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## OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, AUSTRALIA SEPTEMBER 1989

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### MAIN FEATURES

The number of overseas movements in September 1989 was 715,100, slightly less than the 720,100 recorded in September 1988. There were 355,400 arrivals (2% less than in September 1988) and 359,700 departures (the same as in September 1988).

#### *Permanent movement* In September 1989:

- 10,620 settlers arrived in Australia, 17% less than in September 1988. This continues the reduction in settler arrivals which began in the first half of 1989 compared with 1988.
- 1,890 permanent departures were recorded, 31% more than in September 1988.

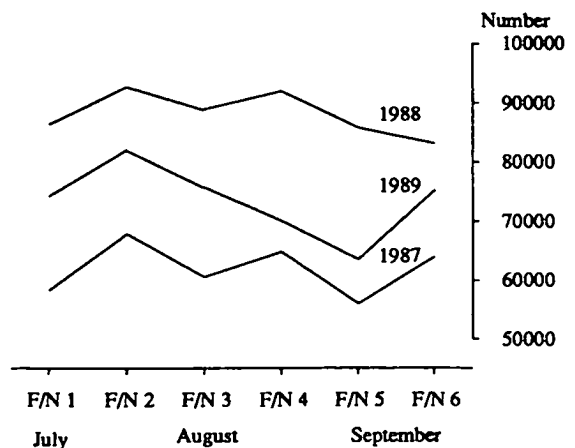
#### *Arrivals of visitors for short-term visits* In September 1989:

- 149,900 arrivals of overseas visitors for short-term visits were recorded, 17% less than in September 1988 but 17% more than in September 1987. In seasonally adjusted terms September 1989 short-term arrivals were 0.4% above those for August 1989.
- The number of visitors arriving in September may have been affected by the domestic pilots' industrial action. The accompanying table and chart show comparisons for corresponding fortnightly periods in 1987, 1988 and 1989. An apparent drop in late August and early September 1989 arrivals is not sustained in the second half of September.
- More than half (52%) of short-term arrivals were for the purpose of 'holiday', 20% for 'visiting relatives' and 13% for 'business'.
- The duration of stay of visitors in Australia remains short, with 52% of visitor arrivals staying for less than 2 weeks.

### Short Term Visitor Arrivals

Fortnight ended	FN	1989	1988	1987
20 July	1	74,200	86,300	58,300
3 August	2	82,000	92,700	67,900
17 August	3	75,700	88,800	60,500
31 August	4	70,000	91,900	64,700
14 September	5	63,400	85,000	55,900
28 September	6	75,100	83,100	63,800

FORTNIGHTLY CHANGES FOR VISITOR ARRIVALS  
IN JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1987, 1988 AND 1989



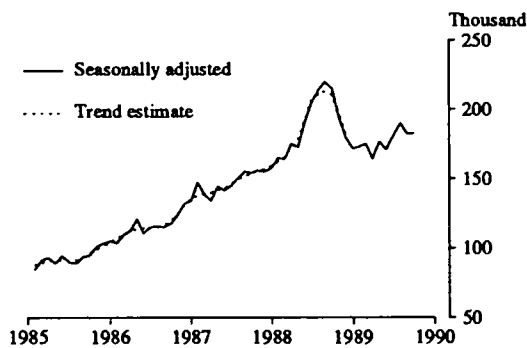
**Departures of Australian residents for short-term trips abroad**

In September 1989:

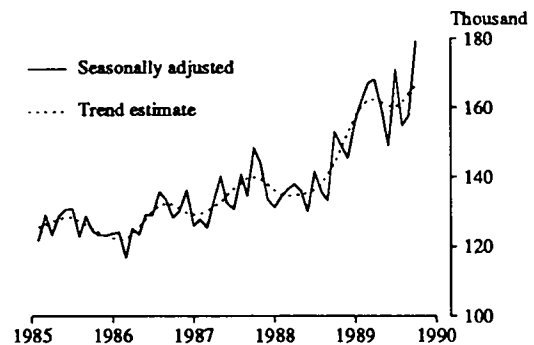
- 201,700 departures of Australian residents for short-term overseas trips were recorded, 18% more than in September 1988. This increase is general to almost all destinations, with the exceptions of China (influenced by the June events in China) and Korea (influenced by the 1988 Seoul Olympics). In seasonally adjusted terms, resident departures in September 1989 was 14% above August 1989.

