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PBS Expenditure includes the following patient categories:

- General - Ordinary
- General - Safety Net
- Concessional - Ordinary
- Concessional - Free Safety Net
- PBS Doctor's Bag

The patient category refers to the patient's eligibility status at the time of supply of the benefit. General patients hold a Medicare card, Concessional patients hold a Medicare card and one of the following cards from Centrelink:

- Pension Concession Card
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card
- Health Care Card

There are two safety net thresholds – one for general patients and the other for concessional patients. The general patient safety net threshold is currently \$708.40. When patients and/or their families reach this amount, they can apply for a Safety Net Concession Card and pay only \$3.70 per prescription for the rest of the calendar year. The concessional safety net threshold is \$192. Once patients and/or their families reach this amount, they can apply for a Safety Net Entitlement Card and receive items free of charge for the rest of the calendar year.

Minor differences between the cost and volume figures reported in this publication and previous publications in this series are the result of the reprocessing of rejected claims in February 2003.

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Final PBS expenditure figures may be found in the Department of Health and Ageing Annual Reports.

SUMMARY OF PBS PROCESSING Year Ending 30 June 2003

Government expenditure on PBS prescriptions for the year ending 30 June 2003 totalled \$4,584.7 million, compared with \$4,197.5 million for the previous year. This is a 9.2 per cent increase.

Total PBS prescription volumes increased by 2.6 per cent to a total of 159 million, compared to 155 million for the previous year. The higher rate of growth in government expenditure compared with the rate of growth in prescriptions reflects the continuing trend of doctors prescribing newer and more expensive drugs.

Government expenditure amounted to 84.2 per cent of the total cost of PBS prescriptions. The remainder was patient contributions that amounted to \$859.7 million, up from \$806 million in the previous twelve-month period.

The majority of government expenditure on PBS prescriptions was directed towards concessional cardholders (\$3,654.9 million, 79.7% of the total). This is compared to concessional expenditure of \$3,348 million in the previous period (79.8 % of the total).

The average dispensed price per prescription of PBS medicines increased to \$34.24 for the year ending June 2003 (\$32.29 for the year ending June 2002). The average government cost of these scripts was \$28.84 for the same period (\$27.08 to June 2002).

The three drugs with the highest cost to government were *Atorvastatin* (\$314.4 million), *Simvastatin* (\$294.2 million) and *Omeprazole* (\$187.6 million). PBS drugs most frequently prescribed are *Atorvastatin*, followed by *Simvastatin* and *Omeprazole*.

The three drug groups (ATC Level 2) contributing the most to the increase in cost to government, compared to the previous 12 month period, were *Serumlipidreducing Agents* (up \$84.2 million to \$731.5 million), *Drugs for Acid Related Disorders* (up \$70.2 million to \$428.5 million) and *Agents Acting on Renin-Angiotensin System* (up \$37.9 million to \$366.4 million).

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Table 1: PBS Prescription Volume and Government Cost, year ending: June 2003

	Year ending June 2002		Year ending June 2003		Change	
Volume						
Category	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Concessional non Safety Net	102,018,211	65.8	101,476,181	63.8	-542,030	-0.5
Concessional Safety Net	28,406,603	18.3	31,178,401	19.6	2,771,798	9.8
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>130,424,814</i>	<i>84.2</i>	<i>132,654,582</i>	<i>83.4</i>	<i>2,229,768</i>	<i>1.7</i>
General non Safety Net	19,292,104	12.4	20,704,979	13.0	1,412,875	7.3
General Safety Net	4,813,038	3.1	5,188,822	3.3	375,784	7.8
<i>Total General</i>	<i>24,105,142</i>	<i>15.6</i>	<i>25,893,801</i>	<i>16.3</i>	<i>1,788,659</i>	<i>7.4</i>
Drs Bag	448,283	0.3	437,516	0.3	-10,767	-2.4
Total	154,978,239	100.0	158,985,899	100.0	4,007,660	2.6
Govt Cost						
Category	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Concessional non Safety Net	2,569,555,585	61.2	2,747,329,765	59.9	177,774,180	6.9
Concessional Safety Net	778,411,796	18.5	907,524,352	19.8	129,112,556	16.6
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>3,347,967,381</i>	<i>79.8</i>	<i>3,654,854,117</i>	<i>79.7</i>	<i>306,886,736</i>	<i>9.2</i>
General non Safety Net	691,204,687	16.5	750,543,943	16.4	59,339,256	8.6
General Safety Net	148,498,520	3.5	169,805,201	3.7	21,306,681	14.3
<i>Total General</i>	<i>839,703,208</i>	<i>20.0</i>	<i>920,349,145</i>	<i>20.1</i>	<i>80,645,937</i>	<i>9.6</i>
Drs Bag	9,803,682	0.2	9,510,606	0.2	-293,076	-3.0
Total	4,197,474,271	100.0	4,584,713,868	100.0	387,239,597	9.2

Table 1(a): RPBS Prescriptions Volume and Government Cost, year ending: June 2003

	Year ending June 2002		Year ending June 2003		Change	
Volume						
Category	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total	14,243,945	100.0	15,362,691	100.0	1,118,746	7.9
Govt Cost						
Category	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Total	371,279,280	100.0	425,979,488	100.0	54,700,208	14.7

Table 2: PBS Prescription Volume, Government Cost and Patient Contributions, year ending: June 2003

Category	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Patient Payments \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
Concessional non Safety Net	101,476,181	2,747,329,765	370,488,981	3,117,818,746	30.72
Concessional Safety Net	31,178,401	907,524,352	0	907,524,352	29.11
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>132,654,582</i>	<i>3,654,854,117</i>	<i>370,488,981</i>	<i>4,025,343,099</i>	<i>30.34</i>
General non Safety Net	20,704,979	750,543,943	470,555,327	1,221,099,271	58.98
General Safety Net	5,188,822	169,805,201	18,699,303	188,504,505	36.33
<i>Total General</i>	<i>25,893,801</i>	<i>920,349,145</i>	<i>489,254,631</i>	<i>1,409,603,775</i>	<i>54.44</i>
Total	158,548,383	4,575,203,262	859,743,612	5,434,946,874	34.28
Drs Bag	437,516	9,510,606	0	9,510,606	21.74
Total	158,985,899	4,584,713,868	859,743,612	5,444,457,480	34.24

Table 2(a): PBS Prescription Volume and Govt Cost by monthly summary (excl. Drs Bag), year ending: June 2003

	Month	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Patient Payments \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	
2001	JUL	12,983,074	345,347,380	71,765,154	417,112,534	32.13	
	AUG	13,210,714	350,043,720	68,429,225	418,472,945	31.68	
	SEP	11,875,196	313,863,096	57,773,383	371,636,480	31.30	
	OCT	13,562,083	364,743,245	61,755,666	426,498,911	31.45	
	NOV	14,240,153	389,308,795	60,982,813	450,291,608	31.62	
	DEC	13,055,989	359,642,187	51,835,181	411,477,367	31.52	
2002	JAN	15,305,104	426,157,970	61,983,669	488,141,639	31.89	
	FEB	10,551,189	286,214,647	65,533,333	351,747,980	33.34	
	MAR	11,414,029	310,484,610	72,091,047	382,575,656	33.52	
	APR	12,365,430	335,105,051	77,464,719	412,569,770	33.36	
	MAY	13,710,119	371,762,986	83,794,802	455,557,788	33.23	
	JUN	12,256,876	334,996,902	72,667,493	407,664,395	33.26	
	Total	154,529,956	4,187,670,589	806,076,485	4,993,747,074	32.32	
	2002	JUL	14,187,702	392,388,263	80,230,977	472,619,240	33.31
		AUG	13,105,103	368,987,982	69,397,226	438,385,208	33.45
		SEP	13,488,597	386,014,933	67,449,407	453,464,340	33.62
OCT		13,853,844	399,909,854	64,808,916	464,718,770	33.54	
NOV		13,227,452	388,985,378	57,958,088	446,943,466	33.79	
DEC		14,268,338	424,262,383	57,890,286	482,152,669	33.79	
2003	JAN	14,844,661	440,902,066	61,699,413	502,601,479	33.86	
	FEB	10,896,148	314,132,134	71,542,173	385,674,306	35.40	
	MAR	11,974,333	344,604,384	79,593,142	424,197,526	35.43	
	APR	11,978,421	340,639,046	78,691,672	419,330,719	35.01	
	MAY	13,638,023	394,140,406	88,526,653	482,667,059	35.39	
	JUN	13,085,761	380,236,434	81,955,659	462,192,093	35.32	
Total	158,548,383	4,575,203,262	859,743,612	5,434,946,874	34.28		

**Table 3: PBS processing by State (excl. Drs Bag), year ending:
June 2003**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Volume									
Concess NSN	34,778,040	25,683,653	18,640,440	9,010,047	9,022,695	2,987,918	333,573	1,019,815	101,476,181
Concess SN	11,385,446	7,683,783	5,656,054	2,673,299	2,468,233	989,019	53,424	269,143	31,178,401
General NSN	7,271,362	5,120,097	3,723,221	1,542,679	1,992,654	444,046	136,860	474,060	20,704,979
General SN	1,972,334	1,270,886	917,528	368,066	425,414	106,389	19,786	108,419	5,188,822
Total	55,407,182	39,758,419	28,937,243	13,594,091	13,908,996	4,527,372	543,643	1,871,437	158,548,383
Govt Cost \$									
Concess NSN	950,620,430	701,303,623	496,587,366	241,452,376	240,590,603	77,239,273	8,965,898	30,570,197	2,747,329,765
Concess SN	335,819,788	222,132,922	164,294,844	76,559,659	71,306,547	27,428,618	1,542,091	8,439,883	907,524,352
General NSN	258,563,838	195,253,003	130,241,253	58,338,102	71,995,923	15,219,285	4,695,521	16,237,018	750,543,943
General SN	64,121,699	41,495,814	31,110,589	11,363,396	14,134,224	3,297,949	629,072	3,652,459	169,805,201
Total	1,609,125,755	1,160,185,362	822,234,052	387,713,533	398,027,296	123,185,125	15,832,581	58,899,558	4,575,203,262
Total Cost \$									
Concess NSN	1,077,606,539	795,069,198	564,643,614	274,348,664	273,521,112	88,154,648	10,181,702	34,293,270	3,117,818,746
Concess SN	335,819,788	222,132,922	164,294,844	76,559,659	71,306,547	27,428,618	1,542,091	8,439,883	907,524,352
General NSN	423,806,474	311,612,905	214,862,579	93,406,969	117,280,797	25,314,406	7,803,896	27,011,244	1,221,099,271
General SN	71,229,135	46,075,915	34,417,540	12,689,760	15,667,190	3,681,357	700,375	4,043,234	188,504,505
Total	1,908,461,936	1,374,890,940	978,218,577	457,005,052	477,775,646	144,579,029	20,228,064	73,787,631	5,434,946,874
Ave Prices \$									
Concess NSN	30.99	30.96	30.29	30.45	30.31	29.50	30.52	33.63	30.72
Concess SN	29.50	28.91	29.05	28.64	28.89	27.73	28.87	31.36	29.11
General NSN	58.28	60.86	57.71	60.55	58.86	57.01	57.02	56.98	58.98
General SN	36.11	36.25	37.51	34.48	36.83	34.60	35.40	37.29	36.33
Total	34.44	34.58	33.80	33.62	34.35	31.93	37.21	39.43	34.28
Population ('000) ^(a)	6,702.6	4,932.0	3,789.2	1,527.6	1,954.5	474.8	198.0	323.8	19,905.0
Volume per capita	8.3	8.1	7.6	8.9	7.1	9.5	2.7	5.8	8.0
Govt cost per capita	240.1	235.2	217.0	253.8	203.6	259.4	80.0	181.9	229.9
% Population	33.7	24.8	19.0	7.7	9.8	2.4	1.0	1.6	100
% Volume	34.9	25.1	18.3	8.6	8.8	2.9	0.3	1.2	100
% Govt Cost	35.2	25.4	18.0	8.5	8.7	2.7	0.3	1.3	100
% Total Cost	35.1	25.3	18.0	8.4	8.8	2.7	0.4	1.4	100

(a) Population 30 June 2003

Source: ABS Publication 3101.0

**Table 4(a): PBS processing by State (excl. Drs Bag), years ending:
June 2000 to end June 2003**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Prescriptions - Volume									
Year Ending Jun 00	49,197,699	34,422,950	24,564,662	11,873,271	11,586,390	3,921,155	478,354	1,541,136	137,585,617
Year Ending Jun 01	52,125,693	37,032,589	26,609,554	12,756,882	12,686,160	4,171,012	504,901	1,684,988	147,571,779
Year Ending Jun 02	54,243,319	38,631,380	28,090,285	13,364,028	13,435,919	4,434,384	527,627	1,803,014	154,529,956
Year Ending Jun 03	55,407,182	39,758,419	28,937,243	13,594,091	13,908,996	4,527,372	543,643	1,871,437	158,548,383
Change	1,163,863	1,127,039	846,958	230,063	473,077	92,988	16,016	68,423	4,018,427
%	2.15	2.92	3.02	1.72	3.52	2.10	3.04	3.79	2.60
Government Cost \$									
Year Ending Jun 00	1,153,852,034	799,352,573	554,614,095	267,003,329	263,387,341	86,995,748	11,263,997	40,028,192	3,176,497,308
Year Ending Jun 01	1,365,870,440	956,420,847	676,312,051	320,533,966	325,983,953	103,446,508	13,221,364	48,437,942	3,810,227,071
Year Ending Jun 02	1,485,653,078	1,052,915,237	748,374,097	355,662,450	362,377,500	114,292,507	14,731,374	53,664,345	4,187,670,589
Year Ending Jun 03	1,609,125,755	1,160,185,362	822,234,052	387,713,533	398,027,296	123,185,125	15,832,581	58,899,558	4,575,203,262
Change	123,472,677	107,270,125	73,859,955	32,051,083	35,649,796	8,892,617	1,101,207	5,235,213	387,532,673
%	8.31	10.19	9.87	9.01	9.84	7.78	7.48	9.76	9.25

**Table 4(b):PBS processing by State, highest volume drug: ATORVASTATIN
year ending: June 2003**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Prescriptions - Volume									
Year Ending Jun 02	1,939,972	1,234,693	911,249	470,596	448,328	111,593	17,273	63,118	5,196,822
Year Ending Jun 03	2,167,399	1,387,530	1,047,031	529,596	500,574	124,115	21,407	70,625	5,848,277
Change	227,427	152,837	135,782	59,000	52,246	12,522	4,134	7,507	651,455
%	11.72	12.38	14.90	12.54	11.65	11.22	23.93	11.89	12.54
Government Cost \$									
Year Ending Jun 02	102,023,984	63,432,654	46,165,811	25,236,941	22,536,042	6,059,615	834,127	3,133,926	269,423,100
Year Ending Jun 03	117,669,213	73,903,902	55,423,674	29,685,366	26,048,127	7,014,273	1,084,761	3,600,999	314,430,315
Change	15,645,229	10,471,249	9,257,863	4,448,425	3,512,084	954,657	250,634	467,073	45,007,214
%	15.33	16.51	20.05	17.63	15.58	15.75	30.05	14.90	16.71

**Table 4(c): PBS processing by State, highest Government cost drug: ATORVASTATIN
year ending: June 2003**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Prescriptions - Volume									
Year Ending Jun 02	1,939,972	1,234,693	911,249	470,596	448,328	111,593	17,273	63,118	5,196,822
Year Ending Jun 03	2,167,399	1,387,530	1,047,031	529,596	500,574	124,115	21,407	70,625	5,848,277
Change	227,427	152,837	135,782	59,000	52,246	12,522	4,134	7,507	651,455
%	11.72	12.38	14.90	12.54	11.65	11.22	23.93	11.89	12.54
Government Cost \$									
Year Ending Jun 02	102,023,984	63,432,654	46,165,811	25,236,941	22,536,042	6,059,615	834,127	3,133,926	269,423,100
Year Ending Jun 03	117,669,213	73,903,902	55,423,674	29,685,366	26,048,127	7,014,273	1,084,761	3,600,999	314,430,315
Change	15,645,229	10,471,249	9,257,863	4,448,425	3,512,084	954,657	250,634	467,073	45,007,214
%	15.33	16.51	20.05	17.63	15.58	15.75	30.05	14.90	16.71

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Table 4(d): PBS processing by State, highest volume ATC Level 2 year ending: June 2003
AGENTS ACTING ON RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Prescriptions - Volume									
Year Ending Jun 02	5,839,444	4,133,409	2,690,408	1,299,999	1,397,897	466,400	60,596	224,705	16,112,858
Year Ending Jun 03	6,420,432	4,576,627	2,968,660	1,425,900	1,557,743	507,695	68,475	250,233	17,775,765
Change	580,988	443,218	278,252	125,901	159,846	41,295	7,879	25,528	1,662,907
%	9.95	10.72	10.34	9.68	11.43	8.85	13.00	11.36	10.32
Government cost \$									
Year Ending Jun 02	118,953,470	84,521,780	55,180,533	26,666,017	28,225,635	9,895,999	1,021,830	4,033,277	328,498,542
Year Ending Jun 03	132,279,266	94,551,310	61,405,792	29,636,774	32,000,631	10,865,067	1,194,334	4,505,970	366,439,144
Change	13,325,796	10,029,529	6,225,260	2,970,757	3,774,996	969,068	172,503	472,693	37,940,603
%	11.20	11.87	11.28	11.14	13.37	9.79	16.88	11.72	11.55

Table 4(e): PBS processing by State, highest Government cost ATC Level 2 year ending: June 2003
SERUMLIPIDREDUCING AGENTS

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Prescriptions - Volume									
Year Ending Jun 02	4,552,947	3,059,895	1,973,886	1,069,513	1,141,707	305,879	40,203	156,790	12,300,820
Year Ending Jun 03	4,872,011	3,345,993	2,185,628	1,152,641	1,219,317	327,940	45,776	170,715	13,320,021
Change	319,064	286,098	211,742	83,128	77,610	22,061	5,573	13,925	1,019,201
%	7.01	9.35	10.73	7.77	6.80	7.21	13.86	8.88	8.29
Government cost \$									
Year Ending Jun 02	240,531,662	159,834,923	102,018,120	57,567,704	60,100,267	17,213,344	1,961,644	8,043,109	647,270,772
Year Ending Jun 03	267,535,155	182,837,303	118,611,241	65,026,256	66,771,842	19,243,959	2,348,726	9,084,605	731,459,087
Change	27,003,493	23,002,381	16,593,121	7,458,552	6,671,575	2,030,615	387,082	1,041,496	84,188,314
%	11.23	14.39	16.26	12.96	11.10	11.80	19.73	12.95	13.01

Table 4(f): PBS processing by State, greatest increase in Government cost by ATC Level 2 year ending: June 2003
SERUMLIPIDREDUCING AGENTS

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Prescriptions - Volume									
Year Ending Jun 02	4,552,947	3,059,895	1,973,886	1,069,513	1,141,707	305,879	40,203	156,790	12,300,820
Year Ending Jun 03	4,872,011	3,345,993	2,185,628	1,152,641	1,219,317	327,940	45,776	170,715	13,320,021
Change	319,064	286,098	211,742	83,128	77,610	22,061	5,573	13,925	1,019,201
%	7.01	9.35	10.73	7.77	6.80	7.21	13.86	8.88	8.29
Government cost \$									
Year Ending Jun 02	240,531,662	159,834,923	102,018,120	57,567,704	60,100,267	17,213,344	1,961,644	8,043,109	647,270,772
Year Ending Jun 03	267,535,155	182,837,303	118,611,241	65,026,256	66,771,842	19,243,959	2,348,726	9,084,605	731,459,087
Change	27,003,493	23,002,381	16,593,121	7,458,552	6,671,575	2,030,615	387,082	1,041,496	84,188,314
%	11.23	14.39	16.26	12.96	11.10	11.80	19.73	12.95	13.01

Table 5: PBS Other - Summary of direct payments and advances

Expenditure Year ending June 2003 - \$ millions (1)

	Total \$ million	Sources (2):
<i>Highly specialised drugs (3)</i>	353.3	SAP
<i>Human growth hormones</i>	19.1	SAP
<i>In vitro fertilisation</i>	33.9	SAP
<i>Buprenorphine</i>	10.9	SAP
<i>Methadone</i>	4.9	SAP
<i>Drs bag items</i>	9.5	SAP
<i>Safety net cards</i>	6.5	SAP
<i>Aboriginal health services</i>	15.2	SAP
<i>Other (4)</i>	24.0	SAP
Total (5)	477.3	

<i>Year Ending June 2002</i>	395.0	
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Notes:

(1) SAP balances are accrual (not cash)

(2) Source:

SAP - Financial management system maintained by Department of Health and Ageing

(3) Comprises grants paid in advance to the States and Territories and payments made to Private Hospitals, which are then reconciled against actual usage (see page 47)

(4) Other includes Botox, Bush Nursing, Continuing Medication, Ostomy

(5) Expenditure may change following audit

Table 6: ATC main group comparison (incl Drs bag), year ending:

June 2003

ATC Group Level 1	Year ending - June 2002				Year ending - June 2003			
	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
ALIMENTARY TRACT AND METABOLISM	19,102,836	596,411,741	692,686,626	36.26	20,501,449	677,959,651	787,104,962	38.39
BLOOD AND BLOOD FORMING ORGANS	4,024,247	98,024,335	111,877,454	27.80	4,717,780	130,918,150	148,082,657	31.39
CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM	46,589,769	1,270,689,566	1,557,017,466	33.42	49,402,527	1,398,101,052	1,707,943,464	34.57
DERMATOLOGICALS	2,934,516	67,473,125	81,213,988	27.68	2,789,575	61,194,544	74,103,386	26.56
GENITO URINARY SYSTEM AND SEX HORMONE	6,056,283	118,788,494	143,582,610	23.71	4,610,505	98,466,398	118,584,804	25.72
SYSTEMIC HORMONAL PREP,EXCL SEX HORMC	2,304,884	22,142,430	30,163,203	13.09	2,333,115	23,405,901	31,747,736	13.61
GENERAL ANTIINFECTIVES FOR SYSTEMIC USE	12,832,215	226,989,080	275,500,296	21.47	12,216,805	230,246,938	278,405,403	22.79
ANTINEOPLASTIC AND IMMUNOMODULATING A	884,216	293,673,931	301,504,844	340.99	954,058	341,253,973	350,093,115	366.95
MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM	11,057,249	310,024,280	372,634,271	33.70	12,111,415	349,902,884	420,160,909	34.69
NERVOUS SYSTEM	30,545,949	752,367,786	906,262,458	29.67	31,170,751	810,724,766	975,173,132	31.28
ANTIPARASITIC PRODUCTS, INSECTICIDES ANC	627,353	4,888,875	6,458,121	10.29	606,533	4,737,804	6,246,023	10.30
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	10,341,737	311,349,346	373,972,681	36.16	9,818,678	325,555,708	387,618,615	39.48
SENSORY ORGANS	6,780,529	81,888,733	103,960,875	15.33	6,872,214	86,982,769	109,980,115	16.00
VARIOUS	602,156	40,520,857	43,601,197	72.41	612,661	43,113,012	46,265,079	75.51
NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED	294,300	2,241,691	3,114,666	10.58	267,833	2,150,318	2,948,079	11.01
Total	154,978,239	4,197,474,271	5,003,550,756	32.29	158,985,899	4,584,713,868	5,444,457,480	34.24

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Change, years ending:	June 2002 to June 2003				June 2002 to June 2003			
	Change				Percentage Change			
ALIMENTARY TRACT AND METABOLISM	1,398,613	81,547,910	94,418,336	2.13	7.32	13.67	13.63	5.88
BLOOD AND BLOOD FORMING ORGANS	693,533	32,893,815	36,205,203	3.59	17.23	33.56	32.36	12.90
CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM	2,812,758	127,411,486	150,925,998	1.15	6.04	10.03	9.69	3.45
DERMATOLOGICALS	-144,941	-6,278,581	-7,110,602	-1.11	-4.94	-9.31	-8.76	-4.01
GENITO URINARY SYSTEM AND SEX HORMONE	-1,445,778	-20,322,096	-24,997,806	2.01	-23.87	-17.11	-17.41	8.49
SYSTEMIC HORMONAL PREP,EXCL SEX HORMC	28,231	1,263,471	1,584,533	0.52	1.22	5.71	5.25	3.98
GENERAL ANTIINFECTIVES FOR SYSTEMIC USE	-615,410	3,257,859	2,905,107	1.32	-4.80	1.44	1.05	6.15
ANTINEOPLASTIC AND IMMUNOMODULATING A	69,842	47,580,041	48,588,271	25.97	7.90	16.20	16.12	7.62
MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM	1,054,166	39,878,604	47,526,638	0.99	9.53	12.86	12.75	2.94
NERVOUS SYSTEM	624,802	58,356,980	68,910,675	1.62	2.05	7.76	7.60	5.45
ANTIPARASITIC PRODUCTS, INSECTICIDES ANC	-20,820	-151,071	-212,098	0.00	-3.32	-3.09	-3.28	0.04
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	-523,059	14,206,362	13,645,934	3.32	-5.06	4.56	3.65	9.17
SENSORY ORGANS	91,685	5,094,036	6,019,240	0.67	1.35	6.22	5.79	4.38
VARIOUS	10,505	2,592,155	2,663,882	3.11	1.74	6.40	6.11	4.29
NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED	-26,467	-91,373	-166,587	0.42	-8.99	-4.08	-5.35	4.00
Total	4,007,660	387,239,597	440,906,724	1.96	2.59	9.23	8.81	6.07

Table 7: Top ten ATC drug groups with greatest increase in Government cost (incl Drs bag), year ending: June 2003

ATC Group Level 2	Year ending: June 2002				Year ending: June 2003				Change		
	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$
SERUMLIPIDREDUCING AGENTS	12,300,820	647,270,772	741,486,369	60.28	13,320,021	731,459,087	834,056,359	62.62	1,019,201	84,188,314	92,569,990
DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	10,162,715	358,297,307	421,515,994	41.48	11,291,472	428,527,814	503,333,267	44.58	1,128,757	70,230,508	81,817,273
AGENTS ACTING ON RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYST	16,112,858	328,498,542	449,502,964	27.90	17,775,765	366,439,144	500,877,361	28.18	1,662,907	37,940,603	51,374,397
ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS	348,994	122,545,363	125,714,997	360.22	396,299	156,165,639	159,931,848	403.56	47,305	33,620,277	34,216,851
ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	3,311,436	91,352,115	102,705,217	31.02	3,936,792	123,746,618	138,180,344	35.10	625,356	32,394,504	35,475,128
DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES	1,370,183	80,465,286	87,431,721	63.81	1,966,630	110,739,959	120,724,968	61.39	596,447	30,274,672	33,293,247
PSYCHOLEPTICS	7,481,733	203,151,817	226,228,448	30.24	7,245,658	227,409,173	250,359,041	34.55	-236,075	24,257,356	24,130,594
PSYCHOANALEPTICS	10,396,045	293,301,352	379,515,057	36.51	11,104,099	317,253,523	413,323,120	37.22	708,054	23,952,171	33,808,062
ANALGESICS	10,437,953	114,677,437	143,757,648	13.77	10,588,558	130,774,063	160,742,278	15.18	150,605	16,096,626	16,984,630
DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	9,969,921	306,775,274	368,400,689	36.95	9,485,438	322,017,132	383,165,145	40.40	-484,483	15,241,858	14,764,456
Sub-total	81,892,658	2,546,335,265	3,046,259,104	37.20	87,110,732	2,914,532,153	3,464,693,730	39.77	5,218,074	368,196,888	418,434,627
Total	154,978,239	4,197,474,271	5,003,550,756	32.29	158,985,899	4,584,713,868	5,444,457,480	34.24	4,007,660	387,239,597	440,906,724
Top ten as % of Total	52.84	60.66	60.88		54.79	63.57	63.64		130.20	95.08	94.90

Table 8: Top 3 drugs by generic name in ATC drug groups with greatest increase in Govt. cost (incl Drs bag), year ending: June 2002 to year ending: June 2003

Group and Drugs	Change from:	June 2002
	Volume	Govt Cost \$
SERUMLIPIDREDUCING AGENTS	1,019,201	84,188,314
ATORVASTATIN	651,455	45,007,214
SIMVASTATIN	294,208	30,211,234
PRAVASTATIN	188,906	14,570,712
DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	1,128,757	70,230,508
ESOMEPRAZOLE	944,849	48,861,880
OMEPRAZOLE	608,050	15,399,144
RABEPRAZOLE	364,273	13,879,179
AGENTS ACTING ON RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	1,662,907	37,940,603
IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	493,846	11,711,082
PERINDOPRIL and INDAPAMIDE	413,283	9,951,301
RAMIPRIL	428,544	9,893,104
ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS	47,305	33,620,277
RITUXIMAB	5,153	9,391,352
OXALIPLATIN	7,196	9,102,326
DOXORUBICIN HYDROCHLORIDE	4,176	4,088,210
ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	625,356	32,394,504
CLOPIDOGREL	327,386	25,862,580
ENOXAPARIN	57,657	3,929,364
DIPYRIDAMOLE with ASPRIN	65,339	1,976,621
DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES	596,447	30,274,672
ALENDRONIC ACID	485,457	23,660,150
RISEDRONIC ACID	75,508	3,889,502
RALOXIFENE	40,572	2,286,702
PSYCHOLEPTICS	-236,075	24,257,356
OLANZAPINE	54,290	12,366,612
QUETIAPINE	26,059	6,490,160
AMISULPRIDE	26,814	4,826,835
PSYCHOANALEPTICS	708,054	23,952,171
VENLAFAXINE	191,098	8,977,205
MIRTAZAPINE	260,449	8,350,735
CITALOPRAM	255,545	3,970,430
ANALGESICS	150,605	16,096,626
TRAMADOL	538,956	10,377,815
OXYCODONE	77,192	4,343,662
FENTANYL	9,798	1,312,365
DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	-484,483	15,241,858
SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	580,073	35,595,923
TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE	97,217	7,006,564
FORMOTEROL and OTHER DRUGS FOR OBSTR	37,849	1,712,514

Note: The generic components listed can add to more than the total for the drug group because of a decrease in govt cost for other generic drugs in that group.

