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## CORRIGENDUM

### FIREARMS DEATHS CATALOGUE NO. 4397.0 — (Issued 26 February 1997)

Some errors have been found in the above publication. These errors relate to the standardised firearms death rates for capital cities, other urban and rural areas. There were also some minor errors in the State and Territory firearms death rates. However the errors in the State and Territory rates do not affect either the comparative levels of firearms deaths between the States and Territories, or the general trends over time.

The corrected rates for tables 6 and 13, together with revised text accompanying table 6, are provided overleaf. In the case of table 13, only the data for 1995 were incorrect.

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Capital cities, other urban, and rural areas

The analysis of firearm deaths by capital cities, other urban areas and rural areas is only possible from 1986 onwards as the estimated resident population at the Statistical Local Area (SLA) level, are available only from that year. The data have been classified according to the place of usual residence of the deceased. Throughout the reference period, rates were highest for the rural areas and lowest for the capital cities. In all geographic areas the firearm death rates declined, although the rate of decline was not uniform across the areas.

## 6

### FIREARM DEATHS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

| Period               | <i>Capital city</i> |      | <i>Other urban</i> |      | <i>Rural</i> |      |
|----------------------|---------------------|------|--------------------|------|--------------|------|
|                      | Rate                | %    | Rate               | %    | Rate         | %    |
| Three year averages  |                     |      |                    |      |              |      |
| 1986-88              | 3.0                 | 45.2 | 5.3                | 21.1 | 8.2          | 33.7 |
| 1989-91              | 2.3                 | 42.6 | 4.1                | 20.3 | 7.5          | 37.1 |
| 1992-94              | 2.0                 | 40.5 | 3.6                | 19.7 | 6.9          | 39.8 |
| Latest calendar year |                     |      |                    |      |              |      |
| 1995                 | 1.7                 | 41.3 | 3.3                | 18.6 | 4.9          | 40.1 |

(a) Percentage of total number of firearms deaths.  
 (b) Average standardised rates per 100,000 of the mid-year population. 1995 rate is for single year.

## 13

### FIREARM DEATHS BY STATE OR TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE

| Period               | NSW                        | Vic. | Qld | SA  | WA  | Tas. | NT  | ACT  | Aust. |
|----------------------|----------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-------|
|                      | STANDARDISED DEATH RATE(a) |      |     |     |     |      |     |      |       |
| Latest calendar year |                            |      |     |     |     |      |     |      |       |
| 1995                 | 2.4                        | 2.2  | 3.9 | 2.7 | 1.8 | 3.6  | 7.5 | n.p. | 2.6   |

(a) Standardised rates per 100,000 of the mid-year population (average rate for a three-year period, except for 1995). See paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes.