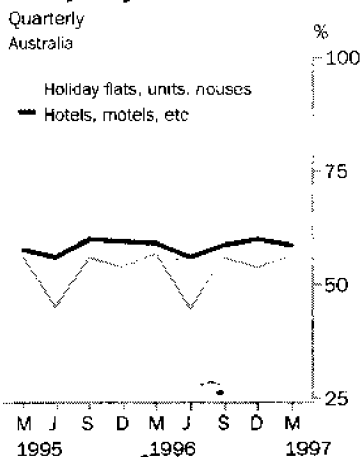


TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

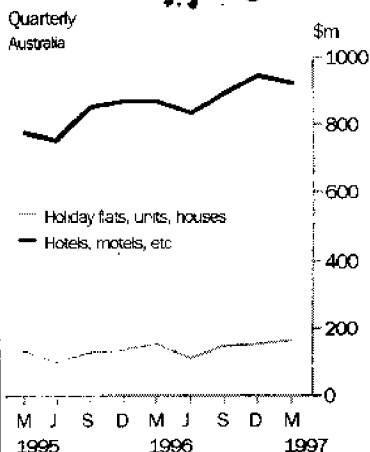
AUSTRALIA

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Occupancy rates



Accommodation takings



MARCH QTR KEY FIGURES

	Mar 96	Mar 97	change
Hotels, Motels and Guest Houses			
Rooms available (No.)	170 610	174 670	2.4 %
Room occupancy rate (%)	59.0	58.6	-0.4 pts
Takings from accommodation (\$'000)	873 500	923 394	5.7 %
Holiday Flats, Units and Houses			
Units, etc. available (No.)	40 095	42 197	5.2 %
Unit occupancy rate (%)	56.9	56.4	-0.5 pts
Takings from accommodation (\$'000)	149 597	163 742	9.5 %
Caravan Parks			
Sites, cabins, etc. available (No.)	288 564	288 226	-0.1 %
Site occupancy rate (%)	45.3	46.8	1.5 pts
Takings from accommodation (\$'000)	126 990	139 165	9.6 %
Visitor Hostels (a)			
Bed spaces available (No.)	27 788	32 161	15.7 %
Bed occupancy rate (%)	48.5	47.8	-0.7 pts
Takings from accommodation (\$'000)	16 518	19 178	16.1 %

(a) A coverage break in series occurred as from September quarter 1996. See page 2, 'Coverage update'.

MARCH QTR KEY POINTS

CAPACITY UP FOR MOST ACCOMMODATION TYPES

- Australia wide, capacity available increased for each accommodation type, other than caravan parks, in March quarter 1997 compared with March quarter 1996. Most notable has been a substantial increase, across all States and Territories, in bed spaces available in visitor hostels (typically backpacker establishments).

OCCUPANCY RATES DOWN marginally

- Demand for accommodation increased at a slower rate than supply in March quarter 1997 compared with March quarter 1996, resulting in marginal falls in occupancy rate for each accommodation type other than caravan parks. The occupancy rate for caravan parks increased slightly.

ACCOMMODATION TAKINGS INCREASE

- Accommodation takings rose in aggregate for each establishment type in March quarter 1997 compared with March quarter 1996. Average takings rose from \$96 to \$100 per room night occupied in hotels, motels and guest houses and from \$72 to \$77 per night occupied in holiday flats, units and houses. Average takings at \$11 per caravan park site night and \$14 per visitor hostel guest night were unchanged.

INQUIRIES

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Vern Wills on 07 3222 6215, or any ABS Office.

NOTES

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There are no changes in this issue.

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COVERAGE UPDATE

As a result of improved coverage of in-scope establishments, there was a significant break in series for visitor hostels in Tourist Accommodation statistics for Tasmania from September quarter 1996.

The magnitudes of the improved coverage, as proportions of statistical aggregates for Tasmanian visitor hostels, represented 20.4% of bedspaces available, 21.4% of guest nights and 21.1% of takings from accommodation respectively as published for September quarter 1996.

As proportions of statistical aggregates for Australian visitor hostels, the improved Tasmanian coverage of in-scope establishments represented 1.4% of bedspaces available, 0.3% of guest nights and 0.3% of takings from accommodation respectively as published for September quarter 1996.

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Australian Statistician

TABLE 1 — SUMMARY OF HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES, AUSTRALIA

Particulars	Unit	Quarter ended				Year ended			
		December 1995	March 1996	June 1996	September 1996	December 1996	March 1997	March 1996	March 1997
LICENSED HOTELS WITH FACILITIES									
Establishments	No.	1,134	1,134	1,147	1,135	1,140	1,145	..	..
Guest rooms	No.	68,329	69,055	69,785	69,782	71,106	71,810	..	..
Bed spaces	No.	181,171	184,436	186,887	187,114	191,113	192,481	..	..
Employment (persons)	No.	71,487	70,015	68,539	69,175	70,591	69,698	..	..
Room nights occupied	'000	4,152.6	4,057.0	3,820.9	4,032.1	4,266.4	4,096.0	15,962.6	16,215.4
Room occupancy rate	per cent	66.2	64.7	60.4	62.9	65.5	63.6	64.1	63.1
Guest nights	'000	6,863.9	6,789.1	6,193.5	6,703.8	7,134.5	6,905.3	26,349.8	26,937.1
Bed occupancy rate	per cent	41.3	40.5	36.5	39.0	40.7	40.0	39.8	39.1
Guest arrivals	'000	2,952.3	2,893.8	2,719.8	2,789.9	2,955.4	2,832.2	11,336.9	11,297.3
Average length of stay	days	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	501,504	501,333	469,277	496,715	545,699	527,267	1,895,603	2,038,958
MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES									
Establishments	No.	3,722	3,729	3,757	3,748	3,763	3,768	..	..
Guest rooms	No.	101,301	101,555	102,587	102,639	102,770	102,860	..	..
Bed spaces	No.	307,458	307,828	312,012	312,684	313,010	313,751	..	..
Employment (persons)	No.	38,245	38,030	38,222	39,095	38,913	38,708	..	..
Room nights occupied	'000	5,140.9	5,085.7	4,967.9	5,265.5	5,285.1	5,097.5	20,314.0	20,616.0
Room occupancy rate	per cent	55.2	55.2	53.3	55.9	56.0	55.2	55.0	55.1
Guest nights	'000	9,312.0	9,303.8	8,856.8	9,531.2	9,614.7	9,510.0	36,784.4	37,512.7
Bed occupancy rate	per cent	33.0	33.3	31.2	33.2	33.4	33.7	32.8	32.9
Guest arrivals	'000	5,012.1	4,868.4	4,757.2	5,099.9	5,136.4	4,978.3	19,766.4	19,971.8
Average length of stay	days	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	372,109	372,167	366,489	400,402	400,410	396,126	1,459,265	1,563,428
TOTAL HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES									
Establishments	No.	4,856	4,863	4,904	4,883	4,903	4,913	..	..
Guest rooms	No.	169,630	170,610	172,372	172,421	173,876	174,670	..	..
Bed spaces	No.	488,629	492,264	498,899	499,798	504,123	506,232	..	..
Employment (persons)	No.	109,732	108,045	106,761	108,270	109,504	108,406	..	..
Room nights occupied	'000	9,293.5	9,142.7	8,788.8	9,297.6	9,551.6	9,193.5	36,276.6	36,831.4
Room occupancy rate	per cent	59.7	59.0	56.1	58.8	59.9	58.6	58.7	58.4
Guest nights	'000	16,175.9	16,092.9	15,050.4	16,235.0	16,749.2	16,415.3	63,134.2	64,449.8
Bed occupancy rate	per cent	36.0	36.0	33.2	35.4	36.2	36.1	35.4	35.2
Guest arrivals	'000	7,964.4	7,762.2	7,477.0	7,889.9	8,091.8	7,810.5	31,103.4	31,269.2
Average length of stay	days	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.1
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	873,613	873,500	835,766	897,117	946,110	923,394	3,354,868	3,602,386

