



BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1985

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Forthcoming changes to this publication:

Commencing with the December quarter 1985 issue of this publication, which is due for release in February 1986, major changes will be made in the presentation of balance of payments statistics. The changes will bring the statistics into line with the latest statistical standards. They have been endorsed by major users and should facilitate balance of payments analyses.

Details of the changes will be described in an ABS Information Paper (Catalogue No. 5340.0) which is planned for release before the end of 1985. If you would like a copy of the paper, please write to Information Services, ABS, P.O. Box 10, Belconnen, A.C.T. 2616. An order form is enclosed.

MAIN FEATURES

September quarter 1985 -

The balance of trade recorded a deficit of \$798 million in contrast to the surplus of \$361 million recorded in the June quarter. The net invisibles deficit fell slightly, resulting in a current account deficit of \$3,416 million, up \$1,115 million on the June quarter deficit.

In seasonally adjusted terms the turnaround in the balance of trade was less dramatic. The September quarter result was a deficit of \$280 million, compared with a surplus of \$46 million in the previous quarter. The seasonally adjusted current account deficit rose \$561 million to \$2,942 million, the result of the turnaround in the balance of trade combined with an increase of \$235 million in the seasonally adjusted net invisibles deficit.

Net apparent capital inflow at \$2,638 million was up \$944 million on the June quarter 1985.

Official reserve assets fell \$786 million on account of transactions, compared with the fall of \$595 million in the previous quarter.

The trade weighted index of the value of the Australian dollar (base May 1970 = 100) stood at 64.8 at the end of September 1985, down 0.3 per cent on the end of June 1985 and 19.3 per cent on the end of September 1984. Through the September quarter 1985, the dollar rose against the \$US (6.3 per cent) and fell against the £UK (1.8 per cent), the West German Mark (6.8 per cent) and the Japanese Yen (7.7 per cent).

ANALYSIS OF SELECTED MAJOR AGGREGATES

September quarter 1985 compared with June quarter 1985 -

Current account

• Exports f.o.b. were \$8,488 million, down \$260 million or 3 per cent on the previous quarter.

• Seasonally adjusted exports f.o.b. rose 1 per cent. Rural exports rose 4 per cent while non-rural exports were little changed on the previous quarter. Within rural exports, increases occurred in cereals (up 12 per cent) meat (up 5 per cent) and the "other rural" category (up 11 per cent). These increases were partly offset by falls of 15 per cent in sugar and 9 per cent in wool (the latter down from an unusually high level in the June quarter). Within

non-rural exports, falls in metal ores and minerals (down 5 per cent), mineral fuels other than coal (down 9 per cent), metals (down 2 per cent) and machinery and transport equipment (down 14 per cent) were almost offset by increases in coal (up 3 per cent) and other non-rural exports (up 26 per cent, partly due to increased exports of gold).

. **Imports f.o.b.** at \$9,286 million were up \$899 million or 11 per cent on the June quarter 1985.

. **Seasonally adjusted imports f.o.b.** rose 5 per cent. Most of the increase can be attributed to imports of machinery and transport equipment which rose 10 per cent.

"Exogenous imports" rose 14 per cent. These comprise a group of imported goods which it has been found useful to identify separately in economic analysis because the transactions in these goods are lumpy, subject to government arrangements or significantly affected by factors other than the general level of economic activity in Australia. Exogenous imports include fuels (up 3 per cent on the June quarter 1985), imports of certain large items of equipment by both the public and private sectors (and reflected in the machinery and transport equipment category) and certain other imports of government. "Endogenous imports" (all imports other than those regarded as exogenous) rose 3 per cent with virtually all of the increase being in imports of investment goods (again reflected in the machinery and transport equipment category). The remaining endogenous categories, consumption goods and intermediate goods, were virtually unchanged.

. The **net invisibles deficit** of \$2,618 million was down \$44 million or 2 per cent.

. The **seasonally adjusted net invisibles deficit** rose by \$235 million or 10 per cent. Invisible credits rose only \$19 million while invisible debits rose \$254 million. The increase in invisible credits was due almost entirely to the transportation and travel items which were each up 2 per cent. An increase in investment income payable abroad of 17 per cent was responsible for most of the rise in invisible debits. Government transfers, 28 per cent lower than in the June quarter, was the only component to record a significant fall.

Capital account

. Transactions in **government securities** yielded a net inflow of \$501 million, down \$159 million on the inflow for the preceding quarter. Net overseas borrowings, which took account of an initial £UK30 million (\$A59 million) drawing of a £UK100 million borrowing, turned around \$375 million to an outflow of

\$90 million, while net purchases by non-residents of Commonwealth Government securities issued in Australia rose by \$216 million to \$591 million.

. **Other government capital movements** resulted in a net inflow of \$38 million after a net outflow of \$151 million in the June quarter 1985. Mainly responsible for the turnaround of \$189 million were higher deliveries of and lower prepayments for major items of defence equipment in the September quarter.

. Interim estimates of **foreign investment in enterprises in Australia** indicated a quarterly net inflow of \$2197 million, up \$392 million on the previous quarter. While the inflow on direct investment, other than undistributed income, fell \$937 million to \$142 million, this was more than offset by the inflow on account of portfolio investment and institutional loans which rose sharply by \$1,334 million to \$1,840 million. (See Table 8 for further details).

. Interim estimates of **Australian investment abroad** indicated a net outflow of \$401 million in the September quarter 1985. (See also paragraph 19 of Explanatory Notes).

September quarter 1985 compared with September quarter 1984 -

Current account

. The deficit on **current account** rose \$617 million or 22 per cent on the September quarter 1984 with the **trade deficit** and the **net invisibles deficit** contributing \$200 million and \$417 million respectively to the rise.

. **Exports f.o.b.** were up \$1,394 million or 20 per cent on the September quarter 1984. More than half the 17 per cent increase in rural exports was due to a 66 per cent increase in wool exports. All other rural commodity groups recorded increases with the exception of sugar which fell 28 per cent. Non-rural exports rose 21 per cent. Machinery and transport equipment was down 15 per cent and was the only non-rural commodity group to record a fall. All other groups rose strongly.

. **Imports f.o.b.** rose \$1,594 million or 21 per cent on the corresponding period last financial year. Fuels posted a fall of 10 per cent, basic materials were little changed and all other broad commodity groups rose. Imports of machinery and transport equipment (largely investment related) were up 30 per cent and accounted for about 60 per cent of the overall increase.

. **Invisible credits** rose \$402 million (23 per cent). All items rose, the most significant being private transfers (up 35 per cent), travel (up 32 per cent), property income (up 21 per cent, reflecting increased investment income from abroad) and transportation (up 16 per cent).

. **Invisible debits** increased \$819 million or 21 per cent. Investment income payable overseas was up \$573 million or 40 per cent, representing both the increased profitability of direct investment enterprises in Australia and higher interest charges on Australia's external debt. Other items to record significant increases were transportation (up 15 per cent) and miscellaneous (up 29 per cent) while travel debits fell 4 per cent.

Capital account

. **Net government capital movements** were recorded at an inflow of \$539 million, down \$30 million on the September quarter 1984. Mainly responsible for the

change were transactions in securities, where the net inflow fell \$29 million to \$501 million in the current quarter; this was attributable to a turnaround (from inflow to outflow) of \$565 million in net overseas borrowings, partly offset by a rise of \$536 million in the net inflow on account of transactions in securities domiciled in Australia.

. The net inflow of **foreign investment in enterprises in Australia** fell \$189 million to \$2,197 million, following a fall of \$846 million in direct investment, which more than offset the rise of \$657 million due to portfolio investment and institutional loans.

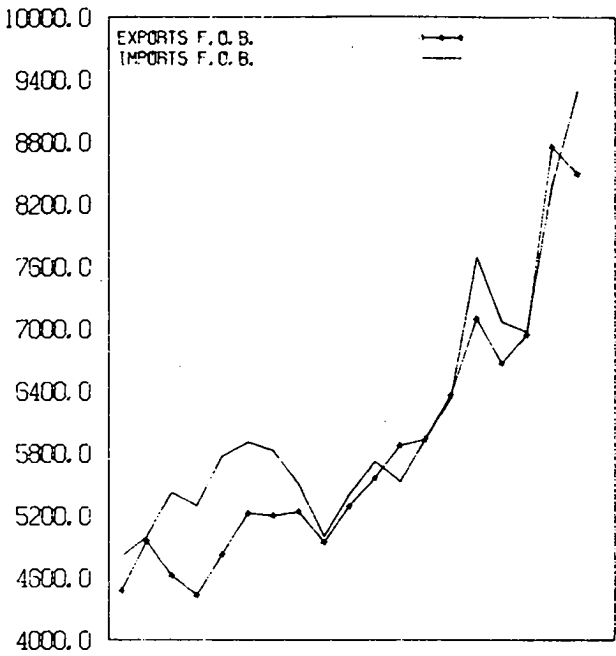
Levels of reserves

At 30 September 1985, Australia's holdings of **official reserve assets** valued at market rates of exchange and with gold holdings at market value stood at \$12,505 million.

