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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 \$726.80. When patients and/or their families reach this amount, they can apply for a Safety Net Concession Card and pay only \$3.80 per prescription for the rest of the calendar year. The concessional safety net threshold is \$197.60. 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 which are prepared on an Accrual accounting basis may be found in the Department of Health and Ageing Annual Reports.

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SUMMARY OF PBS PROCESSING Year Ending 30 June 2004

Government expenditure on PBS prescriptions for the year ending 30 June 2004 totalled \$5,001.1 million, compared with \$4,575.2 million for the previous year. This is a 9.3 per cent increase.

Total PBS prescription volumes increased by 4.3 per cent to a total of 166 million, compared to 159 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 \$937.8 million, up from \$859 million in the previous twelve-month period.

The majority of government expenditure on PBS prescriptions was directed towards concessional cardholders (\$3,977 million, 79.5% of the total). This is compared to concessional expenditure of \$3,649 million in the previous period (79.8 % of the total).

The average dispensed price per prescription of PBS medicines increased to \$35.84 for the year ending June 2004 (\$34.22 for the year ending June 2003). The average government cost of these scripts was \$30.17 for the same period (\$28.80 to June 2003).

The three drugs with the highest cost to government were *Atorvastatin* (\$368.6 million), *Simvastatin* (\$333.7 million) and *Omeprazole* (\$177.7 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 \$94.7 million to \$808.2 million), *Drugs for Acid Related Disorders* (up \$56.0 million to \$470.0 million) and *Agents Acting on Renin-Angiotensin System* (up \$36.2 million to \$394.9 million).

Table 1: PBS Prescription Volume and Government Cost, year ending: June 2004

	Year ending June 2003		Year ending June 2004		Change	
Volume						
Category	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Concessional non Safety Net	101,459,056	63.8	104,619,866	63.1	3,160,810	3.1
Concessional Safety Net	31,177,491	19.6	32,827,303	19.8	1,649,812	5.3
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>132,636,547</i>	<i>83.4</i>	<i>137,447,169</i>	<i>82.9</i>	<i>4,810,622</i>	<i>3.6</i>
General non Safety Net	20,694,131	13.0	22,443,338	13.5	1,749,207	8.5
General Safety Net	5,188,492	3.3	5,544,618	3.3	356,126	6.9
<i>Total General</i>	<i>25,882,623</i>	<i>16.3</i>	<i>27,987,956</i>	<i>16.9</i>	<i>2,105,333</i>	<i>8.1</i>
Drs Bag	437,516	0.3	426,976	0.3	-10,540	-2.4
Total	158,956,686	100.0	165,862,101	100.0	6,905,415	4.3
Govt Cost						
Category	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Concessional non Safety Net	2,741,874,040	59.9	2,972,331,634	59.4	230,457,594	8.4
Concessional Safety Net	907,119,434	19.8	1,004,522,779	20.1	97,403,345	10.7
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>3,648,993,474</i>	<i>79.8</i>	<i>3,976,854,413</i>	<i>79.5</i>	<i>327,860,939</i>	<i>9.0</i>
General non Safety Net	747,049,026	16.3	824,130,608	16.5	77,081,582	10.3
General Safety Net	169,693,390	3.7	190,682,979	3.8	20,989,589	12.4
<i>Total General</i>	<i>916,742,416</i>	<i>20.0</i>	<i>1,014,813,587</i>	<i>20.3</i>	<i>98,071,171</i>	<i>10.7</i>
Drs Bag	9,510,606	0.2	9,408,669	0.2	-101,937	-1.1
Total	4,575,246,496	100.0	5,001,076,669	100.0	425,830,173	9.3

Table 1(a): RPBS Prescription Volume and Government Cost, year ending: June 2004

	Year ending June 2003		Year ending June 2004		Change	
Volume						
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total	15,362,564	100.0	15,627,475	100.0	264,911	1.7
Govt Cost						
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Total	425,885,375	100.0	456,299,564	100.0	30,414,189	7.1

Table 2: PBS Prescription Volume, Government Cost and Patient Contributions, year ending: June 2004

Category	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Patient Payments \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
Concessional non Safety Net	104,619,866	2,972,331,634	392,513,143	3,364,844,776	32.16
Concessional Safety Net	32,827,303	1,004,522,779	0	1,004,522,779	30.60
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>137,447,169</i>	<i>3,976,854,413</i>	<i>392,513,143</i>	<i>4,369,367,556</i>	<i>31.79</i>
General non Safety Net	22,443,338	824,130,608	524,763,848	1,348,894,456	60.10
General Safety Net	5,544,618	190,682,979	20,538,514	211,221,493	38.09
<i>Total General</i>	<i>27,987,956</i>	<i>1,014,813,587</i>	<i>545,302,362</i>	<i>1,560,115,949</i>	<i>55.74</i>
Total	165,435,125	4,991,668,000	937,815,505	5,929,483,505	35.84
Drs Bag	426,976	9,408,669	0	9,408,669	22.04
Total	165,862,101	5,001,076,669	937,815,505	5,938,892,174	35.81

Table 2(a): PBS Prescription Volume and Govt Cost by monthly summary (excl. Drs Bag), year ending: June 2004

	Month	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Patient Payments \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	
2002	JUL	14,186,753	391,983,486	80,221,983	472,205,469	33.28	
	AUG	13,104,141	368,513,484	69,389,361	437,902,845	33.42	
	SEP	13,487,498	385,490,294	67,439,886	452,930,180	33.58	
	OCT	13,852,735	399,311,740	64,798,860	464,110,600	33.50	
	NOV	13,225,675	388,240,086	57,940,358	446,180,444	33.74	
	DEC	14,266,597	423,575,277	57,873,472	481,448,749	33.75	
2003	JAN	14,842,388	440,045,433	61,676,119	501,721,551	33.80	
	FEB	10,893,240	313,274,450	71,508,859	384,783,309	35.32	
	MAR	11,970,691	343,550,355	79,549,424	423,099,779	35.34	
	APR	11,975,175	339,848,700	78,653,802	418,502,502	34.95	
	MAY	13,632,827	392,760,858	88,470,287	481,231,146	35.30	
	JUN	13,081,450	379,141,727	81,908,809	461,050,536	35.24	
	Total	158,519,170	4,565,735,890	859,431,219	5,425,167,109	34.22	
	2003	JUL	13,791,973	402,781,737	81,842,444	484,624,181	35.14
		AUG	13,119,569	386,110,781	73,509,518	459,620,298	35.03
		SEP	13,963,090	410,407,472	73,354,808	483,762,281	34.65
OCT		14,857,659	449,507,940	73,048,817	522,556,756	35.17	
NOV		13,410,960	410,609,029	61,732,573	472,341,602	35.22	
DEC		15,227,188	472,129,184	64,873,711	537,002,895	35.27	
2004	JAN	14,968,042	465,657,878	62,175,385	527,833,263	35.26	
	FEB	12,306,859	372,727,287	83,576,673	456,303,960	37.08	
	MAR	13,289,997	400,886,007	92,431,148	493,317,154	37.12	
	APR	13,186,312	394,160,786	90,812,606	484,973,391	36.78	
	MAY	13,736,387	416,964,565	92,712,871	509,677,436	37.10	
	JUN	13,577,089	409,725,334	87,744,952	497,470,287	36.64	
Total	165,435,125	4,991,668,000	937,815,505	5,929,483,505	35.84		

**Table 3: PBS processing by State (excl. Drs Bag), year ending:
June 2004**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Volume									
Concess NSN	35,776,660	26,504,748	19,375,243	9,187,626	9,302,730	3,102,219	335,979	1,034,661	104,619,866
Concess SN	11,878,251	8,154,083	6,047,157	2,782,876	2,590,753	1,036,118	55,359	282,706	32,827,303
General NSN	7,790,195	5,547,817	4,111,448	1,663,521	2,183,571	492,052	146,531	508,203	22,443,338
General SN	2,077,282	1,370,997	983,824	394,137	467,400	115,431	21,597	113,950	5,544,618
Total	57,522,388	41,577,645	30,517,672	14,028,160	14,544,454	4,745,820	559,466	1,939,520	165,435,125
Govt Cost \$									
Concess NSN	1,025,706,287	754,960,029	544,523,280	258,984,152	261,303,801	84,962,968	9,510,702	32,380,415	2,972,331,634
Concess SN	367,805,512	247,469,931	184,581,968	84,300,187	78,850,093	30,416,867	1,725,198	9,373,023	1,004,522,779
General NSN	281,010,170	208,266,055	150,179,305	64,702,873	80,013,648	17,106,534	5,200,552	17,651,471	824,130,608
General SN	70,534,069	46,976,380	35,423,953	12,922,902	16,268,055	3,781,817	747,641	4,028,162	190,682,979
Total	1,745,056,037	1,257,672,395	914,708,506	420,910,115	436,435,596	136,268,185	17,184,094	63,433,072	4,991,668,000
Total Cost \$									
Concess NSN	1,159,943,197	854,400,648	617,203,081	293,457,795	296,200,713	96,607,705	10,769,678	36,261,961	3,364,844,776
Concess SN	367,805,512	247,469,931	184,581,968	84,300,187	78,850,093	30,416,867	1,725,198	9,373,023	1,004,522,779
General NSN	463,152,751	337,987,200	246,302,881	103,607,188	131,070,550	28,614,739	8,625,331	29,533,817	1,348,894,456
General SN	78,228,512	52,055,364	39,068,208	14,382,748	17,999,261	4,209,442	827,646	4,450,312	211,221,493
Total	2,069,129,972	1,491,913,142	1,087,156,137	495,747,919	524,120,616	159,848,752	21,947,854	79,619,113	5,929,483,505
Ave Prices \$									
Concess NSN	32.42	32.24	31.86	31.94	31.84	31.14	32.05	35.05	32.16
Concess SN	30.96	30.35	30.52	30.29	30.44	29.36	31.16	33.15	30.60
General NSN	59.45	60.92	59.91	62.28	60.03	58.15	58.86	58.11	60.10
General SN	37.66	37.97	39.71	36.49	38.51	36.47	38.32	39.05	38.09
Total	35.97	35.88	35.62	35.34	36.04	33.68	39.23	41.05	35.84
Population ('000) ^(a)	6,745.3	4,976.1	3,883.5	1,535.1	1,984.0	482.7	199.0	323.2	20,128.9
Volume per capita	8.5	8.4	7.9	9.1	7.3	9.8	2.8	6.0	8.2
Govt cost per capita	258.7	252.7	235.5	274.2	220.0	282.3	86.4	196.3	248.0
% Population	33.5	24.7	19.3	7.6	9.9	2.4	1.0	1.6	100
% Volume	34.8	25.1	18.4	8.5	8.8	2.9	0.3	1.2	100
% Govt Cost	35.0	25.2	18.3	8.4	8.7	2.7	0.3	1.3	100
% Total Cost	34.9	25.2	18.3	8.4	8.8	2.7	0.4	1.3	100

(a) Population 30 June 2004

Source: ABS Publication 3101.0

**Table 4(a): PBS processing by State (excl. Drs Bag), years ending:
June 2001 to end June 2004**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Prescriptions - Volume									
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	54,243,242	38,628,203	28,090,250	13,364,009	13,435,911	4,434,381	527,625	1,803,010	154,526,631
Year Ending Jun 03	55,407,095	39,733,159	28,933,428	13,594,071	13,908,981	4,527,363	543,642	1,871,431	158,519,170
Year Ending Jun 04	57,522,388	41,577,645	30,517,672	14,028,160	14,544,454	4,745,820	559,466	1,939,520	165,435,125
Change	2,115,293	1,844,486	1,584,244	434,089	635,473	218,457	15,824	68,089	6,915,955
%	3.82	4.64	5.48	3.19	4.57	4.83	2.91	3.64	4.36
Government Cost \$									
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	1,485,552,610	1,051,839,244	748,329,548	355,634,453	362,368,069	114,291,754	14,727,168	53,661,038	4,186,403,884
Year Ending Jun 03	1,609,014,331	1,151,492,683	821,606,577	387,697,982	398,018,261	123,177,878	15,829,932	58,898,247	4,565,735,890
Year Ending Jun 04	1,745,056,037	1,257,672,395	914,708,506	420,910,115	436,435,596	136,268,185	17,184,094	63,433,072	4,991,668,000
Change	136,041,706	106,179,712	93,101,929	33,212,132	38,417,336	13,090,307	1,354,162	4,534,825	425,932,110
%	8.45	9.22	11.33	8.57	9.65	10.63	8.55	7.70	9.33

**Table 4(b):PBS processing by State, highest volume drug: ATORVASTATIN
year ending: June 2004**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Prescriptions - Volume									
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
Year Ending Jun 04	2,452,480	1,564,328	1,222,180	576,447	567,861	142,556	24,943	78,613	6,629,408
Change	285,081	176,798	175,149	46,851	67,287	18,441	3,536	7,988	781,131
%	13.15	12.74	16.73	8.85	13.44	14.86	16.52	11.31	13.36
Government Cost \$									
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
Year Ending Jun 04	136,997,351	86,341,952	67,389,154	33,398,249	30,646,919	8,317,026	1,334,097	4,129,404	368,554,153
Change	19,328,137	12,438,050	11,965,480	3,712,883	4,598,793	1,302,754	249,336	528,405	54,123,838
%	16.43	16.83	21.59	12.51	17.65	18.57	22.99	14.67	17.21

**Table 4(c): PBS processing by State, highest Government cost drug: ATORVASTATIN
year ending: June 2004**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Prescriptions - Volume									
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
Year Ending Jun 04	2,452,480	1,564,328	1,222,180	576,447	567,861	142,556	24,943	78,613	6,629,408
Change	285,081	176,798	175,149	46,851	67,287	18,441	3,536	7,988	781,131
%	13.15	12.74	16.73	8.85	13.44	14.86	16.52	11.31	13.36
Government Cost \$									
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
Year Ending Jun 04	136,997,351	86,341,952	67,389,154	33,398,249	30,646,919	8,317,026	1,334,097	4,129,404	368,554,153
Change	19,328,137	12,438,050	11,965,480	3,712,883	4,598,793	1,302,754	249,336	528,405	54,123,838
%	16.43	16.83	21.59	12.51	17.65	18.57	22.99	14.67	17.21

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Table 4(d): PBS processing by State, highest volume ATC Level 2 year ending: June 2004
AGENTS ACTING ON RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Prescriptions - Volume									
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
Year Ending Jun 04	6,951,044	5,010,263	3,253,651	1,545,511	1,714,128	558,778	74,611	268,954	19,376,940
Change	530,612	433,636	284,991	119,611	156,385	51,083	6,136	18,721	1,601,175
%	8.26	9.48	9.60	8.39	10.04	10.06	8.96	7.48	9.01
Government cost \$									
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
Year Ending Jun 04	144,509,535	104,402,620	67,811,153	32,314,219	35,486,360	12,003,272	1,325,889	4,856,045	402,709,093
Change	12,230,269	9,851,310	6,405,361	2,677,446	3,485,728	1,138,205	131,555	350,075	36,269,949
%	9.25	10.42	10.43	9.03	10.89	10.48	11.01	7.77	9.90

Table 4(e): PBS processing by State, highest Government cost ATC Level 2 year ending: June 2004
SERUM LIPID REDUCING AGENTS

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Prescriptions - Volume									
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
Year Ending Jun 04	5,351,928	3,696,157	2,488,293	1,234,922	1,329,539	369,523	50,780	187,976	14,709,118
Change	479,917	350,164	302,665	82,281	110,222	41,583	5,004	17,261	1,389,097
%	9.85	10.47	13.85	7.14	9.04	12.68	10.93	10.11	10.43
Government cost \$									
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
Year Ending Jun 04	302,888,528	209,486,872	140,748,482	72,041,123	74,948,108	22,335,579	2,754,872	10,337,478	835,541,042
Change	35,353,373	26,649,569	22,137,241	7,014,867	8,176,266	3,091,620	406,146	1,252,873	104,081,956
%	13.21	14.58	18.66	10.79	12.25	16.07	17.29	13.79	14.23

Table 4(f): PBS processing by State, greatest increase in Government cost by ATC Level 2 year ending: June 2004
SERUM LIPID REDUCING AGENTS

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Prescriptions - Volume									
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
Year Ending Jun 04	5,351,928	3,696,157	2,488,293	1,234,922	1,329,539	369,523	50,780	187,976	14,709,118
Change	479,917	350,164	302,665	82,281	110,222	41,583	5,004	17,261	1,389,097
%	9.85	10.47	13.85	7.14	9.04	12.68	10.93	10.11	10.43
Government cost \$									
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
Year Ending Jun 04	302,888,528	209,486,872	140,748,482	72,041,123	74,948,108	22,335,579	2,754,872	10,337,478	835,541,042
Change	35,353,373	26,649,569	22,137,241	7,014,867	8,176,266	3,091,620	406,146	1,252,873	104,081,956
%	13.21	14.58	18.66	10.79	12.25	16.07	17.29	13.79	14.23

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

Expenditure Year ending June 2004 - \$ millions (1)

	Total \$ million	Sources (2):
<i>Highly specialised drugs (3)</i>	403.9	SAP
<i>Safety net cards</i>	7.3	SAP
<i>Drs bag items</i>	9.4	SAP
<i>Methadone</i>	4.2	SAP
<i>Buprenorphine</i>	14.2	SAP
<i>Special Authority Program</i>	24.1	SAP
<i>Chemo. Access Program</i>	25.6	SAP
<i>Aboriginal health services</i>	17.2	SAP
<i>Botox (incl. Dysport)</i>	6.4	SAP
<i>Ostomy preparations</i>	0.4	SAP
<i>In vitro fertilisation</i>	38.2	SAP
<i>Human growth hormones</i>	19.4	SAP
<i>Other (4)</i>	0.2	SAP
Total (5)	570.5	
<i>Year Ending June 2003</i>	477.3	

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 Bush Nursing, Continuing Medication, S100 Special Access Scheme

(5) Expenditure may change following audit

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

June 2004

ATC Group Level 1	Year ending - June 2003				Year ending - June 2004			
	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
ALIMENTARY TRACT AND METABOLISM	20,489,987	677,500,525	786,513,435	38.39	21,780,660	747,067,530	870,176,226	39.95
BLOOD AND BLOOD FORMING ORGANS	4,717,780	130,918,150	148,082,657	31.39	5,358,072	162,230,565	182,864,107	34.13
CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM	49,402,527	1,398,101,052	1,707,943,464	34.57	52,636,908	1,551,147,980	1,891,628,357	35.94
DERMATOLOGICALS	2,789,575	61,194,544	74,103,386	26.56	2,773,638	60,237,757	73,518,863	26.51
GENITO URINARY SYSTEM AND SEX HORMONES	4,610,505	98,466,398	118,584,804	25.72	4,036,558	87,235,419	105,632,443	26.17
SYSTEMIC HORMONAL PREP,EXCL SEX HORMONES	2,333,115	23,405,901	31,747,736	13.61	2,422,685	24,886,248	33,906,109	14.00
GENERAL ANTIINFECTIVES FOR SYSTEMIC USE	12,216,805	230,246,938	278,405,403	22.79	12,318,414	233,600,148	283,541,416	23.02
ANTINEOPLASTIC AND IMMUNOMODULATING AGENT	1,025,840	349,753,100	359,201,752	350.15	1,095,636	396,769,812	407,395,560	371.83
MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM	12,021,979	332,401,809	401,871,088	33.43	12,567,966	360,808,673	435,465,540	34.65
NERVOUS SYSTEM	31,170,751	810,724,766	975,173,132	31.28	32,481,424	883,216,919	1,065,556,075	32.81
ANTIPARASITIC PRODUCTS, INSECTICIDES AND REF	606,533	4,737,804	6,246,023	10.30	600,790	4,637,195	6,180,996	10.29
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	9,818,678	325,555,708	387,618,615	39.48	9,854,731	351,476,961	416,708,487	42.29
SENSORY ORGANS	6,872,214	86,982,769	109,980,115	16.00	7,102,773	93,111,843	117,856,842	16.59
VARIOUS	612,564	43,106,712	46,258,026	75.52	577,308	42,537,450	45,569,401	78.93
NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED	267,833	2,150,318	2,948,079	11.01	254,538	2,112,168	2,891,751	11.36
Total	158,956,686	4,575,246,496	5,434,677,715	34.19	165,862,101	5,001,076,669	5,938,892,174	35.81

Change, years ending:	June 2003 to June 2004				June 2003 to June 2004			
	Change				Percentage Change			
ALIMENTARY TRACT AND METABOLISM	1,290,673	69,567,004	83,662,791	1.57	6.30	10.27	10.64	4.08
BLOOD AND BLOOD FORMING ORGANS	640,292	31,312,416	34,781,451	2.74	13.57	23.92	23.49	8.73
CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM	3,234,381	153,046,928	183,684,892	1.37	6.55	10.95	10.75	3.95
DERMATOLOGICALS	-15,937	-956,788	-584,522	-0.06	-0.57	-1.56	-0.79	-0.22
GENITO URINARY SYSTEM AND SEX HORMONES	-573,947	-11,230,979	-12,952,361	0.45	-12.45	-11.41	-10.92	1.74
SYSTEMIC HORMONAL PREP,EXCL SEX HORMONES	89,570	1,480,347	2,158,373	0.39	3.84	6.32	6.80	2.85
GENERAL ANTIINFECTIVES FOR SYSTEMIC USE	101,609	3,353,210	5,136,013	0.23	0.83	1.46	1.84	1.00
ANTINEOPLASTIC AND IMMUNOMODULATING AGENT	69,796	47,016,711	48,193,808	21.68	6.80	13.44	13.42	6.19
MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM	545,987	28,406,863	33,594,452	1.22	4.54	8.55	8.36	3.65
NERVOUS SYSTEM	1,310,673	72,492,153	90,382,943	1.52	4.20	8.94	9.27	4.86
ANTIPARASITIC PRODUCTS, INSECTICIDES AND REF	-5,743	-100,609	-65,027	-0.01	-0.95	-2.12	-1.04	-0.10
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	36,053	25,921,253	29,089,872	2.81	0.37	7.96	7.50	7.11
SENSORY ORGANS	230,559	6,129,074	7,876,727	0.59	3.35	7.05	7.16	3.68
VARIOUS	-35,256	-569,262	-688,625	3.42	-5.76	-1.32	-1.49	4.53
NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED	-13,295	-38,149	-56,328	0.35	-4.96	-1.77	-1.91	3.21
Total	6,905,415	425,830,174	504,214,459	1.62	4.34	9.31	9.28	4.73

Table 7: Top ten ATC drug groups with greatest increase in Government cost (incl Drs bag), year ending: June 2004

ATC Group Level 2	Year ending: June 2003				Year ending: June 2004				Change		
	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$
SERUMLIPIDREDUCING AGENTS	13,114,050	713,557,873	813,527,138	62.03	14,307,008	808,235,439	920,585,804	64.35	1,192,958	94,677,567	107,058,666
DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	11,086,162	414,025,747	485,652,188	43.81	12,014,543	470,048,483	553,395,819	46.06	928,381	56,022,736	67,743,632
AGENTS ACTING ON RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYST	17,450,148	358,653,105	489,523,639	28.05	18,969,069	394,867,334	539,812,262	28.46	1,518,921	36,214,229	50,288,623
ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	3,797,096	116,132,336	129,629,665	34.14	4,434,085	148,166,534	164,881,788	37.19	636,989	32,034,198	35,252,123
PSYCHOANALEPTICS	10,949,442	311,955,532	405,180,174	37.00	11,765,228	342,252,798	448,109,943	38.09	815,786	30,297,266	42,929,768
DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES	1,827,009	103,830,689	112,916,164	61.80	2,337,070	129,912,782	141,841,487	60.69	510,061	26,082,092	28,925,323
DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	9,650,456	320,658,745	382,418,864	39.63	9,528,940	342,722,341	406,526,935	42.66	-121,516	22,063,596	24,108,071
PSYCHOLEPTICS	7,295,448	221,951,370	244,853,186	33.56	7,218,660	242,748,908	266,123,324	36.87	-76,788	20,797,538	21,270,139
ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS	373,972	144,870,692	148,357,308	396.71	399,115	160,912,039	164,860,020	413.06	25,143	16,041,347	16,502,713
ANALGESICS	10,604,730	127,173,756	156,806,643	14.79	10,824,440	139,845,370	171,218,999	15.82	219,710	12,671,614	14,412,356
Sub-total	86,148,513	2,832,809,845	3,368,864,969	39.11	91,798,158	3,179,712,028	3,777,356,382	41.15	5,649,645	346,902,184	408,491,413
Total	158,956,686	4,575,246,496	5,434,677,715	34.19	165,862,101	5,001,076,669	5,938,892,174	35.81	6,905,415	425,830,174	504,214,459
Top ten as % of Total	54.20	61.92	61.99		55.35	63.58	63.60		81.81	81.46	81.02

Table 8: Top 3 drugs by generic name in ATC drug groups with greatest increase in Govt. cost (incl Drs bag), year ending: June 2003 to year ending: June 2004

Group and Drugs	Change from:	June 2003
	Volume	Govt Cost \$
SERUMLIPIDREDUCING AGENTS	1,192,958	94,677,567
ATORVASTATIN	673,744	47,891,486
SIMVASTATIN	391,318	36,291,220
PRAVASTATIN	148,534	11,759,397
DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	928,381	56,022,736
ESOMEPRAZOLE	1,280,118	60,768,773
RABEPRAZOLE	379,068	14,458,723
PANTOPRAZOLE	130,776	5,281,575
AGENTS ACTING ON RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	1,518,921	36,214,229
IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	414,915	9,546,958
RAMIPRIL	378,877	8,910,024
PERINDOPRIL and INDAPAMIDE	334,888	7,547,088
ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	636,989	32,034,198
CLOPIDOGREL	347,190	27,135,003
ENOXAPARIN	24,506	2,409,878
DIPYRIDAMOLE with ASPRIN	42,264	1,059,328
PSYCHOANALEPTICS	815,786	30,297,266
VENLAFAXINE	242,636	10,825,612
MIRTAZAPINE	233,026	7,593,900
CITALOPRAM	215,870	4,581,296
DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES	510,061	26,082,092
ALENDRONIC ACID	305,657	14,985,780
PHENELZINE SULPHATE	195,909	10,006,324
AMITRIPTYLINE HYDROCHLORIDE	2,722	1,034,656
DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	-121,516	22,063,596
TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE	470,656	34,569,724
FORMOTEROL and OTHER DRUGS FOR OBSTR	224,967	10,407,817
SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	169,728	8,409,989
PSYCHOLEPTICS	-76,788	20,797,538
AMISULPRIDE	44,239	8,226,811
RISPERIDONE	26,990	6,323,131
ALPRAZOLAM	26,982	6,107,249
ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS	25,143	16,041,347
RITUXIMAB	4,228	6,786,804
OXALIPLATIN	1,758	3,666,669
DOCETAXEL	1,836	3,623,302
ANALGESICS	219,710	12,671,614
TRAMADOL	328,120	5,878,757
OXYCODONE	111,679	4,858,883
FENTANYL	10,989	1,215,261

Note: The generic components listed can add to more than the total for the drug group because of a decrease in gov't 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 2001 to end June 2004

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Prescriptions - Monthly												
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	10,551,086	11,413,522	12,364,427	13,709,112	12,256,171
Year Ending Jun 03	14,186,753	13,104,141	13,487,498	13,852,735	13,225,675	14,266,597	14,842,388	10,893,240	11,970,691	11,975,175	13,632,827	13,081,450
Year Ending Jun 04	13,791,973	13,119,569	13,963,090	14,857,659	13,410,960	15,227,188	14,968,042	12,306,859	13,289,997	13,186,312	13,736,387	13,577,089
Change	(394,780)	15,428	475,592	1,004,924	185,285	960,591	125,654	1,413,619	1,319,306	1,211,137	103,560	495,639
%	-2.78	0.12	3.53	7.25	1.40	6.73	0.85	12.98	11.02	10.11	0.76	3.79
Prescriptions - Cumulative												
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	104,783,399	116,196,921	128,561,348	142,270,460	154,526,631
Year Ending Jun 03	14,186,753	27,290,894	40,778,392	54,631,127	67,856,802	82,123,399	96,965,787	107,859,027	119,829,718	131,804,893	145,437,720	158,519,170
Year Ending Jun 04	13,791,973	26,911,542	40,874,632	55,732,291	69,143,251	84,370,439	99,338,481	111,645,340	124,935,337	138,121,649	151,858,036	165,435,125
Change	(394,780)	(379,352)	96,240	1,101,164	1,286,449	2,247,040	2,372,694	3,786,313	5,105,619	6,316,756	6,420,316	6,915,955
%	-2.78	-1.39	0.24	2.02	1.90	2.74	2.45	3.51	4.26	4.79	4.41	4.36
Government Cost \$ - Monthly												
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	286,159,124	310,289,509	334,775,808	371,318,639	334,754,410
Year Ending Jun 03	391,983,486	368,513,484	385,490,294	399,311,740	388,240,086	423,575,277	440,045,433	313,274,450	343,550,355	339,848,700	392,760,858	379,141,727
Year Ending Jun 04	402,781,737	386,110,781	410,407,472	449,507,940	410,609,029	472,129,184	465,657,878	372,727,287	400,886,007	394,160,786	416,964,565	409,725,334
Change	10,798,251	17,597,296	24,917,178	50,196,200	22,368,944	48,553,907	25,612,446	59,452,837	57,335,652	54,312,086	24,203,706	30,583,607
%	2.75	4.78	6.46	12.57	5.76	11.46	5.82	18.98	16.69	15.98	6.16	8.07
Government Cost \$ - Cumulative												
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	2,835,265,517	3,145,555,026	3,480,330,835	3,851,649,474	4,186,403,884
Year Ending Jun 03	391,983,486	760,496,970	1,145,987,264	1,545,299,004	1,933,539,090	2,357,114,367	2,797,159,800	3,110,434,250	3,453,984,605	3,793,833,304	4,186,594,163	4,565,735,890
Year Ending Jun 04	402,781,737	788,892,518	1,199,299,990	1,648,807,929	2,059,416,959	2,531,546,143	2,997,204,021	3,369,931,308	3,770,817,315	4,164,978,101	4,581,942,665	4,991,668,000
Change	10,798,251	28,395,548	53,312,725	103,508,925	125,877,869	174,431,776	200,044,221	259,497,059	316,832,710	371,144,796	395,348,503	425,932,110
%	2.75	3.73	4.65	6.70	6.51	7.40	7.15	8.34	9.17	9.78	9.44	9.33
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly												
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	27.12	27.19	27.08	27.09	27.31
Year Ending Jun 03	27.63	28.12	28.58	28.83	29.36	29.69	29.65	28.76	28.70	28.38	28.81	28.98
Year Ending Jun 04	29.20	29.43	29.39	30.25	30.62	31.01	31.11	30.29	30.16	29.89	30.35	30.18
Change	1.57	1.31	0.81	1.43	1.26	1.32	1.46	1.53	1.47	1.51	1.54	1.19
%	5.70	4.65	2.84	4.96	4.30	4.43	4.93	5.31	5.11	5.33	5.36	4.12
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative												
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	27.07	27.07	27.09
Year Ending Jun 03	27.63	27.87	28.10	28.29	28.49	28.70	28.85	28.84	28.82	28.78	28.79	28.80
Year Ending Jun 04	29.20	29.31	29.34	29.58	29.78	30.01	30.17	30.18	30.18	30.15	30.17	30.17
Change	1.57	1.45	1.24	1.30	1.29	1.30	1.32	1.35	1.36	1.37	1.39	1.37
%	5.70	5.20	4.41	4.59	4.53	4.54	4.59	4.67	4.71	4.76	4.82	4.76

Table 9(b): General patients - total by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:
June 2001 to end June 2004

