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SUMMARY OF OVERSEA MIGRATION STATISTICS -

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER, 1956.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE: The movements of overseas travellers are classified as permanent or temporary on the basis that "permanent" means residence for one year or longer (in Australia in the case of arrivals; abroad in the case of departures) irrespective of the stated intention of the passenger. These definitions were adopted in accordance with international usage and do not purport to represent permanent migration as such.

Troop movements were excluded from overseas migration records for the period September, 1939 to June, 1947. As from 1st July, 1947, Australian troops have been included and are shown in the figures for temporary movements, irrespective of the length of their stay overseas.

Since 1st January, 1945 the journeys undertaken by passengers have been recorded for Australian overseas migration statistics in two ways: (a) according to country of embarkation (arrivals) or country of disembarkation (departures) and (b) according to country of last permanent residence (arrivals) or country of future permanent residence (departures). For arrivals country of embarkation refers to the country in which the passenger embarked on the particular ship or aircraft which brought the passenger to Australia, whereas country of last permanent residence is taken from the passenger's own statement and is not necessarily the country from which the journey to Australia commenced. In the case of departures the country of disembarkation refers to the intended country of disembarkation from the particular ship or aircraft which takes the passenger from Australia. In multiple-stage journeys from Australia these statistics refer only to the first booked stage and changes in this subsequent to departure are not recorded. The country of intended future permanent residence refers to the ultimate destination after a complete journey of the passenger, as intended at the time embarkation.

SUMMARY FOR 1956: This issue of the Review contains a summary of overseas migration statistics for the year ended 31st December, 1956. Particulars of permanent movement classified by country of last or intended future residence, nationality and occupation will be found in summary form in issue No. 74, released in March.

Comparative statistics for earlier years will be found in issues of the Demography Bulletin and more detailed tables in respect of the year 1956 will be published later in Demography Bulletin No. 74, 1956.

During the year ended 31st December, 1956 a total of 247,448 persons arrived in Australia and 153,450 departed from Australia. The total arrivals included 123,822 persons who intended to reside for one year or longer in Australia (permanent movement), 57,608 Australian residents returning after an absence abroad of less than one year and 66,018 persons visiting Australia for periods of less than one year. Of the total departures 37,717 Australian residents intended to be absent for one year or longer (permanent movement), 51,400 Australian residents departed for periods of less than one year and 64,333 visitors departed after a stay of less than one year.

The total arrivals included 155,136 persons of British nationality, of whom 50,969 intended to reside for one year or longer (permanent movement). Other prominent nationalities (with the permanent movement shown in parentheses) were Italian 28,521 (27,705), Dutch 13,900 (11,883), Greek 12,183 (11,984), and German 6,978 (6044).

TABLE 1 : OVERSEA MIGRATION - AUSTRALIA : ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Year	ARRIVALS			DEPARTURES		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1949	132,648	100,487	233,135	42,705	40,429	83,134
1950	141,891	108,513	250,404	49,907	47,992	97,899
1951	122,136	91,504	213,640	54,521	47,686	102,207
1952	127,516	88,323	215,839	68,937	52,870	121,807
1953	88,564	74,541	163,125	68,483	51,745	120,228
1954	109,601	88,424	198,025	72,073	57,745	129,818
1955	133,463	103,774	237,237	76,805	63,177	139,982
1956	141,408	106,040	247,448	87,013	66,437	153,450

TABLE 2 : ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PURPOSE OF TRAVEL (a), YEAR, 1956.

State or Territory of Disembarkation	ARRIVALS								Total Arrivals
	Permanent Movement		Temporary Movement				Total		
	New Arrivals		Australian Residents Returning		Visitors Arriving		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
New South Wales	23,684	19,490	23,048	18,199	30,846	20,310	77,578	57,999	
Victoria	36,126	26,935	4,050	5,131	5,651	3,129	45,827	35,195	
Queensland	1,391	554	1,182	619	1,861	1,074	4,434	2,247	
South Australia	2,748	2,328	549	731	367	215	3,664	3,274	
Western Australia	6,092	4,161	1,782	2,004	1,208	855	9,089	7,020	
Tasmania	10	13	3	5	7	9	20	27	
Northern Territory	192	98	225	73	372	127	796	276	
Australia :	70,243	53,579	30,846	26,762	40,319	25,699	141,408	106,040	

