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Tables 1-4 and 6-13 include PBS Expenditure on the following patient categories only:

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

Other PBS expenditure is reported at Table 5, with more detailed information on the Highly Specialised drug program reported at Supplement 2.

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 \$874.90. When patients and/or their families reach this amount, they can apply for a Safety Net Concession Card and pay only \$4.60 per prescription for the rest of the calendar year. The concessional safety net threshold is \$239.20. 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.

Medicare Australia introduced a new PBS claims processing system during 2004/05. Although all claims were paid in the required timeframes, a number of claims experienced lengthy delays in being finalised and provided to the Department of Health and Ageing after payment. This issue only occurred in certain months of the year. This has impacted on monthly totals during the reference period which are not necessarily prepared on a consistent basis with previous years. Therefore caution should be exercised in interpreting monthly totals during 2004/05. Annual totals however, were not affected.

The Department of Health and Ageing has taken every care to ensure the data supplied is accurate but does not warrant that the data is error free and does not accept any liability for errors or omissions in the data.

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 2005

Government expenditure on PBS prescriptions for the year ending 30 June 2005 totalled \$5,305.3 million, compared with \$5,001.1 million for the previous year. This is a 6.13 per cent increase.

Total PBS prescription volumes increased by 2.7 per cent to a total of 170 million, compared to 166 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 83.6 per cent of the total cost of PBS prescriptions which cost more than the patient contribution. The remainder was patient contributions that amounted to \$1040.6 million, up from \$937.8 million in the previous twelve-month period.

The majority of government expenditure on PBS prescriptions was directed towards concessional cardholders (\$4,223 million, 79.6% of the total). This is compared to concessional expenditure of \$3,977 million in the previous period (79.5 % of the total).

The average dispensed price per prescription of PBS medicines increased to \$37.30 for the year ending June 2005 (\$35.84 for the year ending June 2004). The average government cost of these scripts was \$31.17 for the same period (\$30.17 to June 2004).

The three drugs with the highest cost to government were *Atorvastatin* (\$433.5million), *Simvastatin* (\$344.0 million) and *Omeprazole* (\$160.3 million). PBS drugs most frequently prescribed are *Atorvastatin*, followed by *Simvastatin* and *Paracetamol*

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 \$83.1 million to \$918.7 million), *Anti neoplastic agents* (up \$32.0 million to \$199.8 million) and *Immunosuppressive agents* (up \$27.8 million to \$67.1 million).

**Table 1: PBS Prescription Volume and Government Cost, year ending: Jun 2005**

	Year ending Jun 2004		Year ending Jun 2005		Change	
<b>Volume</b>						
<b>Category</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Concessional non Safety Net	104,619,866	63.1	105,377,946	61.9	758,080	0.7
Concessional Safety Net	32,827,303	19.8	36,095,311	21.2	3,268,008	10.0
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>137,447,169</i>	<i>82.9</i>	<i>141,473,257</i>	<i>83.1</i>	<i>4,026,088</i>	<i>2.9</i>
General non Safety Net	22,443,338	13.5	22,194,451	13.0	-248,887	-1.1
General Safety Net	5,544,618	3.3	6,209,302	3.6	664,684	12.0
<i>Total General</i>	<i>27,987,956</i>	<i>16.9</i>	<i>28,403,753</i>	<i>16.7</i>	<i>415,797</i>	<i>1.5</i>
Drs Bag	426,976	0.3	402,492	0.2	-24,484	-5.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>165,862,101</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>170,279,502</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,417,401</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<b>Govt Cost</b>						
<b>Category</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
Concessional non Safety Net	2,972,331,634	59.4	3,077,033,801	58.0	104,702,167	3.5
Concessional Safety Net	1,004,522,779	20.1	1,145,497,231	21.6	140,974,451	14.0
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>3,976,854,413</i>	<i>79.5</i>	<i>4,222,531,032</i>	<i>79.6</i>	<i>245,676,619</i>	<i>6.2</i>
General non Safety Net	824,130,608	16.5	850,690,906	16.0	26,560,298	3.2
General Safety Net	190,682,979	3.8	222,668,220	4.2	31,985,241	16.8
<i>Total General</i>	<i>1,014,813,587</i>	<i>20.3</i>	<i>1,073,359,125</i>	<i>20.2</i>	<i>58,545,538</i>	<i>5.8</i>
Drs Bag	9,408,669	0.2	9,365,803	0.2	-42,866	-0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,001,076,669</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,305,255,960</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>304,179,291</b>	<b>6.1</b>

**Table 1(a): RPBS Prescriptions Volume and Government Cost, year ending: Jun 2005**

	Year ending Jun 2004		Year ending Jun 2005		Change	
<b>Volume</b>						
<b>Category</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,627,475</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15,734,655</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>107,180</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>Govt Cost</b>						
<b>Category</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>456,299,564</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>465,740,225</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,440,661</b>	<b>2.1</b>

**Table 2: PBS Prescription Volume, Government Cost and Patient Contributions, year ending: Jun 2005**

Category	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Patient Payments \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
Concessional non Safety Net	105,377,946	3,077,033,801	443,930,641	3,520,964,442	33.41
Concessional Safety Net	36,095,311	1,145,497,231	0	1,145,497,231	31.74
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>141,473,257</i>	<i>4,222,531,032</i>	<i>443,930,641</i>	<i>4,666,461,673</i>	<i>32.98</i>
General non Safety Net	22,194,451	850,690,906	572,963,103	1,423,654,008	64.14
General Safety Net	6,209,302	222,668,220	23,742,733	246,410,953	39.68
<i>Total General</i>	<i>28,403,753</i>	<i>1,073,359,125</i>	<i>596,705,836</i>	<i>1,670,064,961</i>	<i>58.80</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>169,877,010</b>	<b>5,295,890,157</b>	<b>1,040,636,477</b>	<b>6,336,526,634</b>	<b>37.30</b>
Drs Bag	402,492	9,365,803	0	9,365,803	23.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>170,279,502</b>	<b>5,305,255,960</b>	<b>1,040,636,477</b>	<b>6,345,892,437</b>	<b>37.27</b>

**Table 2(a): PBS Prescription Volume and Govt Cost by monthly summary (excl. Drs Bag), year ending: Jun 2005**

	Month	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Patient Payments \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	
<b>2003</b>	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	
<b>2004</b>	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	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>165,435,125</b>	<b>4,991,668,000</b>	<b>937,815,505</b>	<b>5,929,483,505</b>	<b>35.84</b>	
	<b>2004</b>	JUL	14,453,678	442,771,059	88,251,094	531,022,153	36.74
		AUG	14,192,521	442,092,007	81,534,991	523,626,998	36.89
		SEP	14,834,000	461,770,661	79,485,768	541,256,430	36.49
OCT		14,869,573	466,143,956	74,083,768	540,227,724	36.33	
NOV		15,063,613	478,979,199	69,909,825	548,889,025	36.44	
DEC		15,357,260	490,937,409	65,457,284	556,394,693	36.23	
<b>2005</b>	JAN	15,541,445	496,643,111	67,864,706	564,507,817	36.32	
	FEB	11,601,613	356,051,231	90,790,298	446,841,529	38.52	
	MAR	12,903,945	394,064,996	103,196,247	497,261,244	38.54	
	APR	13,687,110	420,048,848	109,410,248	529,459,096	38.68	
	MAY	13,333,472	411,774,557	104,952,564	516,727,121	38.75	
	JUN	14,038,780	434,613,121	105,699,684	540,312,805	38.49	
<b>Total</b>	<b>169,877,010</b>	<b>5,295,890,157</b>	<b>1,040,636,477</b>	<b>6,336,526,634</b>	<b>37.30</b>		