TABLE 2 — SUMMARY OF CARAVAN PARKS, AUSTRALIA

Particulars	Unit	Quarter ended				Year ended			
		December 1995	March 1996	June 1996	September 1996	December 1996	March 1997	March 1996	March 1997
SHORT-TERM CARAVAN PARKS									
Establishments	No.	1,703	1,706	1,713	1,690	1,691	1,694	..	..
Capacity									
On-site vans	No.	9,264	9,265	9,128	8,999	8,946	8,971	..	..
Other powered sites	No.	124,591	125,115	125,370	124,921	124,911	125,373	..	..
Unpowered sites	No.	52,245	51,974	52,114	51,766	51,559	51,612	..	..
Cabins, etc.	No.	10,483	10,487	10,637	10,746	11,141	11,256	..	..
<i>Total capacity</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>196,583</i>	<i>196,841</i>	<i>197,249</i>	<i>196,432</i>	<i>196,557</i>	<i>197,212</i>	..	..
Sites occupied by long-term guests	No.	11,191	11,336	11,439	10,276	10,182	10,388	..	..
Other sites permanently reserved	No.	42,819	43,850	42,981	42,879	43,490	43,792	..	..
Employment (persons)	No.	6,688	6,584	6,431	6,532	6,869	6,764	..	..
Site nights occupied	'000	7,236.2	7,779.8	7,202.3	7,411.6	7,287.1	7,955.2	29,239.9	29,856.2
Site occupancy rate	per cent	40.0	43.5	40.2	41.0	40.4	44.8	41.0	41.6
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	73,127	80,929	66,198	71,295	78,416	89,488	279,786	305,397
LONG-TERM CARAVAN PARKS									
Establishments	No.	1,005	999	993	1,017	1,010	1,007	..	..
Capacity									
On-site vans	No.	11,563	11,562	11,495	11,509	11,539	11,505	..	..
Other powered sites	No.	58,504	58,253	57,376	57,728	57,500	57,282	..	..
Unpowered sites	No.	15,206	15,133	14,962	14,811	14,766	14,645	..	..
Cabins, etc.	No.	6,608	6,775	6,909	7,362	7,486	7,582	..	..
<i>Total capacity</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>91,881</i>	<i>91,723</i>	<i>90,742</i>	<i>91,410</i>	<i>91,291</i>	<i>91,014</i>	..	..
Sites occupied by long-term guests	No.	34,990	35,184	34,911	36,337	35,070	35,339	..	..
Other sites permanently reserved	No.	2,173	2,187	2,185	2,304	2,321	2,290	..	..
Employment (persons)	No.	3,592	3,599	3,580	3,641	3,625	3,620	..	..
Site nights occupied	'000	4,134.3	4,101.0	4,108.6	4,350.7	4,197.4	4,186.9	17,029.3	16,843.5
Site occupancy rate	per cent	48.9	49.2	49.8	51.7	50.0	51.1	49.9	50.7
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	46,141	46,061	46,173	49,628	49,974	49,677	187,933	195,452
TOTAL CARAVAN PARKS									
Establishments	No.	2,708	2,705	2,706	2,707	2,701	2,701	..	..
Capacity									
On-site vans	No.	20,827	20,827	20,623	20,508	20,485	20,476	..	..
Other powered sites	No.	183,095	183,368	182,746	182,649	182,411	182,655	..	..
Unpowered sites	No.	67,451	67,107	67,076	66,577	66,325	66,257	..	..
Cabins, etc.	No.	17,091	17,262	17,546	18,108	18,627	18,838	..	..
<i>Total capacity</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>288,464</i>	<i>288,564</i>	<i>287,991</i>	<i>287,842</i>	<i>287,848</i>	<i>288,226</i>	..	..
Sites occupied by long-term guests	No.	46,181	46,520	46,350	46,613	45,252	45,727	..	..
Other sites permanently reserved	No.	44,992	46,037	45,166	45,183	45,811	46,082	..	..
Employment (persons)	No.	10,280	10,183	10,011	10,173	10,494	10,384	..	..
Site nights occupied	'000	11,370.5	11,880.8	11,310.9	11,762.3	11,484.5	12,142.0	46,269.3	46,699.8
Site occupancy rate	per cent	42.9	45.3	43.3	44.4	43.4	46.8	43.9	44.5
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	119,268	126,990	112,371	120,923	128,390	139,165	467,719	500,849

TABLE 3 — SUMMARY OF HOLIDAY FLATS, UNITS AND HOUSES, AUSTRALIA

Particulars	Unit	Quarter ended				Year ended			
		December 1995	March 1996	June 1996	September 1996	December 1996	March 1997	March 1996	March 1997
Letting entities	No.	1,611	1,639	1,647	1,665	1,689	1,683	..	..
Flats, units and houses									
Single bedroom	No.	8,440	8,667	8,710	8,921	9,116	9,188	..	..
Multiple bedroom	No.	30,809	31,428	31,249	31,740	33,070	33,009	..	..
<i>Total flats, units and houses</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>39,249</i>	<i>40,095</i>	<i>39,959</i>	<i>40,661</i>	<i>42,186</i>	<i>42,197</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>
Bed spaces	No.	171,118	175,189	174,380	177,346	184,963	185,017	..	..
Employment (persons) (a)	No.	6,113	6,129	6,052	6,333	6,572	6,521	..	..
Unit nights occupied	'000	1,952.8	2,073.4	1,630.3	2,091.2	2,092.5	2,138.9	7,572.5	7,952.8
Unit occupancy rate	per cent	54.1	56.9	44.9	56.0	54.0	56.4	53.2	52.9
Unit lettings	'000	384.5	384.3	342.2	380.3	426.4	411.8	1,456.9	1,560.6
Average length of stay	days	5.1	5.4	4.8	5.5	4.9	5.2	5.2	5.1
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	134,843	149,597	109,063	143,671	152,936	163,742	510,402	569,412

(a) Employment numbers exclude real estate agents and their employees.

TABLE 4 — SUMMARY OF VISITOR HOSTELS, AUSTRALIA (a)

Particulars	Unit	Quarter ended				Year ended			
		December 1995	March 1996	June 1996	September 1996	December 1996	March 1997	March 1996	March 1997
Establishments	No.	441	449	456	476	479	494	..	..
Bed spaces	No.	27,070	27,788	28,469	29,551	30,208	32,161	..	..
Employment (persons)	No.	1,745	1,810	1,846	1,945	2,015	2,095	..	..
Guest nights	'000	1,158.2	1,217.5	1,149.2	1,216.3	1,269.7	1,365.5	4,561.7	5,000.7
Bed occupancy rate	per cent	47.0	48.5	44.7	45.0	46.4	47.8	46.8	46.0
Guest arrivals	'000	441.5	463.2	445.8	480.1	477.6	516.8	1,755.4	1,920.3
Average length of stay	days	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	15,203	16,518	15,552	16,647	17,791	19,178	59,959	69,168

(a) A coverage break in series for visitor hostels in Tasmania occurred in September quarter 1996. See page 2, "Coverage update".

TABLE 5 — HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES BY STAR GRADING
NEW SOUTH WALES

Particulars	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Star grading					Ungraded	Total
			1	2	3	4	5		
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT									
<i>March quarter 1996—</i>									
Establishments	270	1,457	56	449	852	123	14	233	1,727
Guest rooms	19,384	38,164	977	8,914	25,870	12,269	3,639	5,879	57,548
Bed spaces	48,451	117,189	2,799	27,766	77,472	33,345	7,966	16,292	165,640
Employment (persons)	16,919	14,671	501	3,483	10,480	9,769	3,981	3,376	31,590
<i>March quarter 1997—</i>									
Establishments	268	1,476	60	420	869	127	15	253	1,744
Guest rooms	19,621	38,257	1,202	7,967	26,234	12,431	3,649	6,395	57,878
Bed spaces	48,856	118,447	4,154	24,249	78,764	34,128	8,068	17,940	167,303
Employment (persons)	16,661	14,610	547	3,105	10,395	9,709	3,801	3,714	31,271
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	1,260.8	1,937.6	35.3	359.1	1,408.6	870.4	273.3	251.6	3,198.4
<i>1997—</i>									
January	392.3	658.2	11.3	118.0	473.5	276.7	81.4	89.5	1,050.5
February	424.6	565.7	9.2	94.0	424.7	286.5	91.6	84.2	990.3
March	456.7	671.2	11.1	114.4	504.2	308.0	97.7	92.6	1,128.0
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	1,273.7	1,895.0	31.7	326.4	1,402.5	871.2	270.7	266.3	3,168.7
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	71.5	55.8	39.7	44.3	59.9	78.0	82.5	47.1	61.1
<i>1997—</i>									
January	64.5	55.5	30.4	47.8	58.2	71.8	72.0	45.2	58.6
February	77.3	52.8	27.4	42.2	57.8	82.4	89.6	47.1	61.1
March	75.1	56.7	29.8	46.4	62.0	80.3	86.3	46.7	63.0
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	72.1	55.1	29.3	45.6	59.4	78.0	82.4	46.3	60.9
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	2,031.6	3,631.5	58.4	666.1	2,588.8	1,475.7	440.5	433.7	5,663.1
<i>1997—</i>									
January	682.5	1,410.2	21.0	246.2	979.4	534.9	140.4	170.8	2,092.7
February	658.7	996.1	15.0	166.3	728.7	461.3	141.1	142.5	1,654.8
March	721.1	1,236.7	19.1	210.8	905.8	511.1	151.8	159.3	1,957.8
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	2,062.3	3,643.0	55.0	623.3	2,613.9	1,507.3	433.2	472.6	5,705.3
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	46.1	34.1	22.9	26.4	36.7	48.6	60.8	29.3	37.6
<i>1997—</i>									
January	45.1	38.4	16.3	32.8	40.1	50.6	56.1	30.7	40.4
February	48.2	30.1	12.9	24.5	33.0	48.3	62.5	28.4	35.3
March	47.6	33.8	14.8	28.2	37.1	48.6	60.7	28.6	37.8
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	46.9	34.2	14.7	28.6	36.9	49.2	59.7	29.3	37.9
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	922.2	1,997.3	31.4	400.9	1,403.1	686.1	214.4	183.6	2,919.5
<i>1997—</i>									
January	257.9	764.1	11.7	148.9	532.9	209.0	49.4	70.1	1,021.9
February	270.3	567.3	8.9	101.7	410.8	199.0	56.4	60.9	837.6
March	292.4	692.9	11.0	126.8	503.4	218.4	57.6	68.1	985.3
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	820.6	2,024.2	31.5	377.5	1,447.1	626.4	163.3	199.0	2,844.8
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	2.2	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.8	2.2	2.1	2.4	1.9
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	2.5	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.0
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	167,063	149,563	1,523	19,096	109,499	105,491	53,082	27,935	316,626
<i>1997—</i>									
January	54,022	54,972	484	6,862	38,948	36,159	16,592	9,948	108,994
February	62,421	45,375	380	4,970	35,017	37,323	19,802	10,303	107,795
March	67,022	53,378	444	6,225	41,056	40,800	21,033	10,843	120,400
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	183,464	153,725	1,308	18,057	115,020	114,283	57,427	31,094	337,189

TABLE 5—HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES BY STAR GRADING—continued
VICTORIA