DEPARTURES

State or Territory of Embarkation	DEPARTURES								Total Departures
	Permanent Movement		Temporary Movement				Total		
	Australian Residents Departing		Australian Residents Departing		Visitors Departing		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
New South Wales	11,660	10,740	19,956	16,246	30,909	20,181	62,525	47,167	
Victoria	4,491	3,899	3,225	4,514	5,262	2,451	13,679	10,864	
Queensland	1,069	743	1,026	717	1,428	853	3,523	2,313	
South Australia	813	785	605	664	581	189	1,999	1,638	
Western Australia	1,782	1,534	1,623	1,719	1,123	857	4,528	4,110	
Tasmania	32	41	72	95	11	23	115	159	
Northern Territory	96	32	204	33	344	121	644	186	
Australia :	19,943	17,774	27,412	23,988	39,658	24,675	87,013	66,437	

(c) See Introductory Note on page 1.

TABLE 3 : OVERSEA MIGRATION - TEMPORARY MOVEMENT (a).

Year	Temporary Visitors Arriving				Australian Residents Departing			
	Tourist, etc.	Business, etc.	In Transit		Temporarily			Total
			Total	Tourist, etc.	Business, etc.	Other		
1951	23,466	7,427	14,089	44,982	24,627	7,476	2,429	34,532
1952	22,047	7,862	17,769	47,698	26,774	8,089	7,756	40,619
1953	21,891	8,142	15,482	45,515	26,937	8,163	4,846	39,946
1954	24,739	9,587	14,741	49,057	32,755	9,704	3,242	45,701
1955	26,762	11,079	15,724	53,565	38,239	10,645	3,296	52,180
1956	37,547	13,589	14,882	66,018	38,617	11,101	1,682	51,400

(a) See Introductory Note on page 1.

TABLE 4 : ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO MODE OF TRANSPORT : YEAR 1956.

State or Territory of Disembarkation or Embarkation	ARRIVALS						DEPARTURES		
	By Sea		By Air		Total	By Sea		By Air	Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
New South Wales	70,714	64,863	135,577	50,579	59,113	109,692			
Victoria	73,699	7,323	81,022	18,489	6,054	24,543			
Queensland	2,376	4,305	6,681	1,830	4,006	5,836			
South Australia	6,545	393	6,938	3,432	205	3,637			
Western Australia	14,711	1,398	16,109	7,549	1,089	8,638			
Tasmania	47	-	47	242	32	274			
Northern Territory	-	1,074	1,074	1	829	830			
Australia :	168,092	79,356	247,448	82,122	71,328	153,450			

TABLE 5 : ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO CONJUGAL CONDITION : YEAR 1956.

Conjugal Condition	ARRIVALS			DEPARTURES		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	Never Married	71,301	47,667	118,968	35,923	26,851
Married	2,435	7,546	9,981	2,217	6,457	8,674
Widowed	1,066	1,238	2,304	854	985	1,839
Divorced	66,606	49,589	116,195	48,019	32,144	80,163
Total :	141,408	106,040	247,448	87,013	66,437	153,450

TABLE 6 : ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO AGE : YEAR, 1956.

Age Last Birthday (Years)	ARRIVALS			DEPARTURES		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	0 - 4	7,208	6,841	14,049	3,305	3,446
5 - 9	7,421	6,898	14,319	2,707	2,537	5,244
10 - 14	5,575	5,063	10,638	2,027	1,938	3,965
15 - 19	8,699	6,683	15,382	3,066	3,048	6,114
20 - 24	20,241	13,309	33,550	9,091	7,279	16,370
25 - 29	21,403	12,482	33,885	11,535	7,032	18,567
30 - 34	15,808	10,221	26,029	10,186	6,133	16,319
35 - 39	11,978	7,576	19,554	8,416	4,957	13,373
40 - 44	10,645	6,996	17,641	7,965	4,838	12,803
45 - 49	8,978	6,346	15,324	7,547	4,838	12,385
50 - 54	7,156	6,113	13,269	6,221	5,170	11,391
55 - 59	5,622	5,871	11,493	5,118	4,932	10,050
60 - 64	4,427	5,160	9,587	3,967	4,617	8,584
65 - 69	3,422	3,737	7,184	3,152	3,208	6,360
70 - 74	1,886	1,827	3,713	1,730	1,656	3,386
75 - 79	830	709	1,539	724	620	1,344
80 - 84	217	176	393	198	154	352
85 - 89	57	29	86	48	29	77
90 and over	10	3	13	10	5	15
Total :	141,408	106,040	247,448	87,013	66,437	153,450