**Table 3: PBS processing by State (excl. Drs Bag), year ending:  
Jun 2005**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Volume</b>									
Concess NSN	35,807,250	26,726,342	19,946,682	9,166,157	9,271,587	3,063,251	350,772	1,045,905	105,377,946
Concess SN	12,964,861	8,981,997	6,786,668	3,038,086	2,849,790	1,104,474	62,480	306,955	36,095,311
General NSN	7,546,226	5,514,985	4,215,389	1,634,300	2,168,102	475,188	148,646	491,615	22,194,451
General SN	2,294,400	1,542,817	1,121,445	444,512	532,547	126,490	26,287	120,804	6,209,302
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,612,737</b>	<b>42,766,141</b>	<b>32,070,184</b>	<b>14,283,055</b>	<b>14,822,026</b>	<b>4,769,403</b>	<b>588,185</b>	<b>1,965,279</b>	<b>169,877,010</b>
<b>Govt Cost \$</b>									
Concess NSN	1,055,269,141	780,081,324	577,733,278	266,991,869	267,110,512	85,430,890	10,572,921	33,843,866	3,077,033,801
Concess SN	416,269,120	282,429,607	214,421,521	96,020,138	90,069,267	33,669,727	2,033,388	10,584,464	1,145,497,231
General NSN	287,980,987	211,710,252	161,554,680	66,844,379	81,914,761	17,207,643	5,228,308	18,249,895	850,690,906
General SN	81,332,993	54,927,153	42,190,094	15,156,892	19,292,146	4,294,599	1,004,403	4,469,941	222,668,220
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,840,852,241</b>	<b>1,329,148,336</b>	<b>995,899,572</b>	<b>445,013,278</b>	<b>458,386,686</b>	<b>140,602,859</b>	<b>18,839,019</b>	<b>67,148,166</b>	<b>5,295,890,157</b>
<b>Total Cost \$</b>									
Concess NSN	1,206,255,255	892,685,972	661,667,863	305,616,822	306,088,593	98,371,187	12,032,150	38,246,601	3,520,964,442
Concess SN	416,269,120	282,429,607	214,421,521	96,020,138	90,069,267	33,669,727	2,033,388	10,584,464	1,145,497,231
General NSN	482,834,966	354,118,022	270,335,890	109,062,519	137,826,619	29,489,743	9,047,690	30,938,558	1,423,654,008
General SN	90,100,198	60,832,033	46,481,987	16,855,780	21,326,710	4,777,741	1,104,974	4,931,530	246,410,953
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,195,459,539</b>	<b>1,590,065,634</b>	<b>1,192,907,260</b>	<b>527,555,259</b>	<b>555,311,189</b>	<b>166,308,399</b>	<b>24,218,201</b>	<b>84,701,152</b>	<b>6,336,526,634</b>
<b>Ave Prices \$</b>									
Concess NSN	33.69	33.40	33.17	33.34	33.01	32.11	34.30	36.57	33.41
Concess SN	32.11	31.44	31.59	31.61	31.61	30.48	32.54	34.48	31.74
General NSN	63.98	64.21	64.13	66.73	63.57	62.06	60.87	62.93	64.14
General SN	39.27	39.43	41.45	37.92	40.05	37.77	42.03	40.82	39.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>37.46</b>	<b>37.18</b>	<b>37.20</b>	<b>36.94</b>	<b>37.47</b>	<b>34.87</b>	<b>41.17</b>	<b>43.10</b>	<b>37.30</b>
Population ('000) <sup>(a)</sup>	6,787.6	5,031.1	3,959.1	1,541.5	2,015.1	485.7	202.0	324.9	20,349.5
Volume per capita	8.6	8.5	8.1	9.3	7.4	9.8	2.9	6.0	8.3
Govt cost per capita	271.2	264.2	251.5	288.7	227.5	289.5	93.3	206.7	260.2
% Population	33.4	24.7	19.5	7.6	9.9	2.4	1.0	1.6	100
% Volume	34.5	25.2	18.9	8.4	8.7	2.8	0.3	1.2	100
% Govt Cost	34.8	25.1	18.8	8.4	8.7	2.7	0.4	1.3	100
% Total Cost	34.6	25.1	18.8	8.3	8.8	2.6	0.4	1.3	100

(a) Population 30 June 2005

Source: ABS Publication 3101.0

**Table 4(a): PBS processing by State (excl. Drs Bag), years ending:  
Jun 2002 to end Jun 2005**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Prescriptions - Volume</b>									
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
Year Ending Jun 05	58,612,737	42,766,141	32,070,184	14,283,055	14,822,026	4,769,403	588,185	1,965,279	169,877,010
Change	1,090,349	1,188,496	1,552,512	254,895	277,572	23,583	28,719	25,759	4,441,885
%	1.90	2.86	5.09	1.82	1.91	0.50	5.13	1.33	2.68
<b>Government Cost \$</b>									
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
Year Ending Jun 05	1,840,852,241	1,329,148,336	995,899,572	445,013,278	458,386,686	140,602,859	18,839,019	67,148,166	5,295,890,157
Change	95,796,205	71,475,941	81,191,066	24,103,163	21,951,089	4,334,673	1,654,925	3,715,094	304,222,157
%	5.49	5.68	8.88	5.73	5.03	3.18	9.63	5.86	6.09

**Table 4(b): PBS processing by State, highest volume drug: ATORVASTATIN  
year ending: Jun 2005**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Prescriptions - Volume</b>									
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
Year Ending Jun 05	2,786,771	1,792,740	1,455,353	649,288	666,661	156,064	31,790	90,554	7,629,221
Change	334,291	228,412	233,173	72,841	98,800	13,508	6,847	11,941	999,813
%	13.63	14.60	19.08	12.64	17.40	9.48	27.45	15.19	15.08
<b>Government Cost \$</b>									
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
Year Ending Jun 05	158,223,598	101,466,711	82,313,544	38,071,990	37,620,701	9,246,941	1,780,557	4,802,403	433,526,445
Change	21,226,247	15,124,759	14,924,390	4,673,741	6,973,782	929,915	446,460	672,999	64,972,292
%	15.49	17.52	22.15	13.99	22.76	11.18	33.47	16.30	17.63

**Table 4(c): PBS processing by State, highest Government cost drug: ATORVASTATIN  
year ending: Jun 2005**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Prescriptions - Volume</b>									
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
Year Ending Jun 05	2,786,771	1,792,740	1,455,353	649,288	666,661	156,064	31,790	90,554	7,629,221
Change	334,291	228,412	233,173	72,841	98,800	13,508	6,847	11,941	999,813
%	13.63	14.60	19.08	12.64	17.40	9.48	27.45	15.19	15.08
<b>Government Cost \$</b>									
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
Year Ending Jun 05	158,223,598	101,466,711	82,313,544	38,071,990	37,620,701	9,246,941	1,780,557	4,802,403	433,526,445
Change	21,226,247	15,124,759	14,924,390	4,673,741	6,973,782	929,915	446,460	672,999	64,972,292
%	15.49	17.52	22.15	13.99	22.76	11.18	33.47	16.30	17.63

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**Table 4(d): PBS processing by State, highest volume ATC Level 2 year ending: Jun 2005**  
**AGENTS ACTING ON RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Prescriptions - Volume</b>									
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
Year Ending Jun 05	7,075,145	5,169,482	3,398,989	1,588,142	1,770,730	560,944	77,009	261,412	19,901,853
Change	124,101	159,219	145,338	42,631	56,602	2,166	2,398	(7,542)	524,913
%	1.79	3.18	4.47	2.76	3.30	0.39	3.21	-2.80	2.71
<b>Government cost \$</b>									
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
Year Ending Jun 05	149,612,612	109,214,316	71,794,598	33,656,884	37,130,278	12,079,328	1,413,343	4,864,370	419,765,729
Change	5,103,077	4,811,696	3,983,445	1,342,665	1,643,918	76,056	87,454	8,325	17,056,636
%	3.53	4.61	5.87	4.16	4.63	0.63	6.60	0.17	4.24

**Table 4(e): PBS processing by State, highest Government cost ATC Level 2 year ending: Jun 2005**  
**SERUM LIPID REDUCING AGENTS**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Prescriptions - Volume</b>									
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
Year Ending Jun 05	5,852,513	4,059,210	2,862,196	1,344,108	1,436,460	392,740	60,210	207,841	16,215,278
Change	500,585	363,053	373,903	109,186	106,921	23,217	9,430	19,865	1,506,160
%	9.35	9.82	15.03	8.84	8.04	6.28	18.57	10.57	10.24
<b>Government cost \$</b>									
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
Year Ending Jun 05	329,676,104	229,501,486	162,409,439	78,026,845	81,082,006	23,460,421	3,337,065	11,247,008	918,740,374
Change	26,787,576	20,014,613	21,660,957	5,985,722	6,133,899	1,124,842	582,193	909,530	83,199,332
%	8.84	9.55	15.39	8.31	8.18	5.04	21.13	8.80	9.96

**Table 4(f): PBS processing by State, greatest increase in Government cost ATC Level 2 year ending : Jun 2005**  
**SERUM LIPID REDUCING AGENTS**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Prescriptions - Volume</b>									
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
Year Ending Jun 05	5,852,513	4,059,210	2,862,196	1,344,108	1,436,460	392,740	60,210	207,841	16,215,278
Change	500,585	363,053	373,903	109,186	106,921	23,217	9,430	19,865	1,506,160
%	9.35	9.82	15.03	8.84	8.04	6.28	18.57	10.57	10.24
<b>Government cost \$</b>									
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
Year Ending Jun 05	329,676,104	229,501,486	162,409,439	78,026,845	81,082,006	23,460,421	3,337,065	11,247,008	918,740,374
Change	26,787,576	20,014,613	21,660,957	5,985,722	6,133,899	1,124,842	582,193	909,530	83,199,332
%	8.84	9.55	15.39	8.31	8.18	5.04	21.13	8.80	9.96

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

**Expenditure Year ending June 2004 and 2005- \$ millions (1)**

	2004 \$ m	2005 \$ m
<i>Highly specialised drugs (1)</i>	403.9	468.8
<i>Safety net cards</i>	7.3	8.0
<i>Drs bag items</i>	9.4	9.3
<i>Methadone</i>	4.2	4.6
<i>Buprenorphine</i>	14.2	16.8
<i>Special Authority Program</i>	24.1	30.0
<i>Chemo. Access Program</i>	25.6	35.6
<i>Aboriginal health services</i>	17.2	22.0
<i>Botox (incl. Dysport)</i>	6.4	7.2
<i>Ostomy preparations</i>	0.4	0.5
<i>In vitro fertilisation</i>	38.2	47.3
<i>Human growth hormones</i>	19.4	18.9
<i>Other (2)</i>	0.2	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>570.5</b>	<b>669.1</b>

(1) Comprises grants paid in advance to the States and Territories and Payments made to Private Hospitals reconciled against actual usage (see page 40)

(2) Other includes Continuing Medication and S100 Special Access Scheme that ceased in 2004

**Table 6: ATC main group comparison (incl Drs bag), year ending: Jun 2005**

ATC Group Level 1	Year ending - Jun 2004				Year ending - Jun 2005			
	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
ALIMENTARY TRACT AND METABOLISM	21,780,660	747,067,530	870,176,226	39.95	23,052,468	796,783,269	942,926,849	40.90
BLOOD AND BLOOD FORMING ORGANS	5,358,072	162,230,565	182,864,107	34.13	6,005,546	185,297,922	211,157,562	35.16
CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM	52,636,908	1,551,147,980	1,891,628,357	35.94	54,998,322	1,659,992,814	2,031,153,429	36.93
DERMATOLOGICALS	2,773,638	60,237,757	73,518,863	26.51	2,771,744	59,932,717	74,278,683	26.80
GENITO URINARY SYSTEM AND SEX HORMONES	4,036,558	87,235,419	105,632,443	26.17	3,823,751	88,832,525	108,452,912	28.36
SYSTEMIC HORMONAL PREP,EXCL SEX HORMONES	2,422,685	24,886,248	33,906,109	14.00	2,500,497	26,051,164	36,003,178	14.40
GENERAL ANTIINFECTIVES FOR SYSTEMIC USE	12,318,414	233,600,148	283,541,416	23.02	12,437,569	238,248,908	293,550,741	23.60
ANTINEOPLASTIC AND IMMUNOMODULATING AGENT	1,095,636	396,769,812	407,395,560	371.83	1,188,166	467,197,982	480,166,915	404.12
MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM	12,567,966	360,808,673	435,465,540	34.65	11,556,582	326,885,333	396,056,379	34.27
NERVOUS SYSTEM	32,481,424	883,216,919	1,065,556,075	32.81	33,534,517	937,648,145	1,149,393,649	34.27
ANTIPARASITIC PRODUCTS, INSECTICIDES AND REF	600,790	4,637,195	6,180,996	10.29	534,849	4,150,540	5,563,273	10.40
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	9,854,731	351,476,961	416,708,487	42.29	9,677,503	368,107,607	438,322,224	45.29
SENSORY ORGANS	7,102,773	93,111,843	117,856,842	16.59	7,380,212	97,586,957	125,972,988	17.07
VARIOUS	577,308	42,537,450	45,569,401	78.93	578,879	46,526,635	50,089,518	86.53
NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED	254,538	2,112,168	2,891,751	11.36	238,897	2,013,444	2,804,139	11.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>165,862,101</b>	<b>5,001,076,669</b>	<b>5,938,892,174</b>	<b>35.81</b>	<b>170,279,502</b>	<b>5,305,255,960</b>	<b>6,345,892,437</b>	<b>37.27</b>

Change, years ending:	Jun 2004 to Jun 2005				Jun 2004 to Jun 2005			
	Change	Change	Change	Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change
ALIMENTARY TRACT AND METABOLISM	1,271,808	49,715,739	72,750,623	0.95	5.84	6.65	8.36	2.38
BLOOD AND BLOOD FORMING ORGANS	647,474	23,067,356	28,293,455	1.03	12.08	14.22	15.47	3.02
CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM	2,361,414	108,844,834	139,525,072	0.99	4.49	7.02	7.38	2.77
DERMATOLOGICALS	-1,894	-305,040	759,820	0.29	-0.07	-0.51	1.03	1.10
GENITO URINARY SYSTEM AND SEX HORMONES	-212,807	1,597,105	2,820,468	2.19	-5.27	1.83	2.67	8.38
SYSTEMIC HORMONAL PREP,EXCL SEX HORMONES	77,812	1,164,916	2,097,068	0.40	3.21	4.68	6.18	2.88
GENERAL ANTIINFECTIVES FOR SYSTEMIC USE	119,155	4,648,759	10,009,326	0.58	0.97	1.99	3.53	2.54
ANTINEOPLASTIC AND IMMUNOMODULATING AGENT	92,530	70,428,170	72,771,355	32.29	8.45	17.75	17.86	8.68
MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM	-1,011,384	-33,923,340	-39,409,161	-0.38	-8.05	-9.40	-9.05	-1.09
NERVOUS SYSTEM	1,053,093	54,431,226	83,837,574	1.47	3.24	6.16	7.87	4.48
ANTIPARASITIC PRODUCTS, INSECTICIDES AND REF	-65,941	-486,655	-617,723	0.11	-10.98	-10.49	-9.99	1.10
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	-177,228	16,630,645	21,613,737	3.01	-1.80	4.73	5.19	7.11
SENSORY ORGANS	277,439	4,475,114	8,116,146	0.48	3.91	4.81	6.89	2.87
VARIOUS	1,571	3,989,184	4,520,117	7.59	0.27	9.38	9.92	9.62
NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED	-15,641	-98,724	-87,612	0.38	-6.14	-4.67	-3.03	3.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,417,401</b>	<b>304,179,291</b>	<b>407,000,263</b>	<b>1.46</b>	<b>2.66</b>	<b>6.08</b>	<b>6.85</b>	<b>4.08</b>

**Table 7: Top ten ATC drug groups with greatest increase in Government cost (incl Drs bag), year ending: Jun 2005**

ATC Group Level 2	Year ending: Jun 2004				Year ending: Jun 2005				Change		
	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$
SERUM LIPID REDUCING AGENTS	14,709,118	835,541,042	952,617,922	64.76	16,215,278	918,740,374	1,062,593,113	65.53	1,506,160	83,199,332	109,975,192
ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS	406,132	167,801,228	171,875,909	423.20	439,848	199,821,921	204,788,268	465.59	33,716	32,020,693	32,912,359
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS	215,165	39,396,300	41,616,710	193.42	259,251	67,148,120	70,100,959	270.40	44,086	27,751,821	28,484,249
PSYCHOLEPTICS	7,224,566	247,431,938	271,038,710	37.52	7,299,988	272,719,845	299,491,398	41.03	75,422	25,287,908	28,452,688
ANTIDIABETIC THERAPY	4,931,545	167,446,211	185,154,380	37.54	5,245,377	191,338,930	212,065,298	40.43	313,832	23,892,720	26,910,918
DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	12,266,029	480,817,576	567,359,408	46.25	13,147,448	504,362,281	608,511,692	46.28	881,419	23,544,706	41,152,284
ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	4,540,455	154,544,380	172,118,921	37.91	5,158,431	177,220,579	199,772,409	38.73	617,976	22,676,199	27,653,488
DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES	2,439,353	135,028,145	147,684,827	60.54	2,835,103	153,758,487	170,150,958	60.02	395,750	18,730,342	22,466,131
AGENTS ACTING ON RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYST	19,376,940	402,709,093	551,727,000	28.47	19,901,853	419,765,729	566,875,473	28.48	524,913	17,056,636	15,148,473
DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	9,523,344	348,071,969	412,367,828	43.30	9,409,505	365,128,310	434,522,671	46.18	-113,839	17,056,341	22,154,843
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>75,632,647</b>	<b>2,978,787,881</b>	<b>3,473,561,614</b>	<b>45.93</b>	<b>79,912,082</b>	<b>3,270,004,577</b>	<b>3,828,872,238</b>	<b>47.91</b>	<b>4,279,435</b>	<b>291,216,696</b>	<b>355,310,624</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>165,862,101</b>	<b>5,001,076,669</b>	<b>5,938,892,174</b>	<b>35.81</b>	<b>170,279,502</b>	<b>5,305,255,960</b>	<b>6,345,892,437</b>	<b>37.27</b>	<b>4,417,401</b>	<b>304,179,291</b>	<b>407,000,263</b>
Top ten as % of Total	45.60	59.56	58.49		46.93	61.64	60.34		96.88	95.74	87.30

**Table 8: Top 3 drugs by generic name in ATC drug groups with greatest increase in Govt. cost (incl Drs bag), year ending: Jun 2004 to year ending: Jun 2005**

Group and Drugs	Change from:	Jun 2004	Govt Cost \$
	Volume		
<b>SERUM LIPID REDUCING AGENTS</b>	<b>1,506,160</b>		<b>83,199,332</b>
ATORVASTATIN	999,813		64,972,292
EZETIMIBE	219,944		13,410,384
SIMVASTATIN	322,313		10,363,411
<b>ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS</b>	<b>33,716</b>		<b>32,020,693</b>
RITUXIMAB	4,515		7,397,514
OXALIPLATIN	4,370		7,296,523
PACLITAXEL	2,561		5,799,275
<b>IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS</b>	<b>44,086</b>		<b>27,751,821</b>
ETANERCEPT	6,350		11,993,819
ADALIMUMAB	5,244		9,839,572
CYCLOSPORIN	9,394		2,915,167
<b>PSYCHOLEPTICS</b>	<b>75,422</b>		<b>25,287,908</b>
ARIPIRAZOLE	51,558		12,864,414
QUETIAPINE	32,228		6,513,437
RISPERIDONE	19,403		4,944,466
<b>ANTIDIABETIC THERAPY</b>	<b>313,832</b>		<b>23,892,720</b>
PIOGLITAZONE HYDROCHLORIDE	83,917		7,692,314
ROSIGLITAZONE	87,467		6,196,889
INSULIN ASPART/PROTAMINE ASPART	22,648		5,858,545
<b>DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS</b>	<b>881,419</b>		<b>23,544,706</b>
ESOMEPRAZOLE	693,797		30,532,678
RABEPRAZOLE	276,590		10,292,525
PANTOPRAZOLE	337,599		9,812,257
<b>ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS</b>	<b>617,976</b>		<b>22,676,199</b>
CLOPIDOGREL	295,837		22,166,530
ENOXAPARIN	26,192		770,767
WARFARIN	152,200		389,599
<b>DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES</b>	<b>395,750</b>		<b>18,730,342</b>
RISEDRONIC ACID	216,640		10,692,480
ALENDRONIC ACID	192,048		9,317,495
TILUDRONIC ACID	-151		49,898
<b>AGENTS ACTING ON RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM</b>	<b>524,913</b>		<b>17,056,636</b>
PERINDOPRIL	250,724		10,271,081
IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	170,924		4,065,146
IRBESARTAN	49,373		3,757,082
<b>DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES</b>	<b>-113,839</b>		<b>17,056,341</b>
TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE	306,950		22,083,361
EFORMOTEROL with BUDESONIDE	184,980		11,606,656
SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	118,655		4,179,778

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

**Table 9(a): PBS Prescription Volume, Government Cost and Average Government Cost/Script by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending: June 2002 to end June 2005**

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
<b>Prescriptions - Monthly</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	14,453,678	14,192,521	14,834,000	14,869,573	15,063,613	15,357,260	15,541,445	11,601,613	12,903,945	13,687,110	13,333,472	14,038,780
Change	661,705	1,072,952	870,910	11,914	1,652,653	130,072	573,403	(705,246)	(386,052)	500,798	(402,915)	461,691
%	4.80	8.18	6.24	0.08	12.32	0.85	3.83	-5.73	-2.90	3.80	-2.93	3.40
<b>Prescriptions - Cumulative</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	14,453,678	28,646,199	43,480,199	58,349,772	73,413,385	88,770,645	104,312,090	115,913,703	128,817,648	142,504,758	155,838,230	169,877,010
Change	661,705	1,734,657	2,605,567	2,617,481	4,270,134	4,400,206	4,973,609	4,268,363	3,882,311	4,383,109	3,980,194	4,441,885
%	4.80	6.45	6.37	4.70	6.18	5.22	5.01	3.82	3.11	3.17	2.62	2.68
<b>Government Cost \$ - Monthly</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	442,771,059	442,092,007	461,770,661	466,143,956	478,979,199	490,937,409	496,643,111	356,051,231	394,064,996	420,048,848	411,774,557	434,613,121
Change	39,989,322	55,981,227	51,363,189	16,636,017	68,370,170	18,808,225	30,985,232	(16,676,056)	(6,821,010)	25,888,062	(5,190,007)	24,887,786
%	9.93	14.50	12.52	3.70	16.65	3.98	6.65	-4.47	-1.70	6.57	-1.24	6.07
<b>Government Cost \$ - Cumulative</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	442,771,059	884,863,066	1,346,633,727	1,812,777,683	2,291,756,883	2,782,694,292	3,279,337,403	3,635,388,634	4,029,453,631	4,449,502,479	4,861,277,036	5,295,890,157
Change	39,989,322	95,970,548	147,333,738	163,969,754	232,339,924	251,148,149	282,133,382	265,457,326	258,636,316	284,524,378	279,334,371	304,222,157
%	9.93	12.17	12.28	9.94	11.28	9.92	9.41	7.88	6.86	6.83	6.10	6.09
<b>Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	30.63	31.15	31.13	31.35	31.80	31.97	31.96	30.69	30.54	30.69	30.88	30.96
Change	1.43	1.72	1.74	1.09	1.18	0.96	0.85	0.40	0.37	0.80	0.53	0.78
%	4.90	5.84	5.91	3.62	3.85	3.10	2.72	1.33	1.24	2.67	1.74	2.59
<b>Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	30.63	30.89	30.97	31.07	31.22	31.35	31.44	31.36	31.28	31.22	31.19	31.17
Change	1.43	1.58	1.63	1.48	1.43	1.34	1.27	1.18	1.10	1.07	1.02	1.00
%	4.90	5.37	5.56	5.01	4.81	4.47	4.20	3.90	3.64	3.55	3.39	3.32

**Table 9(b): General patients - total by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:**  
**June 2002 to end June 2005**

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
<b>Prescriptions - Monthly</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	2,397,875	2,436,633	2,600,633	2,658,588	2,735,663	2,854,890	3,033,079	1,735,678	1,882,909	1,999,740	1,979,125	2,088,940
Change	181,961	274,398	264,353	83,268	338,246	73,202	164,277	(265,886)	(246,949)	(102,106)	(236,461)	(112,506)
%	8.21	12.69	11.32	3.23	14.11	2.63	5.73	-13.28	-11.59	-4.86	-10.67	-5.11
<b>Prescriptions - Cumulative</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	2,397,875	4,834,508	7,435,141	10,093,729	12,829,392	15,684,282	18,717,361	20,453,039	22,335,948	24,335,688	26,314,813	28,403,753
Change	181,961	456,359	720,712	803,980	1,142,226	1,215,428	1,379,705	1,113,819	866,870	764,764	528,303	415,797
%	8.21	10.42	10.73	8.65	9.77	8.40	7.96	5.76	4.04	3.24	2.05	1.49
<b>Government Cost \$ - Monthly</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	89,444,642	91,867,017	96,779,483	98,041,329	101,705,602	106,039,416	111,467,021	67,627,850	72,633,739	78,517,754	77,756,652	81,478,620
Change	10,576,586	14,642,466	13,767,591	5,522,671	15,199,868	5,200,129	9,159,043	(7,237,813)	(6,236,041)	1,687,882	(4,291,487)	554,642
%	13.41	18.96	16.59	5.97	17.57	5.16	8.95	-9.67	-7.91	2.20	-5.23	0.69
<b>Government Cost \$ - Cumulative</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	89,444,642	181,311,659	278,091,142	376,132,471	477,838,073	583,877,489	695,344,510	762,972,360	835,606,099	914,123,853	991,880,505	1,073,359,125
Change	10,576,586	25,219,052	38,986,644	44,509,315	59,709,183	64,909,312	74,068,355	66,830,542	60,594,502	62,282,383	57,990,897	58,545,538
%	13.41	16.16	16.31	13.42	14.28	12.51	11.92	9.60	7.82	7.31	6.21	5.77
<b>Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	37.30	37.70	37.21	36.88	37.18	37.14	36.75	38.96	38.58	39.26	39.29	39.00
Change	1.71	1.99	1.68	0.95	1.09	0.89	1.09	1.56	1.54	2.71	2.26	2.25
%	4.80	5.56	4.73	2.65	3.03	2.46	3.05	4.17	4.17	7.42	6.09	6.11
<b>Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	37.30	37.50	37.40	37.26	37.25	37.23	37.15	37.30	37.41	37.56	37.69	37.79
Change	1.71	1.85	1.79	1.57	1.47	1.36	1.32	1.31	1.31	1.42	1.48	1.53
%	4.80	5.19	5.03	4.39	4.11	3.79	3.67	3.63	3.63	3.94	4.08	4.22

**Table 9(c): General patients - non safety net by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:**  
**Jun 2002 to end Jun 2005**

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
<b>Prescriptions - Monthly</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	2,098,652	1,980,002	1,947,873	1,828,358	1,739,101	1,619,653	1,560,454	1,662,375	1,874,859	1,984,384	1,929,811	1,968,929
Change	131,867	186,187	148,246	2,137	178,924	(20,222)	26,465	(257,741)	(245,025)	(97,171)	(219,423)	(83,131)
%	6.70	10.38	8.24	0.12	11.47	-1.23	1.73	-13.42	-11.56	-4.67	-10.21	-4.05
<b>Prescriptions - Cumulative</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	2,098,652	4,078,654	6,026,527	7,854,885	9,593,986	11,213,639	12,774,093	14,436,468	16,311,327	18,295,711	20,225,522	22,194,451
Change	131,867	318,054	466,300	468,437	647,361	627,139	653,604	395,863	150,838	53,667	(165,756)	(248,887)
%	6.70	8.46	8.39	6.34	7.24	5.92	5.39	2.82	0.93	0.29	-0.81	-1.11
<b>Government Cost \$ - Monthly</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	78,379,314	75,180,117	73,328,788	68,425,245	66,288,110	62,252,119	59,835,935	64,935,403	72,281,976	77,746,781	75,541,267	76,495,851
Change	8,311,775	10,855,988	8,636,625	1,548,123	8,478,313	300,747	2,662,602	(6,967,514)	(6,182,670)	1,751,026	(3,878,521)	1,043,805
%	11.86	16.88	13.35	2.31	14.67	0.49	4.66	-9.69	-7.88	2.30	-4.88	1.38
<b>Government Cost \$ - Cumulative</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	78,379,314	153,559,431	226,888,219	295,313,464	361,601,574	423,853,693	483,689,628	548,625,030	620,907,007	698,653,787	774,195,054	850,690,906
Change	8,311,775	19,167,762	27,804,388	29,352,511	37,830,824	38,131,570	40,794,172	33,826,658	27,643,988	29,395,013	25,516,492	26,560,298
%	11.86	14.26	13.97	11.04	11.68	9.89	9.21	6.57	4.66	4.39	3.41	3.22
<b>Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	37.35	37.97	37.65	37.42	38.12	38.44	38.35	39.06	38.55	39.18	39.14	38.85
Change	1.72	2.11	1.70	0.80	1.06	0.66	1.07	1.61	1.54	2.67	2.19	2.08
%	4.83	5.89	4.72	2.20	2.87	1.74	2.88	4.31	4.16	7.31	5.93	5.66
<b>Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	37.35	37.65	37.65	37.60	37.69	37.80	37.86	38.00	38.07	38.19	38.28	38.33
Change	1.72	1.91	1.84	1.59	1.50	1.36	1.32	1.34	1.36	1.50	1.56	1.61
%	4.83	5.35	5.15	4.41	4.15	3.74	3.62	3.65	3.69	4.09	4.26	4.38

**Table 9(d): General patients - Safety Net by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:  
June 2002 to end June 2005**

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
<b>Prescriptions - Monthly</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	299,223	456,631	652,760	830,230	996,562	1,235,237	1,472,625	73,303	8,050	15,356	49,314	120,011
Change	50,094	88,211	116,107	81,131	159,322	93,424	137,812	(8,145)	(1,924)	(4,935)	(17,038)	(29,375)
%	20.11	23.94	21.64	10.83	19.03	8.18	10.32	-10.00	-19.29	-24.32	-25.68	-19.66
<b>Prescriptions - Cumulative</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	299,223	755,854	1,408,614	2,238,844	3,235,406	4,470,643	5,943,268	6,016,571	6,024,621	6,039,977	6,089,291	6,209,302
Change	50,094	138,305	254,412	335,543	494,865	588,289	726,101	717,956	716,032	711,097	694,059	664,684
%	20.11	22.40	22.04	17.63	18.06	15.15	13.92	13.55	13.49	13.34	12.86	11.99
<b>Government Cost \$ - Monthly</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	11,065,328	16,686,900	23,450,695	29,616,084	35,417,492	43,787,297	51,631,086	2,692,447	351,763	770,974	2,215,385	4,982,769
Change	2,264,811	3,786,479	5,130,966	3,974,548	6,721,555	4,899,382	6,496,442	(270,299)	(53,370)	(63,144)	(412,966)	(489,164)
%	25.73	29.35	28.01	15.50	23.42	12.60	14.39	-9.12	-13.17	-7.57	-15.71	-8.94
<b>Government Cost \$ - Cumulative</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	11,065,328	27,752,228	51,202,923	80,819,007	116,236,498	160,023,796	211,654,882	214,347,329	214,699,092	215,470,066	217,685,451	222,668,220
Change	2,264,811	6,051,290	11,182,256	15,156,804	21,878,359	26,777,742	33,274,183	33,003,884	32,950,514	32,887,370	32,474,404	31,985,241
%	25.73	27.88	27.94	23.08	23.19	20.10	18.65	18.20	18.13	18.01	17.53	16.77
<b>Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	36.98	36.54	35.93	35.67	35.54	35.45	35.06	36.73	43.70	50.21	44.92	41.52
Change	1.66	1.53	1.79	1.44	1.27	1.39	1.25	0.35	3.08	9.10	5.31	4.89
%	4.69	4.36	5.24	4.21	3.69	4.08	3.69	0.97	7.58	22.13	13.41	13.35
<b>Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	36.98	36.72	36.35	36.10	35.93	35.79	35.61	35.63	35.64	35.67	35.75	35.86
Change	1.66	1.58	1.68	1.60	1.50	1.47	1.42	1.40	1.40	1.41	1.42	1.47
%	4.69	4.48	4.83	4.64	4.34	4.29	4.16	4.09	4.09	4.12	4.14	4.27

**Table 9(e): Concessional patients - total by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:**  
**June 2002 to end June 2005**

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
<b>Prescriptions - Monthly</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	12,055,803	11,755,888	12,233,367	12,210,985	12,327,950	12,502,370	12,508,366	9,865,935	11,021,036	11,687,370	11,354,347	11,949,840
Change	479,744	798,554	606,557	(71,354)	1,314,407	56,870	409,126	(439,360)	(139,103)	602,904	(166,454)	574,197
%	4.14	7.29	5.22	-0.58	11.93	0.46	3.38	-4.26	-1.25	5.44	-1.44	5.05
<b>Prescriptions - Cumulative</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	12,055,803	23,811,691	36,045,058	48,256,043	60,583,993	73,086,363	85,594,729	95,460,664	106,481,700	118,169,070	129,523,417	141,473,257
Change	479,744	1,278,298	1,884,855	1,813,501	3,127,908	3,184,778	3,593,904	3,154,544	3,015,441	3,618,345	3,451,891	4,026,088
%	4.14	5.67	5.52	3.90	5.44	4.56	4.38	3.42	2.91	3.16	2.74	2.93
<b>Government Cost \$ - Monthly</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	353,326,417	350,224,990	364,991,179	368,102,627	377,273,597	384,897,993	385,176,090	288,423,382	321,431,257	341,531,094	334,017,905	353,134,501
Change	29,412,736	41,338,760	37,595,598	11,113,345	53,170,302	13,608,096	21,826,189	(9,438,243)	(584,970)	24,200,181	(898,521)	24,333,145
%	9.08	13.38	11.48	3.11	16.41	3.67	6.01	-3.17	-0.18	7.63	-0.27	7.40
<b>Government Cost \$ - Cumulative</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	353,326,417	703,551,407	1,068,542,586	1,436,645,213	1,813,918,810	2,198,816,803	2,583,992,893	2,872,416,275	3,193,847,532	3,535,378,626	3,869,396,531	4,222,531,032
Change	29,412,736	70,751,496	108,347,094	119,460,439	172,630,741	186,238,838	208,065,027	198,626,784	198,041,814	222,241,995	221,343,474	245,676,619
%	9.08	11.18	11.28	9.07	10.52	9.25	8.76	7.43	6.61	6.71	6.07	6.18
<b>Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	29.31	29.79	29.84	30.15	30.60	30.79	30.79	29.23	29.17	29.22	29.42	29.55
Change	1.33	1.60	1.68	1.08	1.18	0.95	0.76	0.33	0.31	0.59	0.35	0.65
%	4.74	5.68	5.96	3.72	3.99	3.19	2.54	1.14	1.08	2.07	1.19	2.24
<b>Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	29.31	29.55	29.64	29.77	29.94	30.09	30.19	30.09	29.99	29.92	29.87	29.85
Change	1.33	1.46	1.54	1.41	1.37	1.29	1.21	1.12	1.04	1.00	0.94	0.91
%	4.74	5.21	5.46	4.97	4.81	4.49	4.19	3.88	3.59	3.44	3.24	3.16

**Table 9(f): Concessional patients - non safety net by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:**  
**June 2002 to end June 2005**

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
<b>Prescriptions - Monthly</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	9,836,032	8,651,192	8,116,155	7,262,563	6,554,341	5,888,936	5,898,813	9,476,228	10,838,992	11,459,157	10,773,128	10,622,409
Change	244,049	351,159	62,486	(329,940)	447,582	(264,733)	96,320	(479,730)	(256,214)	562,843	(154,761)	479,019
%	2.54	4.23	0.78	-4.35	7.33	-4.30	1.66	-4.82	-2.31	5.17	-1.42	4.72
<b>Prescriptions - Cumulative</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	9,836,032	18,487,224	26,603,379	33,865,942	40,420,283	46,309,219	52,208,032	61,684,260	72,523,252	83,982,409	94,755,537	105,377,946
Change	244,049	595,208	657,694	327,754	775,336	510,603	606,923	127,193	(129,021)	433,822	279,061	758,080
%	2.54	3.33	2.53	0.98	1.96	1.11	1.18	0.21	-0.18	0.52	0.30	0.72
<b>Government Cost \$ - Monthly</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	284,277,803	252,537,677	234,620,325	210,504,654	193,266,541	173,997,419	174,444,958	276,132,278	315,759,023	334,604,149	316,057,703	310,831,270
Change	19,229,354	23,375,623	15,014,326	(2,897,557)	20,145,292	(2,487,665)	6,567,956	(10,972,034)	(4,481,654)	22,597,912	(1,056,368)	19,666,982
%	7.26	10.20	6.84	-1.36	11.64	-1.41	3.91	-3.82	-1.40	7.24	-0.33	6.75
<b>Government Cost \$ - Cumulative</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	284,277,803	536,815,480	771,435,806	981,940,460	1,175,207,001	1,349,204,420	1,523,649,378	1,799,781,656	2,115,540,679	2,450,144,828	2,766,202,531	3,077,033,801
Change	19,229,354	42,604,977	57,619,303	54,721,745	74,867,037	72,379,372	78,947,328	67,975,295	63,493,641	86,091,553	85,035,185	104,702,167
%	7.26	8.62	8.07	5.90	6.80	5.67	5.46	3.93	3.09	3.64	3.17	3.52
<b>Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	28.90	29.19	28.91	28.98	29.49	29.55	29.57	29.14	29.13	29.20	29.34	29.26
Change	1.27	1.58	1.64	0.88	1.14	0.87	0.64	0.30	0.27	0.57	0.32	0.56
%	4.59	5.73	6.01	3.12	4.01	3.02	2.22	1.05	0.93	1.98	1.10	1.94
<b>Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	28.90	29.04	29.00	28.99	29.07	29.13	29.18	29.18	29.17	29.17	29.19	29.20
Change	1.27	1.42	1.49	1.35	1.32	1.26	1.19	1.04	0.93	0.88	0.81	0.79
%	4.59	5.12	5.40	4.88	4.76	4.50	4.24	3.71	3.28	3.11	2.87	2.78