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Prescriptions - Monthly												
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	1,545,760	1,663,889	1,801,058	1,991,080	1,828,832
Year Ending Jun 03	2,185,712	2,062,541	2,204,836	2,326,925	2,283,169	2,538,100	2,749,633	1,696,686	1,837,747	1,815,290	2,117,419	2,064,565
Year Ending Jun 04	2,215,914	2,162,235	2,336,280	2,575,320	2,397,417	2,781,688	2,868,802	2,001,564	2,129,858	2,101,846	2,215,586	2,201,446
Change	30,202	99,694	131,444	248,395	114,248	243,588	119,169	304,878	292,111	286,556	98,167	136,881
%	1.38	4.83	5.96	10.67	5.00	9.60	4.33	17.97	15.90	15.79	4.64	6.63
Prescriptions - Cumulative												
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	16,819,372	18,483,261	20,284,319	22,275,399	24,104,231
Year Ending Jun 03	2,185,712	4,248,253	6,453,089	8,780,014	11,063,183	13,601,283	16,350,916	18,047,602	19,885,349	21,700,639	23,818,058	25,882,623
Year Ending Jun 04	2,215,914	4,378,149	6,714,429	9,289,749	11,687,166	14,468,854	17,337,656	19,339,220	21,469,078	23,570,924	25,786,510	27,987,956
Change	30,202	129,896	261,340	509,735	623,983	867,571	986,740	1,291,618	1,583,729	1,870,285	1,968,452	2,105,333
%	1.38	3.06	4.05	5.81	5.64	6.38	6.03	7.16	7.96	8.62	8.26	8.13
Government Cost \$ - Monthly												
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	55,730,021	60,256,285	64,249,905	70,166,418	64,385,404
Year Ending Jun 03	76,648,032	72,864,357	78,495,672	81,235,589	80,758,651	89,805,877	95,484,419	61,593,149	66,480,519	64,912,512	74,895,183	73,568,456
Year Ending Jun 04	78,868,056	77,224,551	83,011,891	92,518,658	86,505,734	100,839,287	102,307,978	74,865,663	78,869,780	76,829,873	82,048,139	80,923,978
Change	2,220,024	4,360,193	4,516,219	11,283,069	5,747,083	11,033,410	6,823,559	13,272,514	12,389,261	11,917,361	7,152,956	7,355,522
%	2.90	5.98	5.75	13.89	7.12	12.29	7.15	21.55	18.64	18.36	9.55	10.00
Government Cost \$ - Cumulative												
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	580,220,488	640,476,773	704,726,678	774,893,096	839,278,501
Year Ending Jun 03	76,648,032	149,512,389	228,008,062	309,243,650	390,002,301	479,808,178	575,292,597	636,885,746	703,366,265	768,278,777	843,173,960	916,742,416
Year Ending Jun 04	78,868,056	156,092,606	239,104,498	331,623,156	418,128,890	518,968,177	621,276,155	696,141,817	775,011,597	851,841,470	933,889,609	1,014,813,587
Change	2,220,024	6,580,217	11,096,436	22,379,505	28,126,589	39,159,999	45,983,558	59,256,071	71,645,332	83,562,693	90,715,649	98,071,171
%	2.90	4.40	4.87	7.24	7.21	8.16	7.99	9.30	10.19	10.88	10.76	10.70
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly												
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	36.05	36.21	35.67	35.24	35.21
Year Ending Jun 03	35.07	35.33	35.60	34.91	35.37	35.38	34.73	36.30	36.18	35.76	35.37	35.63
Year Ending Jun 04	35.59	35.72	35.53	35.93	36.08	36.25	35.66	37.40	37.03	36.55	37.03	36.76
Change	0.52	0.39	-0.07	1.01	0.71	0.87	0.94	1.10	0.86	0.79	1.66	1.13
%	1.49	1.10	-0.20	2.90	2.01	2.45	2.70	3.03	2.36	2.22	4.70	3.16
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative												
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	34.65	34.74	34.79	34.82
Year Ending Jun 03	35.07	35.19	35.33	35.22	35.25	35.28	35.18	35.29	35.37	35.40	35.40	35.42
Year Ending Jun 04	35.59	35.65	35.61	35.70	35.78	35.87	35.83	36.00	36.10	36.14	36.22	36.26
Change	0.52	0.46	0.28	0.48	0.52	0.59	0.65	0.71	0.73	0.74	0.82	0.84
%	1.49	1.30	0.79	1.35	1.49	1.68	1.85	2.00	2.06	2.08	2.30	2.37

**Table 9(c): General patients - non safety net by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:
June 2001 to end June 2004**

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Prescriptions - Monthly												
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	1,503,120	1,658,379	1,784,752	1,935,372	1,712,865
Year Ending Jun 03	1,932,244	1,696,513	1,680,464	1,635,279	1,475,584	1,474,468	1,520,616	1,651,462	1,828,936	1,799,263	2,061,338	1,937,964
Year Ending Jun 04	1,966,785	1,793,815	1,799,627	1,826,221	1,560,177	1,639,875	1,533,989	1,920,116	2,119,884	2,081,555	2,149,234	2,052,060
Change	34,541	97,302	119,163	190,942	84,593	165,407	13,373	268,654	290,948	282,292	87,896	114,096
%	1.79	5.74	7.09	11.68	5.73	11.22	0.88	16.27	15.91	15.69	4.26	5.89
Prescriptions - Cumulative												
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	12,199,832	13,858,211	15,642,963	17,578,335	19,291,200
Year Ending Jun 03	1,932,244	3,628,757	5,309,221	6,944,500	8,420,084	9,894,552	11,415,168	13,066,630	14,895,566	16,694,829	18,756,167	20,694,131
Year Ending Jun 04	1,966,785	3,760,600	5,560,227	7,386,448	8,946,625	10,586,500	12,120,489	14,040,605	16,160,489	18,242,044	20,391,278	22,443,338
Change	34,541	131,843	251,006	441,948	526,541	691,948	705,321	973,975	1,264,923	1,547,215	1,635,111	1,749,207
%	1.79	3.63	4.73	6.36	6.25	6.99	6.18	7.45	8.49	9.27	8.72	8.45
Government Cost \$ - Monthly												
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	54,388,251	60,027,180	63,590,015	68,264,041	60,473,306
Year Ending Jun 03	68,307,502	60,876,438	61,330,359	58,867,144	54,408,032	55,237,735	55,858,099	59,952,379	66,120,377	64,244,972	72,798,734	69,047,255
Year Ending Jun 04	70,067,540	64,324,129	64,692,162	66,877,122	57,809,797	61,951,372	57,173,333	71,902,917	78,464,646	75,995,755	79,419,788	75,452,046
Change	1,760,037	3,447,691	3,361,803	8,009,978	3,401,765	6,713,637	1,315,234	11,950,538	12,344,269	11,750,783	6,621,054	6,404,791
%	2.58	5.66	5.48	13.61	6.25	12.15	2.35	19.93	18.67	18.29	9.10	9.28
Government Cost \$ - Cumulative												
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	438,428,687	498,455,868	562,045,883	630,309,923	690,783,230
Year Ending Jun 03	68,307,502	129,183,940	190,514,299	249,381,443	303,789,476	359,027,210	414,885,309	474,837,688	540,958,065	605,203,038	678,001,771	747,049,026
Year Ending Jun 04	70,067,540	134,391,669	199,083,831	265,960,953	323,770,751	385,722,123	442,895,455	514,798,373	593,263,019	669,258,774	748,678,562	824,130,608
Change	1,760,037	5,207,729	8,569,532	16,579,510	19,981,275	26,694,912	28,010,146	39,960,684	52,304,954	64,055,736	70,676,791	77,081,582
%	2.58	4.03	4.50	6.65	6.58	7.44	6.75	8.42	9.67	10.58	10.42	10.32
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly												
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	36.18	36.20	35.63	35.27	35.31
Year Ending Jun 03	35.35	35.88	36.50	36.00	36.87	37.46	36.73	36.30	36.15	35.71	35.32	35.63
Year Ending Jun 04	35.63	35.86	35.95	36.62	37.05	37.78	37.27	37.45	37.01	36.51	36.95	36.77
Change	0.27	-0.02	-0.55	0.62	0.18	0.32	0.54	1.14	0.86	0.80	1.64	1.14
%	0.78	-0.07	-1.50	1.73	0.49	0.84	1.46	3.15	2.38	2.25	4.63	3.20
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative												
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	35.93	35.86	35.81
Year Ending Jun 03	35.35	35.60	35.88	35.91	36.08	36.29	36.35	36.34	36.32	36.25	36.15	36.10
Year Ending Jun 04	35.63	35.74	35.80	36.01	36.19	36.44	36.54	36.66	36.71	36.69	36.72	36.72
Change	0.27	0.14	-0.08	0.10	0.11	0.15	0.20	0.33	0.39	0.44	0.57	0.62
%	0.78	0.38	-0.22	0.27	0.30	0.41	0.54	0.90	1.08	1.20	1.57	1.72

**Table 9(d): General patients - Safety Net by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:
June 2001 to end June 2004**

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Prescriptions - Monthly												
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	55,708	115,967
Year Ending Jun 03	253,468	366,028	524,372	691,646	807,585	1,063,632	1,229,017	45,224	8,811	16,027	56,081	126,601
Year Ending Jun 04	249,129	368,420	536,653	749,099	837,240	1,141,813	1,334,813	81,448	9,974	20,291	66,352	149,386
Change	(4,339)	2,392	12,281	57,453	29,655	78,181	105,796	36,224	1,163	4,264	10,271	22,785
%	-1.71	0.65	2.34	8.31	3.67	7.35	8.61	80.10	13.20	26.61	18.31	18.00
Prescriptions - Cumulative												
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	4,697,064	4,813,031
Year Ending Jun 03	253,468	619,496	1,143,868	1,835,514	2,643,099	3,706,731	4,935,748	4,980,972	4,989,783	5,005,810	5,061,891	5,188,492
Year Ending Jun 04	249,129	617,549	1,154,202	1,903,301	2,740,541	3,882,354	5,217,167	5,298,615	5,308,589	5,328,880	5,395,232	5,544,618
Change	(4,339)	(1,947)	10,334	67,787	97,442	175,623	281,419	317,643	318,806	323,070	333,341	356,126
%	-1.71	-0.31	0.90	3.69	3.69	4.74	5.70	6.38	6.39	6.45	6.59	6.86
Government Cost \$ - Monthly												
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	1,902,377	3,912,098
Year Ending Jun 03	8,340,530	11,987,919	17,165,313	22,368,444	26,350,618	34,568,142	39,626,320	1,640,770	360,142	667,539	2,096,449	4,521,202
Year Ending Jun 04	8,800,516	12,900,421	18,319,729	25,641,536	28,695,937	38,887,915	45,134,645	2,962,746	405,133	834,117	2,628,351	5,471,932
Change	459,986	912,502	1,154,416	3,273,092	2,345,319	4,319,773	5,508,324	1,321,975	44,991	166,578	531,902	950,730
%	5.52	7.61	6.73	14.63	8.90	12.50	13.90	80.57	12.49	24.95	25.37	21.03
Government Cost \$ - Cumulative												
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	144,583,173	148,495,271
Year Ending Jun 03	8,340,530	20,328,449	37,493,763	59,862,207	86,212,825	120,780,967	160,407,288	162,048,058	162,408,200	163,075,739	165,172,189	169,693,390
Year Ending Jun 04	8,800,516	21,700,938	40,020,667	65,662,202	94,358,139	133,246,054	178,380,699	181,343,445	181,748,578	182,582,696	185,211,047	190,682,979
Change	459,986	1,372,488	2,526,904	5,799,995	8,145,314	12,465,087	17,973,412	19,295,387	19,340,378	19,506,957	20,038,858	20,989,589
%	5.52	6.75	6.74	9.69	9.45	10.32	11.20	11.91	11.91	11.96	12.13	12.37
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly												
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	34.15	33.73
Year Ending Jun 03	32.91	32.75	32.73	32.34	32.63	32.50	32.24	36.28	40.87	41.65	37.38	35.71
Year Ending Jun 04	35.33	35.02	34.14	34.23	34.27	34.06	33.81	36.38	40.62	41.11	39.61	36.63
Change	2.42	2.26	1.40	1.89	1.65	1.56	1.57	0.09	-0.26	-0.54	2.23	0.92
%	7.35	6.91	4.28	5.84	5.04	4.79	4.87	0.26	-0.62	-1.30	5.96	2.57
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative												
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	32.91	32.81	32.78	32.61	32.62	32.58	32.50	32.53	32.55	32.58	32.63	32.71
Year Ending Jun 04	35.33	35.14	34.67	34.50	34.43	34.32	34.19	34.22	34.24	34.26	34.33	34.39
Change	2.42	2.33	1.90	1.89	1.81	1.74	1.69	1.69	1.69	1.69	1.70	1.68
%	7.35	7.09	5.78	5.78	5.56	5.33	5.21	5.20	5.19	5.17	5.20	5.15

Table 9(e): Concessional patients - total by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:
June 2001 to end June 2004

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Prescriptions - Monthly												
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	9,005,326	9,749,633	10,563,369	11,718,032	10,427,339
Year Ending Jun 03	12,001,041	11,041,600	11,282,662	11,525,810	10,942,506	11,728,497	12,092,755	9,196,554	10,132,944	10,159,885	11,515,408	11,016,885
Year Ending Jun 04	11,576,059	10,957,334	11,626,810	12,282,339	11,013,543	12,445,500	12,099,240	10,305,295	11,160,139	11,084,466	11,520,801	11,375,643
Change	(424,982)	(84,266)	344,148	756,529	71,037	717,003	6,485	1,108,741	1,027,195	924,581	5,393	358,758
%	-3.54	-0.76	3.05	6.56	0.65	6.11	0.05	12.06	10.14	9.10	0.05	3.26
Prescriptions - Cumulative												
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	87,964,027	97,713,660	108,277,029	119,995,061	130,422,400
Year Ending Jun 03	12,001,041	23,042,641	34,325,303	45,851,113	56,793,619	68,522,116	80,614,871	89,811,425	99,944,369	110,104,254	121,619,662	132,636,547
Year Ending Jun 04	11,576,059	22,533,393	34,160,203	46,442,542	57,456,085	69,901,585	82,000,825	92,306,120	103,466,259	114,550,725	126,071,526	137,447,169
Change	(424,982)	(509,248)	(165,100)	591,429	662,466	1,379,469	1,385,954	2,494,695	3,521,890	4,446,471	4,451,864	4,810,622
%	-3.54	-2.21	-0.48	1.29	1.17	2.01	1.72	2.78	3.52	4.04	3.66	3.63
Government Cost \$ - Monthly												
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	230,429,104	250,033,224	270,525,903	301,152,221	270,369,006
Year Ending Jun 03	315,335,454	295,649,127	306,994,622	318,076,151	307,481,435	333,769,400	344,561,013	251,681,301	277,069,836	274,936,188	317,865,675	305,573,271
Year Ending Jun 04	323,913,681	308,886,230	327,395,581	356,989,282	324,103,295	371,289,897	363,349,901	297,861,625	322,016,227	317,330,913	334,916,426	328,801,356
Change	8,578,227	13,237,103	20,400,959	38,913,130	16,621,860	37,520,496	18,788,887	46,180,324	44,946,391	42,394,725	17,050,750	23,228,086
%	2.72	4.48	6.65	12.23	5.41	11.24	5.45	18.35	16.22	15.42	5.36	7.60
Government Cost \$ - Cumulative												
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	2,255,045,029	2,505,078,253	2,775,604,156	3,076,756,377	3,347,125,383
Year Ending Jun 03	315,335,454	610,984,581	917,979,203	1,236,055,354	1,543,536,789	1,877,306,190	2,221,867,203	2,473,548,504	2,750,618,340	3,025,554,528	3,343,420,203	3,648,993,474
Year Ending Jun 04	323,913,681	632,799,911	960,195,492	1,317,184,774	1,641,288,069	2,012,577,966	2,375,927,866	2,673,789,491	2,995,805,718	3,313,136,631	3,648,053,057	3,976,854,413
Change	8,578,227	21,815,331	42,216,289	81,129,420	97,751,280	135,271,776	154,060,664	200,240,987	245,187,378	287,582,103	304,632,854	327,860,939
%	2.72	3.57	4.60	6.56	6.33	7.21	6.93	8.10	8.91	9.51	9.11	8.98
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly												
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	25.65	25.61	25.70	25.93
Year Ending Jun 03	26.28	26.78	27.21	27.60	28.10	28.46	28.49	27.37	27.34	27.06	27.60	27.74
Year Ending Jun 04	27.98	28.19	28.16	29.07	29.43	29.83	30.03	28.90	28.85	28.63	29.07	28.90
Change	1.71	1.41	0.95	1.47	1.33	1.38	1.54	1.54	1.51	1.57	1.47	1.17
%	6.49	5.28	3.49	5.32	4.73	4.83	5.40	5.62	5.52	5.79	5.31	4.21
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative												
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	25.63	25.64	25.66
Year Ending Jun 03	26.28	26.52	26.74	26.96	27.18	27.40	27.56	27.54	27.52	27.48	27.49	27.51
Year Ending Jun 04	27.98	28.08	28.11	28.36	28.57	28.79	28.97	28.97	28.95	28.92	28.94	28.93
Change	1.71	1.57	1.37	1.40	1.39	1.39	1.41	1.42	1.43	1.44	1.45	1.42
%	6.49	5.91	5.10	5.21	5.11	5.09	5.13	5.17	5.21	5.25	5.26	5.17

Table 9(f): Concessional patients - non safety net by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:
June 2001 to end June 2004