- The most popular overseas destinations were New Zealand (15% of all departures), the U.K. and Ireland (13%), the U.S.A. (12%) and Indonesia (8%).
- Departures for the purpose of 'holiday' numbered 120,500 in September 1989 (60% of total), 30,700 departed to 'visit relatives' (15%) and 27,800 departed for 'business' reasons (14%).

SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS (a)



SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES



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

NOTE: Explanatory Notes are published 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)	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	1,637,900	2,249,300	..	..	4,141,100
<i>1988 -</i>									
June	11,380	4,190	3,060	18,630	118,800	163,800	204,500	206,100	301,200
July	12,490	4,640	4,090	21,220	162,400	203,300	214,000	211,000	386,900
August	13,560	3,910	3,220	20,690	136,900	196,900	219,600	213,300	354,400
September	12,780	4,220	3,600	20,600	160,600	179,600	215,400	210,300	360,800
October	12,660	4,220	3,660	20,540	188,400	207,300	194,500	197,500	416,200
November	13,010	5,120	3,070	21,200	128,600	208,000	179,300	n.a.	357,800
December	12,860	8,540	2,980	24,380	101,200	245,800	171,700	n.a.	371,400
<i>1989 -</i>									
January	12,600	5,240	8,200	26,040	222,200	168,900	172,900	n.a.	417,200
February	10,790	3,770	8,080	22,640	129,100	191,100	175,200	n.a.	342,800
March	11,650	3,670	3,930	19,250	132,100	180,000	164,400	n.a.	331,400
April	11,350	3,250	3,720	18,320	141,100	160,100	176,500	n.a.	319,500
May	10,180	3,040	3,020	16,240	121,200	136,600	171,000	n.a.	274,000
June	11,400	4,190	3,210	18,800	139,700	142,700	181,100	n.a.	301,200
July	10,740	4,400	4,870	20,010	197,900	175,400	190,100	n.a.	393,300
August	11,500	4,140	3,680	19,320	159,000	161,400	182,200	n.a.	339,800
September	10,620	3,970	3,540	18,130	187,300	149,900	182,900	n.a.	355,400

(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	1,697,600	..	..	2,174,100	3,976,500
<i>1988 -</i>									
June	1,570	3,920	2,280	7,770	165,700	141,600	136,300	143,400	316,900
July	1,800	4,670	2,370	8,840	153,300	135,700	138,000	171,900	334,000
August	1,530	5,070	2,030	8,630	141,900	133,200	140,500	200,300	350,800
September	1,440	3,950	1,980	7,370	170,300	152,900	143,800	181,600	359,300
October	1,520	3,660	1,790	6,970	127,800	149,400	147,900	192,500	327,300
November	1,610	3,690	2,610	7,910	124,100	145,500	152,600	198,200	330,200
December	2,050	4,880	6,050	12,980	206,700	155,900	157,000	171,800	391,500
<i>1989 -</i>									
January	2,060	7,360	3,250	12,670	131,700	161,800	160,400	221,700	366,100
February	1,860	5,140	2,320	9,320	112,700	167,000	162,400	170,900	292,900
March	2,080	5,420	3,150	10,650	170,900	168,200	162,600	187,300	368,900
April	2,090	5,260	2,500	9,850	153,000	159,500	161,600	172,700	335,500
May	1,820	4,430	2,260	8,510	146,700	149,000	160,300	162,000	317,200
June	1,810	4,210	2,950	8,970	197,800	171,000	160,200	127,000	333,700
July	2,150	4,940	2,720	9,810	173,800	154,700	161,600	150,600	334,200
August	2,160	5,570	2,340	10,070	165,400	157,600	163,800	178,400	353,900
September	1,890	4,170	2,280	8,340	201,700	179,300	166,500	149,700	359,700

