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BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, AUSTRALIA, DECEMBER QUARTER 1984

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MAIN FEATURES

December quarter 1984 -

The deficit on trade account fell to \$505 million, down \$272 million on the deficit for the September quarter 1984. While exports fell \$393 million this was more than offset by a \$665 million fall in imports. However, the September quarter imports estimate includes the import of a naval frigate valued at \$280 million. Excluding the frigate would leave the trade deficit little changed from the September quarter. In seasonally adjusted terms the trade deficit increased \$185 million.

The deficit on current account was \$2,919 million, up \$93 million on the September quarter deficit. In seasonally adjusted terms the current account deficit rose \$580 million.

Net apparent capital inflow was \$2,727 million, down \$143 million on the September quarter.

Official reserve assets fell \$179 million on account of transactions after a small increase of \$68 million in the previous quarter.

The trade weighted index of the value of the Australian dollar (base May 1970 = 100) stood at 81.3 at the end of December 1984, up 1.2 per cent on the end of September 1984 and 0.2 per cent on the end of December 1983. Through the December quarter 1984, the Australian dollar fell against the \$US (0.6 per cent) and rose against the £UK (6.5 per cent), West German Mark (3.2 per cent) and the Japanese Yen (1.3 per cent).

Six months ended December 1984 -

The balance of trade recorded a deficit of \$1,282 million, in marked contrast with the small surplus of \$170 million for the six months ended December 1983.

While export values increased 18 per cent to reach \$13,429 million, imports rose some 31 per cent to reach \$14,711 million.

The net invisibles deficit of \$4,463 million was \$814 million higher than the deficit for the first half of 1983-84.

The current account deficit was \$5,745 million, up \$2,266 million or 65 per cent on the deficit for the corresponding period of the previous year.

Net apparent capital inflow was estimated at \$5,597 million, down \$1,014 million on the half year ended December 1983.

Official reserve assets decreased \$111 million on account of transactions in contrast with the large increment of \$3,165 million which occurred in the six months ended December 1983. Much of the increase in official reserve assets in the earlier six-month period took place under the prefloat exchange rate regime.

ANALYSIS OF SELECTED MAJOR AGGREGATES

December quarter 1984 compared with the September quarter 1984 -

Current Account

Exports f.o.b. were \$6,518 million, down \$393 million or 6 per cent on the previous quarter.

Seasonally adjusted exports f.o.b. fell 5 per cent. Rural exports fell 11 per cent while non-rural exports fell only 1 per cent. Within rural exports, all broad commodity groups fell except wool which rose 3 per cent. The most significant falls were in meat (down 16 per cent), cereals (down 15 per cent reflecting an unusually high result in the September quarter) and sugar (down 41 per cent). Within

non-rural exports, falls in mineral fuels other than coal (down 21 per cent), machinery and transport equipment (down 10 per cent) and metal ores and minerals (down 2 per cent) were almost offset by increases in metals (up 15 per cent), coal (up 1 per cent) and other non-rural exports (up 9 per cent).

Imports f.o.b. at \$7,023 million were down \$665 million or 9 per cent on the September quarter 1984.

Seasonally adjusted imports f.o.b. fell 2 per cent. The major reason for the fall was the decline of 31 per cent in fuel imports. Other commodity groups to record falls were textiles (down 5 per cent) and machinery and transport equipment (down 1 per cent). Increases in the remaining groups served to partly offset these falls. The largest increases were in food, beverages and tobacco (up 14 per cent) and metals and metal manufactures (up 12 per cent).

The net invisibles deficit of \$2,414 million was up \$365 million or 18 per cent.

The seasonally adjusted net invisibles deficit rose by \$395 million or 19 per cent. On a seasonally adjusted basis, invisible credits rose \$62 million while invisible debits rose \$457 million. The increase in invisible credits was largely due to an 11 per cent increase in the property income item. An increase of 75 per cent in government transfers (reflecting in part the unseasonably low result in the September quarter) and a 21 per cent increase in investment income payable abroad were the major reasons for the rise in invisible debits.

Capital account

The net inflow on account of transactions in government securities rose \$67 million to \$597 million in the December quarter 1984. While the net inflow from government overseas borrowings fell \$312 million to \$163 million, the net inflow from the investment by non-residents in Australian dollar securities issued by the Commonwealth Government rose sharply by \$379 million to \$434 million. In the December quarter 1984, net overseas borrowings took account of Deutsche Mark 600 million (\$A236 million) and Netherlands Guilder 400 million (\$A 139 million) drawings in addition to repayments of earlier borrowings amounting to \$211 million.

Other government capital movements turned around \$138 million from a net inflow in the September quarter to a net outflow of \$97 million. The net outflow largely reflected an increase in Australian financial assets abroad arising from prepayments for defence equipment.

Interim estimates of foreign investment in enterprises in Australia indicated a quarterly net inflow of \$2,796 million, up \$445 million. While direct investment, other than undistributed income, turned around \$1,055 million from a net inflow to a net outflow of \$136 million (see Table 8 for changes in components), the net inflow on account of portfolio investment and institutional loans rose sharply by \$1,500 million to \$2,682 million, mainly as a result of borrowings particularly by public non-monetary enterprises.