TABLE 7 : ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO RACIAL ORIGIN : YEAR 1956

Racial Origin	ARRIVALS			DEPARTURES		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	European	134,320	103,462	237,782	81,332	64,598
Asian	6,373	2,314	8,687	5,016	1,661	6,677
African	153	40	193	116	14	130
Polynesian	562	224	786	549	164	713
Total :	141,408	106,040	247,448	87,013	66,437	153,450

TABLE 8 : OVERSEA MOVEMENT OF THE POPULATION ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF
EMBARKATION OR DISSEMBARKATION : YEAR 1956
(Persons)

Country of Embarkation or Disembarkation	ARRIVALS			DEPARTURES		
	Permanent Movement(a)	Temporary Movement (a)		Permanent Movement(a)	Temporary Movement (a)	
	New Arrivals	Australian Residents Returning	Visitors Arriving	Australian Residents Departing Permanently	Australian Residents Departing Temporarily	Visitors Departing
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES						
Canada	591	839	730	1,329	685	919
United Kingdom and Ireland	37,059	16,846	9,159	14,045	13,571	8,320
Hong Kong	1,014	570	818	248	336	783
India, Pakistan and Ceylon	1,321	1,350	2,307	548	1,027	1,875
Malaya	32	51	27	233	176	59
Malta	2,668	34	8	89	43	4
New Guinea	622	1,719	3,669	1,514	1,355	2,746
New Zealand	3,255	15,757	23,975	4,101	14,532	24,412
Papua	549	2,311	3,438	1,902	2,296	2,926
Singapore	2,059	3,035	3,637	1,564	2,717	3,969
Union of South Africa	374	434	1,090	363	359	1,011
Other C'wealth Countries	1,015	2,039	2,838	954	1,977	2,666
TOTAL C'WEALTH COUNTRIES	50,599	44,985	51,696	26,890	39,034	49,690
OTHER COUNTRIES						
Austria	184	-	34	-	-	16
Belgium	39	25	80	6	12	77
Denmark	89	4	1	9	3	110
France	617	143	112	447	507	315
Germany	6,309	107	293	165	121	236
Greece	10,585	120	78	218	132	57
Italy	29,614	2,512	872	6,205	3,920	1,922
Netherlands	11,709	402	595	416	455	492
Norway	22	8	7	8	16	9
Portugal	10	1	-	-	-	-
Sweden	55	63	185	8	33	146
Switzerland	54	68	117	26	83	85
Other European Countries	5,916	24	501	219	99	735
Burma	7	1	425	5	3	10
China	-	-	32	-	-	-
Indonesia	400	341	1,061	164	183	920
Japan	317	2,397	826	109	1,241	745
Lebanon	837	66	81	21	59	77
Philippines	922	392	1,025	129	271	839
Other Asiatic Countries	361	215	252	91	245	928
Egypt	2,664	157	129	159	148	115
Other African Countries	19	4	25	-	1	24
U.S. of America	1,743	2,571	3,588	1,660	2,170	3,137
Other American Countries	63	3	87	31	3	83
Hawaii	526	2,320	1,944	548	1,898	2,331
New Caledonia	118	583	1,181	130	597	1,087
New Hebrides	31	80	152	36	130	128
Other Polynesian Islands	10	16	39	17	36	19
TOTAL OTHER COUNTRIES	73,223	12,623	14,322	10,827	12,366	14,643
GRAND TOTAL:	123,822	57,608	66,018	37,717	51,400	64,333

(a) See Introductory Note on page 1.