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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 September		September		September		
	1987	1988	1988	1989	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
<b>ARRIVALS</b>									
<b>Intended length of stay</b>									
Under 1 week	441,100	495,300	115,300	119,300	349,200	358,500	34,000	39,400	41,100
1 and under 2 weeks	410,100	567,800	153,200	114,100	405,400	352,100	33,300	48,700	37,500
2 weeks and under 1 month	403,600	541,200	164,800	116,200	392,400	318,400	27,200	45,900	29,300
1 and under 2 months	224,900	279,500	66,900	60,500	189,300	179,900	13,100	17,600	15,700
2 and under 3 months	85,800	99,300	20,100	19,900	68,200	67,400	4,400	6,300	6,000
3 and under 6 months	93,400	110,300	22,200	22,100	71,100	74,500	6,100	7,700	8,300
6 and under 12 months	115,300	146,100	34,500	34,600	104,200	115,200	9,000	13,500	12,000
<b>Total (a)</b>	<b>1,784,900</b>	<b>2,249,300</b>	<b>579,900</b>	<b>486,700</b>	<b>1,588,300</b>	<b>1,466,100</b>	<b>128,000</b>	<b>179,600</b>	<b>149,900</b>
<b>Purpose of journey</b>									
In Transit	100,900	88,700	22,200	19,200	66,800	59,300	8,100	7,100	6,100
Attending convention	31,100	56,700	20,400	6,400	40,600	19,200	4,100	6,500	3,300
Business	195,300	234,300	59,000	57,600	173,700	172,000	16,700	19,900	19,900
Accompanying business traveller	18,900	23,000	6,200	5,000	16,500	15,100	1,800	1,800	1,700
Visiting relatives	370,200	448,500	98,300	101,500	296,100	301,500	23,400	29,700	29,400
Holiday	938,300	1,237,000	327,600	258,400	873,800	779,300	65,400	101,400	78,600
Employment	21,300	26,600	6,900	7,400	20,000	23,300	1,600	2,500	2,700
Education	35,200	47,800	13,400	14,200	39,700	46,700	2,400	3,300	3,700
Other and not stated	73,700	86,600	25,700	17,000	61,300	49,800	4,500	7,500	4,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,784,900</b>	<b>2,249,300</b>	<b>579,900</b>	<b>486,700</b>	<b>1,588,300</b>	<b>1,466,100</b>	<b>128,000</b>	<b>179,600</b>	<b>149,900</b>
<b>DEPARTURES</b>									
<b>Intended length of stay</b>									
Under 1 week	103,400	138,300	34,500	46,900	101,100	128,400	9,000	12,300	17,200
1 and under 2 weeks	377,900	402,300	112,000	136,200	298,500	363,100	46,300	45,400	55,600
2 weeks and under 1 month	468,400	480,200	133,000	150,500	350,600	412,500	55,300	56,300	64,400
1 and under 2 months	292,000	302,300	83,400	95,700	205,100	240,600	31,000	30,900	35,700
2 and under 3 months	135,300	145,400	44,200	47,500	100,300	108,700	10,100	10,900	13,100
3 and under 6 months	125,000	126,600	33,500	39,100	101,000	112,300	7,100	7,400	9,200
6 and under 12 months	87,300	96,300	23,300	25,000	77,700	87,000	5,000	6,700	6,500
<b>Total (a)</b>	<b>1,622,300</b>	<b>1,697,600</b>	<b>465,500</b>	<b>540,900</b>	<b>1,239,000</b>	<b>1,453,700</b>	<b>165,400</b>	<b>170,300</b>	<b>201,700</b>
<b>Purpose of Journey</b>									
Attending convention	37,000	37,200	11,800	16,100	29,200	39,500	4,800	4,500	5,900
Business	227,500	264,400	69,500	77,500	199,900	230,200	22,800	25,500	27,800
Accompanying business traveller	27,700	28,800	8,200	9,200	22,700	25,600	3,100	3,000	3,900
Visiting relatives	332,600	343,400	86,700	95,700	235,400	263,400	27,700	26,700	30,700
Holiday	874,100	912,000	259,600	306,700	668,100	794,500	98,600	99,900	120,500
Employment	24,300	28,400	7,200	8,900	21,500	26,900	1,900	2,500	2,900
Education	13,500	15,300	5,000	5,300	11,600	14,700	1,700	1,800	2,300
Other and not stated	85,600	68,200	17,500	21,600	50,600	59,000	4,700	6,300	7,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,622,300</b>	<b>1,597,600</b>	<b>465,500</b>	<b>540,900</b>	<b>1,239,000</b>	<b>1,453,700</b>	<b>165,400</b>	<b>170,300</b>	<b>201,700</b>

(a) Includes not stated.

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

Country of birth (Summary)	Year ended		Quarter ended		January to		Month of		
	31 December		30 September		September		September		
	1987	1988	1988	1989	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
<b>Total Africa</b>	<b>9,060</b>	<b>8,150</b>	<b>1,730</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>6,350</b>	<b>4,140</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Total America</b>	<b>7,440</b>	<b>7,800</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>1,940</b>	<b>6,030</b>	<b>5,460</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>680</b>
<b>Asia-</b>									
East and South East Asia	37,970	45,500	11,370	11,790	33,020	35,510	3,630	3,760	3,730
South Central Asia	7,900	8,920	2,560	1,790	6,800	5,280	690	770	630
Western Asia (Middle East)	7,000	7,000	1,750	1,200	5,330	3,630	610	520	330
<b>Total Asia</b>	<b>52,870</b>	<b>61,430</b>	<b>15,680</b>	<b>14,780</b>	<b>45,160</b>	<b>44,430</b>	<b>4,930</b>	<b>5,050</b>	<b>4,690</b>
<b>Europe-</b>									
U.K. and Ireland	24,030	29,030	7,840	7,070	21,810	19,990	2,190	2,670	2,380
Other Europe	15,390	15,590	4,140	3,370	11,590	9,230	1,350	1,320	1,090
<b>Total Europe</b>	<b>39,420</b>	<b>44,630</b>	<b>11,980</b>	<b>10,440</b>	<b>33,400</b>	<b>29,220</b>	<b>3,540</b>	<b>3,980</b>	<b>3,470</b>
<b>Oceania-</b>									
New Zealand	15,360	24,870	6,150	3,340	18,640	14,490	1,400	2,170	1,040
Other Oceania	4,140	4,660	1,180	1,020	3,430	3,080	400	400	340
<b>Total Oceania</b>	<b>19,490</b>	<b>29,530</b>	<b>7,330</b>	<b>4,370</b>	<b>22,070</b>	<b>17,570</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>2,570</b>	<b>1,380</b>
<b>Total (a)</b>	<b>128,290</b>	<b>151,550</b>	<b>38,830</b>	<b>32,870</b>	<b>113,020</b>	<b>100,830</b>	<b>11,860</b>	<b>12,780</b>	<b>10,620</b>

(a) Includes not stated.