Interim estimates of Australian investment abroad recorded a net outflow of \$355 million, down \$282 million on the outflow for the previous quarter (which included the ANZ Banking Group's purchase of the Grindlays Banking Group from foreign interests).

While an estimate of non-official monetary sector transactions is not yet available for the December quarter, a net inflow of \$1,101 million was estimated for the September quarter, with net overseas borrowings accounting for over half the inflow.

Six months ended December 1984 compared with six months ended December 1983 -

Current account

Exports f.o.b. were up \$2,024 million or 18 per cent on the corresponding period last financial year. Rural exports rose 23 per cent, due primarily to cereal exports which more than doubled. "Other rural" exports, up 14 per cent, was the only rural commodity group apart from cereals to record a significant increase. These rises were partly offset by falls in exports of meat and sugar, both down 15 per cent. All non-rural commodity groups (apart from metal ores and minerals and metal manufactures which were largely unchanged) contributed to the 15 per cent increase in non-rural exports. The most significant of these were coal, up 35 per cent, other mineral fuels, up 32 per cent, and machinery and transport equipment, up 21 per cent.

Imports f.o.b. were \$3,476 million or 31 per cent higher than for the first half of 1983-84. All commodity groups recorded increases of at least 19 per cent, with machinery and transport equipment (up 37 per cent) being responsible for almost half the overall increase.

Invisible credits rose \$512 million or 16 per cent. All items rose, with property income (up 31 per cent, largely due to increased earnings on international reserves and an increase in the undistributed income of foreign direct investment enterprises attributable to Australian direct investors), travel (up 20 per cent) and transportation (up 10 per cent) being the most significant.

. **Invisible debits** increased \$1,326 million or 19 per cent. Investment income payable abroad was up 23 per cent, representing both the increased profitability of direct investment enterprises in Australia and higher interest charges on Australia's external debt. Freight on imports rose 26 per cent, in line with higher import values, while travel debits increased 20 per cent.

Capital account

. Net government capital movements yielded an inflow of \$1,071 million, up \$446 million on the six months ended December 1983. Of the increase, transactions in government securities accounted for \$177 million with net government overseas borrowings up \$190 million and net foreign investment in government securities domiciled in Australia down \$13 million. Other government transactions accounted for the remaining \$270 million, partly reflecting the reduction in financial assets abroad in the September quarter 1984 consequent on the delivery of a naval frigate and several other large items of equipment.

. The net inflow of foreign investment in enterprises in Australia rose \$175 million. While the inflow on account of direct investment fell \$1,201 million, the inflow on account of portfolio investment and institutional loans rose \$1,376 million.

. The net outflow of Australian investment abroad rose \$659 million partly reflecting the ANZ's purchase of the Grindlays Group.

Levels of reserves

. At 31 December 1984, Australia's holdings of official reserve assets valued at market rates of exchange and with gold holdings at market related

value stood at \$12,058 million.

REVISIONS

Initial results from the annual Surveys of Foreign Investment for 1983-84 are incorporated in the estimates in this issue and replace earlier estimates based on more timely but less comprehensive data sources. Significant revisions are made in this issue to estimates included in previous issues of this publication. The series affected are undistributed income debits, other investment income debits and foreign investment in government securities and in enterprises in Australia.

The revisions for 1983-84 to the investment income and government securities series and to the public non-monetary enterprise borrowings component of the foreign investment in enterprises series were first reflected in the December 1984 issue of **Balance of Payments, Australia** (5301.0) released on 14 January 1985.

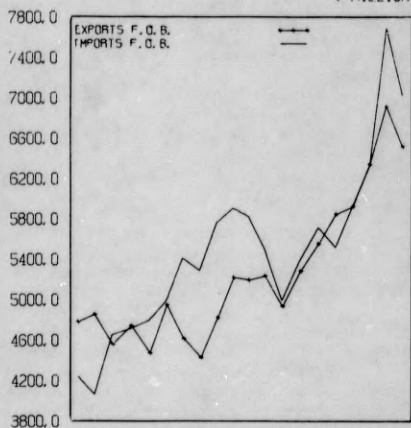
The introduction of a timing adjustment to take account of distortions arising from extraordinary changes in the processing of import entries by the Australian Customs Service has resulted in a significant revision to the September quarter 1984 estimate of imports f.o.b. published in the previous issue of this publication. It has also resulted in a significant revision to the initial December quarter 1984 estimate of imports f.o.b. published in the December 1984 issue of **Balance of Payments, Australia** (5301.0). Further details are provided in paragraphs 19 and 20 of the Explanatory Notes.

Other (less significant) revisions also arise in a number of series from the incorporation of the results of the annual Surveys of Foreign Investment and other surveys and data sources.

GRAPHS OF PRINCIPAL BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AGGREGATES

GRAPH 1 - EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

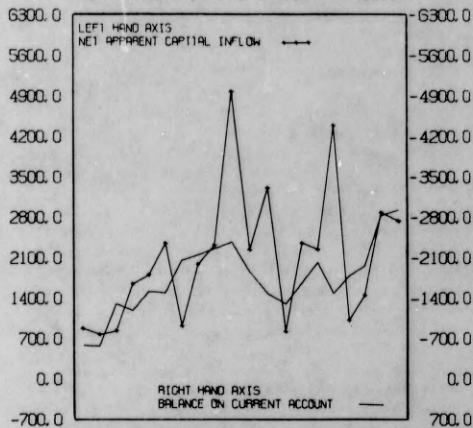
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GRAPH 3 - BALANCE ON CURRENT ACCOUNT AND NET APPARENT CAPITAL INFLOW

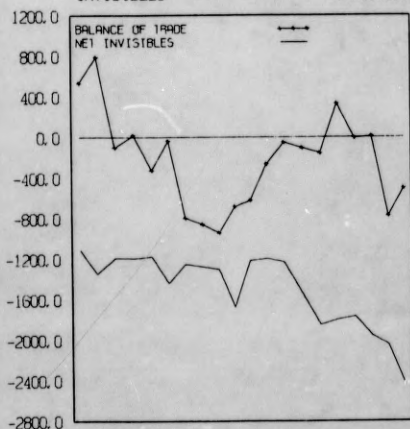
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GRAPH 2 - BALANCE OF TRADE AND NET INVISIBLES

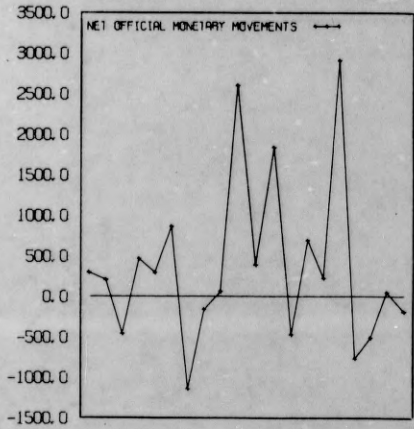
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GRAPH 4 - NET OFFICIAL MONETARY MOVEMENTS

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

This publication contains preliminary estimates of Australia's international balance of payments for the December quarter 1984, together with revised estimates for previous quarters and financial years. More detailed estimates are published annually in **Balance of Payments, Australia** (5303.0). Descriptions of the concepts, data sources and methods used in compiling such estimates are to be found in the publication **Balance of Payments, Australia, Concepts, Sources and Methods** (5331.0) released on 19 March 1981. Changes to concepts, sources and methods since that publication are described in the 1982-83 issue of the annual balance of payments publication (5303.0), in the December quarter 1983, March quarter 1984 and September quarter 1984 issues of this publication.

2 Included are corresponding seasonally adjusted estimates of the current account. Notes on the statistics and their seasonal adjustment are provided below. Unless otherwise stated, figures reported in the commentary and tables refer to the original estimates.

3 Estimates for the more recent periods are preliminary and subject to revision. The items which can be most affected by revisions are those for which benchmark data are derived from annual surveys where long time lags in collection and processing are inevitable.

AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES

4 The Australian currency equivalents shown in these statistics for transactions originally denominated in foreign currencies were derived by converting into Australian dollars at market rates of exchange.

ADJUSTMENTS TO EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

5 The figures for exports and imports represent recorded trade figures adjusted in respect of coverage, timing and valuation for balance of payments purposes. Table 7 sets out the values for these adjustments. Reference should be made to the annual publication **Balance of Payments, Australia** (5303.0) for a description of the adjustments.

NET OFFICIAL MONETARY MOVEMENTS

6 The aggregate net official monetary movements, the main component of which is changes in official reserve assets, excludes changes that do not arise from international economic transactions. The main exclusions are the allocation of Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) by the International Monetary Fund (included in changes in official reserve assets but excluded from net official monetary movements by means of the counterpart item shown in the table) and changes in the Australian dollar value of official reserve assets due to revaluations.

7 The measurement of official reserve assets is based on market valuations. Changes in the value of these assets occur not only as a result of economic transactions and certain other changes (such as the allocation of SDRs) but also as a result of fluctuations in the market value of certain assets and in the market rates of exchange used to convert them into Australian dollars. Table 9 sets out separately the changes in official reserve assets which result from transactions and certain other changes, which are recorded in the balance of payments, and revaluation changes, which are excluded from the balance of payments.

EXCHANGE RATES AND TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX

8 Table 9 also shows the exchange rate of the Australian dollar with four major currencies and a trade-weighted index of the value of the Australian dollar.

9 The exchange rates shown are provided by the Reserve Bank of Australia and relate to the last trading day of the quarter. Prior to 12 December 1983, the rate for the US dollar was the mid-point of the rates at which the Reserve Bank was prepared to deal with Australian trading banks. From that date, the rate is a representative mid-point determined by the Reserve Bank on the basis of market quotations at 4pm Eastern Australian time. Rates for the other currencies are calculated by crossing the rate for the US dollar with the mid-points of closing buying and selling rates in New York (prior to 31 October 1983) or largely in Asian markets (from 31 October 1983); in the case of New Zealand, the rate is based on the rate between the US and New Zealand dollars as set by the Reserve Bank of New Zealand. The rates shown are indications of market value only and could differ from those quoted by Australian banks.

10 The trade weighted index is also provided by the Reserve Bank and is an index of the average value of the Australian dollar vis-a-vis currencies of Australia's trading partners. Prior to 12 December 1983, the index was as published each morning by the Reserve Bank; from that date, the index is as calculated at 4pm on the basis of the representative rate for the US dollar and rates for other currencies, mainly from Asian markets.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE ARRANGEMENTS

11 Effective from 12 December 1983 the Government floated the Australian dollar. An appendix to the March 1984 issue of this publication explains in detail how the interpretation of balance of payments statistics has been affected by the change.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENTS

12 Most of the current account series in this publication are affected to some extent by seasonal influences and it is useful to recognise and take account of this element of variation.

13 While some degree of seasonality may be evident in some capital account items over certain periods, the overall seasonal element is likely to be small compared with the large cyclical and irregular movements which have characterised capital flows in recent years. For these reasons, capital account items are, as in most countries, not seasonally adjusted.

14 Seasonal adjustment may be carried out by various methods and the results may vary slightly according to the procedure adopted. Accordingly, seasonally adjusted statistics are in fact only estimates and should not be regarded as in any way definitive. In interpreting particular seasonally adjusted statistics it is important, therefore, to bear in mind the methods by which they have been derived and the limitations to which the methods used are subject. Details of the seasonal adjustment methods used, together with selected measures of variability for these series, are given in **Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia** (1308.0).

15 Particular care should be taken in interpreting quarter to quarter movements in the adjusted figures, especially for those items showing substantial irregular movement.

16 In order to maintain an accounting identity, the balance items (balance of trade, net invisibles and balance on current account) are derived by differencing independently adjusted series and could

contain irregular fluctuations somewhat larger than those appearing in the individual series being differenced.

17 Seasonally adjusted statistics shown in Table 3 of this publication have been revised to take account of the quarterly observations for 1984 and a reanalysis of the quarterly observations for earlier years.

SERIES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

18 Estimates for quarters prior to those shown in this publication and in more detail are available back to the September quarter 1959. Estimates of the levels of foreign investment in Australia and Australian investment abroad as at the end of each financial year from 1979-80 to 1982-83 are also available. These series can be obtained by contacting Mr John Lazanis on Canberra (062) 525507. More detailed quarterly statistics relating to transportation and international trade credit can be obtained from Mr Ross Saunders on Canberra (062) 526057.

CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

19 This issue introduces a timing adjustment into the balance of payments to remove distortions arising from extraordinary changes in the volume of import transactions processed each month by the Australian Customs Service (ACS).

20 Import statistics included in the balance of payments are derived primarily from foreign trade statistics which record imports in the calendar month in which import entries are finalised by the ACS and passed to the ABS. In addition, as shown in Table 7, certain timing, coverage and valuation adjustments are taken into account in deriving the balance of payments imports series. Processing problems within the ACS in recent months have disrupted the flow of import entries to the ABS and necessitated the introduction of an additional timing adjustment to avoid the balance of payments imports series significantly understating the flow of goods into the country. Upward adjustments of \$300 million each have therefore been incorporated in the balance of payments imports estimates for the September and December quarters 1984 (ie \$600 million in the year-to-date estimates). As processing backlogs are recovered, this will be reflected in compensating downward adjustments in the balance of payments imports series.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

21 Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

Balance of Payments, Australia (5301.0) - issued monthly

Balance of Payments, Australia 1982-83 (5303.0)

Balance of Payments, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods (5331.0) - published 19 March 1981

Imports by Commodity Divisions, Australia (Preliminary) (5405.0) - issued monthly

Exports by Commodity Divisions, Australia (Preliminary) (5402.0) - issued monthly

Exports and Imports (Balance of Payments Basis) at Constant Prices, Australia (5332.0) - issued quarterly

Foreign Investment, Australia, (5305.0)

Foreign Investment in Enterprises in Australia (5306.0) - issued quarterly

22 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications, Australia (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a Publications Advice (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

nya not yet available
- nil or rounded to zero

23 In the following tables, minus signs (-) are used to denote current and capital account debits (ie the acquisition of goods and services from non-residents, income payable to non-residents and increases in foreign financial assets or decreases in foreign liabilities) except in the case of official monetary movements where they denote credits (ie decreases in assets, increases in liabilities, or counterpart entries to increases in official reserve assets due to either the allocation of SDRs or the monetisation of gold). Correspondingly, the absences of sign are used to denote current and capital account credits (ie the provision of goods and services to non-residents, income receivable from non-residents and decreases in foreign financial assets or increases in foreign liabilities) except in the case of official monetary movements where they indicate debits (ie increases in assets, decreases in liabilities or the counterpart entries to decreases in official reserve assets due to either the cancellation of SDRs or the demonetisation of gold).