Particulars	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Star grading					Ungraded	Total
			1	2	3	4	5		
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT									
<i>March quarter 1996—</i>									
Establishments	196	823	16	309	539	92	9	54	1,019
Guest rooms	10,103	19,788	199	5,605	13,467	6,808	2,475	1,337	29,891
Bed spaces	24,769	58,170	486	15,952	39,815	17,653	5,249	3,784	82,939
Employment (persons)	9,835	6,751	192	2,922	5,183	4,475	3,023	791	16,586
<i>March quarter 1997—</i>									
Establishments	193	819	13	244	523	106	9	117	1,012
Guest rooms	10,032	19,837	176	4,257	12,753	7,184	2,474	3,025	29,869
Bed spaces	24,736	58,186	471	12,142	37,258	18,546	5,417	9,088	82,922
Employment (persons)	10,110	7,040	155	2,494	4,960	4,798	3,169	1,574	17,150
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>									
	623.2	945.0	3.4	224.1	657.5	452.2	185.6	45.5	1,568.2
<i>1997—</i>									
January	192.9	317.2	1.3	62.9	209.4	135.7	57.1	43.7	510.1
February	211.9	297.0	1.0	51.0	191.2	159.5	63.3	42.9	508.9
March	230.2	359.7	1.3	66.5	232.7	173.7	66.8	48.9	589.9
<i>March quarter 1997</i>									
	635.0	973.9	3.6	180.4	633.3	468.9	187.3	135.4	1,608.9
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>									
	67.8	52.5	19.1	44.0	53.7	73.0	82.4	37.6	57.7
<i>1997—</i>									
January	62.0	51.6	23.6	47.7	53.0	60.9	74.4	46.6	55.1
February	75.4	53.5	20.7	42.8	53.5	79.3	91.4	50.6	60.9
March	74.0	58.5	23.8	50.4	58.9	78.0	87.1	52.1	63.7
<i>March quarter 1997</i>									
	70.3	54.6	22.7	47.1	55.2	72.5	84.1	49.7	59.8
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>									
	965.5	1,704.8	5.7	415.7	1,192.2	714.3	261.0	81.4	2,670.3
<i>1997—</i>									
January	321.9	631.2	2.1	127.9	416.1	236.0	82.1	89.0	953.1
February	320.6	508.1	1.3	88.3	329.1	246.1	88.1	75.8	828.7
March	354.3	644.1	1.9	122.5	419.0	272.5	93.7	88.6	998.3
<i>March quarter 1997</i>									
	996.8	1,783.3	5.3	338.7	1,164.2	754.6	263.9	253.4	2,780.1
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>									
	42.9	32.2	13.2	28.7	32.9	44.5	54.6	23.8	35.4
<i>1997—</i>									
January	42.0	35.0	14.1	34.0	36.0	41.0	48.9	31.6	37.1
February	46.3	31.2	10.2	26.0	31.5	47.4	58.1	29.8	35.7
March	46.2	35.7	13.1	32.6	36.3	47.4	55.8	31.5	38.8
<i>March quarter 1997</i>									
	44.8	34.1	12.5	31.0	34.7	45.2	54.1	31.0	37.3
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>									
	465.0	955.0	3.9	231.9	672.5	375.3	98.5	38.0	1,420.0
<i>1997—</i>									
January	142.9	345.1	1.1	72.4	232.8	112.9	27.9	41.0	488.0
February	155.3	289.1	0.8	52.4	193.3	124.5	34.3	39.3	444.4
March	159.1	351.5	1.1	67.2	236.7	129.0	33.5	43.1	510.6
<i>March quarter 1997</i>									
	457.4	985.7	2.9	191.9	662.8	366.3	95.8	123.3	1,443.1
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>									
	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.7	2.1	1.9
<i>March quarter 1997</i>									
	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.8	2.1	1.9
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>									
	82,626	68,253	105	12,511	47,493	51,737	35,179	3,853	150,879
<i>1997—</i>									
January	24,996	25,205	38	3,803	15,974	16,218	10,408	3,758	50,200
February	30,033	23,530	27	2,914	14,092	20,116	12,589	3,825	53,563
March	36,227	29,407	38	3,875	17,942	24,069	15,183	4,526	65,633
<i>March quarter 1997</i>									
	91,255	78,141	103	10,592	48,009	60,403	38,180	12,109	169,396

TABLE 5 — HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES BY STAR GRADING—continued
QUEENSLAND

Particulars	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Star grading					Ungraded	Total
			1	2	3	4	5		
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT									
<i>March quarter 1996</i> —									
Establishments	264	850	22	403	435	67	15	172	1,114
Guest rooms	19,708	22,978	371	7,177	15,875	9,861	4,164	5,238	42,686
Bed spaces	59,727	70,869	974	21,737	48,700	31,828	12,626	14,731	130,596
Employment (persons)	23,394	8,441	163	3,051	7,625	9,860	7,341	3,795	31,835
<i>March quarter 1997</i> —									
Establishments	270	862	25	372	461	89	16	169	1,132
Guest rooms	20,929	23,542	377	7,005	16,725	11,804	3,844	4,716	44,471
Bed spaces	64,347	73,326	994	21,343	51,618	38,595	11,460	13,663	137,673
Employment (persons)	22,973	8,568	165	2,779	7,710	10,447	7,009	3,431	31,541
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	1,102.0	1,167.2	11.5	295.4	866.2	596.2	282.4	217.6	2,269.2
<i>1997</i> —									
January	393.9	406.5	4.5	103.1	303.2	229.6	81.8	78.3	800.5
February	345.9	358.9	3.9	86.8	260.6	212.4	72.9	68.2	704.8
March	377.7	405.5	4.8	97.9	297.5	228.3	79.3	75.2	783.2
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	1,117.6	1,170.9	13.2	287.9	861.4	670.3	234.0	221.7	2,288.5
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	61.6	56.1	34.1	45.5	60.0	66.5	74.5	46.8	58.7
<i>1997</i> —									
January	60.7	55.8	38.3	47.5	58.5	62.8	68.7	53.5	58.1
February	59.1	54.6	37.2	44.4	55.7	64.3	68.4	51.8	56.7
March	58.4	55.7	41.1	45.3	57.4	62.4	67.2	51.7	56.9
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	59.4	55.4	38.9	45.8	57.3	63.1	68.1	52.4	57.3
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	2,079.5	2,115.6	19.7	521.3	1,617.9	1,104.0	526.1	406.1	4,195.1
<i>1997</i> —									
January	824.5	827.3	8.1	198.8	632.9	479.0	171.2	161.8	1,651.8
February	622.3	618.0	6.0	143.2	459.3	376.8	129.0	126.1	1,240.3
March	690.7	723.5	7.8	166.3	546.5	415.3	138.1	140.1	1,414.2
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	2,137.5	2,168.8	22.0	508.3	1,638.7	1,271.0	438.3	427.9	4,306.3
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	38.3	33.0	22.3	26.5	36.5	38.1	45.8	31.0	35.4
<i>1997</i> —									
January	41.3	36.4	26.4	30.0	39.6	40.0	48.2	38.2	38.7
February	34.6	30.2	21.7	24.1	31.8	34.9	40.7	33.1	32.3
March	34.7	31.9	25.5	25.2	34.2	34.7	39.3	33.2	35.2
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	37.0	32.9	24.6	26.5	35.3	36.6	42.8	34.9	34.8
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	710.3	999.4	9.6	294.7	702.6	422.8	142.3	137.8	1,709.7
<i>1997</i> —									
January	260.2	382.1	4.4	108.4	280.5	151.9	44.7	52.4	642.4
February	239.2	297.2	3.1	79.5	217.2	145.1	43.9	47.6	536.4
March	262.0	347.9	4.0	92.0	255.1	155.7	47.3	55.8	610.0
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	761.5	1,027.2	11.5	280.0	752.8	452.8	135.9	155.8	1,788.7
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	2.9	2.1	2.1	1.8	2.3	2.6	3.7	2.9	2.5
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	2.8	2.1	1.9	1.8	2.2	2.8	3.2	2.7	2.4
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	146,174	80,929	397	15,038	66,643	69,294	54,476	21,254	227,103
<i>1997</i> —									
January	54,073	30,723	174	5,935	25,232	27,578	17,650	8,227	84,796
February	42,734	25,808	140	4,573	19,720	23,740	13,733	6,634	68,541
March	47,224	29,387	171	5,133	22,841	25,746	15,302	7,416	76,611
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	144,031	85,917	485	15,642	67,793	77,065	46,686	22,277	229,948