TABLE 9 : OVERSEA MOVEMENT OF THE POPULATION ACCORDING TO COUNTRY
OF EMBARKATION OR DISSEMBARKATION BY MODE OF TRANSPORT : YEAR 1956
(Persons)

Country of Embarkation or Disembarkation	ARRIVALS			DEPARTURES		
	By Sea	By Air	Total	By Sea	By Air	Total
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES:						
Canada	1,393	767	2,160	2,118	815	2,933
United Kingdom and Ireland	58,237	4,867	63,104	32,767	3,169	35,936
Hong Kong	1,120	1,282	2,402	527	840	1,367
India, Pakistan and Ceylon	2,938	2,040	4,978	2,145	1,305	3,450
Malaya	110	-	110	221	247	468
Malta	2,710	-	2,710	136	-	136
New Guinea	1,016	4,994	6,010	826	4,789	5,615
New Zealand	18,423	24,564	42,987	18,254	24,791	43,045
Papua	1,163	5,135	6,298	1,256	5,828	7,084
Singapore	2,845	5,886	8,731	2,282	5,968	8,250
Union of South Africa	856	1,042	1,898	750	983	1,733
Other Commonwealth Countries	1,644	4,248	5,892	1,201	4,396	5,597
TOTAL COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES:	92,455	54,825	147,280	62,483	53,131	115,614
OTHER COUNTRIES:						
Austria	-	218	218	-	16	16
Belgium	73	71	144	24	71	95
Denmark	6	88	94	15	107	122
France	822	50	872	1,157	112	1,269
Germany	5,982	727	6,709	229	293	522
Greece	10,362	421	10,783	387	20	407
Italy	31,475	1,523	32,998	10,626	1,421	12,047
Netherlands	11,514	1,192	12,706	499	864	1,363
Norway	37	-	37	33	-	33
Portugal	11	-	11	-	-	-
Sweden	155	148	303	43	144	187
Switzerland	-	239	239	-	194	194
Other European Countries	6,068	373	6,441	995	58	1,053
Burma	8	425	433	12	6	18
China	-	32	32	-	-	-
Indonesia	394	1,408	1,802	183	1,084	1,267
Japan	1,953	1,587	3,540	901	1,194	2,095
Lebanon	-	984	984	-	157	157
Philippines	14	2,325	2,339	61	1,178	1,239
Other Asiatic Countries	42	1,366	1,428	55	1,209	1,264
Egypt	2,673	277	2,950	288	134	422
Other African Countries	28	20	48	5	25	25
U.S. of America	2,946	4,956	7,902	2,814	4,753	6,967
Other American Countries	83	70	153	47	70	117
Hawaii	154	4,638	4,792	246	4,531	4,777
New Caledonia	513	1,369	1,882	653	1,161	1,814
New Hebrides	260	3	263	294	-	294
Other Polynesian Islands	64	1	65	72	-	72
TOTAL OTHER COUNTRIES:	75,637	24,531	100,168	19,639	18,197	37,836
GRAND TOTAL:	168,092	79,356	247,448	82,122	71,328	153,450

TABLE 10 : OVERSEA MOVEMENT OF THE POPULATION ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF LAST
PERMANENT RESIDENCE OR INTENDED FUTURE PERMANENT RESIDENCE, (a) YEAR 1956

Country of Last Permanent Residence (Arrivals) or Intended Future Permanent Residence (Departures) (a)	ARRIVALS			DEPARTURES		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Australia	30,846	26,762	57,608	27,412	23,988	51,400
Canada	1,215	858	2,073	1,507	1,043	2,550
United Kingdom and Ireland	24,273	22,260	46,533	12,468	12,155	24,623
Hong Kong	783	499	1,282	540	303	843
India, Pakistan and Ceylon	1,681	936	2,617	1,172	560	1,732
Malaya	1,053	564	1,617	834	968	1,802
Malta	1,543	1,477	3,020	427	113	540
New Guinea	2,502	1,703	4,205	3,049	1,974	5,023
New Zealand	13,578	11,608	25,186	14,229	12,062	26,291
Papua	2,490	1,354	3,844	2,440	1,414	3,854
Singapore	1,180	582	1,762	1,048	618	1,666
Union of South Africa	747	427	1,174	730	419	1,149
Other Commonwealth Countries	2,972	2,373	5,345	2,727	1,907	4,634
TOTAL COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES (Excluding Australia)	54,017	44,641	98,658	41,171	33,536	74,707
Austria	2,771	1,480	4,251	120	46	166
Belgium	134	56	190	110	25	135
Denmark	899	539	1,438	120	51	171
France	859	360	1,219	882	387	1,269
Germany	3,709	3,300	7,009	995	413	1,408
Greece	6,955	4,039	10,994	227	111	338
Italy	18,644	9,785	28,429	3,250	841	4,091
Netherlands	6,575	5,824	12,399	1,145	992	2,137
Norway	164	67	231	112	28	140
Portugal	79	27	106	17	6	23
Spain	129	85	214	23	19	42
Sweden	287	80	367	222	62	284
Switzerland	434	227	661	257	131	388
Other European Countries	2,285	1,122	3,407	1,331	278	1,609
Burma	148	48	196	146	32	178
China	364	297	661	131	17	148
Indonesia	828	395	1,223	509	240	749
Japan	864	337	1,201	732	138	870
Lebanon	729	389	1,118	46	29	75
Philippines	492	208	700	345	155	500
Syria	10	6	16	3	3	6
Other Asiatic Countries	1,374	806	2,180	813	346	1,159
Egypt	1,258	960	2,218	64	57	121
Other African Countries	237	156	393	57	50	147
U.S. of America	4,847	3,167	8,014	5,345	3,643	8,988
Other American Countries	558	166	724	449	119	568
Hawaii	96	58	154	128	80	208
New Caledonia	591	472	1,063	627	490	1,117
New Hebrides	157	153	310	124	99	223
Other Polynesian Islands	68	28	96	60	25	85
TOTAL OTHER COUNTRIES:	56,545	34,637	91,182	18,430	8,913	27,343
GRAND TOTAL:	141,408	106,040	247,448	87,013	66,437	153,450

(a) See Introductory Note on page 1.

TABLE 11 : OVERSEA MOVEMENT OF THE POPULATION ACCORDING TO NATIONALITY : YEAR 1956

Nationality	ARRIVALS			DEPARTURES		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
British (a)	83,522	71,614	155,136	67,069	57,724	124,793
Afghan	20	1	21	20	-	20
Albanian	8	1	9	10	2	12
American (U.S.)	5,089	2,986	8,075	4,981	2,889	7,870
Arabian	1	-	1	1	-	1
Argentinian	68	18	86	58	8	66
Austrian	2,297	1,256	3,553	227	90	317
Belgian	143	63	206	131	40	171
Brazilian	81	8	89	77	7	84
Bulgarian	70	9	79	66	4	70
Burmese	132	23	155	144	20	164
Chilean	52	10	62	45	6	51
Chinese	971	493	1,464	734	366	1,100
Czechoslovak	195	72	267	221	80	301
Danish	974	561	1,535	200	83	283
Dutch	7,515	6,385	13,900	2,352	1,821	4,173
Egyptian	41	25	66	7	9	16
Estonian	10	8	18	15	16	31
Filipino	206	64	270	190	60	250
Finnish	192	45	237	148	35	183
French	1,590	902	2,492	1,511	789	2,300
German	3,707	3,271	6,978	1,430	610	2,040
Greek	7,639	4,544	12,183	320	183	503
Hungarian	458	260	718	189	43	232
Indonesian	582	182	764	491	164	655
Israeli	501	454	955	47	22	69
Italian	18,814	9,707	28,521	2,981	395	3,376
Japanese	694	207	901	634	87	721
Latvian	35	20	55	35	27	62
Lebanese	764	370	1,134	53	9	62
Lithuanian	18	5	23	37	29	66
Norwegian	43	16	59	44	15	59
Polish (b)	223	77	300	147	33	180
Portuguese	239	143	382	201	70	271
Romanian	129	48	177	53	12	65
Spanish	77	25	102	65	19	84
Swedish	133	81	214	34	11	45
Swiss	307	91	398	257	74	331
Syrian	488	235	723	342	163	505
Turkish	4	3	7	1	-	1
Ukrainian	98	39	137	47	4	51
Russian (c)	30	15	45	39	16	55
Yugoslav	622	312	934	512	126	638
Stateless (d)	673	564	1,237	142	75	217
Other	1,317	673	1,990	161	97	258
	636	154	790	544	104	648
TOTAL:	141,408	106,040	247,448	87,013	66,437	153,450

(a) "Irish" nationality is included with "British" nationality for the purpose of this table.

(b) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Polish.

(c) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Russian.

(d) Includes "Stateless" with former nationality stated, but other than Polish or Russian.