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

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TABLE 1

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT

\$ MILLION

	YEAR				QUARTERS ENDED-									
	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1982-83				1983-84				1984-85	
					SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.
VISIBLE TRADE-														
EXPORTS FOB	18718	19083	20656	23669	5196	5235	4937	5288	5557	5848	5923	6341	6911	6518
IMPORTS FOB	-19169	-22379	-21710	-23498	-5821	-5502	-4991	-5396	-5715	-5520	-5930	-6333	-7688	-7023
BALANCE OF TRADE	-451	-3296	-1054	171	-625	-267	-54	-108	-158	328	-7	8	-777	-505
INVISIBLE CREDITS-														
TRANSPORTATION	2013	2095	2185	2275	552	561	542	530	547	581	568	579	613	623
TRAVEL	898	1030	1128	1275	256	304	317	251	283	336	348	308	342	403
GOVERNMENT	126	161	194	207	49	51	46	48	54	52	49	52	56	60
MISCELLANEOUS	247	288	322	362	77	79	82	84	87	90	92	93	95	99
PROPERTY INCOME	736	673	1145	1496	273	241	316	315	315	347	364	470	439	431
TRANSFERS	711	798	948	1005	225	235	255	233	237	250	278	240	263	267
TOTAL INVISIBLE CREDITS	4731	5044	5922	6620	1432	1471	1558	1461	1523	1656	1699	1742	1808	1883
INVISIBLE DEBITS -														
TRANSPORTATION -														
FREIGHT ON IMPORTS	-1717	-1960	-1795	-1998	-487	-468	-416	-424	-486	-478	-497	-537	-623	-589
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	-1638	-1782	-1868	-1846	-491	-467	-463	-447	-465	-440	-450	-491	-534	-514
TRAVEL	-1561	-1696	-1857	-2053	-505	-452	-448	-452	-507	-485	-493	-568	-600	-586
GOVERNMENT	-287	-321	-371	-387	-77	-89	-101	-104	-91	-94	-96	-106	-100	-104
MISCELLANEOUS	-386	-422	-492	-569	-110	-115	-138	-129	-132	-136	-160	-141	-153	-154
PROPERTY INCOME -														
UNDISTRIBUTED	-829	-247	603	-625	150	151	151	151	-156	-156	-156	-157	-250	-250
OTHER	-2127	-2770	-3781	-4853	-778	-873	-986	-1144	-1136	-1289	-1199	-1229	-1222	-1640
ROYALTIES AND COPYRIGHTS	-126	-135	-150	-165	-37	-38	-37	-38	-39	-39	-42	-45	-46	-46
TRANSFERS -														
GOVERNMENT	-627	-733	-803	-874	-174	-163	-211	-255	-195	-171	-233	-275	-165	-244
PRIVATE	-439	-491	-600	-625	-140	-153	-142	-165	-168	-165	-140	-152	-164	-170
TOTAL INVISIBLE DEBITS	-9736	-10557	-11114	-13915	-2649	-2667	-2791	-3007	-3375	-3453	-3466	-3701	-3857	-4297
NET INVISIBLES	-5005	-5513	-5192	-7375	-1217	-1196	-1233	-1546	-1852	-1797	-1767	-1959	-2049	-2414
BALANCE ON CURRENT ACCOUNT	-5456	-8809	-6246	-7204	-1842	-1463	-1287	-1654	-2010	-1469	-1774	-1951	-2826	-2919

TABLE 2

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS - CAPITAL ACCOUNT

\$ MILLION

	YEAR				QUARTERS ENDED-									
					1982-83				1983-84				1984-85	
					SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.
	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.
CAPITAL INFLOW (NET) -														
GOVERNMENT CAPITAL MOVEMENTS -														
SECURITIES	-83	541	967	1184	615	443	107	-198	342	608	117	117	530	597
OTHER	35	-78	-154	-578	-22	-83	92	-141	-165	-161	-138	-116	41	-97
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	-48	463	813	606	593	360	199	-339	177	448	-20	1	571	500
PRIVATE CAPITAL MOVEMENTS -														
FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN														
ENTERPRISES IN AUSTRALIA -														
UNDISTRIBUTED INCOME	829	247	-603	625	-150	-151	-151	-151	156	156	156	157	250	250
OTHER DIRECT INVESTMENT	1559	1936	1495	1588	160	352	365	618	724	1448	20	-604	919	-136
PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT AND														
INSTITUTIONAL LOANS	3646	7197	7642	6461	1765	2445	1901	1531	693	1795	1987	1986	1182	2682
TOTAL IN ENTERPRISES (A)	6034	9380	8534	8674	1775	2646	2115	1998	1573	3399	2163	1539	2351	2796
AUSTRALIAN INVESTMENT ABROAD	-455	-1012	-1455	-1738	-435	-307	-634	-79	-223	-110	-1241	-164	-637	-355
TRADE CREDIT NET -														
PUBLIC ENTERPRISES	82	135	27	-175	49	16	-114	77	171	-70	-125	-151	-191	-153
OTHER	-150	63	-328	224	-54	-57	-235	18	45	-44	-4	227	-12	-16
TOTAL PRIVATE	5512	8566	6779	6985	1334	2298	1132	2014	1566	3175	793	1451	1511	2272
NON-OFFICIAL MONETARY SECTOR														
TRANSACTIONS	-65	106	661	166	210	327	2	122	122	141	-217	120	1101	(B)
NET IDENTIFIED														
CAPITAL INFLOW	5400	9134	8253	7757	2138	2985	1333	1797	1865	3764	555	1572	3183	2772
BALANCING ITEM	1205	1030	429	1297	91	316	-522	544	368	615	448	-133	-313	-46(C)
NET APPARENT														
CAPITAL INFLOW	6605	10163	8682	9054	2229	3301	811	2341	2233	4378	1004	1439	2870	2727
OFFICIAL MONETARY MOVEMENTS -														
CHANGES IN OFFICIAL														
RESERVE ASSETS	1101	1364	2460	1855	406	1876	-482	660	241	2924	-752	-558	68	-179
ALLOCATION OF SDRS	-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER TRANSACTIONS	134	-10	-24	-5	-19	-38	6	27	-18	-15	-19	46	-24	-13
NET OFFICIAL														
MONETARY MOVEMENTS	1149	1354	2436	1850	387	1838	-476	687	223	2909	-770	-512	44	-192

(A) SEE TABLE 8 FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN ENTERPRISES IN AUSTRALIA.

