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NOTE. Statistics for 1977-78 are preliminary and subject to revision.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Source of data

These statistics are compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from information contained in import entries submitted by importers or their agents to the Bureau of Customs as required by the Customs Act. Imports are recorded statistically in the month in which the entries are passed by the Bureau of Customs. Normally this is within a few days of discharge of cargo, but entries may be lodged early using the check-to-arrive system.

Valuation

2. For imports the recorded value is the value for duty for Customs purposes which, from 1 July 1976 has been based on the internationally recognised Brussels Definition of Value. The value for duty is based on the normal price, i.e. the price the goods would fetch at the time when the duty becomes payable on a sale in the open market between a buyer and a seller independent of each other. The goods are valued in the country of exportation, that is, freight and insurance are excluded.

Scope of the statistics

3. The statistics of imports presented in this bulletin are, with one exception, recorded on a *general trade* basis, i.e. imports comprise goods entered directly for home consumption together with goods imported into Customs warehouses. Table 1 of this bulletin also shows statistics of imports on a *special trade* basis, i.e. imports cleared for home consumption. Imports cleared for home consumption differ in scope from imports in that they include withdrawals from bonded warehouses but exclude imports into bonded warehouses. The statistics are not confined to goods which are the subject of a commercial transaction. Among the items included are imports on Government account, including defence equipment. Prior to 1 July 1976, outside packages, that is the outside package or covering in which the goods were imported, were included as a non-commercial transaction under Statistical Item 931.00.21. Since 1 July 1976 however, the recorded value of imports includes the value of the outside package and therefore separate details on the value of outside packages are no longer available. These values were previously included in A.I.C.C. Item 931 in Table 3.

Merchandise and non-merchandise imports

4. Total imports are divided into merchandise and non-merchandise in accordance with international standards recommended by the United Nations. Merchandise imports are the equivalent of total imports less certain items specified as non-merchandise. A description of non-merchandise items is contained in the *Australian Import Commodity Classification* (A.I.C.C.).

Country

5. This means the country of production.

Commodity classification

6. A detailed description of the commodity items included in this bulletin is contained in the A.I.C.C.. Copies of or extracts from this classification can be obtained from offices of the ABS in Canberra and in each capital city. In Table 3 statistics are shown for Commodity Groups and selected Items of the A.I.C.C.. For this reason the sum of the Groups and Items within

any one Division may not add to the total for that Division.

State

7. Means the State in which the import entry was lodged with the Bureau of Customs. The port of lodgement of the import entry is not necessarily the port of discharge of the goods. Goods forwarded interstate after import, whether in containers or not, are recorded as being imported at the port of lodgement of the import entry.

Economic classes

8. Merchandise imports are allocated to thirty-two economic classes according to the degree of manufacture and the projected end use of the goods. In some cases it is necessary, because of the nature of this classification, to apportion imports of certain commodities across more than one economic class.

Revisions to previous figures

9. Where revisions have been made to the previously published figures for earlier months of the current financial year, appropriate adjustments are made to the year-to-date figures shown in this bulletin. For this reason, monthly figures published in previous issues for the current financial year will not necessarily add to the year-to-date figures shown in the latest issue.

Seasonally adjusted statistics

10. In carrying out seasonal adjustment of import statistics account is taken not only of seasonal factors but also of 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, etc. in the month) and the influence of Easter, which may affect figures for different months in different years. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting this series are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0.). The statistics may also be subject to large irregular influences which are not removed by seasonal adjustment and may be affected by changes in the composition of imports. For these reasons care should be exercised in interpreting month-to-month movements.

Rounding

11. Any discrepancies between sums of components and totals in tables are due to rounding.

Special returns system

12. Users requiring more detailed statistics for individual commodity items can obtain these from the special returns subscription service under which statistics for items selected by the user are extracted and forwarded regularly for a nominal charge.

Related publications

13. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include :

- Imports of Assembled New Passenger Motor Cars* (5416.0)
- Exports* (5404.0)
- Exports and Imports of Merchandise at Constant Prices* (5421.0)
- Catalogue of Publications 1977* (1101.0)

TOTAL MONTHLY IMPORTS : ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

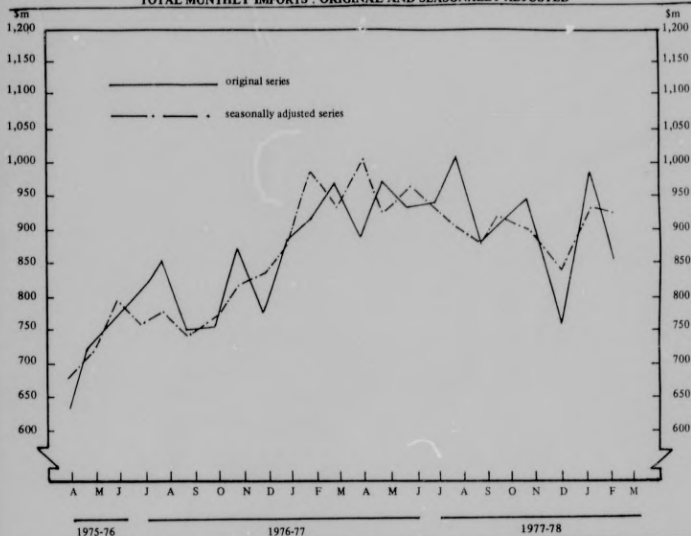


TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF IMPORTS AND IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

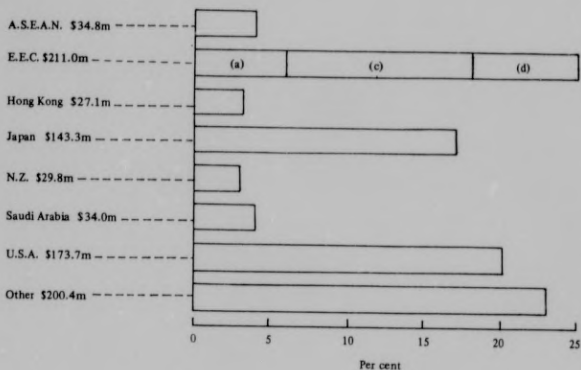
Period	Total Imports		Merchandise Imports (b)	Imports Cleared for Home Consumption (a)	
	Original (b)	Seasonally Adjusted *		Government (b)	Total (b)
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1972-73	4,121	..	4,072	158	4,133
1973-74	6,085	..	6,027	228	6,015
1974-75	8,080	..	7,961	175	7,976
1975-76	8,241	..	8,153	156	8,175
1976-77	10,410	..	10,329	187	10,304
1976-77 -					
July	810	769	804	10	808
August	855	780	850	11	842
September	750	742	745	9	752
October	761	777	756	8	786
November	879	826	871	13	859
December	778	836	766	17	780
January	884	880	879	17	861
February	917	988	910	12	895
March	976	931	971	15	959
April	886	1,004	880	21	870
May	976	927	968	18	952
June	939	967	929	37	940
1977-78 -					
July	940	934	933	12	922
August	1,011	906	1,004	12	1,009
September	877	877	871	10	868
October	921	923	913	13	918
November	951	902	943	14	947
December	757	843	751	13	741
January	986	935	976	14	983
February	854	920	847	13	866

(a) See paragraph 3 of Explanatory Notes. (b) Symbol (—) between 1975-76 and 1976-77 indicates that the figures from 1976-77 are not comparable with previous years because of the change in the basis of valuation (see paragraph 2 of Explanatory Notes). It is estimated that if the previous basis of valuation had continued, the value of total imports would have been about 2% higher than the recorded values on the new basis.

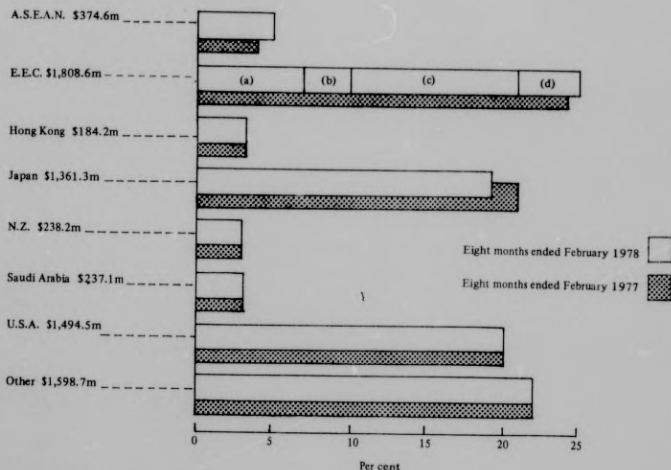
* Revised following annual re-analysis.

DISTRIBUTION OF IMPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRIES AND COUNTRY GROUPS

FEBRUARY 1978 - Total \$854.2m



EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 1978 - Total \$7,297.2m



(a) Federal Republic of Germany. (b) Italy. (c) U.K. (d) Other E.E.C.

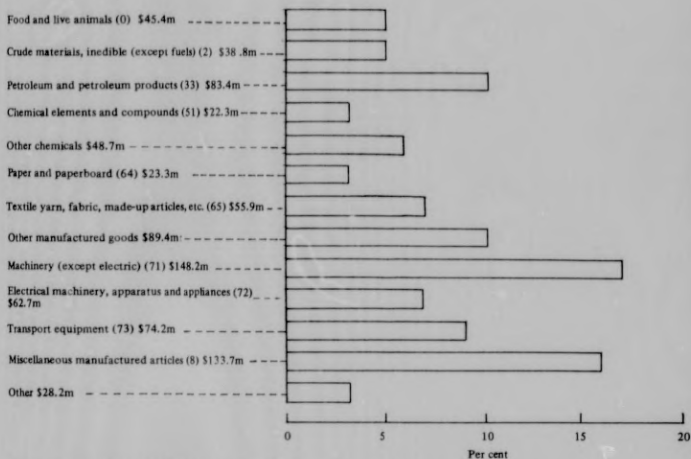
TABLE 2. IMPORTS BY COUNTRIES AND COUNTRY GROUPS
\$'000

Country	February		Eight months ended February	
	1977	1978	1977	1978
Antilles (Netherlands)	873	..	6,602	4,377
Argentina	116	85	2,373	2,351
Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)				
Indonesia	3,812	2,861	26,399	43,960
Malaysia	9,847	9,290	77,540	82,360
Philippines	3,518	3,338	27,386	36,875
Singapore, Republic of	21,453	16,681	128,972	190,941
Thailand	2,535	2,648	17,688	20,430
Total ASEAN	41,165	34,819	277,985	374,566
Australia (Re-imported)	4,182	4,051	27,408	30,218
Austria	2,660	2,830	17,689	22,194
Bahrain	1,027	10,686	36,756	52,111
Bangladesh	812	909	6,142	5,410
Brazil	3,811	6,824	30,948	27,877
Canada	20,301	20,136	187,474	181,412
China - excl. Taiwan Province	7,974	10,193	65,746	76,445
- Taiwan Province only	25,374	23,904	150,420	176,036
Christmas Island	1,984	465	9,655	8,583
Czechoslovakia	1,824	2,227	11,296	12,245
European Economic Community (EEC)				
Belgium-Luxembourg	9,449	8,363	58,341	71,008
Denmark	3,424	2,811	22,407	26,585
France	16,918	13,682	107,774	115,743
Germany, Federal Republic of	59,246	48,502	438,035	476,254
Ireland	1,657	1,473	13,547	13,893
Italy	28,722	20,784	166,096	188,816
Netherlands	17,544	13,650	96,443	100,700
United Kingdom	97,230	101,689	719,340	815,588
Total EEC	234,190	210,953	1,621,982	1,808,588
Fiji	950	343	6,752	6,507
Finland	5,130	6,776	41,262	37,514
German Democratic Republic	674	525	4,186	4,129
Ghana	3,747	1,751	8,242	12,220
Gilbert Islands (a)	(a)	385	(a)	5,158
Greece	572	351	4,351	5,296
Hong Kong	28,691	27,128	175,908	184,170
Hungary	613	630	3,749	3,851
India	7,255	6,634	44,267	59,917
Iran	15,637	6,783	72,877	53,424
Iraq	50	13,255	20,020	81,588
Israel	1,989	2,787	14,128	16,378
Ivory Coast	302	205	2,070	7,389
Jamaica	52	255	1,269	2,130
Japan	178,049	143,348	1,406,197	1,361,296
Kenya	174	431	3,488	2,989
Korea, Republic of	10,455	14,696	58,888	80,904
Kuwait	14,105	6,023	138,201	138,404
Malawi	10	16	1,374	2,786
Mexico	619	581	4,854	6,081
Nauru, Republic of	1,023	1,686	7,051	14,355
New Zealand	24,654	29,809	200,986	238,229
Norway	3,156	1,290	14,557	15,006
Pakistan, Islamic Republic of	591	692	4,741	3,852
Papua New Guinea	4,869	5,795	42,775	53,868
Poland	934	914	5,270	5,520
Portugal	1,048	870	4,972	7,068
Puerto Rico	504	93	4,106	4,741
Qatar	3,373	..	18,994	26,571
Romania	528	504	3,131	3,048
Saudi Arabia	23,807	14,009	166,533	237,124
South Africa, Republic of	8,326	7,334	35,899	41,970
Spain	7,473	4,238	30,813	28,506
Sri Lanka	1,511	758	10,252	17,280
Sweden	23,555	14,799	118,807	112,919
Switzerland	17,673	10,146	88,867	76,103
Tanzania	919	1,371	5,725	3,216
Turkey	248	165	2,116	2,207
Uganda	2,486	226	5,445	8,282
United States of America	167,044	173,685	1,353,568	1,494,466
U.S.S.R.	531	1,186	3,205	4,273
Yugoslavia	364	534	3,548	4,230
Origin Unknown	185	550	2,134	3,574
Other countries	6,785	2,518	35,262	36,199
Total	916,950	854,156	6,633,313	7,297,156

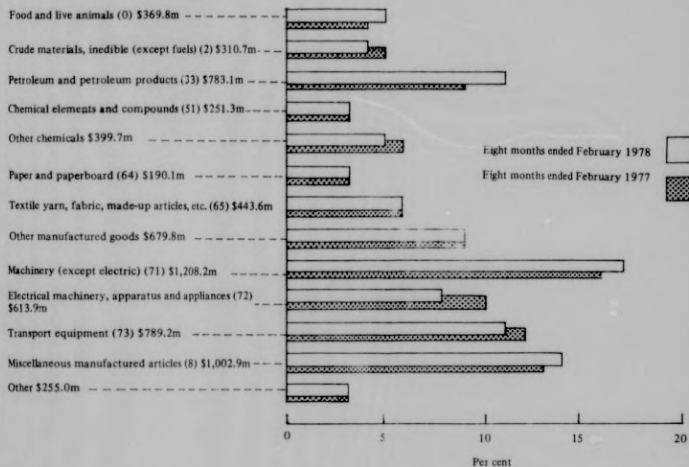
(a) Formerly part of Gilbert and Ellice Islands. Separate statistics for Gilbert Islands prior to 1977-78 are not available.

DISTRIBUTION OF IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITIES (a)

FEBRUARY 1978 - Total \$854.2m



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(a) "Major commodities" in these charts are significant imports by particular Sections (1 digit) and Divisions (2 digit) of the Australian Import Commodity Classification. Figures in brackets following commodity descriptions denote the relevant Sections and Divisions.

TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITY ITEMS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION
\$'000

A.I.C.C. Item	Description	February		Eight months ended February	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS -				
00	LIVE ANIMALS -				
001.50	Horses, asses, mules and hinnies	5,037	2,997	10,053	9,490
	Total division 00	5,066	3,047	11,633	10,289
01	MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS	243	180	2,147	1,758
02	DAIRY PRODUCTS AND EGGS -				
024	Cheese and curd	1,569	1,288	12,243	13,571
	Total division 02	1,604	1,341	13,068	14,008
03	FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS -				
031	Fish, fresh and simply preserved -				
031.10	Fish, fresh, chilled or frozen	2,807	3,294	17,294	20,767
031.20	Fish, salted, in brine, dried or smoked	1,267	686	5,718	3,851
031.30	Crustaceans and molluscs	509	924	6,897	4,969
032	Fish, canned or bottled, n.e.s., preparations -				
032.01	Fish	4,615	5,306	30,643	39,115
032.02	Crustaceans and molluscs	2,715	1,409	14,118	12,953
	Total division 03	11,913	11,619	74,669	81,656
04	CEREAL GRAINS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS -				
044	Maize (corn), unmilled	62	39	664	727
048	Cereal and flour preparations -				
048.42	Pastry, biscuits, cakes	485	364	5,810	6,447
	Total division 04	896	796	9,007	10,325
05	FRUIT AND VEGETABLES -				
051	Fruit, fresh, and nuts, fresh or dried -				
051.71	Coconuts, brazil nuts, cashew nuts, fresh or dried	491	986	7,331	13,725
051.72	Other edible nuts, fresh or dried	1,041	870	4,337	5,045
053	Fruit, preserved, and fruit preparations	1,489	4,229	9,238	13,719
054	Vegetables, fresh, frozen or simply preserved -				
054.20	Dried shelled beans, peas, lentils, other legumes	411	760	3,033	4,444
054.61	Vegetables, frozen	209	483	2,499	1,993
055	Vegetables, preserved or prepared, n.e.s.	2,109	1,997	13,098	16,812
	Total division 05	6,272	9,886	44,947	59,850
06	SUGAR, SUGAR PREPARATIONS AND HONEY -				
061	Sugar and honey	444	263	2,161	2,178
062	Sugar confectionery and other sugar preparations -				
062.01	Sugar confectionery, not containing cocoa	512	421	4,894	3,986
	Total division 06	1,030	694	7,556	6,376
07	COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES AND MANUFACTURES -				
071	Coffee -				
071.10	Coffee and coffee substitutes containing coffee	8,129	4,669	44,491	66,181
072	Cocoa -				
072.10	Cocoa beans, raw or roasted	5,639	4,664	18,184	28,578
072.32	Cocoa butter	389	521	2,661	3,563
074	Tea and mate -				
074.10	Tea	4,225	2,239	23,268	37,225
	Total division 07	21,632	16,085	101,873	163,336
08	FEEDING-STUFF FOR ANIMALS -				
081.30	Oil-cake and other residues of vegetable oils	..	26	1,039	6,304
081.40	Flours and meals of meat, fish, etc.	50	27	1,138	599
081.99	Sweetened forage; animal feeding preparations, n.e.s.	724	504	4,948	4,602
	Total division 08	780	570	7,171	11,576
09	MISCELLANEOUS FOOD PREPARATIONS	1,107	1,141	7,377	10,578
	Total section 0	50,542	45,361	279,449	369,754

TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITY ITEMS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION - continued
\$'000

A.I.C.C. Item	Description	February		Eight months ended February	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO -				
11	BEVERAGES -				
112	Alcoholic beverages -				
112.12	Wine of fresh grapes	1,236	955	7,645	9,820
112.40	Distilled alcoholic beverages	4,447	2,906	24,551	28,832
	Total division 11	5,817	4,017	33,596	39,958
12	TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES -				
121	Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,814	2,408	15,485	25,232
122	Tobacco, manufactures -				
122.10	Cigars, cigarillos and cheroots	217	356	3,356	4,798
122.20	Cigarettes	1,009	1,010	4,680	4,764
122.30	Tobacco, manufactured (incl. snuff)	739	626	5,023	5,878
	Total division 12	3,779	4,399	28,543	40,672
	Total section 1	9,596	8,416	62,139	80,630
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE (EXCEPT FUELS) -				
21	HIDES, SKINS AND FUR SKINS, UNDRESSED -				
211	Hides and skins, undressed -				
211.10	Bovine and equine hides (except calf hides)	18	..	222	298
212	Fur skins, undressed	189	328	573	983
	Total division 21	209	410	963	1,446
22	OIL-SEEDS, OIL NUTS AND OIL KERNELS -				
221.20	Copra	..	..	439	..
221.40	Soya beans	..	..	4,041	2,921
221.80	Oil-seeds, oil nuts and oil kernels, n.e.s.	107	117	704	1,094
	Total division 22	109	465	5,397	8,867
23	CRUDE RUBBER (INCLUDING SYNTHETIC AND RECLAIMED) -				
231.10	Natural rubber and similar natural gums	2,374	1,894	20,485	21,668
231.20	Synthetic rubber and rubber substitutes	1,193	913	9,780	8,179
	Total division 23	3,615	2,854	30,509	30,096
24	WOOD, TIMBER AND CORK -				
243	Wood, shaped or simply worked -				
243.21	Timber, sawn lengthwise, etc. - conifer	5,373	5,068	48,369	39,475
243.31	Timber, sawn lengthwise, etc. - non-conifer	3,271	3,223	30,698	22,469
243.32	Timber, planed, grooved, etc. - non-conifer	899	1,305	8,534	9,499
	Total division 24	10,254	10,437	93,527	80,298
25	PULP AND WASTE PAPER -				
251.71	Soda and sulphate wood pulp, unbleached	771	1,438	12,371	11,663
251.72	Soda and sulphate wood pulp, bleached	1,058	1,620	23,164	20,547
251.82	Sulphite wood pulp, bleached	117	279	4,151	2,288
	Total division 25	2,150	4,132	42,340	38,452

TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITY ITEMS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION - *continued*
\$'000

A.J.C.C. Item	Description	February		Eight months ended February	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
26	TEXTILE FIBRES AND THEIR WASTE -				
262	Wool and other animal hair -				
262.20	Sheep's and lambs' wool, degreased	2,286	2,909	12,826	16,776
263	Cotton -				
263.10	Raw cotton (except linters), not carded or combed	59	1,168	5,482	3,903
264	Jute	108	47	877	726
265	Vegetable fibres (except cotton and jute) -				
265.40	Sisal, etc.; waste	59	384	1,213	962
266	Synthetic and regenerated man-made fibres -				
266.21	Discontinuous synthetic fibres, not carded or combed	1,150	1,364	10,386	10,584
266.31	Discontinuous regenerated fibres, not carded or combed	708	449	3,700	3,759
266.32	Continuous filament tow, for manufacture of discontinuous regenerated fibres	407	526	3,074	4,647
	Total division 26	5,158	7,284	41,005	46,123
27	CRUDE FERTILISERS AND CRUDE MINERALS -				
271	Fertilisers, crude -				
271.30	Natural phosphates	4,482	5,464	24,031	31,710
274	Sulphur and unroasted iron pyrites -				
274.10	Sulphur, except sublimed, precipitated or colloidal	7	1,517	7,768	10,067
276	Other crude minerals -				
276.40	Asbestos	2,142	1,378	16,405	19,007
	Total division 27	8,115	9,782	61,300	74,790
28	METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP -				
283	Ores and concentrates of non-ferrous base metals -				
283.22	Nickel matte and speiss	1,181	645	3,903	7,965
283.93	Titanium, vanadium, molybdenum, zirconium, etc.	..	61	388	888
284	Non-ferrous metal waste and scrap, n.e.s. -				
284.01	Ash and residue, containing metals or metallic compounds	10	8	1,648	74
284.02	Copper and copper alloys	39	24	380	313
284.04	Aluminium and aluminium alloys	1	67	669	852
285	Silver and platinum ores and concentrates; waste and scrap -				
285.02	Sweepings, residues, etc., silver, platinum, platinum group metals	5	2	470	252
	Total division 28	1,474	1,057	8,587	13,089
29	CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS, N.E.S. -				
291	Crude animal materials, n.e.s. -				
291.92	Bristles and brush-making hair and their wastes	115	108	969	767
291.93	Guts, bladders and stomachs of animals (except fish)	356	179	2,235	1,894
292	Crude vegetable materials, n.e.s. -				
292.20	Natural gums, resins, balsam and lacs	114	190	1,334	1,297
292.50	Seeds, fruit and spores for planting	342	905	2,820	5,011
292.91	Saps, pectic substances, etc.	348	426	5,278	3,629
	Total division 29	1,965	2,339	16,993	17,533
	Total section 2	33,050	38,760	300,620	310,695

TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITY ITEMS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION - continued
\$'000