**Table 9(g): Concessional patients - safety net by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:  
June 2002 to end June 2005**

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
<b>Prescriptions - Monthly</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	2,219,771	3,104,696	4,117,212	4,948,422	5,773,609	6,613,434	6,609,553	389,707	182,044	228,213	581,219	1,327,431
Change	235,695	447,395	544,071	258,586	866,825	321,603	312,806	40,370	117,111	40,061	(11,693)	95,178
%	11.88	16.84	15.23	5.51	17.67	5.11	4.97	11.56	180.36	21.29	-1.97	7.72
<b>Prescriptions - Cumulative</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	2,219,771	5,324,467	9,441,679	14,390,101	20,163,710	26,777,144	33,386,697	33,776,404	33,958,448	34,186,661	34,767,880	36,095,311
Change	235,695	683,090	1,227,161	1,485,747	2,352,572	2,674,175	2,986,981	3,027,351	3,144,462	3,184,523	3,172,830	3,268,008
%	11.88	14.72	14.94	11.51	13.21	11.09	9.83	9.85	10.20	10.27	10.04	9.96
<b>Government Cost \$ - Monthly</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	69,048,614	97,687,313	130,370,853	157,597,973	184,007,056	210,900,575	210,731,131	12,291,104	5,672,235	6,926,945	17,960,202	42,303,231
Change	10,183,381	17,963,137	22,581,272	14,010,903	33,025,010	16,095,761	15,258,233	1,533,791	3,896,684	1,602,268	157,848	4,666,162
%	17.30	22.53	20.95	9.76	21.87	8.26	7.81	14.26	219.46	30.09	0.89	12.40
<b>Government Cost \$ - Cumulative</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	69,048,614	166,735,927	297,106,780	454,704,753	638,711,809	849,612,384	1,060,343,515	1,072,634,619	1,078,306,853	1,085,233,798	1,103,194,000	1,145,497,231
Change	10,183,381	28,146,519	50,727,791	64,738,694	97,763,704	113,859,465	129,117,698	130,651,489	134,548,173	136,150,441	136,308,289	140,974,451
%	17.30	20.31	20.59	16.60	18.07	15.48	13.87	13.87	14.26	14.35	14.10	14.03
<b>Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	31.11	31.46	31.66	31.85	31.87	31.89	31.88	31.54	31.16	30.35	30.90	31.87
Change	1.44	1.46	1.50	1.23	1.10	0.93	0.84	0.75	3.81	2.05	0.88	1.33
%	4.84	4.87	4.97	4.02	3.58	3.00	2.70	2.42	13.95	7.25	2.92	4.34
<b>Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative</b>												
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
Year Ending Jun 05	31.11	31.32	31.47	31.60	31.68	31.73	31.76	31.76	31.75	31.74	31.73	31.74
Change	1.44	1.46	1.47	1.38	1.30	1.20	1.13	1.12	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.14
%	4.84	4.87	4.92	4.56	4.30	3.94	3.68	3.66	3.68	3.69	3.69	3.71

**Table 10(a): Significant drug groups (incl Drs bag) by highest Government cost, year end: Jun 2004 to year end: Jun 2005**

ATC Group Level 2	Year ending Jun 2004				Year ending Jun 2005			
	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
SERUM LIPID REDUCING AGENTS	14,709,118	835,541,042	952,617,922	64.76	16,215,278	918,740,374	1,062,593,113	65.53
DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	12,266,029	480,817,576	567,359,408	46.25	13,147,448	504,362,281	608,511,692	46.28
AGENTS ACTING ON RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	19,376,940	402,709,093	551,727,000	28.47	19,901,853	419,765,729	566,875,473	28.48
DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	9,523,344	348,071,969	412,367,828	43.30	9,409,505	365,128,310	434,522,671	46.18
PSYCHOANALEPTICS	12,000,862	350,523,725	460,123,457	38.34	12,595,291	360,111,529	488,986,698	38.82
PSYCHOLEPTICS	7,224,566	247,431,938	271,038,710	37.52	7,299,988	272,719,845	299,491,398	41.03
ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS	406,132	167,801,228	171,875,909	423.20	439,848	199,821,921	204,788,268	465.59
ANTIDIABETIC THERAPY	4,931,545	167,446,211	185,154,380	37.54	5,245,377	191,338,930	212,065,298	40.43
ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	4,540,455	154,544,380	172,118,921	37.91	5,158,431	177,220,579	199,772,409	38.73
ANTIINFLAMMATORY AND ANTIRHEUMATIC PRODUCTS	9,143,205	212,956,211	271,757,010	29.72	7,695,891	159,623,334	208,747,990	27.12
DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES	2,439,353	135,028,145	147,684,827	60.54	2,835,103	153,758,487	170,150,958	60.02
ANALGESICS	10,914,950	141,925,677	174,370,911	15.98	11,183,969	153,387,586	190,472,773	17.03
CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS	7,380,410	152,512,663	191,221,993	25.91	7,484,348	152,198,989	193,071,216	25.80
ANTIBACTERIALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	11,092,683	130,574,361	170,580,847	15.38	11,316,053	133,286,487	177,619,177	15.70
ENDOCRINE THERAPY	396,251	102,127,519	105,417,506	266.04	405,932	109,507,753	113,331,321	279.19
ANTIEPILEPTICS	1,595,871	90,791,297	102,931,713	64.50	1,659,870	98,305,336	111,836,650	67.38
OPHTHALMOLOGICALS	6,233,638	89,823,235	111,914,982	17.95	6,576,334	94,755,247	120,472,817	18.32

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Change, years ending:	Jun 2004 to Jun 2005				Jun 2004 to Jun 2005			
	Change	Change	Change	Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change
SERUM LIPID REDUCING AGENTS	1,506,160	83,199,332	109,975,192	0.77	10.24	9.96	11.54	1.18
DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	881,419	23,544,706	41,152,284	0.03	7.19	4.90	7.25	0.06
AGENTS ACTING ON RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	524,913	17,056,636	15,148,473	0.01	2.71	4.24	2.75	0.04
DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	-113,839	17,056,341	22,154,843	2.88	-1.20	4.90	5.37	6.65
PSYCHOANALEPTICS	594,429	9,587,804	28,863,240	0.48	4.95	2.74	6.27	1.26
PSYCHOLEPTICS	75,422	25,287,908	28,452,688	3.51	1.04	10.22	10.50	9.36
ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS	33,716	32,020,693	32,912,359	42.39	8.30	19.08	19.15	10.02
ANTIDIABETIC THERAPY	313,832	23,892,720	26,910,918	2.88	6.36	14.27	14.53	7.68
ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	617,976	22,676,199	27,653,488	0.82	13.61	14.67	16.07	2.16
ANTIINFLAMMATORY AND ANTIRHEUMATIC PRODUCTS	-1,447,314	-53,332,877	-63,009,020	-2.60	-15.83	-25.04	-23.19	-8.74
DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES	395,750	18,730,342	22,466,131	-0.53	16.22	13.87	15.21	-0.87
ANALGESICS	269,019	11,461,909	16,101,862	1.06	2.46	8.08	9.23	6.61
CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS	103,938	-313,674	1,849,223	-0.11	1.41	-0.21	0.97	-0.44
ANTIBACTERIALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	223,370	2,712,125	7,038,330	0.32	2.01	2.08	4.13	2.07
ENDOCRINE THERAPY	9,681	7,380,234	7,913,815	13.15	2.44	7.23	7.51	4.94
ANTIEPILEPTICS	63,999	7,514,039	8,904,937	2.88	4.01	8.28	8.65	4.46
OPHTHALMOLOGICALS	342,696	4,932,012	8,557,835	0.37	5.50	5.49	7.65	2.04