(B) NOT YET AVAILABLE, INCLUDED IN THE BALANCING ITEM. (C) INCLUDES ITEM FOOTNOTED (B).

TABLE 3 BALANCE OF PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
\$ MILLION

	QUARTERS END-									
	1982-83				1983-84				1984-85	
	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.
VISIBLE TRADE- EXPORTS FOB	5195	5271	5190	5106	5478	5868	6087	6136	6943	6621
IMPORTS FOB	-5593	-5627	-5038	-5443	-5456	-5659	-6018	-6381	-7344	-7207
BALANCE OF TRADE	-398	-356	152	-337	22	209	69	-245	-401	-586
INVISIBLE CREDITS-										
TRANSPORTATION	554	549	537	545	548	570	564	593	613	613
TRAVEL	271	281	289	286	300	310	318	350	363	372
GOVERNMENT	49	51	46	48	54	52	49	52	56	60
MISCELLANEOUS	77	79	82	84	87	90	92	93	95	99
PROPERTY INCOME	268	255	347	286	304	377	401	431	419	464
TRANSFERS	223	230	261	235	235	245	283	242	260	261
TOTAL INVISIBLE CREDITS	1442	1445	1561	1483	1528	1644	1707	1760	1806	1868
INVISIBLE DEBITS -										
TRANSPORTATION -										
FREIGHT ON IMPORTS	-468	-471	-426	-430	-465	-481	-510	-544	-596	-592
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	-478	-474	-475	-442	-450	-469	-461	-486	-513	-526
TRAVEL	-480	-463	-460	-454	-481	-495	-508	-572	-567	-598
GOVERNMENT	-85	-91	-98	-96	-100	-95	-94	-99	-110	-106
MISCELLANEOUS	-113	-120	-125	-134	-135	-142	-145	-147	-156	-160
PROPERTY INCOME -										
INVESTMENT INCOME -										
UNDISTRIBUTED	150	151	151	151	-156	-156	-156	-157	-250	-250
OTHER	-848	-850	-1064	-1021	-1250	-1253	-1279	-1114	-1321	-1601
ROYALTIES AND COPYRIGHTS	-37	-38	-37	-38	-39	-39	-42	-45	-46	-46
TRANSFERS -										
GOVERNMENT	-194	-198	-191	-219	-216	-206	-211	-235	-179	-313
PRIVATE	-137	-145	-154	-166	-164	-157	-152	-152	-160	-162
TOTAL INVISIBLE DEBITS	-2690	-2699	-2879	-2849	-3455	-3473	-3558	-3549	-3897	-4354
NET INVISIBLES	-1248	-1254	-1318	-1366	-1927	-1829	-1852	-1789	-2091	-2486
BALANCE ON CURRENT ACCOUNT	-1646	-1610	-1166	-1703	-1905	-1620	-1783	-2034	-2492	-3072

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TABLE 4 BALANCE OF PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PRECEDING QUARTER									
	1982-83				1983-84				1984-85	
	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.
EXPORTS FOB	3.0	1.5	-1.5	-1.6	7.3	7.1	3.7	0.4	13.2	-4.6
INVISIBLE CREDITS	5.2	0.2	8.1	-5.0	3.0	7.6	3.8	3.2	2.6	3.5
IMPORTS FOB	-6.4	0.6	-10.5	8.0	0.2	3.7	6.3	6.0	15.1	-1.9
INVISIBLE DEBITS	-6.2	0.4	6.7	-1.0	21.3	0.5	2.5	-0.3	9.8	11.7

TABLE 5

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS - EXPORTS FOB AND IMPORTS FOB
\$ MILLION

