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INTERSTATE ROAD FREIGHT MOVEMENT, AUSTRALIA MARCH QUARTER, 1990

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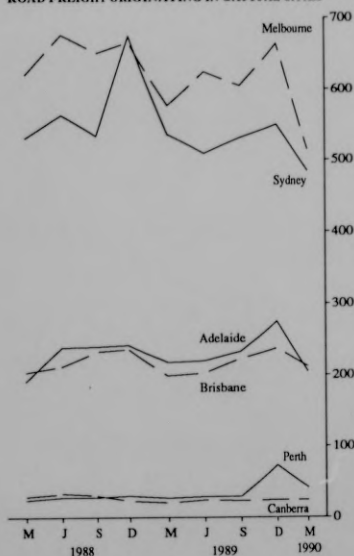
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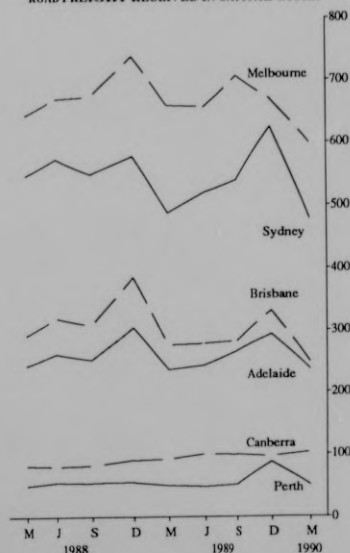
MAIN FEATURES

INTERSTATE ROAD FREIGHT MOVEMENT, AUSTRALIA Tonnes ('000)

ROAD FREIGHT ORIGINATING IN CAPITAL CITIES



ROAD FREIGHT RECEIVED IN CAPITAL CITIES



Total interstate road freight moved by major operators during March Quarter 1990 (2,043,000 tonnes) was 18.9% lower than in December Quarter 1989 (2,519,000 tonnes) and 5.7% lower than the March Quarter 1989 figure (2,167,000 tonnes). This was the lowest recorded total since the June quarter 1985.

Decreases in freight originating and received were recorded for most major centres. In addition to March generally being a low quarter, industrial action during the quarter was reported by some respondents as having had an effect on their activities.

TABLE 1. FREIGHT MOVED INTERSTATE BY MAJOR FREIGHT FORWARDERS AND ROAD TRANSPORT OPERATORS BETWEEN SPECIFIED CENTRES, BY ROAD
(Tonnes)

Origin	Quarter—	Destination										Other Interstate	Total
		Sydney	Newcastle	Wollongong	Melbourne	Geelong	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Tasmania	Darwin	Canberra	
Sydney	1988-89—												
	December	..	..	..	317,463	6,777	178,177	64,110	17,063	2,027	1,991	47,649	39,658
	March	..	..	..	276,263	3,244	104,390	51,548	15,361	2,858	1,623	53,158	27,087
	June	..	..	..	257,172	5,351	96,866	49,178	14,398	1,247	2,258	52,389	29,962
	1989-90—												
	September	..	..	..	264,671	3,383	98,850	55,838	16,038	1,389	2,392	57,623	30,984
	December	..	..	..	267,020	3,638	108,501	56,602	21,383	n.p.	n.p.	56,149	32,546
	March	..	..	..	233,540	6,750	87,864	48,162	14,288	n.p.	n.p.	65,224	24,954
	1988-89—												
	December	..	..	..	18,432	3,491	23,279	4,718	730	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Newcastle	March	..	..	..	18,545	2,093	16,833	3,521	649	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
	June	..	..	..	20,535	1,054	15,794	4,185	807	n.p.	n.p.	3,518	n.p.
	1989-90—												
	September	..	..	..	17,423	n.p.	11,936	3,550	680	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
	December	..	..	..	17,875	2,304	18,537	8,417	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,023	n.p.
	March	..	..	..	14,872	n.p.	11,620	3,327	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,848	10,200
	1988-89—												
	December	..	..	..	35,111	n.p.	4,227	4,808	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,046	8,241
	March	..	..	..	30,835	n.p.	4,894	3,444	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	594	9,695
	June	..	..	..	33,286	n.p.	4,524	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	502	n.p.
Wollongong	1989-90—												
	September	..	..	..	32,950	n.p.	7,162	2,975	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	496	9,031
	December	..	..	..	28,333	n.p.	6,016	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	555	9,113
	March	..	..	..	30,084	n.p.	5401	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,168	10,157
	1988-89—												
	December	288,004	17,397	9,124	..	..	92,259	135,900	20,909	..	2,190	22,054	77,747
	March	246,806	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	75,939	114,520	19,087	..	1,528	22,212	73,710
	June	264,966	6,679	n.p.	..	..	77,918	120,367	17,192	..	n.p.	31,365	88,757
	1989-90—												
	September	265,495	7,151	n.p.	..	..	77,576	133,445	19,899	..	n.p.	24,097	60,259
Melbourne	December	289,326	n.p.	10,887	..	..	96,081	138,459	26,429	..	n.p.	23,330	69,347
	March	226,021	9,273	n.p.	..	..	73,597	106,483	14,132	..	n.p.	24,034	51,352
	1988-89—												
	December	11,084	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	3,009	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	499	7,359
	March	10,047	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	7,557
	June	12,903	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	2,913	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	8,996
	1989-90—												
	September	10,898	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	2,315	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	7,611
	December	13,318	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	7,826
	March	10,045	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	2,116	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	7,584
Geelong	1988-89—												
	December	10,047	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	8,996
	March	12,903	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	2,913	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	8,996
	June	12,903	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	2,913	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	8,996
	1989-90—												
	September	10,898	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	2,315	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	7,611
	December	13,318	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	7,826
	March	10,045	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	2,116	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	7,584
	1988-89—												
	December	10,047	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	8,996

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(Tonnes)

Origin	Quarter—	Destination											Other Interstate	Total
		Sydney	Newcastle	Wollongong	Melbourne	Geelong	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Tasmania	Darwin	Canberra		
Brisbane	1988-89—													
	December	85,769	3,093	893	48,642	n.p.	..	21,627	4,268	n.p.	3,382	3,420	63,541	236,278
	March	69,934	1,589	934	40,823	n.p.	..	14,583	3,022	n.p.	n.p.	4,140	59,667	199,486
	June	75,599	2,390	1,191	38,625	n.p.	..	12,673	3,013	n.p.	n.p.	2,348	62,081	203,151
	1989-90—													
	September	80,373	3,249	755	41,366	n.p.	..	15,343	3,978	n.p.	n.p.	4,118	68,801	223,353
	December	75,183	3,606	798	51,276	n.p.	..	20,971	5,033	n.p.	n.p.	4,214	70,918	238,016
	March	80,344	2,865	n.p.	45,786	n.p.	..	13,004	3,127	n.p.	n.p.	3,163	58,987	212,016
	1988-89—													
Adelaide	December	58,055	796	1,699	123,117	n.p.	16,717	..	7,486	n.p.	4,826	5,665	22,678	242,191
	March	51,233	639	2,167	101,587	n.p.	14,964	..	8,480	n.p.	3,205	5,369	18,148	218,408
	June	46,971	459	1,990	103,317	n.p.	16,505	..	8,342	190	n.p.	n.p.	16,420	219,537
	1989-90—													
	September	51,542	n.p.	1,568	110,478	n.p.	18,072	..	7,307	266	n.p.	n.p.	15,567	233,121
	December	62,841	773	1,599	121,728	n.p.	22,773	..	16,362	270	n.p.	6,480	20,420	275,467
	March	46,685	786	n.p.	107,424	n.p.	10,689	..	8,253	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	16,569	205,143
	1988-89—													
Perth	December	7,428	n.p.	n.p.	8,736	n.p.	3,552	7,632	..	117	n.p.	173	n.p.	30,438
	March	5,518	n.p.	n.p.	8,701	n.p.	3,600	7,332	..	n.p.	n.p.	159	902	27,043
	June	6,417	n.p.	n.p.	9,159	n.p.	2,841	8,404	..	35	n.p.	n.p.	1,098	28,793
	1989-90—													
	September	6,503	n.p.	n.p.	10,009	n.p.	3,431	7,225	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	983	29,387
	December	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	24,411	n.p.	4,820	16,088	..	139	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	72,753
	March	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	11,932	n.p.	n.p.	7,878	..	76	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	40,640
	1988-89—													
Tasmania	December	n.p.	—	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	243	46	..	n.p.	118	n.p.	n.p.
	March	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	141	234	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
	June	512	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	138	223	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
	1989-90—													
	September	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	374	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
	December	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
	March	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
	1988-89—													
Darwin	December	n.p.	n.p.	—	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
	March	n.p.	n.p.	—	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	1,067	n.p.
	June	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
	1989-90—													
	September	n.p.	n.p.	—	n.p.	—	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
	December	n.p.	n.p.	—	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
	March	n.p.	n.p.	—	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.

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		Sydney	Newcastle	Wollongong	Melbourne	Geelong	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Tasmania	Darwin	Canberra		
Canberra	1988-89—													
	December	14,133	n.p.	431	n.p.	84	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	73	..	977	22,789
	March	10,246	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,716	882	153	n.p.	64	..	n.p.	20,357
	June	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	361	207	n.p.	113	..	2,287	23,625
	1989-90—													
	September	11,232	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	983	254	n.p.	n.p.	..	4,063	23,028
	December	11,304	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	286	n.p.	n.p.	..	4,471	24,080
	March	12,227	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	23,819
Other Interstate	1988-89—													
	December	111,183	6,026	n.p.	182,590	16,352	56,590	39,484	2,936	n.p.	n.p.	3,929	n.p.	496,962
	March	93,623	5,392	527	178,475	5,410	50,095	34,591	1,876	n.p.	n.p.	1,935	n.p.	451,998
	June	98,843	5,140	631	190,468	21,101	56,259	39,034	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	3,216	102,653	520,525
	1989-90—													
	September	111,417	5,605	788	225,496	18,612	59,229	41,639	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,474	90,266	557,537
	December	148,897	8,526	940	154,907	57,539	68,363	44,019	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	2,428	46,476	546,466
	March	87,412	5,826	n.p.	152,063	38,017	48,075	32,570	7,564	n.p.	n.p.	1,195	44,533	420,846
Total	1988-89—													
	December	576,932	28,793	13,491	737,656	29,587	384,627	303,944	55,197	3,078	15,370	89,612	307,834	2,546,121
	March	488,488	14,780	20,650	658,353	24,481	276,406	235,860	50,148	5,203	11,333	92,456	288,793	2,166,951
	June	520,075	15,513	20,226	655,866	45,529	277,656	243,348	47,780	2,470	12,756	99,582	333,247	2,274,048
	1989-90—													
	September	539,930	16,855	19,179	705,778	43,058	282,083	266,418	51,199	n.p.	n.p.	98,699	301,899	2,341,324
	December	624,361	21,276	16,021	668,921	83,550	331,369	293,422	86,780	n.p.	n.p.	95,654	276,134	2,518,939
	March	478,809	19,018	14,219	598,932	50,153	247,868	235,597	50,613	1,567	13,513	103,096	229,745	2,043,130

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains statistics on interstate freight movements by road within Australia. The statistics were compiled using data collected each quarter from enterprises involved in the movement of road freight (as defined in paragraph 2).

Scope

2. The scope of the quarterly collection is those enterprises which undertake more than 20,000 tonnes of interstate road freight movements in a year either for hire or reward under prime contract arrangements or on own account. Road freight movements, in this context, refer to movements of freight for which road transport was used as the main mode. Movements of freight for which the majority of distance was by modes other than road transport are excluded from these statistics.

3. All movements between Melbourne or Geelong and Tasmania are classified as 'sea' or 'air' and therefore excluded from this publication. However, freight consigned to Tasmania, for example, by road from Sydney to Melbourne and then by sea or air to Tasmania would be classified as 'road' from Sydney to Tasmania because that segment of the journey constituted the majority of the line-haul distance. As Tasmania is treated as a single location for the purposes of this collection, the mode of transport after landing in Tasmania is not taken into account.

Coverage

4. Coverage for this collection was initially established in September quarter 1982 as those enterprises which were found, in the 1980-81 Census of Interstate Freight Movements, to meet the scope criteria. The combined activities of those enterprises at the time of the census constituted approximately 70 per cent of total interstate road freight movements during that year.

5. The coverage has progressively decreased since September quarter 1982. Using results from the 1983-84 ABS Transport Surveys a number of additional enterprises were identified as being in the scope of the collection (as defined in paragraph 2). These additional enterprises are reflected in the statistics commencing with September quarter 1985. However, coverage has continued to decline since then and is now estimated to be between 50 and 60 per cent of total interstate road freight.

Definitions

6. The road freight data reported in this publication refer to movements made under prime contract and own account arrangements. A *prime contract* is defined as an agreement to move freight, made with the original consignor of the freight. Freight moved on *own account* is freight owned and transported by the same legal entity. Freight moved by road under sub-contract arrangements has been excluded to avoid double counting. *Freight forwarding* refers to the management and control, for reward, of the movement of freight without the performance of the major line-haul function.

7. Data in this publication are reported in gross tonnes (i.e. tonnages including the weight of the container); furniture reported in cubic metres and freight reported in litres have been converted to approximate tonne equivalents.

8. A significant number of businesses did not have records of tonnes moved by origin/destination. In these instances respondents were asked to provide estimates on the basis of experience over a typical short period.

9. The geographical boundaries used for this collection closely approximate the Statistical Divisions/Districts of the centres designated in this publication, with the exception of Other Interstate. Other Interstate includes locations other than those designated (i.e. combined rest of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Northern Territory).

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