TABLE 5—HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES BY STAR GRADING—continued
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Particulars	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Star grading					Ungraded	Total
			1	2	3	4	5		
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT									
<i>March quarter 1996—</i>									
Establishments	111	235	13	129	151	26	3	24	346
Guest rooms	4,254	6,503	158	2,741	4,780	1,638	1,081	359	10,757
Bed spaces	10,595	19,878	362	7,664	13,985	5,260	2,171	1,031	30,473
Employment (persons)	5,309	2,656	177	1,957	2,680	1,312	1,250	589	7,965
<i>March quarter 1997—</i>									
Establishments	112	238	14	118	160	28	3	27	350
Guest rooms	4,330	6,579	170	2,348	4,947	1,817	1,083	544	10,909
Bed spaces	11,055	20,136	386	6,621	14,486	5,996	2,171	1,531	31,191
Employment (persons)	5,215	2,746	162	1,804	2,938	1,341	1,074	642	7,961
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	212.7	326.1	4.2	95.4	247.5	108.2	71.5	11.9	538.7
<i>1997—</i>									
January	64.9	113.5	1.1	29.6	84.7	36.8	19.2	6.8	178.4
February	69.8	99.0	0.9	25.3	75.0	37.3	24.7	5.6	168.8
March	77.9	119.0	1.2	31.4	92.1	40.8	24.9	6.4	196.9
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	212.6	331.5	3.2	86.4	251.8	114.9	68.8	18.9	544.1
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	54.9	55.1	29.3	38.3	56.9	72.6	72.7	36.8	55.1
<i>1997—</i>									
January	48.3	55.7	21.5	40.7	55.3	65.4	57.3	40.4	52.8
February	57.6	53.8	18.9	38.6	54.2	73.3	81.5	36.9	55.3
March	58.0	58.4	22.4	43.2	60.2	72.4	74.1	38.2	58.2
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	54.5	56.0	21.0	40.9	56.6	70.3	70.6	38.5	55.4
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	317.2	580.0	6.6	168.1	430.9	172.9	98.6	20.2	897.3
<i>1997—</i>									
January	108.0	228.2	1.7	56.7	169.1	69.0	27.8	11.8	336.1
February	98.8	162.8	1.3	41.9	120.0	56.3	33.2	8.8	261.6
March	116.7	206.0	1.8	54.4	157.3	65.2	33.9	10.1	322.7
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	323.5	596.9	4.8	153.1	446.5	190.4	94.9	30.8	920.4
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	32.9	32.1	20.1	24.1	33.9	36.1	49.9	21.7	32.4
<i>1997—</i>									
January	31.5	36.6	14.2	27.6	37.7	37.1	41.3	25.0	34.8
February	31.9	28.9	12.3	22.6	29.6	33.5	54.7	20.6	30.0
March	34.1	33.0	15.1	26.5	35.1	35.1	50.4	21.2	33.4
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	32.5	33.0	13.9	25.7	34.3	35.3	48.6	22.3	32.8
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	148.3	309.5	2.7	96.7	234.6	76.1	37.8	9.9	457.8
<i>1997—</i>									
January	50.4	114.7	1.0	29.6	90.0	26.9	11.2	6.3	165.0
February	46.8	88.5	0.7	22.6	68.8	25.1	13.4	4.8	135.4
March	54.7	107.2	1.0	29.1	84.7	27.5	14.1	5.5	161.9
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	151.9	310.4	2.8	81.3	243.5	79.4	38.8	16.6	462.3
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	2.1	1.9	2.4	1.7	1.8	2.3	2.6	2.0	2.0
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.8	2.4	2.4	1.9	2.0
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	19,510	22,428	133	4,311	16,704	10,997	9,235	559	41,938
<i>1997—</i>									
January	5,556	8,063	34	1,359	5,927	3,725	2,226	347	13,619
February	6,750	7,021	29	1,097	5,091	3,981	3,290	283	13,770
March	7,242	8,401	42	1,414	6,275	4,332	3,244	336	15,644
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	19,548	23,485	104	3,870	17,294	12,038	8,760	966	43,033

TABLE 5 — HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES BY STAR GRADING—continued
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Particulars	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Star grading					Ungraded	Total
			1	2	3	4	5		
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT									
<i>March quarter 1996—</i>									
Establishments	156	179	12	113	143	16	8	43	335
Guest rooms	8,294	6,634	214	2,982	7,271	1,219	2,374	868	14,928
Bed spaces	20,500	18,528	412	7,160	19,994	3,254	5,866	2,342	39,028
Employment (persons)	6,980	2,641	144	1,702	3,536	1,271	2,508	460	9,621
<i>March quarter 1997—</i>									
Establishments	164	174	11	105	152	21	6	43	338
Guest rooms	9,390	6,675	190	2,678	7,655	2,316	1,844	1,382	16,065
Bed spaces	22,987	18,753	374	6,446	21,084	5,790	4,790	3,256	41,740
Employment (persons)	7,491	2,750	76	1,749	3,753	1,876	2,003	784	10,241
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	454.3	351.7	4.1	134.7	388.1	79.2	166.5	33.5	806.0
<i>1997</i>									
January	146.4	120.3	1.1	39.7	132.0	36.8	40.0	17.3	266.8
February	159.0	108.5	1.2	38.6	124.1	44.8	40.8	18.0	267.6
March	167.4	122.2	1.3	41.7	137.5	46.4	42.8	20.0	289.6
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	472.9	351.1	3.5	120.0	393.5	128.0	123.7	55.3	824.0
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	60.4	58.3	20.9	49.7	58.9	71.4	77.1	42.4	59.5
<i>1997—</i>									
January	50.3	58.3	18.5	47.8	55.6	51.2	70.0	40.9	53.6
February	60.6	58.2	21.6	51.5	58.0	69.1	79.1	47.2	59.6
March	57.7	59.1	22.0	50.3	58.1	64.6	74.9	46.7	58.3
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	56.0	58.5	20.7	49.8	57.2	61.4	74.5	44.9	57.1
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	719.8	636.2	5.3	216.3	681.6	129.6	264.8	58.4	1,355.9
<i>1997—</i>									
January	247.0	239.6	1.5	66.8	258.1	63.0	67.4	29.9	486.6
February	240.5	183.3	1.4	58.4	205.4	68.4	63.6	26.6	423.8
March	256.1	218.2	1.6	64.5	238.1	72.9	67.2	30.0	474.4
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	743.7	641.1	4.5	189.7	701.6	204.3	198.3	86.4	1,384.8
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	38.8	37.8	14.0	33.3	37.6	43.8	49.6	27.4	38.3
<i>1997—</i>									
January	34.7	41.4	12.8	33.4	39.5	35.1	45.4	30.3	37.7
February	37.4	35.0	13.0	32.3	34.8	42.2	47.4	29.8	36.4
March	36.1	37.5	14.0	32.4	36.5	40.6	45.3	29.7	36.7
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	36.0	38.1	13.3	32.7	37.0	39.2	46.0	29.9	36.9
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	284.5	263.9	2.4	96.3	265.1	44.7	114.6	25.2	548.4
<i>1997—</i>									
January	96.6	102.8	0.8	32.4	107.1	24.6	22.4	12.1	199.5
February	95.8	79.6	0.7	27.0	85.7	26.5	24.5	11.0	175.4
March	102.5	90.8	0.8	29.6	95.9	29.1	25.3	12.6	193.3
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	294.9	273.3	2.3	89.0	288.7	80.3	72.2	35.8	568.2
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.9	2.3	2.3	2.5
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	2.5	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.4
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	47,228	25,595	126	6,934	29,399	9,634	24,598	2,132	72,823
<i>1997—</i>									
January	15,235	9,380	42	2,080	10,408	4,240	6,173	1,670	24,615
February	17,035	7,921	35	2,025	9,352	5,274	6,443	1,828	24,957
March	17,750	9,237	45	2,198	10,522	5,457	6,832	1,933	26,987
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	50,020	26,538	123	6,303	30,282	14,971	19,448	5,431	76,558

TABLE 5 — HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES BY STAR GRADING—continued
TASMANIA

Particulars	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Star grading			Total
			1, 2 and ungraded	3	4 and 5	
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT						
<i>March quarter 1996—</i>						
Establishments	92	88	65	85	30	180
Guest rooms	3,580	1,940	1,232	2,656	1,632	5,520
Bed spaces	9,924	6,075	3,404	7,934	4,661	15,999
Employment (persons)	3,659	884	837	1,481	2,225	4,543
<i>March quarter 1997—</i>						
Establishments	91	98	74	75	40	189
Guest rooms	3,498	2,113	1,429	2,432	1,750	5,611
Bed spaces	9,733	6,494	4,025	7,315	4,887	16,227
Employment (persons)	3,655	953	1,319	1,313	1,976	4,608
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)						
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	211.8	125.4	57.8	166.2	113.2	337.2
<i>1997—</i>						
January	58.2	39.1	20.9	41.2	35.3	97.3
February	62.1	40.7	21.7	44.4	36.7	102.8
March	71.6	45.8	23.9	52.0	41.5	117.4
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	191.9	125.6	66.4	137.7	113.5	317.5
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)						
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	65.0	71.1	51.6	68.8	76.2	67.1
<i>1997—</i>						
January	53.7	59.8	47.1	54.6	65.1	56.0
February	63.4	68.8	54.1	65.3	74.9	65.4
March	66.0	69.9	53.9	69.0	76.4	67.5
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	61.0	66.1	51.6	62.9	72.0	62.9
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)						
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	371.4	237.4	102.4	314.8	191.5	608.8
<i>1997—</i>						
January	107.8	80.7	40.6	84.3	63.6	188.5
February	107.2	73.9	37.6	83.2	60.3	181.2
March	120.3	85.0	42.2	96.8	66.3	205.3
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	335.3	239.6	120.5	264.2	190.2	574.9
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)						
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	41.1	42.9	33.1	43.6	45.2	41.8
<i>1997—</i>						
January	35.7	40.1	32.6	37.2	42.0	37.5
February	39.3	40.7	33.4	40.6	44.1	39.9
March	39.9	42.2	33.8	42.7	43.8	40.8
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	38.3	41.0	33.3	40.1	43.2	39.4
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)						
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	202.0	139.1	61.2	194.6	85.3	341.1
<i>1997—</i>						
January	56.5	46.6	23.0	51.0	29.2	103.1
February	59.0	43.9	21.1	52.2	29.7	103.0
March	66.5	50.1	24.6	59.9	32.0	116.6
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	182.0	140.6	68.7	163.1	90.8	322.6
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)						
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6	2.2	1.8
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.6	2.1	1.8
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)						
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	17,496	8,771	3,370	11,465	11,431	26,267
<i>1997—</i>						
January	5,083	3,053	1,518	3,032	3,585	8,135
February	5,345	3,007	1,548	3,087	3,717	8,352
March	6,062	3,300	1,729	3,495	4,138	9,362
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	16,489	9,360	4,794	9,615	11,441	25,850

TABLE 5 — HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES BY STAR GRADING —continued
NORTHERN TERRITORY