	QUARTERS ENDED-													
	YEAR													
	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1982-83				1983-84				1984-85	
					SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.
EXPORTS FOB -														
RURAL EXPORTS FOB -														
MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS	1593	1380	1675	1393	458	438	370	409	422	381	279	311	383	296
CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS	2339	2484	1848	2817	525	539	504	280	297	481	1091	948	893	828
SUGAR, SUGAR PREPS. AND HONEY	1199	784	608	675	215	154	56	183	191	225	61	198	241	111
WOOL AND SHEEPSKINS	1920	1875	1789	2000	345	464	527	453	388	517	580	515	383	526
OTHER (DAIRY PRODUCE, FRUIT, ETC)	1636	1752	1985	2132	501	505	425	554	544	510	511	567	640	565
TOTAL RURAL	8687	8275	7905	9017	2044	2100	1882	1879	1842	2114	2522	2539	2540	2326
NON-RURAL EXPORTS FOB -														
METAL ORES AND MINERALS	3409	3456	3852	4229	1044	1016	849	943	1111	1130	871	1117	1142	1108
MINERAL FUELS-														
COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES	1981	2295	3078	3338	689	686	832	871	814	827	917	780	1145	1072
OTHER (1)	517	867	1058	1437	221	313	283	241	311	328	353	445	453	389
METALS AND METAL MANUFACTURES	1686	1627	1912	2156	467	440	468	537	569	526	508	553	529	574
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	912	1053	1150	1366	320	283	225	322	355	398	277	336	490	424
OTHER (2)	1528	1510	1701	2126	411	397	398	495	555	525	475	571	612	625
TOTAL NON-RURAL	10032	10808	12751	14652	3152	3135	3055	3409	3715	3734	3401	3802	4371	4192
TOTAL EXPORTS FOB	18718	19083	20656	23669	5196	5235	4937	5288	5557	5848	5923	6341	6911	6518
IMPORTS FOB -														
FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	818	902	1017	1211	253	255	251	258	283	291	326	311	328	374
FUELS	2715	2987	3087	2209	807	952	746	582	501	489	610	609	694	488
BASIC MATERIALS	821	846	728	873	206	152	153	217	224	209	214	226	285	244
CHEMICALS (INCLUDING PLASTICS)	1563	1813	1769	2155	468	421	400	480	514	496	581	564	643	590
TEXTILES, FABRICS, ETC	978	1094	1009	1304	275	264	215	255	311	316	328	349	398	351
METALS AND METAL MANUFACTURES	1052	1357	1193	1143	390	300	252	251	262	246	298	337	368	363
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	7559	9017	8600	9261	2282	2039	1976	2303	2300	2215	2192	2554	3236	2967
OTHER	3663	4364	4307	5342	1140	1119	998	1050	1320	1258	1381	1383	1736	1646
TOTAL IMPORTS FOB	19169	22379	21710	23498	5821	5502	4991	5396	5715	5520	5930	6333	7688	7023

(1) UNTIL JULY 1981 EXCLUDES DIVISION 34

(2) UNTIL JULY 1981 INCLUDES DIVISION 34

TABLE 6 BALANCE OF PAYMENTS - EXPORTS FOB AND IMPORTS FOB - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
\$ MILLION

	QUARTERS ENDED-									
	1982-83				1983-84				1984-85	
	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.
EXPORTS FOB -										
RURAL EXPORTS FOB -										
MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS	429	435	418	396	390	379	318	301	352	295
CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS	654	624	399	260	375	562	851	883	1137	966
SUGAR, SUGAR PREPS. AND HONEY	150	136	156	169	133	202	170	180	168	100
WOOL AND SHEEPSKINS	449	459	448	434	506	511	492	494	501	518
OTHER (DAIRY PRODUCE, FRUIT, ETC)	468	517	492	508	509	521	594	519	599	577
TOTAL RURAL	2150	2171	1913	1767	1913	2175	2425	2377	2757	2456
NON-RURAL EXPORTS FOB -										
METAL ORES AND MINERALS	1000	974	929	952	1052	1080	961	1132	1075	1058
MINERAL FUELS-										
COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES	680	725	876	801	799	874	968	718	1120	1134
OTHER	237	296	271	253	326	313	337	472	471	371
METALS AND METAL MANUFACTURES	448	444	490	530	546	531	533	546	506	582
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	292	263	267	329	320	370	331	344	440	394
OTHER	388	398	444	474	522	525	532	547	574	626
TOTAL NON-RURAL	3045	3100	3277	3339	3565	3693	3662	3759	4186	4165
TOTAL EXPORTS FOB	5195	5271	5190	5106	5478	5868	6087	6136	6943	6621
IMPORTS FOB -										
FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	249	252	250	266	279	287	324	321	324	369
FUELS	828	969	702	592	516	496	575	619	718	493
BASIC MATERIALS	182	162	165	216	196	224	232	225	250	262
CHEMICALS (INCLUDING PLASTICS)	451	442	403	473	493	522	585	556	617	621
TEXTILES, FABRICS, ETC	261	267	220	260	294	321	336	356	376	358
METALS AND METAL MANUFACTURES	367	316	262	244	246	260	311	326	345	385
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	2183	2088	2034	2286	2196	2274	2266	2523	3091	3048
OTHER	1072	1131	1002	1106	1236	1275	1389	1455	1623	1671
TOTAL IMPORTS FOB	5593	5627	5038	5443	5456	5659	6018	6381	7344	7207

TABLE 7 OVERSEAS TRADE STATISTICS : ADJUSTMENTS FOR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PURPOSES
\$ MILLION