GRAPHS OF PRINCIPAL BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AGGREGATES

GRAPH 1 - EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

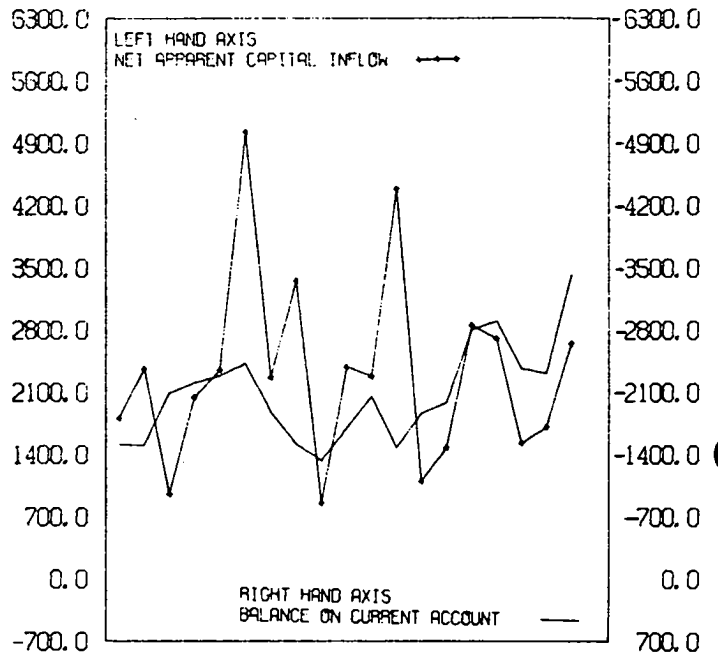
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GRAPH 3 - BALANCE ON CURRENT ACCOUNT AND NET APPARENT CAPITAL INFLOW

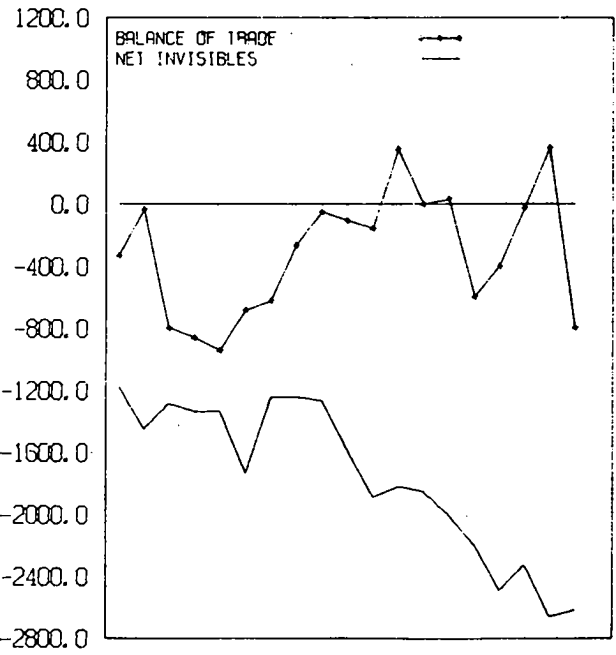
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GRAPH 2 - BALANCE OF TRADE AND NET INVISIBLES

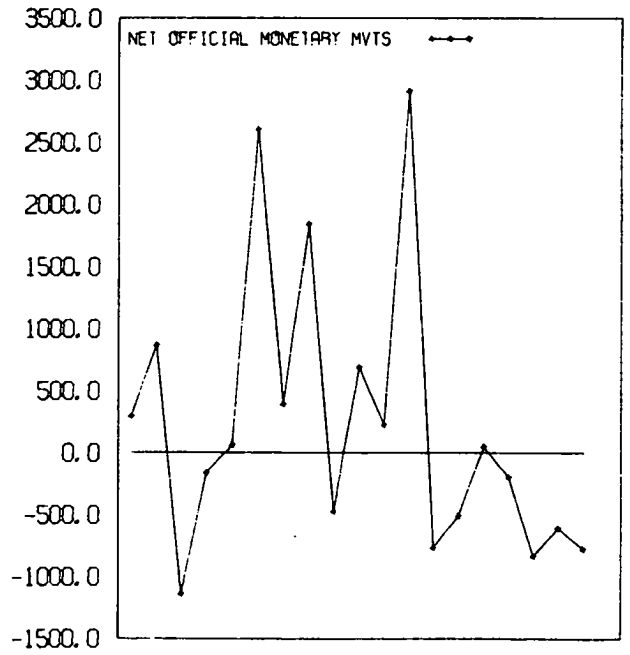
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GRAPH 4 - NET OFFICIAL MONETARY MOVEMENTS

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

This publication contains preliminary estimates of Australia's international balance of payments for the September quarter 1985, 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 1983-84 issue of the annual balance of payments publication (5303.0), and in paragraphs 18 and 19 below.

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 and to paragraph 18 below.

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 ADJUSTMENT

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.

SERIES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

17 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 1977-78 to 1984-85 are also available. These series can be obtained by contacting Mr Alan Puckeridge on Canberra (062) 525507. More detailed quarterly statistics relating to transportation and international trade credit can be obtained from Mr Mark Kristofferson on Canberra (062) 526057.

CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

18 Non-merchandise trade is now excluded from ABS foreign trade statistics in accordance with United Nations recommendations for the presentation of international trade statistics. Therefore export and import statistics presented on a recorded trade basis in Table 7 of this publication have been revised. The change does not affect trade on a balance of payments basis and offsetting revisions have been applied to the coverage adjustments for balance of payments purposes.

19 Commencing with this issue and from the September quarter 1985, the Australian portfolio investment and institutional loans abroad component of the item Australian investment abroad is wholly estimated from the ABS Surveys of Foreign Investment. This follows the introduction, from the September quarter 1985, of the new quarterly ABS Survey of Australian Portfolio and Other Investment Abroad which has replaced the ABS Survey of Non-Trade Foreign Receipts and Payments (foreign exchange tickets) and the Reserve Bank as sources of data for Australian investment (other than direct investment) in shares, debentures and other securities abroad. The Survey of Non-Trade Foreign Receipts and Payments will remain an important source of data for transactions between Australian residents and non-residents in services, income and transfers.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

20 Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

Balance of Payments, Australia (5301.0) - issued monthly

Balance of Payments, Australia 1983-84 (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

21 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.

22 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).

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

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

nya not yet available
- nil or rounded to zero

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TABLE 1

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT

\$ MILLION

	YEAR				QUARTERS ENDED-									
	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1982-83		1983-84			1984-85			1985-86	
					JUNE	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT
VISIBLE TRADE-														
EXPORTS FOB	19083	20656	23719	29440	5287	5558	5872	5930	6359	7094	6662	6936	8748	8488
IMPORTS FOB	-22376	-21705	-23497	-30104	-5394	-5715	-5520	-5932	-6330	-7692	-7062	-6963	-8387	-9286
BALANCE OF TRADE	-3293	-1049	222	-664	-107	-157	352	-2	29	-598	-400	-27	361	-798
INVISIBLE CREDITS-														
TRANSPORTATION	2095	2185	2273	2651	530	547	581	568	577	624	665	664	698	726
TRAVEL	1030	1113	1277	1460	246	283	335	350	309	304	382	407	367	402
GOVERNMENT	161	194	207	214	48	54	52	49	52	49	53	56	56	55
MISCELLANEOUS	288	322	362	401	84	87	90	92	93	95	100	100	106	107
PROPERTY INCOME	665	1133	1537	1935	310	312	347	369	509	443	458	475	559	537
TRANSFERS	798	948	968	1202	233	240	252	235	241	260	284	311	347	350
TOTAL INVISIBLE CREDITS	5036	5895	6624	7863	1451	1523	1657	1663	1781	1775	1942	2013	2133	2177
INVISIBLE DEBITS -														
TRANSPORTATION -														
FREIGHT ON IMPORTS	-1960	-1795	-2018	-2506	-424	-486	-478	-502	-552	-649	-592	-589	-676	-713
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	-1782	-1868	-1848	-2273	-447	-465	-440	-450	-493	-540	-526	-575	-632	-651
TRAVEL	-1696	-1916	-2177	-2588	-466	-538	-514	-522	-603	-690	-651	-632	-615	-659
GOVERNMENT	-321	-371	-387	-442	-104	-91	-94	-96	-106	-99	-106	-100	-137	-115
MISCELLANEOUS	-422	-492	-611	-786	-129	-142	-147	-170	-152	-180	-174	-220	-212	-233
PROPERTY INCOME -														
INVESTMENT INCOME -														
UNDISTRIBUTED	-358	574	-591	-880	144	-147	-148	-148	-148	-220	-220	-220	-220	-215
OTHER	-2836	-3814	-4899	-6256	-1150	-1140	-1281	-1210	-1268	-1222	-1703	-1560	-1771	-1800
ROYALTIES AND COPYRIGHTS	-135	-150	-165	-186	-38	-39	-39	-42	-45	-46	-46	-46	-48	-56
TRANSFERS -														
GOVERNMENT	-733	-803	-863	-959	-255	-196	-168	-231	-268	-164	-243	-237	-315	-178
PRIVATE	-491	-600	-635	-670	-165	-168	-168	-145	-154	-166	-174	-161	-169	-175
TOTAL INVISIBLE DEBITS	-10734	-11235	-14194	-17546	-3034	-3412	-3477	-3516	-3789	-3976	-4435	-4340	-4795	-4795
NET INVISIBLES	-5698	-5340	-7570	-9683	-1583	-1889	-1820	-1853	-2008	-2201	-2493	-2327	-2662	-2618
BALANCE ON CURRENT ACCOUNT	-8992	-6389	-7348	-10347	-1690	-2046	-1468	-1855	-1979	-2799	-2893	-2354	-2301	-3416

TABLE 2

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS - CAPITAL ACCOUNT

	\$ MILLION													
	YEAR				QUARTERS ENDED-									
	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1982-83		1983-84			1984-85			1985-86	
					JUNE	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT
CAPITAL INFLOW (NET) -														
GOVERNMENT CAPITAL MOVEMENTS -														
SECURITIES	541	967	1199	2158	-198	344	615	120	120	530	672	295	660	501
OTHER	-78	-154	-579	-315	-141	-165	-161	-138	-117	39	-62	-140	-151	38
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	463	813	620	1843	-339	179	455	-17	3	569	610	155	508	539
PRIVATE CAPITAL MOVEMENTS -														
FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN														
ENTERPRISES IN AUSTRALIA -														
UNDISTRIBUTED INCOME	358	-574	591	880	-144	147	148	148	148	220	220	220	220	215
OTHER DIRECT INVESTMENT	1984	1473	1450	1970	616	720	1413	25	-708	983	-327	235	1079	142
PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL LOANS	7206	8076	6647	6944	1539	688	1833	2154	1972	1183	2530	2725	506	1840
TOTAL IN ENTERPRISES (A)	9548	8975	8688	9794	2011	1555	3394	2327	1412	2386	2423	3180	1805	2197
AUSTRALIAN INVESTMENT ABROAD	-1038	-1474	-1953	-3012	-73	-231	-112	-1239	-371	-825	-849	-1027	-311	-401
TRADE CREDIT NET -														
PUBLIC ENTERPRISES														
OTHER	135	27	-224	-621	77	171	-85	-135	-175	-197	-120	-197	-107	-36
	63	-328	224	-235	18	45	-44	-4	227	-55	9	-112	-77	26
TOTAL PRIVATE	8708	7201	6735	5927	2033	1540	3153	949	1093	1309	1463	1844	1310	1786
NON-OFFICIAL MONETARY SECTOR TRANSACTIONS	106	661	201	2985	122	122	141	-215	153	1014	706	69	1195	(B)
NET IDENTIFIED CAPITAL INFLOW	9276	8675	7556	10754	1816	1841	3749	717	1249	2892	2779	2069	3014	2325
BALANCING ITEM	1070	150	1642	-2005	561	428	629	368	218	-49	-86	-551	-1320	313(C)
NET APPARENT CAPITAL INFLOW	10346	8825	9198	8749	2377	2269	4377	1085	1467	2843	2693	1518	1694	2638
OFFICIAL MONETARY MOVEMENTS -														
CHANGES IN OFFICIAL RESERVE ASSETS														
ALLOCATION OF SDRS	1364	2460	1855	-1521	660	241	2924	-752	-558	68	-179	-815	-595	-786
OTHER TRANSACTIONS	-10	-24	-5	-77	27	-18	-15	-19	46	-24	-21	-21	-12	7
NET OFFICIAL MONETARY MOVEMENTS	1354	2436	1850	-1598	687	223	2909	-770	-512	44	-200	-836	-607	-779

(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 ITEMS FOOTNOTED (B)

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

	QUARTERS ENDED-										
	1982-83		1983-84				1984-85			1985-86	
	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	
VISIBLE TRADE-											
EXPORTS FOB	5105	5479	5891	6094	6153	7133	6769	7208	8483	8575	
IMPORTS FOB	-5441	-5456	-5659	-6020	-6378	-7347	-7247	-7094	-8437	-8855	
BALANCE OF TRADE	-336	23	232	74	-225	-214	-478	114	46	-280	
INVISIBLE CREDITS-											
TRANSPORTATION	545	548	570	564	591	624	654	659	715	726	
TRAVEL	280	300	309	320	351	323	353	372	417	427	
GOVERNMENT	48	54	52	49	52	49	53	56	56	55	
MISCELLANEOUS	84	87	90	92	93	95	100	100	106	107	
PROPERTY INCOME	281	301	377	405	470	426	491	518	521	523	
TRANSFERS	235	237	246	241	243	257	278	321	350	346	
TOTAL INVISIBLE CREDITS	1473	1527	1645	1670	1800	1774	1928	2025	2165	2184	
INVISIBLE DEBITS -											
TRANSPORTATION -											
FREIGHT ON IMPORTS	-430	-465	-481	-515	-559	-621	-595	-606	-685	-682	
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	-442	-450	-449	-461	-488	-518	-538	-590	-626	-623	
TRAVEL	-468	-510	-525	-538	-607	-652	-665	-653	-620	-622	
GOVERNMENT	-96	-100	-95	-94	-99	-109	-108	-98	-128	-126	
MISCELLANEOUS	-134	-145	-153	-155	-158	-183	-180	-203	-219	-237	
PROPERTY INCOME -											
INVESTMENT INCOME -											
UNDISTRIBUTED	144	-147	-148	-148	-148	-220	-220	-220	-220	-215	
OTHER	-1028	-1251	-1245	-1288	-1152	-1303	-1674	-1647	-1611	-1922	
ROYALTIES AND COPYRIGHTS	-38	-39	-39	-42	-45	-46	-46	-46	-48	-56	
TRANSFERS -											
GOVERNMENT	-219	-217	-201	-210	-229	-178	-311	-216	-267	-193	
PRIVATE	-166	-164	-160	-157	-154	-162	-166	-174	-169	-170	
TOTAL INVISIBLE DEBITS	-2877	-3487	-3496	-3607	-3639	-3992	-4502	-4452	-4592	-4846	
NET INVISIBLES	-1404	-1960	-1850	-1937	-1839	-2218	-2574	-2426	-2427	-2662	
BALANCE ON CURRENT ACCOUNT	-1740	-1937	-1618	-1863	-2064	-2432	-3052	-2312	-2381	-2942	

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TABLE 4 BALANCE OF PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PRECEDING QUARTER										
	1982-83		1983-84				1984-85			1985-86	
	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	
EXPORTS FOB	-1.6	7.3	7.5	3.4	1.0	15.9	-5.1	6.5	17.7	1.1	
INVISIBLE CREDITS	-5.2	3.7	7.7	1.5	7.8	-1.5	8.7	5.0	6.9	0.9	
IMPORTS FOB	8.0	0.3	3.7	6.4	5.9	15.2	-1.4	-2.1	18.9	5.0	
INVISIBLE DEBITS	-1.0	21.2	0.2	3.2	0.9	9.7	12.8	-1.1	3.2	5.5	

TABLE 5

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

	YEAR				QUARTERS ENDED-									
	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1982-83		1983-84			1984-85			1985-86	
					JUNE	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT
EXPORTS FOB -														
RURAL EXPORTS FOB -														
MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS	1380	1675	1393	1372	409	422	381	279	311	383	294	280	415	461
CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS	2484	1849	2817	4043	280	297	481	1091	948	904	873	1139	1127	919
SUGAR, SUGAR PREPS. AND HONEY	784	608	676	615	183	192	225	61	198	236	111	111	157	171
WOOL AND SHEEPSKINS	1875	1789	2000	2573	453	388	517	580	515	383	521	717	952	635
OTHER (DAIRY PRODUCE, FRUIT, ETC)	1752	1984	2132	2427	553	543	510	511	568	634	551	517	725	787
TOTAL RURAL	8275	7905	9018	11030	1878	1842	2114	2522	2540	2540	2350	2764	3376	2973
NON-RURAL EXPORTS FOB -														
METAL ORES AND MINERALS	3456	3852	4229	4748	943	1111	1130	871	1117	1142	1152	1053	1401	1439
MINERAL FUELS-														
COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES	2295	3078	3338	4665	871	814	827	917	780	1156	1064	1093	1352	1318
OTHER	867	1058	1437	2356	241	311	328	353	445	557	449	579	771	720
METALS AND METAL MANUFACTURES	1627	1912	2192	2515	537	570	537	515	570	596	618	539	762	771
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	1053	1150	1379	1662	322	355	411	277	336	487	419	332	424	416
OTHER	1510	1701	2126	2464	495	555	525	475	571	616	610	576	662	851
TOTAL NON-RURAL	10808	12751	14701	18410	3409	3716	3758	3408	3819	4554	4312	4172	5372	5515
TOTAL EXPORTS FOB	19083	20656	23719	29440	5287	5558	5872	5930	6359	7094	6662	6936	8748	8488
IMPORTS FOB -														
FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	902	1017	1211	1476	258	283	291	326	311	327	374	386	389	402
FUELS	2987	3087	2209	2321	582	501	489	610	609	695	488	516	622	628
BASIC MATERIALS	846	728	873	1052	217	224	209	214	226	286	244	243	279	282
CHEMICALS (INCLUDING PLASTICS)	1813	1769	2155	2567	480	514	496	581	564	644	590	593	740	763
TEXTILES, FABRICS, ETC	1094	1009	1304	1452	255	311	316	328	349	398	350	316	388	431
METALS AND METAL MANUFACTURES	1357	1193	1143	1462	251	262	246	298	337	367	363	335	397	422
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	9014	8595	9261	12830	2301	2300	2215	2194	2552	3239	2996	2904	3691	4204
OTHER	4364	4307	5341	6944	1050	1320	1258	1381	1382	1736	1657	1670	1881	2154
TOTAL IMPORTS FOB	22376	21705	23497	30104	5394	5715	5520	5932	6330	7692	7062	6963	8387	9286

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

	QUARTERS ENDED-										
	1982-83		1983-84				1984-85			1985-86	
	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	DEC.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT	
EXPORTS FOB -											
RURAL EXPORTS FOB -											
MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS	396	390	379	318	301	352	293	321	402	422	
CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS	260	375	562	851	883	1151	1018	882	1051	1176	
SUGAR, SUGAR PREPS. AND HONEY	169	134	202	170	180	165	100	310	142	120	
WOOL AND SHEEPSKINS	434	506	511	492	494	501	513	607	914	832	
OTHER (DAIRY PRODUCE, FRUIT, ETC)	507	508	521	594	519	593	563	603	662	737	
TOTAL RURAL	1766	1913	2175	2425	2377	2762	2487	2723	3171	3287	
NON-RURAL EXPORTS FOB -											
METAL DRES AND MINERALS	952	1052	1080	961	1132	1075	1100	1167	1423	1350	
MINERAL FUELS-											
COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES	801	799	874	968	718	1131	1126	1156	1246	1287	
OTHER	253	326	313	337	472	579	428	551	822	745	
METALS AND METAL MANUFACTURES	530	547	542	540	563	570	627	566	752	736	
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	329	320	382	331	344	438	390	399	434	373	
OTHER	474	522	525	532	547	578	611	646	635	797	
TOTAL NON-RURAL	3339	3566	3716	3669	3776	4371	4282	4485	5312	5288	
TOTAL EXPORTS FOB	5105	5479	5891	6094	6153	7133	6769	7208	8483	8575	
IMPORTS FOB -											
FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	266	279	287	324	321	323	369	384	401	397	
FUELS	592	516	496	575	619	719	493	487	632	650	
BASIC MATERIALS	216	196	224	232	225	251	262	263	278	247	
CHEMICALS (INCLUDING PLASTICS)	473	493	522	585	556	617	621	597	730	731	
TEXTILES, FABRICS, ETC	260	294	321	336	356	376	357	324	395	406	
METALS AND METAL MANUFACTURES	244	246	260	311	326	344	385	350	384	396	
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	2284	2196	2274	2268	2521	3094	3078	3008	3639	4016	
OTHER	1106	1236	1275	1389	1454	1623	1682	1681	1978	2012	
TOTAL IMPORTS FOB	5441	5456	5659	6020	6378	7347	7247	7094	8437	8855	

TABLE 7 FOREIGN 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	VALUATION	
1981-82	19294	-153	-58	19083	22777	-318	3	-86	22376
1982-83	21454	-597	-201	20656	21263	51	407	-16	21705
1983-84	24050	-437	106	23719	23541	64	-151	43	23497
1984-85	29908	-337	-131	29440	29051	397	625	31	30104
1982-83 JUNE	5507	-131	-89	5287	5151	-5	253	-5	5394
1983-84 SEPTEMBER	5669	-114	3	5558	5800	23	-117	9	5715
DECEMBER	5981	-112	3	5872	5534	18	-42	10	5520
MARCH	6018	-123	35	5930	5931	18	-30	13	5932
JUNE	6382	-88	65	6359	6276	5	38	11	6330
1984-85 SEPTEMBER	7281	-33	-154	7094	6955	14	708	15	7692
DECEMBER	6732	-87	17	6662	6715	119	217	11	7062
MARCH	6970	-106	72	6936	7396	117	-554	4	6963
JUNE	8925	-111	-66	8748	7985	147	254	1	8387
1985-86 SEPTEMBER	8583	-131	36	8488	9104	292	-111	1	9286

TABLE 8 FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN ENTERPRISES IN AUSTRALIA
\$ MILLION

YEARS/ QUARTERS	DIRECT INVESTMENT				PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL LOANS						
	UNDISTRI- BUTED INCOME	OTHER DIRECT INVESTMENT			TOTAL	CORPORATE EQUITIES	BORROWINGS			TOTAL	TOTAL
		CORPORATE EQUITIES	BORROWINGS	OTHER			PUBLIC NON- MONETARY ENTERPRISES	OTHER			
1981-82	358	-134	1111	1007	2342	659	1164	5383	7206	9548	
1982-83	-574	391	440	642	899	857	2172	5047	8076	8975	
1983-84	591	218	1411	-179	2041	537	2490	3620	6647	8688	
1984-85	880	73	1495	402	2850	191	3171	3582	6944	9794	
1985-86 JUNE	-144	21	126	469	472	344	83	1112	1539	2011	
1983-84 SEPTEMBER	147	81	-7	646	867	324	144	220	688	1555	
DECEMBER	148	74	1125	214	1561	54	553	1226	1833	3394	
MARCH	148	15	-71	81	173	209	1522	423	2154	2327	
JUNE	148	48	364	-1120	-560	-50	271	1751	1972	1412	
1984-85 SEPTEMBER	220	-193	790	386	1203	20	251	912	1183	2386	
DECEMBER	220	59	-98	-288	-107	-191	1369	1352	2530	2423	
MARCH	220	-51	166	120	455	139	1439	1147	2725	3180	
JUNE	220	258	637	184	1299	223	112	171	506	1805	
1985-86 SEPTEMBER	215	132	-45	56	358	-224	-139	2203	1840	2197	

TABLE 9 OFFICIAL RESERVE ASSETS AND EXCHANGE RATES

YEARS/ QUARTERS	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
	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					
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
1984-85	-1521	(A)	(A)	13517(B)	0.6655	0.5136	2.030	165.68	65.0
1982-83 JUNE	660	-277	383	10748	0.8745	0.5730	2.227	209.38	77.7
1983-84 SEPTEMBER	241	-317	-76	10672	0.8965	0.6001	2.365	212.43	80.4
DECEMBER	2924	-246	2679	13350	0.9020	0.6205	2.451	209.22	81.1
MARCH	-752	-357	-1110	12241	0.9350	0.6461	2.426	210.22	82.9
JUNE	-558	734	176	12417	0.8613	0.6378	2.399	204.60	79.2
1984-85 SEPTEMBER	68	(A)	(A)	12431(B)	0.8330	0.6696	2.526	204.67	80.3
DECEMBER	-179	-194	-374	12058	0.8278	0.7130	2.606	207.24	81.3
MARCH	-815	1886	1072	13130	0.7051	0.5641	2.172	176.94	69.2
JUNE	-595	982	387	13517	0.6655	0.5136	2.030	165.68	65.0
1985-86 SEPTEMBER	-786	-225	-1011	12505	0.7077	0.5042	1.891	152.97	64.8

(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.