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ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES, MARCH QUARTER 1972
(PRELIMINARY)

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This statement contains preliminary details of road traffic accidents involving casualties which occurred in each State and Territory of Australia during the three months ended 31 March 1972. Comparative details for earlier periods are also shown. This statement will be followed at a later date by the bulletin "Road Traffic Accidents Involving Casualties" (Reference No. 14.9) which will give information in greater detail.

2. Since January 1970 monthly statements of road accident fatalities in each State and Territory have been issued by this Bureau. Quarterly statements of road traffic accidents are issued for the States of Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania by the respective Deputy Commonwealth Statisticians, for the Northern Territory by this office, and for the Australian Capital Territory by the Department of the Interior, Canberra. Particulars of road traffic accidents classified according to "Type of road user responsible" and "Cause of accident" are shown only in the statement for Tasmania. Separate publications relating to road traffic accidents are not published by the Deputy Commonwealth Statistician in New South Wales but selected quarterly figures for this State are published in the New South Wales Statistical Bulletin.

3. Details of road traffic accidents involving casualties relate to accidents which were reported to the police and which satisfy the following conditions -

- (a) that the accident occurred on any road, street, thoroughfare, etc., open to the public, including railway level crossing;
- (b) that it involved a road vehicle which at the time of the accident was in motion; and
- (c) that the accident resulted in -
 - (i) the death of any person within a period of 30 days of the accident; or
 - (ii) bodily injury to any person to an extent requiring surgical or medical treatment.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS									
Year - 1969	24,164	16,527	7,494	6,895	4,809	1,416	500	792	62,597
1970	25,434	16,435	7,869	7,424	5,218	1,425	528	877	65,210
1971	26,575	r15,023	r8,147	7,386	5,178	1,385	660	856	r65,210
Quarter ended -									
December 1970	6,423	3,894	2,157	1,884	1,251	349	152	235	16,345
March 1971	6,327	3,396	1,809	1,593	1,238	307	136	198	15,004
June 1971	5,961	3,908	2,134	1,847	1,275	381	170	232	15,908
September 1971	7,936	3,856	2,094	1,866	1,422	384	185	217	17,960
December 1971	6,351	r3,863	r2,110	2,080	1,243	313	169	209	r16,338
March 1972p	6,708	3,372	1,731	1,823	1,124	325	146	166	15,395

PERSONS KILLED

Year - 1969	1,188	1,011	556	251	311	114	45	26	3,502
1970	1,309	1,061	537	349	351	118	42	31	3,798
1971	1,249	r923	594	292	332	130	50	20	r3,590
Quarter ended -									
December 1970	353	237	143	85	91	23	15	7	954
March 1971	277	235	132	69	85	30	12	3	843
June 1971	333	230	154	66	92	46	14	2	937
September 1971	329	235	141	85	83	28	13	8	922
December 1971	310	r223	167	72	72	26	11	7	r888
March 1972p	218	198	118	75	67	33	16	7	732

PERSONS INJURED

Year - 1969	32,752	23,797	10,406	9,961	6,788	2,264	727	1,169	87,864
1970	34,886	23,737	10,940	10,484	7,373	2,171	714	1,249	91,554
1971	36,660	r21,371	r11,387	10,132	7,328	2,056	926	1,176	r91,036
Quarter ended -									
December 1970	8,636	5,659	3,022	2,634	1,792	500	204	335	22,782
March 1971	8,984	4,890	2,478	2,209	1,728	445	205	270	21,209
June 1971	8,094	5,593	3,011	2,515	1,754	573	222	325	22,087
September 1971	10,769	5,326	2,966	2,545	2,014	570	261	308	24,759
December 1971	8,813	r5,562	r2,932	2,863	1,832	468	238	273	r22,981
March 1972p	9,135	4,853	2,473	2,478	1,561	466	197	199	21,362

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NOTE. Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made in Canberra by telephoning 490211 extension 369 or, in each State capital, by telephoning the office of the Bureau of Census and Statistics.