Particulars	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Star grading					Ungraded	Total
			1	2	3	4 and 5			
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT									
<i>March quarter 1996—</i>									
Establishments	31	67	13	33	30	5	17	98	
Guest rooms	2,049	3,589	252	1,650	2,311	989	436	5,638	
Bed spaces	6,000	10,792	724	4,793	7,188	2,821	1,266	16,792	
Employment (persons)	2,272	1,300	149	729	1,207	1,305	182	3,572	
<i>March quarter 1997—</i>									
Establishments	32	68	13	29	31	6	21	100	
Guest rooms	2,245	3,728	266	1,313	2,558	1,062	774	5,973	
Bed spaces	6,156	11,245	805	3,895	7,899	2,848	1,954	17,401	
Employment (persons)	2,049	1,312	130	586	1,210	1,240	195	3,361	
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	92.4	134.2	5.5	55.1	107.9	43.4	14.8	226.6	
<i>1997—</i>									
January	27.0	44.1	1.9	12.9	38.8	13.4	4.0	71.0	
February	29.7	45.2	1.8	11.7	40.6	16.3	4.5	74.9	
March	36.5	56.1	2.1	14.7	50.8	18.4	6.5	92.6	
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	93.2	145.3	5.8	39.3	130.2	48.2	15.0	238.5	
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	50.4	41.9	23.9	36.7	52.9	49.9	37.4	45.0	
<i>1997—</i>									
January	42.7	40.2	23.1	31.7	49.0	40.8	34.1	41.1	
February	52.0	44.5	24.0	31.9	56.7	54.9	34.2	47.2	
March	53.8	49.1	25.7	36.1	64.1	55.9	31.2	50.8	
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	49.5	44.7	24.3	33.3	56.6	50.4	32.8	46.4	
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	151.9	225.1	9.6	87.9	192.5	67.4	19.6	377.0	
<i>1997—</i>									
January	44.9	80.0	2.7	25.1	69.9	21.2	5.9	124.8	
February	46.1	72.6	2.5	19.7	65.4	24.6	6.5	118.7	
March	58.7	96.3	3.2	25.6	87.7	28.1	10.4	155.0	
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	149.7	248.8	8.4	70.4	223.0	73.8	22.8	398.5	
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	28.4	23.3	14.6	20.1	30.2	27.5	17.0	25.1	
<i>1997—</i>									
January	25.1	23.9	10.9	20.8	28.6	24.0	17.1	24.3	
February	28.6	23.6	11.3	18.0	29.6	30.8	17.6	25.3	
March	31.3	27.8	12.7	21.2	35.8	31.8	19.2	29.1	
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	28.4	25.2	11.6	20.1	31.4	28.8	18.1	26.3	
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	80.0	116.0	5.4	44.1	95.1	41.2	10.1	196.0	
<i>1997—</i>									
January	26.0	40.4	1.7	13.0	34.6	13.3	3.8	66.4	
February	26.9	37.1	1.4	10.0	33.9	15.4	3.3	64.0	
March	32.6	45.1	1.8	12.5	41.4	17.5	4.6	77.8	
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	85.5	122.7	4.8	35.5	109.9	46.2	11.7	208.1	
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.6	1.9	1.9	
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	1.8	2.0	1.7	2.0	2.0	1.6	2.0	1.9	
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	10,386	9,518	247	3,623	9,203	6,101	731	19,905	
<i>1997—</i>									
January	3,130	3,165	98	744	3,448	1,828	177	6,295	
February	3,646	3,485	91	645	3,803	2,355	237	7,131	
March	4,289	4,468	106	863	4,831	2,530	427	8,757	
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	11,065	11,118	296	2,252	12,082	6,713	840	22,183	

TABLE 5 — HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES BY STAR GRADING—continued
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Particulars	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Star grading			Total
			1, 2 and ungraded	3	4 and 5	
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT						
<i>March quarter 1996—</i>						
Establishments	14	30	13	23	8	44
Guest rooms	1,683	1,959	514	1,891	1,237	3,642
Bed spaces	4,470	6,327	1,819	5,628	3,350	10,797
Employment (persons)	1,647	686	194	930	1,209	2,333
<i>March quarter 1997</i>						
Establishments	15	33	14	25	9	48
Guest rooms	1,765	2,129	679	2,231	984	3,894
Bed spaces	4,611	7,164	2,447	6,673	2,655	11,775
Employment (persons)	1,544	729	184	1,039	1,050	2,273
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)						
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	99.7	98.5	22.5	97.7	78.1	198.3
<i>1997—</i>						
January	29.8	33.6	9.2	35.6	18.6	63.4
February	35.9	34.2	8.2	39.9	22.0	70.2
March	33.6	36.3	9.1	39.8	21.0	69.9
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	99.3	104.1	26.5	115.3	61.6	203.4
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)						
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	65.1	55.3	48.0	56.8	69.4	59.8
<i>1997—</i>						
January	54.5	50.9	43.5	51.5	60.9	52.5
February	72.7	57.5	43.1	63.9	79.9	64.3
March	61.4	54.9	43.2	57.5	68.9	57.9
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	62.5	54.3	43.3	57.4	69.6	58.0
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)						
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	152.3	173.2	44.0	165.1	116.4	325.5
<i>1997—</i>						
January	53.2	69.6	24.0	68.6	30.2	122.8
February	53.9	56.5	15.5	64.5	30.4	110.4
March	49.5	62.3	18.3	64.7	28.7	111.8
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	156.6	188.4	57.9	197.8	89.3	345.0
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)						
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	37.4	30.1	26.6	32.2	38.2	33.1
<i>1997—</i>						
January	37.2	31.4	31.7	33.1	36.7	33.6
February	41.8	28.2	22.7	34.5	40.9	33.5
March	34.6	28.0	24.2	31.3	34.9	30.6
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	37.7	29.2	26.3	32.9	37.4	32.6
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)						
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	81.4	88.3	22.4	85.7	61.6	169.8
<i>1997—</i>						
January	24.7	32.3	10.4	33.8	12.9	57.0
February	29.9	30.5	7.7	37.8	14.9	60.4
March	23.9	31.4	9.0	32.0	14.1	55.2
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	78.5	94.2	27.1	103.7	41.9	172.7
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)						
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.9	2.1	2.0
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)						
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	10,849	7,110	1,473	7,338	9,149	17,960
<i>1997—</i>						
January	3,337	2,568	675	2,963	2,267	5,905
February	4,202	2,560	594	3,317	2,850	6,762
March	3,856	2,713	621	3,246	2,703	6,570
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	11,395	7,841	1,891	9,526	7,819	19,236

TABLE 5 — HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES BY STAR GRADING—continued
AUSTRALIA

Particulars	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Star grading					Ungraded	Total
			1	2	3	4	5		
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT									
<i>March quarter 1996—</i>									
Establishments	1,134	3,729	133	1,492	2,258	363	53	564	4,863
Guest rooms	69,055	101,555	2,264	30,327	74,121	34,929	14,457	14,512	170,610
Bed spaces	184,436	307,828	6,313	88,550	220,716	100,369	35,681	40,635	492,264
Employment (persons)	70,015	38,030	1,342	14,525	33,122	30,616	18,913	9,527	108,045
<i>March quarter 1997—</i>									
Establishments	1,145	3,768	137	1,343	2,296	423	52	662	4,913
Guest rooms	71,810	102,860	2,471	26,812	75,535	38,856	13,386	17,610	174,670
Bed spaces	192,481	313,751	7,773	78,319	225,097	112,272	33,079	49,692	506,232
Employment (persons)	69,698	38,708	1,258	13,166	33,318	31,709	17,784	11,171	108,406
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	4,057.0	5,085.7	66.8	1,219.3	3,939.6	2,302.3	1,017.9	596.8	9,142.7
<i>1997—</i>									
January	1,305.4	1,732.5	22.5	382.8	1,318.5	772.9	289.6	251.7	3,037.9
February	1,339.0	1,549.3	18.8	324.6	1,200.6	804.4	304.5	235.4	2,888.2
March	1,451.6	1,815.8	22.7	385.6	1,406.6	866.9	322.7	262.7	3,267.4
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	4,096.0	5,097.5	64.1	1,093.0	3,925.7	2,444.2	916.8	749.8	9,193.5
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)									
<i>March quarter 1996—</i>	64.7	55.2	32.5	44.3	58.5	72.5	77.4	45.7	59.0
<i>1997—</i>									
January	58.8	54.5	29.4	46.1	56.3	64.2	69.8	47.2	56.2
February	66.8	53.9	27.1	43.3	56.8	73.9	81.5	48.7	59.2
March	65.4	57.0	29.7	46.5	60.1	72.1	78.0	48.5	60.5
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	63.6	55.2	28.8	45.3	57.8	69.9	76.2	48.1	58.6
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	6,789.1	9,303.8	114.6	2,173.2	7,184.0	3,913.9	1,648.8	1,058.4	16,092.9
<i>1997—</i>									
January	2,389.7	3,566.8	42.9	754.3	2,678.4	1,480.4	505.2	495.3	5,956.5
February	2,148.2	2,671.3	30.0	547.2	2,055.6	1,308.2	471.0	407.4	4,819.4
March	2,367.4	3,271.9	38.6	678.4	2,515.9	1,443.8	501.0	461.6	5,639.3
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	6,905.3	9,510.0	111.5	1,980.0	7,249.9	4,232.4	1,477.2	1,364.3	16,415.3
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	40.5	33.3	20.0	27.0	35.8	42.9	50.8	28.9	36.0
<i>1997—</i>									
January	40.1	36.7	17.8	31.1	38.4	42.5	49.3	32.8	38.0
February	40.0	30.5	13.8	25.0	32.6	41.6	51.1	29.7	34.1
March	39.8	33.7	16.0	28.0	36.1	41.6	49.0	30.1	36.0
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	40.0	33.7	15.9	28.1	35.8	41.9	49.7	30.9	36.1
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	2,893.8	4,868.4	60.4	1,220.4	3,653.3	1,766.5	634.3	427.3	7,762.2
<i>1997—</i>									
January	915.2	1,828.2	22.8	423.4	1,362.7	574.5	161.8	198.0	2,743.3
February	923.3	1,433.3	16.7	309.8	1,099.6	572.8	179.8	177.8	2,356.6
March	993.7	1,716.9	21.4	377.0	1,309.1	616.1	185.0	201.9	2,710.6
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	2,832.2	4,978.3	60.9	1,110.2	3,771.5	1,763.5	526.7	577.7	7,810.5
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	2.3	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.6	2.5	2.1
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	2.4	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.4	2.8	2.4	2.1
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	501,333	372,167	2,633	64,395	297,744	268,471	181,933	58,324	873,500
<i>1997—</i>									
January	165,431	137,128	925	21,731	105,933	94,217	54,433	25,320	302,559
February	172,165	118,706	720	17,218	93,480	97,725	57,488	24,239	290,871
March	189,672	140,292	881	20,806	110,208	108,166	63,203	26,700	329,964
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	527,267	396,126	2,526	59,756	309,621	300,109	175,124	76,258	923,394

TABLE 6 — HOLIDAY FLATS, UNITS AND HOUSES BY STATE/TERRITORY, AUSTRALIA

Particulars	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
	LETTING ENTITIES, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT								
<i>March quarter 1996—</i>									
Letting entities	430	227	691	86	123	54	11	17	1,639
Flats, units and houses									
Single bedroom	2,117	1,225	3,739	308	686	235	145	212	8,667
Multiple bedroom	9,239	2,744	15,115	1,080	1,937	595	157	561	31,428
<i>Total flats, units and houses</i>	<i>11,356</i>	<i>3,969</i>	<i>18,854</i>	<i>1,388</i>	<i>2,623</i>	<i>830</i>	<i>302</i>	<i>773</i>	<i>40,095</i>
Bed spaces	53,199	17,863	77,018	6,981	12,281	3,657	1,195	2,995	175,189
Employment (persons) (a)	1,302	820	2,538	265	630	356	67	151	6,129
<i>March quarter 1997—</i>									
Letting entities	445	217	723	85	128	57	12	16	1,683
Flats, units and houses									
Single bedroom	2,241	1,224	4,053	289	748	241	157	235	9,188
Multiple bedroom	9,825	2,733	15,924	1,204	2,084	621	158	460	33,009
<i>Total flats, units and houses</i>	<i>12,066</i>	<i>3,957</i>	<i>19,977</i>	<i>1,493</i>	<i>2,832</i>	<i>862</i>	<i>315</i>	<i>695</i>	<i>42,197</i>
Bed spaces	57,006	17,975	82,094	7,329	13,009	3,797	1,223	2,584	185,017
Employment (persons) (a)	1,481	854	2,686	290	657	349	70	134	6,521
UNIT NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	<i>543.3</i>	<i>189.5</i>	<i>1,000.8</i>	<i>69.3</i>	<i>151.2</i>	<i>48.5</i>	<i>19.3</i>	<i>51.5</i>	<i>2,073.4</i>
<i>1997—</i>									
January	256.9	80.5	447.9	33.1	60.8	18.7	6.2	15.8	919.8
February	155.7	49.3	274.2	18.6	43.5	15.1	5.0	14.4	575.9
March	167.7	60.3	306.2	21.0	50.9	17.0	6.0	14.1	643.2
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	<i>580.4</i>	<i>190.1</i>	<i>1,028.3</i>	<i>72.6</i>	<i>155.2</i>	<i>50.8</i>	<i>17.2</i>	<i>44.3</i>	<i>2,138.9</i>
UNIT OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	<i>52.6</i>	<i>52.6</i>	<i>58.5</i>	<i>54.9</i>	<i>63.4</i>	<i>64.2</i>	<i>70.1</i>	<i>73.3</i>	<i>56.9</i>
<i>1997—</i>									
January	68.7	65.6	72.3	71.5	69.3	69.8	63.0	73.3	70.3
February	46.1	44.5	49.1	44.4	54.9	62.6	57.1	74.1	48.8
March	45.1	49.2	49.6	45.3	58.0	63.7	61.3	65.3	49.3
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	<i>53.5</i>	<i>53.4</i>	<i>57.3</i>	<i>54.1</i>	<i>60.9</i>	<i>65.5</i>	<i>60.6</i>	<i>70.8</i>	<i>56.4</i>
UNIT LETTINGS ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	<i>99.1</i>	<i>36.8</i>	<i>165.8</i>	<i>12.3</i>	<i>35.4</i>	<i>23.8</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>384.3</i>
<i>1997—</i>									
January	40.6	14.3	70.0	5.0	13.9	8.5	1.3	2.6	156.2
February	30.2	11.0	50.9	3.5	11.6	7.3	1.0	2.4	117.9
March	35.3	13.7	59.9	4.1	13.0	8.4	1.2	2.1	137.7
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	<i>106.1</i>	<i>39.0</i>	<i>180.8</i>	<i>12.6</i>	<i>38.4</i>	<i>24.2</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>411.8</i>
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>5.4</i>
<i>1997—</i>									
January	6.3	5.6	6.4	6.6	4.4	2.2	4.7	6.1	5.9
February	5.1	4.5	5.4	5.3	3.8	2.1	5.0	6.0	4.9
March	4.7	4.4	5.1	5.1	3.9	2.0	5.1	6.6	4.7
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>5.2</i>
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	<i>39,193</i>	<i>15,765</i>	<i>68,791</i>	<i>4,512</i>	<i>11,584</i>	<i>3,835</i>	<i>1,267</i>	<i>4,652</i>	<i>149,597</i>
<i>1997—</i>									
January	21,840	7,086	37,269	2,241	5,104	1,550	464	1,583	77,137
February	10,573	4,438	18,395	1,266	3,359	1,150	353	1,346	40,881
March	11,804	5,371	20,237	1,388	3,923	1,262	410	1,329	45,724
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	<i>44,218</i>	<i>16,896</i>	<i>75,901</i>	<i>4,895</i>	<i>12,386</i>	<i>3,961</i>	<i>1,227</i>	<i>4,259</i>	<i>163,742</i>

(a) Employment numbers exclude real estate agents and their employees.

TABLE 7 — CARAVAN PARKS BY TYPE AND BY STATE/TERRITORY, AUSTRALIA

Particulars	New South Wales			Victoria			Queensland		
	Short-term	Long-term	Total	Short-term	Long-term	Total	Short-term	Long-term	Total
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT									
<i>March quarter 1996—</i>									
Establishments	518	274	792	438	161	599	243	388	631
Capacity									
On-site vans	3,784	3,176	6,960	2,067	1,808	3,875	1,023	4,807	5,830
Other powered sites	45,888	17,089	62,977	36,760	8,301	45,061	11,445	20,871	32,316
Unpowered sites	15,894	4,202	20,096	12,720	2,138	14,858	8,078	4,730	12,808
Cabins, flats, etc.	3,617	1,673	5,290	2,371	1,413	3,784	1,423	2,550	3,973
<i>Total capacity</i>	<i>69,183</i>	<i>26,140</i>	<i>95,323</i>	<i>53,918</i>	<i>13,660</i>	<i>67,578</i>	<i>21,969</i>	<i>32,958</i>	<i>54,927</i>
Sites occupied by long-term guests	5,115	10,465	15,580	1,729	4,935	6,664	1,829	13,482	15,311
Other sites permanently reserved	22,047	1,045	23,092	16,005	391	16,396	792	554	1,346
Employment (persons)	2,298	1,006	3,304	1,432	509	1,941	895	1,353	2,248
<i>March quarter 1997—</i>									
Establishments	497	295	792	442	155	597	265	361	626
Capacity									
On-site vans	3,350	3,504	6,854	2,081	1,777	3,858	1,209	4,601	5,810
Other powered sites	44,699	18,079	62,778	37,112	7,828	44,940	12,600	19,239	31,839
Unpowered sites	15,346	4,077	19,423	12,547	1,949	14,496	8,794	4,582	13,376
Cabins, flats, etc.	3,654	2,046	5,700	2,654	1,360	4,014	1,693	2,622	4,315
<i>Total capacity</i>	<i>67,049</i>	<i>27,706</i>	<i>94,755</i>	<i>54,394</i>	<i>12,914</i>	<i>67,308</i>	<i>24,296</i>	<i>31,044</i>	<i>55,340</i>
Sites occupied by long-term guests	4,012	11,119	15,131	1,835	4,697	6,532	1,973	12,853	14,826
Other sites permanently reserved	22,091	1,114	23,205	15,709	353	16,062	867	459	1,326
Employment (persons)	2,204	1,096	3,300	1,571	470	2,041	1,014	1,284	2,298
SITE NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	<i>3,499.6</i>	<i>1,266.2</i>	<i>4,765.8</i>	<i>2,300.9</i>	<i>602.9</i>	<i>2,903.7</i>	<i>538.8</i>	<i>1,496.6</i>	<i>2,035.4</i>
<i>1997—</i>									
January	1,374.6	506.9	1,881.5	960.9	195.0	1,155.8	248.6	510.1	758.7
February	982.7	412.5	1,395.1	651.4	175.6	827.0	156.5	443.0	599.5
March	1,127.9	465.2	1,593.1	777.8	198.8	976.5	195.7	487.2	682.9
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	<i>3,485.1</i>	<i>1,384.5</i>	<i>4,869.7</i>	<i>2,390.1</i>	<i>569.3</i>	<i>2,959.4</i>	<i>600.9</i>	<i>1,440.3</i>	<i>2,041.2</i>
SITE OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	<i>55.6</i>	<i>53.2</i>	<i>54.9</i>	<i>46.9</i>	<i>48.5</i>	<i>47.2</i>	<i>27.2</i>	<i>50.0</i>	<i>40.9</i>
<i>1997—</i>									
January	66.1	59.0	64.1	57.0	48.7	55.4	33.0	53.1	44.3
February	52.4	53.2	52.6	42.8	48.6	43.9	23.0	51.1	38.8
March	54.3	54.2	54.3	46.1	49.6	46.8	26.0	50.7	39.9
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	<i>57.8</i>	<i>55.5</i>	<i>57.1</i>	<i>48.8</i>	<i>49.0</i>	<i>48.9</i>	<i>27.5</i>	<i>51.6</i>	<i>41.0</i>
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	<i>36,278</i>	<i>14,822</i>	<i>51,101</i>	<i>19,178</i>	<i>6,682</i>	<i>25,860</i>	<i>7,080</i>	<i>15,475</i>	<i>22,556</i>
<i>1997—</i>									
January	18,804	6,809	25,613	10,657	2,270	12,927	3,646	5,891	9,537
February	9,212	4,736	13,948	4,536	1,948	6,485	2,041	4,703	6,744
March	11,684	5,412	17,096	6,213	2,210	8,424	2,795	5,304	8,099
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	<i>39,700</i>	<i>16,957</i>	<i>56,656</i>	<i>21,407</i>	<i>6,429</i>	<i>27,836</i>	<i>8,482</i>	<i>15,898</i>	<i>24,380</i>

