Country of birth (Summary)	31 Dec	ember	30 Ju	ine	Ju	<u>lý</u>	1007	July	1000
Total Africa	<u>1987</u> 9,060	1988 8,150	1988 2,110	1989 1,250	1988 5,310	1989 3,340	1987 620	1988 690	<u>1989</u> 550
Total America	7,440	7,800	1,900	1,720	4,620	4,170	610	690	650
	7,440	7,000	1,500	1,,20	7,020	1,1.0	0.0		
Asia- East and South East Asia	37,970	45,500	10,270	12,200	25,420	27,840	2,910	3,770	4,110
South Central Asia	7,900	43,300 8,920	2,140	1,680	5,100	4,020	650	860	530
Western Asia (Middle East)	7,900	7,000	1,600	1,030	4,130	2,810	660	550	380
Total Asia	52,870	61,430	14,010	14,920	34,660	34,670	4,220	5,180	5,020
Europe-									
U.K. and Ireland	24,030	29,030	7,090	6,640	16,300	14,910	1,870	2,330	1,990
Other Europe	15,390	15,590	3,330	2,790	8,720	6,870	1,220	1,280	1,000
Total Europe	39,420	44,630	10,410	9,430	25,030	21,770	3,090	3,610	2,990
Oceania-									
New Zealand	15,360	24,870	6,050	4,620	14,470	12,370	1,060	1,980	1,220
Other Oceania	4,140	4,660	930	990	2,600	2,370	330	340	310
Total Oceania	19,490	29,530	6,980	5,610	17,070	14,740	1,390	2,330	1,530
Total (a)	128,290	151,550	35,430	32,930	86,690	78,710	9,930	12,490	10,740

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes not stated.

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

	Year er		Quarter e		Januar	•	Month of		
Country of residence	<u>31 Dece</u> 1987	<u>mber</u> 1988	30 Ju <u>i</u> 1988	1989	<u>July</u> 1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
	190/	1900	1900		1700	1707		1700	
AFRICA ·									
South Africa	9,600	9,400	1,700	1,500	4,500	3,900	600	600	400
Other	7,900	10,900	2,600	1,800	5,700	4,900	500	800	700
Total Africa	17,500	20,300	4,300	3,300	10,200	8,800	1,100	1,400	1,100
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AMERICA -	£2.700	66,700	12,600	9,300	34,900	30,700	3,100	6,900	3,900
Canada	52,700			59,700	178,100	153,800	20,900	31,300	21,600
U.S.A.	309,000	322,300	69,100				900	1,100	900
Other	11,300	15,400	2,400	2,300	7,000	6,700	24,900	39,200	26,400
Total America	373,100	404,400	84,200	71,300	220,000	191,200	24,900	39,200	20,400
ASIA -									
China	10,900	18,000	4,100	5,400	8,700	13,800	1,000	1,700	1,100
Hong Kong	42,700	49,400	9,800	8,700	31,100	30,900	5,100	7,100	6,800
India	7,400	10,700	3,100	3,200	6,000	6,200	500	800	800
Indonesia	21,500	29,600	9,000	7,300	17,400	16,900	1,900	3,200	2,900
Israel	4,400	5,200	1,000	1,000	2,800	2,900	600	500	500