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

Country of residence	Year ended		Quarter ended		January to		Month of		
	31 December		30 September		September		September		
	1987	1988	1988	1989	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
<b>AFRICA -</b>									
South Africa	9,600	9,400	1,800	1,600	5,700	5,100	700	700	700
Other	7,900	10,900	2,500	2,100	7,400	6,300	500	900	800
<i>Total Africa</i>	<i>17,500</i>	<i>20,300</i>	<i>4,400</i>	<i>3,700</i>	<i>13,100</i>	<i>11,400</i>	<i>1,200</i>	<i>1,600</i>	<i>1,400</i>
<b>AMERICA -</b>									
Canada	52,700	66,700	17,700	10,700	45,700	37,600	3,100	6,100	3,600
U.S.A.	309,000	322,300	85,500	60,800	232,300	193,000	22,100	26,200	20,300
Other	11,300	15,400	3,600	2,700	9,500	8,400	800	1,600	900
<i>Total America</i>	<i>373,100</i>	<i>404,400</i>	<i>106,700</i>	<i>74,200</i>	<i>287,500</i>	<i>239,000</i>	<i>26,000</i>	<i>33,900</i>	<i>24,900</i>
<b>ASIA -</b>									
China	10,900	18,000	4,900	3,400	11,900	16,100	1,100	1,900	1,100
Hong Kong	42,700	49,400	15,100	16,400	39,100	40,400	2,300	2,800	3,300
India	7,400	10,700	2,800	2,600	8,000	8,000	800	1,100	1,000
Indonesia	21,500	29,600	7,100	6,500	21,300	20,500	1,300	2,100	2,000
Israel	4,400	5,200	1,300	1,400	3,600	3,900	300	400	400
Japan	215,600	352,300	88,700	88,400	248,600	259,000	17,400	29,600	27,700
Korea (a)	6,900	9,200	2,200	2,700	6,500	7,400	500	600	800
Malaysia	47,100	52,100	11,000	9,000	37,500	30,600	2,900	3,500	2,900
Philippines	12,200	13,400	3,200	2,300	10,200	8,300	800	1,100	800
Singapore	57,000	63,500	11,300	11,400	41,100	40,100	3,500	4,200	4,700
Taiwan	16,000	19,200	3,700	4,300	13,300	13,600	600	800	1,200
Thailand	11,200	15,800	3,800	3,300	11,300	12,600	800	1,500	1,200
Other	18,200	21,900	5,500	6,000	15,700	15,900	1,300	1,700	1,900
<i>Total Asia</i>	<i>470,900</i>	<i>660,300</i>	<i>160,400</i>	<i>157,800</i>	<i>468,000</i>	<i>476,500</i>	<i>33,700</i>	<i>51,200</i>	<i>49,200</i>
<b>EUROPE -</b>									
Austria	6,400	9,100	2,000	2,100	6,200	6,100	300	600	800
Denmark	8,700	11,400	2,600	2,400	7,700	6,900	800	1,100	1,000
Finland	4,200	5,700	1,200	900	3,400	3,300	500	400	400
France	17,100	21,000	5,600	5,800	14,800	14,500	1,100	1,300	1,600
Germany (b)	53,300	65,900	14,100	14,200	44,200	46,800	3,200	4,300	5,200
Greece	7,100	8,100	1,400	1,400	4,600	4,200	400	400	400
Ireland (c)	9,800	13,100	2,700	2,400	8,700	8,900	600	700	600
Italy	19,300	25,200	7,000	6,100	16,200	13,900	1,200	1,400	1,300
Netherlands	17,300	22,400	5,200	4,300	14,700	13,200	1,000	1,600	1,300
Norway	4,300	5,200	1,100	700	3,700	2,500	400	500	300
Poland	3,400	4,100	1,000	1,100	2,700	3,000	200	300	400
Sweden	21,900	26,900	3,800	3,300	15,900	15,700	1,600	1,500	1,300
Switzerland	21,300	26,000	4,700	5,100	16,500	17,800	1,400	1,600	1,800
United Kingdom	198,900	260,300	46,200	46,900	170,200	179,800	9,000	14,200	13,700
U.S.S.R (d)	1,500	2,900	800	1,100	1,800	3,600	100	200	400
Yugoslavia	6,300	6,800	1,200	1,200	4,200	3,900	300	300	300
Other	11,000	15,500	4,200	3,600	10,300	9,000	800	1,400	1,000
<i>Total Europe</i>	<i>411,900</i>	<i>529,600</i>	<i>104,600</i>	<i>102,600</i>	<i>345,700</i>	<i>353,000</i>	<i>22,900</i>	<i>31,900</i>	<i>31,600</i>
<b>OCEANIA -</b>									
Fiji	16,500	19,300	4,600	3,900	13,100	12,500	1,300	1,600	1,300
New Caledonia	14,400	17,200	4,400	2,300	13,600	10,500	600	1,100	500
New Zealand	427,300	534,300	176,900	128,500	402,800	323,300	38,300	51,700	36,300
Papua New Guinea	32,800	37,800	10,300	9,200	27,100	25,000	2,400	3,600	3,000
Other	14,700	19,800	5,800	4,600	13,700	13,300	1,300	1,700	1,700
<i>Total Oceania</i>	<i>505,800</i>	<i>628,200</i>	<i>201,900</i>	<i>148,500</i>	<i>470,300</i>	<i>384,600</i>	<i>43,800</i>	<i>59,600</i>	<i>42,800</i>
<b>Total (e)</b>	<b>1,784,900</b>	<b>2,249,300</b>	<b>579,900</b>	<b>486,700</b>	<b>1,588,300</b>	<b>1,466,100</b>	<b>128,000</b>	<b>179,600</b>	<b>149,900</b>

(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

Country of intended stay	Year ended		Quarter ended		January to		Month of		
	31 December		30 September		September		1987	1988	1989
	1987	1988	1988	1989	1988	1989			
<b>AFRICA -</b>									
Egypt	4,100	4,900	900	1,400	3,000	4,100	300	400	600
South Africa	7,700	8,300	1,500	2,500	4,700	7,100	600	800	1,100
Other	8,800	9,700	2,400	2,500	6,200	7,000	1,000	800	900
<i>Total Africa</i>	<i>20,600</i>	<i>22,900</i>	<i>4,700</i>	<i>6,300</i>	<i>13,900</i>	<i>18,100</i>	<i>1,900</i>	<i>2,000</i>	<i>2,700</i>
<b>AMERICA -</b>									
Canada	20,400	23,700	8,000	9,800	18,300	23,700	2,000	1,900	3,100
U.S.A.	174,100	196,300	52,300	67,200	143,200	178,900	21,700	20,800	25,100
Other	20,400	23,900	6,900	4,500	14,900	13,800	1,600	2,900	1,900
<i>Total America</i>	<i>215,000</i>	<i>243,900</i>	<i>67,300</i>	<i>81,600</i>	<i>176,400</i>	<i>216,300</i>	<i>25,300</i>	<i>25,600</i>	<i>30,200</i>
<b>ASIA -</b>									
China	17,200	19,100	6,100	2,500	14,100	10,700	2,400	3,000	1,400
Cyprus	3,100	3,200	1,100	1,200	2,500	2,900	200	300	400
Hong Kong	103,300	104,700	25,800	26,500	72,900	82,500	10,500	10,000	11,100
India	20,000	19,300	3,900	5,000	10,900	14,100	2,400	1,800	3,000
Indonesia	117,400	133,600	37,600	41,300	99,600	107,100	11,800	13,200	15,200
Israel	7,000	6,000	1,100	1,100	4,100	4,000	600	500	500
Japan	25,600	30,100	7,500	10,500	20,700	28,400	2,600	2,900	5,000
Korea (a)	4,700	7,400	2,900	2,200	5,500	5,700	700	2,100	900
Lebanon	6,300	5,300	1,400	1,300	4,100	3,200	600	300	300
Malaysia	47,200	48,400	12,600	17,000	35,300	43,700	4,900	4,900	6,400
Philippines	33,500	35,700	7,700	9,000	23,900	30,000	2,400	2,600	3,300
Singapore	83,700	93,400	25,000	30,800	68,300	85,800	9,500	8,300	12,000
Taiwan	6,700	8,000	1,800	2,100	5,300	7,300	500	600	700
Thailand	48,800	59,800	13,900	21,500	41,600	60,700	4,300	4,800	8,300
Turkey	5,600	6,300	1,900	2,100	5,200	5,600	500	600	500
Other	17,300	19,500	4,600	5,200	13,300	17,300	1,800	2,100	2,300
<i>Total Asia</i>	<i>547,400</i>	<i>599,900</i>	<i>155,000</i>	<i>179,100</i>	<i>427,200</i>	<i>509,000</i>	<i>55,700</i>	<i>57,800</i>	<i>71,300</i>
<b>EUROPE -</b>									
Austria	5,100	5,300	1,500	1,900	4,000	4,500	300	400	600
France	15,800	16,300	5,000	5,600	12,000	15,400	1,700	2,400	2,500
Germany (b)	26,100	26,900	8,500	9,400	20,500	23,800	2,800	3,400	3,500