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Prescriptions - Monthly												
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	8,816,751	9,700,306	10,394,310	11,177,000	9,411,079
Year Ending Jun 03	10,008,536	8,353,711	7,753,755	7,134,022	6,106,570	5,838,830	6,294,839	8,984,770	10,075,823	10,009,756	10,986,332	9,912,112
Year Ending Jun 04	9,591,983	8,300,033	8,053,669	7,592,503	6,106,759	6,153,669	5,802,493	9,955,958	11,095,206	10,896,314	10,927,889	10,143,390
Change	(416,553)	(53,678)	299,914	458,481	189	314,839	(492,346)	971,188	1,019,383	886,558	(58,443)	231,278
%	-4.16	-0.64	3.87	6.43	0.00	5.39	-7.82	10.81	10.12	8.86	-0.53	2.33
Prescriptions - Cumulative												
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	61,333,122	71,033,428	81,427,738	92,604,738	102,015,817
Year Ending Jun 03	10,008,536	18,362,247	26,116,002	33,250,024	39,356,594	45,195,424	51,490,263	60,475,033	70,550,856	80,560,612	91,546,944	101,459,056
Year Ending Jun 04	9,591,983	17,892,016	25,945,685	33,538,188	39,644,947	45,798,616	51,601,109	61,557,067	72,652,273	83,548,587	94,476,476	104,619,866
Change	(416,553)	(470,231)	(170,317)	288,164	288,353	603,192	110,846	1,082,034	2,101,417	2,987,975	2,929,532	3,160,810
%	-4.16	-2.56	-0.65	0.87	0.73	1.33	0.22	1.79	2.98	3.71	3.20	3.12
Government Cost \$ - Monthly												
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	225,235,511	248,853,341	266,189,251	286,637,232	242,247,249
Year Ending Jun 03	259,279,990	218,915,016	205,252,964	190,582,271	166,048,134	160,466,901	173,194,146	245,464,458	275,598,312	270,871,821	302,804,324	273,395,702
Year Ending Jun 04	265,048,449	229,162,054	219,606,000	213,402,211	173,121,250	176,485,084	167,877,002	287,104,312	320,240,676	312,006,237	317,114,071	291,164,288
Change	5,768,458	10,247,039	14,353,036	22,819,941	7,073,115	16,018,182	(5,317,144)	41,639,854	44,642,365	41,134,416	14,309,747	17,768,585
%	2.22	4.68	6.99	11.97	4.26	9.98	-3.07	16.96	16.20	15.19	4.73	6.50
Government Cost \$ - Cumulative												
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	1,524,798,371	1,773,651,712	2,039,840,963	2,326,478,195	2,568,725,445
Year Ending Jun 03	259,279,990	478,195,006	683,447,970	874,030,241	1,040,078,375	1,200,545,276	1,373,739,423	1,619,203,881	1,894,802,193	2,165,674,013	2,468,478,338	2,741,874,040
Year Ending Jun 04	265,048,449	494,210,503	713,816,503	927,218,714	1,100,339,964	1,276,825,048	1,444,702,050	1,731,806,361	2,052,047,038	2,364,053,275	2,681,167,346	2,972,331,634
Change	5,768,458	16,015,497	30,368,533	53,188,474	60,261,589	76,279,771	70,962,627	112,602,481	157,244,845	198,379,261	212,689,008	230,457,594
%	2.22	3.35	4.44	6.09	5.79	6.35	5.17	6.95	8.30	9.16	8.62	8.41
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly												
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	25.65	25.61	25.65	25.74
Year Ending Jun 03	25.91	26.21	26.47	26.71	27.19	27.48	27.51	27.32	27.35	27.06	27.56	27.58
Year Ending Jun 04	27.63	27.61	27.27	28.11	28.35	28.68	28.93	28.84	28.86	28.63	29.02	28.70
Change	1.73	1.40	0.80	1.39	1.16	1.20	1.42	1.52	1.51	1.57	1.46	1.12
%	6.66	5.36	3.01	5.21	4.26	4.36	5.15	5.55	5.52	5.81	5.29	4.07
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative												
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	25.05	25.12	25.18
Year Ending Jun 03	25.91	26.04	26.17	26.29	26.43	26.56	26.68	26.77	26.86	26.88	26.96	27.02
Year Ending Jun 04	27.63	27.62	27.51	27.65	27.75	27.88	28.00	28.13	28.24	28.30	28.38	28.41
Change	1.73	1.58	1.34	1.36	1.33	1.32	1.32	1.36	1.39	1.41	1.42	1.39
%	6.66	6.07	5.13	5.17	5.02	4.95	4.94	5.07	5.17	5.26	5.25	5.13

**Table 9(g): Concessional patients - safety net by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:
June 2001 to end June 2004**

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Prescriptions - Monthly												
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	541,032	1,016,260
Year Ending Jun 03	1,992,505	2,687,889	3,528,907	4,391,788	4,835,936	5,889,667	5,797,916	211,784	57,121	150,129	529,076	1,104,773
Year Ending Jun 04	1,984,076	2,657,301	3,573,141	4,689,836	4,906,784	6,291,831	6,296,747	349,337	64,933	188,152	592,912	1,232,253
Change	(8,429)	(30,588)	44,234	298,048	70,848	402,164	498,831	137,553	7,812	38,023	63,836	127,480
%	-0.42	-1.14	1.25	6.79	1.47	6.83	8.60	64.95	13.68	25.33	12.07	11.54
Prescriptions - Cumulative												
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	27,390,323	28,406,583
Year Ending Jun 03	1,992,505	4,680,394	8,209,301	12,601,089	17,437,025	23,326,692	29,124,608	29,336,392	29,393,513	29,543,642	30,072,718	31,177,491
Year Ending Jun 04	1,984,076	4,641,377	8,214,518	12,904,354	17,811,138	24,102,969	30,399,716	30,749,053	30,813,986	31,002,138	31,595,050	32,827,303
Change	(8,429)	(39,017)	5,217	303,265	374,113	776,277	1,275,108	1,412,661	1,420,473	1,458,496	1,522,332	1,649,812
%	-0.42	-0.83	0.06	2.41	2.15	3.33	4.38	4.82	4.83	4.94	5.06	5.29
Government Cost \$ - Monthly												
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	14,514,989	28,121,757
Year Ending Jun 03	56,055,463	76,734,111	101,741,658	127,493,880	141,433,301	173,302,499	171,366,867	6,216,843	1,471,524	4,064,367	15,061,351	32,177,568
Year Ending Jun 04	58,865,232	79,724,176	107,789,581	143,587,070	150,982,046	194,804,813	195,472,898	10,757,313	1,775,550	5,324,676	17,802,354	37,637,068
Change	2,809,769	2,990,064	6,047,923	16,093,190	9,548,745	21,502,314	24,106,031	4,540,470	304,026	1,260,309	2,741,004	5,459,500
%	5.01	3.90	5.94	12.62	6.75	12.41	14.07	73.03	20.66	31.01	18.20	16.97
Government Cost \$ - Cumulative												
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	750,278,182	778,399,939
Year Ending Jun 03	56,055,463	132,789,575	234,531,233	362,025,113	503,458,414	676,760,913	848,127,780	854,344,623	855,816,147	859,880,514	874,941,865	907,119,434
Year Ending Jun 04	58,865,232	138,589,408	246,378,989	389,966,059	540,948,105	735,752,918	931,225,816	941,983,130	943,758,680	949,083,356	966,885,711	1,004,522,779
Change	2,809,769	5,799,833	11,847,756	27,940,946	37,489,691	58,992,005	83,098,036	87,638,507	87,942,533	89,202,842	91,943,846	97,403,346
%	5.01	4.37	5.05	7.72	7.45	8.72	9.80	10.26	10.28	10.37	10.51	10.74
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly												
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	27.67
Year Ending Jun 03	28.13	28.55	28.83	29.03	29.25	29.42	29.56	29.35	25.76	27.07	28.47	29.13
Year Ending Jun 04	29.67	30.00	30.17	30.62	30.77	30.96	31.04	30.79	27.34	28.30	30.03	30.54
Change	1.54	1.45	1.34	1.59	1.52	1.54	1.49	1.44	1.58	1.23	1.56	1.42
%	5.46	5.09	4.63	5.47	5.21	5.22	5.03	4.90	6.14	4.53	5.47	4.87
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative												
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	28.37	28.57	28.73	28.87	29.01	29.12	29.12	29.12	29.11	29.09	29.10
Year Ending Jun 04	29.67	29.86	29.99	30.22	30.37	30.53	30.63	30.63	30.63	30.61	30.60	30.60
Change	1.54	1.49	1.42	1.49	1.50	1.51	1.51	1.51	1.51	1.51	1.51	1.50
%	5.46	5.25	4.98	5.19	5.19	5.22	5.19	5.19	5.19	5.18	5.18	5.17

Table 10(a): Significant drug groups (incl Drs bag) by highest Government cost, year end: June 2003 to year end: June 2004

ATC Group Level 2	Year ending June 2003				Year ending June 2004			
	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
SERUM LIPID REDUCING AGENTS	13,320,021	731,459,087	834,056,359	62.62	14,709,118	835,541,042	952,617,922	64.76
DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	11,291,472	428,527,814	503,333,267	44.58	12,266,029	480,817,576	567,359,408	46.25
AGENTS ACTING ON RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	17,775,765	366,439,144	500,877,361	28.18	19,376,940	402,709,093	551,727,000	28.47
PSYCHOANALEPTICS	11,104,099	317,253,523	413,323,120	37.22	12,000,862	350,523,725	460,123,457	38.34
DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	9,485,438	322,017,132	383,165,145	40.40	9,523,344	348,071,969	412,367,828	43.30
PSYCHOLEPTICS	7,245,658	227,409,173	250,359,041	34.55	7,224,566	247,431,938	271,038,710	37.52
ANTIINFLAMMATORY AND ANTIRHEUMATIC PRODUCTS	9,095,431	209,262,297	265,718,378	29.21	9,143,205	212,956,211	271,757,010	29.72
ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS	378,693	147,183,954	150,771,360	398.14	406,132	167,801,228	171,875,909	423.20
ANTIDIABETIC THERAPY	4,630,466	152,633,689	168,702,981	36.43	4,931,545	167,446,211	185,154,380	37.54
ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	3,936,792	123,746,618	138,180,344	35.10	4,540,455	154,544,380	172,118,921	37.91
CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS	7,308,106	149,135,783	187,675,374	25.68	7,380,410	152,512,663	191,221,993	25.91
ANALGESICS	10,588,558	130,774,063	160,742,278	15.18	10,914,950	141,925,677	174,370,911	15.98
DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES	1,966,630	110,739,959	120,724,968	61.39	2,439,353	135,028,145	147,684,827	60.54
ANTIBACTERIALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	10,910,845	130,435,199	168,825,427	15.47	11,092,683	130,574,361	170,580,847	15.38
ENDOCRINE THERAPY	387,190	96,546,669	99,607,628	257.26	396,251	102,127,519	105,417,506	266.04
ANTIEPILEPTICS	1,524,052	83,966,068	95,266,862	62.51	1,595,871	90,791,297	102,931,713	64.50
OPHTHALMOLOGICALS	5,964,619	83,438,278	103,749,357	17.39	6,233,638	89,823,235	111,914,982	17.95

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Change, years ending:	June 2003 to June 2004				June 2003 to June 2004			
	Change	Change	Change	Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change
SERUM LIPID REDUCING AGENTS	1,389,097	104,081,956	118,561,563	2.15	10.43	14.23	14.22	3.43
DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	974,557	52,289,762	64,026,141	1.68	8.63	12.20	12.72	3.76
AGENTS ACTING ON RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	1,601,175	36,269,949	50,849,639	0.30	9.01	9.90	10.15	1.05
PSYCHOANALEPTICS	896,763	33,270,202	46,800,338	1.12	8.08	10.49	11.32	3.00
DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	37,906	26,054,837	29,202,683	2.91	0.40	8.09	7.62	7.19
PSYCHOLEPTICS	-21,092	20,022,765	20,679,668	2.96	-0.29	8.80	8.26	8.58
ANTIINFLAMMATORY AND ANTIRHEUMATIC PRODUCTS	47,774	3,693,914	6,038,632	0.51	0.53	1.77	2.27	1.74
ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS	27,439	20,617,274	21,104,549	25.07	7.25	14.01	14.00	6.30
ANTIDIABETIC THERAPY	301,079	14,812,522	16,451,399	1.11	6.50	9.70	9.75	3.05
ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	603,663	30,797,762	33,938,577	2.81	15.33	24.89	24.56	8.00
CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS	72,304	3,376,880	3,546,619	0.23	0.99	2.26	1.89	0.89
ANALGESICS	326,392	11,151,614	13,628,633	0.79	3.08	8.53	8.48	5.23
DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES	472,723	24,288,186	26,959,859	-0.84	24.04	21.93	22.33	-1.38
ANTIBACTERIALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	181,838	139,162	1,755,420	-0.10	1.67	0.11	1.04	-0.62
ENDOCRINE THERAPY	9,061	5,580,850	5,809,878	8.78	2.34	5.78	5.83	3.41
ANTIEPILEPTICS	71,819	6,825,229	7,664,851	1.99	4.71	8.13	8.05	3.18
OPHTHALMOLOGICALS	269,019	6,384,957	8,165,625	0.56	4.51	7.65	7.87	3.22

Table 10(b): Significant drug groups (incl Drs bag) by highest volume, year end: June 2003 to year end: June 2004

ATC Group Level 2	Year ending June 2003				Year ending June 2004			
	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
AGENTS ACTING ON RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	17,775,765	366,439,144	500,877,361	28.18	19,376,940	402,709,093	551,727,000	28.47
SERUM LIPID REDUCING AGENTS	13,320,021	731,459,087	834,056,359	62.62	14,709,118	835,541,042	952,617,922	64.76
DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	11,291,472	428,527,814	503,333,267	44.58	12,266,029	480,817,576	567,359,408	46.25
PSYCHOANALEPTICS	11,104,099	317,253,523	413,323,120	37.22	12,000,862	350,523,725	460,123,457	38.34
ANTIBACTERIALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	10,910,845	130,435,199	168,825,427	15.47	11,092,683	130,574,361	170,580,847	15.38
ANALGESICS	10,588,558	130,774,063	160,742,278	15.18	10,914,950	141,925,677	174,370,911	15.98
DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	9,485,438	322,017,132	383,165,145	40.40	9,523,344	348,071,969	412,367,828	43.30
ANTIINFLAMMATORY AND ANTIRHEUMATIC PRODUCTS	9,095,431	209,262,297	265,718,378	29.21	9,143,205	212,956,211	271,757,010	29.72
CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS	7,308,106	149,135,783	187,675,374	25.68	7,380,410	152,512,663	191,221,993	25.91
PSYCHOLEPTICS	7,245,658	227,409,173	250,359,041	34.55	7,224,566	247,431,938	271,038,710	37.52
OPHTHALMOLOGICALS	5,964,619	83,438,278	103,749,357	17.39	6,233,638	89,823,235	111,914,982	17.95
ANTIDIABETIC THERAPY	4,630,466	152,633,689	168,702,981	36.43	4,931,545	167,446,211	185,154,380	37.54
BETA BLOCKING AGENTS	4,342,791	57,038,283	70,316,472	16.19	4,628,098	67,136,235	81,758,886	17.67
ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	3,936,792	123,746,618	138,180,344	35.10	4,540,455	154,544,380	172,118,921	37.91
SEX HORMONES AND MODULATORS OF THE GENITAL SYSTEM	4,370,599	91,284,414	110,205,268	25.22	3,791,359	77,297,819	94,217,005	24.85
CARDIAC THERAPY	3,485,959	60,831,109	71,977,886	20.65	3,450,371	60,872,657	72,290,385	20.95
DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES	1,966,630	110,739,959	120,724,968	61.39	2,439,353	135,028,145	147,684,827	60.54

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Change, years ending:	June 2003 to June 2004				June 2003 to June 2004			
	Change	Change	Change	Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change
AGENTS ACTING ON RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	1,601,175	36,269,949	50,849,639	0.30	9.01	9.90	10.15	1.05
SERUM LIPID REDUCING AGENTS	1,389,097	104,081,956	118,561,563	2.15	10.43	14.23	14.22	3.43
DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	974,557	52,289,762	64,026,141	1.68	8.63	12.20	12.72	3.76
PSYCHOANALEPTICS	896,763	33,270,202	46,800,338	1.12	8.08	10.49	11.32	3.00
ANTIBACTERIALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	181,838	139,162	1,755,420	-0.10	1.67	0.11	1.04	-0.62
ANALGESICS	326,392	11,151,614	13,628,633	0.79	3.08	8.53	8.48	5.23
DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	37,906	26,054,837	29,202,683	2.91	0.40	8.09	7.62	7.19
ANTIINFLAMMATORY AND ANTIRHEUMATIC PRODUCTS	47,774	3,693,914	6,038,632	0.51	0.53	1.77	2.27	1.74
CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS	72,304	3,376,880	3,546,619	0.23	0.99	2.26	1.89	0.89
PSYCHOLEPTICS	-21,092	20,022,765	20,679,668	2.96	-0.29	8.80	8.26	8.58
OPHTHALMOLOGICALS	269,019	6,384,957	8,165,625	0.56	4.51	7.65	7.87	3.22
ANTIDIABETIC THERAPY	301,079	14,812,522	16,451,399	1.11	6.50	9.70	9.75	3.05
BETA BLOCKING AGENTS	285,307	10,097,952	11,442,414	1.47	6.57	17.70	16.27	9.10
ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	603,663	30,797,762	33,938,577	2.81	15.33	24.89	24.56	8.00
SEX HORMONES AND MODULATORS OF THE GENITAL SYSTEM	-579,240	-13,986,595	-15,988,263	-0.36	-13.25	-15.32	-14.51	-1.45
CARDIAC THERAPY	-35,588	41,548	312,500	0.30	-1.02	0.07	0.43	1.47
DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES	472,723	24,288,186	26,959,859	-0.84	24.04	21.93	22.33	-1.38

Table 11(a): Significant drugs (incl Drs bag)-sorted by highest change to Government cost, year end: June 2003 to year end: June 2004

