



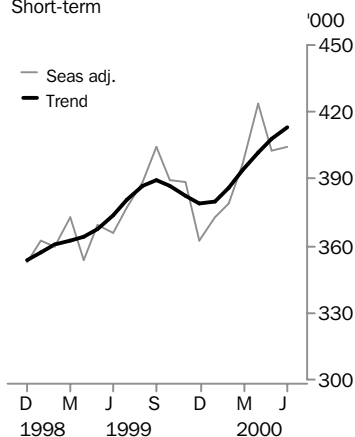
# OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

AUSTRALIA

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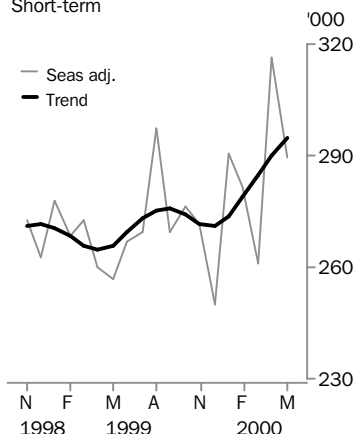
## Visitor arrivals

Short-term



## Resident departures

Short-term



## JUNE 2000 PRELIMINARY

|                   | Jun 2000<br>'000 | % change<br>between<br>May 2000 and<br>Jun 2000 | Jul 1999 to<br>Jun 2000<br>'000 | % change on<br>previous<br>corresponding<br>period |
|-------------------|------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Short-term</b> |                  |   |                                 |  |
| Visitor arrivals  |                  |   |                                 |  |
| Trend             | 412.8            | 1.3   | ..                              | ..   |
| Original          | 347.8            | ..  | 4 651.7                         | 8.5  |

## MAY 2000 KEY FIGURES

|   | May 2000<br>'000 | % change<br>between<br>Apr 2000 and<br>May 2000 | Jul 1999 to<br>May 2000<br>'000 | % change on<br>previous<br>corresponding<br>period |
|---|------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Short-term</b>                             |                  |   |                                 |  |
| Visitor arrivals                              |                  |   |                                 |  |
| Trend   | 407.5            | 1.5   | ..                              | ..   |
| Original                                      | 319.3            | ..  | 4 303.8                         | 8.4  |
| Resident departures                           |                  |   |                                 |  |
| Trend   | 294.9            | 1.7   | ..                              | ..   |
| Original                                      | 284.9            | ..  | 3 028.5                         | 4.5  |
| <b>Permanent(a)</b>                           |                  |   |                                 |  |
| Arrivals                                      | 7.0              | ..  | 84.1                            | 8.6  |
| Departures                                    | 3.5              | ..  | 38.1                            | 17.3   |
| <b>Total permanent &amp;<br/>long-term(a)</b> |                  |   |                                 |  |
| Arrivals                                      | 19.1             | ..  | 283.3                           | 11.9   |
| Departures                                    | 15.4             | ..  | 182.7                           | 13.0   |

(a) Original

## KEY POINTS

- There were 4.7 million short-term visitor arrivals to Australia during 1999–00, 8% more than in 1998–99.
- The trend estimate for short-term visitor arrivals increased for the sixth consecutive month in June 2000.
- During the eleven months to May 2000 there were 84,100 permanent arrivals and 199,200 long-term arrivals. During the same period, there were 38,100 permanent departures and 144,600 long-term departures.
- The net gain from permanent and long-term migration during July 1999 to May 2000 was 100,600 people, 10% higher than during July 1998 to May 1999 (91,400).
- New Zealand is an important source of short-term visitors to Australia, contributing 16% of all visitor arrivals in 1999. (For more information see special article on page 4).

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# NOTES

## FORTHCOMING ISSUES

### ISSUE

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## DATA NOTES

For data quality issues see Appendix 2 on page 21.

## CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

There are no changes in this issue.

## TREND REVISIONS

Each time new seasonally adjusted estimates become available, trend estimates of short-term arrivals and departures are revised (see paragraph 19 of the Explanatory Notes).

The examples in the graphs below show two illustrative scenarios and the consequent revisions to previous trend estimates of visitor arrivals and resident departures.

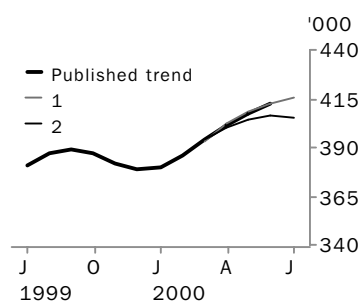
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- July visitor arrivals is 3.03% higher than June
- June resident departures is 3.64% higher than May

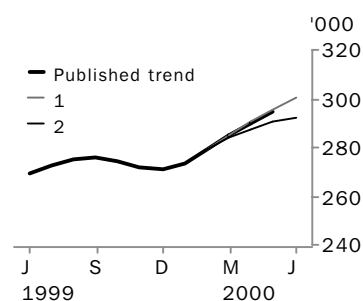
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- July visitor arrivals is 3.03% lower than June
- June resident departures is 3.64% lower than May

## VISITOR ARRIVALS



## RESIDENT DEPARTURES



The percentage changes of 3.03% and 3.64% were chosen because they represent the average absolute monthly percentage changes between months for visitor arrivals and resident departures respectively over the last four years.

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## MAIN FEATURES

### VISITOR ARRIVALS

There were an estimated 347,800 short-term visitor arrivals to Australia during June 2000 bringing the total number of visitor arrivals for 1999–00 to 4,651,700, 8% higher than the number of overseas visitors arriving in 1998–99 (4,288,000).

The major source countries of short-term visitor arrivals to Australia in 1999–00 were New Zealand (17%), Japan (15%), the United Kingdom (12%), the United States of America (9%) and Singapore (6%). Compared to 1998–99, there were increases in the number of visitor arrivals from New Zealand (up by 7%), the United Kingdom (up by 15%), and Korea (up by 58%). Japan and Taiwan were the only source countries in the top ten to record a decline in visitor arrivals, falling by 3% and 5% respectively. All other Asian countries in the top ten source countries recorded an increase in arrivals.

### RESIDENT DEPARTURES

There were 284,900 short-term departures of Australian residents in May 2000, bringing the total for the eleven months to May 2000 to 3,028,500, an increase of 4% on the eleven months to May 1999 (2,899,400). The main destinations of Australian residents departing short-term during May 2000 were New Zealand (10%), the United States of America (12%), the United Kingdom (14%) and Indonesia (6%).

During the eleven months to May 2000;

474,700 Australian residents mainly visited New Zealand, an increase of 6%;

335,000 residents mainly visited the United States of America, an increase of 15%;

292,900 residents mainly visited the United Kingdom, an increase of 8%;

235,400 residents mainly visited Indonesia, a decrease of 28%;

138,200 residents mainly visited Hong Kong, an increase of 5%;

135,300 residents mainly visited Thailand, an increase of 6%; and

133,100 residents mainly visited Singapore, an increase of 10%.

### MAIN REASON FOR JOURNEY

Over half of all short-term visitors to Australia during the eleven months to May 2000 stated on arrival that they had come here mainly for a holiday (56% or 2,406,300). A further 19% (834,500) stated that they were visiting friends and relatives, 10% (419,100) were on business trips, while 4% (151,600) came for educational purposes and 3% (106,500) came for a convention or conference.

### MAIN STATE OF STAY

Forty three percent of overseas visitors departing Australia during the eleven months to May 2000 stated that they had spent most of their time in New South Wales. A further 28% had spent most time in Queensland, 14% in Victoria and 10% in Western Australia. Compared to the eleven months to May 1999, all of these States recorded higher visitor numbers, although the proportional distribution of visitors departing from the States remained unchanged. (See Appendix 2 for Northern Territory data quality issues).

### PERMANENT AND LONG-TERM MOVEMENTS

There were 7,000 permanent arrivals and 3,500 permanent departures to and from Australia during May 2000, bringing the total number of settlers arriving during the eleven months to May 2000 to 84,100 and the total number of permanent departures to 38,100. On a regional basis, New Zealand was the main source of settlers during the eleven months to May 2000 with 20,200 arrivals, 24% of all settlers.

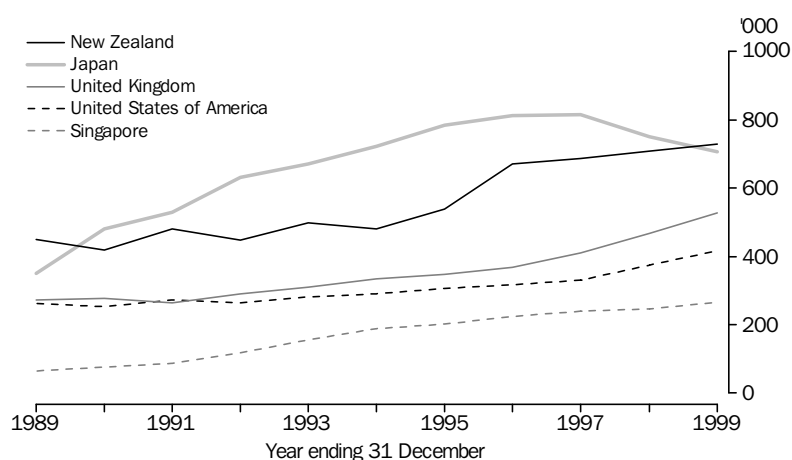
There were 12,100 long-term arrivals and 11,900 long-term departures to and from Australia during May 2000, bringing the total number of long-term arrivals during the eleven months to May 2000 to 199,200 and the total number of long-term departures to 144,600.

## SPECIAL ARTICLE

### NEW ZEALAND SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS—1989–99

New Zealand is an important source of short-term visitors to Australia, contributing 16% of all visitor arrivals in 1999. During 1999 there were 728,800 short-term visitor arrivals from New Zealand compared with 449,300 in 1989, an increase of 62%. During the past ten years, New Zealand has ranked either first or second as a source of short-term visitors to Australia. In 1989 and again in 1999, New Zealand short-term visitors ranked first while from 1990 to 1998 New Zealanders ranked second behind visitors from Japan. Short-term visitors from the United Kingdom and the United States of America were either ranked third or fourth and for most of the ten year period visitors from Singapore ranked fifth.

#### SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS TO AUSTRALIA



#### MAIN REASON FOR JOURNEY BY AGE AND SEX

Between 1989 and 1999 an average of 45% of all New Zealand short-term visitors to Australia stated that their main reason for travel was to take a holiday. Over the ten year period, holiday as the main reason for travel ranged from a high of 49% in 1991 to a low of 42% in 1995. The next most popular main reasons for travel to Australia between 1989 and 1999 were to visit friends and relatives (averaging 29% per year) and business (averaging 15% per year). While these three reasons were also the main reasons for travel for visitors coming to Australia from all countries, the average proportions were different, with 59% of all visitors stating holiday, 19% visiting friends and relatives and 10% stating business as the main reason for travel.

Over the ten year period 1989 to 1999 the median age of New Zealand visitors was consistently higher than the median age for visitors from all countries. The average median age of New Zealand visitors over the ten year period was 41 years, while for all visitors the average median age was 37 years. For those visiting Australia for holiday as the main reason for visiting, New Zealanders (40 years) had a higher average median age than visitors from all countries (35 years). The difference in median age for those visiting for business or for visiting friends and relatives was marginal between all visitors and New Zealand visitors.