Greece	33,900	33,600	9,400	10,100	28,500	27,200	2,700	2,000	2,600
Ireland (c)	6,700	8,100	2,900	3,200	6,100	7,300	500	800	1,000
Italy	40,100	39,300	12,900	13,600	31,500	34,000	3,200	3,800	4,500
Malta	4,800	5,300	1,400	1,600	4,500	4,200	200	200	200
Netherlands	14,100	12,700	4,600	3,800	10,200	10,600	1,300	1,400	1,200
Poland	3,100	3,900	1,000	1,300	3,300	4,300	100	200	500
Spain	5,100	5,000	1,400	1,800	3,700	3,900	700	400	700
Sweden	3,000	3,900	1,200	1,200	3,200	3,300	300	500	500
Switzerland	7,400	8,100	2,400	2,300	6,200	7,300	500	1,000	700
United Kingdom	207,400	213,400	68,300	74,400	167,300	187,100	21,200	22,200	25,400
Yugoslavia	17,600	16,000	5,500	5,300	13,700	12,500	1,100	900	1,200
Other	18,000	19,000	6,600	8,000	15,600	19,300	1,400	1,800	1,900
<i>Total Europe</i>	<i>408,200</i>	<i>416,900</i>	<i>132,500</i>	<i>143,600</i>	<i>330,300</i>	<i>364,600</i>	<i>37,900</i>	<i>41,400</i>	<i>46,900</i>
<b>OCEANIA -</b>									
Cook Islands	4,000	4,100	1,500	1,100	3,100	2,800	200	600	500
Fiji	60,500	73,200	21,500	27,900	53,300	67,200	9,900	9,200	10,500
New Caledonia	10,800	10,300	3,100	4,100	6,500	9,800	900	1,500	1,900
New Zealand	275,300	247,100	59,900	75,800	172,800	204,500	26,600	24,100	29,800
Norfolk Is.	18,400	15,000	3,600	1,900	11,100	9,500	1,600	1,800	500
Papua New Guinea	27,500	32,700	9,300	8,400	23,700	25,900	2,800	3,600	3,000
Solomon Islands	4,100	3,600	1,100	1,100	2,700	2,800	400	400	400
Tahiti	5,100	5,200	1,300	1,800	3,300	5,500	500	400	700
Vanuatu	5,700	9,100	2,400	4,100	6,700	8,100	600	1,100	1,500
Other	5,800	6,800	1,400	4,000	4,300	8,100	400	500	1,800
<i>Total Oceania</i>	<i>417,400</i>	<i>407,100</i>	<i>105,200</i>	<i>130,200</i>	<i>287,600</i>	<i>344,300</i>	<i>43,900</i>	<i>43,200</i>	<i>50,600</i>
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>1,622,300</b>	<b>1,697,600</b>	<b>465,500</b>	<b>540,900</b>	<b>1,239,000</b>	<b>1,453,700</b>	<b>165,400</b>	<b>170,300</b>	<b>201,700</b>

(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 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 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 were 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)—  
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#### Unpublished statistics

23. As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be made to Mr Mark Patton on Canberra (062) 52 6671.

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