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INVOLVING FATALITIES :
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MAIN FEATURES

299 people were killed in 268 fatal road accidents in Australia in April 1979, compared with 274 persons in 239 accidents in April 1978. In the first four months of this year, the road toll stands at 1,117 as against 1,147 for the same period in 1978.

The figures for 1979 are provisional and subject to revision.

This statement contains preliminary monthly details of the number of road fatalities and fatal road traffic accidents that occurred in each State and Territory during the month of April 1979, together with comparable figures for some earlier periods. These details have been supplied by the police authorities. Figures for April 1979, and possibly for earlier months, may be revised in future issues of this statement as additional information is received, including advices for persons not previously reported as fatalities but who die within 30 days of the date of the accident from injuries received.

2. Table 1 includes seasonally adjusted figures for road accident fatalities in Australia. In the seasonal adjustment, account has been taken of normal seasonal factors, intra-month variations (arising from the number

of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc., in the month) and the influence of Easter and Australia Day which may in successive years, affect figures for different months. Because of the irregular nature of the data, caution should be exercised in interpreting month to month movements. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting this series are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1978* (1308.0).

3. Users may also wish to refer to the following quarterly road traffic accident publications which are available on request:

Road Traffic Accidents Involving Casualties (Preliminary) (9402.0)

Road Traffic Accidents Involving Casualties (9403.0)

4. All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- i figure or series revised since previous issue
- p preliminary — figures or series subject to revision
- nil
- .. not applicable

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TABLE 1. PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Original	Seasonally Adjusted
Year -										
1973	1,230	935	638	329	358	105	55	29	3,679	..
1974	1,275	806	589	382	334	111	44	31	3,572	..
1975	1,288	910	635	339	304	122	64	32	3,694	..
1976	1,264	938	569	307	308	108	51	38	3,583	..
1977	1,268	954	572	306	290	112	47	29	3,578	..
1978	1,384	862	612	291	345	106	68	30	3,698	..
Quarter ended -										
December 1977	351	277	157	71	76	37	7	6	982	936
March 1978	335	224	123	62	82	28	14	5	873	903
June 1978	352	195	131	88	87	29	13	9	904	901
September 1978	364	207	172	70	90	18	27	7	955	975
December 1978	1,333	236	186	71	86	31	14	9	1,966	1,920
March 1979	283	210	108	99	68	29	16	5	818	845
1978 -										
March	126	93	44	20	27	12	5	4	331	301
April	101	61	43	31	24	7	3	4	274	277
May	122	64	39	28	32	12	3	4	304	309
June	129	70	49	29	31	10	7	1	326	327
July	128	67	47	18	27	11	10	2	310	328
August	123	77	62	26	41	2	11	3	348	351
September	113	63	63	26	22	5	6	2	300	288
October	104	84	70	25	31	7	2	3	326	327
November	104	81	52	24	38	11	6	3	319	330
December	125	71	64	22	17	13	6	3	321	321
1979 p -										
January	73	66	33	26	23	10	9	3	243	264
February	175	59	37	32	22	11	2	1	1,239	1,271
March	135	85	38	41	23	8	5	1	336	315
April p	117	73	56	27	17	7	-	2	299	292
Four months ended										
April 1978	436	285	166	93	106	35	17	9	1,147	..
April 1979 p	400	283	164	126	85	36	16	7	1,117	..

TABLE 2. FATAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
Year -										
1973	1,082	806	553	276	332	97	50	29	3,225	
1974	1,121	739	515	342	303	98	41	30	3,189	
1975	1,150	784	553	310	259	108	50	32	3,246	
1976	1,119	830	497	277	255	97	48	33	3,156	
1977	1,118	835	515	270	259	99	39	26	3,161	
1978	1,222	771	532	254	305	96	58	27	3,265	
Quarter ended -										
December 1977	311	228	145	66	69	35	7	5	866	
March 1978	302	201	114	51	74	27	12	5	786	
June 1978	307	181	108	77	78	26	11	6	784	
September 1978	325	193	154	62	75	18	23	7	857	
December 1978	1,288	196	156	64	78	25	12	9	1,828	
March 1979	248	188	101	88	64	24	12	5	730	
1978 -										
March	114	86	40	16	24	12	4	4	300	
April	88	57	36	25	22	7	2	2	239	
May	102	60	34	25	29	9	3	3	265	
June	117	64	38	27	27	10	6	1	290	
July	113	63	43	16	25	11	7	2	280	
August	112	73	57	24	31	2	10	3	312	
September	100	67	54	22	19	5	6	2	265	
October	90	73	59	23	27	7	2	3	284	
November	92	65	44	20	34	6	6	3	270	
December	106	58	53	21	17	12	4	3	1,274	
1979 p -										
January	65	60	30	22	21	8	5	3	214	
February	170	49	34	31	21	9	2	1	1,217	
March	113	79	37	35	22	7	5	1	299	
April p	108	62	47	26	17	6	-	2	268	
Four months ended										
April 1978	390	258	150	76	96	34	14	7	1,025	
April 1979 p	356	250	148	114	81	30	12	7	998	