## SPECIAL ARTICLE

### NEW ZEALAND SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS—1989–99

MAIN REASON FOR JOURNEY BY  
AGE AND SEX *continued*

SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS—SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, 1999

|                              |       | NEW ZEALAND VISITORS.... |         |   |      |       | ALL VISITORS..... |      |   |       |
|------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|---------|---|------|-------|-------------------|------|---|-------|
|                              |       |                          |         | <i>Visiting<br/>friends<br/>and<br/>relatives</i> |      | Total |                   |      | <i>Visiting<br/>friends<br/>and<br/>relatives</i> |       |
|                              |       | Unit                     | Holiday |   |      |       | Holiday           |      |   | Total |
| Median age                   | years | 40.2                     | 41.5    | 41.6  | 40.2 | 35.9  | 43.8              | 41.1 | 37.6  |       |
| Proportion male              | %     | 47.6                     | 40.4    | 77.0  | 51.5 | 47.8  | 43.9              | 82.1 | 51.7  |       |
| Median length of stay        | days  | 10.1                     | 11.6    | 4.5   | 9.4  | 9.3   | 20.1              | 7.2  | 10.5  |       |
| Main State of intended stay— |       |                          |         |   |      |       |                   |      |   |       |
| NSW                          | %     | 31.8                     | 42.1    | 52.5  | 39.8 | 38.4  | 41.0              | 50.7 | 41.0  |       |
| Vic.                         | %     | 14.1                     | 18.2    | 25.6  | 17.1 | 11.0  | 20.1              | 22.8 | 14.7  |       |
| Qld                          | %     | 49.0                     | 29.9    | 15.4  | 35.8 | 37.7  | 19.0              | 13.6 | 29.4  |       |
| SA                           | %     | 1.4                      | 1.7     | 1.8   | 1.7  | 1.7   | 4.4               | 2.6  | 2.5   |       |
| WA                           | %     | 2.5                      | 6.0     | 2.4   | 3.7  | 8.9   | 13.1              | 7.8  | 9.7   |       |
| Tas.                         | %     | 0.5                      | 0.8     | 0.8   | 0.7  | 0.4   | 0.7               | 0.5  | 0.5   |       |
| NT                           | %     | 0.3                      | 0.4     | 0.3   | 0.4  | 1.6   | 0.6               | 1.0  | 1.3   |       |
| ACT                          | %     | 0.3                      | 0.9     | 1.3   | 0.7  | 0.3   | 1.0               | 1.1  | 0.7   |       |

Between 1989 and 1999 just over half of New Zealand visitors and all visitors to Australia were male, an average of around 51%. However, more female than male visitors arrived for the individual reasons of holiday and visiting friends and relatives, the average proportions for New Zealanders and visitors from all countries being similar. Around 58% were females visiting friends and relatives and 53% were females on holiday. Male visitors coming for business far exceeded female visitors with average proportions of 80% for New Zealanders and 84% for visitors from all countries.

MAIN STATE/TERRITORY OF  
INTENDED STAY

Over the past ten years the main destinations in Australia for both New Zealand visitors and visitors from all countries have changed only marginally—New South Wales (average 42% for New Zealanders and an average 43% for all visitors) followed by Queensland (32% and 28%, respectively), Victoria (17% and 14%, respectively) and Western Australia (5% and 9%, respectively). While there have been changes in the proportions going to these States over the ten-year period the proportional changes for the two main destinations have been similar with New South Wales losing six percentage points for both New Zealand and all visitors and Queensland gaining seven percentage points for New Zealand and eight percentage points for all visitors. More New Zealanders are choosing Victoria as a destination than they did ten years ago, up three percentage points while for all visitors Victoria lost one percentage point. In contrast, Western Australia is no longer as popular with New Zealanders as it was ten years ago, down three percentage points, although it is more popular overall with visitors from all countries (up one percentage point).

INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY

Between 1989 and 1999 the average median intended length of stay for New Zealand visitors and visitors from all countries was similar (10 days). However, the average median intended length of stay varied according to the main reasons for travel. The most noticeable difference was for those visiting friends and relatives where New Zealanders intended to stay 14 days while visitors from all countries intended to stay for an average of 23 days. This could be associated with the ease of travel between New Zealand and Australia enabling shorter but more frequent trips.

TABLE 1. TOTAL MOVEMENT — ARRIVALS: CATEGORY OF MOVEMENT

| Period                   | Short-term arrivals(a)            |                         |                      |  |                         |                                    |  |   |                                    |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|
|                          | Permanent<br>arrivals<br>Settlers | Long-term arrivals      |                      | Total<br>permanent<br>and<br>long-term<br>arrivals | ('000)                  |                                    |  |   | Total<br>arrivals<br>(a)<br>('000) |
|                          |                                   | Australian<br>residents | Overseas<br>visitors |  | Australian<br>residents | Overseas<br>visitors<br>(Original) | Overseas<br>visitors<br>(Seasonally<br>adjusted b) | Overseas<br>visitors<br>(Trend<br>estimate c) |                                    |
|                          |                                   |                         |                      |  |                         |                                    |  |   |                                    |
| Year ended 31 December — |                                   |                         |                      |  |                         |                                    |  |   |                                    |
| 1997                     | 78,230                            | 81,800                  | 100,190              | 260,220  | 2,897.2                 | 4,317.9                            | ..   | ..  | 7,475.3                            |
| 1998                     | 81,070                            | 75,320                  | 112,000              | 268,380  | 3,143.9                 | 4,167.2                            | ..   | ..  | 7,579.5                            |
| 1999                     | 87,140                            | 76,130                  | 125,730              | 289,000  | 3,226.1                 | 4,459.5                            | ..   | ..  | 7,974.6                            |
| Year ended 30 June —     |                                   |                         |                      |  |                         |                                    |  |   |                                    |
| 1998                     | 77,330                            | 84,360                  | 103,760              | 265,440  | 3,020.1                 | 4,220.0                            | ..   | ..  | 7,505.5                            |
| 1999                     | 84,140                            | 67,910                  | 119,890              | 271,950  | 3,191.6                 | 4,288.0                            | ..   | ..  | 7,751.6                            |
| 2000 p                   | 84,090                            | 74,130                  | 125,050              | 283,270  | 3,053.5                 | 4,651.7                            | ..   | ..  | 7,640.6                            |
| 1999 —                   |                                   |                         |                      |  |                         |                                    |  |   |                                    |
| April                    | 6,650                             | 4,360                   | 8,030                | 19,040   | 248.7                   | 334.1                              | 353.7  | 364.0   | 601.9                              |
| May                      | 6,920                             | 4,360                   | 6,420                | 17,710   | 234.2                   | 298.1                              | 368.9  | 367.4   | 550.0                              |
| June                     | 6,730                             | 5,300                   | 6,820                | 18,850   | 230.8                   | 317.1                              | 366.0  | 373.3   | 566.7                              |
| July                     | 7,420                             | 6,480                   | 18,100               | 31,990   | 314.3                   | 388.5                              | 377.4  | 380.6   | 734.8                              |
| August                   | 7,680                             | 5,690                   | 7,790                | 21,160   | 268.5                   | 355.6                              | 388.6  | 386.7   | 645.3                              |
| September                | 7,450                             | 6,250                   | 7,930                | 21,630   | 299.3                   | 353.1                              | 404.1  | 389.1   | 674.0                              |
| October                  | 7,310                             | 6,490                   | 9,260                | 23,060   | 356.0                   | 397.0                              | 389.8  | 386.8   | 776.0                              |
| November                 | 7,170                             | 8,340                   | 7,450                | 22,950   | 246.7                   | 416.7                              | 388.3  | 382.2   | 686.3                              |
| December                 | 7,850                             | 12,500                  | 6,830                | 27,180   | 208.3                   | 460.8                              | 362.1  | 379.1   | 696.3                              |
| 2000 —                   |                                   |                         |                      |  |                         |                                    |  |   |                                    |
| January                  | 9,990                             | 6,610                   | 18,550               | 35,150   | 357.5                   | 360.8                              | 373.0  | 380.0   | 753.4                              |
| February                 | 7,240                             | 5,820                   | 24,810               | 37,880   | 236.5                   | 434.6                              | 378.9  | 385.6   | 708.9                              |
| March                    | 7,170                             | 5,310                   | 8,350                | 20,830   | 230.8                   | 411.9                              | 396.3  | 393.7   | 663.5                              |
| April                    | 7,800                             | 6,080                   | 8,440                | 22,320   | 279.6                   | 405.6                              | 423.3  | 401.4   | 707.5                              |
| May                      | 7,010                             | 4,560                   | 7,550                | 19,120   | 256.1                   | 319.3                              | 402.6  | 407.5   | 594.5                              |
| June p                   | n.y.a                             | n.y.a                   | n.y.a                | n.y.a  | n.y.a                   | 347.8                              | 404.4  | 412.8   | n.y.a                              |

(a) Figures for short-term movement are based on a sample and are subject to sampling error. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail. (b) See paragraphs 14 and 15 of the Explanatory Notes. (c) See paragraphs 16 and 17 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 2. TOTAL MOVEMENT — DEPARTURES: CATEGORY OF MOVEMENT

| Period                   |                         |   |                      |  | Short-term departures(a)                              |  |                      |         | Total<br>departures<br>(a)<br>(‘000) |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|----------------------|--|---|--|----------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
|                          |                         |   |                      | Total<br>permanent<br>and<br>long-term<br>departures | (‘000)  |  |                      |         |                                      |
|                          | Permanent<br>departures | Long-term departures<br>Australian<br>residents | Overseas<br>visitors |  | Australian<br>residents<br>(Seasonally<br>adjusted b) | Australian<br>residents<br>(Trend<br>estimate c) | Overseas<br>visitors |         |                                      |
| Year ended 31 December — |                         |   |                      |  |   |  |                      |         |                                      |
| 1997                     | 30,340                  | 77,180  | 69,040               | 176,560  | 2,932.8   | ..   | ..                   | 4,281.2 | 7,390.5                              |
| 1998                     | 33,430                  | 81,060  | 65,110               | 179,600  | 3,161.1   | ..   | ..                   | 4,150.2 | 7,490.9                              |
| 1999                     | 38,230                  | 83,430  | 64,010               | 185,660  | 3,210.0   | ..   | ..                   | 4,449.5 | 7,845.2                              |
| Year ended 30 June —     |                         |   |                      |  |   |  |                      |         |                                      |
| 1998                     | 31,990                  | 79,420  | 74,870               | 186,280  | 3,031.9   | ..   | ..                   | 4,198.3 | 7,416.5                              |
| 1999                     | 35,180                  | 82,860  | 57,420               | 175,460  | 3,188.7   | ..   | ..                   | 4,279.1 | 7,643.3                              |
| 2000 p                   | 38,140                  | 79,270  | 65,300               | 182,700  | 3,028.5   | ..   | ..                   | 4,289.2 | 7,500.4                              |
| 1999 —                   |                         |   |                      |  |   |  |                      |         |                                      |
| March                    | 3,160                   | 7,390   | 4,640                | 15,180   | 268.9   | 272.7  | 265.8                | 381.6   | 665.6                                |
| April                    | 3,140                   | 7,060   | 3,590                | 13,790   | 244.3   | 260.0  | 264.8                | 381.7   | 639.8                                |
| May                      | 2,730                   | 6,480   | 4,090                | 13,290   | 262.4   | 256.7  | 266.0                | 319.2   | 594.9                                |
| June                     | 2,680                   | 5,540   | 5,500                | 13,720   | 289.3   | 267.1  | 269.4                | 316.7   | 619.7                                |
| July                     | 3,170                   | 6,810   | 5,620                | 15,600   | 286.6   | 269.7  | 273.0                | 336.0   | 638.2                                |
| August                   | 3,650                   | 7,710   | 4,790                | 16,150   | 281.1   | 297.3  | 275.3                | 402.0   | 699.3                                |
| September                | 2,870                   | 5,820   | 5,110                | 13,790   | 330.7   | 269.7  | 275.9                | 331.2   | 675.6                                |
| October                  | 2,930                   | 5,740   | 4,450                | 13,120   | 262.0   | 276.4  | 274.1                | 364.6   | 639.7                                |
| November                 | 2,910                   | 5,720   | 6,560                | 15,190   | 244.3   | 271.5  | 271.6                | 412.7   | 672.2                                |
| December                 | 3,500                   | 6,100   | 11,070               | 20,670   | 309.3   | 249.8  | 271.1                | 392.6   | 722.5                                |
| 2000 —                   |                         |   |                      |  |   |  |                      |         |                                      |
| January                  | 5,450                   | 12,550  | 6,480                | 24,480   | 246.9   | 290.7  | 273.8                | 452.0   | 723.4                                |
| February                 | 3,120                   | 7,390   | 5,090                | 15,600   | 211.8   | 281.4  | 279.0                | 397.4   | 624.8                                |
| March                    | 3,330                   | 7,180   | 5,840                | 16,350   | 263.1   | 261.0  | 284.7                | 422.8   | 702.2                                |
| April                    | 3,710                   | 7,070   | 5,590                | 16,360   | 307.7   | 316.1  | 289.9                | 417.1   | 741.1                                |
| May                      | 3,510                   | 7,200   | 4,690                | 15,390   | 284.9   | 289.4  | 294.9                | 361.0   | 661.3                                |

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**TABLE 3. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT(a) — ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS AND DEPARTURES OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS BY INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY AND MAIN REASON FOR JOURNEY(b)**  
(‘000)

|                                   | <i>Year ended</i><br><i>30 June</i> |                | <i>Quarter ended</i><br><i>31 March</i> |                | <i>Eleven months to</i><br><i>May</i> |                | <i>Month of</i><br><i>May</i> |              |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---|----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
|                                   | <i>1998</i>                         | <i>1999</i>    | <i>1999</i>                             | <i>2000</i>    | <i>1999</i>                           | <i>2000</i>    | <i>1999</i>                   | <i>2000</i>  |
| <b>ARRIVALS</b>                   |                                     |                |   |                |                                       |                |                               |              |
| <b>Intended length of stay</b>    |                                     |                |   |                |                                       |                |                               |              |
| Under 1 week                      | 1,279.0                             | 1,166.8        | 300.8                                   | 344.7          | 1,068.9                               | 1,188.2        | 102.2                         | 113.5        |
| 1 and under 2 weeks               | 1,261.4                             | 1,377.7        | 359.2                                   | 358.1          | 1,275.9                               | 1,318.9        | 99.9                          | 99.0         |
| 2 weeks and under 1 month         | 807.0                               | 871.3          | 221.4                                   | 230.6          | 810.7                                 | 889.9          | 48.9                          | 52.5         |
| 1 and under 2 months              | 390.7                               | 380.7          | 102.7                                   | 104.2          | 356.8                                 | 386.8          | 19.1                          | 19.3         |
| 2 and under 3 months              | 124.9                               | 128.0          | 35.7                                    | 36.6           | 117.0                                 | 128.7          | 7.3                           | 8.5          |
| 3 and under 6 months              | 169.7                               | 172.8          | 49.0                                    | 54.3           | 162.0                                 | 184.1          | 10.6                          | 13.6         |
| 6 and under 12 months             | 187.4                               | 190.6          | 69.9                                    | 78.7           | 179.7                                 | 207.2          | 10.2                          | 12.9         |
| <b>Total(c)</b>                   | <b>4,220.0</b>                      | <b>4,288.0</b> | <b>1,138.6</b>                          | <b>1,207.3</b> | <b>3,971.0</b>                        | <b>4,303.8</b> | <b>298.1</b>                  | <b>319.3</b> |
| <b>Main reason for journey(b)</b> |                                     |                |   |                |                                       |                |                               |              |
| Convention/conference             | 99.9                                | 112.9          | 20.5                                    | 25.3           | 107.9                                 | 106.5          | 9.5                           | 11.6         |
| Business                          | 446.2                               | 440.3          | 110.9                                   | 116.7          | 406.4                                 | 419.1          | 42.3                          | 44.7         |
| Visiting friends/relatives        | 854.5                               | 860.3          | 217.9                                   | 216.7          | 800.4                                 | 834.5          | 51.0                          | 57.5         |
| Holiday                           | 2,403.5                             | 2,349.4        | 633.2                                   | 672.0          | 2,171.4                               | 2,406.3        | 160.8                         | 166.1        |
| Employment                        | 29.2                                | 45.4           | 12.5                                    | 12.0           | 41.5                                  | 41.1           | 3.0                           | 3.5          |
| Education                         | 137.1                               | 147.5          | 59.6                                    | 65.2           | 137.8                                 | 151.6          | 6.6                           | 9.1          |
| Other and not stated(d)           | 249.6                               | 332.3          | 84.0                                    | 99.3           | 305.4                                 | 344.7          | 24.9                          | 26.9         |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>4,220.0</b>                      | <b>4,288.0</b> | <b>1,138.6</b>                          | <b>1,207.3</b> | <b>3,971.0</b>                        | <b>4,303.8</b> | <b>298.1</b>                  | <b>319.3</b> |
| <b>DEPARTURES</b>                 |                                     |                |   |                |                                       |                |                               |              |
| <b>Intended length of stay</b>    |                                     |                |   |                |                                       |                |                               |              |
| Under 1 week                      | 366.9                               | 386.1          | 88.9                                    | 103.7          | 354.6                                 | 379.8          | 35.0                          | 36.7         |
| 1 and under 2 weeks               | 802.6                               | 924.9          | 209.4                                   | 216.0          | 853.9                                 | 874.1          | 68.1                          | 69.3         |
| 2 weeks and under 1 month         | 784.0                               | 844.8          | 198.2                                   | 197.3          | 765.5                                 | 804.6          | 63.0                          | 66.8         |
| 1 and under 2 months              | 537.3                               | 523.3          | 89.4                                    | 95.1           | 468.2                                 | 493.5          | 43.4                          | 49.6         |
| 2 and under 3 months              | 207.2                               | 188.9          | 28.0                                    | 27.9           | 168.4                                 | 173.7          | 17.6                          | 20.9         |
| 3 and under 6 months              | 185.0                               | 168.6          | 36.2                                    | 33.2           | 147.3                                 | 156.7          | 21.0                          | 24.1         |
| 6 and under 12 months             | 149.0                               | 152.2          | 50.0                                    | 48.7           | 141.4                                 | 146.1          | 14.2                          | 17.5         |
| <b>Total(c)</b>                   | <b>3,031.9</b>                      | <b>3,188.7</b> | <b>700.1</b>                            | <b>721.9</b>   | <b>2,899.4</b>                        | <b>3,028.5</b> | <b>262.4</b>                  | <b>284.9</b> |
| <b>Main reason for journey(b)</b> |                                     |                |   |                |                                       |                |                               |              |
| Convention/conference             | 118.3                               | 124.7          | 28.9                                    | 32.3           | 111.5                                 | 136.5          | 14.9                          | 16.3         |
| Business                          | 526.4                               | 504.4          | 125.8                                   | 144.4          | 458.2                                 | 503.2          | 50.1                          | 54.7         |
| Visiting friends/relatives        | 716.8                               | 778.6          | 171.6                                   | 169.7          | 698.7                                 | 737.9          | 62.2                          | 68.0         |
| Holiday                           | 1,439.8                             | 1,471.4        | 307.5                                   | 303.8          | 1,345.4                               | 1,382.5        | 115.6                         | 122.0        |
| Employment                        | 77.8                                | 82.3           | 22.1                                    | 23.2           | 75.5                                  | 79.4           | 5.7                           | 8.3          |
| Education                         | 43.1                                | 41.8           | 10.7                                    | 9.8            | 38.1                                  | 40.9           | 2.3                           | 2.5          |
| Other and not stated(d)           | 109.7                               | 185.6          | 33.5                                    | 38.6           | 172.1                                 | 148.0          | 11.5                          | 13.1         |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>3,031.9</b>                      | <b>3,188.7</b> | <b>700.1</b>                            | <b>721.9</b>   | <b>2,899.4</b>                        | <b>3,028.5</b> | <b>262.4</b>                  | <b>284.9</b> |

(a) Figures for short-term movement are based on a sample and are subject to sampling error. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail. (b) Data for September quarter 1998 has been revised. See Appendix 2 for more detail. (c) Includes not stated. (d) Includes 'Exhibition' from July 1998.

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

| <i>Country of birth(a)</i>         | <i>Year ended</i><br><i>30 June</i> |               | <i>Quarter ended</i><br><i>31 March</i> |               | <i>Eleven months to</i><br><i>May</i> |               | <i>Month of</i><br><i>May</i> |              |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
|                                    | <i>1998</i>                         | <i>1999</i>   | <i>1999</i>                             | <i>2000</i>   | <i>1999</i>                           | <i>2000</i>   | <i>1999</i>                   | <i>2000</i>  |
| <b>Major group —</b>               |                                     |               |   |               |                                       |               |                               |              |
| Oceania and Antarctica             | 17,790                              | 22,500        | 6,450                                   | 7,740         | 20,790                                | 24,060        | 2,040                         | 2,060        |
| Europe and the Former USSR         | 19,500                              | 19,610        | 4,970                                   | 4,590         | 18,240                                | 17,090        | 1,310                         | 1,260        |
| Middle East and North Africa       | 5,790                               | 5,200         | 940                                     | 1,560         | 4,620                                 | 5,190         | 490                           | 370          |
| Southeast Asia                     | 9,700                               | 10,930        | 2,980                                   | 2,710         | 10,130                                | 10,280        | 1,200                         | 1,000        |
| Northeast Asia                     | 10,210                              | 10,870        | 2,800                                   | 3,160         | 9,960                                 | 10,510        | 830                           | 790          |
| Southern Asia                      | 5,330                               | 5,320         | 1,250                                   | 2,130         | 4,800                                 | 7,540         | 480                           | 820          |
| The Americas                       | 2,720                               | 2,400         | 580                                     | 540           | 2,230                                 | 2,230         | 160                           | 160          |
| Africa (excluding North Africa)    | 6,260                               | 7,250         | 1,950                                   | 1,950         | 6,580                                 | 7,150         | 410                           | 550          |
| <b>Total(b)</b>                    | <b>77,330</b>                       | <b>84,140</b> | <b>21,960</b>                           | <b>24,400</b> | <b>77,410</b>                         | <b>84,090</b> | <b>6,920</b>                  | <b>7,010</b> |
| <b>Major source countries —</b>    |                                     |               |   |               |                                       |               |                               |              |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina                 | 2,140                               | 1,390         | 290                                     | 220           | 1,330                                 | 550           | 30                            | 70           |
| China                              | 4,340                               | 6,130         | 1,560                                   | 1,860         | 5,580                                 | 6,280         | 570                           | 510          |
| Fiji                               | 1,070                               | 1,560         | 380                                     | 440           | 1,420                                 | 1,730         | 160                           | 120          |
| Former USSR and Baltic States      | 990                                 | 900           | 190                                     | 220           | 820                                   | 910           | 50                            | 60           |
| Yugoslavia, Federal Republic of(c) | 1,550                               | 2,910         | 660                                     | 730           | 2,710                                 | 2,070         | 160                           | 130          |
| Hong Kong (SAR of China)           | 3,190                               | 1,920         | 490                                     | 420           | 1,750                                 | 1,360         | 90                            | 60           |
| India                              | 2,790                               | 2,560         | 640                                     | 1,150         | 2,330                                 | 4,050         | 280                           | 560          |
| New Zealand                        | 14,720                              | 18,680        | 5,460                                   | 6,610         | 17,260                                | 20,210        | 1,700                         | 1,750        |
| Philippines                        | 2,770                               | 3,320         | 900                                     | 680           | 3,130                                 | 2,920         | 310                           | 280          |
| South Africa                       | 4,280                               | 5,020         | 1,360                                   | 1,480         | 4,520                                 | 5,250         | 300                           | 320          |
| Taiwan                             | 1,520                               | 1,560         | 420                                     | 550           | 1,480                                 | 1,610         | 70                            | 110          |
| United Kingdom                     | 9,190                               | 8,790         | 2,330                                   | 2,000         | 8,180                                 | 8,570         | 720                           | 580          |
| United States of America           | 1,260                               | 1,040         | 250                                     | 230           | 950                                   | 970           | 90                            | 70           |
| Viet Nam                           | 2,310                               | 2,140         | 490                                     | 340           | 1,960                                 | 1,350         | 160                           | 140          |

(a) See paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes not stated. (c) Includes vague responses which cannot be coded to any other category.

**TABLE 5. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT(a) — ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS  
COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE(b)  
(‘000)**

| <i>Country of residence(b)</i>           | <i>Year ended<br/>30 June</i> |                | <i>Quarter ended<br/>31 March</i> |                | <i>Eleven months to<br/>May</i> |                | <i>Month of<br/>May</i> |              |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|  | <i>1998</i>                   | <i>1999</i>    | <i>1999</i>                       | <i>2000</i>    | <i>1999</i>                     | <i>2000</i>    | <i>1999</i>             | <i>2000</i>  |
| <b>OCEANIA &amp; ANTARCTICA —</b>        |                               |                |                                   |                |                                 |                |                         |              |
| Fiji                                     | 21.0                          | 23.9           | 5.7                               | 6.2            | 22.3                            | 25.9           | 1.8                     | 2.0          |
| New Caledonia                            | 23.4                          | 23.8           | 8.8                               | 8.1            | 22.4                            | 22.8           | 2.1                     | 1.9          |
| New Zealand                              | 695.7                         | 718.9          | 143.0                             | 154.5          | 651.2                           | 699.1          | 52.5                    | 60.3         |
| Papua New Guinea                         | 43.4                          | 48.3           | 10.6                              | 10.4           | 44.1                            | 44.0           | 3.6                     | 2.9          |
| Other                                    | 31.1                          | 40.1           | 8.8                               | 8.3            | 37.1                            | 33.7           | 2.6                     | 3.0          |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>814.6</i>                  | <i>855.0</i>   | <i>176.8</i>                      | <i>187.6</i>   | <i>777.1</i>                    | <i>825.6</i>   | <i>62.6</i>             | <i>70.2</i>  |
| <b>EUROPE &amp; THE FORMER USSR —</b>    |                               |                |                                   |                |                                 |                |                         |              |
| Austria                                  | 18.8                          | 16.8           | 4.5                               | 5.4            | 16.2                            | 18.0           | 0.7                     | 0.9          |
| Belgium                                  | 9.2                           | 9.4            | 2.4                               | 2.8            | 8.9                             | 10.7           | 0.3                     | 0.4          |
| Denmark                                  | 17.6                          | 17.7           | 5.8                               | 6.3            | 16.9                            | 18.2           | 0.8                     | 0.8          |
| Former USSR & Baltic States              | 9.5                           | 9.0            | 2.5                               | 2.8            | 8.4                             | 9.4            | 0.5                     | 0.7          |
| France                                   | 39.0                          | 46.2           | 11.8                              | 13.9           | 43.8                            | 50.4           | 2.3                     | 3.1          |
| Germany                                  | 130.2                         | 129.8          | 40.4                              | 41.9           | 122.6                           | 140.7          | 6.9                     | 7.5          |
| Greece                                   | 8.1                           | 8.8            | 1.8                               | 1.9            | 8.2                             | 8.7            | 0.5                     | 0.5          |
| Ireland                                  | 27.9                          | 34.1           | 10.0                              | 11.0           | 31.1                            | 40.0           | 1.7                     | 2.3          |
| Italy                                    | 46.3                          | 48.5           | 10.3                              | 12.7           | 46.0                            | 51.3           | 2.2                     | 2.5          |
| Netherlands                              | 43.7                          | 48.8           | 13.5                              | 15.9           | 46.9                            | 53.2           | 2.5                     | 2.5          |
| Norway                                   | 10.3                          | 10.6           | 3.6                               | 4.7            | 9.9                             | 13.0           | 0.3                     | 0.5          |
| Spain                                    | 9.2                           | 12.2           | 2.3                               | 2.6            | 11.3                            | 12.2           | 0.7                     | 0.8          |
| Sweden                                   | 24.6                          | 28.1           | 8.6                               | 11.3           | 26.8                            | 31.5           | 0.9                     | 1.1          |
| Switzerland                              | 39.2                          | 41.5           | 12.1                              | 13.6           | 39.8                            | 46.1           | 1.6                     | 2.4          |
| United Kingdom                           | 445.1                         | 483.1          | 160.2                             | 161.9          | 459.8                           | 528.6          | 24.1                    | 27.2         |
| Other                                    | 35.4                          | 39.5           | 11.5                              | 13.0           | 37.5                            | 42.9           | 1.7                     | 2.5          |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>914.1</i>                  | <i>984.1</i>   | <i>301.4</i>                      | <i>321.7</i>   | <i>934.2</i>                    | <i>1,074.7</i> | <i>47.6</i>             | <i>55.8</i>  |
| <b>MIDDLE EAST &amp; NORTH AFRICA —</b>  |                               |                |                                   |                |                                 |                |                         |              |
| Israel                                   | 10.6                          | 11.9           | 3.6                               | 3.8            | 11.3                            | 12.2           | 0.6                     | 0.8          |
| Other                                    | 25.3                          | 34.3           | 7.4                               | 7.3            | 31.9                            | 37.0           | 1.3                     | 1.4          |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>36.0</i>                   | <i>46.2</i>    | <i>11.0</i>                       | <i>11.0</i>    | <i>43.2</i>                     | <i>49.2</i>    | <i>2.0</i>              | <i>2.2</i>   |
| <b>SOUTHEAST ASIA —</b>                  |                               |                |                                   |                |                                 |                |                         |              |
| Brunei                                   | 7.2                           | 7.2            | 1.7                               | 1.8            | 6.8                             | 5.5            | 0.5                     | 0.2          |
| Indonesia                                | 120.0                         | 100.4          | 30.2                              | 26.6           | 95.2                            | 77.5           | 10.5                    | 5.4          |
| Malaysia                                 | 124.8                         | 128.1          | 33.3                              | 39.1           | 120.0                           | 137.7          | 16.7                    | 14.9         |
| Philippines                              | 37.4                          | 38.4           | 9.4                               | 8.6            | 35.9                            | 36.8           | 4.3                     | 3.7          |
| Singapore                                | 256.9                         | 244.5          | 52.7                              | 58.7           | 209.4                           | 244.9          | 19.9                    | 21.0         |
| Thailand                                 | 44.9                          | 59.5           | 11.5                              | 14.9           | 56.6                            | 64.4           | 5.2                     | 6.4          |
| Other                                    | 11.0                          | 12.3           | 3.4                               | 3.5            | 11.3                            | 11.0           | 0.8                     | 0.6          |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>602.2</i>                  | <i>590.5</i>   | <i>142.1</i>                      | <i>153.3</i>   | <i>535.2</i>                    | <i>577.8</i>   | <i>57.9</i>             | <i>52.2</i>  |
| <b>NORTHEAST ASIA —</b>                  |                               |                |                                   |                |                                 |                |                         |              |
| China (c)                                | 71.9                          | 81.6           | 22.8                              | 30.2           | 75.4                            | 97.4           | 7.1                     | 9.0          |
| Hong Kong (SAR of China) (c)             | 144.3                         | 138.7          | 40.9                              | 42.5           | 128.8                           | 138.3          | 7.5                     | 9.4          |
| Japan                                    | 797.0                         | 725.8          | 193.8                             | 192.0          | 679.7                           | 656.8          | 52.3                    | 51.3         |
| Korea                                    | 133.2                         | 88.4           | 26.5                              | 44.7           | 81.8                            | 129.7          | 6.9                     | 10.1         |
| Taiwan                                   | 154.8                         | 147.3          | 40.4                              | 36.7           | 135.4                           | 128.5          | 13.1                    | 10.2         |
| Other                                    | 2.6                           | 3.4            | 0.9                               | 0.8            | 3.1                             | 2.7            | 0.2                     | 0.2          |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>1,303.9</i>                | <i>1,185.2</i> | <i>325.4</i>                      | <i>346.9</i>   | <i>1,104.1</i>                  | <i>1,153.5</i> | <i>87.1</i>             | <i>90.2</i>  |
| <b>SOUTHERN ASIA —</b>                   |                               |                |                                   |                |                                 |                |                         |              |
| India                                    | 28.1                          | 31.3           | 7.3                               | 8.6            | 28.6                            | 34.9           | 4.3                     | 6.1          |
| Other                                    | 12.1                          | 14.6           | 4.4                               | 4.5            | 13.6                            | 15.0           | 0.8                     | 1.0          |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>40.2</i>                   | <i>45.9</i>    | <i>11.6</i>                       | <i>13.1</i>    | <i>42.2</i>                     | <i>49.9</i>    | <i>5.1</i>              | <i>7.1</i>   |
| <b>THE AMERICAS —</b>                    |                               |                |                                   |                |                                 |                |                         |              |
| Canada                                   | 68.3                          | 75.5           | 25.5                              | 25.1           | 72.0                            | 75.7           | 3.9                     | 4.4          |
| United States of America                 | 355.7                         | 393.7          | 113.9                             | 118.8          | 358.1                           | 394.5          | 25.8                    | 30.3         |
| Other                                    | 25.8                          | 30.9           | 9.7                               | 10.8           | 28.8                            | 32.3           | 1.9                     | 2.4          |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>449.8</i>                  | <i>500.1</i>   | <i>149.0</i>                      | <i>154.7</i>   | <i>458.8</i>                    | <i>502.5</i>   | <i>31.6</i>             | <i>37.0</i>  |
| <b>AFRICA (excluding North Africa) —</b> |                               |                |                                   |                |                                 |                |                         |              |
| South Africa                             | 46.4                          | 63.4           | 16.1                              | 13.8           | 59.6                            | 53.2           | 3.6                     | 3.4          |
| Other                                    | 11.9                          | 14.4           | 4.2                               | 4.1            | 13.6                            | 13.2           | 0.5                     | 1.1          |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>58.3</i>                   | <i>77.8</i>    | <i>20.4</i>                       | <i>17.9</i>    | <i>73.2</i>                     | <i>66.5</i>    | <i>4.2</i>              | <i>4.5</i>   |
| Not stated                               | 0.9                           | 3.2            | 0.9                               | 1.1            | 2.9                             | 4.1            | 0.2                     | 0.2          |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>4,220.0</b>                | <b>4,288.0</b> | <b>1,138.6</b>                    | <b>1,207.3</b> | <b>3,971.0</b>                  | <b>4,303.8</b> | <b>298.1</b>            | <b>319.3</b> |

(a) Figures for short-term movement are based on a sample and are subject to sampling error. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail. (b) See paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Explanatory Notes. (c) See paragraph on September 1999 processing in Appendix 2



**TABLE 6. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT(a) — ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS  
COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE(b)  
(‘000)**

| <i>Country of residence(b)</i>           | <i>Quarter ended<br/>30 June</i> |                |                 | <i>Year ended<br/>30 June</i> |                |                 | <i>Month of<br/>June</i> |              |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|
|  | <i>1999</i>                      | <i>2000p</i>   | <i>% change</i> | <i>1999</i>                   | <i>2000p</i>   | <i>% change</i> | <i>1999</i>              | <i>2000p</i> |
| <b>OCEANIA &amp; ANTARCTICA —</b>        |                                  |                |                 |                               |                |                 |                          |              |
| New Zealand                              | 179.6                            | 211.8          | 17.9            | 718.9                         | 772.5          | 7.5             | 67.7                     | 73.4         |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>211.8</i>                     | <i>243.2</i>   | <i>14.8</i>     | <i>855.0</i>                  | <i>908.8</i>   | <i>6.3</i>      | <i>77.9</i>              | <i>83.2</i>  |
| <b>EUROPE &amp; THE FORMER USSR —</b>    |                                  |                |                 |                               |                |                 |                          |              |
| Germany                                  | 23.5                             | 25.0           | 6.6             | 129.8                         | 147.6          | 13.7            | 7.2                      | 6.9          |
| Italy                                    | 7.7                              | 8.2            | 6.4             | 48.5                          | 54.4           | 12.0            | 2.6                      | 3.1          |
| Netherlands                              | 7.4                              | 8.2            | 10.1            | 48.8                          | 55.4           | 13.5            | 1.9                      | 2.1          |
| Sweden                                   | 3.7                              | 4.5            | 22.5            | 28.1                          | 33.0           | 17.6            | 1.3                      | 1.5          |
| Switzerland                              | 5.9                              | 7.2            | 22.4            | 41.5                          | 47.9           | 15.5            | 1.7                      | 1.8          |
| United Kingdom                           | 81.2                             | 105.4          | 29.8            | 483.1                         | 554.3          | 14.8            | 23.2                     | 25.8         |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>164.4</i>                     | <i>202.7</i>   | <i>23.3</i>     | <i>984.1</i>                  | <i>1,130.9</i> | <i>14.9</i>     | <i>49.9</i>              | <i>56.2</i>  |
| <b>MIDDLE EAST &amp; NORTH AFRICA —</b>  |                                  |                |                 |                               |                |                 |                          |              |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>8.2</i>                       | <i>8.8</i>     | <i>7.3</i>      | <i>46.2</i>                   | <i>53.0</i>    | <i>14.8</i>     | <i>3.0</i>               | <i>3.9</i>   |
| <b>SOUTHEAST ASIA —</b>                  |                                  |                |                 |                               |                |                 |                          |              |
| Indonesia                                | 22.4                             | 19.2           | -14.6           | 100.4                         | 84.2           | -16.1           | 5.2                      | 6.7          |
| Malaysia                                 | 35.4                             | 36.2           | 2.2             | 128.1                         | 146.4          | 14.2            | 8.1                      | 8.7          |
| Philippines                              | 11.8                             | 11.7           | -0.8            | 38.4                          | 39.5           | 2.7             | 2.5                      | 2.7          |
| Singapore                                | 70.4                             | 74.7           | 6.2             | 244.5                         | 277.3          | 13.4            | 35.2                     | 32.4         |
| Thailand                                 | 20.2                             | 22.9           | 13.0            | 59.5                          | 67.9           | 14.0            | 2.9                      | 3.4          |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>164.5</i>                     | <i>168.5</i>   | <i>2.5</i>      | <i>590.5</i>                  | <i>633.3</i>   | <i>7.2</i>      | <i>55.3</i>              | <i>55.5</i>  |
| <b>NORTHEAST ASIA —</b>                  |                                  |                |                 |                               |                |                 |                          |              |
| China                                    | 19.4                             | 25.0           | 29.0            | 81.6                          | 105.6          | 29.5            | 6.1                      | 8.2          |
| Japan                                    | 154.9                            | 154.6          | -0.1            | 725.8                         | 705.4          | -2.8            | 46.1                     | 48.6         |
| Korea                                    | 20.4                             | 32.9           | 61.2            | 88.4                          | 139.4          | 57.6            | 6.6                      | 9.6          |
| Taiwan                                   | 39.4                             | 36.2           | -7.9            | 147.3                         | 140.6          | -4.5            | 11.9                     | 12.1         |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>262.2</i>                     | <i>285.7</i>   | <i>9.0</i>      | <i>1,185.2</i>                | <i>1,243.9</i> | <i>5.0</i>      | <i>81.1</i>              | <i>90.4</i>  |
| <b>THE AMERICAS —</b>                    |                                  |                |                 |                               |                |                 |                          |              |
| Canada                                   | 12.3                             | 14.1           | 14.3            | 75.5                          | 79.8           | 5.7             | 3.5                      | 4.0          |
| United States of America                 | 92.5                             | 106.8          | 15.5            | 393.7                         | 436.4          | 10.8            | 35.6                     | 41.9         |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>111.0</i>                     | <i>128.7</i>   | <i>15.9</i>     | <i>500.1</i>                  | <i>551.0</i>   | <i>10.2</i>     | <i>41.3</i>              | <i>48.4</i>  |
| <b>AFRICA (excluding North Africa) —</b> |                                  |                |                 |                               |                |                 |                          |              |
| South Africa                             | 11.9                             | 13.5           | 13.0            | 63.4                          | 57.2           | -9.8            | 3.8                      | 3.9          |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>14.1</i>                      | <i>17.3</i>    | <i>22.4</i>     | <i>77.8</i>                   | <i>71.5</i>    | <i>-8.1</i>     | <i>4.6</i>               | <i>5.0</i>   |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>949.3</b>                     | <b>1,072.8</b> | <b>13.0</b>     | <b>4,288.0</b>                | <b>4,651.7</b> | <b>8.5</b>      | <b>317.1</b>             | <b>347.8</b> |

(a) Figures for short-term movement are based on a sample and are subject to sampling error. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail. (b) See paragraphs 4, 6, and 7 of the Explanatory Notes.

**TABLE 7. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT(a) — DEPARTURES OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS  
MAIN DESTINATION(b)  
(‘000)**

| <i>Main destination(b)</i>               | <i>Year ended<br/>30 June</i> |                | <i>Quarter ended<br/>31 March</i> |              | <i>Eleven months to<br/>May</i> |                | <i>Month of<br/>May</i> |              |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|  | <i>1998</i>                   | <i>1999</i>    | <i>1999</i>                       | <i>2000</i>  | <i>1999</i>                     | <i>2000</i>    | <i>1999</i>             | <i>2000</i>  |
| <b>OCEANIA &amp; ANTARCTICA —</b>        |                               |                |                                   |              |                                 |                |                         |              |
| Fiji                                     | 88.4                          | 104.2          | 20.2                              | 22.4         | 92.8                            | 104.2          | 10.5                    | 7.4          |
| New Caledonia                            | 13.8                          | 12.8           | 1.9                               | 2.7          | 11.6                            | 12.9           | 0.9                     | 0.9          |
| New Zealand                              | 429.2                         | 477.4          | 121.5                             | 131.1        | 448.5                           | 474.7          | 30.9                    | 28.8         |
| Norfolk Island                           | 24.3                          | 28.9           | 7.1                               | 5.5          | 27.1                            | 25.1           | 2.1                     | 2.9          |
| Papua New Guinea                         | 41.3                          | 38.6           | 7.5                               | 10.0         | 34.2                            | 39.9           | 2.6                     | 4.1          |
| Vanuatu                                  | 25.0                          | 32.3           | 5.7                               | 8.3          | 30.0                            | 33.7           | 2.0                     | 2.5          |
| Other                                    | 31.0                          | 31.6           | 6.1                               | 7.9          | 29.6                            | 37.1           | 2.2                     | 3.6          |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>652.8</i>                  | <i>725.9</i>   | <i>170.0</i>                      | <i>187.8</i> | <i>673.9</i>                    | <i>727.6</i>   | <i>51.1</i>             | <i>50.2</i>  |
| <b>EUROPE &amp; THE FORMER USSR —</b>    |                               |                |                                   |              |                                 |                |                         |              |
| France                                   | 37.3                          | 41.4           | 8.2                               | 7.3          | 36.2                            | 38.5           | 4.2                     | 4.9          |
| Germany                                  | 38.1                          | 39.3           | 7.6                               | 7.4          | 34.9                            | 34.9           | 4.3                     | 5.8          |
| Greece                                   | 41.0                          | 38.3           | 4.6                               | 4.1          | 32.3                            | 35.1           | 5.1                     | 7.3          |
| Ireland                                  | 21.5                          | 22.5           | 3.8                               | 3.2          | 19.5                            | 23.0           | 2.3                     | 3.3          |
| Italy                                    | 61.0                          | 66.2           | 10.0                              | 9.1          | 57.1                            | 56.1           | 8.0                     | 9.3          |
| Netherlands                              | 17.5                          | 17.1           | 2.5                               | 2.7          | 15.2                            | 17.2           | 2.5                     | 2.8          |
| Poland                                   | 7.3                           | 6.9            | 0.8                               | 0.4          | 5.4                             | 7.2            | 1.3                     | 2.1          |
| Spain                                    | 12.2                          | 13.4           | 2.3                               | 2.5          | 11.3                            | 12.8           | 1.8                     | 2.1          |
| Switzerland                              | 10.7                          | 12.5           | 2.8                               | 2.7          | 11.5                            | 10.9           | 1.6                     | 1.1          |
| United Kingdom                           | 327.4                         | 306.0          | 51.4                              | 54.9         | 272.0                           | 292.9          | 36.2                    | 38.8         |
| Other                                    | 90.1                          | 85.1           | 13.0                              | 13.4         | 72.3                            | 87.1           | 9.4                     | 15.6         |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>664.1</i>                  | <i>648.7</i>   | <i>107.1</i>                      | <i>107.6</i> | <i>567.6</i>                    | <i>615.6</i>   | <i>76.5</i>             | <i>93.2</i>  |
| <b>MIDDLE EAST &amp; NORTH AFRICA —</b>  |                               |                |                                   |              |                                 |                |                         |              |
| Israel                                   | 10.2                          | 9.1            | 2.1                               | 2.6          | 8.2                             | 8.1            | 0.7                     | 0.6          |
| Lebanon                                  | 18.3                          | 19.8           | 3.6                               | 2.7          | 15.9                            | 16.6           | 1.2                     | 1.9          |
| Turkey                                   | 17.1                          | 16.6           | 2.8                               | 2.0          | 13.9                            | 13.6           | 1.7                     | 2.0          |
| Other                                    | 24.4                          | 32.9           | 9.4                               | 11.6         | 30.3                            | 31.6           | 2.3                     | 2.2          |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>70.0</i>                   | <i>78.4</i>    | <i>17.9</i>                       | <i>18.9</i>  | <i>68.3</i>                     | <i>69.9</i>    | <i>5.9</i>              | <i>6.8</i>   |
| <b>SOUTHEAST ASIA —</b>                  |                               |                |                                   |              |                                 |                |                         |              |
| Indonesia                                | 324.0                         | 349.0          | 74.3                              | 54.5         | 324.8                           | 235.4          | 23.1                    | 17.5         |
| Malaysia                                 | 104.2                         | 111.9          | 24.8                              | 29.0         | 102.3                           | 115.8          | 7.6                     | 8.6          |
| Philippines                              | 60.4                          | 55.6           | 14.8                              | 14.5         | 51.1                            | 50.7           | 4.1                     | 3.4          |
| Singapore                                | 115.8                         | 133.8          | 35.9                              | 35.3         | 120.6                           | 133.1          | 9.9                     | 12.1         |
| Thailand                                 | 103.8                         | 137.5          | 30.6                              | 32.8         | 127.3                           | 135.3          | 10.1                    | 10.9         |
| Viet Nam                                 | 44.1                          | 55.4           | 17.0                              | 16.0         | 49.8                            | 45.9           | 3.9                     | 3.3          |
| Other                                    | 10.8                          | 11.0           | 2.8                               | 3.8          | 9.7                             | 12.6           | 0.7                     | 0.9          |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>763.1</i>                  | <i>854.1</i>   | <i>200.1</i>                      | <i>185.9</i> | <i>785.5</i>                    | <i>728.7</i>   | <i>59.5</i>             | <i>56.7</i>  |
| <b>NORTHEAST ASIA —</b>                  |                               |                |                                   |              |                                 |                |                         |              |
| China (c)                                | 81.6                          | 81.8           | 19.2                              | 18.4         | 75.1                            | 79.7           | 6.2                     | 6.6          |
| Hong Kong (SAR of China) (c)             | 142.0                         | 142.7          | 34.0                              | 39.3         | 131.1                           | 138.2          | 10.6                    | 10.0         |
| Japan                                    | 56.6                          | 62.0           | 14.7                              | 14.2         | 56.1                            | 59.2           | 4.9                     | 5.0          |
| Korea                                    | 17.6                          | 17.3           | 3.9                               | 4.6          | 15.6                            | 17.6           | 1.7                     | 2.4          |
| Taiwan                                   | 35.3                          | 32.4           | 8.3                               | 8.2          | 30.4                            | 31.1           | 2.5                     | 2.3          |
| Other                                    | 1.6                           | 1.5            | 0.8                               | 0.3          | 1.3                             | 1.5            | —                       | —            |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>334.7</i>                  | <i>337.7</i>   | <i>80.9</i>                       | <i>85.0</i>  | <i>309.7</i>                    | <i>327.4</i>   | <i>25.9</i>             | <i>26.3</i>  |
| <b>SOUTHERN ASIA —</b>                   |                               |                |                                   |              |                                 |                |                         |              |
| India                                    | 38.8                          | 40.3           | 10.8                              | 11.0         | 38.1                            | 39.1           | 1.3                     | 1.4          |
| Sri Lanka                                | 12.5                          | 12.2           | 2.6                               | 2.8          | 11.4                            | 13.9           | 0.6                     | 0.8          |
| Other                                    | 16.8                          | 15.6           | 3.8                               | 5.1          | 14.7                            | 20.5           | 0.8                     | 0.7          |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>68.1</i>                   | <i>68.1</i>    | <i>17.2</i>                       | <i>18.8</i>  | <i>64.2</i>                     | <i>73.5</i>    | <i>2.8</i>              | <i>2.9</i>   |
| <b>THE AMERICAS —</b>                    |                               |                |                                   |              |                                 |                |                         |              |
| Canada                                   | 48.4                          | 54.0           | 12.1                              | 15.5         | 47.8                            | 55.1           | 5.6                     | 6.9          |
| United States of America                 | 346.2                         | 323.9          | 71.1                              | 77.9         | 292.4                           | 335.0          | 28.9                    | 34.7         |
| Other                                    | 27.6                          | 32.2           | 8.5                               | 7.3          | 30.0                            | 29.1           | 2.1                     | 2.2          |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>422.1</i>                  | <i>410.0</i>   | <i>91.7</i>                       | <i>100.7</i> | <i>370.2</i>                    | <i>419.3</i>   | <i>36.5</i>             | <i>43.8</i>  |
| <b>AFRICA (excluding North Africa) —</b> |                               |                |                                   |              |                                 |                |                         |              |
| South Africa                             | 29.7                          | 29.5           | 7.4                               | 8.8          | 27.3                            | 32.7           | 2.0                     | 2.1          |
| Other                                    | 21.3                          | 20.9           | 4.0                               | 5.0          | 19.2                            | 20.2           | 1.1                     | 1.9          |
| <i>Total</i>                             | <i>51.0</i>                   | <i>50.4</i>    | <i>11.4</i>                       | <i>13.8</i>  | <i>46.5</i>                     | <i>52.9</i>    | <i>3.2</i>              | <i>4.0</i>   |
| Not stated                               | 6.0                           | 15.3           | 3.8                               | 3.4          | 13.5                            | 13.8           | 1.0                     | 1.1          |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>3,031.9</b>                | <b>3,188.7</b> | <b>700.1</b>                      | <b>721.9</b> | <b>2,899.4</b>                  | <b>3,028.5</b> | <b>262.4</b>            | <b>284.9</b> |

(a) Figures for short-term movement are based on a sample and are subject to sampling error. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail. (b) See paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Explanatory Notes. (c) See paragraph on September 1999 processing in Appendix 2

**TABLE 8. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT(a) — DEPARTURES OF OVERSEAS VISITORS  
STATE/TERRITORY IN WHICH MOST TIME WAS SPENT  
(‘000)**

| State/Territory in which<br>most time was spent(b) | Year ended<br>30 June |                | Quarter ended<br>31 March |                | Eleven months to<br>May |                | Month of<br>May |              |
|--|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
|  | 1998                  | 1999           | 1999                      | 2000           | 1999                    | 2000           | 1999            | 2000         |
| New South Wales                                    | 1,783.9               | 1,789.1        | 534.8                     | 590.3          | 1,670.6                 | 1,836.9        | 135.3           | 158.4        |
| Victoria   | 582.1                 | 628.2          | 185.9                     | 196.3          | 581.9                   | 620.9          | 42.0            | 50.6         |
| Queensland   | 1,221.9               | 1,232.1        | 292.8                     | 298.3          | 1,128.9                 | 1,201.8        | 94.2            | 97.8         |
| South Australia                                    | 95.2                  | 99.8           | 30.7                      | 28.1           | 93.0                    | 99.3           | 8.2             | 7.4          |
| Western Australia                                  | 402.8                 | 414.7          | 117.9                     | 124.5          | 380.7                   | 412.3          | 30.6            | 37.4         |
| Tasmania   | 26.5                  | 27.1           | 10.9                      | 12.3           | 26.2                    | 29.3           | 1.7             | 1.8          |
| Northern Territory(c)                              | 44.7                  | 44.8           | 8.3                       | 13.8           | 40.9                    | 54.7           | 4.1             | 4.6          |
| Australian Capital Territory                       | 34.1                  | 31.5           | 8.6                       | 8.5            | 29.3                    | 31.1           | 2.4             | 2.7          |
| Other Territories(d)                               | 6.4                   | 1.7            | 0.6                       | 0.1            | 1.6                     | 2.6            | 0.1             | 0.2          |
| <b>Total(e)</b>                                    | <b>4,198.3</b>        | <b>4,279.1</b> | <b>1,192.9</b>            | <b>1,272.2</b> | <b>3,962.4</b>          | <b>4,289.2</b> | <b>319.2</b>    | <b>361.0</b> |

(a) Figures for short-term movement are based on a sample and are subject to sampling error. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail. (b) Data for August to October 1998 inclusive has been revised. See Appendix 2 for more detail. (c) See Appendix 2 for more detail. (d) Not available prior to February 1995. Includes Territories of Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Jervis Bay. (e) Includes not stated.

**TABLE 9. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT(a) — ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS  
COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE(b) AND MAIN REASON FOR JOURNEY(c)**

|                                       | Eleven months to May |              |                |              |                |              | Percentage<br>change<br>1998 to 1999 | Percentage<br>change<br>1999 to 2000 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                                       | 1998                 |              | 1999           |              | 2000           |              |                                      |                                      |
|                                       | ( '000)              | %            | ( '000)        | %            | ( '000)        | %            |                                      |                                      |
| <b>Country of residence(b)</b>        |                      |              |                |              |                |              |                                      |                                      |
| <b>Major group —</b>                  |                      |              |                |              |                |              |                                      |                                      |
| Oceania and Antarctica                | 738.9                | 18.9         | 777.1          | 19.6         | 825.6          | 19.2         | 5.2                                  | 6.2                                  |
| Europe and the Former USSR            | 868.3                | 22.2         | 934.2          | 23.5         | 1,074.7        | 25.0         | 7.6                                  | 15.0                                 |
| Middle East and North Africa          | 33.5                 | 0.9          | 43.2           | 1.1          | 49.2           | 1.1          | 29.0                                 | 14.0                                 |
| Southeast Asia                        | 549.9                | 14.0         | 535.2          | 13.5         | 577.8          | 13.4         | -2.7                                 | 8.0                                  |
| Northeast Asia                        | 1,218.2              | 31.1         | 1,104.1        | 27.8         | 1,153.5        | 26.8         | -9.4                                 | 4.5                                  |
| Southern Asia                         | 36.4                 | 0.9          | 42.2           | 1.1          | 49.9           | 1.2          | 16.0                                 | 18.2                                 |
| The Americas                          | 415.7                | 10.6         | 458.8          | 11.6         | 502.5          | 11.7         | 10.4                                 | 9.5                                  |
| Africa (excluding North Africa)       | 54.6                 | 1.4          | 73.2           | 1.8          | 66.5           | 1.5          | 34.0                                 | -9.2                                 |
| <b>Total(c)</b>                       | <b>3,915.8</b>       | <b>100.0</b> | <b>3,971.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>4,303.8</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>1.4</b>                           | <b>8.4</b>                           |
| <b>Selected source countries(b) —</b> |                      |              |                |              |                |              |                                      |                                      |
| Germany                               | 124.4                | 3.2          | 122.6          | 3.1          | 140.7          | 3.3          | -1.5                                 | 14.7                                 |
| Hong Kong (SAR of China)              | 133.9                | 3.4          | 128.8          | 3.2          | 138.3          | 3.2          | -3.8                                 | 7.4                                  |
| Indonesia                             | 113.9                | 2.9          | 95.2           | 2.4          | 77.5           | 1.8          | -16.4                                | -18.5                                |
| Japan                                 | 747.8                | 19.1         | 679.7          | 17.1         | 656.8          | 15.3         | -9.1                                 | -3.4                                 |
| Korea                                 | 129.4                | 3.3          | 81.8           | 2.1          | 129.7          | 3.0          | -36.8                                | 58.6                                 |
| Malaysia                              | 117.8                | 3.0          | 120.0          | 3.0          | 137.7          | 3.2          | 1.9                                  | 14.7                                 |
| New Zealand                           | 627.6                | 16.0         | 651.2          | 16.4         | 699.1          | 16.2         | 3.8                                  | 7.4                                  |
| Singapore                             | 223.1                | 5.7          | 209.4          | 5.3          | 244.9          | 5.7          | -6.2                                 | 17.0                                 |
| Taiwan                                | 138.3                | 3.5          | 135.4          | 3.4          | 128.5          | 3.0          | -2.1                                 | -5.0                                 |
| United Kingdom                        | 422.2                | 10.8         | 459.8          | 11.6         | 528.6          | 12.3         | 8.9                                  | 15.0                                 |
| United States of America              | 326.3                | 8.3          | 358.1          | 9.0          | 394.5          | 9.2          | 9.7                                  | 10.2                                 |
| <b>Main reason for journey(d)</b>     |                      |              |                |              |                |              |                                      |                                      |
| Convention/conference                 | 94.7                 | 2.4          | 107.9          | 2.7          | 106.5          | 2.5          | 14.0                                 | -1.3                                 |
| Business                              | 411.7                | 10.5         | 406.4          | 10.2         | 419.1          | 9.7          | -1.3                                 | 3.1                                  |
| Visiting friends/relatives            | 795.1                | 20.3         | 800.4          | 20.2         | 834.5          | 19.4         | 0.7                                  | 4.3                                  |
| Holiday                               | 2,228.4              | 56.9         | 2,171.4        | 54.7         | 2,406.3        | 55.9         | -2.6                                 | 10.8                                 |
| Employment                            | 27.2                 | 0.7          | 41.5           | 1.0          | 41.1           | 1.0          | 52.8                                 | -1.0                                 |
| Education                             | 129.7                | 3.3          | 137.8          | 3.5          | 151.6          | 3.5          | 6.2                                  | 10.0                                 |
| Other and not stated(e)               | 228.9                | 5.8          | 305.4          | 7.7          | 344.7          | 8.0          | 33.4                                 | 12.8                                 |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>3,915.8</b>       | <b>100.0</b> | <b>3,971.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>4,303.8</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>1.4</b>                           | <b>8.4</b>                           |

(a) Figures for short-term movement are based on a sample and are subject to sampling error. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail. (b) See paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail. (c) Includes not stated. (d) Data for September quarter 1998 has been revised. See Appendix 2 for more detail. (e) Includes 'Exhibition' from July 1998.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains statistics of persons arriving in, and departing from, Australia, together with the major characteristics of travellers. More detailed statistics can be made available on request (see paragraph 21).

### SOURCE OF THE STATISTICS

**2** Persons arriving in, or departing from, Australia provide information in the form of incoming and outgoing passenger cards (see Appendix 1). Incoming persons also provide information in visa applications, apart from people travelling as Australian and New Zealand citizens. These and other information available to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA) serve as a source for statistics of overseas arrivals and departures.

**3** In July 1998, DIMA revised the incoming and outgoing passenger cards and associated procedures as well as computer systems. Following these changes, some questions on the passenger cards were not compulsory and answers to these questions were not checked by Customs officers. The question on marital status was deleted. Data on marital status is now derived from visa applications (only for certain visa classes) and is therefore not available for Australian or New Zealand citizens. The changes also affect the data for 'Previous country of residence' which is imputed for Australian and New Zealand citizens. For more information see the May 1998 issue of this publication. Since July 1998, there have been additional minor changes to both passenger cards.

**4** The preliminary estimates of visitor arrivals by country of residence (see Table 6, page 9) are based on data from DIMA's Travel and Immigration Processing System (TRIPS). The TRIPS system produces a limited range of data, including country of citizenship, which is used by ABS to produce preliminary estimates by country of usual residence. These preliminary estimates will be revised in the next issue of this publication, when final data is available. For more information see pages 3 and 4 of the June 1997 and the September 1998 issues of this publication.

### SCOPE

**5** The statistics in this publication relate to the number of movements of travellers rather than the number of travellers (i.e. 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. Similarly, these statistics exclude those persons not travelling under standard visa conditions, such as 'boat people' and the 1999 intake of Kosovo refugees.

### COUNTRY CLASSIFICATION

**6** The classification of countries in this publication is the *Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics* (ASCCSS). For more detailed information refer to the ABS publication *Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics* (Cat. no. 1269.0).

**7** The statistics on country of birth, citizenship, residence or main destination have certain limitations because of reporting on passenger cards. For instance, United Kingdom includes England, Scotland and Wales. Similarly Korea includes both the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### STATE AND TERRITORY CLASSIFICATION

**8** Following the 1992 amendment to the *Acts Interpretation Act* to include the Indian Ocean Territories of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands as part of geographic Australia, population estimates commencing with the September quarter 1993 include estimates for these two territories. To reflect this change, another category of the State/Territory classification has been created, known as Other Territories. Other Territories includes Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

### ESTIMATION METHOD

**9** 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. All movements with a duration of stay of less than one year are sampled. 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.

**10** Since January 1997 variable sample skips have been used in the selection of records to be sampled. Separate skips are applied for each country of citizenship and the skips may vary for each processing month. Over a year about 3.5% of all short term movements are selected for sampling.

**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. Information on non-sampling errors appears in Appendix 2.

**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 main reason for journey.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATES

**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 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 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.

**16** The trend estimates for short-term overseas visitor arrivals and short-term Australian resident departures are shown in Tables 1 and 2 respectively. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months of the respective seasonally adjusted series except the first and last six months. Trend series are created for the last six months by applying surrogates of the Henderson weighted moving average to the seasonally adjusted series.

**17** 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, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring Trends, an Overview* (Cat. no. 1348.0).

### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

**18** Users of these statistics may also wish to refer to the following ABS publications:

- *Australian Demographic Statistics* (Cat. no. 3101.0)—issued quarterly
- *Migration, Australia* (Cat. no. 3412.0)—issued annually
- *Tourism Indicators, Australia* (Cat. no. 8634.0)—issued quarterly.

**19** Related statistics are also published by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, the Department of Transport and Regional Services and the Bureau of Tourism Research.

**20** Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products, Australia* (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (Cat. no. 1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. Both are available from any ABS office or the ABS website.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS AVAILABLE **21** As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, other relevant unpublished data are available for the following variables:

Citizenship (Nationality)  
 Country of birth  
 Age (Date of birth)  
 Sex  
 Marital status (not available for Australia or New Zealand citizens)  
 Category of travel  
 Permanent migrant  
     Previous/future country of residence  
     State of intended address/lived  
 Overseas visitor  
     Intended/actual length of stay  
     Main reason for journey  
     Country of residence  
     State of intended address/in which most time spent  
 Australian residents  
     Intended/actual time away from Australia  
     Country spent/intend to spend most time in  
     State of intended address/lived  
 Occupation (not available for short-term movements)  
 State of intended/actual address  
 Country of embarkation/disembarkation  
 Airport/Port of arrival/departure  
 Arrival/departure date  
 Intention to live in Australia for next 12 months (not available for short-term movements)

**22** This publication draws extensively on information provided by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs. This continued cooperation is very much appreciated: without it, the statistics published would not be available. Information received by the ABS is treated in strict confidence as required by the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

|        |                        |
|--------|------------------------|
| —      | nil or rounded to zero |
| ..     | not applicable         |
| p      | preliminary            |
| n.a.   | not available          |
| n.f.d. | not further defined    |
| n.y.a. | not yet available      |
| r      | revised                |

## G L O S S A R Y

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Australian resident</b>     | Australian residence is self-defined as reported by travellers when completing Incoming and Outgoing Passenger Cards.  |
| <b>Category of movement</b>    | <p>Overseas Arrivals and Departures are classified according to length of stay (in Australia or overseas), recorded in months and days by travellers on passenger cards. There are three main <i>categories of movement</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ permanent movements</li> <li>▪ long-term movements</li> <li>▪ short-term movements.</li> </ul> <p>A significant number of travellers (i.e. overseas visitors to Australia on arrival and Australian residents going abroad) state exactly 12 months or one year as their intended period of stay. Many of them stay for less than that period and on their departure from, or return to, Australia are therefore classified as short-term. Accordingly in an attempt 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.</p> |
| <b>Country of residence</b>    | Country of residence refers to the country in which travellers regard themselves as living or as last having lived.  |
| <b>Intended length of stay</b> | On arrival in Australia, all overseas visitors are asked to state their 'Intended length of stay in Australia'. On departure from Australia, all Australian residents are asked to state their 'Intended length of stay abroad'.   |
| <b>Long-term arrivals</b>      | <p>Long-term arrivals comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ overseas visitors who intend to stay in Australia for 12 months or more (but not permanently); and</li> <li>▪ Australian residents returning after an absence of 12 months or more overseas.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Long-term departures</b>    | <p>Long-term departures comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Australian residents who intend to stay abroad for 12 months or more (but not permanently); and</li> <li>▪ overseas visitors departing who stayed 12 months or more in Australia.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Main destination</b>        | Australian residents travelling overseas are asked on departure for the name of the country in which they intend to spend most time.   |



## G L O S S A R Y

**Main reason for journey** On arrival in, or departure from, Australia all overseas visitors and Australian residents are asked to state their purpose of journey. From September 1994, all statistics relating to *main reason for journey* have been published using the following categories:

- convention/conference
- business
- visiting friends/relatives
- holiday
- employment
- education
- other

In tabulations of data collected before September 1994, the 'Other' category includes 'In transit' and the 'Holiday' category includes both 'Student vacation' and 'Accompanying business visitor'.

**Main State/Territory of stay** Overseas visitors are asked on departure for the name of the State or Territory in which they spent the most time.

**Overseas Arrivals and Departures (OAD)** Overseas Arrivals and Departures refer to the arrival or departure of Australian residents or overseas visitors, through Australian airports (or sea ports), which have been recorded on Incoming or Outgoing Passenger Cards. Statistics on Overseas Arrivals and Departures relate to the number of movements of travellers rather than the number of travellers (i.e. the multiple movements of individual persons during a given reference period are all counted).

**Permanent arrivals** 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).

This definition of settlers is used by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs. Prior to 1985 the definition of settlers used by the ABS was the stated intention of the traveller only. Numerically the effect of the change in definition is insignificant. The change was made to avoid the confusion caused by minor differences between data on settlers published separately by the ABS and the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

**Permanent departures** Permanent departures are Australian residents (including former settlers) who on departure state that they intend to settle permanently in another country.

**Short-term arrivals** Short-term arrivals comprise:

- overseas visitors whose intended stay in Australia is less than 12 months; and
- Australian residents returning after an absence of less than 12 months overseas.

**Short-term departures** Short-term departures comprise:

- Australian residents who intend to stay abroad for less than 12 months; and
- overseas visitors departing who stayed less than 12 months in Australia.

## STANDARD ERRORS

### RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

- 1 Estimates based on a sample are subject to sampling variability i.e. they may differ from those that would be obtained from full enumeration.
- 2 The sampling error associated with any estimate can be estimated from the sample results and one measure so derived is the standard error. Given an estimate and the standard error on that estimate, there are about two chances in three that the sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained from full enumeration, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. The relative standard error is the standard error on the estimate expressed as a percentage of the estimate.
- 3 It would be impractical to publish estimates of standard errors for all figures in individual tables. However, the following tables of standard errors and relative standard errors give an indication of the magnitude of the sampling error associated with any estimate of a particular size for short-term and total movement.

### APPROXIMATE STANDARD ERRORS ON ESTIMATES FOR STRATIFIED SAMPLE

| <i>Estimated<br/>number of<br/>persons</i> | SHORT-TERM<br>DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL<br>OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS |  | SHORT-TERM<br>ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE<br>OF OVERSEAS VISITORS |  | TOTAL<br>ARRIVALS OR<br>DEPARTURES |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|------------------------------------|--|
|  | <i>Standard<br/>error</i>                                     | <i>Relative<br/>standard<br/>error</i> | <i>Standard<br/>error</i>                                  | <i>Relative<br/>standard<br/>error</i> | <i>Standard<br/>error</i>          | <i>Relative<br/>standard<br/>error</i> |
|  | no.   | %                                      | no.  | %                                      | no.                                | %                                      |
| 10 000                                     | 550   | 6                                      | 490  | 5                                      | 550                                | 6                                      |
| 5 000                                      | 450   | 9                                      | 330  | 7                                      | 410                                | 8                                      |
| 2 000                                      | 280   | 14                                     | 230  | 11                                     | 250                                | 13                                     |
| 1 000                                      | 200   | 20                                     | 150  | 15                                     | 170                                | 17                                     |
| 750  | 180   | 24                                     | 140  | 19                                     | 150                                | 20                                     |
| 500  | 130   | 26                                     | 110  | 22                                     | 125                                | 25                                     |
| 400  | 120   | 30                                     | 100  | 25                                     | 115                                | 29                                     |
| 300  | 110   | 36                                     | 84   | 28                                     | 97                                 | 32                                     |
| 200  | 90  | 45                                     | 70   | 35                                     | 80                                 | 40                                     |
| 100  | 63  | 63                                     | 49   | 49                                     | 56                                 | 56                                     |

- 4 An example of the use of this table is as follows. If the estimate of the number of Australian resident departures for short-term visits abroad is 500, then the standard error on this estimate is 130 i.e. there are two chances in three that the actual number of Australian resident departures for short-term visits abroad will lie between 370 and 630 and nineteen chances in twenty that it will lie between 240 and 760.
- 5 The larger the size of an estimate the smaller the relative standard error. For any estimate of greater than 10,000 the relative standard error will be less than 6%.

## STANDARD ERRORS

### RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

*continued*

**6** The estimate of the difference between an estimate in two different periods or between different estimates from the same period is also subject to sampling error. The standard error on the difference between any two estimates which are subject to sampling error can be approximated by using the larger standard error of the estimates inflated by a factor of 1.4.

**7** An example of the use of this procedure is as follows. Assume the estimates of the number of arrivals to Australia from Taiwan during January 1994 and January 1995 are 1,500 and 750 respectively. The difference between the 1994 and 1995 figures is 750 and the standard errors on these estimates are approximately 190 and 140. The standard error on the difference is approximately 266 ( $1.4 \times 190$ ), and there are nineteen chances in twenty that the estimate of the difference between the two years will lie between 218 and 1,282.

# APPENDIX 1—PASSENGER CARDS (a)

## INCOMING CARD – FRONT

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <b>Incoming passenger card • Australia</b><br><b>PLEASE COMPLETE IN ENGLISH</b><br>▶ Family/surname <input type="text"/><br>▶ Given names <input type="text"/><br>▶ Passport number <input type="text"/><br>◆ Flight number or name of ship <input type="text"/><br>▶ Intended address in Australia <input type="text"/><br>State <input type="text"/><br>▶ Do you intend to live in Australia for the next 12 months? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/><br>▶ If you are NOT an Australian citizen:<br>Do you suffer from tuberculosis? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/><br>Do you have any criminal conviction/s? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <b>YOU MUST ANSWER EVERY QUESTION – IF UNSURE, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</b><br>▶ Are you bringing into Australia:<br>1. Goods that may be prohibited or subject to restrictions, such as medicines, steroids, firearms, weapons of any kind or illicit drugs? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/><br>2. More than 1125ml of alcohol or 250gm of tobacco products? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/><br>3. Goods obtained overseas or purchased duty or tax free in Australia with a combined total price of more than AUD\$400, including gifts? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/><br>4. Goods/samples for business/commercial use? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/><br>5. AUD\$10,000 or more in Australian or foreign currency equivalent? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/><br>6. Food of any type – includes dried, fresh, preserved, cooked, uncooked – anything you can eat or cook? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/><br>7. Wooden articles, parts of plants, traditional medicines or herbs, seeds, bulbs, straw, nuts? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/><br>8. Animals, parts of animals and products in contact with animals including equipment, eggs, biologicals, specimens, birds, fish, insects, coral, shells, bees, bee products, pet food? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/><br>9. Soil, or articles with soil attached, i.e. sporting equipment, shoes, etc? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/><br>▶ 10. Have you visited a farm outside Australia in the past 30 days? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/><br>▶ 11. Have you been in Africa or South America in the last 6 days? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>DECLARATION</b><br>The information I have given is true, correct and complete. I understand failure to answer any questions may have serious consequences.  | YOUR SIGNATURE <input type="text"/><br>DAY <input type="text"/> MONTH <input type="text"/> YEAR <input type="text"/> |  |
| <b>TURN OVER THE CARD</b><br>English   |  |  |

## INCOMING CARD – BACK

|  |  |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|
| <b>PLEASE COMPLETE IN ENGLISH</b><br>▶ In which country did you board this flight or ship? <input type="text"/><br>◆ What is your usual occupation? <input type="text"/><br>▶ Nationality as shown on passport <input type="text"/><br>▶ Date of birth DAY <input type="text"/> MONTH <input type="text"/> YEAR <input type="text"/>   |  | <b>PLEASE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AND ANSWER A OR B OR C</b><br><b>A Migrating permanently to Australia</b> <input type="checkbox"/><br><b>B Visitor or temporary entrant</b> <input type="checkbox"/><br>▶ Your intended length of stay in Australia YEARS <input type="text"/> MONTHS <input type="text"/> DAYS <input type="text"/> OR <input type="text"/><br>▶ Your country of residence <input type="text"/><br>▶ Your main reason for coming to Australia (X one only)<br>Convention/conference <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Holiday <input type="checkbox"/> 7<br>Business <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Education <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Other <input type="checkbox"/> 8<br>Visiting friends or relatives <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Exhibition <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <b>C Resident returning to Australia</b> <input type="checkbox"/><br>▶ Country where you spent most time abroad <input type="text"/><br><b>MAKE SURE YOU HAVE COMPLETED BOTH SIDES OF THIS CARD. PRESENT THIS CARD ON ARRIVAL WITH YOUR PASSPORT.</b> |
| Information sought on this form is required to administer immigration, customs, quarantine, statistical, health, wildlife and currency laws of Australia and its collection is authorised by legislation. It will be disclosed only to agencies administering these areas and those entitled to receive it under Australian law. The leaflet Safeguarding your personal information is available at Australian ports and airports. |  | © Commonwealth of Australia 1999<br>15 (Design date 06/99)  |   |

## OUTGOING CARD

|  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Outgoing passenger card • Australia</b><br><b>PLEASE COMPLETE IN ENGLISH</b><br>▶ Family/surname <input type="text"/><br>▶ Given names <input type="text"/><br>▶ Passport number <input type="text"/><br>▶ Flight number or name of ship <input type="text"/><br>▶ Country where you will get off this flight <input type="text"/><br>▶ What is your usual occupation? <input type="text"/><br>◆ Nationality as shown on passport <input type="text"/><br>▶ Date of birth DAY <input type="text"/> MONTH <input type="text"/> YEAR <input type="text"/> |  | <b>PLEASE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AND ANSWER D OR E OR F</b><br><b>D Visitor or temporary entrant departing</b> <input type="checkbox"/><br>▶ City or State where you spent most time <input type="text"/><br><b>E Australian resident departing temporarily</b> <input type="checkbox"/><br>▶ In which State do you live? NSW <input type="checkbox"/> Vic <input type="checkbox"/> Qld <input type="checkbox"/><br>SA <input type="checkbox"/> WA <input type="checkbox"/> Tas <input type="checkbox"/><br>NT <input type="checkbox"/> ACT <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/><br>▶ Intended length of stay overseas YEARS <input type="text"/> MONTHS <input type="text"/> DAYS <input type="text"/> OR <input type="text"/><br>▶ Country where you will spend most time abroad <input type="text"/><br>▶ Main reason for overseas travel (X one only)<br>Convention/conference <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 5<br>Business <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Education <input type="checkbox"/> 6<br>Visiting friends or relatives <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Exhibition <input type="checkbox"/> 7<br>Holiday <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Other <input type="checkbox"/> 8 | <b>F Australian resident departing permanently</b> <input type="checkbox"/><br>▶ In which State did you live?<br>NSW <input type="checkbox"/> Vic <input type="checkbox"/><br>Qld <input type="checkbox"/> SA <input type="checkbox"/><br>WA <input type="checkbox"/> Tas <input type="checkbox"/><br>NT <input type="checkbox"/> ACT <input type="checkbox"/><br>Other <input type="checkbox"/><br>▶ What is your country of future residence? <input type="text"/> |
| <b>DECLARATION</b> The information I have given is true, correct and complete.<br>YOUR SIGNATURE <input type="text"/><br>DAY <input type="text"/> MONTH <input type="text"/> YEAR <input type="text"/>   |  | <b>PRESENT THIS CARD ON DEPARTURE WITH YOUR BOARDING PASS AND PASSPORT.</b>  |  |

(a) Revised card used from November 1999, see paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Explanatory Notes for information on passenger card changes.

## APPENDIX 2 — DATA QUALITY ISSUES

### NON-RESPONSE RATES PRIOR TO IMPUTATION MAY 2000(a)

| OAD variables  | Incoming<br>Variables | Outgoing<br>Variables |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|  | %                     | %                     |
| .....  |                       |                       |
| Citizenship (Nationality)                              | 0.24                  | 0.29                  |
| Country of birth                                       | 0.04                  | 0.04                  |
| Age (Date of birth)                                    | 0.00                  | 0.00                  |
| Sex  | 0.03                  | 0.01                  |
| Marital Status(b)                                      | 40.81                 | 52.19                 |
| Category of Travel                                     | 1.29                  | 0.55                  |
| Permanent migrant                                      |                       |                       |
| Previous/future country of residence                   | 0.01                  | 0.00                  |
| State of intended address/lived                        | n.a.                  | n.a.                  |
| Overseas visitor                                       |                       |                       |
| Intended/actual length of stay                         | 1.42                  | 0.03                  |
| Main reason for journey                                | 2.99                  | ..                    |
| Country of residence                                   | n.a.                  | ..                    |
| State of intended address/in which most time was spent | n.a.                  | n.a.                  |
| Australian residents                                   |                       |                       |
| Actual/Intended time away from Australia               | 0.03                  | 1.28                  |
| Main reason for journey                                | ..                    | 1.79                  |
| Country spent/intend to spend most time in             | n.a.                  | n.a.                  |
| State of intended address/lived                        | n.a.                  | n.a.                  |
| Occupation(c)  | 0.00                  | 0.00                  |
| Country of embarkation/disembarkation                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                  |
| Airport/Port of arrival/departure                      | 0.00                  | 0.00                  |
| Arrival/departure date                                 |                       |                       |
| Whether intend to live in Australia for next 12 months | 1.43                  | ..                    |
| .....  |                       |                       |

(a) Non-response rates are unweighted.

(b) Not available for Australia or New Zealand.

(c) Not available for short-term movements.

#### DURATION OF STAY

From July 1998 the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA) are able to determine the actual length of stay for departing overseas visitors and arriving Australian residents which was previously collected from information on intended length of stay supplied on the arrival or departure card by the passenger. This new method has resulted in a change in data distribution with the number of passengers staying for one year exactly declining significantly.

#### INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY / TIME AWAY FROM AUSTRALIA

Non-response rates are available for these data items from November 1998. For data prior to November 1998, imputation carried out as part of processing by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA) has prevented reliable estimation of non-response rates for these two data items.

#### MAIN REASON FOR JOURNEY

Before the introduction of the redesigned passenger card in July 1998, 5% of short-term visitor arrivals, on average, were recorded as having a reason for journey of 'Other' or 'Not Stated'. This percentage rose to 14% for July, 16% in August and 29% in September 1998 as a result of processing problems. These problems have now been addressed by DIMA, with the percentage of 'Other' and 'Not Stated' dropping in October 1998 to 8% and 7% in November 1998.

## APPENDIX 2 — DATA QUALITY ISSUES

From the January 1999 issue of this publication, published figures (Table 3 and Table 9 in this publication) referencing these three months have been revised. The revised data were calculated by estimating the number of persons responding 'Other / Not Stated' using past trends for each country of citizenship and proportionally allocating any persons in excess of the estimated 'Other / Not Stated' total amongst the remaining categories. 'Not Stated' rates are now separately available from February 1999 onwards.

### STATE IN WHICH MOST TIME WAS SPENT

For the months of August 1998, September 1998 and October 1998, data entry problems experienced by DIMA caused an overstatement of the Northern Territory as the main State of stay with a corresponding understatement for the remaining States and Territories. These numbers have returned in November 1998 to levels more comparable with previous years, with DIMA indicating that they have instigated data quality procedures to address this issue.

From the January 1999 issue of this publication, published figures (Table 8 in this publication) referencing these months have been revised. The revised data were calculated by estimating the number of persons indicating the Northern Territory as their main State of stay using past trends and proportionally allocating any persons in excess of these estimates amongst the remaining States and Territories.

### SEPTEMBER 1998 PROCESSING

A problem was experienced in the processing of OAD data for movement dates between 6 September 1998 and 16 September 1998, following the introduction of changes to DIMA's input processing system. This problem may affect in the order of 10% of all September records used in estimation and result in incorrect details for citizenship, date of birth, sex and country of birth.

### DATA IMPUTATIONS

Data are imputed for certain variables when no responses are recorded on the respective passenger cards. These variables and the information used to impute for them are listed in the table below.

| DATA ITEM                                  | IMPUTATION   |
|--|--|
| Category of travel                         | Includes references to citizenship (Australia, New Zealand, Other), corresponding migration visa, intended length of stay and whether intend to live in Australia for next 12 months |
| Intended length of stay                    | 10 days  |
| Country of residence                       | Country of departure, if it also matches country of citizenship  |
| State lived / in which most time was spent | State of clearance   |

### SEPTEMBER 1999 PROCESSING

September 1999 overseas arrivals and departures data are revised for migrants from China (excl SARs and Taiwan Province) and Hong Kong (SAR of China) in respect of three variables: country of birth, country of citizenship and country of residence/stay. Changes to 'country of birth' and 'country of citizenship' have been made from data supplied by DIMA. Changes to 'country of residence/stay' have been made by assuming the average proportion of country of birth to country of residence/stay for migrants from China (excl SARs and Taiwan Province) and Hong Kong (SAR of China) in September over the last 4 years (1995 to 1998).



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