Japan	215,600	352,300	79,600	76,500	188,300	200,100	16,200	28,400	29,400
Korea (a)	6,900	9,200	2,100	2,200	5,200	5,600	600	800	900
Malaysia	47,100	52,100	13,300	9,800	30,800	25,300	3,300	4,400	3,600
5	12,200	13,400	4,300	3,200	8,100	6,900	900	1,100	900
Philippines	57,000	63,500	16,500	15,600	33,500	32,200	2,700	3,700	3,600
Singapore Taiwan	16,000	19,200	3,100	2,400	10,900	10,800	400	1,200	1,400
	11,200	15,800	4,700	4,600	8,600	10,400	900	1,100	1,100
Thailand Other	18,200	21,900	5,300	4,700	12,200	12,000	1,700	2,000	2,100
Total Asia	470,900	660,300	155,800	144,400	363,500	373,900	35,800	55,900	55,200
EUROPE -									
Austria	6,400	9,100	1,400	1,500	5,000	4,700	500	800	800
Denmark	8,700	11,400	1,800	1,600	5,800	5,200	400	700	700
Finland	4,200	5,700	900	900	2,600	2,700	100	400	300
France	17,100	21,000	3,800	3,600	11,400	11,200	1,600	2,200	2,500
	53,300	65,900	8,500	10,500	35,800	38,000	3,400	5,700	5,300
Germany (b)	7,100	8,100	1,400	1,100	3,900	3,600	500	600	800
Greece	9,800	13,100	2,300	2,900	7,000	7,500	600	1,000	900
Ireland (c)	19,300	25,200	3,200	2,900	11,500	9,800	1,600	2,300	2,000
Italy		22,400	2,900	3,100	11,300	10,600	1,200	1,800	1,700
Netherlands	17,300	5,200	700	500	2,900	2,000	200	300	200
Norway	4,300		900	1,000	2,000	2,300	200	200	300
Poland	3,400	4,100 26,900	3,300	3,200	13,300	13,600	800	1,300	1,200
Sweden	21,900			4,300	13,600	14,500	1,300	1,900	1,900
Switzerland	21,300	26,000	4,000	48,700	141,100	151,800	12,800	17,100	18,900
United Kingdom	198,900	260,300	42,100		1,300	2,700	100	200	300
U.S.S.R (d)	1,500	2,900	500	1,200	3,400	3,200	300	400	400
Yugoslavia	6,300	6,800	1,100	1,100		6,800	800	1,400	1,400
Other	11,000	15,500	2,800	2,100	7,500		26,600	38,300	39.800
Total Europe	411,900	529,600	81,400	90,300	279,500	290,200	20,000	20,200	39.000
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Fiji	16,500	19,300	4,100	4,300	9,900	9,800	1,300	1,300 1,400	600
New Caledonia	14,400	17,200	3,100	2,400	10,700	8,800	800		45,900
New Zealand	427,300	534,300	135,400	111,800	286,300	240,700	47,600	60,400	45,900 3,800
Papua New Guinea	32,800	37,800	8,300	6,900	20,300	19,600	2,900	3,500	
Other	14,700	19,800	4,000	4,100	9,500	10,200	1,100	1,600	1,400
Total Oceania	505,800	628,200	154,900	129,400	336,700	289,100	53,500	68,300	53,000
Totał (e)	1,784,900	2,249,300	481,400	439,400	1,211,700	1,154,800	142,000	203,300	175,400

