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REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES : AUSTRALIA, DECEMBER 1974
(PRELIMINARY)

The statistics in this preliminary statement are derived from information as recorded on registration documents. The figures include vehicles with diplomatic and consular plates and Australian Government-owned new vehicles other than those belonging to the defence services. Although the position varies from State to State, in these statistics 'registrations' generally means registrations processed by the motor vehicle registration authorities in the States and Territories during the period. In some States, registrations of new motor vehicles are not recorded in the statistics until some time after registration.

2. The monthly bulletin *Registrations of New Motor Vehicles, Make of Vehicle : Australia* (Reference No. 14.8) containing information on make and horsepower of motor vehicles registered during the month to which this statement refers will be issued at a later date.

3. Original and seasonally adjusted registrations of new motor vehicles are shown in Table 1. In the seasonal adjustment, account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors but additionally of 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying number of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc., in the month) and the influence of Easter which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months. The two component series 'Motor cars and station wagons' and 'Other vehicles' are each adjusted separately and the adjusted figures for 'Total' registrations are obtained by adding together the two component series. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting the component series, are shown in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1974* (Reference No. 1.10).

4. The boundary between light commercial type vehicles and trucks has been defined by confining the former to vehicles with a carrying capacity of less than 1 tonne. Because of the absence of details of carrying capacity on the registration records in certain States, it has been necessary to impute carrying capacity by reference to R.A.C. horsepower rating in order to ensure consistent treatment across Australia in these statistics. This affects some vehicles in the vicinity of 1 tonne carrying capacity.

5. In all States, 'capital city' registrations refer to vehicles for which the address of the registered owner is located within the capital city statistical division as defined for the 1971 Population and Housing Census. All registrations in the Australian Capital Territory are included under 'capital city' while those in the Northern Territory are included under 'other areas'.

6. Particulars of registrations of new tractors, plant and equipment, and caravans and trailers are shown in Table 5. Many tractors, particularly the agricultural types, and items of plant and equipment, are not registered and therefore are not included in this table. The extent to which they are included varies from State to State.

7. Legislation to provide for the compulsory registration of recreation vehicles (e.g. trail-bikes, mini-bikes, sand dune buggies) intended for use in public places came into force in Victoria on 17 September 1973. Particulars of these registrations are regarded as outside the scope of new motor vehicle registration statistics and are accordingly excluded from statistics contained in this statement.

Due to the unavailability of details of registrations of new motor vehicles in the Northern Territory, figures for December 1974 have been estimated.

Symbols used in this bulletin

- p. preliminary
r. revised
- nil or not applicable
— break in continuity of series (where drawn across a column between two consecutive figures)

TABLE 1. - NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, MONTHLY TOTALS, ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED : AUSTRALIA

	Motor cars and station wagons		Other vehicles (a)		Total (a)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
1973 -						
November	42,167	39,141	9,886	9,357	52,053	48,498
December	31,647	32,551	6,532	7,219	38,179	39,770
1974 -						
January	35,397	38,092	7,597	8,727	42,994	46,819
February	33,047	37,514	7,272	8,491	40,319	46,005
March	35,059	36,678	8,377	8,255	43,436	44,933
April	36,265	38,717	8,423	8,670	44,688	47,387
May	49,407	43,060	10,737	9,107	60,144	52,167
June	35,344	36,876	8,333	8,753	43,677	45,629
July	44,371	41,451	11,021	10,082	55,392	51,533
August	43,428	40,268	10,451	10,249	53,879	50,517
September	41,854	44,226	10,596	10,992	52,450	55,218
October r	46,263	42,939	11,190	9,974	57,453	52,913
November r	40,698	39,345	10,029	9,861	50,727	49,206
December p (b)	34,174	34,477	8,801	9,303	42,975	43,780

(a) Excludes motor cycles and tractors, plant and equipment. (b) Estimated. See page 1.

TABLE 2. - NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE : AUSTRALIA

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Year	Motor cars	Station wagons	Light commercial type vehicles		Trucks (carrying capacity 1 tonne and over)		Other truck type vehicles	Buses	Total (excludes motor cycles)	Motor cycles
			open	closed	rigid	articulated				
1970	358 181	54 880	35 881	19 701	29 476	1 289	2 190	501 598	32 701	
1971	362 669	54 555	33 822	22 908	26 900	1 263	2 394	504 511	48 786	
1972	353 924	51 928	38 526	23 513	26 869	2 913	340	500 060	54 641	
1973	402 123	57 802	43 118	30 879	31 242	3 878	375	571 858	77 222	
1974 p (a)	413 447	61 860	43 662	32 226	30 320	3 476	414	588 134	80 543	
1973										
November	36 973	5 194	3 730	2 586	2 909	366	49	52 053	8 108	
December	28 079	3 568	2 485	1 657	1 922	255	44	38 179	6 168	
1974										
January	31 863	3 534	2 999	1 831	2 277	292	39	42 994	8 239	
February	28 767	4 280	2 995	1 790	2 032	254	31	40 319	8 777	
March	30 119	4 940	3 352	2 425	2 094	259	32	43 436	8 071	
April	31 612	4 653	3 513	2 280	2 108	285	32	44 688	6 779	
May	43 321	6 086	4 371	2 960	2 808	286	43	60 144	7 503	
June	31 279	4 065	3 030	2 522	2 236	287	27	55 392	6 217	
July	38 531	5 840	4 097	3 427	2 922	322	27	53 879	5 749	
August	37 305	6 123	3 959	3 386	2 497	332	27	52 450	5 945	
September	35 968	5 886	4 293	3 118	2 597	306	29	57 453	6 830	
October r	40 256	6 007	4 371	3 161	2 978	338	46	50 727	6 248	
November r	35 399	5 299	3 549	2 808	3 069	286	38	42 975	5 545	
December p (a)	29 027	5 147	3 133	2 518	2 652	229	43	38 179	6 168	

(a) Estimated. See page 1.

TABLE 3. - NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a) : STATES

	N S W	Vic	Qld	S A	W A	Tas	N T	A C T	Aust
Year									
1970	188,997	132,032	61,963	45,447	48,351	14,119	3,308	7,381	501,598
1971	191,239	127,283	66,742	43,979	49,391	14,437	3,750	7,690	504,511
1972	187,365	126,525	71,248	44,142	44,651	14,770	3,356	8,003	500,060
1973	211,580	142,495	83,289	51,865	52,511	16,661	3,954	9,503	571,858
1974 p	220,394	148,185	80,241	55,323	51,568	18,004	(b)4,531	9,888	(b)588,134
1973 -									
November	19,251	13,161	8,179	4,487	4,403	1,511	254	807	52,053
December	13,147	9,791	4,745	3,906	4,041	1,627	261	661	38,179
1974 -									
January	17,733	9,755	6,692	2,984	3,680	1,201	342	607	42,994
February	14,404	10,918	6,252	3,393	3,450	1,010	218	674	40,319
March	16,134	11,242	5,775	3,975	4,221	1,147	217	725	43,436
April	16,474	11,110	5,631	4,648	4,388	1,424	274	739	44,688
May	23,135	14,536	8,318	5,243	5,809	1,745	387	971	60,144
June	15,611	12,080	5,995	4,160	3,644	1,153	318	716	43,677
July	20,489	13,549	8,379	5,633	4,479	1,375	551	937	55,392
August	20,439	14,128	6,039	5,633	4,308	1,975	353	1,004	53,879
September	19,000	13,552	6,715	5,325	4,597	1,856	411	994	52,450
October	21,901	14,401	7,565	5,621	4,731	1,755	503	976	57,453
November	18,947	12,097	6,939	5,017	4,680	1,732	541	774	50,727
December p	16,127	10,817	5,941	3,691	3,581	1,631	(b)416	771	(b)42,975

(a) Excludes motor cycles and tractors, plant and equipment. (b) Estimated. See page 1.

TABLE 4. - NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE : STATES, DECEMBER 1974 p

Type of vehicle	N S W	Vic	Qld	S A	W A	Tas	N T (a)	A C T	Australia	
									Capital cities	Total (a)
Motor cars	10,849	7,674	3,725	2,626	2,317	1,190	147	499	18,787	29,027
Station wagons	2,122	1,269	708	342	381	137	64	124	3,312	5,147
Light commercial type vehicles -										
open	959	635	676	322	351	86	70	34	1,343	3,133
closed	1,057	531	308	173	239	108	24	78	1,671	2,518
Trucks (carrying capacity										
1 tonne and over) -										
rigid	925	584	482	180	255	89	104	33	1,190	2,652
articulated	83	54	27	34	17	10	4	-	99	229
Other truck type vehicles	22	14	2	1	4	-	-	-	33	43
Buses	110	56	13	13	17	11	3	3	125	226
Capital cities	9,538	7,835	2,838	2,470	2,470	629	-	771	26,560	26,560
Other areas	6,589	2,982	3,103	1,221	1,102	1,002	416	-	-	16,415
Total (excl. motor cycles)	16,127	10,817	5,941	3,691	3,581	1,631	416	771	26,560	42,975
Motor cycles	2,085	705	1,175	597	510	265	126	82	2,314	5,545

(a) Estimated. See page 1.

TABLE 5. - NEW TRACTORS, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT,
CARAVANS AND TRAILERS : STATES, DECEMBER 1974 p

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (a)	A.C.T.	Aust. (a)
Tractors	18	173	97	8	64	33	2	2	397
Plant and equipment	73	67	32	21	49	6	14	7	269
Caravans	899	932	317	311	124	159	18	51	2,811
Trailers	2,835	1,257	1,322	1,063	757	454	82	122	7,892
Capital cities	2,092	1,456	900	1,037	646	257	..	182	6,570
Other areas	1,733	973	868	366	348	395	116	..	4,799
Total	3,825	2,429	1,768	1,403	994	652	116	182	11,369

(a) Estimated. See page 1.

TABLE 6. - NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE : STATES,
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 1974 p AND 1973

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Capital cities	Total (a)
Motor cars	156,442	108,424	52,410	40,444	33,695	13,074	1,796	7,162	270,114	413,447
Station wagons	22,898	15,817	8,823	5,559	5,382	1,591	686	1,104	41,569	61,860
Light commercial type vehicles -										
open	15,042	8,237	8,530	4,174	5,415	1,146	638	480	19,776	43,662
closed	13,134	7,817	3,984	2,149	3,349	899	248	646	21,933	32,226
Trucks (carrying capacity										
1 tonne and over) -										
rigid	10,418	6,088	5,819	2,370	3,196	976	1,074	379	14,611	30,320
articulated	1,156	991	430	413	252	165	47	22	1,546	3,476
Other truck type vehicles	183	136	36	18	21	15	1	4	291	414
Buses	1,121	675	209	196	258	138	41	91	1,707	2,729
Capital cities	133,411	105,276	40,954	37,577	36,699	7,742	..	9,888	371,547	371,547
Other areas	86,983	42,909	39,287	17,746	14,869	10,262	4,531	..	..	216,587
Total (excl. motor cycles) -										
1974 p	220,394	148,185	80,241	55,323	51,568	18,004	4,531	9,888	371,547	588,134
1973	211,580	142,495	83,289	51,865	52,511	16,661	3,954	9,503	361,400	571,858
Motor cycles -										
1974 p	30,462	9,910	17,874	9,555	7,123	3,051	1,479	1,089	34,119	80,543
1973	28,843	12,342	14,986	10,877	6,003	1,863	1,303	1,005	35,966	77,222

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