Rank	Drug	Year ending June 2003				Year ending June 2004				Change	
		Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Govt Cost \$	%
1	ATORVASTATIN	5,848,277	314,430,315	364,689,743	62.36	6,629,408	368,554,153	427,030,219	64.41	54,123,838	17.21
2	ESOMEPRAZOLE	944,849	48,861,880	57,445,910	60.80	2,051,597	100,249,623	118,532,126	57.78	51,387,743	105.17
3	SIMVASTATIN	5,056,541	294,159,174	328,778,719	65.02	5,526,791	333,669,341	373,139,090	67.51	39,510,167	13.43
4	TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE	97,217	7,006,564	7,528,038	77.44	578,834	42,315,436	44,836,583	77.46	35,308,872	503.94
5	CLOPIDOGREL	1,023,755	81,173,216	86,023,463	84.03	1,369,634	108,117,378	115,058,695	84.01	26,944,162	33.19
6	RABEPRAZOLE	486,786	18,942,004	23,281,321	47.83	864,542	33,451,099	41,180,444	47.63	14,509,095	76.60
7	ALENDRONIC ACID	1,445,217	74,623,621	82,072,489	56.79	1,701,990	87,403,280	96,313,566	56.59	12,779,659	17.13
8	ETANERCEPT	0	0	0	0.00	6,525	12,240,040	12,299,100	1,884.92	12,240,040	New
9	PRAVASTATIN	1,796,074	103,032,372	116,150,045	64.67	1,949,376	114,253,847	128,718,054	66.03	11,221,474	10.89
10	VENLAFAXINE	1,358,842	61,188,159	75,171,786	55.32	1,615,790	72,403,802	89,846,713	55.61	11,215,643	18.33
11	FORMOTEROL and OTHER DRUGS FOR OBSTR	37,849	1,712,514	2,119,557	56.00	279,306	12,834,225	15,651,897	56.04	11,121,710	649.44
12	RISEDRONIC ACID	158,824	8,953,481	9,753,580	61.41	374,011	19,889,467	21,878,530	58.50	10,935,986	122.14
13	IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	2,243,913	51,711,014	72,327,296	32.23	2,640,518	60,775,672	85,458,442	32.36	9,064,658	17.53
14	RITUXIMAB	14,656	29,094,188	29,276,832	1997.60	19,829	37,225,784	37,471,225	1,889.72	8,131,596	27.95
15	RAMIPRIL	2,277,813	46,768,502	62,862,126	27.60	2,625,971	54,801,695	73,672,277	28.06	8,033,193	17.18
16	MELOXICAM	663,799	14,884,745	19,926,770	30.02	973,400	22,548,914	29,980,207	30.80	7,664,169	51.49
17	CARVEDILOL	292,713	26,676,865	28,230,616	96.44	376,375	34,188,567	36,188,940	96.15	7,511,702	28.16
18	AMISULPRIDE	26,814	4,826,835	4,997,960	186.39	66,685	12,265,209	12,690,039	190.30	7,438,374	154.10
19	PANTOPRAZOLE	1,845,851	77,953,816	91,369,013	49.50	2,037,525	85,330,042	100,197,565	49.18	7,376,226	9.46
20	SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	2,354,087	144,983,983	167,543,052	71.17	2,508,244	152,343,064	177,374,020	70.72	7,359,081	5.08
21	PERINDOPRIL and INDAPAMIDE	1,092,871	26,354,930	36,270,482	33.19	1,411,208	33,235,350	46,318,021	32.82	6,880,420	26.11
22	MIRTAZAPINE	374,829	11,951,329	15,169,530	40.47	580,982	18,798,447	23,709,045	40.81	6,847,118	57.29
23	QUETIAPINE	103,361	20,940,796	21,575,394	208.74	130,785	27,156,781	27,959,470	213.78	6,215,985	29.68
24	INSULIN ASPART/PROTAMINE ASPART	9,538	2,484,511	2,560,381	268.44	32,651	8,489,634	8,738,798	267.64	6,005,123	241.70
25	VALACICLOVIR	194,765	35,421,035	38,557,808	197.97	227,702	41,203,800	45,001,835	197.63	5,782,765	16.33
26	LERCANIPIDINE	362,356	6,388,039	8,935,120	24.66	595,013	12,133,609	15,689,936	26.37	5,745,570	89.94
27	IRBESARTAN	2,859,697	59,565,886	83,763,075	29.29	3,116,535	65,284,235	91,766,427	29.45	5,718,349	9.60
28	OLANZAPINE	656,166	140,283,078	143,898,046	219.30	678,390	145,619,364	149,425,509	220.26	5,336,287	3.80
29	OXYCODONE	597,262	17,644,481	19,774,395	33.11	721,213	22,714,178	25,397,882	35.22	5,069,697	28.73
30	ROFECOXIB	2,709,713	82,972,554	103,676,594	38.26	2,819,111	87,811,844	109,954,158	39.00	4,839,291	5.83
31	TRAMADOL	1,378,006	19,434,192	23,604,304	17.13	1,622,303	24,052,043	29,053,744	17.91	4,617,851	23.76
32	CITALOPRAM	1,546,341	40,586,734	57,309,669	37.06	1,718,789	44,684,014	63,734,632	37.08	4,097,280	10.10
33	PLASTIC IUD with PROGASTERONE	7,291	1,479,395	1,604,417	220.05	27,305	5,535,249	6,002,749	219.84	4,055,854	274.16
34	BIMATOPROST	24,275	646,207	826,087	34.03	166,497	4,635,137	5,674,450	34.08	3,988,930	617.28
35	INSULIN ASPART	25,258	6,327,030	6,611,778	261.77	40,927	10,059,707	10,526,281	257.20	3,732,677	59.00

Table 11(b): Significant Drugs (incl Drs Bag)-Sorted by Highest Volume Change, year end: June 2003 to year end: June 2004

Rank	Drug	Year ending June 2003				Year ending June 2004				Change	
		Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	%
1	ESOMEPRAZOLE	944,849	48,861,880	57,445,910	60.80	2,051,597	100,249,623	118,532,126	57.78	1,106,748	117.13
2	ATORVASTATIN	5,848,277	314,430,315	364,689,743	62.36	6,629,408	368,554,153	427,030,219	64.41	781,131	13.36
3	TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE	97,217	7,006,564	7,528,038	77.44	578,834	42,315,436	44,836,583	77.46	481,617	495.40
4	SIMVASTATIN	5,056,541	294,159,174	328,778,719	65.02	5,526,791	333,669,341	373,139,090	67.51	470,250	9.30
5	IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	2,243,913	51,711,014	72,327,296	32.23	2,640,518	60,775,672	85,458,442	32.36	396,605	17.67
6	RABEPRAZOLE	486,786	18,942,004	23,281,321	47.83	864,542	33,451,099	41,180,444	47.63	377,756	77.60
7	RAMIPRIL	2,277,813	46,768,502	62,862,126	27.60	2,625,971	54,801,695	73,672,277	28.06	348,158	15.28
8	CLOPIDOGREL	1,023,755	81,173,216	86,023,463	84.03	1,369,634	108,117,378	115,058,695	84.01	345,879	33.79
9	PERINDOPRIL and INDAPAMIDE	1,092,871	26,354,930	36,270,482	33.19	1,411,208	33,235,350	46,318,021	32.82	318,337	29.13
10	MELOXICAM	663,799	14,884,745	19,926,770	30.02	973,400	22,548,914	29,980,207	30.80	309,601	46.64
11	VENLAFAXINE	1,358,842	61,188,159	75,171,786	55.32	1,615,790	72,403,802	89,846,713	55.61	256,948	18.91
12	IRBESARTAN	2,859,697	59,565,886	83,763,075	29.29	3,116,535	65,284,235	91,766,427	29.45	256,838	8.98
13	ALENDRONIC ACID	1,445,217	74,623,621	82,072,489	56.79	1,701,990	87,403,280	96,313,566	56.59	256,773	17.77
14	TRAMADOL	1,378,006	19,434,192	23,604,304	17.13	1,622,303	24,052,043	29,053,744	17.91	244,297	17.73
15	FORMOTEROL and OTHER DRUGS FOR OBSTR	37,849	1,712,514	2,119,557	56.00	279,306	12,834,225	15,651,897	56.04	241,457	637.95
16	LERCANIPIDINE	362,356	6,388,039	8,935,120	24.66	595,013	12,133,609	15,689,936	26.37	232,657	64.21
17	RISEDRONIC ACID	158,824	8,953,481	9,753,580	61.41	374,011	19,889,467	21,878,530	58.50	215,187	135.49
18	MIRTAZAPINE	374,829	11,951,329	15,169,530	40.47	580,982	18,798,447	23,709,045	40.81	206,153	55.00
19	PERINDOPRIL	2,161,837	39,632,199	53,454,433	24.73	2,358,909	42,901,225	58,618,039	24.85	197,072	9.12
20	PANTOPRAZOLE	1,845,851	77,953,816	91,369,013	49.50	2,037,525	85,330,042	100,197,565	49.18	191,674	10.38
21	TELMISARTAN and DIURETICS	16,188	286,882	455,729	28.15	195,570	3,582,345	5,506,318	28.16	179,382	1108.12
22	AMOXYCILLIN	2,169,403	15,818,016	23,027,331	10.61	2,343,193	16,862,334	24,853,491	10.61	173,790	8.01
23	CITALOPRAM	1,546,341	40,586,734	57,309,669	37.06	1,718,789	44,684,014	63,734,632	37.08	172,448	11.15
24	SERTRALINE	2,321,988	66,980,933	91,262,139	39.30	2,487,169	70,709,816	97,907,780	39.37	165,181	7.11
25	METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	2,281,837	28,817,185	35,574,815	15.59	2,445,487	31,323,081	38,623,640	15.79	163,650	7.17
26	CANDESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	383,934	7,397,415	10,958,868	28.54	545,579	10,443,448	15,550,198	28.50	161,645	42.10
27	WARFARIN	1,563,699	7,958,322	12,076,077	7.72	1,718,226	8,717,821	13,335,091	7.76	154,527	9.88
28	SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	2,354,087	144,983,983	167,543,052	71.17	2,508,244	152,343,064	177,374,020	70.72	154,157	6.55
29	PRAVASTATIN	1,796,074	103,032,372	116,150,045	64.67	1,949,376	114,253,847	128,718,054	66.03	153,302	8.54
30	BIMATOPROST	24,275	646,207	826,087	34.03	166,497	4,635,137	5,674,450	34.08	142,222	585.88
31	ATENOLOL	2,718,486	19,775,545	27,681,546	10.18	2,856,440	20,458,579	28,917,567	10.12	137,954	5.07
32	OXYCODONE	597,262	17,644,481	19,774,395	33.11	721,213	22,714,178	25,397,882	35.22	123,951	20.75
33	MOMETASONE	502,068	6,096,585	8,392,450	16.72	625,962	7,480,486	10,364,042	16.56	123,894	24.68
34	ROFECOXIB	2,709,713	82,972,554	103,676,594	38.26	2,819,111	87,811,844	109,954,158	39.00	109,398	4.04
35	CEPHALEXIN	1,684,354	13,859,075	19,203,548	11.40	1,785,290	14,422,099	20,219,265	11.33	100,936	5.99

Table 12(a): Highest Govt Cost PBS Drugs by Generic Name, year end: June 2004
 (total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank	Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	ATORVASTATIN	6,629,408	368,554,153	427,030,219	64.41
2	SIMVASTATIN	5,526,791	333,669,341	373,139,090	67.51
3	OMEPRAZOLE	4,109,223	177,662,792	208,523,170	50.75
4	SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	2,508,244	152,343,064	177,374,020	70.72
5	OLANZAPINE	678,390	145,619,364	149,425,509	220.26
6	PRAVASTATIN	1,949,376	114,253,847	128,718,054	66.03
7	CLOPIDOGREL	1,369,634	108,117,378	115,058,695	84.01
8	ESOMEPRAZOLE	2,051,597	100,249,623	118,532,126	57.78
9	ROFECOXIB	2,819,111	87,811,844	109,954,158	39.00
10	ALENDRONIC ACID	1,701,990	87,403,280	96,313,566	56.59
11	PANTOPRAZOLE	2,037,525	85,330,042	100,197,565	49.18
12	CELECOXIB	2,988,227	79,066,117	100,216,051	33.54
13	INSULIN (HUMAN)	398,460	75,089,362	78,251,159	196.38
14	VENLAFAXINE	1,615,790	72,403,802	89,846,713	55.61
15	SERTRALINE	2,487,169	70,709,816	97,907,780	39.37
16	IRBESARTAN	3,116,535	65,284,235	91,766,427	29.45
17	IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZ	2,640,518	60,775,672	85,458,442	32.36
18	RAMIPRIL	2,625,971	54,801,695	73,672,277	28.06
19	AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	2,169,597	50,274,246	62,874,829	28.98
20	SALBUTAMOL	2,994,658	45,858,446	56,307,957	18.80
21	CITALOPRAM	1,718,789	44,684,014	63,734,632	37.08
22	PERINDOPRIL	2,358,909	42,901,225	58,618,039	24.85
23	TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE	578,834	42,315,436	44,836,583	77.46
24	GOSERELIN	53,559	41,887,280	42,290,779	789.61
25	VALACICLOVIR	227,702	41,203,800	45,001,835	197.63
26	PAROXETINE	1,263,133	39,399,084	53,063,868	42.01
27	RITUXIMAB	19,829	37,225,784	37,471,225	1889.72
28	INTERFERON BETA-1b	31,929	37,173,869	37,600,453	1177.63
29	LANSOPRAZOLE	842,805	36,977,843	44,392,043	52.67
30	LATANOPROST	1,226,993	35,350,549	41,851,333	34.11
31	CARVEDILOL	376,375	34,188,567	36,188,940	96.15
32	MORPHINE	820,040	34,079,157	36,815,748	44.90
33	RABEPRAZOLE	864,542	33,451,099	41,180,444	47.63
34	PERINDOPRIL and INDAPAMIDE	1,411,208	33,235,350	46,318,021	32.82
35	INTERFERON BETA-1a	27,774	33,195,931	33,580,390	1209.06
36	IPRATROPIUM BROMIDE	737,813	31,342,305	34,388,123	46.61
37	METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	2,445,487	31,323,081	38,623,640	15.79
38	RISPERIDONE	226,256	31,017,317	32,370,349	143.07
39	RANITIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,565,831	30,053,601	34,414,592	21.98
40	DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	1,331,605	29,912,849	36,847,708	27.67
41	FLUOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	867,965	27,570,222	37,326,977	43.01
42	FAMCICLOVIR	94,863	27,284,581	28,706,175	302.61
43	FELODIPINE	1,339,626	27,165,781	34,004,279	25.38
44	QUETIAPINE	130,785	27,156,781	27,959,470	213.78
45	LAMOTRIGINE	213,988	25,251,714	27,063,521	126.47
46	TRAMADOL	1,622,303	24,052,043	29,053,744	17.91
47	DONEPEZIL	152,324	23,747,524	24,399,577	160.18
48	GLUCOSE INDICATOR--BLOOD	486,496	23,372,283	25,579,219	52.58
49	FLUTICASONE	762,596	22,951,148	30,416,806	39.89
50	OXYCODONE	721,213	22,714,178	25,397,882	35.22

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Table 12(a): Highest Govt Cost PBS Drugs by Generic Name, year end: June 2004
 (total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank	Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
51	SODIUM VALPROATE	552,700	22,679,645	26,939,776	48.74
52	MELOXICAM	973,400	22,548,914	29,980,207	30.80
53	LEUPRORELIN ACETATE	22,082	22,439,840	22,553,443	1021.35
54	DOCETAXEL	10,776	21,391,915	21,535,181	1998.44
55	PARACETAMOL	4,123,605	21,377,721	32,180,122	7.80
56	ENALAPRIL MALEATE	1,030,090	21,135,320	27,123,343	26.33
57	PACLITAXEL	10,389	20,972,807	21,111,853	2032.14
58	ATENOLOL	2,856,440	20,458,579	28,917,567	10.12
59	LISINOPRIL	1,035,731	20,260,083	27,833,237	26.87
60	RISEDRONIC ACID	374,011	19,889,467	21,878,530	58.50
61	GLYCERYL TRINITRATE	923,755	19,889,127	22,452,083	24.31
62	MESALAZINE	127,874	19,374,230	21,154,987	165.44
63	MIRTAZAPINE	580,982	18,798,447	23,709,045	40.81
64	NIFEDIPINE	924,401	18,682,017	24,286,108	26.27
65	LEFLUNOMIDE	101,620	18,464,731	19,395,749	190.87
66	CODEINE with PARACETAMOL	2,490,992	18,328,672	25,726,003	10.33
67	RALOXIFENE	315,731	17,664,219	19,134,508	60.60
68	AMOXYCILLIN with CLAVULANIC ACID	1,313,162	17,396,532	21,706,612	16.53
69	ISOTRETINOIN	133,400	17,383,661	19,733,789	147.93
70	AMOXYCILLIN	2,343,193	16,862,334	24,853,491	10.61
71	CANDESARTAN	854,855	16,235,713	21,593,991	25.26
72	CYPROTERONE ACETATE	72,366	15,432,812	16,023,449	221.42
73	TELMISARTAN	848,284	15,315,142	22,170,057	26.14
74	OXALIPLATIN	11,053	15,183,049	15,320,354	1386.08
75	CEPHALEXIN	1,785,290	14,422,099	20,219,265	11.33
76	GLATIRAMER ACETATE	13,335	14,369,800	14,535,878	1090.05
77	VERAPAMIL HYDROCHLORIDE	1,020,168	14,344,161	17,519,134	17.17
78	BUDESONIDE	439,764	14,329,922	18,564,549	42.21
79	BUPROPION	82,839	14,205,042	15,348,903	185.29
80	ISOSORBIDE MONONITRATE	1,028,358	14,179,870	16,844,457	16.38
81	INSULIN LISPRO	58,664	13,917,976	14,544,565	247.93
82	TERBINAFINE	97,314	13,909,177	15,220,357	156.40
83	TAMOXIFEN	194,315	13,168,617	14,972,734	77.05
84	GEMFIBROZIL	412,727	13,020,947	16,413,202	39.77
85	FORMOTEROL and OTHER DRUGS FOR	279,306	12,834,225	15,651,897	56.04
86	GLICLAZIDE	984,921	12,544,294	15,237,184	15.47
87	FOSINOPRIL with HYDROCHLOROTHAZI	553,743	12,324,081	16,837,001	30.41
88	AMISULPRIDE	66,685	12,265,209	12,690,039	190.30
89	ETANERCEPT	6,525	12,240,040	12,299,100	1884.92
90	LERCANIPIDINE	595,013	12,133,609	15,689,936	26.37
91	QUINAPRIL	589,988	11,807,115	15,402,698	26.11
92	ENOXAPARIN	131,841	11,562,291	13,100,189	99.36
93	CIPROFLOXACIN	127,320	11,366,540	12,463,088	97.89
94	CALCITRIOL	194,899	10,963,863	11,954,215	61.34
95	FLUVOXAMINE	356,597	10,699,687	14,596,829	40.93
96	GABAPENTIN	65,108	10,497,767	10,907,894	167.54
97	CANDESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHI	545,579	10,443,448	15,550,198	28.50
98	TRANDOLAPRIL	514,500	10,307,891	12,217,401	23.75
99	ROXITHROMYCIN	1,058,988	10,275,282	13,684,018	12.92
100	CARBAMAZEPINE	339,598	10,096,560	12,719,234	37.45