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes North Korea, South Korea and Korea undefined. (b) Comprises the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany. (c) Includes Republic of Ireland and Ireland, undefined. (d) Includes Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine and U.S.S.R. (e) Includes other and not stated.

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

	Year en	Quarter ended30 June		Januar		Month of  July			
Country of intended stay	<u>31 Decei</u> 1987	1988	30 Jun 1988	1989	<u>July</u> 1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
AFRICA -	4 100	4 000	000	1 200	2 200	3,000	300	200	300
Egypt	4,100	4,900	900	1,200	2,300		300	300	700
South Africa	7,700	8,300	1,700	2,200	3,500	5,300		800	600
Other	8,800	9,700	2,000	2,400	4,700	5,000	700		
Total Africa	20,600	22,900	4,600	5,900	10,500	13,400	1,300	1,300	1,600
AMERICA -						40.000		2 400	4 200
Canada	20,400	23,700	6,400	9,100	13,700	18,000	3,500	3,400	4,200
U.S.A.	174,100	196,300	55,300	61,700	106,400	134,100	15,200	15,600	22,500
Other	20,400	23,900	3,800	4,700	10,400	10,800	1,400	2,400	1,500
Total America	215,000	243,900	65,400	75,400	130,500	162,900	20,100	21,400	28,200
ASIA -									
China	17,200	19,100	4,100	4,400	9,600	8,700	1,000	1,600	500
Cyprus	3,100	3,200	900	1,200	1,700	1,900	800	300	200
Hong Kong	103,300	104,700	21,800	24,800	55,500	63,500	7,900	8,400	7,500
India	20,000	19,300	2,700	3,700	7,900	9,800	1,300	900	800
Indonesia	117,400	133,600	31,700	33,900	75,300	80,000	11,600	13,300	14,200
Israel	7,000	6,000	1,600	1,700	3,400	3,200	400	500	300
Japan	25,600	30,100	7,000	10,300	15,600	20,800	2,500	2,400	2,900
Korea (a)	4,700	7,400	1,400	2,100	2,900	4,100	300	300	600
Lebanon	6,300	5,300	1,800	700	3,300	2,600	1,600	600	700
Malaysia	47,200	48,400	11,300	12,800	26,900	33,200	4,800	4,100	6,500
Philippines	33,500	35,700	7,600	10,200	18,700	24,200	2,400	2,400	3,200
	83,700	93,400	22,100	27,200	52,400	66,000	8,600	9,100	11,000
Singapore	6,700	8,000	1,800	2,700	4,100	5,800	400	700	600
Taiwan		59,800	13,000	18,800	33,300	46,600	4,800	5,600	7,400
Thailand	48,800	6,300	2,500	2,800	4,100	4,600	800	800	1,000
Turkey	5,600			5,900	10,100	13,600	1,500	1,300	1,400
Other Total Asia	17,300 547,400	19,500 599,900	3,700 135,000	163,200	324,700	388,700	50,900	52,400	58,800
EUROPE -	5,100	5,300	1,300	1,200	3,000	3,200	400	500	600
Austria				6,000	8,200	11,100	1,500	1,200	1,400
France	15,800	16,300	4,100		14,300	17,000	2,600	2,200	2,600
Germany (b)	26,100	26,900	8,400	9,500			4,700	3,900	4,100
Greece	33,900	33,600	14,600	12,600	23,000	21,200	900	1,100	1,000
Ireland (c)	6,700	8,100	2,500	2,900	4,300	5,200		4,900	4,900
Italy	40,100	39,300	13,200	13,800	23,500	25,200	5,600	900	4,500 800
Malta	4,800	5,300	2,400	2,000	3,900	3,400	700		
Netherlands	14,100	12,700	4,000	4,500	7,400	7,900	1,200	1,700 500	1,200 500
Poland	3,100	3,900	2,000	2,400	2,700	3,500	500		
Spain	5,100	5,000	1,500	1,400	2,800	2,700	500	500	600
Sweden	3,000	3,900	1,600	1,500	2,300	2,500	300	400	300
Switzerland	7,400	8,100	2,000	2,700	4,500	5,500	600	600	500
United Kingdom	207,400	213,400	67,900	73,800	119,800	133,800	23,300	20,800	21,100
Yugoslavia	17,600	16,000	6,700	5,200	11,000	9,400	3,100	2,700	2,300
Other	18,000	19,000	6,800	7,900	11,600	14,600	2,300	2,500	3,400
Total Europe	408,200	416,900	138,900	147,700	242,200	266,300	48,200	44,300	45,200
OCEANIA -									
Cook Islands	4,000	4,100	1,000	1,100	2,300	2,000	800	800	400
Fiji	60,500	73,200	14,600	21,200	38,700	49,000	7,800	6,900	9,70
New Caledonia	10,800	10,300	1,300	3,000	4,200	6,700	1,000	800	1,000
New Zealand	275,300	247,100	47,900	59,700	132,100	150,200	22,100	19,200	21,50
Norfolk Is.	18,400	15,000	3,500	3,600	8,500	8,600	1,000	1,000	90
Papua New Guinea	27,500	32,700	7,500	8,700	17,300	20,500	2,500	3,000	3,10
Solomon Islands	4,100	3,600	900	1,100	2,000	2,200	300	400	40
Tahiti	5,100	5,200	1,000	1,500	2,500	4,300	400	500	60
Vanuatu	5,700	9,100	2,500	2,300	5,000	5,500	400	700	1,50
			1,600	2,800	3,300	5,100	500	300	1,00
Other Total Oceania	5,800 <i>417,400</i>	6,800 407,100	81,900	105,000	216,000	254,100	36,800	33,600	40,00

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes North Korea, South Korea and Korea undefined. (b) Comprises the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany. (c) Includes Republic of Ireland and Ireland, undefined. (d) Includes other and not stated.

### **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. The adjustment procedure used for the Short-Term Visitor Arrivals and Resident Departures data is an aggregative adjustment. Prior to the July 1989 issue these data are adjusted at the category total level only (for visitor arrivals and resident departures separately). The aggregative method adjusts the major components separately (in this instance, the main countries of each category). The adjusted category total is obtained by summing the adjusted components. For more detail, contact the Supervisor, Time Series Analysis, A.B.S. on (062) 52 6103.
- 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:

Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia (3402.0)—issued quarterly

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