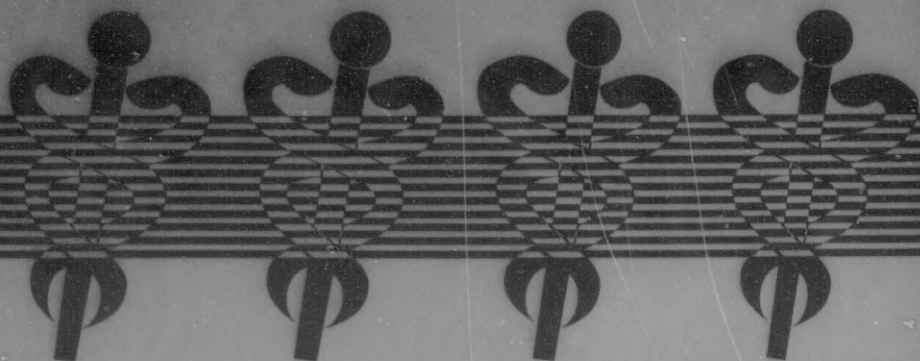


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## PREFACE

### Introduction

This publication contains results from the first Private Health Establishments collection conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). The collection is designed to obtain national data about the facilities, patients, staffing and finances of private acute and psychiatric hospitals and free-standing day hospital facilities.

This publication replaces those listed below which were previously issued by the Department of Health, Housing, Local Government and Community Services:

- Private Hospital Survey
- Free-standing Day Surgery Facility Survey

It also replaces the ABS publication, *Health and Welfare Establishments, Queensland* (4302.3).

### Background to the collection

In 1988 the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council endorsed the development of a National Minimum Data Set for the collection of hospital and health service information. Late in 1989 a National Minimum Data Set was finalised by discussion, negotiation and agreement among relevant government and private organisations. This process was coordinated by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) through the National Committee on Health and Vital Statistics.

The ABS collection is based on the National Minimum Data Set but also includes data items requested by associations of private hospitals and by health authorities. AIHW is collecting data according to the National Minimum Data Set definitions from public hospitals through State and Territory health authorities – a continuation of their Hospital Utilisation and Costs Studies.

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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

## Number of private hospitals

The statistics in this publication relate to 391 private hospitals in operation in Australia during 1991-92, comprising 319 private acute and psychiatric hospitals and 72 free-standing day hospital facilities. Free-standing day hospital facilities are a relatively new alternative to inpatient care and in 1991-92 only a few had been established outside New South Wales and Victoria. The results exclude a small number of hospitals, mostly in operation for only part of the year, for which details could not be obtained. These exclusions do not affect the overall results obtained.

PRIVATE HOSPITALS: NUMBERS BY STATE AND TERRITORY, 1991-92

| State or Territory | Acute and psychiatric hospitals (a) | Day hospital facilities | Total private hospitals |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| NSW                | 90                                  | 37                      | 127                     |
| Vic.               | 111                                 | 22                      | 133                     |
| Qld                | 49                                  | 4                       | 53                      |
| SA                 | 37                                  | 1                       | 38                      |
| WA                 | 21                                  | 4                       | 25                      |
| Tas.               | 8                                   | —                       | 8                       |
| NT                 | 1                                   | —                       | 1                       |
| ACT                | 2                                   | 4                       | 6                       |
| <b>Australia</b>   | <b>319</b>                          | <b>72</b>               | <b>391</b>              |

(a) Note that details of day surgery theatres and endoscopy rooms which are integral parts of private acute and psychiatric hospitals are included with the details for these hospitals rather than with those for free-standing day hospital facilities.

## Number of beds

The proportion of private acute and psychiatric hospitals according to size (based on the average number of available beds during the year) varies considerably across States. In Queensland 35 per cent of the hospitals had over 100 beds whereas in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory combined and in Victoria the proportions were considerably smaller — 11 per cent and 13 per cent respectively.

The number of beds available for inpatient over-night accommodation averaged 20,745 during the year in the 319 private acute and psychiatric hospitals included in the survey. Three-quarters of these beds were in private hospitals located within the capital city statistical divisions.

Free-standing day hospital facilities carry out surgical and medical procedures on patients but do not provide them with over-night accommodation. However, an average of 556 beds, chairs, recliners etc. were used by these facilities during 1991-92 mainly for post-operative purposes.

## Inpatient separations

In 1991-92 there were 1,280,600 inpatient separations from private hospitals — 1,157,200 (or 90.4%) from private acute and psychiatric hospitals and 123,400 (or 9.6%) from private free-standing day hospital facilities.

Of the inpatient separations from private acute and psychiatric hospitals, 68.2 per cent were classed as surgery (including advanced and minor surgery) inpatients for fund benefit purposes. The remainder included medical (22.9%), obstetric (5.0%) and psychiatric (2.9%). The average length of stay in hospital for surgery inpatients was 2.9 days and these inpatients accounted for 46.3 per cent of occupied bed days during the year. In comparison, the average length of stay for medical inpatients was 5.9 days and medical inpatients accounted for 31.8 per cent of occupied bed days.

Of the patient separations from free-standing day hospital facilities 93.8 per cent were classed as surgical.

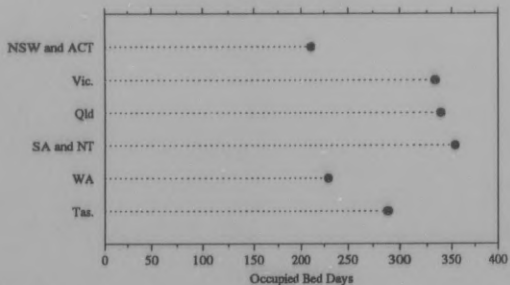
PRIVATE HOSPITALS: NUMBER OF SEPARATIONS BY PATIENT CLASSIFICATION, AUSTRALIA, 1991-92  
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| Patient classification                 | Acute and psychiatric hospitals | Day hospital facilities | Total private hospitals |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Surgery (including advanced and minor) | 788.7                           | 115.8                   | 904.5                   |
| Obstetrics                             | 58.2                            | n.p.                    | n.p.                    |
| Psychiatric                            | 33.2                            | —                       | 33.2                    |
| Rehabilitation                         | 10.0                            | —                       | 10.0                    |
| Medical                                | 265.4                           | n.p.                    | n.p.                    |
| Nursing home type                      | 1.5                             | —                       | 1.5                     |
| Total                                  | 1,157.2                         | 123.4                   | 1,280.6                 |

#### Occupied bed days

Occupied bed days for inpatients who were separated from private acute and psychiatric hospitals during 1991-92 totalled 4.9 million. Of this total, 30.2 per cent was attributable to Victorian hospitals, 26.8 per cent to hospitals in New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory combined and 20.7 per cent to Queensland hospitals. The number of occupied bed days per 1,000 State or Territory resident population ranged from a low of 210.9 for New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory combined to a high of 353.7 for South Australia and Northern Territory combined.

DIAGRAM 1 - PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS:  
OCCUPIED BED DAYS PER 1,000 RESIDENT POPULATION  
STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1991-92



#### Staff

The average number of full-time equivalent staff engaged at all private hospitals in Australia during 1991-92 was 31,527. Nursing staff, mainly registered and enrolled nurses, made up 59.5 per cent of this number.

#### Bed occupancy rates

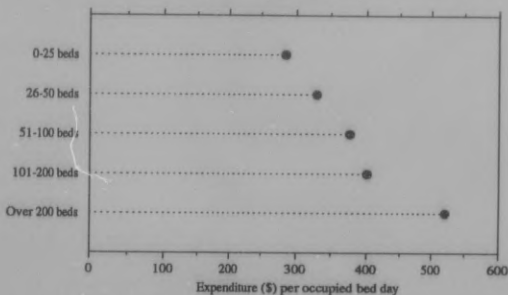
Bed occupancy rates for all private acute and psychiatric hospitals averaged 64.4 per cent in 1991-92. This rate varied from 76.1 per cent for hospitals with over 200 beds to 57.6 per cent for hospitals with 26 to 50 beds.

### Finances

Total operating expenditure for private acute and psychiatric hospitals during 1991-92 amounted to \$1,955 million of which 60.8 per cent was expended on salaries and wages, including on-costs such as superannuation employer contributions, payroll tax and workers' compensation premiums. Revenue received during the year was \$2,177 million, nearly all (95.3%) of which was received as payments from or in respect of patients.

The average operating expenditure per occupied bed day for private acute and psychiatric hospitals in Australia during 1991-92 was \$400. These unit costs ranged from an average of \$285 for smaller hospitals (with 25 beds or less) to \$521 for the larger hospitals (with over 200 beds). It should be recognised that these unit costs are based on total costs for inpatient and non-inpatient services. In the case of inpatient services, the more expensive procedures using expensive medical equipment and very specialised staff tend to be carried out at larger hospitals. It is also the larger hospitals which are more likely to expend significant funds on non-inpatient services.

DIAGRAM 2 - PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS:  
EXPENDITURE PER OCCUPIED BED DAY BY HOSPITAL SIZE, 1991-92



The average expenditure per separation for all free-standing day hospitals during the year was \$287.

TABLE 1 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: NUMBERS, SIZE AND BEDS BY STATE AND TERRITORY, 1991-92

|                                    | <i>NSW and<br/>ACT</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA and<br/>NT</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>Australia</i> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| NUMBER OF HOSPITALS                |                        |             |            |                      |           |             |                  |
| Type of hospital                   |                        |             |            |                      |           |             |                  |
| Acute                              | 83                     | 105         | 46         | 34                   | 19        | 7           | 294              |
| Psychiatric                        | 9                      | 6           | 3          | 4                    | 2         | 1           | 25               |
| Total                              | 92                     | 111         | 49         | 38                   | 21        | 8           | 319              |
| Capital city statistical divisions | 70                     | 78          | 18         | 32                   | 19        | 4           | 221              |
| Rest of State                      | 22                     | 33          | 31         | 6                    | 2         | 4           | 98               |
| Hospital size (a)                  |                        |             |            |                      |           |             |                  |
| 0-25 beds                          | 2                      | 39          | 11         | 12                   | 2         | 2           | 68               |
| 26-50 beds                         | 42                     | 35          | 7          | 12                   | 3         | 1           | 100              |
| 51-100 beds                        | 38                     | 23          | 14         | 8                    | 12        | 3           | 98               |
| 101-200 beds                       | 8                      | 9           | 14         | 4                    | 3         | 2           | 40               |
| Over 200 beds                      | 2                      | 5           | 3          | 2                    | 1         | —           | 13               |
| NUMBER OF BEDS (a)                 |                        |             |            |                      |           |             |                  |
| Available beds (b)                 |                        |             |            |                      |           |             |                  |
| Acute hospitals                    | 5,545                  | 5,702       | 3,868      | n.p.                 | n.p.      | n.p.        | 19,367           |
| Psychiatric hospitals              | 492                    | 312         | 222        | n.p.                 | n.p.      | n.p.        | 1,378            |
| Total                              | 6,037                  | 6,014       | 4,090      | 2,280                | 1,774     | 550         | 20,745           |
| Capital city statistical divisions | 4,558                  | 4,979       | 2,045      | 2,162                | n.p.      | n.p.        | 15,690           |
| Rest of State                      | 1,479                  | 1,035       | 2,045      | 118                  | n.p.      | n.p.        | 5,055            |
| Approved beds (b)                  | 6,421                  | 6,256       | 4,397      | 2,424                | 1,965     | 667         | 22,130           |
| PROPORTION OF AUSTRALIAN TOTAL (%) |                        |             |            |                      |           |             |                  |
| Hospitals                          | 28.8                   | 34.8        | 15.4       | 11.9                 | 6.6       | 2.5         | 100.0            |
| Beds (a)                           | 29.1                   | 29.0        | 19.7       | 11.0                 | 8.6       | 2.7         | 100.0            |

(a) Based on available beds (average for the year). (b) Average for the year.

