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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION: MAJOR HOTELS AND MOTELS, NSW JULY AND AUGUST 1989

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This is the first release of a new monthly bulletin reporting on the accommodation industry in New South Wales. In future, it will be released about two weeks after the end of the reference month.

MAIN FEATURES

NOTE: The domestic airline pilots' dispute may have had some effect on tourist accommodation in the latter part of August. The pilots began working restricted hours (9 till 5) on 18 August, were suspended on 23 August and resigned on 24 August.

The room occupancy rate for major hotels and motels in NSW in August 1989 was 65.1 per cent, 2.6 percentage points higher than in July, but well down on the 75.3 per cent recorded in August 1988. The figure for July 1989 (62.5 per cent) was also well below the corresponding figure of 12 months previously (74.3 per cent). Factors which may have contributed to higher room occupancy rates last year were the Bicentennial celebrations and EXPO 88.

Capacity of hotels and motels within the scope of the survey increased by 1,281 rooms (15%) in the 12 months to August 1989 and is expected to increase further in the next 2 years due to the number of large hotels under construction.

The average charge per room night in August 1989 (\$147) was slightly above that for July 1989 (\$146) and 3.5 per cent higher than in August 1988.

The average takings per hotel/motel for August 1989 were \$631,000, 5.2 per cent higher than July 1989 but 10.4 per cent lower than in August 1988.

NOTES

The scope of *Tourist Accommodation: Major Hotels and Motels* is limited each month to those hotels and motels with facilities and 100 or more rooms. The number of establishments in the collection is expected to fluctuate because of the narrowness of this definition and as hotels presently under construction begin operations. For these reasons the emphasis in the published results is on rates and averages rather than on absolute values.

The statistics are not representative of the smaller accommodation establishments throughout NSW and care should be taken when interpreting the results. Care should also be taken when comparing these results with data published in the quarterly bulletin *Tourist Accommodation, New South Wales* (Catalogue No. 8635.1).

The hotels/motels for which statistics are included in this bulletin represent approximately 20% of New South Wales guest rooms, bed spaces, room and guest nights and approximately 50% of takings from accommodation.

PAUL MCCARTHY
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**MAJOR HOTELS AND MOTELS: SELECTED ACCOMMODATION DETAILS
SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION AND NEW SOUTH WALES**

Statistical Area	1988		1989	
	July	August	July	August
NUMBER OF HOTELS/MOTELS				
Sydney Statistical Division	35	35	40	40
New South Wales	41	41	47	47
NUMBER OF ROOMS				
Sydney Statistical Division	7,864	7,864	9,020	9,040
New South Wales	8,725	8,725	9,986	10,006
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATE (PER CENT)				
Sydney Statistical Division	76.3	78.2	63.8	66.0
New South Wales	74.3	75.3	62.5	65.1
BED OCCUPANCY RATE (PER CENT)				
Sydney Statistical Division	47.1	47.6	37.9	38.7
New South Wales	45.6	45.3	37.3	38.6
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)				
Sydney Statistical Division	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.4
New South Wales	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4
AVERAGE TAKINGS PER HOTEL/MOTEL (\$000)				
Sydney Statistical Division	730	789	661	687
New South Wales	655	704	600	631
AVERAGE CHARGE PER ROOM NIGHT (\$)				
Sydney Statistical Division	137	145	148	149
New South Wales	134	142	146	147