Table 9(a): PBS Prescription Volume, Government Cost and Average Government Cost/Script by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:
June 2000 to end June 2003

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Prescriptions - Monthly												
Year Ending Jun 00	11,351,624	11,670,542	11,818,433	11,446,960	11,826,908	13,119,888	12,496,423	9,635,294	10,683,805	10,640,349	11,382,830	11,512,561
Year Ending Jun 01	12,784,395	12,527,999	11,738,513	13,395,657	12,687,633	12,907,781	14,164,854	9,603,159	12,239,591	11,508,709	12,498,985	11,514,503
Year Ending Jun 02	12,983,074	13,210,714	11,875,196	13,562,083	14,240,153	13,055,989	15,305,104	10,551,189	11,414,029	12,365,430	13,710,119	12,256,876
Year Ending Jun 03	14,187,702	13,105,103	13,488,597	13,853,844	13,227,452	14,268,338	14,844,661	10,896,148	11,974,333	11,978,421	13,638,023	13,085,761
Change	1,204,628	(105,611)	1,613,401	291,761	(1,012,701)	1,212,349	(460,443)	344,959	560,304	(387,009)	(72,096)	828,885
%	9.28	-0.80	13.59	2.15	-7.11	9.29	-3.01	3.27	4.91	-3.13	-0.53	6.76
Prescriptions - Cumulative												
Year Ending Jun 00	11,351,624	23,022,166	34,840,599	46,287,559	58,114,467	71,234,355	83,730,778	93,366,072	104,049,877	114,690,226	126,073,056	137,585,617
Year Ending Jun 01	12,784,395	25,312,394	37,050,907	50,446,564	63,134,197	76,041,978	90,206,832	99,809,991	112,049,582	123,558,291	136,057,276	147,571,779
Year Ending Jun 02	12,983,074	26,193,788	38,068,984	51,631,067	65,871,220	78,927,209	94,232,313	104,783,502	116,197,531	128,562,961	142,273,080	154,529,956
Year Ending Jun 03	14,187,702	27,292,805	40,781,402	54,635,246	67,862,698	82,131,036	96,975,697	107,871,845	119,846,178	131,824,599	145,462,622	158,548,383
Change	1,204,628	1,099,017	2,712,418	3,004,179	1,991,478	3,203,827	2,743,384	3,088,343	3,648,647	3,261,638	3,189,542	4,018,427
%	9.28	4.20	7.13	5.82	3.02	4.06	2.91	2.95	3.14	2.54	2.24	2.60
Government Cost \$ - Monthly												
Year Ending Jun 00	255,594,501	265,663,656	264,585,819	260,978,360	275,170,796	308,001,330	301,678,975	222,082,091	246,553,649	244,813,520	264,625,390	266,749,223
Year Ending Jun 01	300,030,765	301,399,070	290,483,681	336,730,220	325,664,082	339,523,052	375,414,048	250,643,113	335,074,991	308,275,823	339,267,282	307,720,945
Year Ending Jun 02	345,347,380	350,043,720	313,863,096	364,743,245	389,308,795	359,642,187	426,157,970	286,214,647	310,484,610	335,105,051	371,762,986	334,996,902
Year Ending Jun 03	392,388,263	368,987,982	386,014,933	399,909,854	388,985,378	424,262,383	440,902,066	314,132,134	344,604,384	340,639,046	394,140,406	380,236,434
Change	47,040,883	18,944,262	72,151,836	35,166,609	(323,417)	64,620,196	14,744,096	27,917,487	34,119,775	5,533,995	22,377,420	45,239,532
%	13.62	5.41	22.99	9.64	-0.08	17.97	3.46	9.75	10.99	1.65	6.02	13.50
Government Cost \$ - Cumulative												
Year Ending Jun 00	255,594,501	521,258,156	785,843,975	1,046,822,335	1,321,993,131	1,629,994,461	1,931,673,436	2,153,755,527	2,400,309,176	2,645,122,696	2,909,748,085	3,176,497,308
Year Ending Jun 01	300,030,765	601,429,835	891,913,516	1,228,643,735	1,554,307,817	1,893,830,869	2,269,244,917	2,519,888,030	2,854,963,021	3,163,238,844	3,502,506,127	3,810,227,071
Year Ending Jun 02	345,347,380	695,391,100	1,009,254,196	1,373,997,441	1,763,306,236	2,122,948,423	2,549,106,393	2,835,321,040	3,145,805,649	3,480,910,700	3,852,673,686	4,187,670,589
Year Ending Jun 03	392,388,263	761,376,245	1,147,391,177	1,547,301,031	1,936,286,409	2,360,548,791	2,801,450,858	3,115,582,991	3,460,187,375	3,800,826,422	4,194,966,828	4,575,203,262
Change	47,040,883	65,985,145	138,136,981	173,303,590	172,980,173	237,600,368	252,344,465	280,261,951	314,381,726	319,915,721	342,293,141	387,532,673
%	13.62	9.49	13.69	12.61	9.81	11.19	9.90	9.88	9.99	9.19	8.88	9.25
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly												
Year Ending Jun 00	22.52	22.76	22.39	22.80	23.27	23.48	24.14	23.05	23.08	23.01	23.25	23.17
Year Ending Jun 01	23.47	24.06	24.75	25.14	25.67	26.30	26.50	26.10	27.38	26.79	27.14	26.72
Year Ending Jun 02	26.60	26.50	26.43	26.89	27.34	27.55	27.84	27.13	27.20	27.10	27.12	27.33
Year Ending Jun 03	27.66	28.16	28.62	28.87	29.41	29.73	29.70	28.83	28.78	28.44	28.90	29.06
Change	1.06	1.66	2.19	1.97	2.07	2.19	1.86	1.70	1.58	1.34	1.78	1.73
%	3.97	6.26	8.28	7.33	7.57	7.94	6.67	6.28	5.80	4.94	6.58	6.31
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative												
Year Ending Jun 00	22.52	22.64	22.56	22.62	22.75	22.88	23.07	23.07	23.07	23.06	23.08	23.09
Year Ending Jun 01	23.47	23.76	24.07	24.36	24.62	24.91	25.16	25.25	25.48	25.60	25.74	25.82
Year Ending Jun 02	26.60	26.55	26.51	26.61	26.77	26.90	27.05	27.06	27.07	27.08	27.08	27.10
Year Ending Jun 03	27.66	27.90	28.14	28.32	28.53	28.74	28.89	28.88	28.87	28.83	28.84	28.86
Change	1.06	1.35	1.62	1.71	1.76	1.84	1.84	1.82	1.80	1.76	1.76	1.76
%	3.97	5.08	6.13	6.42	6.59	6.85	6.79	6.74	6.64	6.49	6.50	6.49

Table 9(b): General patients - total by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:
June 2000 to end June 2003

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Prescriptions - Monthly												
Year Ending Jun 00	1,552,652	1,629,228	1,710,379	1,712,767	1,832,142	2,100,522	2,181,677	1,372,519	1,470,350	1,448,470	1,594,201	1,620,556
Year Ending Jun 01	1,844,730	1,864,481	1,825,563	2,150,819	2,101,094	2,232,713	2,545,603	1,430,226	1,748,624	1,632,002	1,800,039	1,690,611
Year Ending Jun 02	1,943,226	2,004,572	1,843,024	2,155,867	2,358,548	2,229,241	2,739,134	1,545,790	1,664,053	1,801,325	1,991,347	1,829,015
Year Ending Jun 03	2,186,028	2,062,791	2,205,156	2,327,281	2,283,833	2,538,724	2,750,523	1,697,855	1,839,306	1,816,642	2,119,410	2,066,252
Change	242,802	58,219	362,132	171,414	(74,715)	309,483	11,389	152,065	175,253	15,317	128,063	237,237
%	12.49	2.90	19.65	7.95	-3.17	13.88	0.42	9.84	10.53	0.85	6.43	12.97
Prescriptions - Cumulative												
Year Ending Jun 00	1,552,652	3,181,880	4,892,259	6,605,026	8,437,168	10,537,690	12,719,367	14,091,886	15,562,236	17,010,706	18,604,907	20,225,463
Year Ending Jun 01	1,844,730	3,709,211	5,534,774	7,685,593	9,786,687	12,019,400	14,565,003	15,995,229	17,743,853	19,375,855	21,175,894	22,866,505
Year Ending Jun 02	1,943,226	3,947,798	5,790,822	7,946,689	10,305,237	12,534,478	15,273,612	16,819,402	18,483,455	20,284,780	22,276,127	24,105,142
Year Ending Jun 03	2,186,028	4,248,819	6,453,975	8,781,256	11,065,089	13,603,813	16,354,336	18,052,191	19,891,497	21,708,139	23,827,549	25,893,801
Change	242,802	301,021	663,153	834,567	759,852	1,069,335	1,080,724	1,232,789	1,408,042	1,423,359	1,551,422	1,788,659
%	12.49	7.63	11.45	10.50	7.37	8.53	7.08	7.33	7.62	7.02	6.96	7.42
Government Cost \$ - Monthly												
Year Ending Jun 00	49,309,410	52,003,243	52,320,107	52,240,341	55,876,036	62,993,072	65,434,406	43,626,585	46,936,445	46,217,357	50,112,147	50,961,826
Year Ending Jun 01	58,349,858	59,310,221	58,903,411	68,717,896	67,619,962	73,244,236	82,523,070	51,523,245	71,983,650	64,219,213	70,767,262	63,111,062
Year Ending Jun 02	69,674,497	70,436,013	63,553,722	74,009,549	80,402,266	74,531,446	91,882,974	55,751,230	60,329,794	64,347,094	70,328,757	64,455,866
Year Ending Jun 03	76,805,722	73,001,918	78,673,821	81,418,432	81,018,063	90,054,317	95,810,239	61,931,595	66,923,428	65,275,057	75,420,232	74,016,320
Change	7,131,225	2,565,905	15,120,099	7,408,883	615,796	15,522,872	3,927,265	6,180,365	6,593,635	927,963	5,091,475	9,560,454
%	10.24	3.64	23.79	10.01	0.77	20.83	4.27	11.09	10.93	1.44	7.24	14.83
Government Cost \$ - Cumulative												
Year Ending Jun 00	49,309,410	101,312,654	153,632,761	205,873,102	261,749,138	324,742,210	390,176,616	433,803,201	480,739,646	526,957,004	577,069,151	628,030,977
Year Ending Jun 01	58,349,858	117,660,079	176,563,490	245,281,386	312,901,348	386,145,585	468,668,654	520,191,899	592,175,549	656,394,762	727,162,024	790,273,086
Year Ending Jun 02	69,674,497	140,110,510	203,664,232	277,673,781	358,076,047	432,607,493	524,490,467	580,241,697	640,571,490	704,918,584	775,247,341	839,703,208
Year Ending Jun 03	76,805,722	149,807,640	228,481,462	309,899,894	390,917,956	480,972,274	576,782,513	638,714,107	705,637,535	770,912,593	846,332,825	920,349,145
Change	7,131,225	9,697,130	24,817,229	32,226,112	32,841,909	48,364,780	52,292,046	58,472,410	65,066,045	65,994,008	71,085,483	80,645,937
%	10.24	6.92	12.19	11.61	9.17	11.18	9.97	10.08	10.16	9.36	9.17	9.60
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly												
Year Ending Jun 00	31.76	31.92	30.59	30.50	30.50	29.99	29.99	31.79	31.92	31.91	31.43	31.45
Year Ending Jun 01	31.63	31.81	32.27	31.95	32.18	32.81	32.42	36.02	41.17	39.35	39.31	37.33
Year Ending Jun 02	35.86	35.14	34.48	34.33	34.09	33.43	33.54	36.07	36.25	35.72	35.32	35.24
Year Ending Jun 03	35.13	35.39	35.68	34.98	35.47	35.47	34.83	36.48	36.39	35.93	35.59	35.82
Change	-0.72	0.25	1.19	0.65	1.38	2.04	1.29	0.41	0.13	0.21	0.27	0.58
%	-2.01	0.72	3.46	1.91	4.06	6.10	3.84	1.14	0.36	0.59	0.76	1.65
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative												
Year Ending Jun 00	31.76	31.84	31.40	31.17	31.02	30.82	30.68	30.78	30.89	30.98	31.02	31.05
Year Ending Jun 01	31.63	31.72	31.90	31.91	31.97	32.13	32.18	32.52	33.37	33.88	34.34	34.56
Year Ending Jun 02	35.86	35.49	35.17	34.94	34.75	34.51	34.34	34.50	34.66	34.75	34.80	34.84
Year Ending Jun 03	35.13	35.26	35.40	35.29	35.33	35.36	35.27	35.38	35.47	35.51	35.52	35.54
Change	-0.72	-0.23	0.23	0.35	0.58	0.84	0.93	0.88	0.82	0.76	0.72	0.71
%	-2.01	-0.65	0.66	1.00	1.67	2.44	2.70	2.56	2.36	2.19	2.06	2.03

Table 9(c): General patients - non safety net by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:
June 2000 to end June 2003

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Prescriptions - Monthly												
Year Ending Jun 00	1,412,358	1,390,437	1,351,958	1,249,031	1,223,422	1,263,594	1,123,347	1,281,094	1,462,315	1,437,558	1,560,057	1,541,532
Year Ending Jun 01	1,670,980	1,579,676	1,445,077	1,573,725	1,410,667	1,355,418	1,406,230	1,374,910	1,740,680	1,618,297	1,754,644	1,595,837
Year Ending Jun 02	1,738,439	1,667,271	1,415,587	1,525,670	1,530,916	1,303,851	1,514,978	1,503,150	1,658,543	1,785,019	1,935,638	1,713,042
Year Ending Jun 03	1,932,543	1,696,755	1,680,774	1,635,623	1,476,214	1,475,060	1,521,455	1,652,630	1,830,495	1,800,596	2,063,262	1,939,572
Change	194,104	29,484	265,187	109,953	(54,702)	171,209	6,477	149,480	171,952	15,577	127,624	226,530
%	11.17	1.77	18.73	7.21	-3.57	13.13	0.43	9.94	10.37	0.87	6.59	13.22
Prescriptions - Cumulative												
Year Ending Jun 00	1,412,358	2,802,795	4,154,753	5,403,784	6,627,206	7,890,800	9,014,147	10,295,241	11,757,556	13,195,114	14,755,171	16,296,703
Year Ending Jun 01	1,670,980	3,250,656	4,695,733	6,269,458	7,680,125	9,035,543	10,441,773	11,816,683	13,557,363	15,175,660	16,930,304	18,526,141
Year Ending Jun 02	1,738,439	3,405,710	4,821,297	6,346,967	7,877,883	9,181,734	10,696,712	12,199,862	13,858,405	15,643,424	17,579,062	19,292,104
Year Ending Jun 03	1,932,543	3,629,298	5,310,072	6,945,695	8,421,909	9,896,969	11,418,424	13,071,054	14,901,549	16,702,145	18,765,407	20,704,979
Change	194,104	223,588	488,775	598,728	544,026	715,235	721,712	871,192	1,043,144	1,058,721	1,186,345	1,412,875
%	11.17	6.57	10.14	9.43	6.91	7.79	6.75	7.14	7.53	6.77	6.75	7.32
Government Cost \$ - Monthly												
Year Ending Jun 00	45,282,141	45,263,660	42,625,582	39,760,864	39,363,678	40,567,723	36,946,041	41,055,542	46,694,273	45,857,270	49,027,506	48,573,847
Year Ending Jun 01	53,228,495	50,978,769	47,688,135	52,090,975	47,328,756	47,410,333	48,948,187	49,905,989	71,692,193	63,710,395	69,150,320	59,966,653
Year Ending Jun 02	63,049,088	59,747,022	50,474,564	54,677,421	55,140,749	46,499,067	54,452,526	54,409,460	60,100,688	63,687,204	68,424,879	60,542,019
Year Ending Jun 03	68,459,749	61,011,951	61,503,934	59,043,443	54,649,514	55,472,248	56,158,213	60,290,772	66,563,286	64,604,502	73,313,647	69,472,683
Change	5,410,662	1,264,929	11,029,370	4,366,022	(491,235)	8,973,181	1,705,687	5,881,311	6,462,598	917,299	4,888,768	8,930,664
%	8.58	2.12	21.85	7.99	-0.89	19.30	3.13	10.81	10.75	1.44	7.14	14.75
Government Cost \$ - Cumulative												
Year Ending Jun 00	45,282,141	90,545,801	133,171,383	172,932,247	212,295,925	252,863,648	289,809,689	330,865,231	377,559,505	423,416,775	472,444,281	521,018,128
Year Ending Jun 01	53,228,495	104,207,264	151,895,399	203,986,374	251,315,130	298,725,463	347,673,649	397,579,639	469,271,832	532,982,227	602,132,547	662,099,200
Year Ending Jun 02	63,049,088	122,796,110	173,270,674	227,948,095	283,088,844	329,587,911	384,040,437	438,449,897	498,550,585	562,237,789	630,662,668	691,204,687
Year Ending Jun 03	68,459,749	129,471,700	190,975,634	250,019,077	304,668,592	360,140,840	416,299,053	476,589,824	543,153,111	607,757,613	681,071,260	750,543,943
Change	5,410,662	6,675,590	17,704,960	22,070,982	21,579,748	30,552,929	32,258,616	38,139,927	44,602,525	45,519,824	50,408,592	59,339,256
%	8.58	5.44	10.22	9.68	7.62	9.27	8.40	8.70	8.95	8.10	7.99	8.58
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly												
Year Ending Jun 00	32.06	32.55	31.53	31.83	32.18	32.11	32.89	32.05	31.93	31.90	31.43	31.51
Year Ending Jun 01	31.85	32.27	33.00	33.10	33.55	34.98	34.81	36.30	41.19	39.37	39.41	37.58
Year Ending Jun 02	36.27	35.84	35.66	35.84	36.02	35.66	35.94	36.20	36.24	35.68	35.35	35.34
Year Ending Jun 03	35.42	35.96	36.59	36.10	37.02	37.61	36.91	36.48	36.36	35.88	35.53	35.82
Change	-0.84	0.12	0.94	0.26	1.00	1.94	0.97	0.28	0.13	0.20	0.18	0.48
%	-2.32	0.34	2.63	0.73	2.78	5.45	2.69	0.79	0.35	0.56	0.52	1.35
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative												
Year Ending Jun 00	32.06	32.31	32.05	32.00	32.03	32.05	32.15	32.14	32.11	32.09	32.02	31.97
Year Ending Jun 01	31.85	32.06	32.35	32.54	32.72	33.06	33.30	33.65	34.61	35.12	35.57	35.74
Year Ending Jun 02	36.27	36.06	35.94	35.91	35.93	35.90	35.90	35.94	35.97	35.94	35.88	35.83
Year Ending Jun 03	35.42	35.67	35.96	36.00	36.18	36.39	36.46	36.46	36.45	36.39	36.29	36.25
Change	-0.84	-0.38	0.03	0.08	0.24	0.49	0.56	0.52	0.47	0.45	0.42	0.42
%	-2.32	-1.06	0.07	0.23	0.67	1.37	1.55	1.45	1.32	1.24	1.17	1.18

Table 9(d): General patients - Safety Net by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:
June 2000 to end June 2003

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Prescriptions - Monthly												
Year Ending Jun 00	140,294	238,791	358,421	463,736	608,720	836,928	1,058,330	91,425	8,035	10,912	34,144	79,024
Year Ending Jun 01	173,750	284,805	380,486	577,094	690,427	877,295	1,139,373	55,316	7,944	13,705	45,395	94,774
Year Ending Jun 02	204,787	337,301	427,437	630,197	827,632	925,390	1,224,156	42,640	5,510	16,306	55,709	115,973
Year Ending Jun 03	253,485	366,036	524,382	691,658	807,619	1,063,664	1,229,068	45,225	8,811	16,046	56,148	126,680
Change	48,698	28,735	96,945	61,461	(20,013)	138,274	4,912	2,585	3,301	(260)	439	10,707
%	23.78	8.52	22.68	9.75	-2.42	14.94	0.40	6.06	59.91	-1.59	0.79	9.23
Prescriptions - Cumulative												
Year Ending Jun 00	140,294	379,085	737,506	1,201,242	1,809,962	2,646,890	3,705,220	3,796,645	3,804,680	3,815,592	3,849,736	3,928,760
Year Ending Jun 01	173,750	458,555	839,041	1,416,135	2,106,562	2,983,857	4,123,230	4,178,546	4,186,490	4,200,195	4,245,590	4,340,364
Year Ending Jun 02	204,787	542,088	969,525	1,599,722	2,427,354	3,352,744	4,576,900	4,619,540	4,625,050	4,641,356	4,697,065	4,813,038
Year Ending Jun 03	253,485	619,521	1,143,903	1,835,561	2,643,180	3,706,844	4,935,912	4,981,137	4,989,948	5,005,994	5,062,142	5,188,822
Change	48,698	77,433	174,378	235,839	215,826	354,100	359,012	361,597	364,898	364,638	365,077	375,784
%	23.78	14.28	17.99	14.74	8.89	10.56	7.84	7.83	7.89	7.86	7.77	7.81
Government Cost \$ - Monthly												
Year Ending Jun 00	4,027,269	6,739,584	9,694,525	12,479,477	16,512,358	22,425,349	28,488,365	2,571,043	242,172	360,087	1,084,641	2,387,979
Year Ending Jun 01	5,121,363	8,331,452	11,215,276	16,626,921	20,291,206	25,833,904	33,574,883	1,617,255	291,457	508,817	1,616,942	3,144,409
Year Ending Jun 02	6,625,409	10,688,991	13,079,159	19,332,128	25,261,517	28,032,379	37,430,448	1,341,770	229,105	659,890	1,903,878	3,913,847
Year Ending Jun 03	8,345,973	11,989,967	17,169,888	22,374,989	26,368,548	34,582,069	39,652,026	1,640,823	360,142	670,555	2,106,585	4,543,637
Change	1,720,564	1,300,976	4,090,729	3,042,861	1,107,031	6,549,690	2,221,578	299,053	131,037	10,665	202,708	629,790
%	25.97	12.17	31.28	15.74	4.38	23.36	5.94	22.29	57.19	1.62	10.65	16.09
Government Cost \$ - Cumulative												
Year Ending Jun 00	4,027,269	10,766,853	20,461,378	32,940,855	49,453,213	71,878,562	100,366,927	102,937,970	103,180,142	103,540,229	104,624,870	107,012,848
Year Ending Jun 01	5,121,363	13,452,815	24,668,091	41,295,012	61,586,218	87,420,122	120,995,005	122,612,260	122,903,718	123,412,535	125,029,477	128,173,886
Year Ending Jun 02	6,625,409	17,314,400	30,393,559	49,725,686	74,987,203	103,019,582	140,450,030	141,791,800	142,020,905	142,680,796	144,584,673	148,498,520
Year Ending Jun 03	8,345,973	20,335,940	37,505,828	59,880,816	86,249,365	120,831,434	160,483,460	162,124,283	162,484,425	163,154,980	165,261,565	169,805,201
Change	1,720,564	3,021,540	7,112,269	10,155,130	11,262,161	17,811,852	20,033,430	20,332,483	20,463,520	20,474,184	20,676,892	21,306,681
%	25.97	17.45	23.40	20.42	15.02	17.29	14.26	14.34	14.41	14.35	14.30	14.35
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly												
Year Ending Jun 00	28.71	28.22	27.05	26.91	27.13	26.79	26.92	28.12	30.14	33.00	31.77	30.22
Year Ending Jun 01	29.48	29.25	29.48	28.81	29.39	29.45	29.47	29.24	36.69	37.13	35.62	33.18
Year Ending Jun 02	32.35	31.69	30.60	30.68	30.52	30.29	30.58	31.47	41.58	40.47	34.18	33.75
Year Ending Jun 03	32.92	32.76	32.74	32.35	32.65	32.51	32.26	36.28	40.87	41.79	37.52	35.87
Change	0.57	1.07	2.14	1.67	2.13	2.22	1.69	4.81	-0.71	1.32	3.34	2.12
%	1.77	3.37	7.01	5.46	6.97	7.33	5.51	15.30	-1.70	3.26	9.78	6.28
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative												
Year Ending Jun 00	28.71	28.40	27.74	27.42	27.32	27.16	27.09	27.11	27.12	27.14	27.18	27.24
Year Ending Jun 01	29.48	29.34	29.40	29.16	29.24	29.30	29.34	29.34	29.36	29.38	29.45	29.53
Year Ending Jun 02	32.35	31.94	31.35	31.08	30.89	30.73	30.69	30.69	30.71	30.74	30.78	30.85
Year Ending Jun 03	32.92	32.83	32.79	32.62	32.63	32.60	32.51	32.55	32.56	32.59	32.65	32.73
Change	0.57	0.89	1.44	1.54	1.74	1.87	1.83	1.85	1.86	1.85	1.86	1.87
%	1.77	2.77	4.59	4.95	5.63	6.09	5.95	6.04	6.04	6.02	6.06	6.07

Table 9(e): Concessional patients - total by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:
June 2000 to end June 2003

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Prescriptions - Monthly												
Year Ending Jun 00	9,798,972	10,041,314	10,108,054	9,734,193	9,994,766	11,019,366	10,314,746	8,262,775	9,213,455	9,191,879	9,788,629	9,892,005
Year Ending Jun 01	10,939,665	10,663,518	9,912,950	11,244,838	10,586,539	10,675,068	11,619,251	8,172,933	10,490,967	9,876,707	10,698,946	9,823,892
Year Ending Jun 02	11,039,848	11,206,142	10,032,172	11,406,216	11,881,605	10,826,748	12,565,970	9,005,399	9,749,976	10,564,105	11,718,772	10,427,861
Year Ending Jun 03	12,001,674	11,042,312	11,283,441	11,526,563	10,943,619	11,729,614	12,094,138	9,198,293	10,135,027	10,161,779	11,518,613	11,019,509
Change	961,826	(163,830)	1,251,269	120,347	(937,986)	902,866	(471,832)	192,894	385,051	(402,326)	(200,159)	591,648
%	8.71	-1.46	12.47	1.06	-7.89	8.34	-3.75	2.14	3.95	-3.81	-1.71	5.67
Prescriptions - Cumulative												
Year Ending Jun 00	9,798,972	19,840,286	29,948,340	39,682,533	49,677,299	60,696,665	71,011,411	79,274,186	88,487,641	97,679,520	107,468,149	117,360,154
Year Ending Jun 01	10,939,665	21,603,183	31,516,133	42,760,971	53,347,510	64,022,578	75,641,829	83,814,762	94,305,729	104,182,436	114,881,382	124,705,274
Year Ending Jun 02	11,039,848	22,245,990	32,278,162	43,684,378	55,565,983	66,392,731	78,958,701	87,964,100	97,714,076	108,278,181	119,996,953	130,424,814
Year Ending Jun 03	12,001,674	23,043,986	34,327,427	45,853,990	56,797,609	68,527,223	80,621,361	89,819,654	99,954,681	110,116,460	121,635,073	132,654,582
Change	961,826	797,996	2,049,265	2,169,612	1,231,626	2,134,492	1,662,660	1,855,554	2,240,605	1,838,279	1,638,120	2,229,768
%	8.71	3.59	6.35	4.97	2.22	3.21	2.11	2.11	2.29	1.70	1.37	1.71
Government Cost \$ - Monthly												
Year Ending Jun 00	206,285,090	213,660,412	212,265,712	208,738,019	219,294,761	245,008,258	236,244,569	178,455,506	199,617,204	198,596,162	214,513,242	215,787,397
Year Ending Jun 01	241,680,907	242,088,849	231,580,270	268,012,324	258,044,119	266,278,816	292,890,978	199,119,868	263,091,341	244,056,611	268,500,020	244,609,883
Year Ending Jun 02	275,672,883	279,607,707	250,309,374	290,733,696	308,906,529	285,110,741	334,274,996	230,463,417	250,154,816	270,757,957	301,434,229	270,541,036
Year Ending Jun 03	315,582,541	295,986,064	307,341,111	318,491,421	307,967,315	334,208,066	345,091,827	252,200,539	277,680,956	275,363,989	318,720,174	306,220,114
Change	39,909,658	16,378,357	57,031,737	27,757,725	(939,214)	49,097,324	10,816,831	21,737,122	27,526,140	4,606,032	17,285,945	35,679,078
%	14.48	5.86	22.78	9.55	-0.30	17.22	3.24	9.43	11.00	1.70	5.73	13.19
Government Cost \$ - Cumulative												
Year Ending Jun 00	206,285,090	419,945,503	632,211,214	840,949,233	1,060,243,993	1,305,252,251	1,541,496,820	1,719,952,326	1,919,569,530	2,118,165,692	2,332,678,934	2,548,466,331
Year Ending Jun 01	241,680,907	483,769,756	715,350,026	983,362,349	1,241,406,469	1,507,685,284	1,800,576,263	1,999,696,131	2,262,787,472	2,506,844,082	2,775,344,102	3,019,953,985
Year Ending Jun 02	275,672,883	555,280,590	805,589,964	1,096,323,660	1,405,230,189	1,690,340,930	2,024,615,926	2,255,079,343	2,505,234,159	2,775,992,116	3,077,426,345	3,347,967,381
Year Ending Jun 03	315,582,541	611,568,605	918,909,716	1,237,401,137	1,545,368,452	1,879,576,518	2,224,668,345	2,476,868,884	2,754,549,840	3,029,913,829	3,348,634,003	3,654,854,117
Change	39,909,658	56,288,015	113,319,752	141,077,478	140,138,264	189,235,588	200,052,419	221,789,541	249,315,681	253,921,713	271,207,658	306,886,736
%	14.48	10.14	14.07	12.87	9.97	11.20	9.88	9.84	9.95	9.15	8.81	9.17
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly												
Year Ending Jun 00	21.05	21.28	21.00	21.44	21.94	22.23	22.90	21.60	21.67	21.61	21.91	21.81
Year Ending Jun 01	22.09	22.70	23.36	23.83	24.37	24.94	25.21	24.36	25.08	24.71	25.10	24.90
Year Ending Jun 02	24.97	24.95	24.95	25.49	26.00	26.33	26.60	25.59	25.66	25.63	25.72	25.94
Year Ending Jun 03	26.29	26.80	27.24	27.63	28.14	28.49	28.53	27.42	27.40	27.10	27.67	27.79
Change	1.32	1.85	2.29	2.14	2.14	2.16	1.93	1.83	1.74	1.47	1.95	1.84
%	5.30	7.43	9.17	8.40	8.24	8.20	7.26	7.14	6.79	5.73	7.57	7.11
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative												
Year Ending Jun 00	21.05	21.17	21.11	21.19	21.34	21.50	21.71	21.70	21.69	21.68	21.71	21.71
Year Ending Jun 01	22.09	22.39	22.70	23.00	23.27	23.55	23.80	23.86	23.99	24.06	24.16	24.22
Year Ending Jun 02	24.97	24.96	24.96	25.10	25.29	25.46	25.64	25.64	25.64	25.64	25.65	25.67
Year Ending Jun 03	26.29	26.54	26.77	26.99	27.21	27.43	27.59	27.58	27.56	27.52	27.53	27.55
Change	1.32	1.58	1.81	1.89	1.92	1.97	1.95	1.94	1.92	1.88	1.88	1.88
%	5.30	6.32	7.26	7.53	7.59	7.73	7.61	7.57	7.49	7.32	7.35	7.33

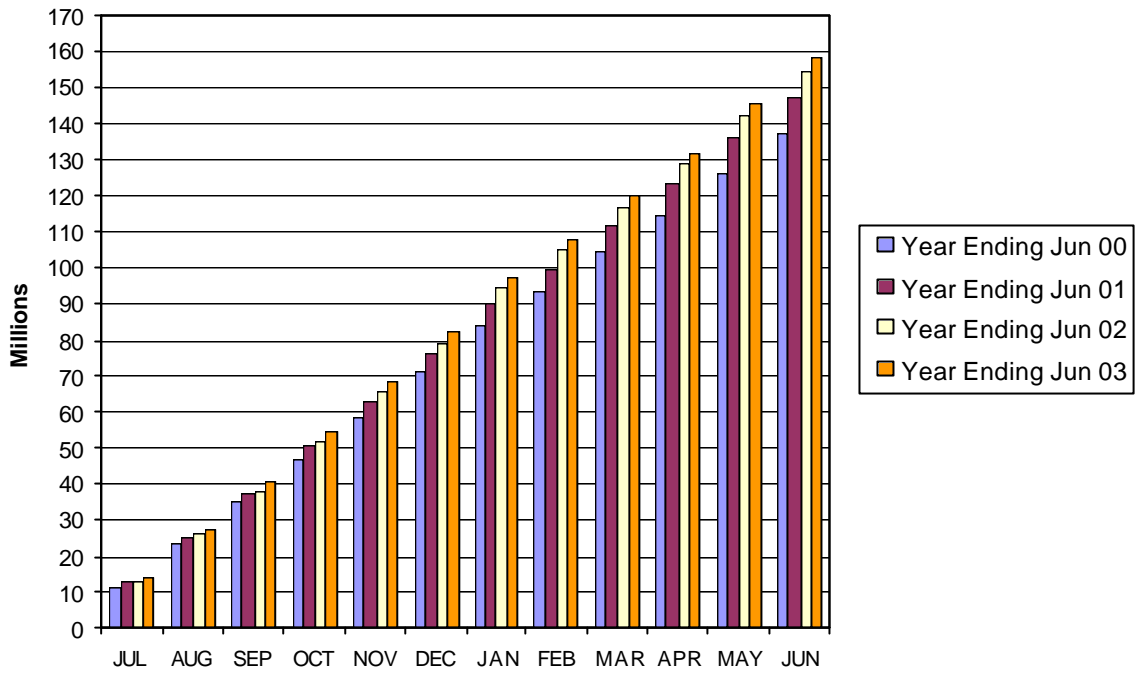
Table 9(f): Concessional patients - non safety net by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:
June 2000 to end June 2003

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Prescriptions - Monthly												
Year Ending Jun 00	8,636,566	8,261,599	7,703,965	6,826,036	6,405,197	6,394,815	5,320,178	7,868,414	9,164,526	9,082,065	9,451,857	9,166,654
Year Ending Jun 01	9,533,907	8,579,257	7,390,103	7,661,847	6,536,709	5,941,721	6,307,709	7,939,569	10,431,485	9,734,402	10,251,562	8,976,889
Year Ending Jun 02	9,422,671	8,781,995	7,221,904	7,468,232	7,017,469	5,727,053	6,877,047	8,816,824	9,700,649	10,395,046	11,177,738	9,411,583
Year Ending Jun 03	10,009,157	8,354,382	7,754,461	7,134,663	6,107,541	5,839,785	6,296,005	8,986,488	10,077,906	10,011,650	10,989,487	9,914,656
Change	586,486	(427,613)	532,557	(333,569)	(909,928)	112,732	(581,042)	169,664	377,257	(383,396)	(188,251)	503,073
%	6.22	-4.87	7.37	-4.47	-12.97	1.97	-8.45	1.92	3.89	-3.69	-1.68	5.35
Prescriptions - Cumulative												
Year Ending Jun 00	8,636,566	16,898,165	24,602,130	31,428,166	37,833,363	44,228,178	49,548,356	57,416,770	66,581,296	75,663,361	85,115,218	94,281,872
Year Ending Jun 01	9,533,907	18,113,164	25,503,267	33,165,114	39,701,823	45,643,544	51,951,253	59,890,822	70,322,307	80,056,709	90,308,271	99,285,160
Year Ending Jun 02	9,422,671	18,204,666	25,426,570	32,894,802	39,912,271	45,639,324	52,516,371	61,333,195	71,033,844	81,428,890	92,606,628	102,018,211
Year Ending Jun 03	10,009,157	18,363,539	26,118,000	33,252,663	39,360,204	45,199,989	51,495,994	60,482,482	70,560,388	80,572,038	91,561,525	101,476,181
Change	586,486	158,873	691,430	357,861	(552,067)	(439,335)	(1,020,377)	(850,713)	(473,456)	(856,852)	(1,045,103)	(542,030)
%	6.22	0.87	2.72	1.09	-1.38	-0.96	-1.94	-1.39	-0.67	-1.05	-1.13	-0.53
Government Cost \$ - Monthly												
Year Ending Jun 00	179,229,557	171,634,852	156,300,515	140,157,138	133,948,018	134,785,114	115,248,829	168,910,908	198,569,284	196,235,444	206,852,995	198,763,942
Year Ending Jun 01	207,675,643	190,252,342	167,104,859	175,479,259	152,214,086	141,109,763	151,174,282	192,958,191	261,665,115	240,590,987	257,066,653	222,358,859
Year Ending Jun 02	232,228,423	214,302,083	174,628,491	183,519,051	175,089,946	144,271,652	175,523,216	225,269,824	248,974,933	266,421,305	286,919,192	242,407,471
Year Ending Jun 03	259,523,306	219,230,847	205,572,303	190,931,602	166,464,813	160,830,707	173,624,080	245,975,568	276,209,432	271,299,622	303,642,384	274,025,100
Change	27,294,884	4,928,764	30,943,812	7,412,552	(8,625,132)	16,559,055	(1,899,136)	20,705,744	27,234,499	4,878,317	16,723,192	31,617,629
%	11.75	2.30	17.72	4.04	-4.93	11.48	-1.08	9.19	10.94	1.83	5.83	13.04
Government Cost \$ - Cumulative												
Year Ending Jun 00	179,229,557	350,864,409	507,164,924	647,322,063	781,270,081	916,055,195	1,031,304,024	1,200,214,932	1,398,784,216	1,595,019,660	1,801,872,656	2,000,636,597
Year Ending Jun 01	207,675,643	397,927,985	565,032,844	740,512,103	892,726,189	1,033,835,952	1,185,010,234	1,377,968,424	1,639,633,539	1,880,224,526	2,137,291,179	2,359,650,038
Year Ending Jun 02	232,228,423	446,530,506	621,158,996	804,678,047	979,767,993	1,124,039,645	1,299,562,861	1,524,832,685	1,773,807,618	2,040,228,922	2,327,148,114	2,569,555,585
Year Ending Jun 03	259,523,306	478,754,153	684,326,456	875,258,059	1,041,722,872	1,202,553,579	1,376,177,659	1,622,153,228	1,898,362,659	2,169,662,281	2,473,304,666	2,747,329,765
Change	27,294,884	32,223,648	63,167,460	70,580,011	61,954,879	78,513,934	76,614,799	97,320,543	124,555,042	129,433,359	146,156,551	177,774,180
%	11.75	7.22	10.17	8.77	6.32	6.98	5.90	6.38	7.02	6.34	6.28	6.92
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly												
Year Ending Jun 00	20.75	20.78	20.29	20.53	20.91	21.08	21.66	21.47	21.67	21.61	21.88	21.68
Year Ending Jun 01	21.78	22.18	22.61	22.90	23.29	23.75	23.97	24.30	25.08	24.72	25.08	24.77
Year Ending Jun 02	24.65	24.40	24.18	24.57	24.95	25.19	25.52	25.55	25.67	25.63	25.67	25.76
Year Ending Jun 03	25.93	26.24	26.51	26.76	27.26	27.54	27.58	27.37	27.41	27.10	27.63	27.64
Change	1.28	1.84	2.33	2.19	2.31	2.35	2.05	1.82	1.74	1.47	1.96	1.88
%	5.21	7.54	9.64	8.90	9.24	9.33	8.05	7.13	6.79	5.73	7.64	7.31
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative												
Year Ending Jun 00	20.75	20.76	20.61	20.60	20.65	20.71	20.81	20.90	21.01	21.08	21.17	21.22
Year Ending Jun 01	21.78	21.97	22.16	22.33	22.49	22.65	22.81	23.01	23.32	23.49	23.67	23.77
Year Ending Jun 02	24.65	24.53	24.43	24.46	24.55	24.63	24.75	24.86	24.97	25.06	25.13	25.19
Year Ending Jun 03	25.93	26.07	26.20	26.32	26.47	26.61	26.72	26.82	26.90	26.93	27.01	27.07
Change	1.28	1.54	1.77	1.86	1.92	1.98	1.98	1.96	1.93	1.87	1.88	1.89
%	5.21	6.29	7.25	7.60	7.81	8.02	7.99	7.88	7.74	7.47	7.49	7.49

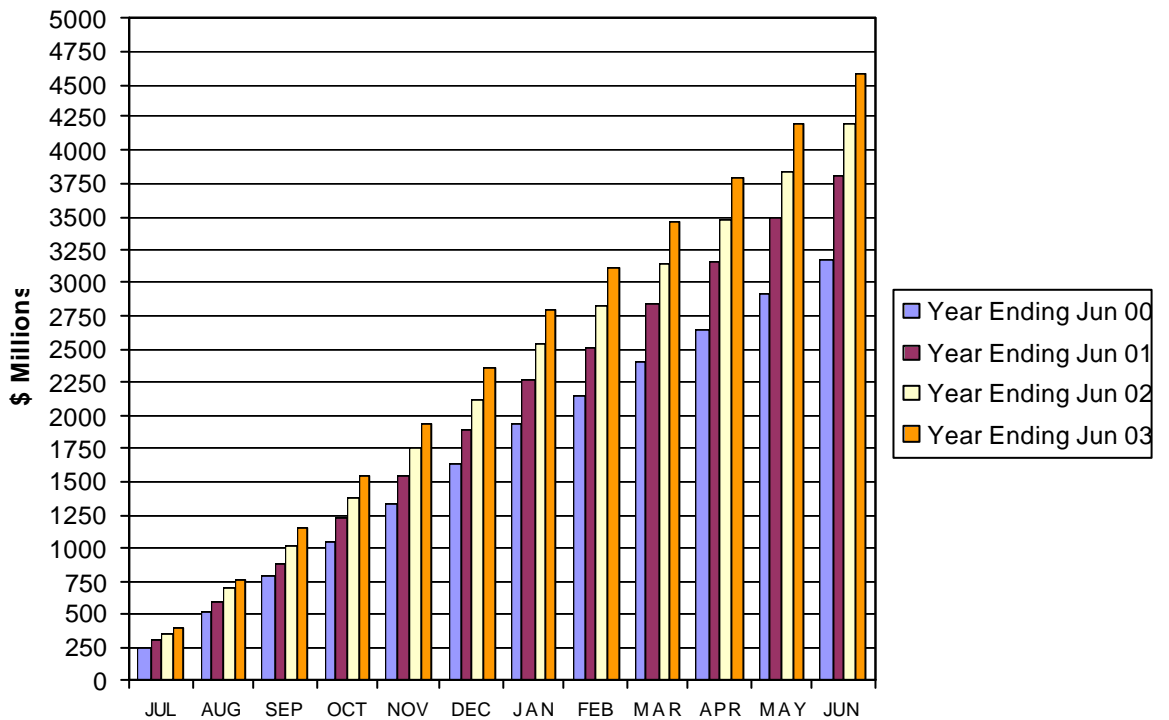
**Table 9(g): Concessional patients - safety net by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:
June 2000 to end June 2003**

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Prescriptions - Monthly												
Year Ending Jun 00	1,162,406	1,779,715	2,404,089	2,908,157	3,589,569	4,624,551	4,994,568	394,361	48,929	109,814	336,772	725,351
Year Ending Jun 01	1,405,758	2,084,261	2,522,847	3,582,991	4,049,830	4,733,347	5,311,542	233,364	59,482	142,305	447,384	847,003
Year Ending Jun 02	1,617,177	2,424,147	2,810,268	3,937,984	4,864,136	5,099,695	5,688,923	188,575	49,327	169,059	541,034	1,016,278
Year Ending Jun 03	1,992,517	2,687,930	3,528,980	4,391,900	4,836,078	5,889,829	5,798,133	211,805	57,121	150,129	529,126	1,104,853
Change	375,340	263,783	718,712	453,916	(28,058)	790,134	109,210	23,230	7,794	(18,930)	(11,908)	88,575
%	23.21	10.88	25.57	11.53	-0.58	15.49	1.92	12.32	15.80	-11.20	-2.20	8.72
Prescriptions - Cumulative												
Year Ending Jun 00	1,162,406	2,942,121	5,346,210	8,254,367	11,843,936	16,468,487	21,463,055	21,857,416	21,906,345	22,016,159	22,352,931	23,078,282
Year Ending Jun 01	1,405,758	3,490,019	6,012,866	9,595,857	13,645,687	18,379,034	23,690,576	23,923,940	23,983,422	24,125,727	24,573,111	25,420,114
Year Ending Jun 02	1,617,177	4,041,324	6,851,592	10,789,576	15,653,712	20,753,407	26,442,330	26,630,905	26,680,232	26,849,291	27,390,325	28,406,603
Year Ending Jun 03	1,992,517	4,680,447	8,209,427	12,601,327	17,437,405	23,327,234	29,125,367	29,337,172	29,394,293	29,544,422	30,073,548	31,178,401
Change	375,340	639,123	1,357,835	1,811,751	1,783,693	2,573,827	2,683,037	2,706,267	2,714,061	2,695,131	2,683,223	2,771,798
%	23.21	15.81	19.82	16.79	11.39	12.40	10.15	10.16	10.17	10.04	9.80	9.76
Government Cost \$ - Monthly												
Year Ending Jun 00	27,055,533	42,025,560	55,965,197	68,580,880	85,346,742	110,223,144	120,995,740	9,544,598	1,047,920	2,360,718	7,660,247	17,023,455
Year Ending Jun 01	34,005,264	51,836,507	64,475,411	92,533,065	105,830,033	125,169,053	141,716,696	6,161,678	1,426,226	3,465,623	11,433,367	22,251,024
Year Ending Jun 02	43,444,460	65,305,624	75,680,884	107,214,645	133,816,583	140,839,089	158,751,780	5,193,593	1,179,883	4,336,652	14,515,037	28,133,565
Year Ending Jun 03	56,059,234	76,755,217	101,768,809	127,559,819	141,502,502	173,377,358	171,467,747	6,224,971	1,471,524	4,064,367	15,077,790	32,195,015
Change	12,614,774	11,449,593	26,087,925	20,345,174	7,685,918	32,538,269	12,715,967	1,031,377	291,641	(272,285)	562,753	4,061,450
%	29.04	17.53	34.47	18.98	5.74	23.10	8.01	19.86	24.72	-6.28	3.88	14.44
Government Cost \$ - Cumulative												
Year Ending Jun 00	27,055,533	69,081,093	125,046,290	193,627,170	278,973,912	389,197,056	510,192,796	519,737,394	520,785,314	523,146,032	530,806,279	547,829,734
Year Ending Jun 01	34,005,264	85,841,771	150,317,182	242,850,247	348,680,280	473,849,333	615,566,029	621,727,706	623,153,933	626,619,556	638,052,923	660,303,947
Year Ending Jun 02	43,444,460	108,750,084	184,430,968	291,645,613	425,462,196	566,301,285	725,053,065	730,246,658	731,426,541	735,763,193	750,278,231	778,411,796
Year Ending Jun 03	56,059,234	132,814,451	234,583,260	362,143,079	503,645,581	677,022,939	848,490,686	854,715,656	856,187,180	860,251,548	875,329,337	907,524,352
Change	12,614,774	24,064,367	50,152,292	70,497,466	78,183,385	110,721,654	123,437,621	124,468,998	124,760,639	124,488,354	125,051,107	129,112,556
%	29.04	22.13	27.19	24.17	18.38	19.55	17.02	17.04	17.06	16.92	16.67	16.59
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly												
Year Ending Jun 00	23.28	23.61	23.28	23.58	23.78	23.83	24.23	24.20	21.42	21.50	22.75	23.47
Year Ending Jun 01	24.19	24.87	25.56	25.83	26.13	26.44	26.68	26.40	23.98	24.35	25.56	26.27
Year Ending Jun 02	26.86	26.94	26.93	27.23	27.51	27.62	27.91	27.54	23.92	25.65	26.83	27.68
Year Ending Jun 03	28.13	28.56	28.84	29.04	29.26	29.44	29.57	29.39	25.76	27.07	28.50	29.14
Change	1.27	1.62	1.91	1.82	1.75	1.82	1.67	1.85	1.84	1.42	1.67	1.46
%	4.73	6.00	7.08	6.68	6.36	6.59	5.98	6.71	7.70	5.54	6.21	5.26
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative												
Year Ending Jun 00	23.28	23.48	23.39	23.46	23.55	23.63	23.77	23.78	23.77	23.76	23.75	23.74
Year Ending Jun 01	24.19	24.60	25.00	25.31	25.55	25.78	25.98	25.99	25.98	25.97	25.97	25.98
Year Ending Jun 02	26.86	26.91	26.92	27.03	27.18	27.29	27.42	27.42	27.41	27.40	27.39	27.40
Year Ending Jun 03	28.13	28.38	28.57	28.74	28.88	29.02	29.13	29.13	29.13	29.12	29.11	29.11
Change	1.27	1.47	1.66	1.71	1.70	1.74	1.71	1.71	1.71	1.71	1.71	1.70
%	4.73	5.45	6.16	6.32	6.27	6.36	6.24	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.26	6.22

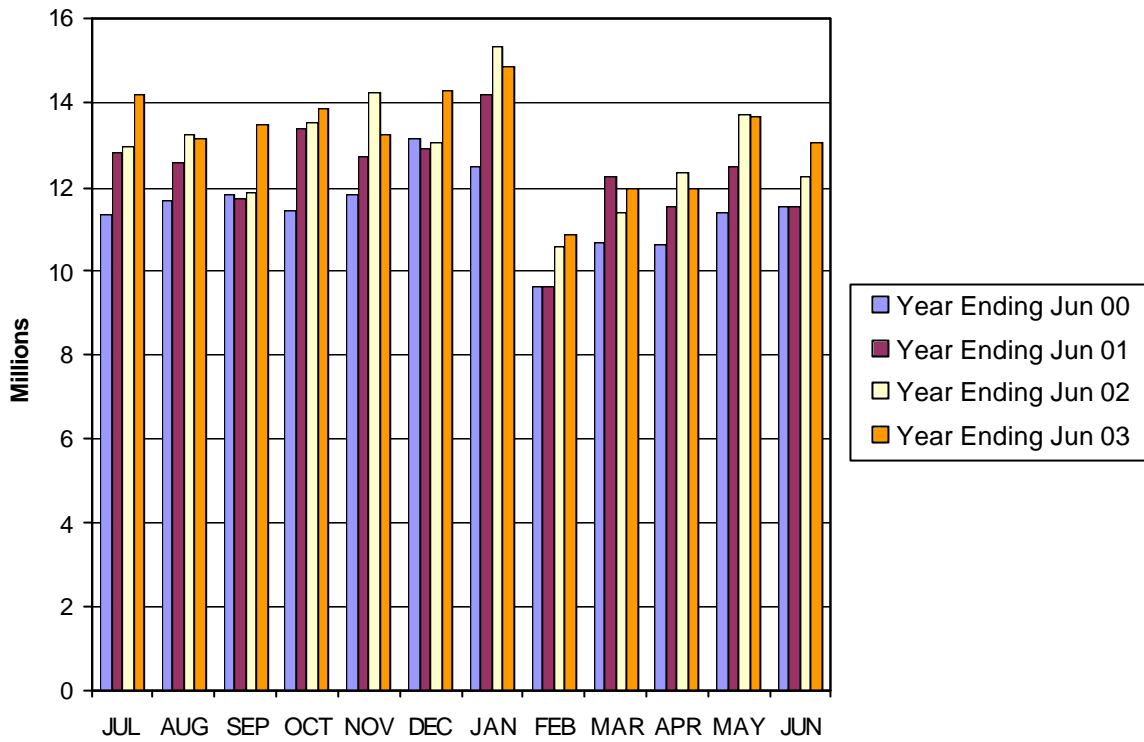
**Chart 1 - CUMULATIVE PBS PRESCRIPTION VOLUME,
year ending June 2000 to year ending June 2003**



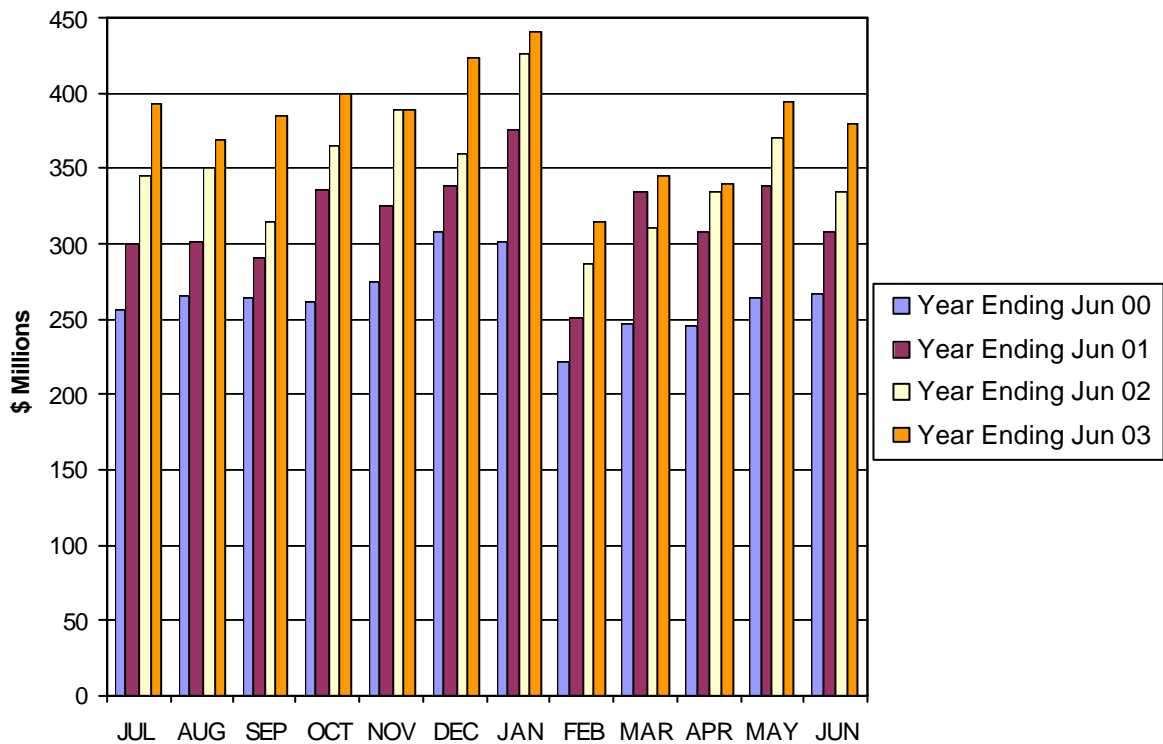
**Chart 2 - CUMULATIVE PBS GOVT COST,
year ending June 2000 to year ending June 2003**

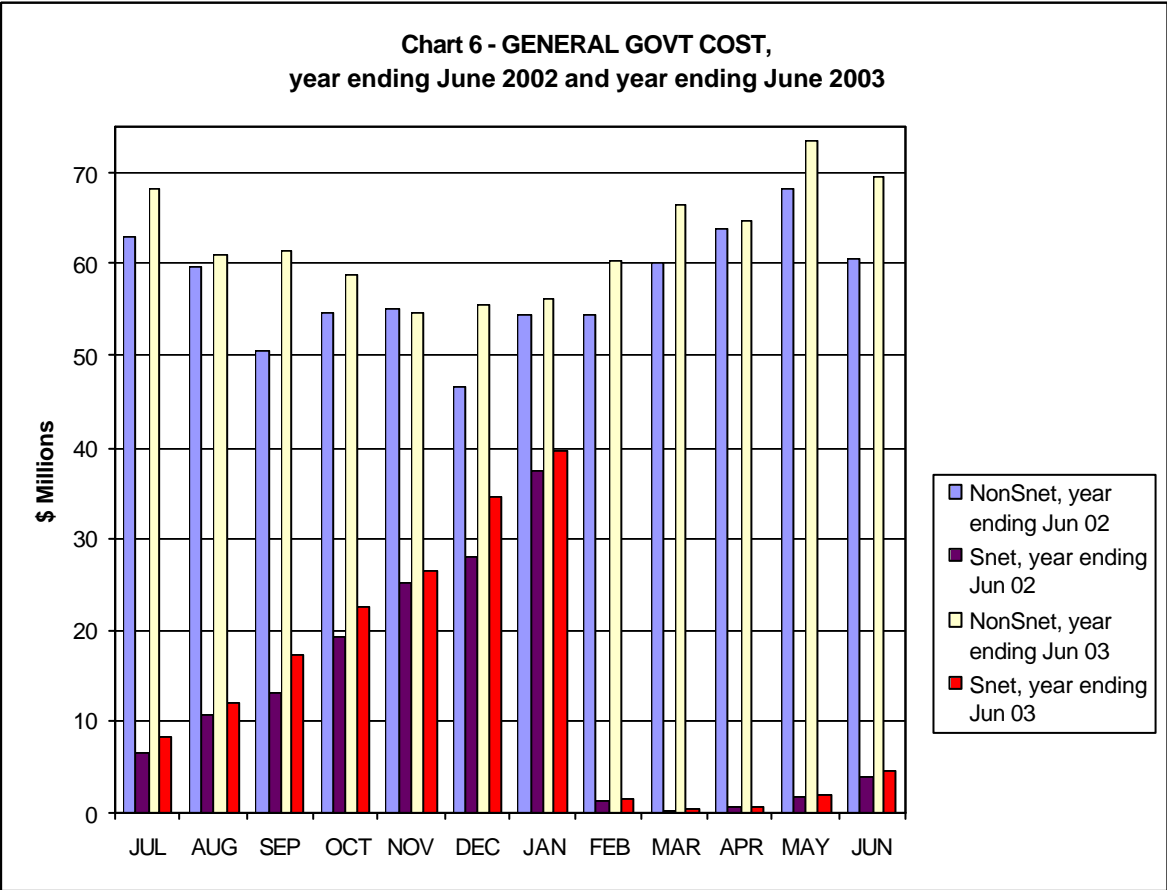
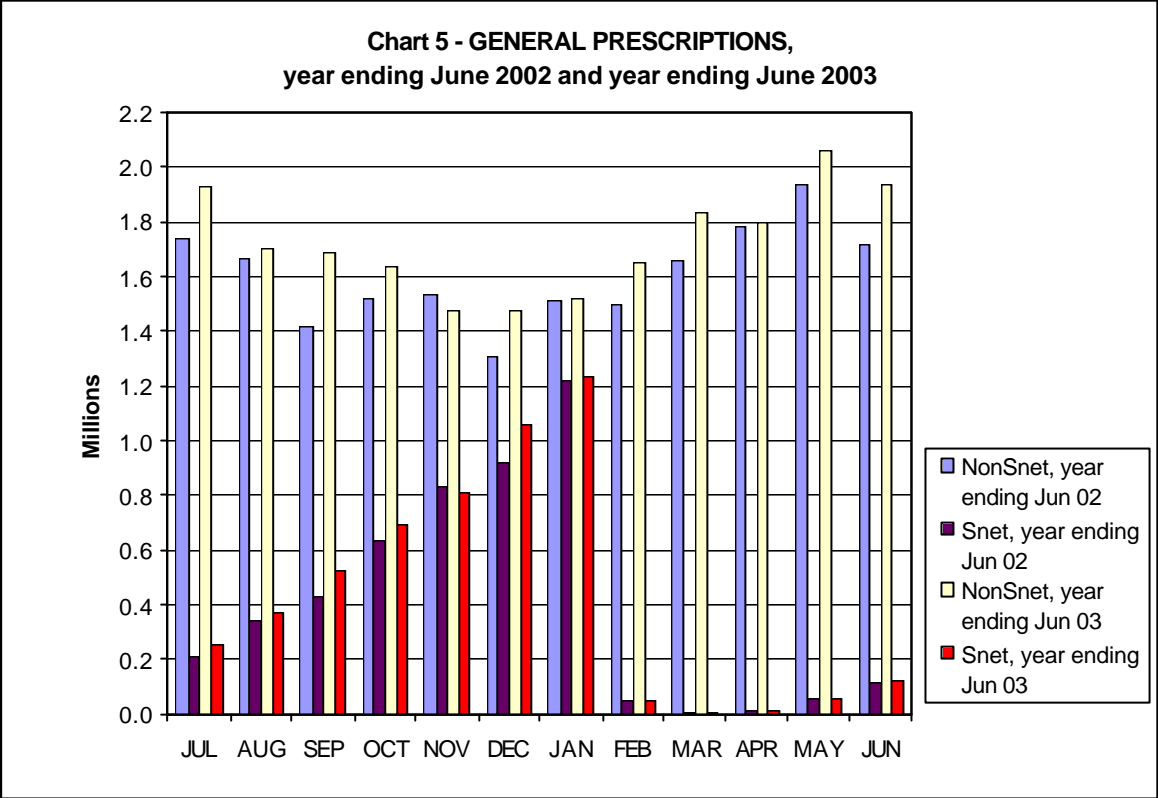


**Chart 3 - PBS PRESCRIPTION VOLUME BY MONTH,
year ending June 2000 to year ending June 2003**

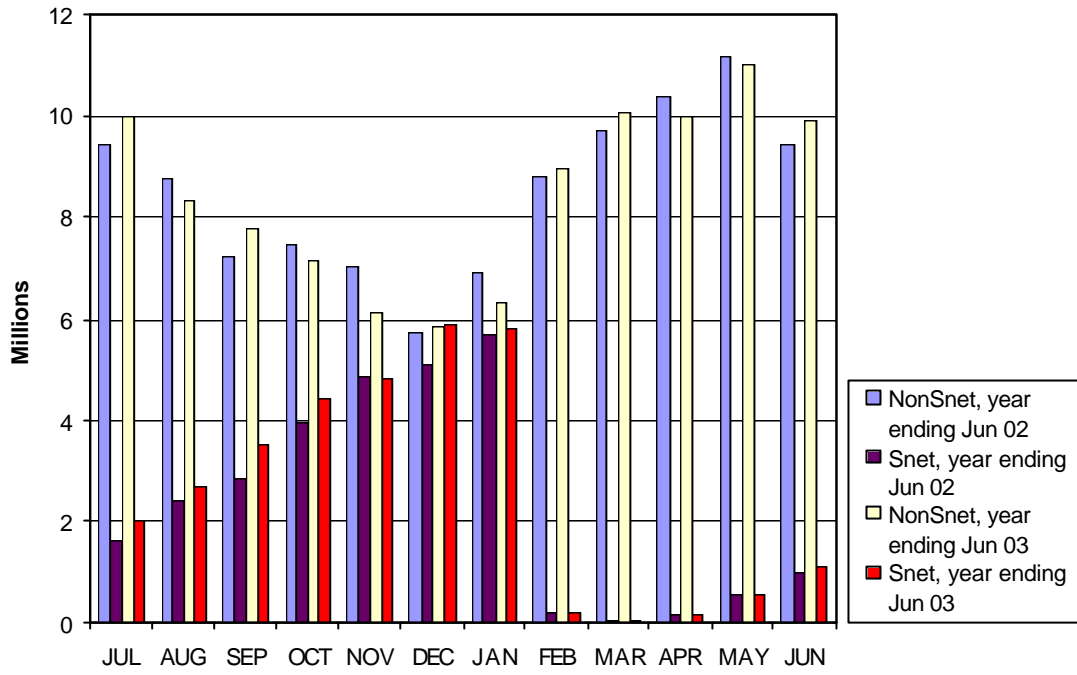


**Chart 4 - PBS GOV'T COST BY MONTH,
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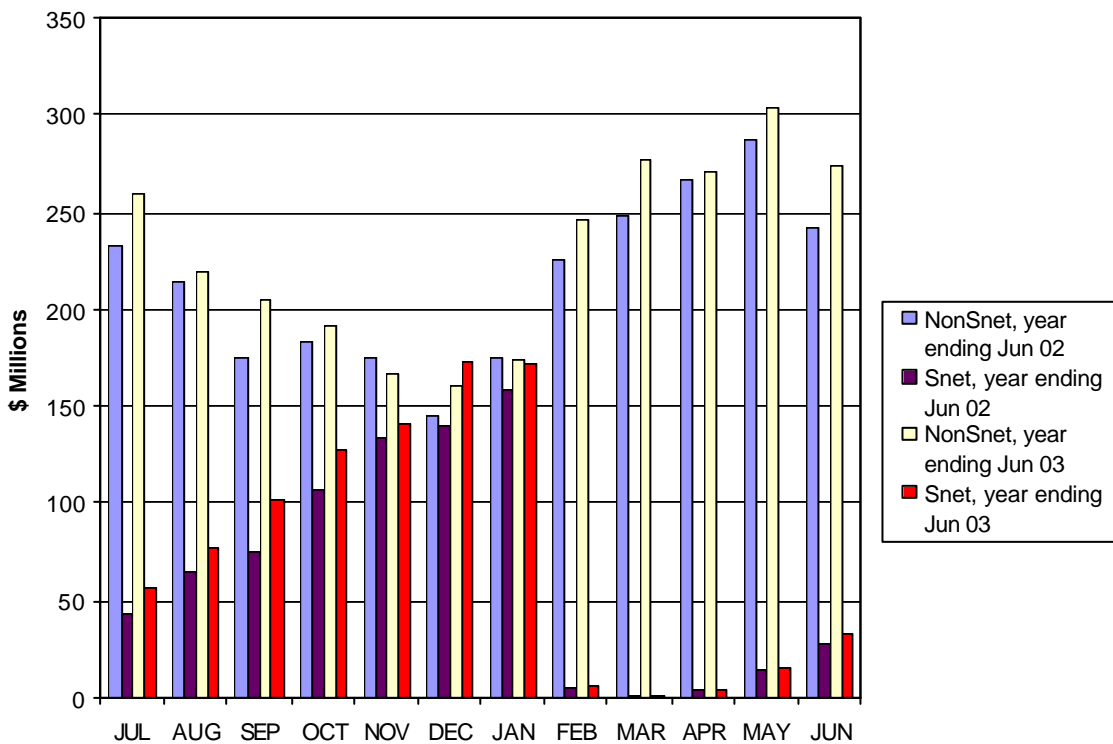




**Chart 7 - CONCESSIONAL PRESCRIPTIONS,
year ending June 2002 and year ending June 2003**



**Chart 8 - CONCESSIONAL GOVT COST,
year ending June 2002 and year ending June 2003**



**Chart 9 - Average Govt cost per script,
year ending June 2000 to year June 2003**

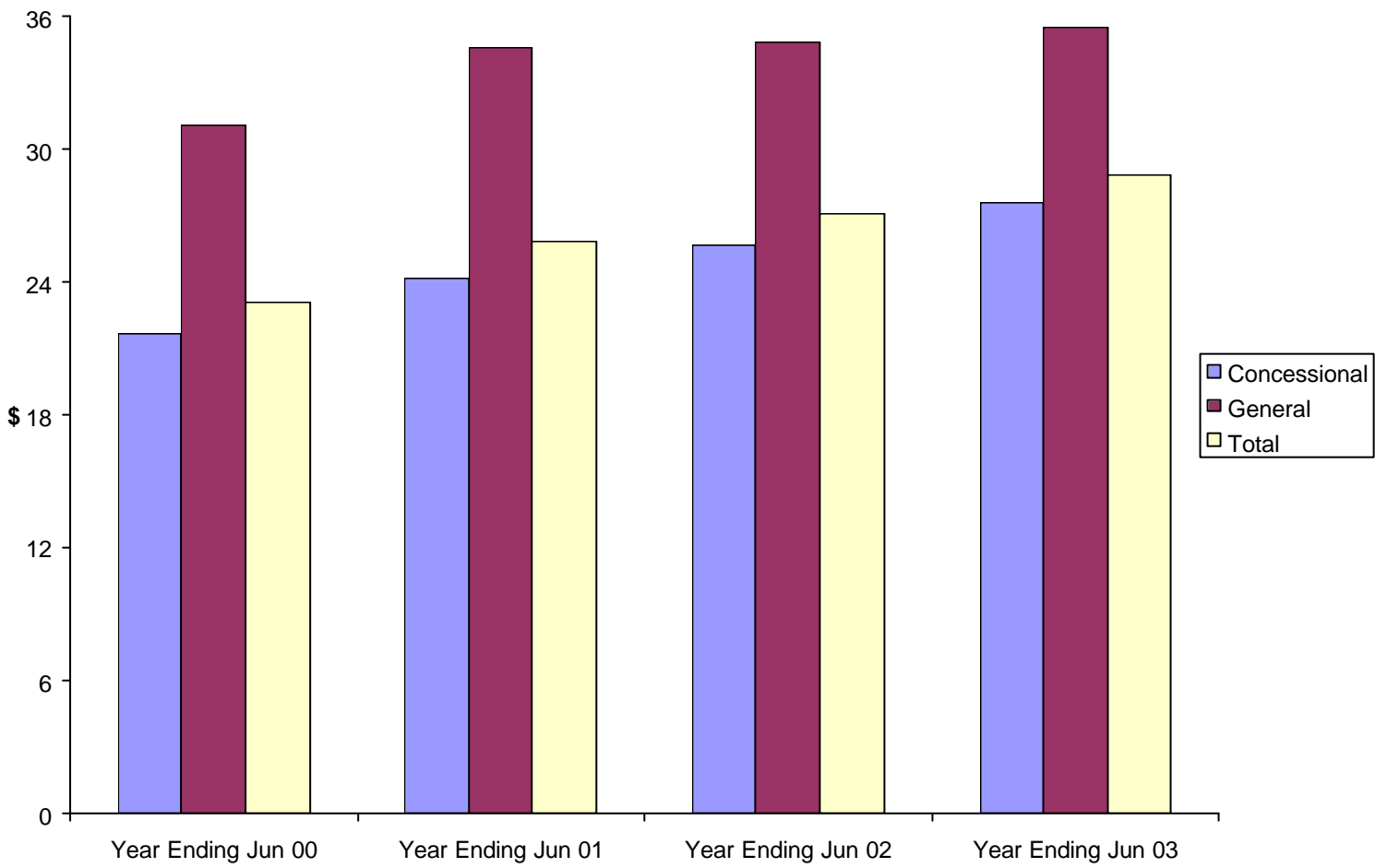


Chart 10 - MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN AVERAGE GOVT COST,
year ending June 2000 to year ending June 2003

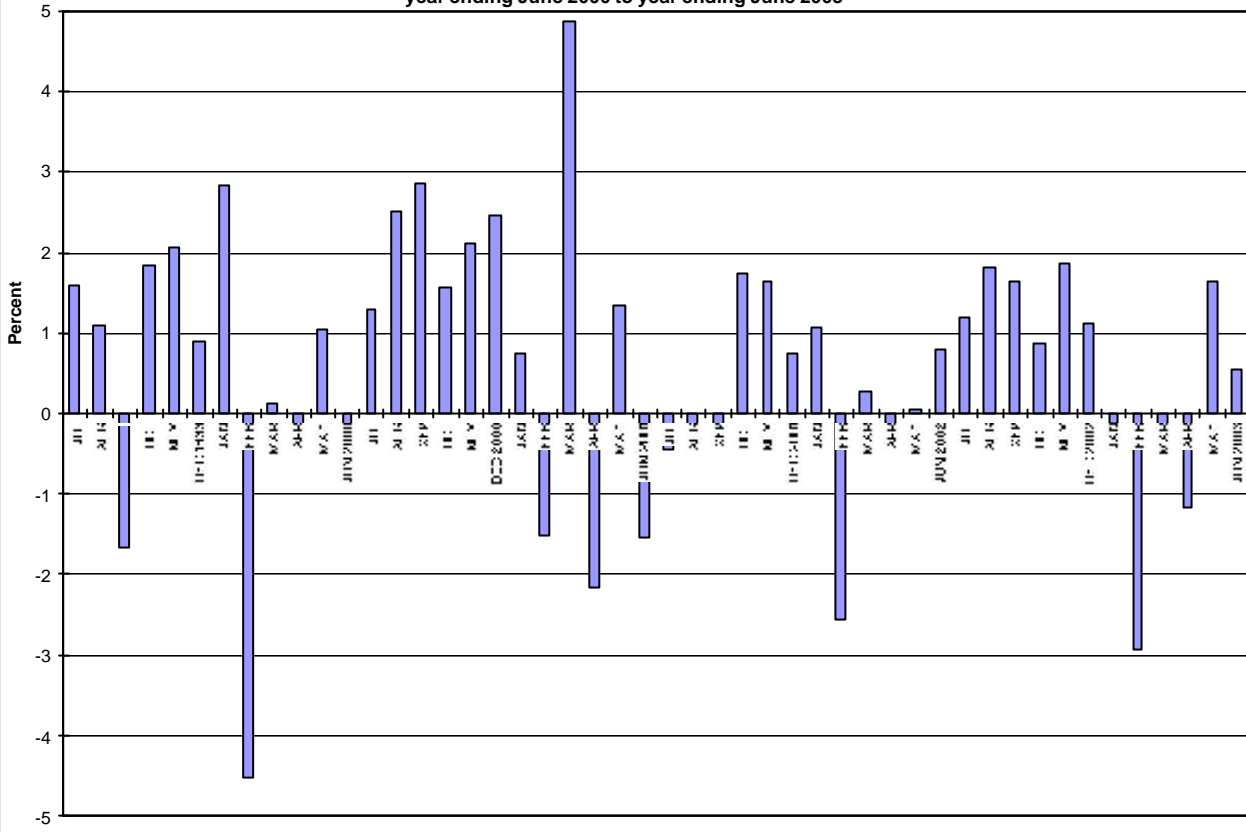


Chart 11 - MONTHLY AVERAGE GOVT COST per script,
year ending June 2000 to year ending June 2003

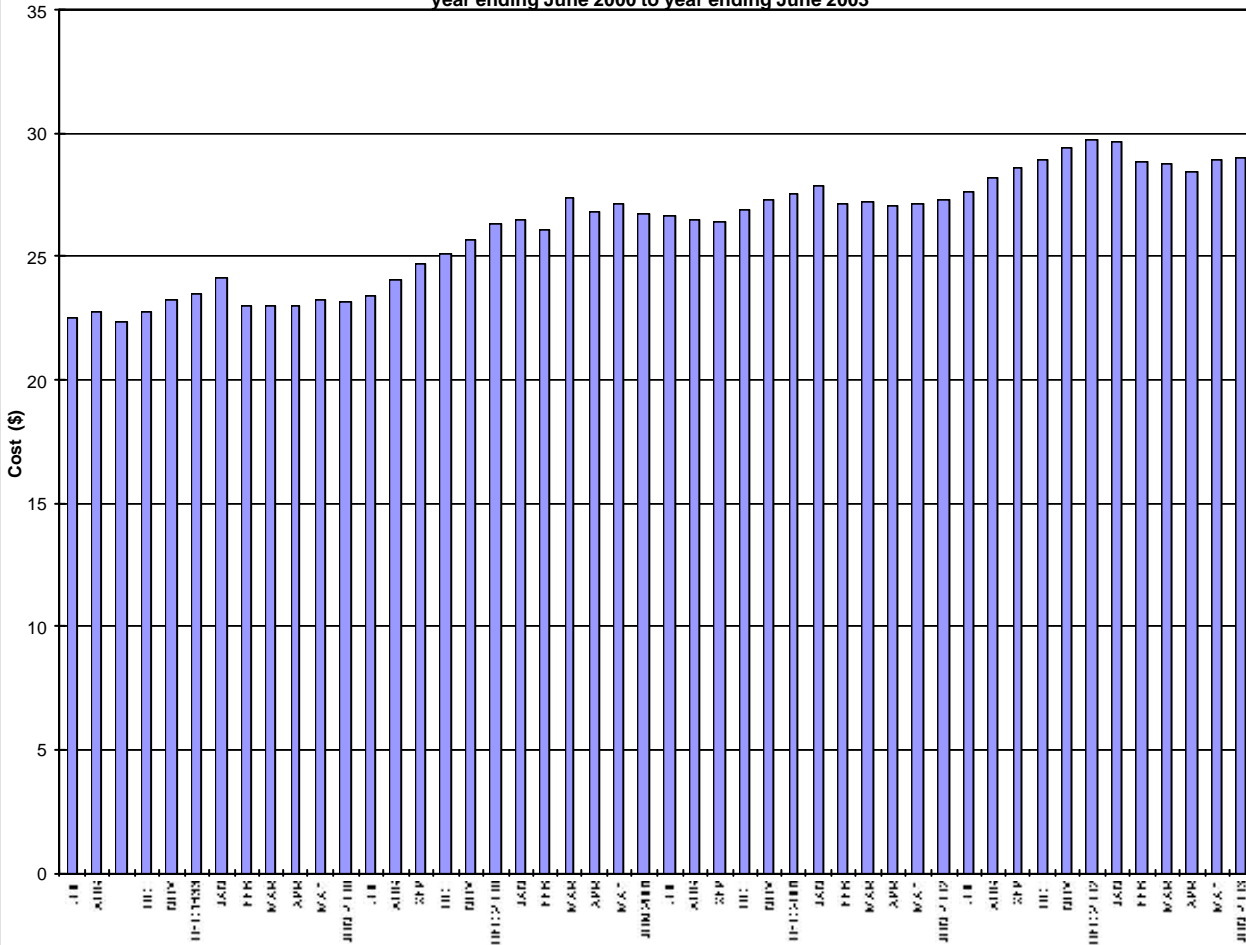


Table 10(a): Significant drug groups (incl Drs bag) by highest Government cost, year end: June 2002 to year end: June 2003

ATC Group Level 2	Year ending June 2002				Year ending June 2003			
	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
SERUMLIPIDREDUCING AGENTS	12,300,820	647,270,772	741,486,369	60.28	13,320,021	731,459,087	834,056,359	62.62
DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	10,162,715	358,297,307	421,515,994	41.48	11,291,472	428,527,814	503,333,267	44.58
AGENTS ACTING ON RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	16,112,858	328,498,542	449,502,964	27.90	17,775,765	366,439,144	500,877,361	28.18
DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	9,969,921	306,775,274	368,400,689	36.95	9,485,438	322,017,132	383,165,145	40.40
PSYCHOANALEPTICS	10,396,045	293,301,352	379,515,057	36.51	11,104,099	317,253,523	413,323,120	37.22
PSYCHOLEPTICS	7,481,733	203,151,817	226,228,448	30.24	7,245,658	227,409,173	250,359,041	34.55
ANTIINFLAMMATORY AND ANTIRHEUMATIC PRODUCTS	8,730,343	217,298,773	269,929,694	30.92	9,184,867	226,763,372	284,008,199	30.92
ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS	348,994	122,545,363	125,714,997	360.22	396,299	156,165,639	159,931,848	403.56
ANTIDIABETIC THERAPY	4,283,232	142,247,996	157,131,080	36.69	4,630,466	152,633,689	168,702,981	36.43
CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS	7,214,908	146,034,356	183,212,214	25.39	7,308,106	149,135,783	187,675,374	25.68
ANALGESICS	10,437,953	114,677,437	143,757,648	13.77	10,588,558	130,774,063	160,742,278	15.18
ANTIBACTERIALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	11,610,507	136,825,909	176,972,715	15.24	10,910,845	130,435,199	168,825,427	15.47
ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	3,311,436	91,352,115	102,705,217	31.02	3,936,792	123,746,618	138,180,344	35.10
DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES	1,370,183	80,465,286	87,431,721	63.81	1,966,630	110,739,959	120,724,968	61.39
ENDOCRINE THERAPY	376,386	90,881,757	93,739,434	249.05	387,190	96,546,669	99,607,628	257.26
SEX HORMONES AND MODULATORS OF THE GENITAL SYSTEM	5,738,153	107,179,464	130,303,446	22.71	4,370,599	91,284,414	110,205,268	25.22
ANTIEPILEPTICS	1,478,709	78,873,520	89,573,835	60.58	1,524,052	83,966,068	95,266,862	62.51

	Year ending June 2002				Year ending June 2003			
	Change				Percentage Change			
SERUMLIPIDREDUCING AGENTS	1,019,201	84,188,314	92,569,990	2.34	8.29	13.01	12.48	3.88
DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	1,128,757	70,230,508	81,817,273	3.10	11.11	19.60	19.41	7.47
AGENTS ACTING ON RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	1,662,907	37,940,603	51,374,397	0.28	10.32	11.55	11.43	1.01
DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	-484,483	15,241,858	14,764,456	3.44	-4.86	4.97	4.01	9.32
PSYCHOANALEPTICS	708,054	23,952,171	33,808,062	0.72	6.81	8.17	8.91	1.96
PSYCHOLEPTICS	-236,075	24,257,356	24,130,594	4.32	-3.16	11.94	10.67	14.27
ANTIINFLAMMATORY AND ANTIRHEUMATIC PRODUCTS	454,524	9,464,599	14,078,504	0.00	5.21	4.36	5.22	0.01
ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS	47,305	33,620,277	34,216,851	43.34	13.55	27.43	27.22	12.03
ANTIDIABETIC THERAPY	347,234	10,385,693	11,571,901	-0.25	8.11	7.30	7.36	-0.69
CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS	93,198	3,101,427	4,463,160	0.29	1.29	2.12	2.44	1.13
ANALGESICS	150,605	16,096,626	16,984,630	1.41	1.44	14.04	11.81	10.22
ANTIBACTERIALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	-699,662	-6,390,710	-8,147,288	0.23	-6.03	-4.67	-4.60	1.51
ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	625,356	32,394,504	35,475,128	4.08	18.88	35.46	34.54	13.17
DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES	596,447	30,274,672	33,293,247	-2.42	43.53	37.62	38.08	-3.80
ENDOCRINE THERAPY	10,804	5,664,912	5,868,194	8.21	2.87	6.23	6.26	3.30
SEX HORMONES AND MODULATORS OF THE GENITAL SYSTEM	-1,367,554	-15,895,050	-20,098,178	2.51	-23.83	-14.83	-15.42	11.04
ANTIEPILEPTICS	45,343	5,092,548	5,693,027	1.93	3.07	6.46	6.36	3.19

Table 10(b): Significant drug groups (incl Drs bag) by highest volume, year end: June 2002 to year end: June 2003

ATC Group Level 2	Year ending June 2002				Year ending June 2003			
	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
AGENTS ACTING ON RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	16,112,858	328,498,542	449,502,964	27.90	17,775,765	366,439,144	500,877,361	28.18
SERUMLIPIDREDUCING AGENTS	12,300,820	647,270,772	741,486,369	60.28	13,320,021	731,459,087	834,056,359	62.62
DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	10,162,715	358,297,307	421,515,994	41.48	11,291,472	428,527,814	503,333,267	44.58
PSYCHOANALEPTICS	10,396,045	293,301,352	379,515,057	36.51	11,104,099	317,253,523	413,323,120	37.22
ANTIBACTERIALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	11,610,507	136,825,909	176,972,715	15.24	10,910,845	130,435,199	168,825,427	15.47
ANALGESICS	10,437,953	114,677,437	143,757,648	13.77	10,588,558	130,774,063	160,742,278	15.18
DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	9,969,921	306,775,274	368,400,689	36.95	9,485,438	322,017,132	383,165,145	40.40
ANTIINFLAMMATORY AND ANTIRHEUMATIC PRODUCTS	8,730,343	217,298,773	269,929,694	30.92	9,184,867	226,763,372	284,008,199	30.92
CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS	7,214,908	146,034,356	183,212,214	25.39	7,308,106	149,135,783	187,675,374	25.68
PSYCHOLEPTICS	7,481,733	203,151,817	226,228,448	30.24	7,245,658	227,409,173	250,359,041	34.55
OPHTHALMOLOGICALS	5,807,048	78,074,535	97,287,204	16.75	5,964,619	83,438,278	103,749,357	17.39
ANTIDIABETIC THERAPY	4,283,232	142,247,996	157,131,080	36.69	4,630,466	152,633,689	168,702,981	36.43
SEX HORMONES AND MODULATORS OF THE GENITAL SYSTEM	5,738,153	107,179,464	130,303,446	22.71	4,370,599	91,284,414	110,205,268	25.22
BETA BLOCKING AGENTS	4,111,499	48,829,751	61,196,657	14.88	4,342,791	57,038,283	70,316,472	16.19
ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	3,311,436	91,352,115	102,705,217	31.02	3,936,792	123,746,618	138,180,344	35.10
CARDIAC THERAPY	3,540,383	65,258,011	76,592,420	21.63	3,485,959	60,831,109	71,977,886	20.65
DIURETICS	2,550,240	24,010,886	31,199,780	12.23	2,430,026	22,685,732	29,562,200	12.17

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	Year ending June 2002				Year ending June 2003			
	Change				Percentage Change			
AGENTS ACTING ON RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	1,662,907	37,940,603	51,374,397	0.28	10.32	11.55	11.43	1.01
SERUMLIPIDREDUCING AGENTS	1,019,201	84,188,314	92,569,990	2.34	8.29	13.01	12.48	3.88
DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	1,128,757	70,230,508	81,817,273	3.10	11.11	19.60	19.41	7.47
PSYCHOANALEPTICS	708,054	23,952,171	33,808,062	0.72	6.81	8.17	8.91	1.96
ANTIBACTERIALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	-699,662	-6,390,710	-8,147,288	0.23	-6.03	-4.67	-4.60	1.51
ANALGESICS	150,605	16,096,626	16,984,630	1.41	1.44	14.04	11.81	10.22
DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	-484,483	15,241,858	14,764,456	3.44	-4.86	4.97	4.01	9.32
ANTIINFLAMMATORY AND ANTIRHEUMATIC PRODUCTS	454,524	9,464,599	14,078,504	0.00	5.21	4.36	5.22	0.01
CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS	93,198	3,101,427	4,463,160	0.29	1.29	2.12	2.44	1.13
PSYCHOLEPTICS	-236,075	24,257,356	24,130,594	4.32	-3.16	11.94	10.67	14.27
OPHTHALMOLOGICALS	157,571	5,363,743	6,462,153	0.64	2.71	6.87	6.64	3.83
ANTIDIABETIC THERAPY	347,234	10,385,693	11,571,901	-0.25	8.11	7.30	7.36	-0.69
SEX HORMONES AND MODULATORS OF THE GENITAL SYSTEM	-1,367,554	-15,895,050	-20,098,178	2.51	-23.83	-14.83	-15.42	11.04
BETA BLOCKING AGENTS	231,292	8,208,532	9,119,815	1.31	5.63	16.81	14.90	8.78
ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	625,356	32,394,504	35,475,128	4.08	18.88	35.46	34.54	13.17
CARDIAC THERAPY	-54,424	-4,426,902	-4,614,534	-0.99	-1.54	-6.78	-6.02	-4.56
DIURETICS	-120,214	-1,325,154	-1,637,580	-0.07	-4.71	-5.52	-5.25	-0.56

Table 11(a): Significant drugs (incl Drs bag)-sorted by highest change to Government cost, year end: June 2002 to year end: June 2003

Rank	Drug	Year ending June 2002				Year ending June 2003				Change	
		Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Govt Cost \$	%
1	ESOMEPRAZOLE	0	0	0	New	944,849	48,861,880	57,445,910	60.80	48,861,880	New
2	ATORVASTATIN	5,196,822	269,423,100	314,294,212	60.48	5,848,277	314,430,315	364,689,743	62.36	45,007,214	16.71
3	SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONONE	1,774,014	109,388,060	126,123,398	71.09	2,354,087	144,983,983	167,543,052	71.17	35,595,923	32.54
4	SIMVASTATIN	4,762,333	263,947,940	296,081,002	62.17	5,056,541	294,159,174	328,778,719	65.02	30,211,234	11.45
5	CLOPIDOGREL	696,369	55,310,636	58,535,911	84.06	1,023,755	81,173,216	86,023,463	84.03	25,862,580	46.76
6	ALENDRONIC ACID	959,760	50,963,471	55,920,169	58.26	1,445,217	74,623,621	82,072,489	56.79	23,660,150	46.43
7	OMEPRAZOLE	3,673,863	172,217,031	201,483,767	54.84	4,281,913	187,616,176	220,104,641	51.40	15,399,144	8.94
8	PRAVASTATIN	1,607,168	88,461,661	100,189,666	62.34	1,796,074	103,032,372	116,150,045	64.67	14,570,712	16.47
9	RABEPRAZOLE	122,513	5,062,825	6,245,956	50.98	486,786	18,942,004	23,281,321	47.83	13,879,179	274.14
10	ROFECOXIB	2,343,087	69,279,339	87,019,143	37.14	2,709,713	82,972,554	103,676,594	38.26	13,693,215	19.77
11	MELOXICAM	89,089	1,842,479	2,591,431	29.09	663,799	14,884,745	19,926,770	30.02	13,042,266	707.86
12	OLANZAPINE	601,876	127,916,466	131,243,352	218.06	656,166	140,283,078	143,898,046	219.30	12,366,612	9.67
13	IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	1,750,067	39,999,932	56,043,212	32.02	2,243,913	51,711,014	72,327,296	32.23	11,711,082	29.28
14	TRAMADOL	839,050	9,056,377	11,578,780	13.80	1,378,006	19,434,192	23,604,304	17.13	10,377,815	114.59
15	PANTOPRAZOLE	1,628,881	67,963,653	80,659,908	49.52	1,845,851	77,953,816	91,369,013	49.50	9,990,163	14.70
16	PERINDOPRIL and INDAPAMIDE	679,588	16,403,629	22,542,742	33.17	1,092,871	26,354,930	36,270,482	33.19	9,951,301	60.67
17	RAMIPRIL	1,849,269	36,875,398	49,715,574	26.88	2,277,813	46,768,502	62,862,126	27.60	9,893,104	26.83
18	RITUXIMAB	11,080	22,412,632	22,549,365	2035.14	16,233	31,803,984	32,002,607	1,971.45	9,391,352	41.90
19	OXALIPLATIN	2,745	3,171,090	3,204,374	1167.35	9,941	12,273,416	12,388,450	1,246.20	9,102,326	287.04
20	VENLAFAXINE	1,167,744	52,210,953	63,872,115	54.70	1,358,842	61,188,159	75,171,786	55.32	8,977,205	17.19
21	MIRTAZAPINE	114,380	3,600,595	4,643,062	40.59	374,829	11,951,329	15,169,530	40.47	8,350,735	231.93
22	IRBESARTAN	2,524,289	52,275,925	73,742,208	29.21	2,859,697	59,565,886	83,763,075	29.29	7,289,961	13.95
23	TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE	0	0	0	New	97,217	7,006,564	7,528,038	77.44	7,006,564	New
24	CARVEDILOL	213,807	19,855,372	21,019,323	98.31	292,713	26,676,865	28,230,616	96.44	6,821,493	34.36
25	VALACICLOVIR	156,404	28,657,761	31,068,595	198.64	194,765	35,421,035	38,557,808	197.97	6,763,274	23.60
26	QUETIAPINE	77,302	14,450,636	14,925,858	193.09	103,361	20,940,796	21,575,394	208.74	6,490,160	44.91
27	LERCANIPIDINE	71,178	1,172,368	1,709,778	24.02	362,356	6,388,039	8,935,120	24.66	5,215,671	444.88
28	AMISULPRIDE	0	0	0	New	26,814	4,826,835	4,997,960	186.39	4,826,835	New
29	OXYCODONE	520,070	13,300,819	15,122,497	29.08	597,262	17,644,481	19,774,395	33.11	4,343,662	32.66
30	DOXORUBICIN HYDROCHLORIDE	11,691	5,154,868	5,335,870	456.41	15,867	9,243,079	9,483,448	597.68	4,088,210	79.31
31	CITALOPRAM	1,290,796	36,616,304	50,318,139	38.98	1,546,341	40,586,734	57,309,669	37.06	3,970,430	10.84
32	ENOXAPARIN	50,031	5,700,526	6,285,867	125.64	107,688	9,629,890	10,881,094	101.04	3,929,364	68.93
33	RISEDRONIC ACID	83,316	5,063,979	5,485,464	65.84	158,824	8,953,481	9,753,580	61.41	3,889,502	76.81
34	CANDESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	183,034	3,516,463	5,217,444	28.51	383,934	7,397,415	10,958,868	28.54	3,880,952	110.37
35	INTERFERON BETA-1a	22,516	26,135,416	26,426,379	1173.67	25,252	30,004,967	30,337,154	1,201.38	3,869,551	14.81

Table 11(b):Significant Drugs (incl Drs Bag)-Sorted by Highest Volume Change, year end: June 2002 to year end: June 2003

Rank	Drug	Year ending June 2002				Year ending June 2003				Change	
		Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	%
1	ESOMEPRAZOLE	0	0	0	New	944,849	48,861,880	57,445,910	60.80	944,849	New
2	ATORVASTATIN	5,196,822	269,423,100	314,294,212	60.48	5,848,277	314,430,315	364,689,743	62.36	651,455	12.54
3	OMEPRAZOLE	3,673,863	172,217,031	201,483,767	54.84	4,281,913	187,616,176	220,104,641	51.40	608,050	16.55
4	SALMETEROL and FLUTICASON	1,774,014	109,388,060	126,123,398	71.09	2,354,087	144,983,983	167,543,052	71.17	580,073	32.70
5	MELOXICAM	89,089	1,842,479	2,591,431	29.09	663,799	14,884,745	19,926,770	30.02	574,710	645.10
6	TRAMADOL	839,050	9,056,377	11,578,780	13.80	1,378,006	19,434,192	23,604,304	17.13	538,956	64.23
7	IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	1,750,067	39,999,932	56,043,212	32.02	2,243,913	51,711,014	72,327,296	32.23	493,846	28.22
8	ALENDRONIC ACID	959,760	50,963,471	55,920,169	58.26	1,445,217	74,623,621	82,072,489	56.79	485,457	50.58
9	RAMIPRIL	1,849,269	36,875,398	49,715,574	26.88	2,277,813	46,768,502	62,862,126	27.60	428,544	23.17
10	PERINDOPRIL and INDAPAMIDE	679,588	16,403,629	22,542,742	33.17	1,092,871	26,354,930	36,270,482	33.19	413,283	60.81
11	ROFECOXIB	2,343,087	69,279,339	87,019,143	37.14	2,709,713	82,972,554	103,676,594	38.26	366,626	15.65
12	RABEPRAZOLE	122,513	5,062,825	6,245,956	50.98	486,786	18,942,004	23,281,321	47.83	364,273	297.33
13	IRBESARTAN	2,524,289	52,275,925	73,742,208	29.21	2,859,697	59,565,886	83,763,075	29.29	335,408	13.29
14	CLOPIDOGREL	696,369	55,310,636	58,535,911	84.06	1,023,755	81,173,216	86,023,463	84.03	327,386	47.01
15	SIMVASTATIN	4,762,333	263,947,940	296,081,002	62.17	5,056,541	294,159,174	328,778,719	65.02	294,208	6.18
16	LERCANIPIDINE	71,178	1,172,368	1,709,778	24.02	362,356	6,388,039	8,935,120	24.66	291,178	409.08
17	MIRTAZAPINE	114,380	3,600,595	4,643,062	40.59	374,829	11,951,329	15,169,530	40.47	260,449	227.71
18	CITALOPRAM	1,290,796	36,616,304	50,318,139	38.98	1,546,341	40,586,734	57,309,669	37.06	255,545	19.80
19	METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	2,038,368	25,778,551	31,758,769	15.58	2,281,837	28,817,185	35,574,815	15.59	243,469	11.94
20	PANTOPRAZOLE	1,628,881	67,963,653	80,659,908	49.52	1,845,851	77,953,816	91,369,013	49.50	216,970	13.32
21	CANDESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	183,034	3,516,463	5,217,444	28.51	383,934	7,397,415	10,958,868	28.54	200,900	109.76
22	VENLAFAXINE	1,167,744	52,210,953	63,872,115	54.70	1,358,842	61,188,159	75,171,786	55.32	191,098	16.36
23	PRAVASTATIN	1,607,168	88,461,661	100,189,666	62.34	1,796,074	103,032,372	116,150,045	64.67	188,906	11.75
24	ATENOLOL	2,589,583	18,909,637	26,398,216	10.19	2,718,486	19,775,545	27,681,546	10.18	128,903	4.98
25	PERINDOPRIL	2,037,653	38,460,851	51,425,774	25.24	2,161,837	39,632,199	53,454,433	24.73	124,184	6.09
26	GLIMEPIRIDE	304,767	3,143,218	3,991,125	13.10	422,077	4,633,659	5,806,972	13.76	117,310	38.49
27	CANDESARTAN	651,520	10,744,761	16,204,717	24.87	767,532	13,529,916	19,184,044	24.99	116,012	17.81
28	LATANOPROST	1,108,318	33,640,622	39,468,644	35.61	1,222,628	35,315,296	41,659,421	34.07	114,310	10.31
29	WARFARIN	1,452,033	7,391,250	11,188,905	7.71	1,563,699	7,958,322	12,076,077	7.72	111,666	7.69
30	TELMISARTAN	705,923	11,727,318	18,089,067	25.62	814,529	13,727,702	21,083,645	25.88	108,606	15.38
31	SERTRALINE	2,215,095	63,970,970	86,521,300	39.06	2,321,988	66,980,933	91,262,139	39.30	106,893	4.83
32	TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE	0	0	0	New	97,217	7,006,564	7,528,038	77.44	97,217	New
33	LANSOPRAZOLE	736,119	35,219,114	41,750,747	56.72	826,600	37,081,916	44,251,349	53.53	90,481	12.29
34	METHYLPREDNISOLONE ACEPONATE	225,291	2,555,757	3,537,416	15.70	312,228	3,611,780	4,975,711	15.94	86,937	38.59
35	CARVEDILOL	213,807	19,855,372	21,019,323	98.31	292,713	26,676,865	28,230,616	96.44	78,906	36.91

Table 12(a): Highest Govt Cost PBS Drugs by Generic Name, year end: June 2003
 (total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank	Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	ATORVASTATIN	5,848,277	314,430,315	364,689,743	62.36
2	SIMVASTATIN	5,056,541	294,159,174	328,778,719	65.02
3	OMEPRAZOLE	4,281,913	187,616,176	220,104,641	51.40
4	SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	2,354,087	144,983,983	167,543,052	71.17
5	OLANZAPINE	656,166	140,283,078	143,898,046	219.30
6	PRAVASTATIN	1,796,074	103,032,372	116,150,045	64.67
7	CELECOXIB	3,276,756	86,680,080	109,325,256	33.36
8	ROFECOXIB	2,709,713	82,972,554	103,676,594	38.26
9	CLOPIDOGREL	1,023,755	81,173,216	86,023,463	84.03
10	PANTOPRAZOLE	1,845,851	77,953,816	91,369,013	49.50
11	INSULIN (HUMAN)	412,121	77,027,792	80,230,403	194.68
12	ALENDRONIC ACID	1,445,217	74,623,621	82,072,489	56.79
13	SERTRALINE	2,321,988	66,980,933	91,262,139	39.30
14	VENLAFAXINE	1,358,842	61,188,159	75,171,786	55.32
15	IRBESARTAN	2,859,697	59,565,886	83,763,075	29.29
16	IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZ	2,243,913	51,711,014	72,327,296	32.23
17	AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	2,140,499	49,655,643	61,783,571	28.86
18	ESOMEPRAZOLE	944,849	48,861,880	57,445,910	60.80
19	SALBUTAMOL	3,103,963	48,425,811	59,227,342	19.08
20	RAMIPRIL	2,277,813	46,768,502	62,862,126	27.60
21	IPRATROPIUM BROMIDE	1,019,883	42,903,638	46,896,955	45.98
22	PAROXETINE	1,306,325	40,637,900	54,316,472	41.58
23	CITALOPRAM	1,546,341	40,586,734	57,309,669	37.06
24	GOSERELIN	53,088	40,320,437	40,714,744	766.93
25	PERINDOPRIL	2,161,837	39,632,199	53,454,433	24.73
26	INTERFERON BETA-1b	32,005	37,294,479	37,704,332	1178.08
27	RANITIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,931,537	37,230,337	42,456,653	21.98
28	LANSOPRAZOLE	826,600	37,081,916	44,251,349	53.53
29	VALACICLOVIR	194,765	35,421,035	38,557,808	197.97
30	LATANOPROST	1,222,628	35,315,296	41,659,421	34.07
31	MORPHINE	812,300	32,831,921	35,461,830	43.66
32	RITUXIMAB	16,233	31,803,984	32,002,607	1971.45
33	DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	1,378,376	30,245,737	37,917,894	27.51
34	RISPERIDONE	219,714	30,146,881	31,441,475	143.10
35	INTERFERON BETA-1a	25,252	30,004,967	30,337,154	1201.38
36	METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	2,281,837	28,817,185	35,574,815	15.59
37	FELODIPINE	1,395,060	28,279,419	35,277,986	25.29
38	FLUTICASONE	875,767	27,652,404	35,806,475	40.89
39	CARVEDILOL	292,713	26,676,865	28,230,616	96.44
40	PERINDOPRIL and INDAPAMIDE	1,092,871	26,354,930	36,270,482	33.19
41	FAMCICLOVIR	91,830	26,142,897	27,473,291	299.18
42	FLUOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	807,156	25,799,281	34,460,285	42.69
43	GLUCOSE INDICATOR--BLOOD	522,642	24,687,337	27,066,308	51.79
44	ENALAPRIL MALEATE	1,189,480	24,411,996	31,198,597	26.23
45	LAMOTRIGINE	197,089	23,290,145	24,869,445	126.18
46	LISINAPRIL	1,150,623	22,454,176	30,863,268	26.82
47	PARACETAMOL	4,125,774	21,671,877	32,256,775	7.82
48	SODIUM VALPROATE	510,746	21,401,866	25,270,203	49.48
49	DONEPEZIL	135,019	21,072,253	21,662,499	160.44
50	QUETIAPINE	103,361	20,940,796	21,575,394	208.74

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Table 12(a): Highest Govt Cost PBS Drugs by Generic Name, year end: June 2003
 (total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank	Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
51	LEUPRORELIN ACETATE	21,155	20,087,555	20,192,849	954.52
52	GLYCERYL TRINITRATE	930,287	20,063,617	22,619,447	24.31
53	PACLITAXEL	10,879	20,061,049	20,205,220	1857.27
54	ATENOLOL	2,718,486	19,775,545	27,681,546	10.18
55	NIFEDIPINE	961,020	19,469,700	25,407,720	26.44
56	TRAMADOL	1,378,006	19,434,192	23,604,304	17.13
57	CODEINE with PARACETAMOL	2,528,828	19,121,482	26,410,785	10.44
58	ISOTRETINOIN	141,422	18,991,482	21,384,310	151.21
59	RABEPRAZOLE	486,786	18,942,004	23,281,321	47.83
60	DOCETAXEL	9,686	18,844,825	18,968,088	1958.30
61	BUDESONIDE	570,609	18,835,257	23,995,991	42.05
62	OXYCODONE	597,262	17,644,481	19,774,395	33.11
63	LEFLUNOMIDE	89,436	17,501,075	18,289,821	204.50
64	RALOXIFENE	309,890	17,332,383	18,772,415	60.58
65	ETONOGESTREL	83,186	17,150,641	18,321,479	220.25
66	AMOXYCILLIN with CLAVULANIC ACID	1,253,915	16,715,080	20,728,650	16.53
67	BUPROPION	74,111	16,707,274	17,700,835	238.84
68	MESALAZINE	116,999	16,092,848	17,672,271	151.05
69	AMOXYCILLIN	2,169,403	15,818,016	23,027,331	10.61
70	ISOSORBIDE MONONITRATE	1,067,466	15,232,779	17,946,442	16.81
71	INSULIN LISPRO	63,766	15,173,363	15,833,467	248.31
72	VERAPAMIL HYDROCHLORIDE	1,070,795	15,097,245	18,353,083	17.14
73	CYPROTERONE ACETATE	70,395	15,052,641	15,614,756	221.82
74	MELOXICAM	663,799	14,884,745	19,926,770	30.02
75	TERBINAFINE	98,991	14,188,742	15,481,514	156.39
76	CEPHALEXIN	1,684,354	13,859,075	19,203,548	11.40
77	TAMOXIFEN	196,986	13,727,841	15,432,561	78.34
78	TELMISARTAN	814,529	13,727,702	21,083,645	25.88
79	CALCITRIOL	235,051	13,548,339	14,667,207	62.40
80	CANDESARTAN	767,532	13,529,916	19,184,044	24.99
81	GEMFIBROZIL	410,857	13,385,452	16,620,843	40.45
82	QUINAPRIL	695,751	13,165,498	17,906,399	25.74
83	GLATIRAMER ACETATE	11,684	12,595,509	12,737,510	1090.17
84	OXALIPLATIN	9,941	12,273,416	12,388,450	1246.20
85	GLICLAZIDE	934,147	12,084,807	14,590,359	15.62
86	MIRTAZAPINE	374,829	11,951,329	15,169,530	40.47
87	FOSINOPRIL with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZI	534,617	11,616,128	16,136,551	30.18
88	TRANDOLAPRIL	565,746	11,236,747	13,271,735	23.46
89	GABAPENTIN	64,655	10,997,052	11,403,746	176.38
90	CIPROFLOXACIN	121,261	10,895,826	11,901,100	98.14
91	ROXITHROMYCIN	1,104,015	10,749,195	14,216,045	12.88
92	OESTRADIOL	747,650	10,743,320	13,058,488	17.47
93	MOCLOBEMIDE	287,492	10,639,579	13,262,225	46.13
94	ACICLOVIR	91,044	10,480,857	11,578,928	127.18
95	CARBAMAZEPINE	346,581	10,357,538	12,944,826	37.35
96	PNEUMOCOCCAL	320,812	9,878,145	11,891,380	37.07
97	FLUVOXAMINE	311,937	9,654,182	12,916,769	41.41
98	ENOXAPARIN	107,688	9,629,890	10,881,094	101.04
99	FOSINOPRIL	479,433	9,580,261	12,552,776	26.18
100	CAPTOPRIL	288,057	9,372,358	10,754,806	37.34

Table 12(b): Highest Volume PBS Drugs by Generic Name, year ending: June 2003
(total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1 ATORVASTATIN	5,848,277	314,430,315	364,689,743	62.36
2 SIMVASTATIN	5,056,541	294,159,174	328,778,719	65.02
3 OMEPRAZOLE	4,281,913	187,616,176	220,104,641	51.40
4 PARACETAMOL	4,125,774	21,671,877	32,256,775	7.82
5 CELECOXIB	3,276,756	86,680,080	109,325,256	33.36
6 SALBUTAMOL	3,103,963	48,425,811	59,227,342	19.08
7 IRBESARTAN	2,859,697	59,565,886	83,763,075	29.29
8 ATENOLOL	2,718,486	19,775,545	27,681,546	10.18
9 ROFECOXIB	2,709,713	82,972,554	103,676,594	38.26
10 CODEINE with PARACETAMOL	2,528,828	19,121,482	26,410,785	10.44
11 SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	2,354,087	144,983,983	167,543,052	71.17
12 SERTRALINE	2,321,988	66,980,933	91,262,139	39.30
13 METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	2,281,837	28,817,185	35,574,815	15.59
14 RAMIPRIL	2,277,813	46,768,502	62,862,126	27.60
15 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	2,243,913	51,711,014	72,327,296	32.23
16 AMOXYCILLIN	2,169,403	15,818,016	23,027,331	10.61
17 PERINDOPRIL	2,161,837	39,632,199	53,454,433	24.73
18 AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	2,140,499	49,655,643	61,783,571	28.86
19 TEMAZEPAM	2,109,715	8,426,136	14,001,975	6.64
20 RANITIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,931,537	37,230,337	42,456,653	21.98
21 PANTOPRAZOLE	1,845,851	77,953,816	91,369,013	49.50
22 PRAVASTATIN	1,796,074	103,032,372	116,150,045	64.67
23 CEPHALEXIN	1,684,354	13,859,075	19,203,548	11.40
24 DIAZEPAM	1,569,201	6,504,615	10,904,008	6.95
25 WARFARIN	1,563,699	7,958,322	12,076,077	7.72
26 CITALOPRAM	1,546,341	40,586,734	57,309,669	37.06
27 ALENDRONIC ACID	1,445,217	74,623,621	82,072,489	56.79
28 FELODIPINE	1,395,060	28,279,419	35,277,986	25.29
29 DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	1,378,376	30,245,737	37,917,894	27.51
30 TRAMADOL	1,378,006	19,434,192	23,604,304	17.13
31 VENLAFAXINE	1,358,842	61,188,159	75,171,786	55.32
32 PAROXETINE	1,306,325	40,637,900	54,316,472	41.58
33 AMOXYCILLIN with CLAVULANIC ACID	1,253,915	16,715,080	20,728,650	16.53
34 LATANOPROST	1,222,628	35,315,296	41,659,421	34.07
35 OXAZEPAM	1,204,311	4,214,708	7,384,680	6.13
36 ENALAPRIL MALEATE	1,189,480	24,411,996	31,198,597	26.23
37 FRUSEMIDE	1,177,603	6,645,473	9,526,049	8.09
38 LISINOPRIL	1,150,623	22,454,176	30,863,268	26.82
39 ROXITHROMYCIN	1,104,015	10,749,195	14,216,045	12.88
40 PERINDOPRIL and INDAPAMIDE	1,092,871	26,354,930	36,270,482	33.19
41 ASPIRIN	1,090,405	4,000,272	6,864,253	6.30
42 VERAPAMIL HYDROCHLORIDE	1,070,795	15,097,245	18,353,083	17.14
43 ISOSORBIDE MONONITRATE	1,067,466	15,232,779	17,946,442	16.81
44 CLOPIDOGREL	1,023,755	81,173,216	86,023,463	84.03
45 IPRATROPIUM BROMIDE	1,019,883	42,903,638	46,896,955	45.98
46 NIFEDIPINE	961,020	19,469,700	25,407,720	26.44
47 ESOMEPRAZOLE	944,849	48,861,880	57,445,910	60.80
48 GLICLAZIDE	934,147	12,084,807	14,590,359	15.62
49 GLYCERYL TRINITRATE	930,287	20,063,617	22,619,447	24.31
50 BETAMETHASONE	921,977	7,184,121	10,281,815	11.15

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Table 12(b): Highest Volume PBS Drugs by Generic Name, year ending: June 2003
 (total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
51 METOPROLOL TARTRATE	906,492	7,649,953	10,182,712	11.23
52 DICLOFENAC	879,028	6,846,499	9,539,457	10.85
53 FLUTICASONE	875,767	27,652,404	35,806,475	40.89
54 PREDNISOLONE	870,887	4,727,000	7,129,709	8.19
55 LANSOPRAZOLE	826,600	37,081,916	44,251,349	53.53
56 TELMISARTAN	814,529	13,727,702	21,083,645	25.88
57 MORPHINE	812,300	32,831,921	35,461,830	43.66
58 LEVONORGESTREL with ETHINYLOESTRADIOL	811,162	9,274,358	12,179,891	15.02
59 FLUOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	807,156	25,799,281	34,460,285	42.69
60 HYPROMELLOSE	806,274	6,572,696	8,606,337	10.67
61 AMITRIPTYLINE HYDROCHLORIDE	797,675	3,139,452	5,296,729	6.64
62 CANDESARTAN	767,532	13,529,916	19,184,044	24.99
63 OESTRADIOL	747,650	10,743,320	13,058,488	17.47
64 DOXYCYCLINE	715,588	4,366,572	6,585,436	9.20
65 CHLORAMPHENICOL	695,931	2,980,700	5,156,397	7.41
66 QUINAPRIL	695,751	13,165,498	17,906,399	25.74
67 ALLOPURINOL	694,801	5,517,751	7,389,133	10.63
68 CALCIUM CARBONATE	675,417	6,653,638	8,447,365	12.51
69 CEFACLOR	675,226	7,657,750	9,866,870	14.61
70 MELOXICAM	663,799	14,884,745	19,926,770	30.02
71 OLANZAPINE	656,166	140,283,078	143,898,046	219.30
72 TIMOLOL MALEATE	646,665	6,328,224	8,127,893	12.57
73 PROCHLORPERAZINE	637,079	3,530,840	5,197,956	8.16
74 NITRAZEPAM	618,759	2,574,250	4,097,387	6.62
75 OXYCODONE	597,262	17,644,481	19,774,395	33.11
76 THYROXINE SODIUM	579,972	3,351,163	5,041,400	8.69
77 BUDESONIDE	570,609	18,835,257	23,995,991	42.05
78 DOTHIEPIN HYDROCHLORIDE	566,464	2,955,799	4,493,869	7.93
79 TRANDOLAPRIL	565,746	11,236,747	13,271,735	23.46
80 OESTROGENS CONJUGATED	543,788	4,736,378	6,339,260	11.66
81 INDAPAMIDE	539,309	8,968,590	10,531,712	19.53
82 INFLUENZA VACCINE	535,186	7,513,546	9,466,854	17.69
83 FOSINOPRIL with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	534,617	11,616,128	16,136,551	30.18
84 GLUCOSE INDICATOR--BLOOD	522,642	24,687,337	27,066,308	51.79
85 SODIUM VALPROATE	510,746	21,401,866	25,270,203	49.48
86 HYDROCORTISONE	510,518	2,595,835	4,128,508	8.09
87 MOMETASONE	502,068	6,096,585	8,392,450	16.72
88 RABEPRAZOLE	486,786	18,942,004	23,281,321	47.83
89 FOSINOPRIL	479,433	9,580,261	12,552,776	26.18
90 METOCLOPRAMIDE HYDROCHLORIDE	461,721	2,224,322	3,397,130	7.36
91 DIGOXIN	453,896	2,656,398	3,871,748	8.53
92 PRAZOSIN HYDROCHLORIDE	440,423	6,054,211	7,677,036	17.43
93 GLIMEPIRIDE	422,077	4,633,659	5,806,972	13.76
94 INSULIN (HUMAN)	412,121	77,027,792	80,230,403	194.68
95 GEMFIBROZIL	410,857	13,385,452	16,620,843	40.45
96 DOXEPIN HYDROCHLORIDE	405,014	1,909,607	2,982,000	7.36
97 PREDNISON	401,277	2,008,495	3,059,392	7.62
98 NAPROXEN	392,587	4,301,674	5,473,827	13.94
99 TRIAMCINOLONE ACETONIDE with NEOMYCIN SI	390,710	1,423,421	2,517,698	6.44
100 ERYTHROMYCIN	389,609	2,641,056	4,017,740	10.31

Table 13(a): Highest Government Cost Drug by PBS Item, year ending: June 2003

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	8333 OMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20 mg 30	3,853,807	169,280,902	198,515,450	51.51
2	8214 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 20 mg	2,317,116	117,718,808	138,068,125	59.59
3	2012 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 20 mg	2,273,229	117,450,363	132,712,814	58.38
4	8173 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 40 mg	1,376,133	101,786,484	112,288,590	81.60
5	8215 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 40 mg	1,306,787	98,461,023	109,918,533	84.11
6	8187 OLANZAPINE	Tablet 10 mg 30	246,094	82,417,767	83,740,957	340.28
7	8358 CLOPIDOGREL	Tablet 75mg	1,023,755	81,173,216	86,023,463	84.03
8	8440 CELECOXIB	Capsule 200 mg 60	2,973,244	78,949,011	99,621,361	33.51
9	8008 PANTOPRAZOLE	Tablet (enteric coated) equivalent	1,645,377	71,335,683	83,234,644	50.59
10	8511 ALENDRONIC ACID	Tablet 70 mg alendronic acid	1,356,453	68,721,158	75,760,145	55.85
11	8213 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 10 mg	1,943,180	67,685,139	83,659,658	43.05
12	8197 PRAVASTATIN	Tablet 40 mg, 30	919,179	66,274,264	73,348,010	79.80
13	8432 SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	Pdr oral inhal breth actu dev 50uc	858,102	61,566,040	69,184,909	80.63
14	8472 ROFECOXIB	Tablet 25 mg 30	1,767,781	61,489,864	75,841,435	42.90
15	2242 PAROXETINE	Tablet 20 mg (base)	1,306,325	40,637,900	54,316,472	41.58
16	8220 CITALOPRAM	Tablet 20 mg (base)	1,546,341	40,586,734	57,309,669	37.06
17	8519 SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	Oral Press inhal 25ug/250ug	573,657	40,578,345	45,667,130	79.61
18	8405 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTI	Tablet 300 mg-12.5 mg	1,553,056	38,701,055	52,936,436	34.09
19	8101 INTERFERON BETA-1b	Injection set 1 vial powder dose 8	32,005	37,294,479	37,704,332	1178.08
20	2011 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 10 mg	1,015,466	37,055,533	42,977,779	42.32
21	8313 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 80 mg	341,596	36,626,869	39,245,190	114.89
22	8243 LATANOPROST	Eye drops 50 ug per mL (0.005%)	1,222,628	35,315,296	41,659,421	34.07
23	2241 LANSOPRAZOLE	Capsule 30 mg	767,598	34,715,549	41,367,353	53.89
24	8302 VENLAFAXINE	Capsule 150 mg (base)modified r	642,211	34,400,854	40,912,566	63.71
25	2236 SERTRALINE	Tablet 50 mg (base)	1,249,865	33,945,988	46,816,570	37.46
26	2237 SERTRALINE	Tablet 100 mg (base)	1,072,123	33,034,945	44,445,570	41.46
27	8093 GOSERELIN	Subcutaneous implant 10.8 mg (t	28,083	32,024,636	32,172,716	1145.63
28	8601 ESOMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 40 mg (enteric coated),30	475,741	31,453,112	35,806,887	75.27
29	2834 PRAVASTATIN	Tablet 20 mg, 30	689,896	31,398,993	36,244,385	52.54
30	8521 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 80 mg	281,194	30,565,345	33,043,427	117.51
31	8431 SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	Pdr oral inhal breth actu dev 50uc	608,901	29,888,855	36,190,473	59.44
32	3051 PERINDOPRIL	Tablet 4 mg 30	1,513,858	28,934,285	40,831,726	26.97
33	8288 SALBUTAMOL	Oral pressurised inhal 100 ug (ba	2,116,124	28,108,492	34,193,494	16.16
34	8134 VALACICLOVIR	Tablet 500 mg	157,089	27,941,588	30,546,677	194.45
35	8248 IRBESARTAN	Tablet 300 mg	1,117,737	27,875,305	37,347,034	33.41
36	8247 IRBESARTAN	Tablet 150 mg	1,486,395	27,269,544	40,631,851	27.34
37	8238 IPRATROPIUM BROMIDE	Nebuliser solution single dose 50l	457,461	26,772,531	28,196,151	61.64
38	1978 RANITIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 150 mg (base)	1,392,592	26,741,366	30,449,316	21.87
39	8449 PERINDOPRIL and INDAPAMIDE	Tablet 4 mg-1.25 mg	1,092,871	26,354,930	36,270,482	33.19
40	8185 OLANZAPINE	Tablet 5 mg 30	196,315	26,313,662	27,424,850	139.70
41	1763 INSULIN (HUMAN)	Injection 100 units (30 units-70 ur	115,606	25,676,184	26,334,488	227.80
42	2430 METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 500 mg	1,817,442	22,835,606	28,143,841	15.49
43	8471 ROFECOXIB	Tablet 12.5 mg 30	938,071	21,378,400	27,696,765	29.53
44	1434 FLUOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 20 mg (base)	648,469	21,200,643	28,085,671	43.31
45	8294 RITUXIMAB	Soln for IV infusion 500mg/50ml	7,639	20,741,820	20,835,933	2727.57
46	8301 VENLAFAXINE	Capsule 75 mg (base) modified re	568,161	20,728,772	26,803,644	47.18
47	1746 PARACETAMOL	Tablet 500 mg	3,843,871	19,998,440	29,671,822	7.72
48	1081 ATENOLOL	Tablet 50 mg	2,718,486	19,775,545	27,681,546	10.18
49	2752 AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	Tablet 10 mg (base), 30	790,692	19,715,101	26,897,102	34.02
50	1761 INSULIN (HUMAN)	Injection 100 units per ml, 3ml,5	89,762	19,594,504	20,439,223	227.70

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Table 13(a): Highest Government Cost Drug by PBS Item, year ending: June 2003

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
51	8217 FAMCICLOVIR	Tablet 250 mg	47,862	19,402,947	20,158,666	421.18
52	1215 CODEINE with PARACETAMOL	Tablet 30 mg-500 mg	2,481,299	18,939,264	26,064,545	10.50
53	2592 ISOTRETINOIN	Capsule 20 mg	137,636	18,673,616	21,007,601	152.63
54	1946 RAMIPRIL	Capsule 5.0 mg 28	1,045,596	18,621,696	27,011,361	25.83
55	8346 FLUTICASON	Oral press inhal 250ug/dose cfc-fi	454,950	18,186,505	22,277,574	48.97
56	8600 ESOMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20 mg (enteric coated),30	469,108	17,408,768	21,639,023	46.13
57	2367 FELODIPINE	Tablet 10 mg (extended release)	688,100	17,372,646	22,279,987	32.38
58	8363 RALOXIFENE	Tablet 60mg 28	309,890	17,332,383	18,772,415	60.58
59	8487 ETONOGESTREL	Subcutaneous implant 68 mg	83,186	17,150,641	18,321,479	220.25
60	2751 AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	Tablet 5 mg (base), 30	895,123	16,925,767	19,527,975	21.82
61	8508 RABEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20 mg 30	425,971	16,858,737	20,633,400	48.44
62	8465 BUPROPION	Tablet 150 mg (sustained release)	74,111	16,707,274	17,700,835	238.84
63	1369 ENALAPRIL MALEATE	Tablet 20 mg	703,285	16,107,038	21,397,338	30.42
64	8470 RAMIPRIL	Capsule 10 mg 30	609,324	15,787,608	21,348,603	35.04
65	8403 INTERFERON BETA-1a	Injection 44 ug (12m i.u.)in 0.5 ml	11,599	15,298,386	15,463,824	1333.20
66	8375 LEFLUNOMIDE	Tablet 20mg 30	72,538	15,021,047	15,674,029	216.08
67	8289 INTERFERON BETA-1a	Injection set 1 vial powder dose 3	13,652	14,705,564	14,872,290	1089.39
68	8496 DONEPEZIL	Tablet 10mg 28	92,426	14,286,517	14,701,342	159.06
69	2072 BUDESONIDE	Powder for oral inhalation in brea	403,844	14,214,695	17,886,385	44.29
70	2804 TERBINAFINE	Tablet 250 mg (base)	98,991	14,188,742	15,481,514	156.39
71	1313 DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 240 mg controlled delive	580,282	13,905,058	17,242,493	29.71
72	2001 SALBUTAMOL	Nebuliser solution single dose 5mr	636,713	13,599,092	16,087,385	25.27
73	2502 CALCITRIOL	Capsule 0.25 ug	235,051	13,548,339	14,667,207	62.40
74	1453 GEMFIBROZIL	Tablet 600 mg	410,857	13,385,452	16,620,843	40.45
75	2290 SODIUM VALPROATE	Tablet 500 mg (enteric coated), 2	227,728	13,345,887	15,216,323	66.82
76	2110 TAMOXIFEN	Tablet 20 mg (base), 60	187,259	13,324,510	14,967,180	79.93
77	8254 AMOXYCILLIN with CLAVULANIC ACI	Tablet 875 mg-125 mg	911,193	13,063,532	15,920,496	17.47
78	8404 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTI	Tablet 150 mg-12.5 mg	690,857	13,009,959	19,390,860	28.07
79	2458 LISINOPRIL	Tablet 20 mg 30	550,178	12,831,325	17,250,185	31.35
80	8258 CARVEDILOL	Tablet 25 mg	111,542	12,756,742	13,463,205	120.70
81	8352 GLATIRAMER ACETATE	Pdr for s/c inj 20mg single use via	11,684	12,595,509	12,737,510	1090.17
82	1611 MESALAZINE	Tablet 250 mg	104,090	12,471,040	13,847,730	133.04
83	8458 QUETIAPINE	Tablet 200 mg (base) 60	45,303	12,356,263	12,627,544	278.74
84	8186 OLANZAPINE	Tablet 7.5 mg 30	53,751	12,344,132	12,657,438	235.48
85	8513 MIRTAZAPINE	Tablet 30 mg	374,829	11,951,329	15,169,530	40.47
86	3119 CEPHALEXIN	Capsule 500 mg	1,307,678	11,094,750	15,192,322	11.62
87	8074 DOCETAXEL	Injection set containing I.V. infusio	4,364	10,909,909	10,967,201	2513.11
88	8211 LEUPRORELIN ACETATE	Injection 7.5	9,439	10,793,251	10,841,328	1148.57
89	3050 PERINDOPRIL	Tablet 2 mg 30	647,979	10,697,914	12,622,707	19.48
90	1241 VERAPAMIL HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 240 mg (sustained release)	691,172	10,373,470	12,509,442	18.10
91	8019 CYPROTERONE ACETATE	Tablet 100 mg	33,608	9,991,274	10,150,722	302.03
92	8401 FOSINOPRIL with HYDROCHLOROTI	Tablet 20 mg-12.5 mg	433,543	9,955,991	13,823,194	31.88
93	2449 GLICLAZIDE	Tablet 80 mg	762,637	9,887,505	11,915,879	15.62
94	1903 PNEUMOCOCCAL	Injection 0.5 ml (23 valent)	320,812	9,878,145	11,891,380	37.07
95	8562 MELOXICAM	Tablet 15 mg	380,612	9,873,779	12,920,295	33.95
96	1312 DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 180 mg controlled delive	540,466	9,844,796	12,720,364	23.54
97	3170 RISPERIDONE	Tablet 2 mg	65,567	9,600,060	10,007,885	152.64
98	8540 OXALIPLATIN	Powder for I.V. infusion 100 mg	6,140	9,407,499	9,480,584	1544.07
99	1762 INSULIN (HUMAN)	Injection 100 units per ml, 3 ml,5	42,978	9,294,483	9,747,405	226.80
100	2851 LAMOTRIGINE	Tablet 200 mg	46,708	9,247,347	9,670,568	207.04

Table 13(b): Highest Volume Drug by PBS Item, year ending: June 2003

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	8333 OMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20 mg 30	3,853,807	169,280,902	198,515,450	51.51
2	1746 PARACETAMOL	Tablet 500 mg	3,843,871	19,998,440	29,671,822	7.72
3	8440 CELECOXIB	Capsule 200 mg 60	2,973,244	78,949,011	99,621,361	33.51
4	1081 ATENOLOL	Tablet 50 mg	2,718,486	19,775,545	27,681,546	10.18
5	1215 CODEINE with PARACETAMOL	Tablet 30 mg-500 mg	2,481,299	18,939,264	26,064,545	10.50
6	8214 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 20 mg	2,317,116	117,718,808	138,068,125	59.59
7	2012 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 20 mg	2,273,229	117,450,363	132,712,814	58.38
8	8288 SALBUTAMOL	Oral pressurised inhal 100 ug	2,116,124	28,108,492	34,193,494	16.16
9	2089 TEMAZEPAM	Tablet 10 mg 25	2,035,954	8,045,426	13,434,695	6.60
10	8213 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 10 mg	1,943,180	67,685,139	83,659,658	43.05
11	2430 METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 500 mg	1,817,442	22,835,606	28,143,841	15.49
12	8472 ROFECOXIB	Tablet 25 mg 30	1,767,781	61,489,864	75,841,435	42.90
13	8008 PANTOPRAZOLE	Tablet (enteric coated) equiv	1,645,377	71,335,683	83,234,644	50.59
14	8405 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTH	Tablet 300 mg-12.5 mg	1,553,056	38,701,055	52,936,436	34.09
15	8220 CITALOPRAM	Tablet 20 mg (base)	1,546,341	40,586,734	57,309,669	37.06
16	3051 PERINDOPRIL	Tablet 4 mg 30	1,513,858	28,934,285	40,831,726	26.97
17	8247 IRBESARTAN	Tablet 150 mg	1,486,395	27,269,544	40,631,851	27.34
18	1978 RANITIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 150 mg (base)	1,392,592	26,741,366	30,449,316	21.87
19	3162 DIAZEPAM	Tablet 5 mg	1,383,555	5,677,873	9,592,644	6.93
20	8173 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 40 mg	1,376,133	101,786,484	112,288,590	81.60
21	8511 ALENDRONIC ACID	Tablet 70 mg alendronic acid	1,356,453	68,721,158	75,760,145	55.85
22	3119 CEPHALEXIN	Capsule 500 mg	1,307,678	11,094,750	15,192,322	11.62
23	8215 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 40 mg	1,306,787	98,461,023	109,918,533	84.11
24	2242 PAROXETINE	Tablet 20 mg (base)	1,306,325	40,637,900	54,316,472	41.58
25	2236 SERTRALINE	Tablet 50 mg (base)	1,249,865	33,945,988	46,816,570	37.46
26	8243 LATANOPROST	Eye drops 50 ug per mL (0.0	1,222,628	35,315,296	41,659,421	34.07
27	8248 IRBESARTAN	Tablet 300 mg	1,117,737	27,875,305	37,347,034	33.41
28	8449 PERINDOPRIL and INDAPAMIDE	Tablet 4 mg-1.25 mg	1,092,871	26,354,930	36,270,482	33.19
29	2237 SERTRALINE	Tablet 100 mg (base)	1,072,123	33,034,945	44,445,570	41.46
30	3133 OXAZEPAM	Tablet 30 mg	1,064,135	3,754,038	6,537,188	6.14
31	1889 AMOXYCILLIN	Capsule 500 mg	1,048,437	8,505,069	11,855,635	11.31
32	1946 RAMIPRIL	Capsule 5.0 mg 28	1,045,596	18,621,696	27,011,361	25.83
33	8358 CLOPIDOGREL	Tablet 75mg	1,023,755	81,173,216	86,023,463	84.03
34	2412 FRUSEMIDE	Tablet 40 mg	1,017,711	5,464,891	7,951,599	7.81
35	2011 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 10 mg	1,015,466	37,055,533	42,977,779	42.32
36	8471 ROFECOXIB	Tablet 12.5 mg 30	938,071	21,378,400	27,696,765	29.53
37	8197 PRAVASTATIN	Tablet 40 mg, 30	919,179	66,274,264	73,348,010	79.80
38	8254 AMOXYCILLIN with CLAVULANIC ACID	Tablet 875 mg-125 mg	911,193	13,063,532	15,920,496	17.47
39	2751 AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	Tablet 5 mg (base), 30	895,123	16,925,767	19,527,975	21.82
40	8432 SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	Pdr oral inhal breth actu dev !	858,102	61,566,040	69,184,909	80.63
41	1558 ISOSORBIDE MONONITRATE	Tablets sustained release 60i	793,366	9,169,135	11,109,886	14.00
42	2752 AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	Tablet 10 mg (base), 30	790,692	19,715,101	26,897,102	34.02
43	8202 ASPIRIN	Tablet 100mg	773,438	2,631,349	4,697,868	6.07
44	2241 LANSOPRAZOLE	Capsule 30 mg	767,598	34,715,549	41,367,353	53.89
45	2449 GLICLAZIDE	Tablet 80 mg	762,637	9,887,505	11,915,879	15.62
46	1300 DICLOFENAC	Tablet 50 mg (enteric coated)	716,522	5,630,694	7,768,884	10.84
47	1369 ENALAPRIL MALEATE	Tablet 20 mg	703,285	16,107,038	21,397,338	30.42
48	1241 VERAPAMIL HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 240 mg (sustained rel	691,172	10,373,470	12,509,442	18.10
49	8404 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTH	Tablet 150 mg-12.5 mg	690,857	13,009,959	19,390,860	28.07
50	2834 PRAVASTATIN	Tablet 20 mg, 30	689,896	31,398,993	36,244,385	52.54

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Table 13(b): Highest Volume Drug by PBS Item, year ending: June 2003

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
51	2367 FELODIPINE	Tablet 10 mg (extended relea	688,100	17,372,646	22,279,987	32.38
52	3117 CALCIUM CARBONATE	Tablet 600 mg (as carbonate)	654,581	6,433,028	8,169,790	12.48
53	1434 FLUOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 20 mg (base)	648,469	21,200,643	28,085,671	43.31
54	3050 PERINDOPRIL	Tablet 2 mg 30	647,979	10,697,914	12,622,707	19.48
55	8302 VENLAFAXINE	Capsule 150 mg (base)modif	642,211	34,400,854	40,912,566	63.71
56	1509 HYPROMELLOSE	Eye drops 3 mg-1 mg per ml	637,215	5,534,688	7,141,193	11.21
57	2001 SALBUTAMOL	Nebuliser solution single dos	636,713	13,599,092	16,087,385	25.27
58	2723 NITRAZEPAM	Tablet 5 mg	612,142	2,532,909	4,038,835	6.60
59	8016 ROXITHROMYCIN	Tablet 300 mg	609,463	6,011,349	7,925,172	13.00
60	8470 RAMIPRIL	Capsule 10 mg 30	609,324	15,787,608	21,348,603	35.04
61	8431 SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	Pdr oral inhal breth actu dev !	608,901	29,888,855	36,190,473	59.44
62	2893 PROCHLORPERAZINE	Tablet 5 mg	591,776	2,888,194	4,484,230	7.58
63	1313 DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 240 mg controlled dt	580,282	13,905,058	17,242,493	29.71
64	8519 SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	Oral Press inhal 25ug/250ug	573,657	40,578,345	45,667,130	79.61
65	2843 WARFARIN	Tablet 1 mg	571,334	2,771,768	4,256,423	7.45
66	8301 VENLAFAXINE	Capsule 75 mg (base) modifi	568,161	20,728,772	26,803,644	47.18
67	2604 ALLOPURINOL	Tablet 300 mg	562,927	4,104,464	5,629,871	10.00
68	2458 LISINOPRIL	Tablet 20 mg 30	550,178	12,831,325	17,250,185	31.35
69	1312 DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 180 mg controlled dt	540,466	9,844,796	12,720,364	23.54
70	1324 METOPROLOL TARTRATE	Tablet 50 mg	537,417	4,155,708	5,648,080	10.51
71	2852 INFLUENZA VACCINE	Injection (trivalent) 0.5 ml	535,186	7,513,546	9,466,854	17.69
72	2366 FELODIPINE	Tablet 5 mg (extended releas	526,768	8,668,912	10,234,898	19.43
73	2209 WARFARIN	Tablet 2 mg	520,191	2,594,650	3,962,231	7.62
74	8601 ESOMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 40 mg (enteric coated)	475,741	31,453,112	35,806,887	75.27
75	8600 ESOMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20 mg (enteric coated)	469,108	17,408,768	21,639,023	46.13
76	1906 NIFEDIPINE	Tablet 30 mg (controlled rele:	463,929	8,401,576	11,312,787	24.38
77	1760 ROXITHROMYCIN	Tablet 150 mg	463,227	4,501,105	5,936,867	12.82
78	2360 CHLORAMPHENICOL	Eye drops 5 mg per ml (0.5%	461,456	2,000,064	3,445,293	7.47
79	1394 LEVONORGESTREL with ETHINYLOE	Pack containing 21 tablets 15	460,672	5,271,512	6,923,102	15.03
80	8238 IPRATROPIUM BROMIDE	Nebuliser solution single dos	457,461	26,772,531	28,196,151	61.64
81	8346 FLUTICASONE	Oral press inhal 250ug\dose i	454,950	18,186,505	22,277,574	48.97
82	1169 CEFACLOR	Tablet 375 mg (sustained rel	435,306	5,085,077	6,446,696	14.81
83	8401 FOSINOPRIL with HYDROCHLOROTHI	Tablet 20 mg-12.5 mg	433,543	9,955,991	13,823,194	31.88
84	1917 PREDNISOLONE	Tablet 5 mg	426,449	1,944,138	3,043,123	7.14
85	8508 RABEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20 mg 30	425,971	16,858,737	20,633,400	48.44
86	2457 LISINOPRIL	Tablet 10 mg 30	417,003	6,841,726	10,294,288	24.69
87	8355 TELMISARTAN	Tablet 40mg	414,424	5,924,297	9,693,982	23.39
88	1453 GEMFIBROZIL	Tablet 600 mg	410,857	13,385,452	16,620,843	40.45
89	2072 BUDESONIDE	Powder for oral inhalation in t	403,844	14,214,695	17,886,385	44.29
90	2418 AMITRIPTYLINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 25 mg	401,778	1,467,785	2,550,408	6.35
91	8356 TELMISARTAN	Tablet 80mg	400,105	7,803,405	11,389,663	28.47
92	8455 TRAMADOL	Capsule 50mg 20	398,422	2,255,216	3,300,074	8.28
93	1945 RAMIPRIL	Capsule 2.5 mg 28	386,186	6,938,830	8,085,867	20.94
94	8504 CANDESARTAN with HYDROCHLORO	Tablet 16 mg-12.5 mg	383,934	7,397,415	10,958,868	28.54
95	1734 OESTROGENS CONJUGATED	Tablets 625 ug, 28	383,165	3,564,814	4,696,890	12.26
96	1970 QUINAPRIL	Tablet 20 mg 30	382,768	8,119,790	11,188,611	29.23
97	8562 MELOXICAM	Tablet 15 mg	380,612	9,873,779	12,920,295	33.95
98	1279 TIMOLOL MALEATE	Eye drops 5 mg (base) per m	379,403	3,779,295	4,827,612	12.72
99	1207 METOCLOPRAMIDE HYDROCHLORID	Tablet 10 mg	376,261	1,411,282	2,443,629	6.49
100	8513 MIRTAZAPINE	Tablet 30 mg	374,829	11,951,329	15,169,530	40.47

Table 14(a): Safety Net Card Issues - Persons Covered, 1998 to 2003

MONTHLY COMPARISON 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003													
No OF PEOPLE (cumulative each Month)		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<i>General Safety Net</i>	1998	8	135	835	3,505	11,196	27,818	56,099	91,261	135,846	182,554	231,551	299,734
	1999	6	72	761	3,409	11,042	26,740	52,855	89,261	132,197	176,421	225,342	289,282
	2000	12	122	741	3,253	12,908	30,680	60,270	101,773	147,882	198,304	250,612	316,388
	2001	6	99	759	4,031	15,352	36,075	71,296	116,959	166,353	222,988	279,492	322,495
	2002	20	146	892	5,003	19,338	43,327	82,920	130,047	182,385	241,606	296,765	370,849
	2003	2	118	913	4,716	18,001	41,097						
<i>Concessional Safety Net</i>	1998	10	708	6,261	25,952	70,415	148,348	256,233	373,273	500,970	626,601	745,926	896,934
	1999	38	670	6,720	28,606	79,214	162,352	276,039	411,455	553,137	688,336	826,092	993,814
	2000	33	765	7,006	26,545	88,363	182,778	310,089	462,802	611,655	764,213	907,907	1,076,579
	2001	26	840	7,398	31,939	105,479	210,330	360,020	525,800	685,048	857,124	1,010,809	1,125,886
	2002	49	831	7,424	39,317	129,933	253,499	425,674	601,535	771,197	948,970	1,100,385	1,287,988
	2003	15	471	6,866	36,091	123,083	245,827						
<i>#Supplementary</i>	1998	4	79	431	1,187	2,635	5,031	8,264	11,696	15,911	19,498	23,143	26,614
	1999	13	38	325	1,225	3,198	6,039	9,898	14,099	18,407	22,220	25,816	29,761
	2000	0	53	372	1,106	3,683	7,245	11,639	16,884	21,903	26,657	30,967	35,043
	2001	3	73	385	1,533	4,492	8,387	13,923	19,904	24,928	30,621	34,672	37,532
	2002	18	104	506	1,949	5,895	10,822	17,090	23,329	29,268	35,491	40,219	45,351
	2003	0	47	503	1,949	5,907	10,950						
TOTAL	1998	22	922	7,527	30,644	84,246	181,197	320,596	476,230	652,727	828,653	1,000,620	1,223,282
	1999	57	780	7,806	33,240	93,454	195,131	338,792	514,815	703,741	886,977	1,077,250	1,312,857
	2000	45	940	8,119	30,904	104,954	220,703	381,998	581,459	781,440	989,174	1,189,486	1,428,010
	2001	35	1,012	8,542	37,503	125,323	254,792	445,239	662,663	876,329	1,110,733	1,324,973	1,485,913
	2002	87	1,081	8,822	46,269	155,166	307,648	525,684	754,911	982,850	1,226,067	1,437,369	1,704,188
	2003	17	636	8,282	42,756	146,991	297,874						

SAFETY NET CARDS ISSUED DUE TO REMOTE FAMILY MEMBERS OR ON LOSS OF THE ORIGINAL CARD

Source: Health Insurance Commission (RSN003)

Table 14(b): Safety Net Card Issues - Number of Cards, 1998 to 2003

MONTHLY COMPARISON 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003													
No OF CARDS (cumulative per month)		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<i>General Safety Net</i>	1998	5	59	372	1,624	5,310	13,274	26,707	43,373	64,416	86,895	110,108	143,100
	1999	4	35	341	1,584	5,178	12,530	24,678	41,466	61,184	81,643	104,393	134,835
	2000	4	53	354	1,535	6,106	14,449	28,176	47,332	68,666	92,347	116,841	148,666
	2001	3	51	355	1,921	7,333	17,175	33,704	55,123	78,187	104,767	131,527	152,198
	2002	7	77	426	2,399	9,209	20,618	39,441	61,583	86,156	114,208	140,832	177,159
	2003	1	64	444	2,237	8,708	19,796						
<i>Concessional Safety Net</i>	1998	7	340	2,955	13,158	36,943	79,973	141,100	208,782	284,240	360,303	433,697	529,514
	1999	14	315	3,155	14,343	41,666	87,722	152,184	230,794	314,421	396,148	480,990	588,094
	2000	19	367	3,377	13,460	46,973	99,347	171,686	260,677	349,558	443,523	533,218	641,723
	2001	14	404	3,684	16,559	56,263	115,263	200,665	298,037	393,349	499,156	595,837	669,612
	2002	22	415	3,655	20,584	70,167	139,612	239,043	343,030	445,801	556,234	652,558	775,211
	2003	8	324	3,571	19,162	66,782	135,796						
<i>#Supplementary</i>	1998	1	23	150	465	1,103	2,179	3,639	5,193	7,076	8,712	10,334	11,915
	1999	2	9	123	506	1,390	2,687	4,446	6,378	8,333	10,062	11,671	13,453
	2000	0	20	150	491	1,666	3,320	5,330	7,739	10,010	12,171	14,143	15,983
	2001	1	24	164	678	2,081	3,890	6,412	9,134	11,456	14,028	15,882	17,174
	2002	5	40	217	890	2,756	5,078	7,999	10,875	13,602	16,415	18,583	20,907
	2003	0	18	218	889	2,760	5,150						
TOTAL	1998	13	422	3,477	15,247	43,356	95,426	171,446	257,348	355,732	455,910	554,139	684,529
	1999	20	359	3,619	16,433	48,234	102,939	181,308	278,638	383,938	487,853	597,054	736,382
	2000	23	440	3,881	15,486	54,745	117,116	205,192	315,748	428,234	548,041	664,202	806,372
	2001	18	479	4,203	19,158	65,677	136,328	240,781	362,294	482,992	617,951	743,246	838,984
	2002	34	532	4,298	23,873	82,132	165,308	286,483	415,488	545,559	686,857	811,973	973,277
	2003	9	406	4,233	22,288	78,250	160,742						

SAFETY NET CARDS ISSUED DUE TO REMOTE FAMILY MEMBERS OR ON LOSS OF THE ORIGINAL CARD

Source: Health Insurance Commission (RSN002)

CUMULATIVE SAFETY NET CARD ISSUES 1998 TO 2003

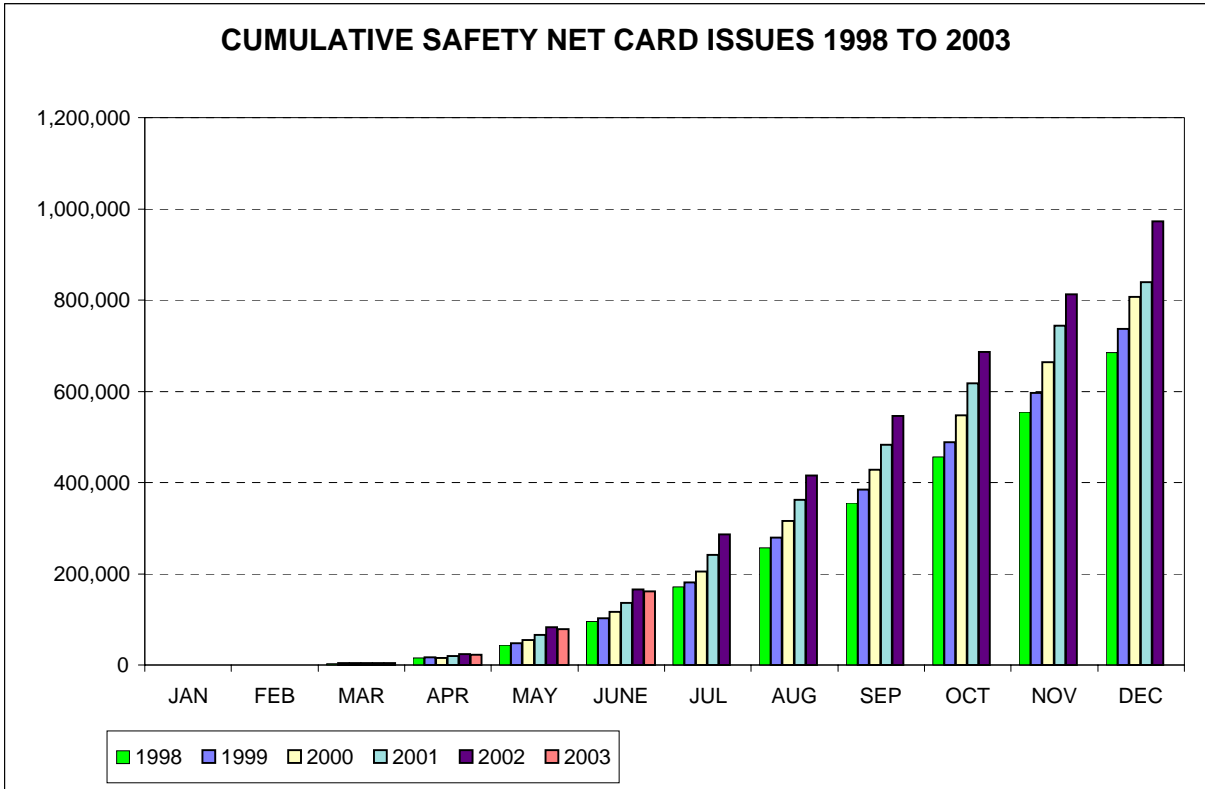


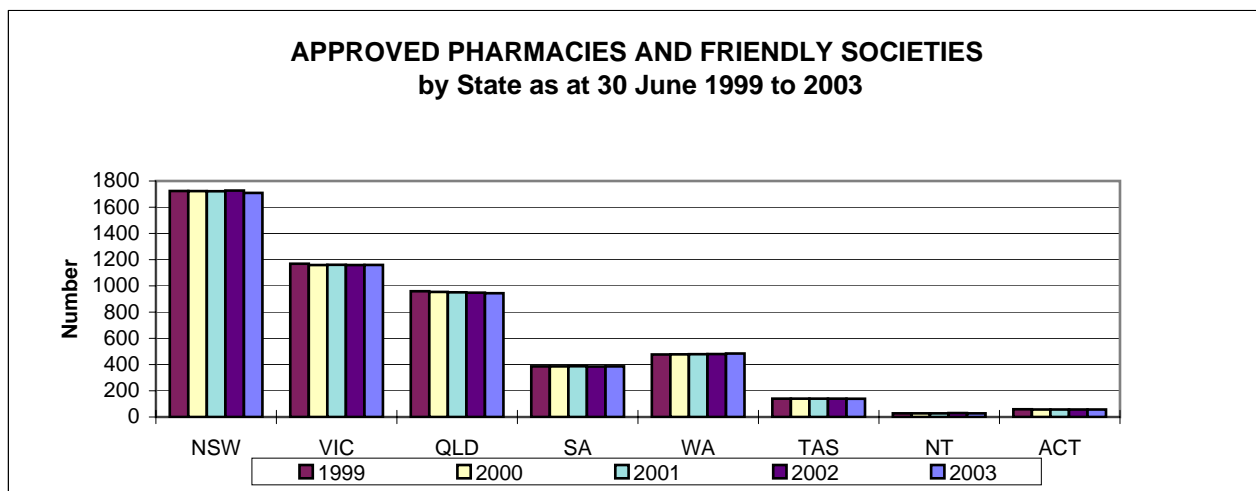
Table 14(c): Safety Net Card Issues- Percentage Change, 1998 to 2003

CUMULATIVE TOTAL SAFETY NET CARD ISSUES												
	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003	
	No.	% Change	No.	% Change	No.	% Change	No.	% Change	No.	% Change	no.	% Change
JAN	13	8.33	20	53.85	23	15.00	18	-21.74	34	88.89	9	-73.53
FEB	422	-4.74	359	-14.93	440	22.56	479	8.86	532	11.06	406	-23.68
MAR	3,477	19.90	3,619	4.08	3,881	7.24	4,203	8.30	4,298	2.26	4,233	-1.51
APR	15,247	2.67	16,433	7.78	15,486	-5.76	19,158	23.71	23,873	24.61	22,288	-6.64
MAY	43,356	-3.07	48,234	11.25	54,745	13.50	65,677	19.97	82,132	25.05	78,250	-4.73
JUNE	95,426	2.81	102,939	7.87	117,116	13.77	136,328	16.40	165,308	21.26	160,742	-2.76
JUL	171,446	3.80	181,308	5.75	205,192	13.17	240,781	17.34	286,483	18.98	0	0
AUG	257,348	4.48	278,638	8.27	315,748	13.32	362,294	14.74	415,488	14.68	0	0
SEP	355,732	4.14	383,938	7.93	428,234	11.54	482,992	12.79	545,559	12.95	0	0
OCT	455,910	3.59	487,853	7.01	548,041	12.34	617,951	12.76	686,857	11.15	0	0
NOV	554,139	4.73	597,054	7.74	664,202	11.25	743,246	11.90	811,973	9.25	0	0
DEC	684,529	4.90	736,382	7.57	806,372	9.50	838,984	4.04	973,277	16.01	0	0

Source: Health Insurance Commission (RSN002)

Table 15: Pharmacies and Friendly Societies, 30 June 1999 to 2003

APPROVED PHARMACIES AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES					Approved Doctors	
<i>- as at 30 June 1999 - 2003</i>						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2003
<i>NSW</i>	1724	1723	1722	1727	1709	24
<i>VIC</i>	1169	1159	1161	1159	1160	3
<i>QLD</i>	959	954	951	948	944	17
<i>SA</i>	386	386	387	385	386	10
<i>WA</i>	477	478	479	480	484	22
<i>TAS</i>	140	140	140	140	139	6
<i>NT</i>	28	28	28	30	28	1
<i>ACT</i>	59	57	57	57	57	0
AUST	4942	4925	4925	4926	4907	83



Source: Health Insurance Commission (RPC015)

Table 16(a): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2002-03**PRESCRIPTIONS**

	GENERAL	PENSIONER	CONC	S/NET	TOTAL	Drs Bag	TOTAL - ALL SCRIPTS
1948/49	280,719				280,719		280,719
1949/50	484,210				484,210		484,210
1950/51	3,758,622				3,758,622		3,758,622
1951/52	6,515,668	1,655,570			8,171,238		8,171,238
1952/53	6,853,937	2,766,947			9,620,884		9,620,884
1953/54	7,004,421	3,453,551			10,457,972		10,457,972
1954/55	9,201,387	4,418,633			13,620,020		13,620,020
1955/56	8,970,890	5,235,013			14,205,903		14,205,903
1956/57	9,045,439	5,580,946			14,626,385		14,626,385
1957/58	10,309,446	6,313,214			16,622,660		16,622,660
1958/59	13,253,168	6,821,578			20,074,746		20,074,746
1959/60	16,624,342	8,028,968			24,653,310		24,653,310
1960/61	20,489,065	10,727,570			31,216,635		31,216,635
1961/62	26,050,370	11,664,036			37,714,406		37,714,406
1962/63	29,517,810	12,674,230			42,192,040		42,192,040
1963/64	31,039,624	13,317,273			44,356,897		44,356,897
1964/65	33,714,429	13,841,372			47,555,801		47,555,801
1965/66	35,084,551	14,908,393			49,992,944		49,992,944
1966/67	36,750,907	16,936,435			53,687,342		53,687,342
1967/68	37,053,212	18,369,634			55,422,846		55,422,846
1968/69	40,453,366	19,954,471			60,407,837		60,407,837
1969/70	44,071,198	21,504,166			65,575,364		65,575,364
1970/71	48,971,406	22,515,117			71,486,523		71,486,523
1971/72	48,491,692	23,950,503			72,442,195		72,442,195
1972/73	49,115,497	25,560,576			74,676,073		74,676,073
1973/74	59,499,823	27,788,036			87,287,859		87,287,859
1974/75	67,350,637	30,323,662			97,674,299		97,674,299
1975/76	67,722,534	33,394,757			101,117,291		101,117,291
1976/77	56,099,277	33,606,128			89,705,405		89,705,405
1977/78	57,751,904	35,414,619			93,166,523		93,166,523

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Table 16(a): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2002-03

PRESCRIPTIONS							
	GENERAL	PENSIONER	CONC	S/NET	TOTAL	Drs Bag	TOTAL - ALL SCRIPTS
1978/79	53,553,036	39,409,489			92,962,525		92,962,525
1979/80	46,624,224	42,450,386			89,074,610		89,074,610
1980/81	47,619,120	46,778,057			94,397,177		94,397,177
1981/82	53,834,648	49,739,756			103,574,404		103,574,404
1982/83	50,078,929	52,529,929	2,931,462		105,540,320		105,540,320
1983/84	41,938,964	56,491,285	9,954,995		108,385,244		108,385,244
1984/85	50,690,275	60,069,806	10,068,817		120,828,898		120,828,898
1985/86	46,334,279	63,191,858	10,315,799		119,841,936		119,841,936
1986/87	28,762,909	64,243,148	9,755,680	2	102,761,737		102,761,737
1987/88	12,339,360	81,041,242	7,520,752	15,059,811	100,901,354		100,901,354
1988/89	14,078,934	78,283,599	8,223,231	11,925,271	100,585,764		100,585,764
1989/90	15,361,517	80,761,310	8,856,241	11,725,474	104,979,068		104,979,068
1990/91	10,608,974	36,868,817	36,588,405	11,675,164	95,741,360	558,899	96,300,259

Notes -Dr's Bag prior to 90/91 included in General, from 90/91 included in miscellaneous expenditure -For 90/91 Concessional includes 'old' (prior to 1/11/90) prescriptions and 'new' (post 1/11/90) concessional category

Safety Net Prior to 90/91 S/net for Gen & Concess is included in pensioner. In 90/91 free s/net is in both pensioner and s/net categories

PRESCRIPTIONS										
	GENERAL				CONCESSIONAL			TOTAL	Drs Bag	TOTAL-
	NSN	S/NET 1	S/NET 2	TOTAL	NSN	S/NET	TOTAL	SCRIPTS		ALL SCRIPTS
1991/92	8,266,835	2,340,145	1,092,314	11,699,294	67,331,793	14,428,608	81,760,401	93,459,695	660,459	94,120,154
1992/93	10,260,426	3,917,022	2,800,496	16,977,944	71,756,325	16,757,840	88,514,165	105,492,109	689,508	106,181,617
1993/94	11,451,148	4,259,245	3,087,943	18,798,336	77,536,126	18,003,354	95,539,480	114,337,816	704,227	115,042,043
1994/95	13,491,364	4,695,314	2,072	18,188,750	82,400,588	17,457,008	99,857,596	118,046,346	674,331	118,720,677
1995/96	14,212,731	5,488,957	52	19,701,740	85,604,215	18,898,907	104,503,122	124,204,862	683,420	124,888,282
1996/97	14,709,601	3,082,843	14	17,792,458	85,965,797	19,676,007	105,641,804	123,434,262	665,301	124,099,563
1997/98	14,087,393	3,945,591	17	18,033,001	86,389,807	20,060,505	106,450,312	124,483,313	628,496	125,111,809
1998/99	15,153,975	4,111,091		19,265,066	88,475,327	20,608,073	109,083,400	128,348,466	572,753	128,921,219
1999/00	16,296,703	3,928,760		20,225,463	94,281,872	23,078,282	117,360,154	137,585,617	496,306	138,081,923
2000/01	18,526,141	4,340,364		22,866,505	99,285,160	25,420,114	124,705,274	147,571,779	478,999	148,050,778
2001/02	19,292,104	4,813,038		24,105,142	102,018,211	28,406,603	130,424,814	154,529,956	448,283	154,978,239

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Table 16(a): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2002-03

	GENERAL				CONCESSIONAL			TOTAL SCRIPTS	Drs Bag	TOTAL- ALL SCRIPTS
	NSN	S/NET 1	S/NET 2	TOTAL	NSN	S/NET	TOTAL			
2002/03	20,704,979	5,188,822		25,893,801	101,476,181	31,178,401	132,654,582	158,548,383	437,516	158,985,899

Table 16(b): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2002-03													
GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE		-\$-				HOSP &	TOTAL GOV'T	PATIENT CONTRIBUTION			TOTAL COST	TOTAL with	
YEAR	GEN	CONC	PENS	SAFETY NET	SUB TOTAL	MISC	COST	GEN	CON	TOTAL	SCRIPTS	S.100 & Misc	
1948/49	132,536				132,536	165,538	298,074				-	132,536	298,074
1949/50	346,682				346,682	262,696	609,378				-	346,682	609,378
1950/51	5,453,558				5,453,558	406,768	5,860,326				-	5,453,558	5,860,326
1951/52	13,424,294		715,264		14,139,558	1,230,536	15,370,094				-	14,139,558	15,370,094
1952/53	12,399,568		1,457,316		13,856,884	573,734	14,430,618				-	13,856,884	14,430,618
1953/54	14,320,372		2,021,560		16,341,932	2,116,894	18,458,826				-	16,341,932	18,458,826
1954/55	16,303,940		2,589,672		18,893,612	2,585,322	21,478,934				-	18,893,612	21,478,934
1955/56	18,061,092		3,015,920		21,077,012	2,697,858	23,774,870				-	21,077,012	23,774,870
1956/57	17,171,670		3,586,200		20,757,870	2,675,776	23,433,646				-	20,757,870	23,433,646
1957/58	22,826,484		4,246,490		27,072,974	2,995,004	30,067,978				-	27,072,974	30,067,978
1958/59	33,112,570		5,034,746		38,147,316	3,798,278	41,945,594				-	38,147,316	41,945,594
1959/60	36,714,806		7,148,446		43,863,252	4,808,090	48,671,342	1,890,756		1,890,756	45,754,008	50,562,098	
1960/61	34,282,496		14,676,698		48,959,194	6,803,248	55,762,442	10,324,740		10,324,740	59,283,934	66,087,182	
1961/62	44,632,488		18,194,996		62,827,484	7,552,282	70,379,766	13,007,776		13,007,776	75,835,260	83,387,542	
1962/63	47,093,026		19,830,750		66,923,776	9,986,382	76,910,158	14,742,448		14,742,448	81,666,224	91,652,606	
1963/64	46,460,998		20,601,714		67,062,712	11,775,958	78,838,670	15,573,804		15,573,804	82,636,516	94,412,474	
1964/65	48,929,748		21,564,420		70,494,168	11,708,442	82,202,610	16,841,354		16,841,354	87,335,522	99,043,964	
1965/66	53,078,046		24,071,127		77,149,173	14,634,501	91,783,674	17,481,228		17,481,228	94,630,401	109,264,902	
1966/67	56,655,939		29,280,268		85,936,207	15,344,592	101,280,799	18,347,036		18,347,036	104,283,243	119,627,835	
1967/68	56,800,249		32,115,335		88,915,584	16,218,859	105,134,443	18,504,345		18,504,345	107,419,929	123,638,788	
1968/69	64,024,983		36,609,257		100,634,240	17,739,118	118,373,358	20,129,402		20,129,402	120,763,642	138,502,760	
1969/70	73,227,887		41,068,702		114,296,589	22,421,727	136,718,316	21,941,691		21,941,691	136,238,280	158,660,007	
1970/71	88,176,385		45,180,856		133,357,241	26,917,666	160,274,907	24,384,028		24,384,028	157,741,269	184,658,935	
1971/72	90,061,869		52,005,350		142,067,219	31,201,229	173,268,448	35,466,642		35,466,642	177,533,861	208,735,090	
1972/73	87,431,438		58,139,459		145,570,897	32,061,691	177,632,588	48,640,243		48,640,243	194,211,140	226,272,831	
1973/74	108,066,351		66,802,821		174,869,172	43,426,672	218,295,844	59,015,335		59,015,335	233,884,507	277,311,179	
1974/75	131,341,320		80,586,986		211,928,306	50,368,781	262,297,087	66,827,982		66,827,982	278,756,288	329,125,069	

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Table 16(b): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2002-03													
GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE						HOSP & MISC		TOTAL GOVT COST		PATIENT CONTRIBUTION		TOTAL COST	TOTAL with S.100 & Misc
YEAR	GEN	CONC	PENS	SAFETY NET	SUB TOTAL	MISC	COST	GEN	CON	TOTAL	SCRIPTS		
1975/76	149,033,245		107,317,318		256,350,563	27,490,706	283,841,269	95,244,660		95,244,660	351,595,223	379,085,929	
1976/77	111,077,507		115,201,775		226,279,282	8,623,582	234,902,864	111,676,421		111,676,421	337,955,703	346,579,285	
1977/78	118,303,375		127,911,837		246,215,212	9,832,410	256,047,622	115,025,169		115,025,169	361,240,381	371,072,791	
1978/79	110,425,438		151,125,681		261,551,119	9,767,502	271,318,621	129,540,759		129,540,759	391,091,878	400,859,380	
1979/80	101,185,503		166,361,113		267,546,616	7,088,452	274,635,068	123,418,168		123,418,168	390,964,784	398,053,236	
1980/81	107,903,558		191,043,798		298,947,356	10,267,063	309,214,419	129,923,272		129,923,272	428,870,628	439,137,691	
1981/82	139,547,856		239,894,493		379,442,349	11,377,241	390,819,590	157,957,635		157,957,635	537,399,984	548,777,225	
1982/83	131,773,044	11,100,973	272,707,495		415,581,512	14,685,428	430,266,940	170,617,530	5,882,844	176,500,374	592,081,886	606,767,314	
1983/84	114,638,367	39,276,732	317,819,660		471,734,759	17,490,165	489,224,924	166,043,447	19,975,026	186,018,473	657,753,232	675,243,397	
1984/85	142,439,672	43,266,712	356,213,948		541,920,332	17,877,162	559,797,494	201,142,242	20,208,116	221,350,358	763,270,690	781,147,852	
1985/86	138,365,148	50,172,930	408,026,507		596,564,585	19,258,116	615,822,701	222,286,396	20,715,057	243,001,453	839,566,038	858,824,154	
1986/87	140,571,611	59,738,152	514,236,037	12	714,545,800	23,457,302	738,003,102	167,130,307	22,048,299	189,178,606	903,724,406	927,181,708	
1987/88	111,740,361	51,574,897	747,536,316	159,418,168	910,851,574	35,612,019	946,463,593	117,938,301	18,839,286	136,777,587	1,047,629,161	1,083,241,180	
1988/89	132,040,607	63,272,252	795,027,196	138,531,290	990,340,055	33,194,842	1,023,534,897	147,704,171	20,603,194	168,307,365	1,158,647,420	1,191,842,262	
1989/90	170,039,203	74,757,555	890,753,297	150,064,548	1,135,550,055	43,852,385	1,179,402,440	162,587,554	22,174,539	184,762,093	1,320,312,148	1,364,164,533	
1990/91	157,783,001	342,720,328	428,743,821	165,216,293	1,094,463,443	64,798,247	1,159,261,690	132,120,868	91,672,986	223,793,854	1,318,257,297	1,383,055,544	
Note	-Free Pensioner category removed from 1 Nov 90, \$2.50 copayment and free safety net introduced for all Concessionals					Safety Net		-For Gen & Conc prior to 90/91 is included in Pensioner					
	-Dr's Bag prior to 90/91 included in General from 90/91 (\$12,255,895) included in Misc							-For 90/91 S/net includes both pre & post 1/11/90 free Snet					
								-Gen S/net 1 included in Concess in 90/91					
								-Gen S/net 2 (free) 1 Jan 91 to 31 Dec 93					

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Table 16(b): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2002-03

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE - \$-

	GENERAL-NSN	GEN S/Net 1	GEN S/Net 2	TOTAL GEN	CONC - NSN	CONC S/Net	TOTAL CONC	TOTAL FOR PBS	MISC and SECT 100	TOTAL GOVT EXP
1991/92	160,765,548	36,400,482	18,911,584	216,077,614	708,413,833	195,000,082	903,413,915	1,119,491,529	100,877,826	1,220,369,355
1992/93	188,270,160	65,845,466	53,077,875	307,193,500	844,972,301	251,249,539	1,096,221,840	1,403,415,340	101,552,426	1,504,967,766
1993/94	224,675,364	78,832,510	63,861,452	367,369,326	1,019,651,580	297,597,894	1,317,249,474	1,684,618,800	116,696,888	1,801,315,688
1994/95	290,765,883	93,406,668	38,565	384,211,116	1,194,999,580	302,502,892	1,497,502,472	1,881,713,588	109,621,215	1,991,334,803
1995/96	343,025,066	118,655,085	785	461,680,936	1,369,432,585	360,130,508	1,729,563,093	2,191,244,029	135,473,133	2,326,717,162
1996/97	392,246,135	72,831,781	210	465,078,126	1,465,657,637	401,814,359	1,867,471,996	2,332,550,122	205,545,012	2,538,095,134
1997/98	411,856,192	98,613,376	465	510,470,033	1,576,058,096	439,989,321	2,016,047,417	2,526,517,450	258,950,240	2,785,467,690
1998/99	469,042,094	106,618,491	-	575,660,585	1,739,535,268	467,079,112	2,206,614,380	2,782,274,965	287,469,135	3,069,744,100
1999/00	521,018,128	107,012,848	-	628,030,976	2,000,636,597	547,829,734	2,548,466,331	3,176,497,307	311,727,262	3,488,224,569
2000/01	662,099,200	128,173,886	-	790,273,086	2,359,650,038	660,303,947	3,019,953,985	3,810,227,071	347,901,802	4,158,128,873
2001/02	691,204,687	148,498,520	-	839,703,207	2,569,555,585	778,411,796	3,347,967,381	4,187,670,588	396,386,682	4,584,057,270

PATIENT CONTRIBUTION - \$-

	GENERAL-NSN	GEN S/Net 1	GEN S/Net 2	TOTAL GEN	CONC - NSN	CONC S/Net	TOTAL CONC	TOTAL FOR PBS	TOTAL COST FOR SCRIPTS	MISC and SECT 100	TOTAL
1991/92	128,988,053	6,043,066	-	135,031,119	173,201,117	-	173,201,117	308,232,236	1,427,723,765	100,877,826	1,528,601,591
1992/93	162,967,769	10,202,578	-	173,170,347	186,726,902	-	186,726,902	359,897,249	1,763,312,589	101,552,426	1,864,865,015
1993/94	183,012,475	11,074,025	-	194,086,500	201,596,301	-	201,596,301	395,682,801	2,080,301,601	116,696,888	2,196,998,489
1994/95	218,094,751	12,207,816	-	230,302,567	214,241,512	-	214,241,512	444,544,079	2,326,257,667	109,621,215	2,435,878,882
1995/96	237,239,817	14,278,699	-	251,518,516	226,583,554	-	226,583,554	478,102,070	2,669,346,099	135,473,133	2,804,819,232
1996/97	269,715,066	8,375,980	-	278,091,046	252,104,590	-	252,104,590	530,195,636	2,862,745,758	205,545,012	3,068,290,770
1997/98	281,739,252	12,625,016	-	294,364,268	276,440,026	-	276,440,026	570,804,294	3,097,321,744	258,950,240	3,356,271,984
1998/99	305,064,052	13,155,417	-	318,219,469	283,117,963	-	283,117,963	601,337,432	3,383,612,397	287,469,135	3,671,081,532
1999/00	333,003,549	12,584,337	-	345,587,886	306,183,001	-	306,183,001	651,770,887	3,828,268,194	311,727,262	4,139,995,456
2000/01	392,432,536	14,353,837	-	406,786,373	337,379,028	-	337,379,028	744,165,401	4,554,392,472	347,901,802	4,902,294,274
2001/02	426,974,621	16,864,336	-	443,838,957	362,237,529	-	362,237,529	806,076,486	4,993,747,074	396,386,682	5,390,133,756

Doctor's Bag - \$ - (included in miscellaneous from 90/91)

1990/91	12,255,895
1991/92	14,514,725
1992/93	16,082,655
1993/94	16,679,933
1994/95	15,674,643
1995/96	16,202,098
1996/97	15,769,173
1997/98	14,953,823
1998/99	13,370,491
1999/00	10,754,395
2000/01	10,343,534
2001/02	9,803,682

note- from 91/92 all figures are sourced from HIC processing where available
 -miscellaneous and section 100 expenditure sourced from HAC and HIC payments

Table 16(b): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2002-03

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE - \$-

	GENERAL-NSN	GEN S/Net 1	GEN S/Net 2	TOTAL GEN	CONC - NSN	CONC S/Net	TOTAL CONC	TOTAL FOR PBS	MISC and SECT 100	TOTAL GOVT EXP
2002/03	750,543,943	169,805,201		920,349,145	2,747,329,765	907,524,352	3,654,854,117	4,575,203,262	477,352,298	5,052,555,560

PATIENT CONTRIBUTION - \$-

	GENERAL-NSN	GEN S/Net 1	GEN S/Net 2	TOTAL GEN	CONC - NSN	CONC S/Net	TOTAL CONC	TOTAL FOR PBS	TOTAL COST TOTAL FOR SCRIPTS	MISC and SECT 100	TOTAL
2002/03	470,555,327	18,699,303		489,254,631	370,488,981	-	370,488,981	859,743,612	5,434,946,874	477,352,298	5,912,299,172

Doctor's Bag - \$ - (included in miscellaneous from 90/91)

2002/03	9,510,606
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 -miscellaneous and section 100 expenditure sourced from HAC and HIC payments

THE HIGHLY SPECIALISED DRUGS PROGRAM

Program overview

Highly Specialised Drugs (HSD) are medicines for chronic conditions that, because of their clinical use or other special features, are restricted to supply through hospitals having access to appropriate specialist facilities. To prescribe these drugs as pharmaceutical benefit items, medical practitioners are required to be affiliated with these specialist hospital units.

The HSD Program is administered by the Pharmaceutical Access and Quality Branch of the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, while the process of selecting and reviewing drugs and procedures is the responsibility of the Highly Specialised Drugs Working Party.

Subsidy for drugs under this program commences following recommendation by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC), approval by the Federal Government and the States and Territories accepting the Commonwealth's offer of subsidy. The Federal Government provides funding to the States and Territory Governments and through private hospitals for the drug to be supplied to community based patients ie not in-patient. Subsidy is available for the PBAC approved clinical indication only.

Highly Specialised Drugs Working Party

The Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council established the Highly Specialised Drugs Working Party in 1991. It consists of representatives from the Health Department of each of the States and Territories, the Australian Private Hospitals Association and the Commonwealth as chair. The Working Party's terms of reference are:

- selecting drugs proposed for inclusion in the funding arrangements for highly specialised drugs;
- referring proposed drugs with supporting information to the PBAC for consideration for listing as pharmaceutical benefits under section 100 supply arrangements;
- monitoring information on potential new highly specialised drugs which might come under the funding arrangements;
- monitoring the quality use of drugs supplied under these arrangements; and
- investigating and making recommendations on procedures to monitor drugs supplied by hospitals under the section 100 arrangements to patients in community settings.

Criteria for selection of Highly Specialised Drugs

Drugs recommended for inclusion in the program must satisfy the following criteria:

- Ongoing specialised medical supervision required.
- Treatment of longer term medical conditions not episodes of in-patient treatment or treatment of acute conditions.
- Drug highly specialised and an identifiable patient target group.
- Subject to marketing approval by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and specific therapeutic indications covered by the terms of the marketing letter from TGA.
- High unit cost.

Program expenditure

During 2002-2003 there were 50 drugs subsidised under the HSD Program, compared to 2001-2002 when 46 were subsidised. Of the four new inclusions two are immunostimulating agents, one is a HIV/AIDS antiretroviral agent and one for immunocompromised conditions.

Before reconciliation, the expenditure for 2002-2003, with the drugs categorised, is as follows:

HIV/AIDS Antiretroviral Agents	18 drugs	\$80.93m
Immunocompromised Conditions	9 drugs	\$5.55m
Immunostimulating Agents	8 drugs	\$67.08m
Immunosuppressing Agents	3 drugs	\$53.06m
Acromegaly	3 drugs	\$12.97m
Haemopoitics	2 drugs	\$72.85m
Bisphosphonates	2 drugs	\$15.82m
Other	5 drugs	\$40.69m

The expenditure through the program in 2001-2002 was \$307 million and in 2002-2003 (subject to reconciliation of expenditure) is expected to be approximately \$348.97 million, a 13.67 per cent increase. This is down from the previous year's increase of 14.68 per cent. The payments made to public hospitals via grants to the States and Territories are reconciled, following the end of the financial year (payments made to private hospitals are not reconciled), against the actual drug usage.

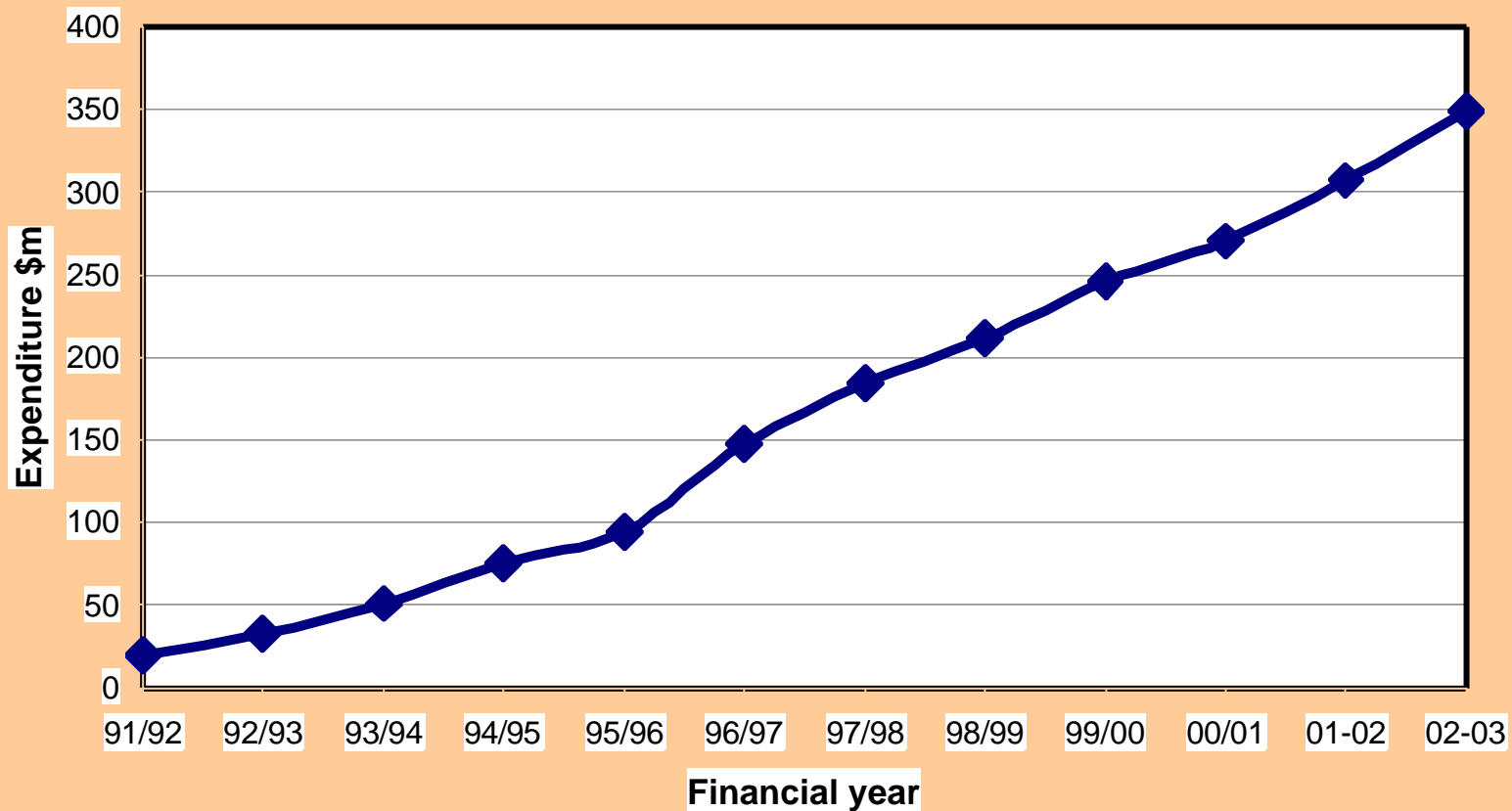
For 2002-2003 the expenditure in public hospitals was \$307.43 million, an increase of 11.64 per cent from 2001-2002 expenditure of \$275.37 million. Private hospital expenditure increased by 31.32 per cent from \$31.63 million in 2001-2002 to \$41.54 million in 2002-2003.

On the following pages are charts that show:

- Highly Specialised Drugs usage expenditure
- National expenditure - Private Hospital
- National expenditure – Private Hospital by groupings
- Highly Specialised Drugs – Percentage by drug by hospital sector

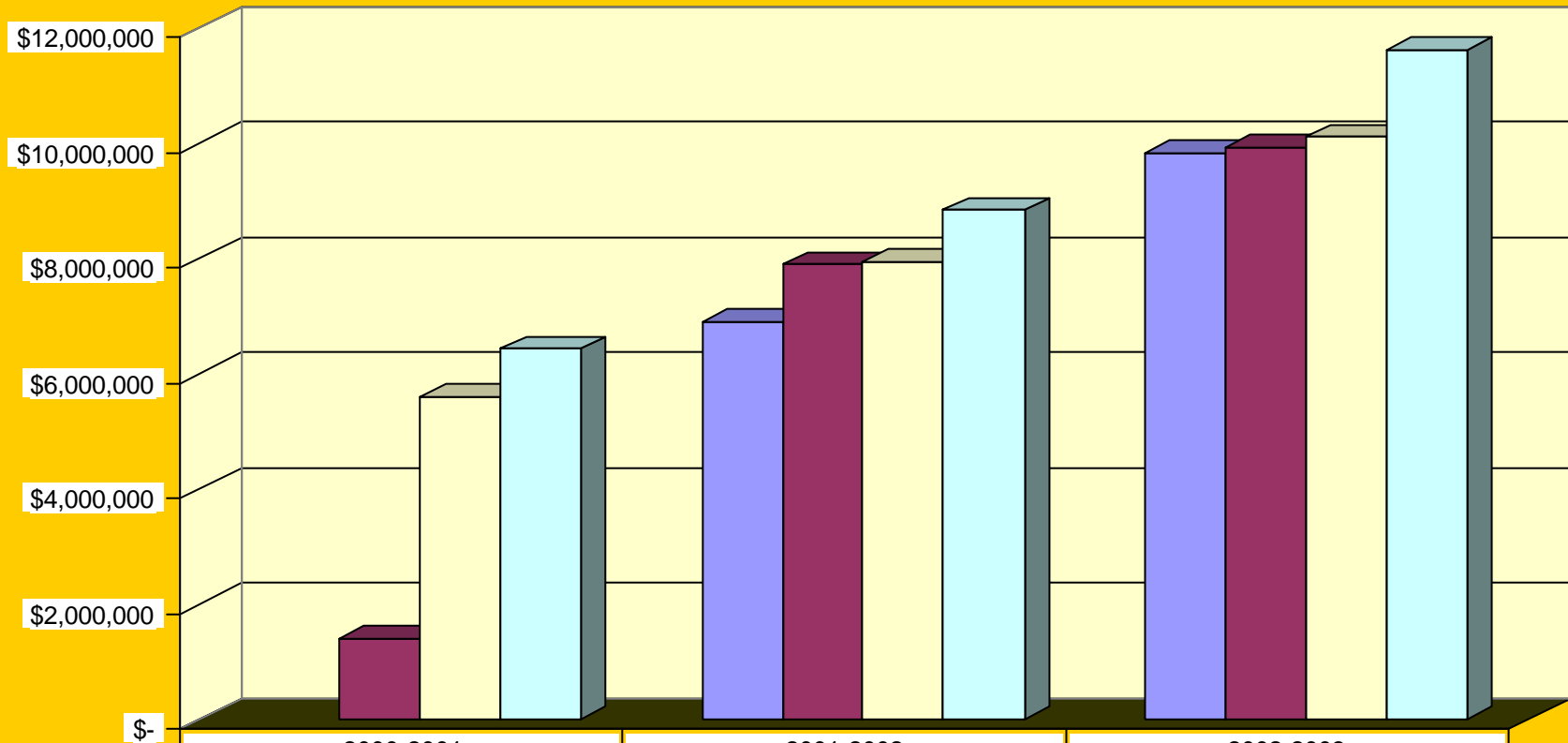
HIGHLY SPECIALISED DRUGS - USAGE EXPENDITURE

Please note: 2002-2003 figures are based on payments, and is subject to reconciliation expenditure



National Expenditure - Private Hospital

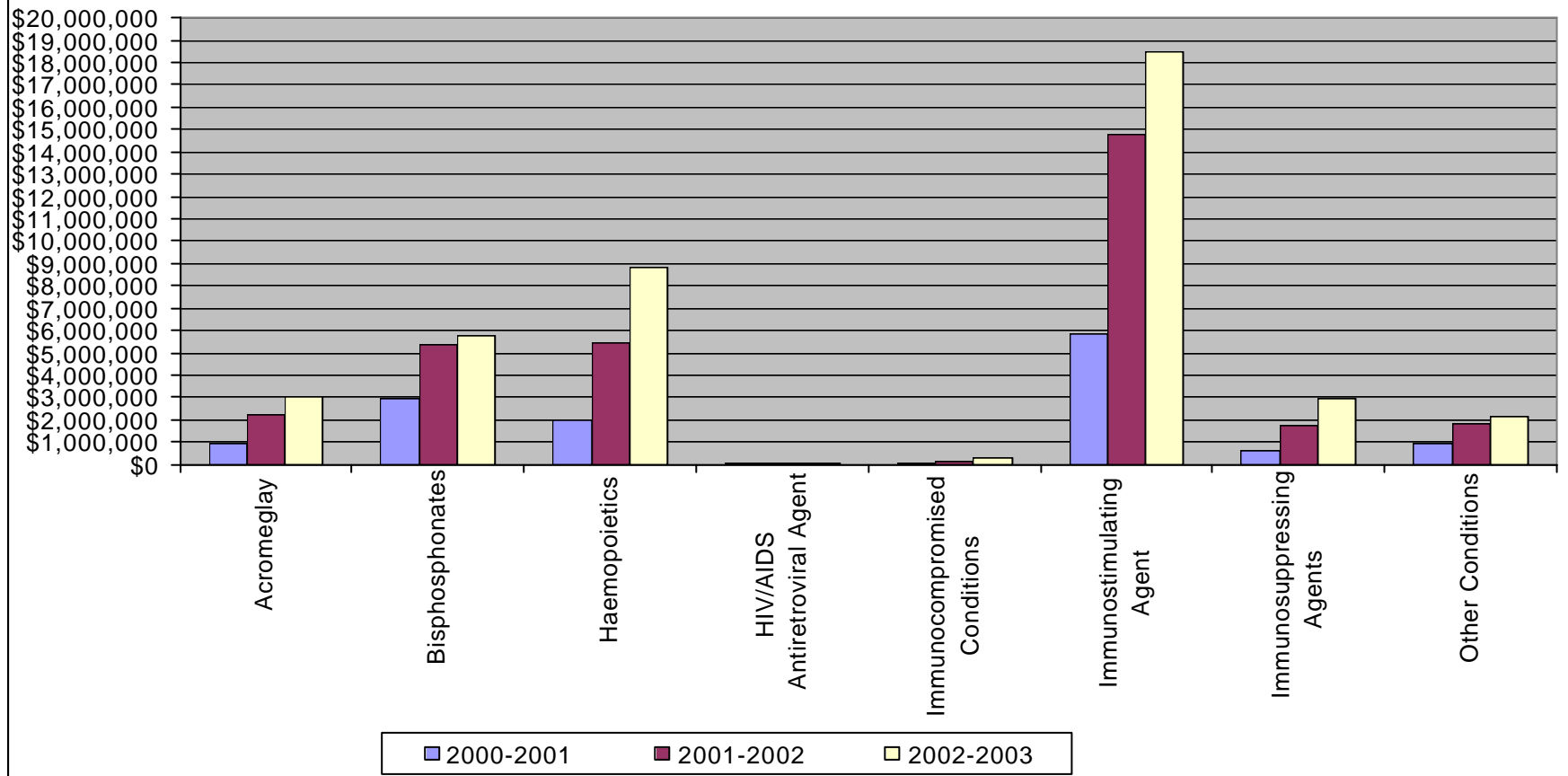
Please Note: Data for Private Hospital Expenditure starts 1 November 2000.
Prior to 1 November 2000, data for private hospital expenditure was included in public hospital expenditure.



	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
Quarter 1		\$6,926,280	\$9,845,987
Quarter 2	\$1,407,623	\$7,898,885	\$9,940,029
Quarter 3	\$5,594,005	\$7,955,031	\$10,119,961
Quarter 4	\$6,446,843	\$8,851,839	\$11,634,442

Highly Specialised Drugs Program - Private Hospital Expenditure by Groupings

Please Note: Data for Private Hospital Expenditure starts 1 November 2000.
Prior to 1 November 2000, data for private hospital expenditure was included in public hospital exp.



HIGHLY SPECIALISED DRUGS 2002-2003

EXPENDITURE PERCENTAGE BY DRUG BY HOSPITAL SECTOR

Drug Name	Public Hospital	Private Hospital
ABACAVIR SULFATE	100.00%	0.00%
ABACAVIR SULFATE WITH LAMIVUDINE AND ZIDOVUDINE	100.00%	0.00%
AMPRENAVIR	100.00%	0.00%
APOMORPHINE HYDROCHLORIDE	98.90%	1.10%
AZITHROMYCIN	99.80%	0.20%
BACLOFEN	96.36%	3.64%
CIDOFOVIR	100.00%	0.00%
CLARITHROMYCIN	93.58%	6.42%
CLOZAPINE	93.06%	6.94%
CYCLOSPORIN	92.46%	7.54%
DARBEPOETIN ALFA	84.68%	15.32%
DELAVIRDINE MESYLATE	100.00%	0.00%
DEFERIOXAMINE MESYLATE	97.23%	2.77%
DIDANOSINE	100.00%	0.00%
DISODIUM PAMIDRONATE	64.97%	35.03%
DORNASE ALFA	99.48%	0.52%
DOXORUBICIN HYDROCHLORIDE	63.64%	36.36%
EFAVIRENZ	99.90%	0.10%
EPOETIN	89.17%	10.83%
FILGRASTIM	69.51%	30.49%
FOSCARNET SODIUM	100.00%	0.00%
GANCICLOVIR	95.24%	4.76%
INDINAVIR SULFATE	99.73%	0.27%
INTERFERON ALFA-2a	78.54%	21.46%
INTERFERON ALFA-2b	65.21%	34.79%
INTERFERON GAMMA-1b	100.00%	0.00%
LAMIVUDINE	93.35%	6.65%
LAMIVUDINE AND ZIDOVUDINE	99.78%	0.22%
LANREOTIDE ACETATE	86.21%	13.79%
LENOGRASTIM	88.19%	11.81%
LOPINAVIR WITH RITONAVIR	100.00%	0.00%
MYCOPHENOLATE MOFETIL	96.28%	3.72%
NELFINAVIR MESYLATE	100.00%	0.00%
NEVIRAPINE	99.89%	0.11%
OCTREOTIDE	67.93%	32.07%
OCTREOTIDE ACETATE	77.39%	22.61%
PEGFILGRASTIM	34.59%	65.41%
PEGINTERFERON ALFA-2b	93.33%	6.67%
RIBAVIRIN & INTERFERON ALFA-2b	89.07%	10.93%
RIFABUTIN	93.84%	6.16%
RITONAVIR	100.00%	0.00%
SAQUINAVIR MESYLATE	100.00%	0.00%
STAVUDINE	100.00%	0.00%
TACROLIMUS	97.27%	2.73%
TENOFOVIR DISOPROXIL FUMARATE	100.00%	0.00%
VALACICLOVIR HYDROCHLORIDE	98.11%	1.89%
VALGANCICLOVIR HYDROCHLORIDE	100.00%	0.00%
ZALCITABINE	97.87%	2.13%
ZIDOVUDINE	100.00%	0.00%
ZOLEDRONIC ACID	40.28%	59.72%
2002-2003 TOTAL:	88.10%	11.90%

PBS INFORMATION LINE REPORT, 2002-2003

The PBS Information Line, established in 1990, is an Australia-wide service which gives information on all aspects of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme to the general public, health professionals, consumer groups, Ministers' and MPs' offices, and to other Government Departments and agencies.

During the period July 2002 - June 2003, the Line received 28,260 calls.

Conclusion	No	%
Of all callers	28,248	99.95% were satisfied
	6	0.025% were dissatisfied
	6	0.025% were abusive
Complaints	138	0.48% of all callers
<u>Breakdown</u>		
Budget 02/03 - other	3	2.1% of all complaints
Budget 02/03 - patient contributions	4	2.9%
Cost of item	27	19.6%
IME	9	6.5%
Non-PBS item	40	29.0%
Other	35	1.4%
Recordable value	2	25.4%
Restrictions	6	4.3%
Safety net thresholds	12	8.7%

NATIONAL DIABETES SERVICES SCHEME (NDSS)

Under this program the Commonwealth Government subsidises the supply of insulin syringes and diagnostic agents to persons with diabetes. The program is administered on behalf of the Commonwealth by Diabetes Australia, which coordinates the supply of product through its affiliated branches and agents in all States and Territories.

The number of persons with diabetes registered with the NDSS increased by 11.35% in 2001-2002 compared with 10.75% for 2000-2001. Details of registrant numbers are as follows:

Number of persons with diabetes registered with NDSS						
Year	Insulin using	% change	Non insulin using	% change	Total	% change
1990-91	74,532		36,182		110,714	
1991-92	83,179	11.60	53,711	48.45	136,890	23.64
1992-93	92,131	10.76	74,750	39.17	166,881	21.91
1993-94	99,419	7.91	98,518	31.80	197,937	18.61
1994-95	108,123	8.75	125,071	26.95	233,194	17.81
1995-96	119,520	10.54	153,175	22.47	272,695	16.94
1996-97	131,012	9.62	183,678	19.91	314,690	15.40
1997-98	141,627	8.10	220,599	20.10	362,226	15.10
1998-99	139,211	-1.71	247,751	12.30	386,962	6.82
1999-00	153,701	10.41	292,256	17.96	445,957	15.25
2000-01	163,202	6.18	330,717	13.16	493,919	10.75
2001-02	175,011	7.24	374,983	13.38	549,994	11.35
2002-03*	179,813	2.74	391,249	4.34	571,062	3.83

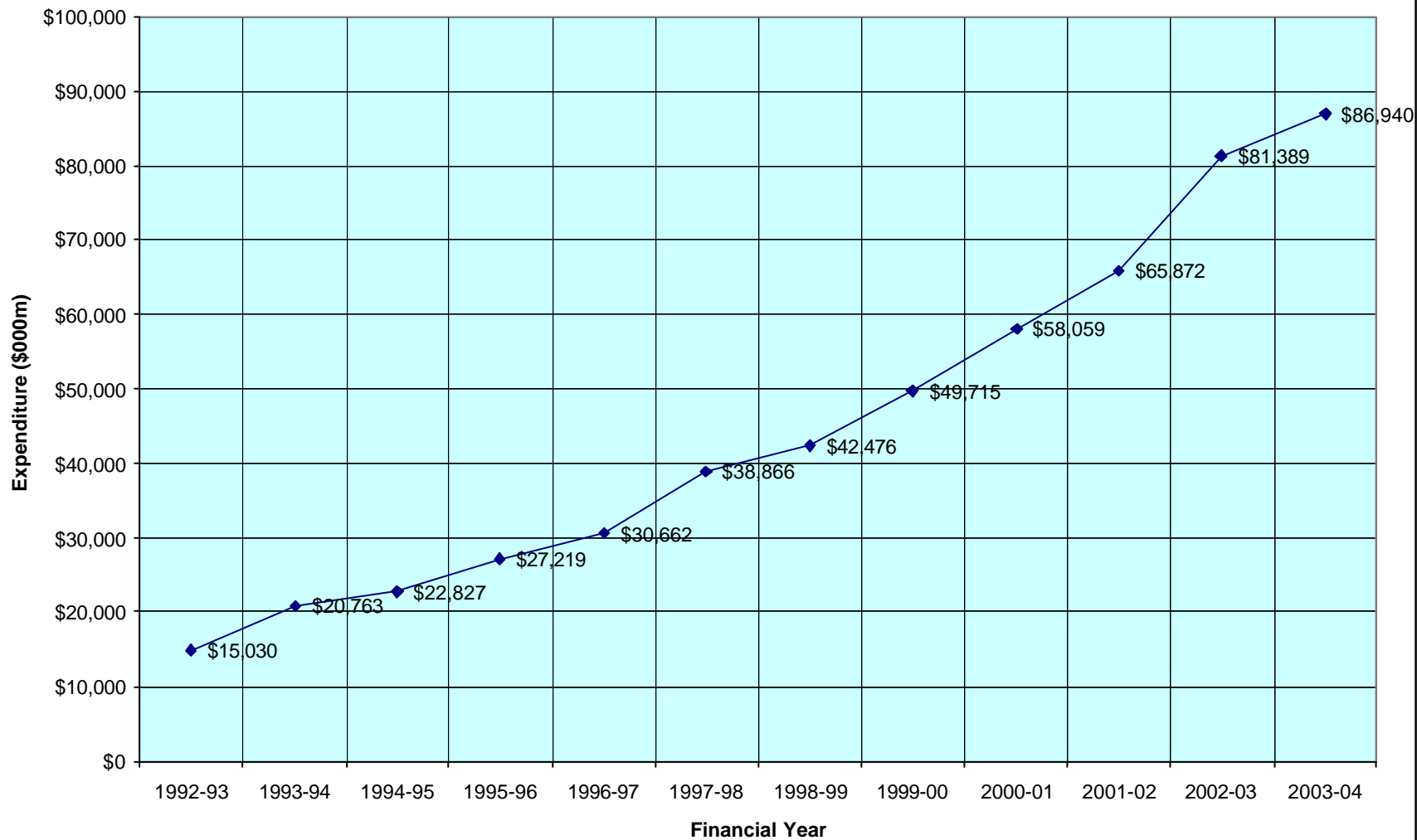
* Please note that 2002-03 figures are only from 1 July 2002 to 31 December 2002.

The tables on the following pages provide statistics on NDSS expenditure, NDSS syringes/needles and reagents units by quarters, and PBS insulin scripts and NDSS syringe units by quarters.

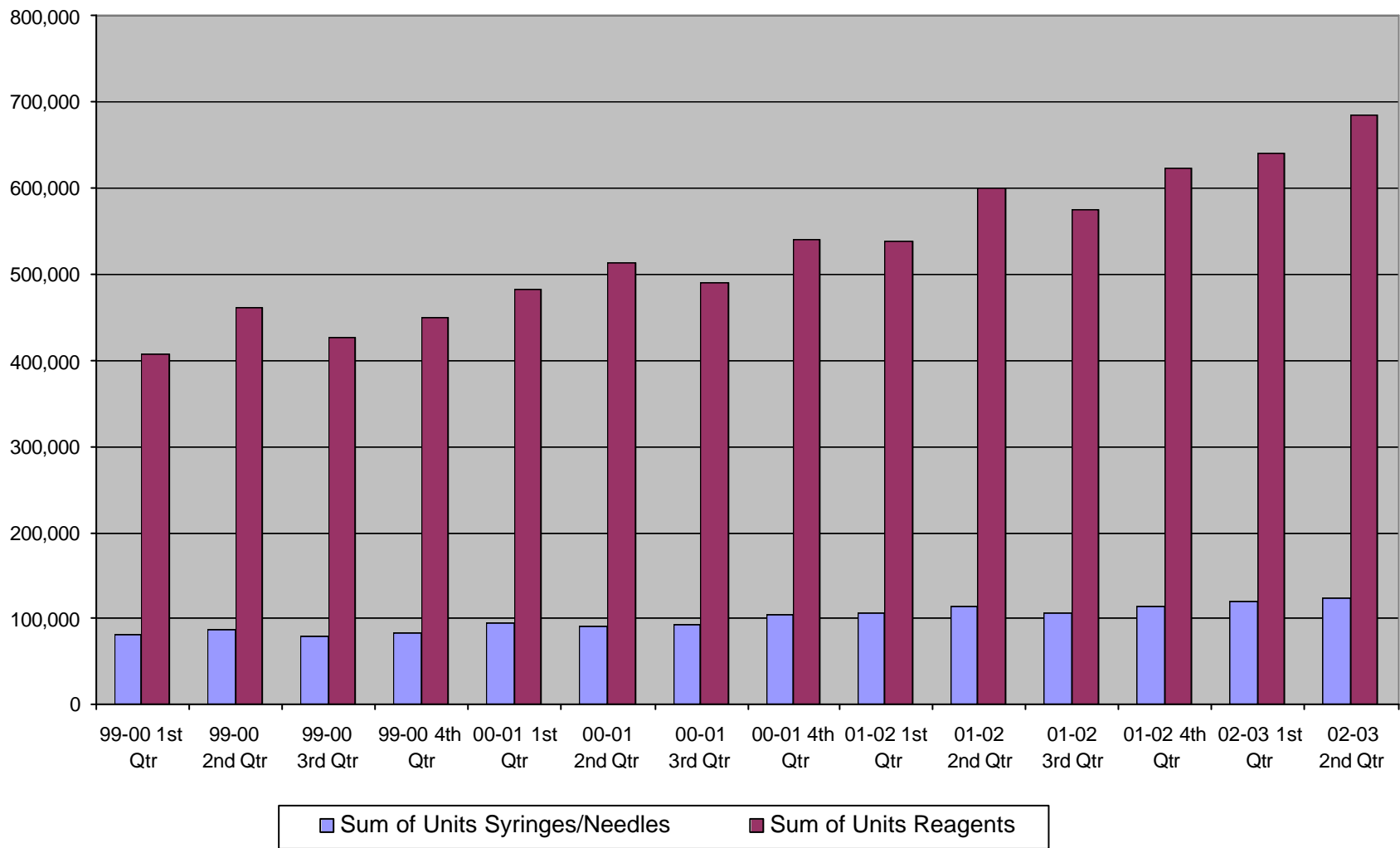
The Government provides considerable direct support to people with diabetes through the supply of essential medicines under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, and diagnostic test strips and syringes through the National Diabetes Services Scheme. In the 2002-03 financial year, Commonwealth outlays on diabetic supplies amounted to \$258.8 million, an increase of \$26.6 million over the previous financial year of \$232.2 million.

The Government expenditure on the NDSS for the 2002-03 financial year was \$81.39 million, an increase of \$15.52 million from the 2001-02 financial year figure of \$65.87 million.

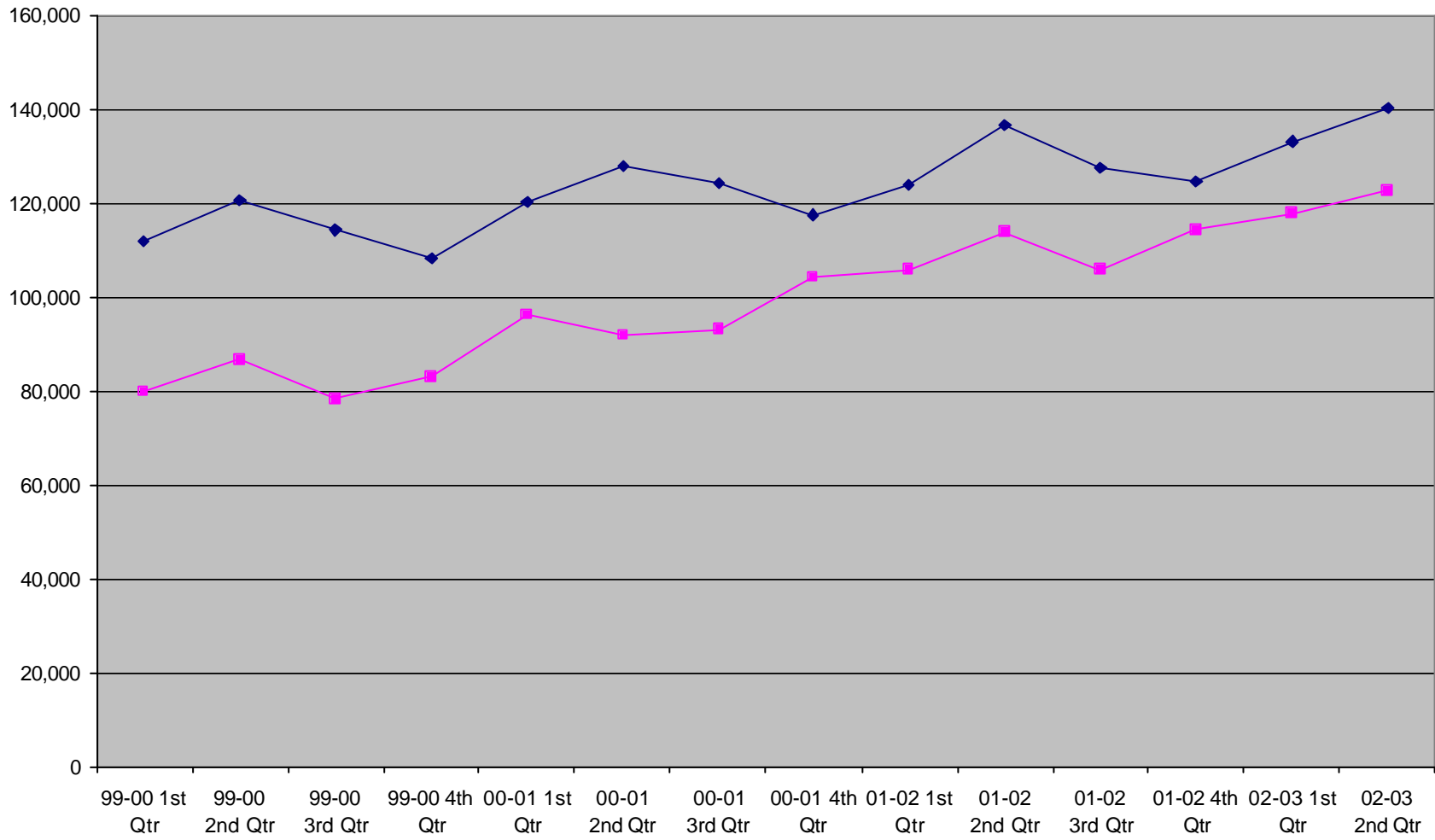
NDSS Expenditure (includes 2003-2004 estimate)



NDSS Syringes/Needles and Reagent Units - By quarters



PBS Insulin Scripts and NDSS Syringe Units - By quarters



◆ PBS Insulin Scripts ■ NDSS Sum of Units Syringes/Needles