TABLE 2 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: NUMBERS, SIZE AND BEDS BY HOSPITAL CLASSIFICATION, AUSTRALIA, 1991-92

|                                    |            | Not for profit          |       |        |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------|--------|
|                                    | For profit | Religious or charitable | Other | Total  |
| NUMBER OF HOSPITALS                |            |                         |       |        |
| NSW and ACT                        | 71         | 16                      | 5     | 92     |
| Vic.                               | 58         | 25                      | 28    | 111    |
| Qld                                | 17         | 25                      | 7     | 49     |
| SA and NT                          | 15         | 5                       | 18    | 38     |
| WA                                 | 12         | 8                       | 1     | 21     |
| Tas.                               | 3          | 2                       | 3     | 8      |
| Australia                          | 176        | 81                      | 62    | 319    |
| Capital city statistical divisions | 142        | 51                      | 28    | 221    |
| Rest of State                      | 34         | 30                      | 34    | 98     |
| Hospital size (a)                  |            |                         |       |        |
| 0-25 beds                          | 19         | 16                      | 33    | 68     |
| 26-50 beds                         | 71         | 15                      | 14    | 100    |
| 51-100 beds                        | 72         | 18                      | 8     | 98     |
| 101-200 beds                       | 14         | 19                      | 7     | 40     |
| Over 200 beds                      | —          | 13                      | —     | 13     |
| Total                              | 176        | 81                      | 62    | 319    |
| NUMBER OF BEDS (b)                 |            |                         |       |        |
| Available beds                     |            |                         |       |        |
| Capital city statistical divisions | 7,835      | 6,160                   | 1,695 | 15,690 |
| Rest of State                      | 2,220      | 2,138                   | 697   | 5,055  |
| Total                              | 10,055     | 8,298                   | 2,392 | 20,745 |
| Approved beds                      | 10,568     | 8,987                   | 2,575 | 22,130 |

(a) Based on available beds (average for the year). (b) Average for the year.

TABLE 3 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: SEPARATIONS, OCCUPIED BED DAYS, AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY AND BED OCCUPANCY RATES, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1991-92

| State or Territory                 | Separations    |              | Occupied bed days |              | Average length of stay (days) | Occupancy rate (%) |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
|                                    | '000           | %            | '000              | %            |                               |                    |
| NSW and ACT                        | 339.0          | 29.3         | 1,312.6           | 26.8         | 3.9                           | 59.4               |
| Vic.                               | 325.3          | 28.1         | 1,477.7           | 30.2         | 4.5                           | 67.1               |
| Qld                                | 227.0          | 19.6         | 1,014.8           | 20.7         | 4.5                           | 67.8               |
| SA and NT                          | 130.5          | 11.3         | 572.5             | 11.7         | 4.4                           | 68.6               |
| WA                                 | 98.5           | 8.5          | 378.2             | 7.7          | 3.8                           | 58.2               |
| Tas.                               | 36.9           | 3.2          | 135.5             | 2.8          | 3.7                           | 67.3               |
| <b>Australia</b>                   | <b>1,157.2</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>4,891.3</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>4.2</b>                    | <b>64.4</b>        |
| Capital city statistical divisions | 871.6          | 75.3         | 3,689.7           | 75.4         | 4.2                           | 64.3               |
| Rest of State                      | 285.6          | 24.7         | 1,201.7           | 24.6         | 4.2                           | 64.9               |

TABLE 4 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: SEPARATIONS, OCCUPIED BED DAYS, AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY AND BED OCCUPANCY RATES, BY HOSPITAL CLASSIFICATION, AUSTRALIA, 1991-92

| Hospital classification | Separations    |              | Occupied bed days |              | Average length of stay (days) | Occupancy rate (%) |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
|                         | '000           | %            | '000              | %            |                               |                    |
| For profit              | 553.6          | 47.8         | 2,205.6           | 45.1         | 4.0                           | 59.9               |
| Not for profit          |                |              |                   |              |                               |                    |
| Religious or charitable | 479.2          | 41.4         | 2,139.5           | 43.7         | 4.5                           | 70.4               |
| Other                   | 124.4          | 10.7         | 546.2             | 11.2         | 4.4                           | 62.4               |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>1,157.2</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>4,891.3</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>4.2</b>                    | <b>64.4</b>        |

TABLE 5 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: SEPARATIONS, OCCUPIED BED DAYS, AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY AND BED OCCUPANCY RATES, BY HOSPITAL SIZE, AUSTRALIA, 1991-92

| Hospital size (a) | Separations    |              | Occupied bed days |              | Average length of stay (days) | Occupancy rate (%) |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
|                   | '000           | %            | '000              | %            |                               |                    |
| 0-25 beds         | 28.9           | 2.5          | 244.9             | 5.0          | 8.5                           | 63.4               |
| 26-50 beds        | 165.4          | 14.3         | 798.6             | 16.3         | 4.8                           | 57.6               |
| 51-100 beds       | 403.9          | 34.9         | 1,534.0           | 31.4         | 3.8                           | 59.1               |
| 101-200 beds      | 337.4          | 29.2         | 1,353.8           | 27.7         | 4.0                           | 69.0               |
| Over 200 beds     | 221.6          | 19.1         | 960.1             | 19.6         | 4.3                           | 76.1               |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>1,157.2</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>4,891.3</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>4.2</b>                    | <b>64.4</b>        |

(a) Based on available beds (average for the year).

TABLE 6 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: OCCUPANCY RATES (a) BY DAY OF WEEK BY HOSPITAL CLASSIFICATION, AUSTRALIA, WEEK ENDED SUNDAY, 28 JUNE 1992  
(per cent)

| Day of week      | Not for profit      |                         |       | Total |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------|
|                  | For profit          | Religious or charitable | Other |       |
|                  | SAME DAY INPATIENTS |                         |       |       |
| Monday           | 7.1                 | 7.7                     | 6.5   | 7.3   |
| Tuesday          | 7.7                 | 10.4                    | 6.4   | 8.6   |
| Wednesday        | 7.1                 | 10.3                    | 7.2   | 8.4   |
| Thursday         | 7.7                 | 10.3                    | 5.9   | 8.5   |
| Friday           | 7.4                 | 7.5                     | 5.6   | 7.2   |
| Saturday         | 1.3                 | 1.1                     | 1.4   | 1.2   |
| Sunday           | 0.4                 | 0.4                     | 0.3   | 0.4   |
| Average          | 5.5                 | 6.8                     | 4.7   | 6.0   |
| OTHER INPATIENTS |                     |                         |       |       |
| Monday           | 58.5                | 72.5                    | 60.3  | 64.3  |
| Tuesday          | 61.7                | 78.1                    | 63.8  | 68.5  |
| Wednesday        | 62.7                | 76.6                    | 63.6  | 68.4  |
| Thursday         | 63.3                | 77.3                    | 65.6  | 69.1  |
| Friday           | 58.9                | 70.6                    | 59.6  | 63.7  |
| Saturday         | 49.3                | 59.0                    | 52.7  | 53.6  |
| Sunday           | 50.0                | 60.6                    | 53.2  | 54.6  |
| Average          | 57.8                | 70.7                    | 59.3  | 63.2  |
| TOTAL INPATIENTS |                     |                         |       |       |
| Monday           | 65.6                | 80.2                    | 66.8  | 71.6  |
| Tuesday          | 69.4                | 88.5                    | 70.2  | 77.2  |
| Wednesday        | 69.8                | 87.0                    | 70.8  | 76.8  |
| Thursday         | 70.9                | 87.6                    | 71.5  | 77.7  |
| Friday           | 66.3                | 78.1                    | 65.2  | 70.9  |
| Saturday         | 50.6                | 60.1                    | 54.1  | 54.8  |
| Sunday           | 50.4                | 61.0                    | 53.5  | 55.0  |
| Average          | 63.3                | 77.5                    | 64.6  | 69.1  |

(a) Occupancy rates for same day, other inpatients and total inpatients are all based on total beds available on the last Wednesday in June.

TABLE 7 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: OPERATING AND DAY SURGERY THEATRES, STATES AND TERRITORIES, LAST WEEK OF PAY PERIOD BEFORE 30 JUNE 1992

| <i>Theatres</i>                                             | <i>NSW and ACT</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA and NT</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>Australia</i> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| Operating theatres                                          |                    |             |            |                  |           |             |                  |
| Hospitals with these theatres                               | 68                 | 75          | 33         | 24               | 19        | 6           | 225              |
| Number of theatres                                          | 175                | 167         | 103        | 68               | 59        | 21          | 593              |
| Average number of sessions (a)                              | 8.9                | 7.3         | 7.9        | 6.9              | 7.8       | 7.4         | 7.9              |
| Average theatre time used (hours) (a)                       | 30.1               | 26.0        | 24.8       | 24.9             | 29.9      | 24.4        | 27.2             |
| Nurses (FTE) (b) during last pay period before 30 June 1992 | 1,002.8            | 857.3       | 610.3      | 367.2            | 320.8     | 114.5       | 3,272.9          |
| Day surgery theatres (c)                                    |                    |             |            |                  |           |             |                  |
| Hospitals with these theatres                               | 15                 | 27          | 19         | 8                | 7         | 4           | 80               |
| Number of theatres                                          | 21                 | 49          | 25         | 13               | 11        | 6           | 125              |
| Average number of sessions (a)                              | 6.5                | 3.7         | 4.7        | 5.4              | 6.9       | 3.3         | 4.8              |
| Average theatre time used (hours) (a)                       | 21.2               | 10.3        | 12.9       | 10.9             | 16.1      | 6.8         | 13.0             |
| Nurses (FTE) (b) during last pay period before 30 June 1992 | 73.6               | 128.0       | 76.3       | 30.8             | 42.8      | 10.3        | 361.8            |

(a) Per theatre per week. (b) Full-time equivalent. (c) Excluding free-standing day hospitals.

TABLE 8 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: SPECIALISED WARDS AND UNITS, NUMBERS, BEDS AND NURSING STAFF, AUSTRALIA, 1991-92

|                                                             | <i>Labour wards</i> | <i>Psychiatric wards</i> | <i>Special care units (a)</i> | <i>Accident/emergency units</i> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Number of hospitals with specialised wards or units         |                     |                          |                               |                                 |
| NSW and ACT                                                 | 13                  | 14                       | 30                            | —                               |
| Vic.                                                        | 45                  | 14                       | 21                            | 4                               |
| Qld                                                         | 19                  | 8                        | 18                            | 2                               |
| SA and NT                                                   | 16                  | 4                        | 11                            | 4                               |
| WA                                                          | 9                   | 3                        | 7                             | —                               |
| Tas.                                                        | 2                   | 1                        | 6                             | —                               |
| <b>Australia</b>                                            | <b>104</b>          | <b>44</b>                | <b>93</b>                     | <b>10</b>                       |
| Beds on last Wednesday in June 1992                         | 338                 | 1,654                    | 723                           | 28                              |
| Nurses (FTE) (b) during last pay period before 30 June 1992 | 850                 | 792                      | 1,158                         | 39                              |

(a) Compulsory intensive care units, coronary care units, neonatal intensive care units and high dependency units. (b) Full-time equivalent.

TABLE 9 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) STAFF AND AVERAGE PER BED, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1991-92

|                                                                     | <i>NSW and ACT</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA and NT</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>Australia</i> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| NUMBER OF STAFF (FTE)                                               |                    |             |            |                  |           |             |                  |
| Nursing staff                                                       | 4,992.5            | 5,386.2     | 3,844.4    | 2,202.6          | 1,521.7   | 566.1       | 18,513.4         |
| Registered                                                          | 3,675.9            | 4,684.1     | 2,816.4    | 1,723.2          | 1,237.2   | 456.9       | 14,593.6         |
| Other                                                               | 1,316.6            | 702.2       | 1,028.0    | 479.4            | 284.5     | 109.2       | 3,919.8          |
| Salaried medical officers and other diagnostic health professionals | 349.1              | 447.5       | 90.0       | n.p.             | 91.4      | n.p.        | 1,005.2          |
| Administrative and clerical                                         | 1,008.0            | 1,201.0     | 633.3      | 360.7            | 333.4     | 111.2       | 3,647.6          |
| Domestic and other staff                                            | 2,062.9            | 2,624.6     | 1,533.3    | n.p.             | 667.5     | n.p.        | 7,931.0          |
| Total                                                               | 8,412.5            | 9,659.3     | 6,101.0    | 3,325.8          | 2,613.9   | 984.7       | 31,097.2         |
| AVERAGE NUMBER OF STAFF PER OCCUPIED BED                            |                    |             |            |                  |           |             |                  |
| Nursing staff                                                       | 1.4                | 1.3         | 1.4        | 1.4              | 1.5       | 1.5         | 1.4              |
| Registered                                                          | 1.0                | 1.2         | 1.0        | 1.1              | 1.2       | 1.2         | 1.1              |
| Other                                                               | 0.4                | 0.2         | 0.4        | 0.3              | 0.3       | 0.3         | 0.3              |
| Other                                                               | 1.0                | 1.1         | 0.8        | 0.7              | 1.1       | 1.1         | 0.9              |
| Total                                                               | 2.3                | 2.4         | 2.2        | 2.1              | 2.5       | 2.7         | 2.3              |

TABLE 10 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: REVENUE CATEGORIES (a), STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1991-92

|                                                  | <i>NSW and ACT</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA and NT</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>Australia</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| \$'000                                           |                    |             |            |                  |           |             |                  |
| Revenue                                          |                    |             |            |                  |           |             |                  |
| Patient revenue                                  | 590,528            | 662,125     | 366,766    | 217,816          | 175,272   | 62,185      | 2,074,692        |
| Recoveries                                       | 14,531             | 13,552      | 5,755      | 4,074            | 5,152     | 1,707       | 44,771           |
| Other                                            | 16,908             | 19,115      | 10,111     | 5,571            | 4,936     | 931         | 57,572           |
| Total                                            | 621,967            | 694,792     | 382,633    | 227,461          | 185,359   | 64,823      | 2,177,035        |
| PER CENT                                         |                    |             |            |                  |           |             |                  |
| Patient revenue as a proportion of total revenue | 94.9               | 95.3        | 95.9       | 95.8             | 94.6      | 95.9        | 95.3             |

(a) See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 11.

TABLE 11 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES (a), STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1991-92

|                                                                             |        | NSW and<br>ACT | Vic.    | Qld     | SA and<br>NT | WA      | Tas.   | Australia |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------|---------|---------|--------------|---------|--------|-----------|
| Operating expenditure                                                       |        |                |         |         |              |         |        |           |
| Wages and salaries, including on-costs                                      | \$'000 | 317,091        | 402,924 | 208,900 | 127,317      | 96,935  | 35,915 | 1,189,081 |
| Drug, medical and surgical supplies                                         | \$'000 | 63,773         | 54,858  | 29,171  | 19,207       | 15,947  | 4,615  | 187,572   |
| Food supplies                                                               | \$'000 | 13,674         | 16,901  | 7,550   | 5,064        | 4,209   | 1,435  | 48,832    |
| Other domestic services                                                     | \$'000 | 19,050         | 15,803  | 9,608   | 5,510        | 6,052   | 1,952  | 57,974    |
| Administrative expenses                                                     | \$'000 | 59,826         | 57,991  | 26,718  | 16,241       | 11,980  | 4,542  | 177,298   |
| Repairs and maintenance                                                     | \$'000 | 11,033         | 12,875  | 7,232   | 5,583        | 3,435   | 1,253  | 41,411    |
| Other                                                                       | \$'000 | 68,276         | 80,793  | 45,332  | 29,037       | 20,722  | 8,319  | 252,478   |
| Total                                                                       | \$'000 | 552,722        | 642,145 | 334,511 | 207,959      | 159,279 | 58,030 | 1,954,646 |
| Wages and salaries, including on-costs as a proportion of total expenditure | %      | 57.4           | 62.7    | 62.4    | 61.2         | 60.9    | 61.9   | 60.8      |
| Average expenditure                                                         |        |                |         |         |              |         |        |           |
| Per separation                                                              | \$     | 1,631          | 1,974   | 1,474   | 1,593        | 1,617   | 1,571  | 1,689     |
| Per occupied bed day                                                        | \$     | 421            | 435     | 330     | 363          | 421     | 428    | 400       |
| Gross capital expenditure                                                   | \$'000 | 42,823         | 56,636  | 71,816  | 26,441       | 7,742   | 6,873  | 212,331   |

(a) See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 11. (b) Care should be taken in comparing average expenditure figures as these can vary considerably between hospitals depending on the type of inpatient services they provide. Also, non-inpatient expenditure is included and only some hospitals provide these services.

TABLE 12 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES (a) BY HOSPITAL CLASSIFICATION, AUSTRALIA, 1991-92

|                                                                             |        | For profit | Not for profit             |         | Total     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|----------------------------|---------|-----------|
|                                                                             |        |            | Religious or<br>charitable | Other   |           |
| Operating expenditure                                                       |        |            |                            |         |           |
| Wages and salaries, including on-costs                                      | \$'000 | 472,587    | 585,577                    | 130,918 | 1,189,081 |
| Drug, medical and surgical supplies                                         | \$'000 | 80,759     | 88,589                     | 18,224  | 187,572   |
| Food supplies                                                               | \$'000 | 21,136     | 22,901                     | 4,795   | 48,832    |
| Other domestic services                                                     | \$'000 | 26,302     | 25,229                     | 6,443   | 57,974    |
| Administrative expenses                                                     | \$'000 | 92,305     | 71,259                     | 13,734  | 177,298   |
| Repairs and maintenance                                                     | \$'000 | 16,386     | 20,761                     | 4,264   | 41,411    |
| Other                                                                       | \$'000 | 98,140     | 128,632                    | 25,706  | 252,478   |
| Total                                                                       | \$'000 | 807,614    | 942,949                    | 204,083 | 1,954,646 |
| Wages and salaries, including on-costs as a proportion of total expenditure | %      | 58.5       | 62.1                       | 64.1    | 60.8      |
| Average expenditure (b)                                                     |        |            |                            |         |           |
| Per separation                                                              | \$     | 1,452      | 1,968                      | 1,641   | 1,689     |
| Per occupied bed day                                                        | \$     | 366        | 441                        | 374     | 400       |
| Gross capital expenditure                                                   | \$'000 | 45,535     | 133,020                    | 33,776  | 212,331   |

(a) See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 11. (b) Care should be taken in comparing average expenditure figures as these can vary considerably between hospitals depending on the type of inpatient services they provide. Also, non-inpatient expenditure is included and only some hospitals provide these services.

TABLE 13 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES (a) BY HOSPITAL SIZE (b), AUSTRALIA, 1991-92

|                                                                             |        | Hospitals with beds numbering |         |         |         |          | Total     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|
|                                                                             |        | 0-25                          | 26-50   | 51-100  | 101-200 | Over 200 |           |
| Operating expenditure                                                       |        |                               |         |         |         |          |           |
| Wages and salaries, including on-costs                                      | \$'000 | 49,257                        | 160,721 | 343,593 | 330,723 | 304,787  | 1,189,081 |
| Drug, medical and surgical supplies                                         | \$'000 | 2,591                         | 20,498  | 53,805  | 53,842  | 56,836   | 187,572   |
| Food supplies                                                               | \$'000 | 2,173                         | 7,590   | 15,722  | 11,843  | 11,503   | 48,832    |
| Other domestic services                                                     | \$'000 | 2,187                         | 7,636   | 19,213  | 17,314  | 11,624   | 57,974    |
| Administrative expenses                                                     | \$'000 | 5,377                         | 27,926  | 65,243  | 40,427  | 38,325   | 177,298   |
| Repairs and maintenance                                                     | \$'000 | 1,165                         | 5,470   | 11,645  | 12,050  | 11,081   | 41,411    |
| Other                                                                       | \$'000 | 7,130                         | 32,706  | 69,618  | 77,133  | 65,890   | 252,478   |
| Total                                                                       | \$'000 | 69,881                        | 262,547 | 578,840 | 543,333 | 500,046  | 1,954,646 |
|                                                                             |        |                               |         |         |         |          |           |
| Wages and salaries, including on costs as a proportion of total expenditure | %      | 70.5                          | 61.2    | 59.4    | 60.9    | 61.0     | 60.8      |
| Average expenditure (c)                                                     |        |                               |         |         |         |          |           |
| Per separation                                                              | \$     | 2,418                         | 1,587   | 1,433   | 1,610   | 2,257    | 1,689     |
| Per occupied bed day                                                        | \$     | 285                           | 329     | 377     | 401     | 521      | 400       |
|                                                                             |        |                               |         |         |         |          |           |
| Gross capital expenditure                                                   | \$'000 | 6,371                         | 19,865  | 55,646  | 93,437  | 36,991   | 212,331   |

(a) See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 11. (b) Based on available beds (average for year). (c) Care should be taken in comparing average expenditure figures as these can vary considerably between hospitals depending on the type of inpatient services they provide. Also, non-inpatient expenditure is included and only some hospitals provide these services.

TABLE 14 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: NUMBER OF HOSPITALS, SEPARATIONS, OCCUPIED BED DAYS AND AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY BY PATIENT CLASSIFICATION, AUSTRALIA, 1991-92

| <i>Patient classification</i> | <i>No. of hospitals (a)</i> | <i>Separations</i> | <i>Occupied bed days</i> | <i>Average length of stay in days</i> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Advanced surgery              | 197                         | 86,514             | 677,143                  | 7.8                                   |
| Surgery and minor surgery     | 234                         | 702,161            | 1,585,968                | 2.3                                   |
| Obstetrics                    | 111                         | 58,206             | 377,537                  | 6.5                                   |
| Psychiatric                   | 36                          | 33,249             | 341,475                  | 10.3                                  |
| Rehabilitation                | 34                          | 10,043             | 162,664                  | 16.2                                  |
| Medical                       | 290                         | 265,421            | 1,557,006                | 5.9                                   |
| Nursing home type             | 63                          | 1,473              | 189,285                  | 128.5                                 |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>319</b>                  | <b>1,157,067</b>   | <b>4,891,078</b>         | <b>4.2</b>                            |

(a) For each patient class the number of hospitals shown is the number of hospitals which reported treating that class of patient. Hospitals usually treat more than one class of patient.

TABLE 15 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY OF INPATIENTS BY PATIENT CLASSIFICATION, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1991-92  
(days)

| Patient classification    | NSW and ACT | Vic.  | Qld  | SA and NT | WA   | Tas. | Australia |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------|------|-----------|------|------|-----------|
| Advanced surgery          | 7.6         | 8.2   | 7.7  | 7.8       | 7.3  | 9.3  | 7.8       |
| Surgery and minor surgery | 2.2         | 2.3   | 2.0  | 2.4       | 2.5  | 2.5  | 2.3       |
| Obstetrics                | n.p.        | 6.7   | 6.4  | n.p.      | n.p. | n.p. | 6.5       |
| Psychiatric               | 11.0        | 12.3  | 11.8 | n.p.      | n.p. | n.p. | 10.3      |
| Rehabilitation            | n.p.        | 19.9  | n.p. | n.p.      | —    | —    | 16.2      |
| Medical                   | 6.0         | 5.7   | 5.9  | 6.5       | 5.2  | 4.9  | 5.9       |
| Nursing home type         | 60.8        | 165.2 | n.p. | 230.7     | n.p. | n.p. | 128.5     |
| All inpatients            | 3.9         | 4.5   | 4.5  | 4.4       | 3.8  | 3.7  | 4.2       |

TABLE 16 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY OF INPATIENTS, BY PATIENT CLASSIFICATION AND HOSPITAL SIZE (a), AUSTRALIA, 1991-92  
(days)

| Patient classification    | Hospitals with beds numbering |       |        |         |          | Total |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|--------|---------|----------|-------|
|                           | 0-25                          | 26-50 | 51-100 | 101-200 | Over 200 |       |
| Advanced surgery          | 6.6                           | 6.2   | 7.3    | 8.1     | 8.6      | 7.8   |
| Surgery and minor surgery | 1.9                           | 2.2   | 2.1    | 2.3     | 2.5      | 2.3   |
| Obstetrics                | 6.4                           | 5.7   | 6.4    | 6.5     | 7.0      | 6.5   |
| Psychiatric               | n.p.                          | 11.6  | 8.6    | 11.6    | n.p.     | 10.3  |
| Rehabilitation            | 20.8                          | 12.7  | 27.0   | 8.2     | n.p.     | 16.2  |
| Medical                   | 9.4                           | 8.2   | 5.8    | 4.7     | 4.9      | 5.9   |
| Nursing home type         | 178.7                         | 109.5 | 73.1   | n.p.    | n.p.     | 128.5 |
| All inpatients            | 8.5                           | 4.8   | 3.8    | 4.0     | 4.3      | 4.2   |

(a) Based on available beds (average for year).

TABLE 17 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: NUMBER OF HOSPITALS AND NUMBER AND PROPORTION OF PROCEDURES BY TYPE OF PROCEDURE, AUSTRALIA, 1991-92

| Type of procedure | Number of hospitals (a) | Procedures |          |
|-------------------|-------------------------|------------|----------|
|                   |                         | Number     | Per cent |
| Advanced surgery  | 197                     | 96,310     | 10.3     |
| Surgery           | 222                     | 509,555    | 54.7     |
| Minor surgery     | 199                     | 267,902    | 28.8     |
| Obstetrics        | 107                     | 58,028     | 6.2      |
| Total             | 319                     | 931,795    | 100.0    |

(a) For each type of procedure the number of hospitals shown is the number of hospitals which reported carrying out that type of procedure. Hospitals usually carry out more than one type of procedure.

TABLE 18 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: SEPARATIONS AND LENGTH OF STAY BY INSURANCE STATUS, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1991-92

|                                   | <i>NSW and ACT</i> | <i>Vic.</i>    | <i>Qld</i>     | <i>SA and NT</i> | <i>WA</i>     | <i>Tas.</i>   | <i>Australia</i> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| SEPARATIONS (number)              |                    |                |                |                  |               |               |                  |
| Insured                           |                    |                |                |                  |               |               |                  |
| Basic only                        | 16,172             | 10,349         | 11,016         | 2,953            | 6,129         | 181           | 46,800           |
| Basic plus supplementary          | 202,736            | 160,458        | 142,112        | 93,824           | 32,630        | 26,269        | 658,029          |
| Not stated (a)                    | 49,146             | 73,349         | 28,616         | 10,761           | 32,390        | 4,731         | 198,993          |
| <i>Total insured</i>              | <i>268,054</i>     | <i>244,156</i> | <i>181,744</i> | <i>107,538</i>   | <i>71,149</i> | <i>31,181</i> | <i>903,822</i>   |
| Other                             |                    |                |                |                  |               |               |                  |
| Uninsured                         | 22,191             | 21,628         | 22,615         | 6,352            | 5,425         | 1,630         | 79,841           |
| Other (b)                         | 32,107             | 37,706         | 22,656         | 11,388           | 5,751         | 4,124         | 113,732          |
| Not stated (a)                    | 4,492              | 352            | —              | —                | 686           | —             | 5,530            |
| <i>Total other</i>                | <i>58,790</i>      | <i>59,686</i>  | <i>45,271</i>  | <i>17,740</i>    | <i>11,862</i> | <i>5,754</i>  | <i>199,103</i>   |
| <i>Total</i>                      | <i>326,844</i>     | <i>303,842</i> | <i>227,015</i> | <i>125,278</i>   | <i>83,011</i> | <i>36,935</i> | <i>1,102,925</i> |
| Proportion of all separations (c) | 96.4               | 93.4           | 100.0          | 96.0             | 84.3          | 100.0         | 95.3             |
| PROPORTION OF SEPARATIONS (%)     |                    |                |                |                  |               |               |                  |
| Insured                           |                    |                |                |                  |               |               |                  |
| Basic only                        | 4.9                | 3.4            | 4.9            | 2.4              | 7.4           | 0.5           | 4.2              |
| Basic plus supplementary          | 62.0               | 52.8           | 62.6           | 74.9             | 39.3          | 71.1          | 59.7             |
| Not stated (a)                    | 15.0               | 24.1           | 12.6           | 8.6              | 39.0          | 12.8          | 18.0             |
| <i>Total insured</i>              | <i>82.0</i>        | <i>80.4</i>    | <i>80.1</i>    | <i>85.8</i>      | <i>85.7</i>   | <i>84.4</i>   | <i>81.9</i>      |
| Other                             |                    |                |                |                  |               |               |                  |
| Uninsured                         | 6.8                | 7.1            | 10.0           | 5.1              | 6.5           | 4.4           | 7.2              |
| Other (b)                         | 9.8                | 12.4           | 10.0           | 9.1              | 6.9           | 11.2          | 10.3             |
| Not stated (a)                    | 1.4                | 0.1            | —              | —                | 0.6           | —             | 0.5              |
| <i>Total other</i>                | <i>18.0</i>        | <i>19.6</i>    | <i>19.9</i>    | <i>14.2</i>      | <i>14.3</i>   | <i>15.6</i>   | <i>18.1</i>      |
| <i>Total</i>                      | <i>100.0</i>       | <i>100.0</i>   | <i>100.0</i>   | <i>100.0</i>     | <i>100.0</i>  | <i>100.0</i>  | <i>100.0</i>     |
| AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)     |                    |                |                |                  |               |               |                  |
| Insured                           |                    |                |                |                  |               |               |                  |
| Basic only                        | 4.0                | 3.9            | 8.3            | 3.6              | 3.6           | 2.7           | 4.9              |
| Basic plus supplementary          | 4.2                | 4.5            | 4.2            | 4.6              | 4.7           | 3.6           | 4.3              |
| Not stated (a)                    | 3.4                | 4.4            | 3.7            | 3.5              | 3.4           | 4.0           | 3.8              |
| <i>Total insured</i>              | <i>4.0</i>         | <i>4.4</i>     | <i>4.4</i>     | <i>4.5</i>       | <i>4.0</i>    | <i>3.7</i>    | <i>4.2</i>       |
| Other                             |                    |                |                |                  |               |               |                  |
| Uninsured                         | 2.3                | 2.0            | 4.2            | 2.1              | 2.6           | 2.1           | 2.8              |
| Other (b)                         | 4.2                | 5.7            | 5.5            | 3.4              | 3.2           | 4.1           | 4.8              |
| Not stated (a)                    | 2.5                | 4.2            | —              | —                | 4.7           | —             | 2.9              |
| <i>Total other</i>                | <i>3.4</i>         | <i>4.3</i>     | <i>4.8</i>     | <i>2.9</i>       | <i>3.0</i>    | <i>3.5</i>    | <i>3.9</i>       |
| <i>Average stay</i>               | <i>3.9</i>         | <i>4.4</i>     | <i>4.5</i>     | <i>4.3</i>       | <i>3.9</i>    | <i>3.7</i>    | <i>4.2</i>       |

(a) A number of hospitals were unable to provide the above dissection. (b) Comprising contract, Repatriation or Department of Veterans Affairs beneficiary, Defence Forces and compensable. (c) A number of hospitals were unable to give any information on insurance status. The statistics in this table are based only on those hospitals which were able to provide this information.

TABLE 19 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: NUMBER OF HOSPITALS WITH SPECIALISED UNITS OR WARDS, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1991-92

| <i>Specialised services</i>               | <i>NSW and ACT</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA and NT</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>Australia</i> |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| Neonatal intensive care unit              | 6                  | 5           | 6          | 1                | 1         | 1           | 20               |
| Separate intensive care unit (ICU)        | 7                  | 2           | 1          | 1                | —         | —           | 11               |
| Separate coronary care unit (CCU)         | —                  | 2           | —          | 1                | —         | —           | 3                |
| Combined ICU/CCU                          | 3                  | 4           | 7          | —                | 2         | 1           | 17               |
| High dependency unit                      | 19                 | 16          | 8          | 10               | 5         | 6           | 64               |
| Obstetric/maternity service               | 15                 | 33          | 17         | 11               | 5         | 2           | 83               |
| Specialist paediatric service             | 2                  | 5           | 7          | 1                | —         | 1           | 16               |
| Cardiac surgery unit                      | 1                  | 1           | 1          | —                | 1         | —           | 4                |
| Neurosurgical unit                        | —                  | 1           | —          | —                | —         | —           | 1                |
| Acute spinal cord injury unit             | —                  | —           | —          | —                | —         | —           | —                |
| Burns unit                                | —                  | —           | —          | —                | —         | —           | —                |
| Major plastic/reconstructive surgery unit | —                  | 1           | —          | —                | —         | —           | 1                |
| Transplantation unit                      | —                  | —           | —          | —                | —         | —           | —                |
| Acute renal dialysis unit                 | 1                  | 1           | 1          | —                | —         | —           | 3                |
| Maintenance renal dialysis centre         | 1                  | 1           | 2          | 1                | —         | —           | 5                |
| Infectious diseases unit                  | —                  | —           | 1          | —                | —         | —           | 1                |
| Psychiatric unit/ward (a)                 | 11                 | 8           | 5          | 3                | 3         | 1           | 31               |
| Oncology unit                             | 1                  | 1           | 5          | —                | 1         | —           | 8                |
| Rehabilitation unit (a)                   | 6                  | 8           | 3          | 1                | —         | —           | 18               |
| Refractory epilepsy unit                  | —                  | —           | —          | —                | —         | —           | —                |
| Clinical genetics unit                    | —                  | —           | —          | —                | —         | —           | —                |
| Sleep centre                              | —                  | 1           | 1          | —                | —         | —           | 2                |
| AIDS unit                                 | —                  | —           | —          | —                | —         | —           | —                |
| Diabetes unit                             | —                  | —           | —          | —                | —         | —           | —                |
| In-vitro fertilisation unit               | —                  | 2           | 2          | —                | 1         | —           | 5                |
| Alcohol and drug unit                     | 4                  | 6           | 2          | 1                | —         | —           | 13               |
| Nursing home care unit (b)                | —                  | —           | 2          | 1                | —         | 1           | 4                |
| Geriatric assessment unit                 | —                  | 1           | 2          | —                | —         | —           | 3                |
| Domiciliary care service                  | —                  | —           | —          | —                | —         | —           | —                |
| Hospice/palliative care unit              | 2                  | —           | 3          | 1                | 2         | 1           | 9                |
| Dedicated day surgery unit                | 10                 | 8           | 5          | 3                | —         | 4           | 30               |
| Other specialised services                | 3                  | —           | 2          | —                | —         | —           | 5                |
| <b>Total (c)</b>                          | <b>54</b>          | <b>62</b>   | <b>30</b>  | <b>21</b>        | <b>14</b> | <b>7</b>    | <b>188</b>       |

(a) Designated as such by registered health benefit funds. (b) Only those included within the hospital. (c) Number of hospitals reporting any of the above services.

TABLE 20 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: ACCOMMODATION FEES PER DAY (a) FOR INPATIENTS (b), STATES AND TERRITORIES, 30 JUNE 1992  
(b)

|                   | <i>Shared room with two beds</i> |                     | <i>Single room with ensuite</i> |                     |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
|                   | <i>Highest limit</i>             | <i>Lowest limit</i> | <i>Highest limit</i>            | <i>Lowest limit</i> |
| DAY 1 (c)         |                                  |                     |                                 |                     |
| Surgery inpatient |                                  |                     |                                 |                     |
| NSW and ACT       | 400                              | 330                 | 560                             | 355                 |
| Vic.              | 475                              | 200                 | 500                             | 325                 |
| Qld               | 380                              | 301                 | 430                             | 190                 |
| SA and NT         | 375                              | 265                 | 400                             | 275                 |
| WA                | 310                              | 220                 | 390                             | 257                 |
| Tas.              | 395                              | 380                 | 430                             | 410                 |
| Australia         | 475                              | 200                 | 560                             | 190                 |
| Medical inpatient |                                  |                     |                                 |                     |
| NSW and ACT       | 380                              | 185                 | 519                             | 275                 |
| Vic.              | 470                              | 183                 | 500                             | 255                 |
| Qld               | 370                              | 180                 | 430                             | 183                 |
| SA and NT         | 320                              | 245                 | 345                             | 265                 |
| WA                | 317                              | 298                 | 356                             | 280                 |
| Tas.              | 355                              | 340                 | 390                             | 370                 |
| Australia         | 470                              | 180                 | 519                             | 183                 |
| DAY 15 (c)        |                                  |                     |                                 |                     |
| Surgery inpatient |                                  |                     |                                 |                     |
| NSW and ACT       | 385                              | 235                 | 450                             | 260                 |
| Vic.              | 465                              | 155                 | 490                             | 185                 |
| Qld               | 335                              | 230                 | 365                             | 190                 |
| SA and NT         | 320                              | 245                 | 345                             | 260                 |
| WA                | 297                              | 209                 | 325                             | 235                 |
| Tas.              | 330                              | 310                 | 365                             | 335                 |
| Australia         | 465                              | 155                 | 490                             | 185                 |
| Medical inpatient |                                  |                     |                                 |                     |
| NSW and ACT       | 375                              | 155                 | 450                             | 235                 |
| Vic.              | 465                              | 155                 | 490                             | 178                 |
| Qld               | 320                              | 158                 | 360                             | 158                 |
| SA and NT         | 280                              | 230                 | 305                             | 235                 |
| WA                | 298                              | 224                 | 336                             | 261                 |
| Tas.              | 320                              | 300                 | 355                             | 330                 |
| Australia         | 465                              | 155                 | 490                             | 158                 |

(a) Excluding fees charged under Negotiated Benefits Arrangements with registered health benefit funds. (b) Other than same day inpatients.

(c) See Appendix B, paragraph 32.

TABLE 21 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: NUMBER OF HOSPITALS WITH DESIGNATED WARDS, UNITS OR CLINICS PROVIDING NON-INPATIENT CARE, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1991-92

| Designated ward/unit/clinic     | Number of hospitals |      |     |           |    |      |           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|------|-----|-----------|----|------|-----------|
|                                 | NSW and ACT         | Vic. | Qld | SA and NT | WA | Tas. | Australia |
| Accident and emergency          | 3                   | 21   | 10  | 8         | 2  | 1    | 45        |
| Medical/surgical/diagnostic     |                     |      |     |           |    |      |           |
| Dialysis                        | —                   | —    | —   | —         | —  | —    | —         |
| Radiology and organ imaging     | 6                   | 8    | 2   | —         | 4  | —    | 20        |
| Endoscopy                       | 2                   | 5    | 4   | 3         | 1  | —    | 15        |
| Pathology                       | 2                   | 4    | —   | —         | 3  | —    | 9         |
| Other                           | 3                   | 2    | 4   | 1         | 4  | 1    | 15        |
| Psychiatric                     | 3                   | 2    | 1   | 5         | 1  | —    | 12        |
| Alcohol and drug                | 1                   | 3    | —   | 1         | —  | —    | 5         |
| Dental                          | —                   | 2    | —   | —         | —  | —    | 2         |
| Pharmacy                        | 2                   | 3    | —   | —         | —  | —    | 5         |
| Allied health services          | 5                   | 8    | —   | 1         | —  | —    | 14        |
| Community health services       | 1                   | 2    | 2   | —         | —  | —    | 5         |
| District nursing services       | 1                   | 2    | —   | —         | —  | —    | 3         |
| Non-medical and social services | 1                   | —    | —   | —         | —  | —    | 1         |
| Other                           | 4                   | 2    | 3   | 2         | 1  | —    | 12        |
| Total (a)                       | 18                  | 28   | 12  | 10        | 9  | 1    | 78        |

(a) Number of hospitals reporting any of the above designated wards, units or clinics.

