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OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR MARCH QUARTER 1974 AND PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES FOR JUNE QUARTER 1974

MAIN FEATURES

For March Quarter 1974

- Total arrivals and departures were 390,493 and 336,804 respectively, compared with 319,535 and 293,676 in the corresponding quarter of 1973 and were the highest ever recorded. The net inflow during the quarter 53,689 was also the highest ever, breaking a 24 year old record of 44,970 in the March quarter 1950. 48,859 of this net inflow was due to Australian residents returning in the short-term movement.

For quarter and year ended June 1974

- On the basis of provisional estimates, there were 321,333 arrivals and 375,374 departures during the June quarter, resulting in a net loss of 54,041. This net loss was smaller than the net loss of 58,917 in the same quarter of 1973. Later detailed statistics will show how much of it was due to Australian residents departing in the short-term movement.
- Arrivals in 1973-74 are estimated at 1,415,902 and departures at 1,342,778. Net migration gain (73,124) was 45,121 greater than in 1972-73.
- From information for the nine months ended March 1974, it appears that the increase of Australian residents on trips abroad has continued unabated, but that the growth of overseas visitor arrivals was at a somewhat lower rate.

INTRODUCTION

This publication contains summary statistics of overseas arrivals and departures during the three months ended March 1974 and provisional estimates for the quarter ended June 1974, together with statistics for earlier periods. It is proposed to issue final summary statistics for the three months ended June 1974 within a few weeks. The abovementioned bulletins are published in lieu of the usual monthly bulletins (Reference No. 4.3). Quarterly bulletins (Reference No. 4.1) containing detailed statistics will appear as usual for each quarter of 1974. From July 1974 onwards, the usual series of monthly bulletins will be resumed.

- Special arrangements were needed because problems associated with the introduction of a new system of recording overseas arrivals and departures and compiling these statistics. The January 1974 bulletin, published on 12 November 1974, contains a detailed description of the new system.

PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES FOR JUNE QUARTER 1974

- The provisional estimates for the quarter ended June 1974 in Table 2 are based on hand counts of records of embarking and disembarking overseas passengers and on preliminary estimates made by the Department of Labor and Immigration.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Coverage

- These statistics exclude air crew and ships' crew, transit passengers who pass through Australia but are not cleared for entry, and passengers on pleasure cruises commencing and finishing in Australia on ships not then engaged in regular voyages.

Comparability

- From 1 January 1974 new passenger cards and processing arrangements were introduced. This has affected comparability, in certain instances, with statistics from earlier periods. The more important changes are explained in *Overseas Arrivals and Departures*, January 1974 (Reference No. 4.3). See, in particular, paragraph 7 of the explanatory notes, relating to long-term and short-term movement, and paragraph 9, relating to former settlers.

Category of traveller

- In 1973 and earlier years, category of traveller was determined from the answers to a series of questions on the cards. The new cards, however, invite the passenger to select his or her own category and this selection is accepted provided it is consistent with other information on the card. Assisted settlers are identified as such by the Department of Labor and Immigration.

Permanent movement

- Permanent movement consists of settlers arriving and residents departing permanently. The

former consist of assisted settlers and other settlers. Residents departing permanently comprise former settlers (those who state on departure that they had come to Australia intending to settle), and other residents departing permanently.

Long-term and short-term movement

8. Long-term movement is defined as comprising overseas visitors arriving and Australian residents departing with the intention of staying (in Australia or abroad, respectively) for twelve months or more, together with the departure of visitors and the return of Australian residents who stayed, in Australia or abroad, for twelve months or more. Travellers whose intended or actual period of stay is less than twelve months are classified as short-term.

Errors, corrections and imputations

9. Statistics of short-term movement are derived from a sample. They are therefore subject to sampling errors which can be estimated. In addition, the statistics may be subject to errors due to imperfections in reporting. These matters are explained in detail in *Overseas Arrivals and Departures*, January 1974 (Reference No. 4.3).

Seasonally adjusted series

10. The seasonally adjusted figures are reanalysed and revised annually. In the adjustments, account is taken of "trading day" effects as well as of normal seasonal factors. Details of the methods used and selected measures of variability were published in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1974* (Reference No. 1.10).

TABLE 1. - ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES : CATEGORY OF TRAVELLER
(Persons)

Category of traveller	1973				1974			
	Month			Quarter ended March	Month			Quarter ended March
	January	February	March		January	February	March	
ARRIVALS								
Permanent movement -								
Assisted settlers	2,830	3,259	5,125	11,214	4,068	3,634	4,145	11,847
Other settlers	4,187	3,644	4,530	12,361	5,239	4,318	5,319	14,876
Total permanent	7,017	6,903	9,655	23,575	9,307	7,952	9,464	26,723
Long-term movement -								
Australian residents	6,558	4,385	4,225	15,168	6,041	4,452	4,340	14,833
Overseas visitors	3,368	3,194	2,184	8,746	2,970	2,742	2,321	8,033
Total long-term	9,926	7,579	6,409	23,914	9,011	7,194	6,661	22,866
Short-term movement -								
Australian residents	74,619	43,103	35,400	153,122	95,001	61,649	48,771	205,421
Overseas visitors	38,159	43,171	37,594	118,924	44,047	46,101	45,335	135,483
Total short-term	112,778	86,274	72,994	272,046	139,048	107,750	94,106	340,904
Total arrivals	129,721	100,756	89,058	319,535	157,366	122,896	110,231	390,493
DEPARTURES								
Permanent movement -								
Former settlers	2,312	2,082	2,729	7,123	1,487	1,794	1,905	5,186
Other residents	1,327	925	1,242	3,494	1,274	1,054	1,102	3,430
Total permanent	3,639	3,007	3,971	10,617	2,761	2,848	3,007	8,616
Long-term movement -								
Australian residents	7,231	4,842	6,293	18,366	6,718	5,112	5,409	17,239
Overseas visitors	2,081	1,752	2,219	6,052	2,205	1,644	1,818	5,667
Total long-term	9,312	6,594	8,512	24,418	8,923	6,756	7,227	22,906
Short-term movement -								
Australian residents	38,301	29,746	45,741	113,788	55,880	41,104	39,778	156,562
Overseas visitors	54,590	45,022	45,241	144,853	58,125	45,303	45,292	148,720
Total short-term	92,891	74,768	90,982	258,641	113,805	86,407	105,070	305,282
Total departures	105,842	84,369	103,465	293,676	125,489	96,011	115,304	336,804
EXCESS OF ARRIVALS OVER DEPARTURES								
Permanent movement	3,378	3,896	5,684	12,958	6,546	5,104	6,457	18,107
Long-term movement	614	985	-2,103	-504	88	438	-566	-40
Short-term movement	19,887	11,506	-17,988	13,405	25,243	21,343	-10,964	35,622
Total net movement	23,879	16,387	-14,407	25,859	31,877	26,885	-5,073	53,689

TABLE 2. - ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES : RECENT QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY TOTALS

Period	Total arrivals		Total departures		Excess of arrivals over departures		
	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted (a)	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted (a)	Males	Females	Persons
Quarter ended -							
1973 - March	319,535	296,925	293,676	284,993	15,154	10,705	25,859
June	266,749	309,171	325,666	315,829	-26,039	-32,878	-58,917
September	333,709	337,291	301,038	328,458	13,640	19,031	32,671
December	370,367	347,004	329,562	318,152	17,267	23,538	40,805
1974 - March	390,493	361,654	336,804	328,805	31,877	21,817	53,689
June p	321,333	372,521	375,374	363,517	n.a.	n.a.	-54,041
Month -							
1973 - January	129,721	103,074	105,842	92,668	11,694	12,185	23,879
February	100,756	103,825	84,369	95,154	9,177	7,210	16,387
March	89,058	90,026	103,465	97,171	-5,717	-8,640	-14,407
April	87,440	104,229	116,540	110,012	-12,809	-16,291	-29,100
May	92,825	97,367	112,775	101,695	-8,430	-11,120	-19,550
June	86,484	107,575	96,751	104,122	-4,800	-5,467	-10,267
July	97,586	110,619	92,537	109,268	1,936	3,113	5,049
August	110,776	111,063	118,834	108,689	-4,906	-3,152	-8,058
September	125,347	115,589	89,667	110,501	16,810	19,070	35,680
October	122,259	111,359	81,391	90,331	19,359	21,509	40,868
November	116,618	117,721	96,599	110,902	8,615	11,704	20,319
December	131,190	117,924	151,572	116,919	-10,707	-9,675	-20,382
1974 - January	157,366	121,545	125,489	110,766	17,791	14,086	31,877
February	122,896	126,587	96,011	108,214	15,846	11,039	26,885
March	100,231	113,522	115,304	109,825	-1,765	-3,308	-5,073
April p	100,725	119,568	132,989	124,319	n.a.	n.a.	-32,644
May p	115,724	124,496	132,403	119,606	n.a.	n.a.	-16,679
June p	104,884	128,457	109,982	115,592	n.a.	n.a.	-5,098

NOTE. Minus sign (-) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. p - Preliminary

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