Table 12(b): Highest Volume PBS Drugs by Generic Name, year ending: June 2004
 (total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1 ATORVASTATIN	6,629,408	368,554,153	427,030,219	64.41
2 SIMVASTATIN	5,526,791	333,669,341	373,139,090	67.51
3 PARACETAMOL	4,123,605	21,377,721	32,180,122	7.80
4 OMEPRAZOLE	4,109,223	177,662,792	208,523,170	50.75
5 IRBESARTAN	3,116,535	65,284,235	91,766,427	29.45
6 SALBUTAMOL	2,994,658	45,858,446	56,307,957	18.80
7 CELECOXIB	2,988,227	79,066,117	100,216,051	33.54
8 ATENOLOL	2,856,440	20,458,579	28,917,567	10.12
9 ROFECOXIB	2,819,111	87,811,844	109,954,158	39.00
10 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	2,640,518	60,775,672	85,458,442	32.36
11 RAMIPRIL	2,625,971	54,801,695	73,672,277	28.06
12 SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	2,508,244	152,343,064	177,374,020	70.72
13 CODEINE with PARACETAMOL	2,490,992	18,328,672	25,726,003	10.33
14 SERTRALINE	2,487,169	70,709,816	97,907,780	39.37
15 METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	2,445,487	31,323,081	38,623,640	15.79
16 PERINDOPRIL	2,358,909	42,901,225	58,618,039	24.85
17 AMOXYCILLIN	2,343,193	16,862,334	24,853,491	10.61
18 AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	2,169,597	50,274,246	62,874,829	28.98
19 ESOMEPRAZOLE	2,051,597	100,249,623	118,532,126	57.78
20 TEMAZEPAM	2,038,271	8,073,248	13,556,964	6.65
21 PANTOPRAZOLE	2,037,525	85,330,042	100,197,565	49.18
22 PRAVASTATIN	1,949,376	114,253,847	128,718,054	66.03
23 CEPHALEXIN	1,785,290	14,422,099	20,219,265	11.33
24 CITALOPRAM	1,718,789	44,684,014	63,734,632	37.08
25 WARFARIN	1,718,226	8,717,821	13,335,091	7.76
26 ALENDRONIC ACID	1,701,990	87,403,280	96,313,566	56.59
27 TRAMADOL	1,622,303	24,052,043	29,053,744	17.91
28 VENLAFAXINE	1,615,790	72,403,802	89,846,713	55.61
29 DIAZEPAM	1,589,987	6,474,423	11,046,833	6.95
30 RANITIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,565,831	30,053,601	34,414,592	21.98
31 PERINDOPRIL and INDAPAMIDE	1,411,208	33,235,350	46,318,021	32.82
32 CLOPIDOGREL	1,369,634	108,117,378	115,058,695	84.01
33 FELODIPINE	1,339,626	27,165,781	34,004,279	25.38
34 DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	1,331,605	29,912,849	36,847,708	27.67
35 AMOXYCILLIN with CLAVULANIC ACID	1,313,162	17,396,532	21,706,612	16.53
36 PAROXETINE	1,263,133	39,399,084	53,063,868	42.01
37 LATANOPROST	1,226,993	35,350,549	41,851,333	34.11
38 FRUSEMIDE	1,188,827	6,608,999	9,565,719	8.05
39 OXAZEPAM	1,177,820	4,083,146	7,246,204	6.15
40 ASPIRIN	1,124,396	4,137,906	7,096,371	6.31
41 ROXITHROMYCIN	1,058,988	10,275,282	13,684,018	12.92
42 LISINOPRIL	1,035,731	20,260,083	27,833,237	26.87
43 ENALAPRIL MALEATE	1,030,090	21,135,320	27,123,343	26.33
44 ISOSORBIDE MONONITRATE	1,028,358	14,179,870	16,844,457	16.38
45 VERAPAMIL HYDROCHLORIDE	1,020,168	14,344,161	17,519,134	17.17
46 GLICLAZIDE	984,921	12,544,294	15,237,184	15.47
47 MELOXICAM	973,400	22,548,914	29,980,207	30.80
48 METOPROLOL TARTRATE	957,432	7,879,129	10,608,502	11.08
49 NIFEDIPINE	924,401	18,682,017	24,286,108	26.27
50 GLYCERYL TRINITRATE	923,755	19,889,127	22,452,083	24.31

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Table 12(b): Highest Volume PBS Drugs by Generic Name, year ending: June 2004
 (total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
51 PREDNISOLONE	911,886	5,174,636	7,767,962	8.52
52 DICLOFENAC	889,154	6,785,779	9,543,816	10.73
53 FLUOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	867,965	27,570,222	37,326,977	43.01
54 RABEPRAZOLE	864,542	33,451,099	41,180,444	47.63
55 CANDESARTAN	854,855	16,235,713	21,593,991	25.26
56 TELMISARTAN	848,284	15,315,142	22,170,057	26.14
57 LANSOPRAZOLE	842,805	36,977,843	44,392,043	52.67
58 AMITRIPTYLINE HYDROCHLORIDE	831,287	3,235,002	5,538,302	6.66
59 MORPHINE	820,040	34,079,157	36,815,748	44.90
60 BETAMETHASONE	817,073	6,428,284	9,262,824	11.34
61 HYPROMELLOSE	808,088	6,547,721	8,629,516	10.68
62 LEVONORGESTREL with ETHINYLOESTRADIOL	769,506	8,762,670	11,594,867	15.07
63 FLUTICASONE	762,596	22,951,148	30,416,806	39.89
64 IPRATROPIUM BROMIDE	737,813	31,342,305	34,388,123	46.61
65 OXYCODONE	721,213	22,714,178	25,397,882	35.22
66 CHLORAMPHENICOL	716,570	3,022,056	5,323,641	7.43
67 CALCIUM CARBONATE	711,414	6,967,112	8,905,233	12.52
68 DOXYCYCLINE	709,647	4,247,831	6,498,364	9.16
69 ALLOPURINOL	708,541	5,527,030	7,487,747	10.57
70 OLANZAPINE	678,390	145,619,364	149,425,509	220.26
71 OESTRADIOL	664,399	9,644,080	11,743,510	17.68
72 MOMETASONE	625,962	7,480,486	10,364,042	16.56
73 TIMOLOL MALEATE	613,143	5,964,522	7,704,132	12.56
74 THYROXINE SODIUM	609,561	3,589,367	5,410,034	8.88
75 CEFACLOR	599,893	6,681,127	8,701,845	14.51
76 PROCHLORPERAZINE	596,628	3,400,271	4,983,736	8.35
77 LERCANIPIDINE	595,013	12,133,609	15,689,936	26.37
78 NITRAZEPAM	590,322	2,438,792	3,916,608	6.63
79 QUINAPRIL	589,988	11,807,115	15,402,698	26.11
80 MIRTAZAPINE	580,982	18,798,447	23,709,045	40.81
81 TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE	578,834	42,315,436	44,836,583	77.46
82 FOSINOPRIL with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	553,743	12,324,081	16,837,001	30.41
83 SODIUM VALPROATE	552,700	22,679,645	26,939,776	48.74
84 CANDESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	545,579	10,443,448	15,550,198	28.50
85 INDAPAMIDE	540,785	8,885,743	10,492,215	19.40
86 DOTHIEPIN HYDROCHLORIDE	527,915	2,743,013	4,207,147	7.97
87 TRANDOLAPRIL	514,500	10,307,891	12,217,401	23.75
88 INFLUENZA VACCINE	507,781	7,099,258	9,002,497	17.73
89 HYDROCORTISONE	491,461	2,603,295	4,133,188	8.41
90 METOCLOPRAMIDE HYDROCHLORIDE	487,567	2,295,093	3,571,873	7.33
91 GLUCOSE INDICATOR--BLOOD	486,496	23,372,283	25,579,219	52.58
92 GLIMEPIRIDE	470,338	5,266,224	6,599,903	14.03
93 FOSINOPRIL	463,256	9,172,001	12,104,455	26.13
94 BUDESONIDE	439,764	14,329,922	18,564,549	42.21
95 PRAZOSIN HYDROCHLORIDE	436,213	5,948,943	7,362,863	16.88
96 DIGOXIN	431,911	2,522,590	3,698,695	8.56
97 OESTROGENS CONJUGATED	431,790	3,728,692	5,023,778	11.63
98 GEMFIBROZIL	412,727	13,020,947	16,413,202	39.77
99 INSULIN (HUMAN)	398,460	75,089,362	78,251,159	196.38
100 PREDNISONE	394,015	2,069,945	3,134,944	7.96

Table 13(a): Highest Government Cost Drug by PBS Item, year ending: June 2004

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	8333 OMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20 mg 30	3,724,660	161,782,740	189,683,373	50.93
2	8173 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 40 mg	1,844,164	135,352,123	149,966,482	81.32
3	8214 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 20 mg	2,622,776	132,738,540	156,354,933	59.61
4	8215 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 40 mg	1,611,674	120,322,429	134,922,962	83.72
5	2012 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 20 mg	2,280,951	117,204,301	132,806,129	58.22
6	8358 CLOPIDOGREL	Tablet 75mg	1,369,634	108,117,378	115,058,695	84.01
7	8187 OLANZAPINE	Tablet 10 mg 30	249,706	84,379,375	85,755,618	343.43
8	8511 ALENDRONIC ACID	Tablet 70 mg alendronic acid	1,641,417	83,099,232	91,719,569	55.88
9	8197 PRAVASTATIN	Tablet 40 mg, 30	1,094,909	78,559,814	87,042,652	79.50
10	8008 PANTOPRAZOLE	Tablet (enteric coated) equivalent	1,747,408	75,484,648	88,150,724	50.45
11	8440 CELECOXIB	Capsule 200 mg 60	2,703,703	71,838,767	91,107,358	33.70
12	8472 ROFECOXIB	Tablet 25 mg 30	1,988,600	68,830,898	85,371,766	42.93
13	8213 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 10 mg	1,957,229	68,032,699	84,327,816	43.09
14	8432 SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	Pdr oral inhal breth actu dev 50uç	804,779	57,479,551	64,812,857	80.53
15	8601 ESOMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 40 mg (enteric coated),30	818,839	54,220,731	61,638,271	75.28
16	8519 SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	Oral Press inhal 25ug/250ug	681,589	47,978,009	54,245,479	79.59
17	8521 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 80 mg	437,729	47,460,485	51,424,506	117.48
18	8405 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTI	Tablet 300 mg-12.5 mg	1,891,022	46,827,127	64,410,134	34.06
19	8313 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 80 mg	438,739	46,753,684	50,244,343	114.52
20	8600 ESOMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20 mg (enteric coated),30	1,232,758	46,028,892	56,893,854	46.15
21	8220 CITALOPRAM	Tablet 20 mg (base)	1,717,164	44,628,801	63,663,124	37.07
22	8626 TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE	Capsule 18ug (base)(oral inhalati	578,834	42,315,436	44,836,583	77.46
23	8302 VENLAFAXINE	Capsule 150 mg (base)modified r	782,954	41,906,169	50,158,582	64.06
24	2242 PAROXETINE	Tablet 20 mg (base)	1,263,133	39,399,084	53,063,868	42.01
25	8101 INTERFERON BETA-1b	Injection set 1 vial powder dose 8	31,929	37,173,869	37,600,453	1177.63
26	2237 SERTRALINE	Tablet 100 mg (base)	1,160,606	35,366,274	48,246,868	41.57
27	8243 LATANOPROST	Eye drops 50 ug per mL (0.005%,	1,226,993	35,350,549	41,851,333	34.11
28	2236 SERTRALINE	Tablet 50 mg (base)	1,326,563	35,343,542	49,660,912	37.44
29	2241 LANSOPRAZOLE	Capsule 30 mg	778,724	34,500,708	41,343,899	53.09
30	8093 GOSERELIN	Subcutaneous implant 10.8 mg (t	29,860	34,042,493	34,200,552	1145.36
31	8134 VALACICLOVIR	Tablet 500 mg	187,958	33,372,524	36,591,467	194.68
32	8449 PERINDOPRIL and INDAPAMIDE	Tablet 4 mg-1.25 mg	1,411,208	33,235,350	46,318,021	32.82
33	2011 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 10 mg	915,736	33,207,964	38,660,853	42.22
34	8431 SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	Pdr oral inhal breth actu dev 50uç	651,220	31,687,954	38,700,055	59.43
35	8248 IRBESARTAN	Tablet 300 mg	1,267,505	31,410,367	42,398,888	33.45
36	2834 PRAVASTATIN	Tablet 20 mg, 30	679,875	30,758,101	35,578,531	52.33
37	3051 PERINDOPRIL	Tablet 4 mg 30	1,622,104	30,227,941	43,473,967	26.80
38	8247 IRBESARTAN	Tablet 150 mg	1,587,163	28,718,450	43,434,127	27.37
39	8508 RABEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20 mg 30	727,189	28,627,596	35,084,430	48.25
40	8288 SALBUTAMOL	Oral pressurised inhal 100 ug (ba	2,099,851	27,786,214	33,996,397	16.19
41	8185 OLANZAPINE	Tablet 5 mg 30	197,151	26,389,791	27,531,842	139.65
42	1763 INSULIN (HUMAN)	Injection 100 units (30 units-70 ur	114,174	25,269,922	25,914,006	226.97
43	8301 VENLAFAXINE	Capsule 75 mg (base) modified re	677,690	24,386,233	32,014,795	47.24
44	1978 RANITIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 150 mg (base)	1,209,342	23,111,940	26,433,268	21.86
45	1434 FLUOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 20 mg (base)	692,951	22,541,467	30,240,623	43.64
46	2430 METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 500 mg	1,754,310	21,502,130	26,676,520	15.21
47	8470 RAMIPRIL	Capsule 10 mg 30	839,082	21,375,042	29,224,245	34.83
48	1761 INSULIN (HUMAN)	Injection 100 units per ml, 3ml,5	97,506	21,184,629	22,124,334	226.90
49	8217 FAMCICLOVIR	Tablet 250 mg	50,739	20,544,245	21,376,038	421.29
50	1081 ATENOLOL	Tablet 50 mg	2,856,440	20,458,579	28,917,567	10.12

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Table 13(a): Highest Government Cost Drug by PBS Item, year ending: June 2004