TABLE 7 — CARAVAN PARKS BY TYPE AND BY STATE/TERRITORY, AUSTRALIA—continued

Particulars	South Australia			Western Australia			Tasmania		
	Short-term	Long-term	Total	Short-term	Long-term	Total	Short-term	Long-term	Total
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT									
<i>March quarter 1996—</i>									
Establishments	169	44	213	219	97	316	59	13	72
Capacity									
On-site vans	831	253	1,084	1,180	1,064	2,244	244	122	366
Other powered sites	12,100	2,720	14,820	13,032	6,743	19,775	2,980	573	3,553
Unpowered sites	5,790	909	6,699	4,567	1,856	6,423	1,768	351	2,119
Cabins, flats, etc.	1,433	352	1,785	1,047	596	1,643	394	92	486
<i>Total capacity</i>	<i>20,154</i>	<i>4,234</i>	<i>24,388</i>	<i>19,826</i>	<i>10,259</i>	<i>30,085</i>	<i>5,386</i>	<i>1,138</i>	<i>6,524</i>
Sites occupied by long-term guests	693	1,330	2,023	1,425	3,829	5,254	211	211	422
Other sites permanently reserved	1,640	38	1,678	2,300	122	2,422	1,061	36	1,097
Employment (persons)	654	147	801	814	400	1,214	224	49	273
<i>March quarter 1997—</i>									
Establishments	171	44	215	205	114	319	57	16	73
Capacity									
On-site vans	814	262	1,076	1,161	982	2,143	230	135	365
Other powered sites	12,134	2,698	14,832	13,010	6,826	19,836	2,898	693	3,591
Unpowered sites	5,750	904	6,654	4,426	1,823	6,249	1,698	409	2,107
Cabins, flats, etc.	1,553	356	1,909	1,115	869	1,984	372	133	505
<i>Total capacity</i>	<i>20,251</i>	<i>4,220</i>	<i>24,471</i>	<i>19,712</i>	<i>10,500</i>	<i>30,212</i>	<i>5,198</i>	<i>1,370</i>	<i>6,568</i>
Sites occupied by long-term guests	700	1,289	1,989	1,368	4,206	5,574	196	232	428
Other sites permanently reserved	1,758	42	1,800	2,276	279	2,555	1,084	33	1,117
Employment (persons)	675	145	820	847	440	1,287	228	66	294
SITE NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	<i>508.9</i>	<i>155.6</i>	<i>664.6</i>	<i>653.7</i>	<i>437.4</i>	<i>1,091.0</i>	<i>213.9</i>	<i>36.0</i>	<i>249.9</i>
<i>1997—</i>									
January	230.8	58.1	288.9	258.6	167.1	425.7	85.2	16.1	101.3
February	141.6	48.6	190.2	181.8	148.7	330.4	62.7	13.0	75.6
March	181.2	54.9	236.1	208.2	164.9	373.2	66.6	15.6	82.2
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	<i>553.6</i>	<i>161.6</i>	<i>715.2</i>	<i>648.6</i>	<i>480.6</i>	<i>1,129.3</i>	<i>214.4</i>	<i>44.6</i>	<i>259.1</i>
SITE OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	<i>27.8</i>	<i>40.4</i>	<i>30.0</i>	<i>36.2</i>	<i>46.9</i>	<i>39.9</i>	<i>43.6</i>	<i>34.7</i>	<i>42.1</i>
<i>1997—</i>									
January	36.8	44.4	38.1	42.3	51.3	45.5	52.9	37.9	49.7
February	25.0	41.1	27.8	33.0	50.6	39.1	43.1	33.8	41.1
March	28.9	42.0	31.1	34.1	50.7	39.9	41.3	36.7	40.4
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	<i>30.4</i>	<i>42.5</i>	<i>32.5</i>	<i>36.6</i>	<i>50.9</i>	<i>41.6</i>	<i>45.8</i>	<i>36.2</i>	<i>43.8</i>
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)									
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	<i>6,931</i>	<i>1,583</i>	<i>8,514</i>	<i>7,780</i>	<i>5,539</i>	<i>13,319</i>	<i>2,606</i>	<i>520</i>	<i>3,126</i>
<i>1997—</i>									
January	3,510	639	4,149	3,832	2,288	6,120	1,063	241	1,304
February	1,817	482	2,299	2,093	1,975	4,068	750	203	953
March	2,414	582	2,996	2,636	2,242	4,878	724	217	941
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	<i>7,742</i>	<i>1,703</i>	<i>9,444</i>	<i>8,561</i>	<i>6,505</i>	<i>15,065</i>	<i>2,538</i>	<i>661</i>	<i>3,199</i>

TABLE 7 — CARAVAN PARKS BY TYPE AND BY STATE/TERRITORY, AUSTRALIA—continued

Particulars	Northern Territory		Australian Capital Territory		Australia		
	Short-term	Long-term	Total	Total	Short-term	Long-term	Total
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT							
<i>March quarter 1996—</i>							
Establishments	60	17	77	5	1,706	999	2,705
Capacity							
On-site vans	136	181	317	151	9,265	11,562	20,827
Other powered sites	2,910	1,482	4,392	474	125,115	58,253	183,368
Unpowered sites	3,157	578	3,735	369	51,974	15,133	67,107
Cabins, flats, etc.	202	89	291	10	10,487	6,775	17,262
<i>Total capacity</i>	<i>6,405</i>	<i>2,330</i>	<i>8,735</i>	<i>1,004</i>	<i>196,841</i>	<i>91,723</i>	<i>288,564</i>
Sites occupied by long-term guests	334	648	982	284	11,336	35,184	46,520
Other sites permanently reserved	5	1	6	—	43,850	2,187	46,037
Employment (persons)	267	86	353	49	6,584	3,599	10,183
<i>March quarter 1997—</i>							
Establishments	57	17	74	5	1,694	1,007	2,701
Capacity							
On-site vans	126	182	308	62	8,971	11,505	20,476
Other powered sites	2,920	1,434	4,354	485	125,373	57,282	182,655
Unpowered sites	3,051	482	3,533	419	51,612	14,645	66,257
Cabins, flats, etc.	215	102	317	94	11,256	7,582	18,838
<i>Total capacity</i>	<i>6,312</i>	<i>2,200</i>	<i>8,512</i>	<i>1,060</i>	<i>197,212</i>	<i>91,014</i>	<i>288,226</i>
Sites occupied by long-term guests	304	681	985	262	10,388	35,339	45,727
Other sites permanently reserved	7	10	17	—	43,792	2,290	46,082
Employment (persons)	225	85	310	34	6,764	3,620	10,384
SITE NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000)							
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	<i>64.1</i>	<i>69.5</i>	<i>133.5</i>	<i>36.8</i>	<i>7,779.8</i>	<i>4,101.0</i>	<i>11,880.8</i>
<i>1997—</i>							
January	20.7	22.2	42.9	14.5	3,179.3	1,490.0	4,669.3
February	17.8	21.0	38.8	11.9	2,194.5	1,274.0	3,468.5
March	24.0	23.4	47.4	13.0	2,581.4	1,422.8	4,004.3
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	<i>62.5</i>	<i>66.5</i>	<i>129.0</i>	<i>39.4</i>	<i>7,955.2</i>	<i>4,186.9</i>	<i>12,142.0</i>
SITE OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)							
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	<i>11.0</i>	<i>32.8</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>40.3</i>	<i>43.5</i>	<i>49.2</i>	<i>45.3</i>
<i>1997—</i>							
January	10.6	32.6	16.2	44.3	52.0	52.8	52.3
February	10.1	34.0	16.3	39.9	39.8	50.0	43.0
March	12.3	34.3	18.0	39.5	42.2	50.5	44.8
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	<i>11.0</i>	<i>33.6</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>41.3</i>	<i>44.8</i>	<i>51.1</i>	<i>46.8</i>
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)							
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	<i>1,075</i>	<i>783</i>	<i>1,858</i>	<i>657</i>	<i>80,929</i>	<i>46,061</i>	<i>126,990</i>
<i>1997—</i>							
January	352	233	585	323	41,865	18,694	60,558
February	296	222	518	242	20,745	14,512	35,257
March	412	250	662	254	26,878	16,472	43,350
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	<i>1,060</i>	<i>705</i>	<i>1,765</i>	<i>819</i>	<i>89,488</i>	<i>49,677</i>	<i>139,165</i>

TABLE 8 --- VISITOR HOSTELS BY STATE/TERRITORY, AUSTRALIA

Particulars	New South Wales (a)	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania (b)	Northern Territory	Australia
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT								
<i>March quarter 1996—</i>								
Establishments	91	55	124	47	58	41	33	449
Bed spaces	6,008	3,358	8,632	2,206	3,124	1,727	2,733	27,788
Employment (persons)	356	196	655	175	171	112	145	1,810
<i>March quarter 1997—</i>								
Establishments	104	52	146	52	57	49	34	494
Bed spaces	7,654	3,492	9,954	2,485	3,224	2,186	3,166	32,161
Employment (persons)	441	208	806	190	145	156	149	2,095
GUEST NIGHTS ('000)								
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	357.7	137.9	372.0	66.7	129.5	48.2	105.5	1,217.5
<i>1997—</i>								
January	149.0	49.0	152.3	30.3	41.8	22.8	33.7	479.0
February	128.4	46.8	129.4	26.5	37.2	17.0	32.5	417.8
March	137.7	55.9	141.5	32.4	42.4	17.8	41.1	468.7
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	415.1	151.7	423.3	89.2	121.4	57.6	107.3	1,365.5
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)								
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	67.2	45.1	47.6	33.3	45.6	30.6	42.4	48.5
<i>1997—</i>								
January	63.4	45.3	49.4	39.3	41.8	33.7	34.4	48.1
February	62.6	47.9	47.4	38.1	41.2	28.2	36.7	47.2
March	61.2	51.6	47.1	42.1	42.4	26.6	41.8	48.0
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	62.4	48.3	48.0	39.9	41.8	29.5	37.7	47.8
GUEST ARRIVALS ('000)								
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	113.0	49.3	150.3	26.3	38.9	32.2	53.3	463.2
<i>1997—</i>								
January	47.2	17.9	58.9	13.2	14.0	14.0	16.3	181.5
February	41.5	17.7	50.3	11.2	12.4	11.1	15.9	160.1
March	43.5	20.0	53.6	13.2	13.5	11.2	20.3	175.2
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	132.2	55.5	162.8	37.6	40.0	36.2	52.5	516.8
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)								
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	3.2	2.8	2.5	2.5	3.3	1.5	2.0	2.6
<i>1997—</i>								
January	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.3	3.0	1.6	2.1	2.6
February	3.1	2.7	2.6	2.4	3.0	1.5	2.0	2.6
March	3.2	2.8	2.6	2.5	3.1	1.6	2.0	2.7
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	3.1	2.7	2.6	2.4	3.0	1.6	2.0	2.6
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)								
<i>March quarter 1996</i>	5,344	2,004	4,846	785	1,580	580	1,378	16,518
<i>1997—</i>								
January	2,344	718	2,034	343	536	273	473	6,721
February	2,037	700	1,716	322	484	214	456	5,929
March	2,157	790	1,867	359	555	212	588	6,528
<i>March quarter 1997</i>	6,538	2,209	5,618	1,024	1,575	698	1,517	19,178

(a) Including Australian Capital Territory establishments. (b) A coverage break in series for visitor hostels in Tasmania occurred in September quarter 1996. See page 2. "Coverage update".

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains data, for Australia and each State and Territory, from a quarterly survey of tourist accommodation establishments.

SCOPE

2 Tourist accommodation establishments currently included in the survey comprise two groups:

- Establishments which provide predominantly short-term accommodation (i.e. for periods of less than 2 months) to the general public. These include:
 - *Hotels, motels and guest houses, with facilities* being hotels licensed to operate a public bar and motels, private hotels and guest houses all of which provide a bath (or shower) and toilet in most guest rooms and have breakfast available for guests. NOTE: From December quarter 1993, hotel, motel and guest house establishments with fewer than five rooms have been formally excluded from the scope of this statistical collection.
 - *Holiday flats, units and houses* (excluding establishments predominantly operated on a time share basis) which are operated by owners, managers or real estate agents who have sole letting rights to at least five flats, units or houses for short-term letting. They are mainly self-contained in terms of cooking, bath (or shower) and toilet facilities and do not have breakfast available for guests. Data for holiday flats, units and houses include short-term owner occupation as well as paying guest occupation.
 - *Visitor hostels* which provide accommodation to visitors on a bed basis (rather than by the room). This category does not include establishments providing charity type accommodation (e.g. Salvation Army hostels) nor hotels, motels and guest houses without in-room facilities which provide accommodation on a per room basis.
 - *Caravan parks* which provide either predominantly short-term (i.e. for periods of less than 2 months) or predominantly long-term (i.e. for periods of 2 months or more) accommodation to the general public and which provide powered sites for caravans and toilet, shower and laundry facilities for guests.

3 Data collected and published for each type of establishment (other than holiday flats, units and houses) include both long-term and short-term guests at these establishments.

4 Establishments which provide more than one type of accommodation (e.g. a motel with attached caravan park) are treated as two or more separate establishments. However, self-contained units, flats, cabins, etc. attached to hotels, motels or to caravan parks are included in the capacity for those establishments and not treated as separate holiday flat, unit or house establishments.

UNPUBLISHED STATISTICS

5 The ABS may make available on request certain unpublished tourist accommodation statistics. A charge may be made for this information.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

6 Publications for Australia, and each State and Territory, are released by the respective offices of the ABS. Tourist accommodation statistics for past quarters are available on request. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

- *Directory of Tourism Statistics* (1130.0) (irregular: latest issue; 1997)
- *Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia* (3401.0) (monthly)
- *Tourism Indicators, Australia* (8634.0) (quarterly)

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7 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (1101.0). The ABS also issues the *Release Advice* (1105.0) on Tuesdays and Fridays which lists publications to be released in the next few days. Both the *Catalogue* and *Release Advice* are available from any ABS office.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

n.a. not available
n.p. not available for publication but included in totals where applicable
r revised
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— nil or rounded to zero

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

GLOSSARY

- Average length of stay** Average length of stay is expressed in numbers of days and calculated:
- for hotels, motels and guest houses, by dividing *Guest nights* by *Guest arrivals* and
 - for holiday flats, units and houses, by dividing *Unit nights occupied* by *Unit lettings*.
- Bed spaces** Three-quarter beds are counted as one bed space; double beds as two bed spaces. Cots are excluded.
- Capacity** Capacity in terms of *Guest rooms*, *Bed spaces*, *Holiday units* or *Caravan park sites*, etc. is the maximum number available to accommodate paying guests during the survey period. Capacity closed temporarily for seasonal reasons is included.
- Caravan park capacity** The total number of *On-site vans*, *Other powered sites*, *Unpowered sites* and *Cabins*, etc.
- Employment** The number of persons working at accommodation establishments at the end of the survey period (including working proprietors and those working on other than accommodation activities).
- Establishments** For hotels, motels and guest houses, caravan parks and visitor hostels, the number of establishments within the scope of the survey which operated for any part of the survey period, or which closed temporarily for the quarter for seasonal reasons.
- Guest arrivals** The total number of paying guests counted only on the first night they stayed at the accommodation establishment.
- Letting entities** For holiday flats, units and houses, the number of owners, managers or real estate agents within the scope of the survey who operated for any part of the survey period.
- Occupancy** Occupancy in terms of *Room nights*, *Unit nights* or *Site nights occupied* refers to the total number of nights each guest room, holiday unit or caravan park site, etc. was occupied during the survey period. NOTE: From September quarter 1992, caravan park sites, etc. permanently reserved for 2 months or more at the end of the survey period but only casually occupied by their tenants have been recorded continuously as *Site nights occupied* irrespective of whether the tenants of individual sites were in residence on any particular night.
- Occupancy in terms of *Guest nights* refers to the total number of nights each paying guest stayed during the survey period.
- Occupancy rates** *Occupancy rates* represent occupancy expressed as a percentage of total capacity available during the survey period, e.g.
- $$\text{Room occupancy rate (\%)} \text{ for the period} = \frac{\text{Room nights occupied}}{(\text{Guest rooms}) \times (\text{No. of days in the period})} \times 100$$
- providing that, for establishments closing (other than for seasonal reasons) or opening during the survey period, the denominator of the above expression includes only operating periods.

GLOSSARY

- Other sites permanently reserved** The total number of powered and unpowered sites, on-site vans and cabins, etc. continuously let for 2 months or more by the end of the survey period to tenants who occupy the sites only on a casual or sporadic basis. Separate data for this item are available only from September quarter 1992.
- Room nights available** The number of guest rooms available multiplied by the number of days for which they were available during the survey period. For establishment closing (other than seasonal reasons) or opening during this period, operating periods only are included.
- Sites occupied by long-term guests** The total number of sites, etc. occupied at the end of the survey period by guests who have stayed continuously for 2 months or more.
- Star grading** The grading of hotels and motels with facilities based on the classification system used by members of the Australian Automobile Association (AAA). The gradings are allocated according to a points system based on the amenities and facilities available to guests. Details of the grading scheme are contained in the RACV-RAASA members' publication *Accommodation Australia*, or the individual tour guides produced by members of the AAA. For the purpose of classifying establishments to a star grading in this publication, 'half' star gradings are ignored (e.g. a two and a half star grading has been shown as two star).
- Takings from accommodation** Revenue received from the provision of accommodation. Takings from meals are excluded. Takings from accommodation for each month generally represent the takings received during that month. Where payments are received in advance of, or after, the provision of accommodation to guests, the monthly figure for takings from accommodation may not necessarily bear a direct relationship to the number of guests accommodated during the month. Rental and storage fees paid to caravan parks for the keeping of private vans in parks are included in the takings of the month they are received.
- Unit lettings** The total number of times a holiday flat, unit or house was occupied by a new tenant, counted only on the first night it was occupied by the new tenant.



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