TABLE 22 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: OCCASIONS OF SERVICE AND GROUP SESSIONS PROVIDED BY SELECTED DESIGNATED WARDS, UNITS OR CLINICS FOR NON-INPATIENT CARE, AUSTRALIA 1991-92 ('000)

| Designated ward/unit/clinic     | Occasions of service | Group sessions |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Accident and emergency          | 115.2                | —              |
| Medical/surgical/diagnostic     |                      |                |
| Dialysis                        | —                    | —              |
| Radiology and organ imaging     | 186.4                | —              |
| Endoscopy                       | 9.9                  | —              |
| Pathology                       | 160.0                | —              |
| Other                           | 15.1                 | n.p.           |
| Psychiatric                     | 13.2                 | n.p.           |
| Alcohol and drug                | 5.2                  | n.p.           |
| Dental                          | n.p.                 | —              |
| Pharmacy                        | 128.9                | —              |
| Allied health services          | 271.3                | n.p.           |
| Community health services       | n.p.                 | n.p.           |
| District nursing services       | n.p.                 | —              |
| Non medical and social services | n.p.                 | —              |
| Other                           | 6.6                  | n.p.           |
| Total                           | 818.1                | 32.6           |

TABLE 23 — FREE-STANDING DAY HOSPITAL FACILITIES: NUMBER OF FACILITIES, THEATRES, PROCEDURE ROOMS, BEDS, CHAIRS AND SESSIONS, AUSTRALIA, 1991-92

|                                              | General surgery | Specialist endoscopy | Ophthalmic | Other | Total   |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------|-------|---------|
| Number of facilities                         |                 |                      |            |       |         |
| NSW and ACT                                  | 11              | 14                   | 9          | 7     | 41      |
| Vic.                                         | 7               | 11                   | 3          | 1     | 22      |
| Qld                                          | 2               | 1                    | 1          | —     | 4       |
| SA and NT                                    | —               | —                    | —          | 1     | 1       |
| WA                                           | 4               | —                    | —          | —     | 4       |
| Tas.                                         | —               | —                    | —          | —     | —       |
| Australia                                    | 24              | 26                   | 13         | 9     | 72      |
| Number of operating theatres at 30 June 1992 | 40              | n.p.                 | 15         | n.p.  | 61      |
| Number of procedure rooms at 30 June 1992    | 8               | 41                   | 5          | 15    | 69      |
| Average number of sessions (s)               | 4               | 4                    | 2          | 5     | 4       |
| Average theatre/room time used (hours) (a)   | 14              | 17                   | 10         | 26    | 16      |
| Average number of beds/chairs                | 240             | 195                  | 58         | 63    | 556     |
| Number of separations                        | 47,246          | 60,005               | 6,922      | 9,223 | 123,396 |
| Average number of separations per bed/chair  | 197             | 308                  | 119        | 146   | 222     |

(a) Per theatre/room per week.

TABLE 24 — FREE-STANDING DAY HOSPITAL FACILITIES: UTILISATION BY DAY OF WEEK, AUSTRALIA, WEEK ENDED 28 JUNE 1992

| Day of week                                                 | General surgery | Specialist endoscopy | Ophthalmic | Other | Total |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------|-------|-------|
| AVERAGE HOURS OF OPERATION PER FACILITY                     |                 |                      |            |       |       |
| Monday                                                      | 7.8             | 7.3                  | 3.5        | 7.7   | 6.8   |
| Tuesday                                                     | 8.3             | 8.0                  | 5.6        | 8.7   | 7.7   |
| Wednesday                                                   | 8.1             | 7.9                  | 4.1        | 7.1   | 7.2   |
| Thursday                                                    | 7.9             | 8.6                  | 4.2        | 9.6   | 7.7   |
| Friday                                                      | 8.3             | 7.3                  | 3.0        | 8.2   | 7.0   |
| Saturday                                                    | n.p.            | —                    | n.p.       | n.p.  | 0.8   |
| Sunday                                                      | —               | —                    | n.p.       | n.p.  | n.p.  |
| AVERAGE SEPARATIONS PER FACILITY                            |                 |                      |            |       |       |
| Monday                                                      | 8.0             | 9.5                  | 2.6        | 4.6   | 7.1   |
| Tuesday                                                     | 8.5             | 10.1                 | 4.5        | 5.4   | 8.0   |
| Wednesday                                                   | 9.4             | 9.3                  | 3.0        | 3.2   | 7.4   |
| Thursday                                                    | 8.5             | 12.5                 | 2.0        | 7.8   | 8.7   |
| Friday                                                      | 10.3            | 8.3                  | 2.0        | 5.3   | 7.5   |
| Saturday                                                    | n.p.            | —                    | n.p.       | n.p.  | 0.9   |
| Sunday                                                      | —               | —                    | n.p.       | n.p.  | n.p.  |
| AVERAGE SEPARATIONS PER OPERATING THEATRE OR PROCEDURE ROOM |                 |                      |            |       |       |
| Monday                                                      | 4.0             | 5.7                  | 1.7        | 2.2   | 3.9   |
| Tuesday                                                     | 4.3             | 6.1                  | 3.0        | 2.6   | 4.4   |
| Wednesday                                                   | 4.7             | 5.6                  | 2.0        | 1.5   | 4.1   |
| Thursday                                                    | 4.3             | 7.5                  | 1.3        | 3.7   | 4.8   |
| Friday                                                      | 5.2             | 5.0                  | 1.3        | 2.5   | 4.1   |
| Saturday                                                    | n.p.            | —                    | n.p.       | n.p.  | 0.5   |
| Sunday                                                      | —               | —                    | n.p.       | n.p.  | n.p.  |

TABLE 25 — FREE-STANDING DAY HOSPITAL FACILITIES: MOST COMMONLY PERFORMED PROCEDURES, AUSTRALIA, 1991-92

| Procedures performed                                                                                                                                                                                                | Procedures |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Number     | Proportion (%) |
| Oesophagoscopy, gastroscopy, duodenoscopy or panendoscopy, one or more such procedures (MBS item number 30441)                                                                                                      | 36,658     | 26.9           |
| Fiberoptic colonoscopy - examination of colon beyond the hepatic flexure (MBS item number 32090)                                                                                                                    | 24,318     | 17.9           |
| Tumour, cyst, ulcer or scar, (excluding a scar removed during the surgical approach at an operation), up to 3 centimetres in diameter, where the removal is by surgical excision and suture (MBS item number 30118) | 5,661      | 4.2            |
| Lens extraction (MBS item number 42698)                                                                                                                                                                             | 5,147      | 3.8            |
| Fiberoptic colonoscopy - examination of colon beyond the hepatic flexure with removal of one or more polyps (MBS item number 32093)                                                                                 | 4,382      | 3.2            |
| Insertion of artificial lens (MBS item number 42701)                                                                                                                                                                | 4,160      | 3.1            |
| Uterus, curettage of, (including curettage for incomplete miscarriage) under general anaesthesia, or under epidural or spinal (intrathecal) nerve block (MBS item number 35640)                                     | 3,656      | 2.7            |
| Knee, arthroscopic surgery of, involving one or more of: meniscectomy, removal of loose body, lateral release, or chondroplasty (MBS item number 49560)                                                             | 3,151      | 2.3            |
| Oocyte retrieval by any means for the purposes of assisted reproductive technologies including in-vitro fertilisation, gamete intrafallopian transfer or similar procedures (MBS item number 13212)                 | 2,109      | 1.5            |
| Hysteroscopy with dilatation of cervix under general anaesthesia (MBS item number 35627)                                                                                                                            | 2,026      | 1.5            |
| All other procedures                                                                                                                                                                                                | 44,803     | 32.9           |
| Total                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 136,071    | 100.0          |

TABLE 26 — FREE-STANDING DAY HOSPITAL FACILITIES: PROPORTION OF SEPARATIONS BY TYPE OF ANAESTHESIA, AUSTRALIA, 1991-92 (per cent)

| Type of anaesthesia        | General surgery | Specialist endoscopy | Ophthalmic | Other | Total |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------|-------|-------|
| Nil                        | 1.6             | n.p.                 | —          | 28.7  | 3.4   |
| Local                      | 24.8            | n.p.                 | 37.3       | 25.1  | 15.2  |
| Total                      | 26.5            | 4.8                  | 37.3       | 53.8  | 18.6  |
| Other types of anaesthesia |                 |                      |            |       |       |
| General                    | 52.1            | n.p.                 | n.p.       | n.p.  | 22.8  |
| Regional                   | n.p.            | n.p.                 | 56.0       | 8.1   | n.p.  |
| Intravenous                | 11.0            | 86.0                 | n.p.       | n.p.  | 46.7  |
| Neuroleptic                | 8.1             | n.p.                 | n.p.       | n.p.  | 7.3   |
| Multiple                   | n.p.            | —                    | —          | n.p.  | n.p.  |
| Total other                | 73.5            | 95.2                 | 62.7       | 46.2  | 81.4  |
| Total                      | 100.0           | 100.0                | 100.0      | 100.0 | 100.0 |

TABLE 27 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND FREE-STANDING DAY HOSPITAL FACILITIES: PROPORTION OF SEPARATIONS BY INSURANCE STATUS, AUSTRALIA, 1991-92  
(per cent)

|                                   | <i>Acute and psychiatric hospitals</i> | <i>Day hospital facilities</i> | <i>Total private hospitals</i> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Insured                           |                                        |                                |                                |
| Basic only                        | 4.2                                    | 9.5                            | 4.7                            |
| Basic plus supplementary          | 59.7                                   | 48.7                           | 58.6                           |
| Not stated (a)                    | 18.0                                   | 4.3                            | 16.7                           |
| <i>Total insured</i>              | <i>81.9</i>                            | <i>62.5</i>                    | <i>80.1</i>                    |
| Other                             |                                        |                                |                                |
| Uninsured                         | 7.2                                    | 31.4                           | 9.6                            |
| Other (b)                         | 10.3                                   | 5.4                            | 9.8                            |
| Not stated (a)                    | 0.5                                    | 0.6                            | 0.5                            |
| <i>Total other</i>                | <i>18.1</i>                            | <i>37.5</i>                    | <i>19.9</i>                    |
| <i>Total</i>                      | <i>100.0</i>                           | <i>100.0</i>                   | <i>100.0</i>                   |
| Proportion of all separations (c) | 95.3                                   | 96.0                           | 95.4                           |

(a) A number of hospitals were unable to provide the above dissection. (b) Compulsory contract, Repatriation or Department of Veterans Affairs beneficiary, Defence Forces and compensable. (c) A number of hospitals were unable to give any information on insurance status. The statistics in this table are based only on those hospitals which were able to provide this information.

TABLE 28 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND FREE-STANDING DAY HOSPITAL FACILITIES: PROPORTION OF SEPARATIONS BY AGE AND SEX, AUSTRALIA, 1991-92  
(per cent)

| <i>Age group (years)</i>      | <i>Acute and psychiatric hospitals</i> |                |                | <i>Day hospital facilities</i> |                |                | <i>Total private hospitals</i> |                |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                               | <i>Males</i>                           | <i>Females</i> | <i>Persons</i> | <i>Males</i>                   | <i>Females</i> | <i>Persons</i> | <i>Males</i>                   | <i>Females</i> | <i>Persons</i> |
| 0-14                          | 9.4                                    | 5.1            | 6.9            | 4.5                            | 3.2            | 3.8            | 9.0                            | 4.9            | 6.6            |
| 15-44                         | 32.4                                   | 47.3           | 41.1           | 34.3                           | 44.0           | 39.8           | 32.6                           | 47.0           | 41.0           |
| 45-64                         | 30.2                                   | 24.6           | 26.9           | 34.7                           | 29.7           | 31.9           | 30.6                           | 25.0           | 27.4           |
| Over 65                       | 27.7                                   | 22.7           | 24.8           | 26.4                           | 23.0           | 24.4           | 27.6                           | 22.8           | 24.8           |
| <i>Total (a)</i>              | <i>100.0</i>                           | <i>100.0</i>   | <i>100.0</i>   | <i>100.0</i>                   | <i>100.0</i>   | <i>100.0</i>   | <i>100.0</i>                   | <i>100.0</i>   | <i>100.0</i>   |
| Proportion of persons         | 41.4                                   | 58.6           | 100.0          | 43.0                           | 57.0           | 100.0          | 41.5                           | 58.5           | 100.0          |
| Proportion of separations (b) | ..                                     | ..             | 90.9           | ..                             | ..             | 84.9           | ..                             | ..             | 90.3           |

(a) Including not stated. (b) A number of hospitals were unable to provide any information on the age breakdown of inpatients. The statistics in this table are based only on those hospitals which were able to provide this information.

TABLE 29—PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND FREE-STANDING DAY HOSPITAL FACILITIES: PROPORTION OF SEPARATIONS BY PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS, AUSTRALIA, 1991-92  
(per cent)

| <i>Principal diagnosis</i>                 | <i>Acute and psychiatric hospitals</i> | <i>Day hospital facilities</i> | <i>Total private hospitals</i> |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Infectious Diseases                        | 0.6                                    | 0.4                            | 0.6                            |
| Neoplasm                                   | 7.8                                    | 11.2                           | 8.0                            |
| Endocrine disorders                        | 0.7                                    | 0.2                            | 0.7                            |
| Diseases of blood                          | 0.4                                    | 0.6                            | 0.5                            |
| Mental disorders                           | 3.9                                    | 0.0                            | 3.7                            |
| Diseases of nervous system                 | 7.7                                    | 10.2                           | 7.8                            |
| Diseases of circulatory system             | 6.4                                    | 4.3                            | 6.3                            |
| Diseases of respiratory system             | 5.0                                    | 0.2                            | 4.8                            |
| Diseases of digestive system               | 14.7                                   | 44.3                           | 16.2                           |
| Diseases of genitourinary system           | 11.4                                   | 9.3                            | 11.3                           |
| Complications of pregnancy                 | 6.3                                    | 0.5                            | 6.0                            |
| Diseases of skin                           | 2.3                                    | 3.6                            | 2.3                            |
| Diseases of musculoskeletal system         | 11.0                                   | 1.4                            | 10.5                           |
| Congenital anomalies                       | 0.8                                    | 0.6                            | 0.8                            |
| Conditions of perinatal period             | 0.3                                    | 0.0                            | 0.3                            |
| Symptoms, signs and ill-defined conditions | 4.2                                    | 4.9                            | 4.2                            |
| Injury and poisoning                       | 4.7                                    | 0.3                            | 4.4                            |
| Supplementary classifications              | 10.4                                   | 7.9                            | 10.3                           |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>100.0</b>                           | <b>100.0</b>                   | <b>100.0</b>                   |
| Proportion of separations included (a)     | 77.7                                   | 39.5                           | 74.0                           |

(a) A number of hospitals was unable to provide any information on principal diagnoses. The statistics in this table are based only on those hospitals which were able to provide this information.

TABLE 30—PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND FREE-STANDING DAY HOSPITAL FACILITIES: PROPORTION OF SEPARATIONS BY PRINCIPAL PROCEDURE, AUSTRALIA 1991-92  
(per cent)

| <i>Principal procedure</i>                                | <i>Acute and psychiatric hospitals</i> | <i>Day hospital facilities</i> | <i>Total private hospitals</i> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Operations on                                             |                                        |                                |                                |
| Nervous system                                            | 2.9                                    | 0.2                            | 2.7                            |
| Endocrine system                                          | 0.3                                    | —                              | 0.3                            |
| Eye                                                       | 5.9                                    | 10.2                           | 6.2                            |
| Ear                                                       | 2.7                                    | 1.5                            | 2.7                            |
| Nose, mouth, pharynx                                      | 10.5                                   | 3.6                            | 10.0                           |
| Respiratory system                                        | 0.8                                    | 0.1                            | 0.8                            |
| Cardiovascular system                                     | 4.4                                    | 0.5                            | 4.2                            |
| Hemic and lymphatic system                                | 0.3                                    | 0.3                            | 0.3                            |
| Digestive system                                          | 20.2                                   | 60.2                           | 22.7                           |
| Urinary system                                            | 4.6                                    | 0.6                            | 4.4                            |
| Male genital organs                                       | 3.7                                    | 1.0                            | 3.5                            |
| Female genital organs                                     | 11.1                                   | 9.7                            | 11.0                           |
| Obstetric procedures                                      | 4.7                                    | 0.4                            | 4.4                            |
| Musculoskeletal system                                    | 14.3                                   | 1.5                            | 13.5                           |
| Breast                                                    | 2.1                                    | 0.4                            | 2.0                            |
| Other operations on skin and subcutaneous tissue          | 4.9                                    | 7.0                            | 5.1                            |
| Diagnostic radiology and related techniques               | 2.7                                    | 2.1                            | 2.6                            |
| Other miscellaneous diagnostic and therapeutic procedures | 3.7                                    | 0.8                            | 3.5                            |
| <b>Total</b>                                              | <b>100.0</b>                           | <b>100.0</b>                   | <b>100.0</b>                   |
| Proportion of hospitals included (a)                      | 62.1                                   | 50.7                           | 59.9                           |

(a) A number of hospitals were unable to provide any information on principal procedures. The statistics in this table are based only on those hospitals which were able to provide this information.

TABLE 31 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND FREE-STANDING DAY HOSPITAL FACILITIES: NUMBER OF ENDOSCOPIES, AUSTRALIA, 1991-92

| Type of endoscopy | Acute and psychiatric hospitals |                  |         | Day hospital facilities |         |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
|                   | Same day inpatients             | Other inpatients | Total   | Inpatients              | Total   |
| Gastro-intestinal | 73,646                          | 11,509           | 85,155  | 67,646                  | 152,801 |
| Other             | 12,258                          | 11,387           | 23,645  | 1,335                   | 24,980  |
| Total             | 85,904                          | 22,896           | 108,800 | 68,981                  | 177,781 |

TABLE 32 — PRIVATE ACUTE AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND FREE-STANDING DAY HOSPITAL FACILITIES: MODE OF INPATIENT SEPARATION, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1991-92

| Particulars                     | Discharge or transfer to |              |                | Left against advice | Other (a) | Total (b) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                 | Died                     | Nursing home | Other hospital |                     |           |           |
| Acute and psychiatric hospitals |                          |              |                |                     |           |           |
| NSW and ACT                     | 1,426                    | 1,451        | 2,756          | 1,070               | 328,790   | 340,007   |
| Vic.                            | 2,846                    | 2,969        | 4,047          | 332                 | 314,496   | 325,286   |
| Qld                             | 2,656                    | 1,625        | 2,673          | 59                  | 218,496   | 225,567   |
| SA and NT                       | 1,014                    | 1,702        | 2,561          | 173                 | 119,092   | 127,433   |
| WA                              | 552                      | n.p.         | 967            | n.p.                | 93,399    | 95,044    |
| Tas.                            | 203                      | n.p.         | 275            | n.p.                | 36,472    | 36,998    |
| Australia                       | 8,697                    | 7,877        | 13,279         | 1,651               | 1,110,745 | 1,180,335 |
| Day hospital facilities         | n.p.                     | 544          | 188            | n.p.                | 122,376   | 123,411   |
| Total                           | n.p.                     | 8,421        | 13,467         | n.p.                | 1,233,121 | 1,273,746 |

(a) Including discharge or transfer to usual residence, own accommodation, welfare institution and other health care accommodation. (b) Including not stated. The small differences between these totals and figures shown in other tables are due to reporting anomalies which could not be resolved.

## APPENDIX A

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Introduction

In 1992 the ABS introduced a new national statistical collection to obtain information from all private hospitals in Australia. The first collection was for the 1991-92 financial year and obtained details about the facilities, activities, staffing and finances of private hospitals in Australia.

2. Results are contained in this publication, which is the first in a new series of publications providing national statistics on private hospitals.

3. Similar data have been collected previously by the Department of Health, Housing, Local Government and Community Services (DHLGCS). Corresponding data for public hospitals are collected by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

#### Scope

4. Included are all private acute and psychiatric hospitals licensed by State health authorities and free-standing day hospital facilities approved by the DHLGCS which operated for all or any part of the year 1991-92.

#### Collection methodology

5. Establishments which provided incomplete data were contacted to obtain the missing details. Hospital staff were asked to provide estimates in cases where records for the data item were not kept. If reasonable estimates could not be provided by the establishment then the data item was either left blank or imputed by ABS staff. Imputation was based on results of the data provided by all responding hospitals.

#### Coverage

6. All private hospitals in Australia which operated for all or only part of the year 1991-92 were included in this collection. However, details could not be obtained from 6 private acute and psychiatric hospitals (with a total of 170 approved beds) which ceased operation during the year. Also details could not be obtained for one free-standing day hospital facility.

7. Updated lists of private hospitals are received from State and Commonwealth health authorities and every effort is made to include all hospitals in scope. Over 98 per cent coverage was achieved.

#### Definitions

8. The data items and definitions are based on the National Health Data Dictionary - institutional health care (formerly known as the National Minimum Data Set - institutional health care) published by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, with the addition of data items requested by associations of private hospitals and health authorities. Refer to Appendix B for definitions of the main data items used in this publication.

#### Data quality

9. The statistics derived from this collection are subject to non-sampling errors. These may be caused by errors in reporting (e.g. because estimates may have been used in the case of actual data not being available, misunderstanding of questions or unwillingness of respondents to reveal all details) or errors arising during processing (e.g. coding, data recording). Every effort is made to reduce non-sampling errors in the collection to a minimum by careful design and testing of questionnaires and by efficient operating and processing procedures.

10. Hospital morbidity data, providing inpatients' details such as age, principal diagnosis and procedure, is routinely provided by hospitals to most State health authorities. Arrangements were made for State (other than Victoria) health authorities to provide hospitals with the relevant morbidity data for forwarding on to the ABS. Any significant inconsistencies between the data collated by health authorities and hospitals were followed up and resolved.

11. Differences in accounting policy and practices lead to some inconsistencies in the financial data provided by hospitals. Measurement of expenditure is affected by management policy on such things as depreciation rates, bad debt and goodwill write-off. Further inconsistency occurs in cases where all property and fixed asset accounts are administered by a parent body or religious order headquarters and details are not available for the individual hospitals.

#### Classifications

12. Inpatient principal diagnosis and principal procedure are reported using the International Classification of Diseases, 9th Version - Clinical Modification (ICD9-CM).

13. The locations of all private health establishments are coded according to the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) Edition 2.1.

#### Related publications

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

*Health Insurance Survey, Australia (4335.0) — Latest issue: June 1992 (\$15.30)*

*Characteristics of Persons Employed in Health Occupations, Australia, Census of Population and Housing (4346.0) — Latest issue: 1986 (\$11.50)*

*Characteristics of Inpatients of Health Institutions, Australia, Census of Population and Housing (4347.0) — Latest issue: 1986 (\$7.50)*

15. The following related publications issued by AIHW are available from the AIHW Publications Unit, GPO Box 570, Canberra ACT 2601.

*Hospital Utilisation and Costs Study 1989-90, Volume 1— A survey of public hospitals and related data*

*Hospital Utilisation and Costs Study 1989-90, Volume 2— The use of acute hospitals — A summary of hospital morbidity*

*National Health Data Dictionary — institutional health care, Version 2.0 1993*

*National Health Data Dictionary — institutional health care, Summary Edition 1993*

16. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (1101.0). The ABS also issues the *Publications Advice*

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#### Unpublished statistics

17. As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be directed to Keith Carter on (07) 222 6374.

#### Symbols and other usages

|      |                                               |
|------|-----------------------------------------------|
| n.p. | not available for publication                 |
| ..   | not applicable                                |
| —    | nil or rounded to zero (including null cells) |

18. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between totals and the sums of the component items.

## APPENDIX B

### DEFINITIONS

#### Type of hospital

An *acute hospital* provides at least minimal medical, surgical or obstetrical services for inpatient treatment and/or care, and provides round-the-clock comprehensive qualified nursing service as well as other necessary professional services. It must be licensed by the State health authority. Most of the patients have acute conditions or temporary ailments and the average stay per admission is relatively short.

2. A *psychiatric hospital* is devoted primarily to the treatment and care of inpatients with psychiatric, mental or behavioural disorders. Private hospitals formerly approved by the Commonwealth under the Health Insurance Act 1973 (now licensed/approved by each State health authority), catering primarily for patients with psychiatric or behavioural disorders are included in this category.

3. A *free-standing day hospital facility* provides investigation and treatment for acute conditions on a day-only basis and is approved by the Commonwealth for the purposes of basic table health insurance benefits.

#### Establishment level activity data items

4. An *inpatient* is a patient who is admitted to hospital to receive care. Babies born in hospital are excluded unless they are provided with medical care other than that which would normally be provided to a newborn or if they remain in hospital after the mother has been discharged. Although the first of the liveborn babies in a multiple birth is not counted as an inpatient, each of the other liveborn babies are. Persons accompanying a sick patient (e.g. nursing mothers and parents accompanying sick children) are also excluded.

5. *Same day inpatients* are inpatients who are admitted and separated on the same day (i.e. they are in hospital for a period that does not include an overnight stay).

6. *Other inpatients* are inpatients who are discharged after the day of admission (i.e. stay at least one night in hospital).

7. A *separation* occurs when an inpatient:

- (1) is discharged
- (2) is transferred to another institution
- (3) absconds
- (4) dies whilst in care
- (5) changes status e.g. from acute to nursing home type
- (6) leaves hospital for a period of 7 or more days

8. *Occupied bed days*. This is the aggregate number of days of stay (i.e. separation date minus admission date) for all inpatients who were separated from hospital during the year. Periods of approved leave are not subtracted from these calculations. Same day inpatients are each counted as having a stay of one day.

9. *Occupancy rate* is calculated by dividing occupied bed days by the product of average number of beds and the number of days in the year (366 in 1991-92) and expressing this as a percentage, i.e. occupancy rate (%) =

$$\frac{\text{occupied bed days} \times 100}{\text{average available beds} \times 366}$$

10. *Average length of stay* in hospital is calculated by dividing the aggregate number of occupied bed days by the number of separations which generated those bed days.

11. *Occurrences of service*. Any service provided to a non-inpatient in a functional unit (e.g. radiology) of the hospital. Each diagnostic test or simultaneous set of related diagnostic tests is counted as one occasion of service.

12. A *group session* occurs when two or more patients receive services at the same time from the same hospital staff.

13. *Allied health services* are provided by units and clinics for treatment and counselling of patients. They mainly comprise physiotherapy, speech therapy, family planning, dietary advice, optometry and occupational therapy.

14. *Surgical and other procedures*. These comprise advanced surgery, surgery, minor surgery and obstetrics as defined by the DHHLGCS for health fund benefit purposes. Total procedures performed during the year relates to all such procedures regardless of type of patient (inpatient or non-inpatient).

15. *Number of endoscopies* includes all episodes, regardless of principal diagnosis, with a principal procedure of cystoscopy, gastroscopy, oesophagoscopy, duodenoscopy, colonoscopy, bronchoscopy, laryngoscopy, laparoscopy or arthroscopy.

#### Establishment level resource data items

16. *Approved beds* for acute and psychiatric hospitals are those for which the hospital is licensed to operate under the relevant State/Territory government legislation.

17. *Available beds* are those immediately available (occupied and unoccupied) for the care of inpatients as required. In the case of free-standing day hospital facilities, this includes chairs, trolleys, recliners and cots.

18. *Occupied beds* are calculated by dividing total occupied bed days by the number of days in the year (366 in 1991-92).

19. *Full-time equivalent (FTE) staff* represents the sum of full-time staff and the full-time equivalent of part time staff. They are derived by adding the on-job hours worked

and hours of paid leave (sick, recreation, long service, workers' compensation leave) by/for a staff member (or contract employee where applicable) divided by the number of hours normally worked by a full-time staff member when on the job (or contract employee where applicable) under the relevant award or agreement.

20. *Staffing categories* include staff employed by the hospital and contract staff employed through an agency in cases where the contract is for the supply of labour.

21. *Nursing staff* comprises registered nurses, enrolled nurses, student nurses, trainee/pupil nurses and assistants in nursing.

22. *Administrative and clerical staff* includes computing and finance staff.

23. *Domestic and other staff* includes staff engaged in cleaning and laundry services, the provision of food and in catering functions plus orderlies, porters, hospital attendants and engineering and maintenance staff.

24. *Patient revenue* includes revenue received by and due to the hospital in respect of patient liability for accommodation and other fees, regardless of source of payment (Commonwealth, health fund, insurance company, direct from patient) or status of patient (whether inpatient or non-inpatient).

25. *Recoveries* includes income received from items such as staff meals and accommodation and facility fees paid by medical practitioners.

26. *Other revenues* includes revenue such as investment income from temporarily surplus funds and income from charities, bequests, meals and accommodation provided to visitors and kiosk sales. Revenue payments received from State or Territory governments are excluded.

27. *Wages and salaries* (including on-costs) includes wages and salaries, superannuation employer contributions, payroll tax, workers' compensation and workers' premiums, public holidays, uniforms, education, personnel costs and fringe benefits tax.

28. *Other domestic services* includes staff services, accommodation, bedding and linen, hardware, crockery, cutlery, laundering and cleaning of uniforms.

29. *Repairs and maintenance* includes costs of maintaining, repairing, replacing and providing additional equipment, maintaining and renovating buildings and minor additional works.

30. *Administrative expenses* includes management and administrative support expenditure such as rates and taxes, printing, telephone, stationery, insurances and motor vehicle running expenses.

31. *Capital expenditure* comprises expenditure on land and buildings, computer facilities, major medical equipment, plant and other equipment and expenditure in relation to intangible assets, having regard to guidelines followed as to the differentiation between capital and recurrent costs.

32. *Accommodation fees.* The daily accommodation charges for private acute and psychiatric hospitals vary according to patient classification, length of stay and type of accommodation (e.g. single room or shared accommodation). The relevant table shows only a small selection of the wide range of data available.

#### Patient level data items

33. *Patient classification.* Advanced surgery, surgery, minor surgery and obstetrics are as defined by the DHHLGCS for health fund benefit purposes. Psychiatric includes all inpatients of a registered psychiatric hospital or a psychiatric ward of other hospitals who have a psychiatric diagnosis. Similarly, rehabilitation includes all inpatients of a registered rehabilitation hospital or a rehabilitation ward of other hospitals who are undergoing active rehabilitation treatment. Nursing home type relates to inpatients staying 35 days or more for whom an acute care certificate has not been provided at the time of discharge and to inpatients classed by a geriatric assessment team as nursing home type.

34. *Insurance status* indicates whether or not hospital accommodation insurance is held with a registered health benefits organisation.

35. *Basic insurance* provides some cover for hospital accommodation charges for private hospitals and day hospital facilities.

36. *Supplementary insurance* provides additional hospital accommodation benefits to those provided by the basic hospital table. Inpatients with basic and supplementary insurance are counted once only (under basic plus supplementary).

#### Geographical classification

37. *A legal local government area (LGA)* is the geographical area under the responsibility of an incorporated local government council.

38. *Statistical divisions* which are groupings of the whole or part of legal LGAs, are designed to be relatively homogeneous regions characterised by identifiable social and economic units within the region. Capital city statistical divisions, shown in some tables of this publication, comprise Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, Greater Hobart, Darwin and Canberra Statistical Divisions.



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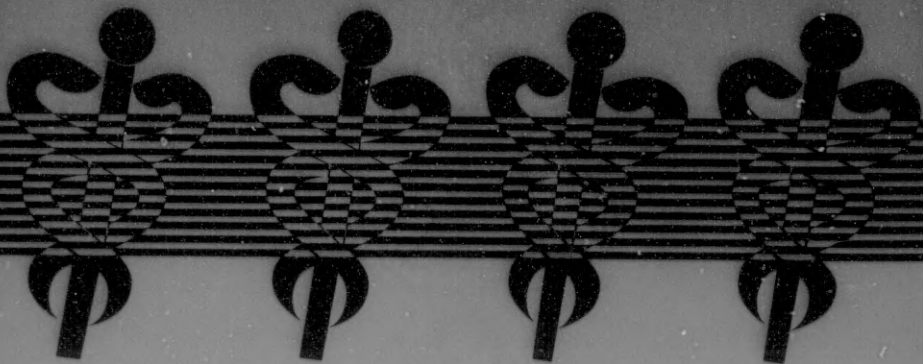


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