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
51	2752 AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	Tablet 10 mg (base), 30	817,602	20,241,510	27,779,920	33.98
52	8294 RITUXIMAB	Soln for IV infusion 500mg\50ml	7,666	19,980,173	20,077,316	2619.01
53	8238 IPRATROPIUM BROMIDE	Nebuliser solution single dose 50l	350,354	19,936,171	21,100,180	60.23
54	1746 PARACETAMOL	Tablet 500 mg	3,865,223	19,824,794	29,764,269	7.70
55	1946 RAMIPRIL	Capsule 5.0 mg 28	1,096,095	19,390,627	27,906,236	25.46
56	8471 ROFECOXIB	Tablet 12.5 mg 30	826,713	18,879,245	24,446,625	29.57
57	8513 MIRTAZAPINE	Tablet 30 mg	580,982	18,798,447	23,709,045	40.81
58	1215 CODEINE with PARACETAMOL	Tablet 30 mg-500 mg	2,442,610	18,154,531	25,380,499	10.39
59	8403 INTERFERON BETA-1a	Injection 44 ug (12m i.u.)in 0.5 ml	13,573	17,894,925	18,098,679	1333.43
60	8363 RALOXIFENE	Tablet 60mg 28	315,731	17,664,219	19,134,508	60.60
61	2592 ISOTRETINOIN	Capsule 20 mg	129,467	17,066,073	19,350,174	149.46
62	8258 CARVEDILOL	Tablet 25 mg	148,038	16,960,519	17,894,988	120.88
63	2367 FELODIPINE	Tablet 10 mg (extended release)	666,367	16,801,187	21,609,520	32.43
64	2751 AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	Tablet 5 mg (base), 30	891,234	16,795,083	19,444,593	21.82
65	8496 DONEPEZIL	Tablet 10mg 28	107,985	16,707,258	17,173,354	159.03
66	8562 MELOXICAM	Tablet 15 mg	634,882	16,486,857	21,590,009	34.01
67	8621 RISEDRONIC ACID	Tablet 35 mg	319,824	16,117,698	17,867,432	55.87
68	8375 LEFLUNOMIDE	Tablet 20mg 30	81,322	15,729,043	16,490,604	202.78
69	8289 INTERFERON BETA-1a	Injection set 1 vial powder dose 3	14,201	15,301,006	15,481,711	1090.18
70	8346 FLUTICASONE	Oral press inhal 250ug\dose cfc-fi	381,653	15,019,911	18,692,503	48.98
71	8352 GLATIRAMER ACETATE	Pdr for s\c inj 20mg single use via	13,301	14,333,149	14,498,788	1090.05
72	2290 SODIUM VALPROATE	Tablet 500 mg (enteric coated), 2	246,255	14,117,129	16,174,840	65.68
73	1369 ENALAPRIL MALEATE	Tablet 20 mg	617,231	14,094,404	18,783,269	30.43
74	8404 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTI	Tablet 150 mg-12.5 mg	749,496	13,948,545	21,048,308	28.08
75	2804 TERBINAFINE	Tablet 250 mg (base)	97,314	13,909,177	15,220,357	156.40
76	8458 QUETIAPINE	Tablet 200 mg (base) 60	49,907	13,755,597	14,057,317	281.67
77	8074 DOCETAXEL	Injection set containing I.V. infusio	5,426	13,715,333	13,789,131	2541.31
78	8254 AMOXYCILLIN with CLAVULANIC ACI	Tablet 875 mg-125 mg	948,076	13,517,068	16,565,278	17.47
79	1313 DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 240 mg controlled delive	555,329	13,132,047	16,364,338	29.47
80	1453 GEMFIBROZIL	Tablet 600 mg	412,727	13,020,947	16,413,202	39.77
81	8625 FORMOTEROL and OTHER DRUGS F	Pdr oral inhal breth actv dev 200u	279,306	12,834,225	15,651,897	56.04
82	2110 TAMOXIFEN	Tablet 20 mg (base), 60	185,733	12,823,320	14,569,839	78.45
83	8186 OLANZAPINE	Tablet 7.5 mg 30	54,372	12,441,256	12,762,340	234.72
84	8540 OXALIPLATIN	Powder for I.V. infusion 100 mg	7,330	12,124,570	12,217,809	1666.82
85	2458 LISINOPRIL	Tablet 20 mg 30	520,227	11,964,271	16,208,186	31.16
86	8465 BUPROPION	Tablet 150 mg (sustained release)	70,656	11,945,828	12,922,303	182.89
87	1611 MESALAZINE	Tablet 250 mg	100,901	11,927,060	13,280,102	131.62
88	2001 SALBUTAMOL	Nebuliser solution single dose 5rr	574,705	11,917,918	14,270,240	24.83
89	3119 CEPHALEXIN	Capsule 500 mg	1,400,527	11,612,942	16,102,253	11.50
90	3050 PERINDOPRIL	Tablet 2 mg 30	702,968	11,556,892	13,694,155	19.48
91	8360 PACLITAXEL	Solution for I.V. infusion 300 mg ii	4,608	11,346,398	11,413,628	2476.92
92	8434 OLANZAPINE	Wafer 10 mg 28	34,401	11,099,575	11,293,188	328.28
93	2502 CALCITRIOL	Capsule 0.25 ug	194,899	10,963,863	11,954,215	61.34
94	8211 LEUPRORELIN ACETATE	Injection 7.5	9,535	10,903,138	10,952,238	1148.64
95	8019 CYPROTHERONE ACETATE	Tablet 100 mg	36,959	10,741,903	10,928,080	295.68
96	8401 FOSINOPRIL with HYDROCHLOROTI	Tablet 20 mg-12.5 mg	472,722	10,723,553	14,981,163	31.69
97	2072 BUDESONIDE	Powder for oral inhalation in brea	307,711	10,679,073	13,636,428	44.32
98	8504 CANDESARTAN with HYDROCHLORO	Tablet 16 mg-12.5 mg	545,579	10,443,448	15,550,198	28.50
99	2851 LAMOTRIGINE	Tablet 200 mg	52,261	10,289,597	10,793,078	206.52
100	3170 RISPERIDONE	Tablet 2 mg	67,490	9,849,668	10,280,468	152.33

Table 13(b): Highest Volume Drug by PBS Item, year ending: June 2004

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	1746 PARACETAMOL	Tablet 500 mg	3,865,223	19,824,794	29,764,269	7.70
2	8333 OMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20 mg 30	3,724,660	161,782,740	189,683,373	50.93
3	1081 ATENOLOL	Tablet 50 mg	2,856,440	20,458,579	28,917,567	10.12
4	8440 CELECOXIB	Capsule 200 mg 60	2,703,703	71,838,767	91,107,358	33.70
5	8214 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 20 mg	2,622,776	132,738,540	156,354,933	59.61
6	1215 CODEINE with PARACETAMOL	Tablet 30 mg-500 mg	2,442,610	18,154,531	25,380,499	10.39
7	2012 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 20 mg	2,280,951	117,204,301	132,806,129	58.22
8	8288 SALBUTAMOL	Oral pressurised inhal 100 ug	2,099,851	27,786,214	33,996,397	16.19
9	8472 ROFECOXIB	Tablet 25 mg 30	1,988,600	68,830,898	85,371,766	42.93
10	2089 TEMAZEPAM	Tablet 10 mg 25	1,980,187	7,759,523	13,096,123	6.61
11	8213 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 10 mg	1,957,229	68,032,699	84,327,816	43.09
12	8405 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTH	Tablet 300 mg-12.5 mg	1,891,022	46,827,127	64,410,134	34.06
13	8173 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 40 mg	1,844,164	135,352,123	149,966,482	81.32
14	2430 METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 500 mg	1,754,310	21,502,130	26,676,520	15.21
15	8008 PANTOPRAZOLE	Tablet (enteric coated) equiv	1,747,408	75,484,648	88,150,724	50.45
16	8220 CITALOPRAM	Tablet 20 mg (base)	1,717,164	44,628,801	63,663,124	37.07
17	8511 ALENDRONIC ACID	Tablet 70 mg alendronic acid	1,641,417	83,099,232	91,719,569	55.88
18	3051 PERINDOPRIL	Tablet 4 mg 30	1,622,104	30,227,941	43,473,967	26.80
19	8215 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 40 mg	1,611,674	120,322,429	134,922,962	83.72
20	8247 IRBESARTAN	Tablet 150 mg	1,587,163	28,718,450	43,434,127	27.37
21	8449 PERINDOPRIL and INDAPAMIDE	Tablet 4 mg-1.25 mg	1,411,208	33,235,350	46,318,021	32.82
22	3162 DIAZEPAM	Tablet 5 mg	1,403,217	5,653,376	9,725,341	6.93
23	3119 CEPHALEXIN	Capsule 500 mg	1,400,527	11,612,942	16,102,253	11.50
24	8358 CLOPIDOGREL	Tablet 75mg	1,369,634	108,117,378	115,058,695	84.01
25	2236 SERTRALINE	Tablet 50 mg (base)	1,326,563	35,343,542	49,660,912	37.44
26	8248 IRBESARTAN	Tablet 300 mg	1,267,505	31,410,367	42,398,888	33.45
27	2242 PAROXETINE	Tablet 20 mg (base)	1,263,133	39,399,084	53,063,868	42.01
28	8600 ESOMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20 mg (enteric coated)	1,232,758	46,028,892	56,893,854	46.15
29	8243 LATANOPROST	Eye drops 50 ug per mL (0.0	1,226,993	35,350,549	41,851,333	34.11
30	1978 RANITIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 150 mg (base)	1,209,342	23,111,940	26,433,268	21.86
31	2237 SERTRALINE	Tablet 100 mg (base)	1,160,606	35,366,274	48,246,868	41.57
32	1889 AMOXYCILLIN	Capsule 500 mg	1,101,977	8,710,407	12,328,579	11.19
33	1946 RAMIPRIL	Capsule 5.0 mg 28	1,096,095	19,390,627	27,906,236	25.46
34	8197 PRAVASTATIN	Tablet 40 mg, 30	1,094,909	78,559,814	87,042,652	79.50
35	3133 OXAZEPAM	Tablet 30 mg	1,027,822	3,592,020	6,335,109	6.16
36	2412 FRUSEMIDE	Tablet 40 mg	1,014,299	5,376,338	7,889,227	7.78
37	8254 AMOXYCILLIN with CLAVULANIC ACID	Tablet 875 mg-125 mg	948,076	13,517,068	16,565,278	17.47
38	2011 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 10 mg	915,736	33,207,964	38,660,853	42.22
39	2751 AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	Tablet 5 mg (base), 30	891,234	16,795,083	19,444,593	21.82
40	8470 RAMIPRIL	Capsule 10 mg 30	839,082	21,375,042	29,224,245	34.83
41	8202 ASPIRIN	Tablet 100mg	828,634	2,877,945	5,066,930	6.11
42	8471 ROFECOXIB	Tablet 12.5 mg 30	826,713	18,879,245	24,446,625	29.57
43	8601 ESOMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 40 mg (enteric coated)	818,839	54,220,731	61,638,271	75.28
44	2752 AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	Tablet 10 mg (base), 30	817,602	20,241,510	27,779,920	33.98
45	8432 SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	Pdr oral inhal breth actu dev	804,779	57,479,551	64,812,857	80.53
46	8302 VENLAFAXINE	Capsule 150 mg (base)modif	782,954	41,906,169	50,158,582	64.06
47	2241 LANSOPRAZOLE	Capsule 30 mg	778,724	34,500,708	41,343,899	53.09
48	1558 ISOSORBIDE MONONITRATE	Tablets sustained release 60i	754,057	8,122,449	9,995,735	13.26
49	8404 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTH	Tablet 150 mg-12.5 mg	749,496	13,948,545	21,048,308	28.08
50	8508 RABEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20 mg 30	727,189	28,627,596	35,084,430	48.25

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Table 13(b): Highest Volume Drug by PBS Item, year ending: June 2004

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
51	1300 DICLOFENAC	Tablet 50 mg (enteric coated)	713,744	5,472,912	7,663,475	10.74
52	2449 GLICLAZIDE	Tablet 80 mg	705,705	8,968,947	10,876,902	15.41
53	3050 PERINDOPRIL	Tablet 2 mg 30	702,968	11,556,892	13,694,155	19.48
54	1434 FLUOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 20 mg (base)	692,951	22,541,467	30,240,623	43.64
55	3117 CALCIUM CARBONATE	Tablet 600 mg (as carbonate)	689,526	6,735,319	8,612,496	12.49
56	8519 SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	Oral Press inhal 25ug/250ug	681,589	47,978,009	54,245,479	79.59
57	2834 PRAVASTATIN	Tablet 20 mg, 30	679,875	30,758,101	35,578,531	52.33
58	8301 VENLAFAXINE	Capsule 75 mg (base) modifi	677,690	24,386,233	32,014,795	47.24
59	2367 FELODIPINE	Tablet 10 mg (extended relea	666,367	16,801,187	21,609,520	32.43
60	8431 SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	Pdr oral inhal breth actu dev !	651,220	31,687,954	38,700,055	59.43
61	1241 VERAPAMIL HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 240 mg (sustained relt	644,853	9,668,371	11,707,632	18.16
62	8562 MELOXICAM	Tablet 15 mg	634,882	16,486,857	21,590,009	34.01
63	2843 WARFARIN	Tablet 1 mg	629,307	3,042,856	4,711,196	7.49
64	1509 HYPROMELLOSE	Eye drops 3 mg-1 mg per ml	628,728	5,444,808	7,064,775	11.24
65	1369 ENALAPRIL MALEATE	Tablet 20 mg	617,231	14,094,404	18,783,269	30.43
66	1324 METOPROLOL TARTRATE	Tablet 50 mg	591,103	4,465,832	6,144,956	10.40
67	8016 ROXITHROMYCIN	Tablet 300 mg	586,453	5,771,277	7,658,221	13.06
68	2723 NITRAZEPAM	Tablet 5 mg	583,965	2,399,879	3,860,503	6.61
69	8513 MIRTAZAPINE	Tablet 30 mg	580,982	18,798,447	23,709,045	40.81
70	8626 TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE	Capsule 18ug (base)(oral inh	578,834	42,315,436	44,836,583	77.46
71	8611 TRAMADOL	Capsule 50mg 20	576,336	3,254,994	4,788,202	8.31
72	2001 SALBUTAMOL	Nebuliser solution single dos	574,705	11,917,918	14,270,240	24.83
73	2209 WARFARIN	Tablet 2 mg	568,670	2,827,656	4,352,701	7.65
74	2604 ALLOPURINOL	Tablet 300 mg	567,394	4,044,353	5,624,841	9.91
75	1313 DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 240 mg controlled dt	555,329	13,132,047	16,364,338	29.47
76	2893 PROCHLORPERAZINE	Tablet 5 mg	550,695	2,699,317	4,203,641	7.63
77	8504 CANDESARTAN with HYDROCHLORO	Tablet 16 mg-12.5 mg	545,579	10,443,448	15,550,198	28.50
78	2458 LISINOPRIL	Tablet 20 mg 30	520,227	11,964,271	16,208,186	31.16
79	2852 INFLUENZA VACCINE	Injection (trivalent) 0.5 ml	507,781	7,099,258	9,002,497	17.73
80	8534 LERCANIPIDINE	Tablet 10 mg 30	504,738	9,530,483	12,424,028	24.61
81	2366 FELODIPINE	Tablet 5 mg (extended releas	498,698	8,198,058	9,711,517	19.47
82	1312 DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 180 mg controlled dt	489,694	9,393,015	11,423,170	23.33
83	2360 CHLORAMPHENICOL	Eye drops 5 mg per ml (0.5%	474,356	2,031,517	3,557,322	7.50
84	8401 FOSINOPRIL with HYDROCHLOROTHI	Tablet 20 mg-12.5 mg	472,722	10,723,553	14,981,163	31.69
85	1394 LEVONORGESTREL with ETHINYLOE	5 Pack containing 21 tablets 15	463,049	5,270,595	6,976,092	15.07
86	8297 CANDESARTAN	Tablet 16 mg 30	457,570	8,675,621	12,819,411	28.02
87	1906 NIFEDIPINE	Tablet 30 mg (controlled rele	454,322	8,417,028	11,156,224	24.56
88	8356 TELMISARTAN	Tablet 80mg	451,498	8,749,814	12,870,679	28.51
89	1760 ROXITHROMYCIN	Tablet 150 mg	441,321	4,270,963	5,672,880	12.85
90	8313 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 80 mg	438,739	46,753,684	50,244,343	114.52
91	8521 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 80 mg	437,729	47,460,485	51,424,506	117.48
92	1917 PREDNISOLONE	Tablet 5 mg	437,190	2,097,822	3,250,334	7.43
93	1453 GEMFIBROZIL	Tablet 600 mg	412,727	13,020,947	16,413,202	39.77
94	1945 RAMIPRIL	Capsule 2.5 mg 28	409,839	7,209,050	8,450,425	20.62
95	2418 AMITRIPTYLINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 25 mg	408,267	1,470,672	2,597,215	6.36
96	1207 METOCLOPRAMIDE HYDROCHLORID	Tablet 10 mg	403,235	1,491,037	2,625,084	6.51
97	8355 TELMISARTAN	Tablet 40mg	396,786	6,565,328	9,299,378	23.44
98	2922 TRIMETHOPRIM	Tablet 300 mg	390,015	1,760,901	3,019,934	7.74
99	1801 METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 850 mg	383,838	4,765,611	5,949,948	15.50
100	8346 FLUTICASONE	Oral press inhal 250ug\dose i	381,653	15,019,911	18,692,503	48.98

Table 14(a): Safety Net Card Issues - Persons Covered, 1998 to 2004

MONTHLY COMPARISON 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004													
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	81,956	130,835	189,662	251,872	309,951	388,470
	2004	4	116	1,058	6,388	23,014	50,693						
<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	426,519	605,363	797,715	981,714	1,139,972	1,341,819
	2004	38	623	8,337	47,012	145,731	280,925						
<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	18,906	26,444	34,126	40,774	46,532	52,407
	2004	10	46	469	2,694	7,784	13,858						
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	527,381	762,642	1,021,503	1,274,360	1,496,455	1,782,696
	2004	52	785	9,864	56,094	176,529	345,476						

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 2004

MONTHLY COMPARISON 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004													
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	39,488	62,815	90,864	121,138	149,434	189,047
	2004	2	48	524	3,089	11,221	24,753						
<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	240,806	347,212	464,213	579,420	680,297	813,337
	2004	21	319	4,263	24,708	79,330	156,377						
<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	8,721	12,213	15,744	18,791	21,395	24,054
	2004	2	16	208	1,250	3,700	6,625						
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	289,015	422,240	570,821	719,349	851,126	1,026,438
	2004	25	383	4,995	29,047	94,251	187,755						

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

Source: Health Insurance Commission (RSN002)

Table 14(c): Safety Net Card Issues- Percentage Change, 1998 to 2004

CUMULATIVE TOTAL SAFETY NET CARD ISSUES														
	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2004	
	No.	%Change	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	25	177.78
FEB	422	-4.74	359	-14.93	440	22.56	479	8.86	532	11.06	406	-23.68	383	-5.67
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	4,995	18.00
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	29,047	30.33
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	94,251	20.45
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	187,755	16.81
JUL	171,446	3.80	181,308	5.75	205,192	13.17	240,781	17.34	286,483	18.98	289,015	0.88	0	0
AUG	257,348	4.48	278,638	8.27	315,748	13.32	362,294	14.74	415,488	14.68	422,240	1.63	0	0
SEP	355,732	4.14	383,938	7.93	428,234	11.54	482,992	12.79	545,559	12.95	570,821	4.63	0	0
OCT	455,910	3.59	487,853	7.01	548,041	12.34	617,951	12.76	686,857	11.15	719,349	4.73	0	0
NOV	554,139	4.73	597,054	7.74	664,202	11.25	743,246	11.90	811,973	9.25	851,126	4.82	0	0
DEC	684,529	4.90	736,382	7.57	806,372	9.50	838,984	4.04	973,277	16.01	1,026,438	5.46	0	0

Source: Health Insurance Commission (RSN002)

Table 15: Pharmacies and Friendly Societies, 30 June 1999 to 2004

APPROVED PHARMACIES AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES							Approved Doctors
<i>- as at 30 June 1999 - 2004</i>							
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004
NSW	1724	1723	1722	1727	1709	1699	26
VIC	1169	1159	1161	1159	1160	1160	3
QLD	959	954	951	948	944	953	17
SA	386	386	387	385	386	389	9
WA	477	478	479	480	484	489	21
TAS	140	140	140	140	139	135	6
NT	28	28	28	30	28	28	1
ACT	59	57	57	57	57	57	0
AUST	4942	4925	4925	4926	4907	4910	83

Source: Health Insurance Commission (RPC015)

Table 16(a): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2003-04

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 2003-04

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			Safety Net						
	-For 90/91 Concessional includes 'old' (prior to 1/11/90) prescriptions and 'new' (post 1/11/90) concessional category			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- ALL SCRIPTS
	NSN	S/NET 1	S/NET 2	TOTAL	NSN	S/NET	TOTAL	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 2003-04

	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
2003/04	22,443,338	5,544,618		27,987,956	104,619,866	32,827,303	137,447,169	165,435,125	426,976	165,862,101

Table 16(b): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2003-04												
GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE - \$-						HOSP &	TOTAL GOVT	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 2003-04

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE - \$-						HOSP &	TOTAL GOVT	PATIENT CONTRIBUTION		TOTAL	TOTAL COST	TOTAL with
YEAR	GEN	CONC	PENS	SAFETY NET	SUB TOTAL	MISC	COST	GEN	CON		SCRIPTS	S.100 & Misc
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
 -Dr's Bag prior to 90/91 included in General from 90/91 (\$12,255,895) included in Misc

Safety Net -For Gen & Conc prior to 90/91 is included in Pensioner
 -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 2003-04

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 TOTAL 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 2003-04

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
2003/04	824,130,608	190,682,979		1,014,813,587	2,972,331,634	1,004,522,779	3,976,854,413	4,991,668,000	570,500,000	5,562,168,000

PATIENT CONTRIBUTION - \$-									TOTAL COST		TOTAL
	GENERAL-NSN	GEN S/Net 1	GEN S/Net 2	TOTAL GEN	CONC - NSN	CONC S/Net	TOTAL CONC	TOTAL FOR PBS	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
2003/04	524,763,848	20,538,514		545,302,362	392,513,143	-	392,513,143	937,815,505	5,929,483,505	570,500,000	6,499,983,505

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

2002/03	9,510,606
2003/04	9,408,669

note- from 91/92 all figures are sourced from HIC processing where available
 -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 Australian Government 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 Australian Government and the States and Territories accepting the offer of subsidy.

The Australian 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 Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme 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.
- Drugs 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 2003-2004 there were 58 drugs subsidised under the HSD Program, compared to 2002-2003 when 50 were subsidised. Of the eight new inclusions four are immunosuppressing agents, two are immunostimulating agents, and two (bosentan monohydrate and deferiprone) were relating to other conditions.

Before reconciliation, the expenditure for 2003-2004, including Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, with the drugs categorised, is as follows:

<i>Indications Grouping</i>	<i>Number of Drugs</i>	<i>Public Hospital</i>	<i>Private Hospital</i>	<i>Combined</i>
HIV/AIDS Antiretroviral Agent	18	\$82,598,860	\$125,996	\$82,724,856
Immunostimulating Agent	10	\$55,990,559	\$26,133,715	\$82,124,274
Immunocompromised Conditions	9	\$4,915,584	\$368,268	\$5,283,851
Immunosuppressing Agents	7	\$49,836,215	\$4,341,728	\$54,177,943
Other Conditions	7	\$40,514,490	\$3,056,998	\$43,571,488
Acromegaly	3	\$10,589,256	\$3,865,670	\$14,454,926
Haemopoietics	2	\$83,129,517	\$14,886,582	\$98,016,100
Bisphosphonates	2	\$9,520,566	\$7,722,843	\$17,243,409
Grand Total	58	\$337,095,047	\$60,501,800	\$397,596,847

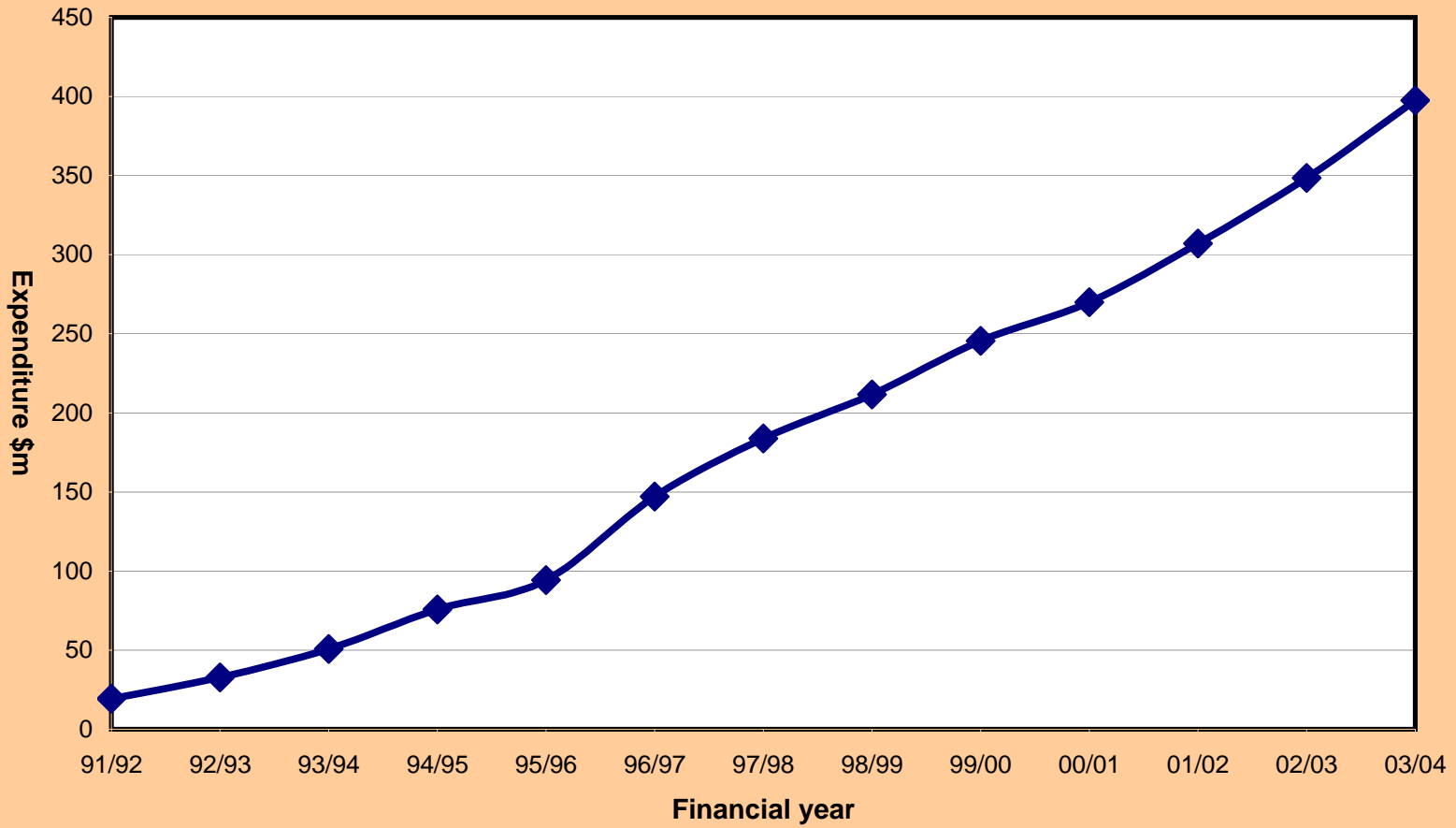
The acquitted expenditure through the program in 2002-2003 was \$348.47 million. Before reconciliation, the costs totalled \$397.6 million in 2003-2004, a 14.1 per cent increase. This is up from the previous year's increase of 13.51 per cent. The payments made to public hospitals via grants to the States and Territories are reconciled, following the end of the financial year, against the actual drug usage (payments made to private hospitals are not reconciled).

For 2003-2004 the expenditure in public hospitals was \$337.1 million, an increase of 10.69 per cent from 2002-2003 expenditure of \$304.54 million. Private hospital expenditure increased by 37.69 per cent from \$43.94 million in 2002-2003 to \$60.5 million in 2003-2004.

The Highly Specialised Drugs - Usage Expenditure chart outlines the program expenditure from 1991-1992 to 2003-2004 financial years.

HIGHLY SPECIALISED DRUGS - USAGE EXPENDITURE

Please note: 2003-2004 figures are based on payments, and is subject to reconciliation expenditure



PBS INFORMATION LINE REPORT, 2003-2004

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 2003 - June 2004, the Line received 44,375 calls.

Conclusion	Number of calls	%
Satisfied	44,315	99.86
Dissatisfied	33	0.07
Abusive	27	0.06
Total	44,375	100.00

Breakdown of calls by month:

Month	Number of calls	%
Jul 2003	4,067	9.17
Aug 2003	4,569	10.30
Sep 2003	4,103	9.25
Oct 2003	3,637	8.20
Nov 2003	2,860	6.45
Dec 2003	2,137	4.82
Jan 2004	3,216	7.25
Feb 2004	3,279	7.39
Mar 2004	3,468	7.82
Apr 2004	6,325	14.25
May 2004	2,910	6.56
Jun 2004	3,804	8.57
Total	44,375	100.00

Breakdown of calls by issue:

Issue	Number of calls	%
Pharmacy item	27,021	51.98
Safety net issue	21,821	41.97
Campaign issue	2,823	5.43
Campaign complaint	323	0.62
Total	51,988	100.00

Breakdown of calls: Pharmacy item issue

Pharmacy Item Issue	Number of calls	%
Med # collect - general	4,911	18.17
Centrelink Conc. Card	3,770	13.95
Authority Scripts	2,340	8.66
Cost Of Item	1,994	7.38
Schedule	1,542	5.71
Availability	1,409	5.21
Non PBS items	1,115	4.13
Other	1,107	4.10
Claims / Processing	991	3.67
Brand Price Premium	987	3.65
Eligibility for the PBS	801	2.96
Patient Contribution	550	2.04
Refund - Medicare	477	1.77
HMR / DMMR	465	1.72
Brand Substitution	449	1.66
Seniors Health Card	353	1.31
Exporting PBS Items	344	1.27
IME Query	306	1.13
Recip Health Care Agreements	296	1.10
Restriction	276	1.02
RPBS enquiry	250	0.93
Repeats	236	0.87
Section 100	233	0.86
Therapeutic Group Premium	205	0.76
Generic Medicines	188	0.70
Regulation 24	182	0.67
Doctors Bag	170	0.63
Deletion	161	0.60
Med # collect - privacy	122	0.45
Doctor Shopping	100	0.37
Schedule ML - General	78	0.29
Med # collect - refusal	75	0.28
Schedule 8	73	0.27
Extemp Prepared Item	71	0.26
Be Wise Brochure	65	0.24
Statistics	62	0.23
Schedule ML - Provide address	50	0.19
Special Access Scheme	41	0.15
Hospital Reforms	38	0.14
Patient Co-payment increase	26	0.10
Enhancing PBS Authorities	18	0.07
Iu Vaccine	15	0.06
IME Brochure	14	0.05
Schedule ML - Deadline	14	0.05
Schedule ML - Schedule online	11	0.04
Budget 04	10	0.04
Comm. Awareness Campaign	8	0.03
Full cost on labels	8	0.03
Full PBS Cost	6	0.02
Integrated Best Practice	6	0.02
Schedule ML - Complaint	2	0.01
Total	27,021	100.00

Breakdown of calls: Safety net issue

Safety Net Issue	Number of calls	%
Thresholds	7,328	33.58
General	2,755	12.63
Recording Prescriptions	1,878	8.61
Families / Dependants	1,577	7.23
Recordable Value	1,296	5.94
Eligibility	1,216	5.57
Refund - HIC	1,153	5.28
Stationery	1,016	4.66
Period	965	4.42
SN Processing (HIC)	836	3.83
Cross-Overs	440	2.02
Joint Safety Net	431	1.98
Lost card/Supplementary card	330	1.51
Change Of Status	248	1.14
Comb SafetyNet(separated couples)	191	0.88
Other	161	0.74
Total	21,821	100.00

Breakdown of calls: Campaign issue

Campaign Issue	Number of calls	%
Publication order - English	1,430	50.66
General enquiry	750	26.57
Safety Net	175	6.20
Patient copayments	79	2.80
Home Medicines Review	72	2.55
Positive feedback	70	2.48
Taking medicines overseas	58	2.05
PBS sustainability	42	1.49
Publication order - NESB	39	1.38
Full PBS cost on labels	38	1.35
Storing medicines	32	1.13
Checklist in campaign booklet	22	0.78
Concern of copayment increase	12	0.43
Sharing medicines	2	0.07
Cost of Item	1	0.04
General	1	0.04
Total	2,823	100.00

Breakdown of calls: Campaign complaint issue

Campaign Complaint	Number of calls	%
General campaign complaint	156	48.30
Dr Wright	98	30.34
Safety Net	22	6.81
Current cost of PBS	17	5.26
Increasing cost of PBS	16	4.95
Full PBS cost on labels	11	3.41
Copayment system	3	0.93
Total	323	100.00

NATIONAL DIABETES SERVICES SCHEME (NDSS)

The National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS) is administered on behalf of the Australian Government by Diabetes Australia under a five year agreement. The scheme has been running since 1987 and Diabetes Australia has been the administrator through a series of agreements. The Scheme is managed by the Department through the Pharmaceutical Access and Quality Branch, Medical and Pharmaceutical Services Division.

The NDSS provides access to products and services needed for the self-management of diabetes at prices subsidised by the Australian Government. The products include syringes and special injection system needles, and glucose testing reagents.

The number of persons with diabetes registered with the NDSS increased by 8.74% in 2003-2004 compared with 10.27% for 2002-2003. 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	184,893	5.65	421,570	12.42	606,463	10.27
2003-04	200,979	8.70	458,480	8.76	659,459	8.74

The table on the following page provides statistics on NDSS expenditure on an annual basis from 1992-1993 to 2003-2004.

The Government provides considerable direct support to people with diabetes through the supply of essential medicines under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and through the NDSS. In the 2003-2004 financial year, Australian Government outlays on diabetic supplies amounted to \$277.16 million, an increase of 50.39 per cent over the past four years.

The Australian Government expenditure on the NDSS for the 2003-2004 financial year was \$86.27 million, an increase of 73.55 per cent over the past four years.

NATIONAL DIABETES SERVICES SCHEME Expenditure