YEARS/ QUARTERS	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	TRADE BASIS	ADJUSTMENTS		BALANCE OF PAYMENTS BASIS	TRADE BASIS	ADJUSTMENTS		BALANCE OF PAYMENTS BASIS
		COVERAGE	TIMING			COVERAGE	TIMING	
1980-81		-488	30	18718	18965	-70	422	-147
1981-82	19575	-434	-58	19083	23005	-543	3	-86
1982-83	22123	-1265	-202	20656	21806	-402	322	-16
1983-84	24767	-1203	105	23669	24062	-456	-151	43
1982-83 SEPTEMBER	5538	-326	-16	5196	6005	-161	-20	-3
DECEMBER	5703	-422	-46	5235	5767	-113	-13	-5
MARCH	5304	-316	-51	4937	4843	-51	202	-3
JUNE	5578	-201	-89	5288	5191	-43	253	-5
1983-84 SEPTEMBER	5850	-295	2	5557	5878	-55	-117	9
DECEMBER	6082	-237	3	5848	5624	-72	-42	10
MARCH	6228	-340	35	5923	6098	-151	-30	13
JUNE	6607	-331	65	6341	6462	-178	38	11
1984-85 SEPTEMBER	7297	-230	-156	6911	7251	-285	708(A)(B)	14
DECEMBER	6940	-410	-12	6518	6899	-62	175(B)	11

(A) A NEW TIMING ADJUSTMENT IS COMMENCED WITH THE SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1984. SEE EXPLANATORY NOTES, PARAGRAPHS 19 AND 20.

(B) INCLUDES NEW TIMING ADJUSTMENT OF \$300 MILLION, SEE FOOTNOTE (A).

TABLE 8 FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN ENTERPRISES IN AUSTRALIA
\$ MILLION

YEARS/ QUARTERS	DIRECT INVESTMENT					PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL LOANS					TOTAL
	UNDISTRI- BUTED INCOME	OTHER DIRECT INVESTMENT			TOTAL	CORPORATE EQUITIES	BORROWINGS		TOTAL		
		CORPORATE EQUITIES	BORROWINGS	OTHER			PUBLIC NON- MONETARY ENTERPRISES	OTHER			
1980-81	829	529	570	460	2388	1290	433	1923	3646	6034	
1981-82	247	-135	1109	962	2183	654	1164	5379	7197	9380	
1982-83	-603	392	448	655	892	865	1694	5083	7642	8534	
1983-84	625	246	1383	-41	2213	537	2289	3635	6461	8674	
1982-83	SEPTEMBER	-150	48	-154	266	10	225	763	777	1765	
	DECEMBER	-151	210	131	11	201	65	516	1864	2445	
	MARCH	-151	113	343	-91	214	229	350	1322	1901	
	JUNE	-151	21	128	469	467	346	65	1120	1531	
1983-84	SEPTEMBER	156	81	-3	646	880	324	133	236	693	
	DECEMBER	156	112	1125	211	1604	54	510	1231	1795	
	MARCH	156	12	-75	83	176	209	1375	403	1987	
	JUNE	157	41	336	-981	-447	-50	271	1765	1986	
1984-85	SEPTEMBER	250	-137	708	348	1169	20	251	911	1182	
	DECEMBER	250	124	-16	-243	115	-76	1460	1298	2682	

TABLE 9 OFFICIAL RESERVE ASSETS AND EXCHANGE RATES

OFFICIAL RESERVE ASSETS \$ MILLION					EXCHANGE RATES (END OF YEAR/QUARTER) UNITS OF FOREIGN CURRENCY PER \$A				TRADE- WEIGHTED INDEX (END OF YEAR/QUARTER) OF VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR, MAY 1970 = 100
YEARS/ QUARTERS	CHANGES INCLUDED IN THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS	CHANGES DUE TO EFFECTS OF REVALUATIONS	RESERVE BANK SERIES		U.S.A. DOLLAR	U.K. POUND	W.GERMAN MARK	JAPAN YEN	
			CHANGES IN LEVELS	LEVELS AT END OF YEAR/ QUARTER					
1980-81	1101	-1072	29	5709	1.1480	0.5895	2.747	259.51	92.9
1981-82	1364	-556	808	6517	1.0223	0.5870	2.506	260.18	88.2
1982-83	2460	1771	4231	10748	0.8745	0.5730	2.227	209.38	77.7
1983-84	1855	-186	1669	12417	0.8613	0.6378	2.399	204.60	79.2
1982-83	SEPTEMBER	406	1473	1880	0.9493	0.5595	2.402	255.58	83.8
	DECEMBER	1876	-178	1698	0.9806	0.6050	2.335	229.51	83.4
	MARCH	-482	753	270	0.8629	0.5867	2.094	206.99	76.1
	JUNE	660	-277	383	0.8745	0.5730	2.227	209.38	77.7
1983-84	SEPTEMBER	241	-317	-76	0.8965	0.6001	2.365	212.43	80.4
	DECEMBER	2924	-246	2679	0.9020	0.6205	2.451	209.22	81.1
	MARCH	-752	-357	-1110	0.9350	0.6461	2.426	210.22	82.9
	JUNE	-558	734	176	0.8613	0.6378	2.399	204.60	79.2
1984-85	SEPTEMBER	68	(A)	(A)	0.8330	0.6696	2.526	204.67	80.3
	DECEMBER	-179	-194	-374	0.8278	0.7130	2.606	207.24	81.3

(A) NOT AVAILABLE, SEE FOOTNOTE (B). (B) FROM SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1984. FIGURES FOR OFFICIAL RESERVE ASSETS ARE NOT FULLY COMPARABLE WITH EARLIER DATA DUE TO CHANGES IN THE RESERVE BANK'S ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES.