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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION: MAJOR HOTELS AND MOTELS, NSW SEPTEMBER 1989

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MAIN FEATURES

NOTE: The domestic airline pilots' dispute may have had some effect on tourist accommodation in the September month. The pilots began working restricted hours (9 till 5) on 18 August, were suspended on 23 August and resigned on 24 August. At the time of publication the dispute had not been fully resolved.

The room occupancy rate for major hotels and motels in NSW in September 1989 was 66.4 per cent, 1.3 percentage points higher than in August and 3.9 per cent higher than July, but well down on the 81.7 per cent recorded in September 1988. The room occupancy rates for the three months ended September 1989 are well below those in the corresponding period 12 months previously. Factors which may have contributed to higher room occupancy rates last year were the Bicentennial celebrations and EXPO 88.

The average charge per room night in September 1989 (\$144) was slightly below that for August 1989 (\$147) and 2 per cent lower than in September 1988.

The average takings per hotel/motel for September 1989 were \$588,000 some 7 per cent lower than August 1989 but 24 per cent lower than in September 1988.

NOTES

The scope of *Tourist Accommodation: Major Hotels and Motels* is limited each month to those hotels and motels with facilities and 100 or more rooms. The number of establishments in the collection is expected to fluctuate because of the narrowness of this definition and as hotels presently under construction begin operations. For these reasons the emphasis in the published results is on rates and averages rather than on absolute values.

The statistics are not representative of the smaller accommodation establishments throughout NSW and care should be taken when interpreting the results. Care should also be taken when comparing these results with data published in the quarterly bulletin *Tourist Accommodation, New South Wales* (Catalogue No. 8635.1).

The hotels/motels for which statistics are included in this bulletin represent approximately 20% of New South Wales guest rooms, bed spaces, room and guest nights and approximately 50% of takings from accommodation.

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**MAJOR HOTELS AND MOTELS: SELECTED ACCOMMODATION DETAILS
SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION AND NEW SOUTH WALES**

Statistical Area	1988			1989		
	July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.
NUMBER OF HOTELS/MOTELS(a)						
Sydney Statistical Division	38	38	41	43	43	44
New South Wales	44	44	47	50	50	51
NUMBER OF ROOMS(a)						
Sydney Statistical Division	8,552	8,552	9,057	9,708	9,728	10,719
New South Wales	9,413	9,413	9,958	10,674	10,694	11,735
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATE (PER CENT)						
Sydney Statistical Division	76.3	78.2	82.4	63.8	66.0	65.8
New South Wales	74.3	75.3	81.7	62.5	65.1	66.4
BED OCCUPANCY RATE (PER CENT)						
Sydney Statistical Division	47.1	47.6	50.3	37.9	38.7	40.0
New South Wales	45.6	45.3	48.8	37.3	38.6	39.5
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)						
Sydney Statistical Division	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.4	2.6
New South Wales	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.6
AVERAGE TAKINGS PER HOTEL/MOTEL (\$000)						
Sydney Statistical Division	730	789	869	661	687	655
New South Wales	655	704	774	600	631	588
AVERAGE CHARGE PER ROOM NIGHT (\$)						
Sydney Statistical Division	137	145	151	148	149	149
New South Wales	134	142	147	146	147	144

(a) This item includes data for all hotels and motels in scope of the survey. However, in a given month, late reporting problems may result in a small number of establishments being omitted from the rates and averages calculations. It is not expected that these omissions will significantly affect the data.