A.I.C.C. Item	Description	February		Eight months ended February	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS -				
32	COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES -				
321.70	Peat and briquettes of peat	88	87	482	605
321.80	Coke and semi-coke	168	..	315	376
	Total division 32	337	89	1,175	1,112
33	PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS -				
331	Petroleum, crude and partly refined -				
331.01	Crude petroleum	37,442	29,079	258,059	311,358
331.02	Petroleum, partly refined	17,950	34,318	144,222	222,911
332	Petroleum products -				
332.10	Motor spirit, gasoline, etc.	20,399	1,580	90,664	58,942
332.40	Residual fuel oils	8,167	9,880	67,216	95,277
	Total division 33	94,798	83,419	620,139	783,087
34	PETROLEUM GASES AND OTHER GASEOUS HYDROCARBONS	5	6	84	116
	Total section 3	95,140	83,514	621,397	784,314
4	ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS -				
41	ANIMAL OILS AND FATS -				
411.10	Oils and fats of fish and marine mammals	44	7	310	413
	Total division 41	59	8	339	487
42	FIXED VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS -				
421	Fixed vegetable oils and fats, soft -				
421.20	Soya bean oil	872	227	6,456	7,400
421.50	Olive oil	634	842	4,880	4,493
422	Fixed vegetable oils and fats, other -				
422.20	Palm oil	1,085	404	5,536	8,119
422.30	Coconut oil	917	24	5,044	6,078
	Total division 42	7,062	2,487	29,582	38,277
43	ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS, WAXES -				
431.10	Animal and vegetable oils, boiled, oxidised, etc.	90	120	404	2,110
431.20	Animal and vegetable oils and fats, hydrogenated or solidified	570	323	1,778	2,695
431.31	Fatty acids not chemically defined; acid oils from refining	67	67	668	989
	Total division 43	732	563	3,020	6,048
	Total section 4	7,853	3,058	32,940	44,812
5	CHEMICALS -				
51	CHEMICAL ELEMENTS AND COMPOUNDS -				
512	Organic chemicals -				
512.11	Styrene	716	..	7,450	6,427
512.12	Other hydrocarbons	258	596	4,466	5,827
512.13	Halogenated derivatives of hydrocarbons	1,488	618	11,280	11,713
512.27	Phenols and phenol-alcohols	298	295	3,817	3,245
512.32	Epoxides, epoxyalcohols, etc., and derivatives	149	17	8,171	4,884
512.43	Ketones, quinones and derivatives	158	1,000	3,235	4,368
512.51	Monocarboxylic acids and derivatives	1,087	1,028	8,402	8,869
512.53	Oxygen-function carboxylic acids and derivatives	621	1,058	5,663	7,980
512.71	Amine-function compounds	1,248	887	7,883	7,525
512.72	Oxygen-function amino-compounds	1,889	1,539	11,493	13,687
512.74	Carboxyamide-function compounds; amide-function compounds	570	395	3,984	5,048
512.81	Organo-sulphur compounds	1,176	610	7,444	9,085
512.85	Heterocyclic compounds (including nucleic acids)	3,588	4,615	34,344	38,473
512.86	Sulphonamides	473	418	3,719	3,872
513	Inorganic chemicals, etc. -				
513.62	Caustic soda (sodium hydroxide)	2,998	4	28,266	35,626
514	Other inorganic chemicals	2,763	2,316	22,756	26,360
	Total division 51	25,883	22,278	226,164	251,343

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A.I.C.C. Item	Description	February		Eight months ended February	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
52	MINERAL TAR, CRUDE CHEMICALS FROM COAL, PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS -				
521.40	Oils and other products of the distillation of coal tar, etc.	110	180	2,266	3,965
	Total division 52	110	180	2,271	3,984
53	DYEING, TANNING AND COLOURING MATERIALS -				
531	Synthetic organic dyestuffs, natural indigo, etc. -				
531.01	Synthetic organic dyestuffs, natural indigo	2,402	2,035	16,671	17,584
533	Pigments, paints, varnishes, etc. -				
533.10	Colouring materials, n.e.s.	468	465	3,160	3,137
533.32	Varnishes, lacquers, paints, etc.	771	488	4,433	4,946
533.35	Glaziers' putty; painters' fillings, etc.	783	602	5,272	4,250
	Total division 53	5,096	4,271	35,331	36,054
54	MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS -				
541.30	Antibiotics	1,183	1,391	10,953	9,874
541.70	Medicaments	4,524	4,336	36,641	38,031
541.91	Bandages, etc.	517	875	4,517	5,699
	Total division 54	8,265	8,382	65,863	68,837
55	ESSENTIAL OILS, PERFUME MATERIALS, TOILET AND POLISHING PREPARATIONS -				
551	Essential oils, perfume and flavour materials -				
551.10	Essential oils; concretes and absolutes; resinoids	266	610	2,607	3,725
551.23	Mixtures of odoriferous substances	615	598	5,406	5,922
553	Perfumery, cosmetics and toilet preparations	1,068	1,764	8,809	12,952
554	Soap, cleansing and polishing preparations -				
554.10	Soap; organic surface-active agents as soap	211	298	1,581	2,210
554.20	Surface-active agents; washing preparations	588	969	6,164	8,011
	Total division 55	2,792	4,364	24,961	33,681
56	FERTILISERS, MANUFACTURED -				
561.30	Mineral or chemical fertilisers, potassic	1,061	1,296	6,760	6,723
561.90	Fertilisers, other than nitrogenous, phosphatic or potassic	2,469	151	4,893	1,418
	Total division 56	4,170	1,678	14,905	10,448
57	EXPLOSIVES AND PYROTECHNIC PRODUCTS -				
571.22	Percussion caps, detonators, etc.	1,055	63	2,008	2,583
571.40	Hunting and sporting ammunition	216	333	1,843	1,951
	Total division 57	1,483	539	5,826	6,786
58	PLASTIC MATERIALS, REGENERATED CELLULOSE ARTIFICIAL RESINS -				
581.10	Condensation, poly-condensation and poly-addition products	6,428	4,824	46,827	51,121
581.20	Polymerisation and copolymerisation products	8,825	10,118	65,643	74,102
581.32	Regenerated cellulose, etc.	3,442	2,799	25,553	20,999
	Total division 58	19,440	18,734	143,949	153,216
59	CHEMICAL MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS, N.E.S. -				
599.20	Insecticides, disinfectants, etc., for retail sale	934	1,053	8,019	9,333
599.55	Gelatin and gelatin derivatives, etc.	322	149	1,454	1,456
599.64	Rosin and resin acids, etc.	361	182	2,402	1,889
599.75	Anti-knock preparations, oxidation inhibitors, etc.	5,009	4,626	28,706	34,978
	Total division 59	10,484	10,525	73,492	86,693
	Total section 5	77,724	70,951	592,764	651,041

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A.I.C.C. Item	Description	February		Eight months ended February	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL -				
61	LEATHER, LEATHER MANUFACTURES, N.E.S., AND DRESSED FUR SKINS -				
611	Leather -				
611.30	Calf leather	130	75	830	632
611.40	Other bovine cattle and equine leather	253	305	1,721	2,010
611.91	Leather of sheep and lamb skins	239	247	1,575	1,286
611.92	Leather of goat and kid skin	166	253	1,535	2,350
612	Manufactures of leather or artificial leather, etc., n.e.s. -				
612.20	Saddlery and other harness-makers' goods	367	207	2,007	1,950
612.30	Uppers, legs and other prepared parts of footwear	399	321	1,501	2,517
613	Fur skins, tanned or dressed (including dyed)	156	366	1,303	2,320
	Total division 61	1,862	1,939	11,764	14,684
62	RUBBER MANUFACTURES, N.E.S. -				
621	Materials of rubber -				
621.05	Unhardened vulcanised rubber piping and tubing	999	952	8,508	8,719
629	Articles of rubber, n.e.s. -				
629.10	Rubber tyres and tubes, etc.	7,564	8,546	60,121	63,190
629.40	Transmission, conveyer belts, etc.	469	854	4,972	7,204
629.98	Articles of unhardened vulcanised rubber	1,242	1,674	9,719	12,904
	Total division 62	10,978	13,193	88,440	98,340
63	WOOD AND CORK MANUFACTURES (EXCEPT FURNITURE) -				
631	Veneers, plywood boards, 'improved' or reconstituted wood, etc. -				
631.10	Wood sawn lengthwise, thickness not exceeding 5 mm	516	508	5,510	3,829
631.21	Plywood, blockwood and similar laminated wood	2,093	1,508	15,615	12,695
631.87	Wooden beadings and mouldings	363	374	2,509	2,687
632	Wood manufactures, n.e.s. -				
632.40	Builders' woodwork and prefabricated buildings of wood	1,153	566	5,732	4,173
632.73	Domestic or decorative articles of wood, n.e.s.	311	222	2,646	2,816
633	Cork manufactures -				
633.01	Articles of natural cork	356	157	1,157	2,163
633.02	Agglomerated cork and articles thereof	251	183	1,506	1,494
	Total division 63	5,820	4,080	40,370	35,621
64	PAPER, PAPER BOARD AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF -				
641	Paper and paperboard -				
641.10	Newsprint paper	4,802	6,473	59,639	52,872
641.21	Uncoated printing and writing paper	2,756	2,117	21,002	19,702
641.22	Printing and writing paper, coated, etc.	2,428	2,284	18,761	18,640
641.30	Kraft paper and kraft paperboard	559	487	6,458	6,163
641.50	Paper and paperboard, machine-made, simply finished, n.e.s.	1,406	1,827	12,363	14,393
641.91	Parchment or greaseproof paper and paperboard, etc.	636	364	4,115	3,822
641.95	Paper and paperboard, impregnated, coated, etc., not printing and writing	4,011	5,950	39,978	44,383
641.97	Wallpaper and linocrusta; window transparencies of paper	1,080	1,064	7,065	4,147
642	Articles made of paper pulp, paper or paperboard	1,747	1,901	15,150	19,138
	Total division 64	20,125	23,320	190,452	190,070

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A.I.C.C. Item	Description	February		Eight months ended February	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
65	TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS -				
651	Textile yarn and thread -				
651.21	Yarn of carded sheep's or lambs' wool, not for retail sale	899	886	6,610	8,443
651.22	Yarn of combed sheep's or lambs' wool, not for retail sale	378	551	2,422	2,971
651.30	Cotton yarn, thread, unbleached, unmercerised not for retail sale	346	117	3,462	2,029
651.41	Cotton yarn, thread, bleached, dyed, mercerised, not for retail sale	303	292	2,908	1,914
651.61	Yarn of continuous synthetic fibres, not for retail sale	1,925	1,930	14,835	14,331
651.62	Monofil, strip, etc., of synthetic fibres	201	190	1,896	1,929
651.64	Yarn of discontinuous synthetic fibres, not for retail sale	4,397	4,467	29,543	36,000
651.65	Yarn of discontinuous synthetic fibres, for retail sale	208	368	1,767	2,411
651.71	Yarn of continuous regenerated fibres, not for retail sale	399	791	5,872	6,031
651.74	Yarn of discontinuous regenerated fibres, not for retail sale	364	273	2,872	2,379
652	Woven cotton fabrics (except narrow or special fabrics) -				
652.13	Woven cotton fabrics (other than cotton gauze and terry fabrics of cotton), unbleached, unmercerised	1,243	1,017	7,479	8,051
652.23	Pile and chenille fabrics of cotton	2,681	2,744	14,722	18,782
652.29	Other woven cotton fabrics	11,865	11,754	97,142	92,107
653	Textile fabrics (except narrow and special) other than cotton -				
653.11	Woven fabrics of silk, other than noil	71	235	960	1,591
653.21	Woven fabrics of wool or fine animal hair	846	1,188	3,790	5,513
653.31	Woven fabrics of flax or ramie	283	189	1,737	1,778
653.40	Woven fabrics of jute	1,040	1,129	5,515	6,464
653.51	Woven fabrics of continuous synthetic fibres	1,438	1,592	12,904	11,892
653.52	Woven fabrics of discontinuous synthetic fibres	3,321	3,750	23,298	27,364
653.53	Pile and chenille fabrics of synthetic fibres	2,153	1,903	11,362	12,330
653.61	Woven fabrics of continuous regenerated fibres	589	358	3,719	3,382
653.62	Woven fabrics of discontinuous regenerated fibres	702	618	4,738	4,919
653.63	Pile and chenille fabrics of regenerated fibres	283	279	1,733	2,209
653.70	Knitted or crocheted fabrics, not elastic nor rubberised	3,571	2,609	23,986	19,644
653.80	Textile fabrics of glass fibre	158	287	1,622	1,558
654	Tulle, lace, etc., and other small wares -				
654.01	Narrow woven fabrics	206	373	1,984	2,603
654.06	Embroidery	336	386	2,347	4,929
655	Special textile fabrics and related products -				
655.10	Felt and articles of felt	428	148	3,726	3,435
655.41	Fabrics and articles of bonded fibre	1,093	881	5,975	6,461
655.43	Textile fabrics impregnated or coated with artificial plastic materials	697	711	4,783	5,248
655.45	Rubberised textile fabrics (except knitted or crocheted)	324	259	3,756	2,891
655.61	Cordage, cable, rope, twine	249	208	1,728	3,530
655.62	Nets and netting made of twine, cordage, etc.	98	120	844	1,289
655.81	Wadding and articles of wadding, etc.	136	22	868	906
655.83	Textile fabrics and articles used in machinery or plant	460	314	3,617	3,359
655.92	Transmission or conveyor belts, etc., of textile material	171	56	1,106	1,778

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A.I.C.C. Item	Description	February		Eight months ended February	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
65	TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS - <i>continued</i>				
656	Made-up articles, wholly or chiefly of textile materials, n.e.s. -				
656.10	Sacks and bags	1,945	2,412	11,927	14,742
656.20	Tarpaulins, sails, awnings, tents, etc.	444	438	7,196	9,456
656.62	Blankets and travelling rugs of cotton	211	328	1,118	1,176
656.69	Blankets and travelling rugs of fibres other than cotton or wool	173	267	1,398	1,990
656.91	Linen, curtains and other textile furnishing articles	2,044	1,848	19,530	20,754
657	Floor coverings, tapestries, etc. -				
657.41	Floor coverings, on a base of paper or paperboard (coated)	220	59	1,571	1,132
657.42	Linoleum, etc., on a textile base	303	163	1,809	1,466
657.50	Carpets, carpeting and rugs (knotted)	137	87	1,117	1,059
657.60	Other carpets, carpeting, rugs	3,807	5,394	43,299	43,289
657.80	Matting, of plaiting material; straw envelopes for bottles	144	128	669	824
	<i>Total division 65</i>	<i>55,281</i>	<i>55,916</i>	<i>421,852</i>	<i>443,550</i>
66	NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES, N.E.S. -				
661	Lime, cement and fabricated building materials	548	937	5,274	6,406
662	Clay and refractory construction materials -				
662.32	Other refractory bricks, blocks, tiles, etc., (excluding heat-insulating bricks, etc.)	762	1,167	4,647	8,905
662.45	Glazed, non-refractory ceramic sets, flags and tiles	3,192	3,140	21,552	23,219
663	Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	2,311	2,528	15,485	17,764
664	Glass	2,342	2,620	23,111	23,759
665	Glassware -				
665.11	Glass containers and closures	602	642	4,723	5,131
665.20	Glassware for table, kitchen, etc., use	2,257	2,144	17,843	18,991
666	Pottery -				
666.40	Tableware, etc., of porcelain and china	971	865	7,847	8,560
666.50	Tableware, etc., of pottery other than porcelain and china	1,267	1,372	9,637	11,303
667.20	Diamonds (except industrial)	2,235	4,285	15,630	18,165
667.30	Precious and semi-precious stones (other than pearls or diamonds)	1,062	542	8,059	4,420
	<i>Total division 66</i>	<i>19,003</i>	<i>22,096</i>	<i>146,205</i>	<i>161,674</i>

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A.I.C.C. Item	Description	February		Eight months ended February	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
67	IRON AND STEEL -				
671	Pig iron, spiegeleisen, sponge iron, etc.	5,180	3,567	14,308	9,810
673	Iron and steel bars, rods, etc. -				
673.23	Bars and rods, hollow mining drill steel, alloy steel	1,762	916	10,642	11,721
674	Universals, plates and sheets of iron or steel -				
674.31	Uncoated plates and sheets less than 3 mm thick, not high carbon or alloy steel	2,204	3,214	24,058	23,585
674.81	Other coated plates and sheets less than 3 mm thick, not high carbon or alloy steel	858	3,094	12,019	21,444
675	Hoop and strip of iron or steel -				
675.01	Hoop and strip, not high carbon or alloy steel	535	217	5,845	3,952
675.03	Hoop and strip, alloy steel	359	865	3,675	4,506
676	Railway and tramway track construction material	104	41	223	330
677	Iron and steel wire (except wire rod)	745	544	5,508	5,375
678	Tubes, pipes and fittings of iron or steel -				
678.20	Seamless tubes, pipes (except high pressure hydro-electric conduit) except cast iron	3,752	1,777	19,503	19,133
678.30	Welded, clinched, riveted, etc., tubes, pipes (except high pressure hydro-electric conduit) except cast iron	1,387	1,874	11,181	15,500
678.50	Tube and pipe fittings	890	971	5,220	9,496
	Total division 67	20,398	20,477	136,324	153,808
68	NON-FERROUS METALS -				
681	Silver and alloys, platinum and platinum group metals	268	191	1,688	2,176
682	Copper and copper alloys -				
682.22	Plates, sheets and strip	308	133	3,000	2,111
682.23	Foil of a thickness not exceeding 0.15 mm	360	298	2,070	2,370
683	Nickel and nickel alloys, n.e.s. -				
683.10	Unworked	148	2	4,645	3,300
683.22	Plates, sheets, strip, f.i.l., powders and flakes	186	273	1,816	1,489
684	Aluminium and aluminium alloys -				
684.21	Bars, rods, angles, shapes and sections; wire	242	503	1,544	2,020
684.22	Plates, sheets and strip	242	250	1,585	1,583
684.23	Foil of a thickness not exceeding 0.20 mm	423	575	3,212	3,098
689	Miscellaneous non-ferrous base metals and their alloys	590	532	4,384	5,101
	Total division 68	3,628	3,548	30,843	31,790
69	MANUFACTURES OF METAL, N.E.S. -				
692	Metal containers for storage and transport	618	1,809	5,067	6,928
693	Wire products (excluding insulated electric cable) and fencing grills	472	812	7,798	6,710
694	Nails, screws, nuts, etc., of iron, steel or copper -				
694.21	Nuts, bolts, screws, etc., of iron or steel	1,595	1,732	13,087	13,240
695	Tools for use in the hand or machines -				
695.21	Hand saws and saw blades	623	592	4,660	5,401
695.22	Pliers, spanners, files, etc.	1,771	1,784	11,922	16,580
695.23	Hand tools, etc., n.e.s.	1,644	1,258	11,767	11,548
695.24	Interchangeable tools for hand or machine tools	1,663	1,799	13,448	14,980
696	Cutlery	2,667	2,545	18,625	19,120
697	Household equipment of base metals	3,055	2,770	20,694	19,410
698	Manufactures of metal, n.e.s. -				
698.12	Metal fittings for furniture, etc.	1,319	1,718	10,116	12,001
698.30	Chain and parts, iron or steel	788	728	7,021	7,841
698.91	Articles of iron or steel, n.e.s.	1,805	2,075	13,104	14,747
	Total division 69	22,447	24,093	170,794	183,859
	Total section 6	159,542	168,662	1,237,042	1,313,394

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A.I.C.C. Item	Description	February		Eight months ended February	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -				
71	MACHINERY (EXCEPT ELECTRIC) -				
711	Power generating machinery, except electric -				
711.50	Internal combustion piston engines, except for aircraft	14,438	14,804	118,282	126,518
712	Agricultural machinery, implements and parts -				
712.50	Tractors, except road for tractor-trailer combinations	16,166	9,665	93,589	87,542
714	Office machines -				
714.30	Automatic data processing machines, etc.	12,008	14,667	91,047	134,116
714.92	Parts and accessories for office machines	3,123	4,167	24,602	33,257
715	Metal-working machinery -				
715.10	Machine tools for working metal	5,244	8,384	31,015	35,877
717	Textile and leather machinery	5,552	5,542	46,103	39,719
718	Machines for special industries -				
718.42	Excavating, levelling, boring, etc.	12,329	13,076	99,993	113,036
719	Machinery and appliances, non-electrical and parts, n.e.s. -				
719.12	Air conditioning machines	1,136	1,269	19,829	30,775
719.21	Pumps for liquids	2,653	3,408	20,552	24,838
719.22	Air, vacuum pumps and air or gas compressors	3,618	5,765	34,934	37,133
719.31	Lifting, loading, etc., machinery	4,089	5,097	26,320	30,667
719.32	Work trucks, mechanically propelled, used in factories, etc.	2,516	2,500	20,057	22,122
719.62	Machinery for cleaning, filling, bottles, cans, etc.	4,312	4,119	27,682	34,365
719.70	Ball, roller or needle roller bearings	2,748	2,728	20,922	24,906
719.80	Machines and mechanical appliances, n.e.s.	5,515	5,688	44,685	42,869
719.92	Taps, cocks, valves, etc.	3,408	4,348	25,246	32,364
719.93	Transmission shafts, bearing housings, etc.	4,555	6,688	35,310	43,448
	<i>Total division 71</i>	<i>148,350</i>	<i>148,154</i>	<i>1,062,642</i>	<i>1,208,160</i>
72	ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES -				
722	Electric power machinery and switchgear -				
722.10	Generators, motors, etc.	7,268	7,095	60,555	69,559
722.20	Apparatus for making, breaking electric circuits	7,878	7,032	55,808	61,908
724	Telecommunication apparatus -				
724.10	Television broadcast receivers	17,897	4,067	114,972	55,569
724.20	Radio broadcast receivers	11,599	4,284	74,919	42,551
724.91	Telephone and telegraph equipment	2,607	3,706	19,411	25,626
725	Domestic electric equipment -				
725.01	Refrigerators	2,595	1,815	25,572	20,844
725.03	Electro-mechanical appliances, n.e.s.	2,477	1,730	20,808	20,471
725.05	Electric space heating apparatus; electro-thermic domestic appliances, etc.	2,901	3,908	20,005	33,028
729	Other electrical machinery and apparatus -				
729.30	Thermionic, etc., valves and tubes, photo cells, transistors, etc.	8,447	2,687	51,745	39,517
729.52	Measuring, controlling instruments, apparatus, etc.	4,980	5,937	31,977	40,916
729.60	Hand tools with self-contained electric motor	3,326	2,293	17,919	16,823
	<i>Total division 72</i>	<i>92,920</i>	<i>62,742</i>	<i>645,434</i>	<i>613,911</i>
73	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -				
732	Road motor vehicles -				
732.10	Passenger motor cars (except buses, special vehicles)	39,445	21,066	267,736	269,132
732.30	Lorries and trucks (including ambulances, etc.)	18,945	14,091	180,484	154,801
732.89	Parts and accessories, n.e.s., for motor vehicles	26,325	21,900	183,587	160,192
734	Aircraft and parts, n.e.s.	7,086	6,910	78,080	81,427
735	Ships, boats and floating structures -				
735.30	Ships, boats and other vessels (except warships)	463	804	4,860	17,682
	<i>Total division 73</i>	<i>103,744</i>	<i>74,245</i>	<i>793,577</i>	<i>789,202</i>
	Total section 7	345,014	285,141	2,501,653	2,611,272

TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITY ITEMS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION — continued
\$'000

A.I.C.C. Item	Description	February		Eight months ended February	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES —				
81	SANITARY, PLUMBING, HEATING AND LIGHTING FIXTURES AND FITTINGS —				
812.10	Non-electric central heating apparatus and parts	317	590	2,151	1,928
812.41	Illuminating glassware, signalling glassware, and optical elements of glass	389	383	3,279	3,409
812.42	Lamps, lamp fittings, parts of base metal, n.e.s.	1,221	1,148	8,898	8,741
	Total division 81	2,106	2,338	15,972	15,852
82	FURNITURE —				
821.01	Chairs and other seats	1,575	1,523	12,984	14,589
821.02	Medical, dental, etc., furniture	182	184	1,449	1,580
821.03	Mattress supports; bedding fitted with springs, foam rubber, etc.	633	847	4,031	5,197
821.09	Other furniture and parts	1,886	2,076	16,844	18,795
	Total division 82	4,276	4,630	35,308	40,163
83	TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	3,228	2,711	21,678	22,443
84	CLOTHING AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES, ARTICLES OF KNITTED OR CROCHETED FABRIC —				
841	Clothing and accessories (except fur), etc. —				
841.11	Men's and boys' outer garments	2,567	2,728	16,955	16,217
841.12	Women's, girls' and infants' outer garments	5,157	5,773	26,922	37,641
841.13	Men's and boys' undergarments	1,587	1,017	11,356	10,397
841.43	Undergarments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberised	1,949	2,322	11,994	14,147
841.44	Outer garments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberised	18,763	18,612	68,030	75,521
	Total division 84	34,562	35,360	164,420	187,685
85	FOOTWEAR, GAITERS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES AND PARTS THEREOF —				
851.01	Footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber, etc.	2,033	3,731	14,353	17,782
851.02	Footwear with outer soles of leather, etc.	6,393	7,690	37,910	45,211
	Total division 85	8,469	11,477	53,064	63,739
86	PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS; PHOTOGRAPHIC AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS —				
861	Scientific, medical, optical, measuring and controlling instruments and apparatus —				
861.40	Cameras (except cinematographic), flashlight apparatus	1,772	1,824	14,716	15,778
861.69	Photo-copying apparatus; photographic equipment, n.e.s.	4,657	4,628	27,296	36,138
861.71	Medical instruments and appliances, etc., (except electro-medical)	2,514	2,281	18,636	20,402
861.93	Drawing, calculating instruments, etc.	883	1,113	7,521	8,431
861.97	Apparatus for measuring, controlling flow, depth, pressure, etc., of liquids or gases	1,128	1,076	7,025	8,474
861.99	Parts and accessories for articles falling within items 729.51, 52, 861.81, 82, 96, 97	2,001	2,490	15,091	18,200
862	Photographic and cinematographic supplies —				
862.41	Photographic plates and film in the flat (except of paper, paperboard, cloth), sensitised, unexposed	1,406	2,049	11,386	15,258
862.42	Film in rolls, sensitised, unexposed	2,003	2,091	18,587	22,306
862.43	Sensitised paper, paperboard and cloth, undeveloped	783	1,161	7,297	7,994
864	Watches, clocks and parts therefor	3,460	4,018	36,739	34,444
	Total division 86	27,923	31,558	224,708	253,457

TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITY ITEMS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION - continued
\$'000

A.I.C.C. Item	Description	February		Eight months ended February	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
89	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, N.E.S. -				
891	Musical instruments, recorders and reproducers, etc. -				
891.11	Gramophones, sound recorders, etc.	4,447	4,165	31,976	28,379
891.20	Gramophone records, prepared tapes	2,314	2,266	18,173	19,978
891.85	Electric musical instruments	1,566	1,354	15,467	11,922
892	Printed matter -				
892.11	Printed books, pamphlets, etc.	10,522	9,807	73,598	82,883
892.20	Newspapers, journals and periodicals	2,444	2,164	17,749	26,628
893	Articles of artificial resins, plastics, etc.	4,636	5,167	37,609	44,776
894	Perambulators, toys, games and sporting goods -				
894.23	Toys, n.e.s.	2,736	2,545	29,802	32,034
894.24	Equipment for indoor games	1,185	1,175	11,617	14,624
895	Office and stationery supplies, n.e.s.	1,533	1,667	13,191	17,004
896	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques -				
896.01	Paintings, drawings and pastels	289	249	3,446	7,517
897.11	Jewellery of precious metal	1,430	1,576	11,403	12,551
899	Manufactured articles, n.e.s.	3,245	4,297	32,316	34,101
	Total division 89	45,178	45,611	377,544	419,600
	Total section 8	125,742	133,685	892,693	1,002,938
9A	COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS, N.E.S. -				
931	Special transactions	5,398	9,023	58,692	65,836
	Total division 9A	5,552	9,227	60,215	68,835
	Total Merchandise (a)	909,755	846,775	6,580,914	7,237,686
9B	Non-Merchandise (b)	7,195	7,381	52,399	59,470
	Total	916,950	854,156	6,633,313	7,297,156

(a) The sum of Divisions 00 to 9A. (b) A complete description of non-merchandise items is contained in the *Australian Import Commodity Classification*.

TABLE 4. IMPORTS BY STATE
\$'000

State	February		Eight months ended February	
	1977	1978	1977	1978
New South Wales	365,584	370,686	2,690,500	3,055,980
Victoria	328,848	288,182	2,339,859	2,484,012
Queensland	74,518	59,604	545,205	550,740
South Australia	56,467	60,520	411,853	430,831
Western Australia	73,445	62,698	528,109	625,005
Tasmania	11,223	6,290	60,767	71,997
Northern Territory	6,519	5,528	54,290	74,188
Australian Capital Territory	346	647	2,731	4,403
Total	916,950	854,156	6,633,313	7,297,156

TABLE 5. IMPORTS BY ECONOMIC CLASSES
\$'000

<i>Economic classes and degree of manufacture</i>	<i>February</i>		<i>Eight months ended February</i>	
	<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>
I. PRODUCERS' MATERIALS FOR USE IN -				
Building and construction -				
crude	8,654	8,574	79,986	65,580
simply transformed	1,422	1,160	9,582	9,428
elaborately transformed	17,260	16,722	129,511	135,619
<i>Total</i>	<i>27,336</i>	<i>26,455</i>	<i>219,079</i>	<i>210,627</i>
Rural industries -				
crude	14,127	11,596	55,783	67,474
simply transformed	..	..	..	..
elaborately transformed	404	349	5,232	3,894
<i>Total</i>	<i>14,532</i>	<i>11,946</i>	<i>61,016</i>	<i>71,368</i>
Manufacturing -				
Food, beverages, tobacco -				
crude	7,475	7,157	34,001	54,443
simply transformed	1,483	2,199	9,054	17,097
elaborately transformed	1,047	1,206	7,287	10,686
<i>Total</i>	<i>10,004</i>	<i>10,562</i>	<i>50,342</i>	<i>82,226</i>
Other -				
crude	63,779	73,953	491,125	629,643
simply transformed	53,878	50,178	375,577	408,985
elaborately transformed	139,114	137,393	1,105,944	1,192,029
<i>Total</i>	<i>256,771</i>	<i>261,524</i>	<i>1,972,645</i>	<i>2,230,657</i>
Motor vehicle assembly -				
elaborately transformed	56,767	41,767	410,038	368,684
<i>Total Producers' Materials -</i>				
crude	94,035	101,280	660,896	817,140
simply transformed	56,783	53,537	394,213	435,509
elaborately transformed	214,592	197,436	1,658,011	1,710,913
<i>Total</i>	<i>365,410</i>	<i>352,253</i>	<i>2,713,119</i>	<i>2,963,561</i>
II. FUELS AND LUBRICANTS -				
Fuels - simply transformed	37,589	18,257	205,340	232,866
Lubricants - simply transformed	1,364	520	5,899	10,071
<i>Total Fuels and Lubricants</i>	<i>38,953</i>	<i>18,777</i>	<i>211,239</i>	<i>242,937</i>
III. AUXILIARY AIDS TO PRODUCTION -				
Advertising matter - elaborately transformed	373	651	3,275	5,556
Containers - simply transformed	1,618	1,734	15,616	13,754
Other - elaborately transformed	6,332	5,898	38,430	45,937
Total simply transformed	1,618	1,734	15,616	13,754
Total elaborately transformed	6,704	6,549	41,704	51,493
<i>Total Auxiliary Aids to Production</i>	<i>8,322</i>	<i>8,283</i>	<i>57,320</i>	<i>65,247</i>

TABLE 5. IMPORTS BY ECONOMIC CLASSES - continued
\$'000

<i>Economic classes and degree of manufacture</i>	<i>February</i>		<i>Eight months ended February</i>	
	1977	1978	1977	1978
IV. CAPITAL EQUIPMENT : PRODUCERS' EQUIPMENT -				
Farm - elaborately transformed	23,080	14,828	147,662	154,242
Non-farm - elaborately transformed	160,763	174,215	1,154,129	1,364,465
<i>Total Producers' Equipment</i>	<i>183,843</i>	<i>189,043</i>	<i>1,301,790</i>	<i>1,518,707</i>
V. CAPITAL EQUIPMENT : TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -				
Railway equipment - elaborately transformed	497	354	4,135	5,817
Complete road vehicles - elaborately transformed	56,048	41,005	436,256	437,558
Vessels - elaborately transformed	1,652	645	12,428	31,858
Aircraft - elaborately transformed	6,111	8,180	71,215	91,069
<i>Total Transport Equipment</i>	<i>64,307</i>	<i>50,184</i>	<i>524,035</i>	<i>566,302</i>
VI. FINISHED CONSUMER GOODS -				
Food, beverages, tobacco -				
crude	12,102	9,909	73,277	101,147
simply transformed	15,164	14,613	90,091	117,164
elaborately transformed	18,245	15,635	117,502	135,993
<i>Total</i>	<i>45,511</i>	<i>40,156</i>	<i>280,871</i>	<i>354,304</i>
Clothing and accessories -				
elaborately transformed	42,493	46,232	211,477	246,254
Other -				
crude	193	170	1,505	1,577
simply transformed	209	475	1,870	2,262
elaborately transformed	154,814	134,311	1,220,139	1,229,598
<i>Total</i>	<i>155,216</i>	<i>134,956</i>	<i>1,223,513</i>	<i>1,233,437</i>
<i>Total finished consumer goods -</i>				
crude	12,295	10,078	74,782	102,724
simply transformed	15,374	15,088	91,961	119,426
elaborately transformed	215,552	196,178	1,549,118	1,611,845
<i>Total</i>	<i>243,220</i>	<i>221,344</i>	<i>1,715,861</i>	<i>1,833,995</i>
VII. MUNITIONS AND WAR STORES -				
elaborately transformed	5,699	6,891	57,549	46,937
<i>Total Merchandise</i>				
crude	106,330	111,359	735,678	919,863
simply transformed	112,728	89,135	713,028	811,626
elaborately transformed	690,698	646,281	5,132,207	5,506,197
<i>Total</i>	<i>909,755</i>	<i>846,775</i>	<i>6,580,914</i>	<i>7,237,686</i>
Non-Merchandise	7,195	7,381	52,399	59,470
<i>Total</i>	<i>916,950</i>	<i>854,156</i>	<i>6,633,313</i>	<i>7,297,156</i>

TABLE 6. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE COLLECTED
\$'000

Customs tariff division and excise tariff item	February		Eight months ended February	
	1977	1978	1977	1978
GROSS CUSTOMS -				
I. Live animals; animal products	86	82	783	656
II. Vegetable products	88	74	1,028	707
III. Animal and vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes	78	105	1,843	2,161
IV. Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco	11,669	13,336	119,588	122,393
V. Mineral products	1,084	216	7,825	4,594
VI. Products of chemical and allied industries	1,435	1,542	13,171	12,993
VII. Artificial resins and plastic materials, cellulose esters and ethers, and articles thereof; rubber, synthetic rubbers, factice, and articles thereof	4,244	5,759	34,235	41,338
VIII. Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags, etc.; articles of gut (other than silk-worm gut)	1,515	1,199	8,865	9,246
IX. Wood and articles; charcoal; cork and articles; manufactures of straw, esparto and other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork	1,737	1,435	13,307	11,274
X. Paper-making material; paper, paperboard and articles thereof	1,349	1,898	12,539	13,753
XI. Textiles and textile articles	15,379	15,363	95,612	98,140
XII. Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sunshades, whips, riding-crops and parts therefor; prepared feathers and articles; artificial flowers; articles of human hair; fans	2,989	3,827	18,657	22,863
XIII. Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica and similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	1,899	1,989	15,472	15,177
XIV. Pearls, precious, semi-precious stones, precious metals, rolled precious metals, and articles; imitation jewellery; coin	632	696	5,867	5,924
XV. Base metals and articles of base metals	4,840	4,474	39,433	39,928
XVI. Machinery, mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts therefor	19,991	16,808	163,896	150,642
XVII. Vehicles, aircraft, and parts; vessels and certain associated transport equipment	21,653	17,932	180,466	164,299
XVIII. Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical and surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks, watches, musical instruments; sound recorders and reproducers; television image and sound recorders and reproducers, magnetic, parts therefor	2,247	1,843	19,463	17,339
XIX. Arms and ammunition; parts therefor	38	67	302	350
XX. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,480	2,488	25,966	28,189

TABLE 6. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE COLLECTED - *continued*
\$'000

Customs tariff division and excise tariff item	February		Eight months ended February	
	1977	1978	1977	1978
GROSS CUSTOMS - <i>continued</i>				
XXI. Works of art, collectors' pieces, antiques (including revenue on goods for which a Customs entry is not required, on concessional items in the Second Schedule), and additional duty on post entries	26	50	312	449
<i>Total Gross Customs</i>	<i>95,457</i>	<i>91,183</i>	<i>778,627</i>	<i>762,414</i>
Primage	731	941	6,285	6,859
<i>Total Gross Customs, Primage Duties</i>	<i>96,188</i>	<i>92,124</i>	<i>784,912</i>	<i>769,273</i>
GROSS EXCISE -				
Beer	61,084	66,085	495,806	514,681
Spirits, including liqueurs, etc.	4,410	5,288	48,923	50,580
Tobacco (manufactured), snuff	1,431	1,259	13,629	12,466
Cigars and cigarettes	44,333	38,952	349,345	352,323
Aviation gasoline - by-law	90	340	1,491	1,925
Aviation gasoline - other	..	..	..	..
Other gasoline	48,111	59,227	436,554	478,067
Mineral turpentine	..	..	..	..
Coal tar and coke oven distillates, etc.	..	..	1	1
Aviation turbine kerosene	2,685	3,541	24,785	27,858
Kerosene, n.e.l.	..	..	197	..
Diesel fuel - by-law	5,872	5,912	50,197	56,087
Playing cards	5	15	85	87
Cigarette tubes, paper and papers	60	76	617	563
Matches	138	142	1,276	1,240
Wine - other than table wine (excise item 16)	..	..	1	..
Petroleum and liquid petroleum gas (excise item 17)	26,632	41,760	223,875	312,453
Coal	218	738	1,819	4,951
Canned fruit	37	20	167	199
Other and undistributed excise revenue	..	..	..	..
<i>Total Gross Excise Duties</i>	<i>195,105</i>	<i>223,358</i>	<i>1,648,771</i>	<i>1,813,484</i>
<i>Total Gross Customs, Primage and Excise Duties</i>	<i>291,293</i>	<i>315,482</i>	<i>2,433,683</i>	<i>2,582,757</i>
<i>Total Customs, Primage and Excise Refunds and Drawbacks</i>	<i>3,534</i>	<i>3,660</i>	<i>37,509</i>	<i>36,638</i>

NOTE: Statistics of the value of duty included in the price of petroleum products purchased by Commonwealth Government departments and subsequently credited to those departments by the Department of Finance are not available. Details are not available, therefore, on the value of Net Customs, Primage and Excise Revenue collected.

TABLE 7. EXCISE ITEMS - QUANTITIES ON WHICH EXCISE DUTY PAID

Item	Unit of quantity	February		Eight months ended February	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
Beer	'000 l	155,036	167,727	1,258,390	1,306,297
Spirits (potable) -					
Brandy	alcohol content l	155,434	180,628	1,899,068	1,900,324
Gin	"	51,297	58,731	487,172	469,454
Whisky	"	37,930	39,309	466,399	444,521
Rum	"	99,561	112,174	1,023,305	1,132,187
Liqueurs	"	19,119	25,930	218,392	214,315
Vodka	"	49,026	59,975	514,187	497,869
Flavoured liquors	"	16,759	30,705	161,001	224,653
Other	"	1,217	8,347	7,900	52,311
Total Spirits (Potable)	"	430,343	515,799	4,777,424	4,935,634
Tobacco - manufactured	kg	145,225	127,715	1,383,222	1,266,378
Cigars -					
Hand-made	"	..	..	..	..
Machine-made	"	7,145	4,820	66,194	55,693
Cigarettes - Machine-made	"	2,283,810	2,007,879	17,988,023	18,150,857
Aviation gasoline - by-law (a)	'000 l	2,083	7,463	34,638	42,672
Aviation gasoline - other (a)	"	..	..	..	..
Other gasoline (a)	"	980,855	1,148,932	8,900,164	9,373,966
Mineral turpentine	"	..	..	..	..
Coal tar and coke oven distillates, etc.	"	1	..	11	10
Aviation turbine kerosene (a)	"	68,137	84,512	629,072	672,986
Kerosene, n.e.i. (a)	"	..	..	5,000	..
Diesel fuel - by-law	"	119,719	114,692	1,023,390	1,103,190
Playing cards	doz packs	5,000	15,107	84,786	86,900
Cigarette tubes, paper and papers	thousand	246,965	315,795	2,552,795	2,330,840
Matches	'000 matches	1,843,624	1,892,357	17,008,688	16,537,293
Wine - other than table wine (excise item 16)	litres	..	..	1,933	..
Petroleum and liquid petroleum gas (excise item 17)	'000 l	2,113,688	2,277,977	17,767,891	18,539,371
Coal	tonne	5,059,782	4,927,153	42,308,727	45,230,471
Canned fruit	doz cont	892,370	455,956	4,180,027	4,733,619

(a) Includes supplies to the Commonwealth Government on which excise duty was paid and subsequently credited.