**Table 10(b): Significant drug groups (incl Drs bag) by highest volume, year end: Jun 2004 to year end: Jun 2005**

ATC Group Level 2	Year ending Jun 2004				Year ending Jun 2005			
	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
AGENTS ACTING ON RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	19,376,940	402,709,093	551,727,000	28.47	19,901,853	419,765,729	566,875,473	28.48
SERUM LIPID REDUCING AGENTS	14,709,118	835,541,042	952,617,922	64.76	16,215,278	918,740,374	1,062,593,113	65.53
DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	12,266,029	480,817,576	567,359,408	46.25	13,147,448	504,362,281	608,511,692	46.28
PSYCHOANALEPTICS	12,000,862	350,523,725	460,123,457	38.34	12,595,291	360,111,529	488,986,698	38.82
ANTIBACTERIALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	11,092,683	130,574,361	170,580,847	15.38	11,316,053	133,286,487	177,619,177	15.70
ANALGESICS	10,914,950	141,925,677	174,370,911	15.98	11,183,969	153,387,586	190,472,773	17.03
DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	9,523,344	348,071,969	412,367,828	43.30	9,409,505	365,128,310	434,522,671	46.18
ANTIINFLAMMATORY AND ANTIRHEUMATIC PRODUCTS	9,143,205	212,956,211	271,757,010	29.72	7,695,891	159,623,334	208,747,990	27.12
CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS	7,380,410	152,512,663	191,221,993	25.91	7,484,348	152,198,989	193,071,216	25.80
PSYCHOLEPTICS	7,224,566	247,431,938	271,038,710	37.52	7,299,988	272,719,845	299,491,398	41.03
OPHTHALMOLOGICALS	6,233,638	89,823,235	111,914,982	17.95	6,576,334	94,755,247	120,472,817	18.32
ANTIDIABETIC THERAPY	4,931,545	167,446,211	185,154,380	37.54	5,245,377	191,338,930	212,065,298	40.43
ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	4,540,455	154,544,380	172,118,921	37.91	5,158,431	177,220,579	199,772,409	38.73
BETA BLOCKING AGENTS	4,628,098	67,136,235	81,758,886	17.67	4,946,575	76,258,362	93,610,274	18.92
SEX HORMONES AND MODULATORS OF THE GENITAL SYSTEM	3,791,359	77,297,819	94,217,005	24.85	3,563,199	77,046,408	94,868,295	26.62
CARDIAC THERAPY	3,450,371	60,872,657	72,290,385	20.95	3,387,350	61,073,672	72,889,642	21.52
DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES	2,439,353	135,028,145	147,684,827	60.54	2,835,103	153,758,487	170,150,958	60.02

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Change, years ending:	Jun 2004 to Jun 2005				Jun 2004 to Jun 2005			
	Change	Change	Change	Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change
AGENTS ACTING ON RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	524,913	17,056,636	15,148,473	0.01	2.71	4.24	2.75	0.04
SERUM LIPID REDUCING AGENTS	1,506,160	83,199,332	109,975,192	0.77	10.24	9.96	11.54	1.18
DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	881,419	23,544,706	41,152,284	0.03	7.19	4.90	7.25	0.06
PSYCHOANALEPTICS	594,429	9,587,804	28,863,240	0.48	4.95	2.74	6.27	1.26
ANTIBACTERIALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	223,370	2,712,125	7,038,330	0.32	2.01	2.08	4.13	2.07
ANALGESICS	269,019	11,461,909	16,101,862	1.06	2.46	8.08	9.23	6.61
DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	-113,839	17,056,341	22,154,843	2.88	-1.20	4.90	5.37	6.65
ANTIINFLAMMATORY AND ANTIRHEUMATIC PRODUCTS	-1,447,314	-53,332,877	-63,009,020	-2.60	-15.83	-25.04	-23.19	-8.74
CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS	103,938	-313,674	1,849,223	-0.11	1.41	-0.21	0.97	-0.44
PSYCHOLEPTICS	75,422	25,287,908	28,452,688	3.51	1.04	10.22	10.50	9.36
OPHTHALMOLOGICALS	342,696	4,932,012	8,557,835	0.37	5.50	5.49	7.65	2.04
ANTIDIABETIC THERAPY	313,832	23,892,720	26,910,918	2.88	6.36	14.27	14.53	7.68
ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	617,976	22,676,199	27,653,488	0.82	13.61	14.67	16.07	2.16
BETA BLOCKING AGENTS	318,477	9,122,127	11,851,388	1.26	6.88	13.59	14.50	7.12
SEX HORMONES AND MODULATORS OF THE GENITAL SYSTEM	-228,160	-251,411	651,290	1.77	-6.02	-0.33	0.69	7.14
CARDIAC THERAPY	-63,021	201,015	599,256	0.57	-1.83	0.33	0.83	2.70
DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES	395,750	18,730,342	22,466,131	-0.53	16.22	13.87	15.21	-0.87

**Table 11(a): Significant drugs (incl Drs bag)-sorted by highest change to Government cost, year end: Jun 2004 to year end: Jun 2005**

Rank	Drug	Year ending Jun 2004				Year ending Jun 2005				Change	
		Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Govt Cost \$	%
1	ATORVASTATIN	6,629,408	368,554,153	427,030,219	64.41	7,629,221	433,526,445	508,279,562	66.62	64,972,292	17.63
2	ESOMEPRAZOLE	2,051,597	100,249,623	118,532,126	57.78	2,745,394	130,782,301	157,316,523	57.30	30,532,678	30.46
3	CLOPIDOGREL	1,369,634	108,117,378	115,058,695	84.01	1,665,471	130,283,908	139,951,859	84.03	22,166,530	20.50
4	TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE	578,834	42,315,436	44,836,583	77.46	885,784	64,398,798	68,659,649	77.51	22,083,361	52.19
5	MELOXICAM	973,400	22,548,914	29,980,207	30.80	1,732,160	39,483,197	52,792,274	30.48	16,934,283	75.10
6	EZETIMIBE	0	0	0	0.00	219,944	13,410,384	15,720,458	71.47	13,410,384	0.00
7	ESCITALOPRAM	93,486	2,223,485	3,474,639	37.17	627,708	15,593,122	24,434,359	38.93	13,369,638	601.29
8	ARIPIRAZOLE	2,610	623,508	642,829	246.29	54,168	13,487,922	13,913,837	256.86	12,864,414	New
9	ETANERCEPT	6,525	12,240,040	12,299,100	1884.92	12,875	24,233,858	24,353,047	1,891.50	11,993,819	97.99
10	EFORMOTEROL with BUDESONIDE	279,306	12,834,225	15,651,897	56.04	464,286	24,440,881	29,552,307	63.65	11,606,656	90.44
11	RISEDRONIC ACID	374,011	19,889,467	21,878,530	58.50	590,651	30,581,947	34,092,769	57.72	10,692,480	53.76
12	SIMVASTATIN	5,526,791	333,669,341	373,139,090	67.51	5,849,104	344,032,752	390,347,804	66.74	10,363,411	3.11
13	RABEPRAZOLE	864,542	33,451,099	41,180,444	47.63	1,141,132	43,743,625	54,806,673	48.03	10,292,525	30.77
14	PERINDOPRIL	2,358,909	42,901,225	58,618,039	24.85	2,609,633	53,172,307	69,291,212	26.55	10,271,081	23.94
15	ADALIMUMAB	51	95,789	96,299	1888.21	5,295	9,935,361	9,995,538	1,887.73	9,839,572	10272.09
16	PANTOPRAZOLE	2,037,525	85,330,042	100,197,565	49.18	2,375,124	95,142,299	114,027,965	48.01	9,812,257	11.50
17	ALENDRONIC ACID	1,701,990	87,403,280	96,313,566	56.59	1,894,038	96,720,775	107,739,213	56.88	9,317,495	10.66
18	PIOGLITAZONE HYDROCHLORIDE	33,906	2,812,262	3,076,534	90.74	117,823	10,504,577	11,339,976	96.25	7,692,314	273.53
19	RITUXIMAB	19,829	37,225,784	37,471,225	1889.72	24,344	44,623,298	44,954,102	1,846.62	7,397,514	19.87
20	LERCANIPIDINE	595,013	12,133,609	15,689,936	26.37	851,565	19,511,324	24,950,585	29.30	7,377,715	60.80
21	OXALIPLATIN	11,053	15,183,049	15,320,354	1386.08	15,423	22,479,571	22,691,233	1,471.26	7,296,523	48.06
22	OXYCODONE	721,213	22,714,178	25,397,882	35.22	897,009	29,289,518	32,766,367	36.53	6,575,340	28.95
23	QUETIAPINE	130,785	27,156,781	27,959,470	213.78	163,013	33,670,217	34,769,335	213.29	6,513,437	23.98
24	ROSIGLITAZONE	41,807	2,742,118	3,077,362	73.61	129,274	8,939,007	9,940,378	76.89	6,196,889	225.99
25	VENLAFAXINE	1,615,790	72,403,802	89,846,713	55.61	1,797,874	78,372,000	100,106,031	55.68	5,968,198	8.24
26	INSULIN ASPART/PROTAMINE ASPART	32,651	8,489,634	8,738,798	267.64	55,299	14,348,180	14,799,158	267.62	5,858,545	69.01
27	PACLITAXEL	10,389	20,972,807	21,111,853	2032.14	12,950	26,772,082	26,975,801	2,083.07	5,799,275	27.65
28	VALACICLOVIR	227,702	41,203,800	45,001,835	197.63	258,976	46,543,600	51,339,761	198.24	5,339,800	12.96
29	CARVEDILOL	376,375	34,188,567	36,188,940	96.15	440,184	39,201,437	41,775,088	94.90	5,012,870	14.66
30	RISPERIDONE	226,256	31,017,317	32,370,349	143.07	245,659	35,961,783	37,575,787	152.96	4,944,466	15.94
31	LEVETIRACETAM	22,306	3,268,299	3,449,197	154.63	56,855	8,073,254	8,577,773	150.87	4,804,955	147.02
32	SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	2,508,244	152,343,064	177,374,020	70.72	2,626,899	156,522,842	185,480,569	70.61	4,179,778	2.74
33	IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	2,640,518	60,775,672	85,458,442	32.36	2,811,442	64,840,819	91,774,105	32.64	4,065,146	6.69
34	MIRTAZAPINE	580,982	18,798,447	23,709,045	40.81	713,789	22,797,609	29,273,929	41.01	3,999,162	21.27
35	INSULIN ASPART	40,927	10,059,707	10,526,281	257.20	57,749	14,050,894	14,773,195	255.82	3,991,187	39.67

**Table 11(b): Significant Drugs (incl Drs Bag)-Sorted by Highest Volume Change, year end: Jun 2004 to year end: Jun 2005**

Rank	Drug	Year ending Jun 2004				Year ending Jun 2005				Change	
		Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	%
1	ATORVASTATIN	6,629,408	368,554,153	427,030,219	64.41	7,629,221	433,526,445	508,279,562	66.62	999,813	15.08
2	MELOXICAM	973,400	22,548,914	29,980,207	30.80	1,732,160	39,483,197	52,792,274	30.48	758,760	77.95
3	ESOMEPRAZOLE	2,051,597	100,249,623	118,532,126	57.78	2,745,394	130,782,301	157,316,523	57.30	693,797	33.82
4	ESCITALOPRAM	93,486	2,223,485	3,474,639	37.17	627,708	15,593,122	24,434,359	38.93	534,222	571.45
5	PANTOPRAZOLE	2,037,525	85,330,042	100,197,565	49.18	2,375,124	95,142,299	114,027,965	48.01	337,599	16.57
6	SIMVASTATIN	5,526,791	333,669,341	373,139,090	67.51	5,849,104	344,032,752	390,347,804	66.74	322,313	5.83
7	TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE	578,834	42,315,436	44,836,583	77.46	885,784	64,398,798	68,659,649	77.51	306,950	53.03
8	CLOPIDOGREL	1,369,634	108,117,378	115,058,695	84.01	1,665,471	130,283,908	139,951,859	84.03	295,837	21.60
9	RABEPRAZOLE	864,542	33,451,099	41,180,444	47.63	1,141,132	43,743,625	54,806,673	48.03	276,590	31.99
10	LERCANIPIDINE	595,013	12,133,609	15,689,936	26.37	851,565	19,511,324	24,950,585	29.30	256,552	43.12
11	PERINDOPRIL	2,358,909	42,901,225	58,618,039	24.85	2,609,633	53,172,307	69,291,212	26.55	250,724	10.63
12	EZETIMIBE	0	0	0	0.00	219,944	13,410,384	15,720,458	71.47	219,944	0.00
13	RISEDRONIC ACID	374,011	19,889,467	21,878,530	58.50	590,651	30,581,947	34,092,769	57.72	216,640	57.92
14	ALENDRONIC ACID	1,701,990	87,403,280	96,313,566	56.59	1,894,038	96,720,775	107,739,213	56.88	192,048	11.28
15	EFORMOTEROL with BUDESONIDE	279,306	12,834,225	15,651,897	56.04	464,286	24,440,881	29,552,307	63.65	184,980	66.23
16	VENLAFAXINE	1,615,790	72,403,802	89,846,713	55.61	1,797,874	78,372,000	100,106,031	55.68	182,084	11.27
17	TELMISARTAN and DIURETICS	195,570	3,582,345	5,506,318	28.16	377,017	6,746,539	10,667,131	28.29	181,447	92.78
18	OXYCODONE	721,213	22,714,178	25,397,882	35.22	897,009	29,289,518	32,766,367	36.53	175,796	24.38
19	PERINDOPRIL and INDAPAMIDE	1,411,208	33,235,350	46,318,021	32.82	1,586,178	35,457,092	51,678,904	32.58	174,970	12.40
20	IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	2,640,518	60,775,672	85,458,442	32.36	2,811,442	64,840,819	91,774,105	32.64	170,924	6.47
21	CEFALEXIN	1,785,290	14,422,099	20,219,265	11.33	1,950,588	15,247,547	22,211,425	11.39	165,298	9.26
22	WARFARIN	1,718,226	8,717,821	13,335,091	7.76	1,870,426	9,107,420	14,600,627	7.81	152,200	8.86
23	ATENOLOL	2,856,440	20,458,579	28,917,567	10.12	2,992,318	20,773,549	30,455,611	10.18	135,878	4.76
24	MIRTAZAPINE	580,982	18,798,447	23,709,045	40.81	713,789	22,797,609	29,273,929	41.01	132,807	22.86
25	CANDESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	545,579	10,443,448	15,550,198	28.50	671,977	12,747,922	19,643,749	29.23	126,398	23.17
26	ASPIRIN	1,124,396	4,137,906	7,096,371	6.31	1,243,201	4,278,398	7,876,608	6.34	118,805	10.57
27	SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	2,508,244	152,343,064	177,374,020	70.72	2,626,899	156,522,842	185,480,569	70.61	118,655	4.73
28	ARTIFICIAL TEARS and OTHER INDIFFERS	28,992	159,400	252,979	8.73	140,687	829,232	1,240,780	8.82	111,695	385.26
29	ARTIFICIAL TEARS	150,866	1,295,410	1,691,436	11.21	259,532	2,175,270	2,919,633	11.25	108,666	72.03
30	LATANOPROST	1,226,993	35,350,549	41,851,333	34.11	1,331,499	37,585,735	45,463,297	34.14	104,506	8.52
31	CANDESARTAN	854,855	16,235,713	21,593,991	25.26	944,178	18,890,698	23,740,920	25.14	89,323	10.45
32	GLICLAZIDE	984,921	12,544,294	15,237,184	15.47	1,073,228	13,468,287	16,657,923	15.52	88,307	8.97
33	METOPROLOL TARTRATE	957,432	7,879,129	10,608,502	11.08	1,045,675	9,213,643	12,523,840	11.98	88,243	9.22
34	ROSIGLITAZONE	41,807	2,742,118	3,077,362	73.61	129,274	8,939,007	9,940,378	76.89	87,467	209.22
35	TRAMADOL	1,622,303	24,052,043	29,053,744	17.91	1,707,655	26,673,722	32,527,667	19.05	85,352	5.26

**Table 12(a): Highest Govt Cost PBS Drugs by Generic Name, year end: Jun 2005**  
(total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank	Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	ATORVASTATIN	7,629,221	433,526,445	508,279,562	66.62
2	SIMVASTATIN	5,849,104	344,032,752	390,347,804	66.74
3	OMEPRAZOLE	4,028,824	160,328,286	192,908,331	47.88
4	SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	2,626,899	156,522,842	185,480,569	70.61
5	OLANZAPINE	675,996	145,327,914	149,588,746	221.29
6	ESOMEPRAZOLE	2,745,394	130,782,301	157,316,523	57.30
7	CLOPIDOGREL	1,665,471	130,283,908	139,951,859	84.03
8	PRAVASTATIN	1,949,416	110,325,637	125,918,068	64.59
9	ALENDRONIC ACID	1,894,038	96,720,775	107,739,213	56.88
10	PANTOPRAZOLE	2,375,124	95,142,299	114,027,965	48.01
11	VENLAFAXINE	1,797,874	78,372,000	100,106,031	55.68
12	INSULIN (HUMAN)	390,438	73,934,003	77,333,887	198.07
13	CELECOXIB	2,723,052	69,720,730	89,815,398	32.98
14	IRBESARTAN	3,165,908	69,041,317	94,096,251	29.72
15	IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZ	2,811,442	64,840,819	91,774,105	32.64
16	SERTRALINE	2,473,884	64,549,584	94,836,955	38.34
17	TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE	885,784	64,398,798	68,659,649	77.51
18	PERINDOPRIL	2,609,633	53,172,307	69,291,212	26.55
19	RAMIPRIL	2,655,596	52,599,945	69,632,279	26.22
20	AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	2,212,195	49,363,547	63,409,720	28.66
21	VALACICLOVIR	258,976	46,543,600	51,339,761	198.24
22	RITUXIMAB	24,344	44,623,298	44,954,102	1846.62
23	RABEPRAZOLE	1,141,132	43,743,625	54,806,673	48.03
24	GOSERELIN	53,539	43,669,783	44,105,505	823.80
25	SALBUTAMOL	2,872,902	43,531,911	53,410,888	18.59
26	CITALOPRAM	1,563,867	39,853,331	58,441,047	37.37
27	MELOXICAM	1,732,160	39,483,197	52,792,274	30.48
28	CARVEDILOL	440,184	39,201,437	41,775,088	94.90
29	INTERFERON BETA-1b	33,009	38,415,671	38,904,485	1178.60
30	LATANOPROST	1,331,499	37,585,735	45,463,297	34.14
31	RISPERIDONE	245,659	35,961,783	37,575,787	152.96
32	PERINDOPRIL and INDAPAMIDE	1,586,178	35,457,092	51,678,904	32.58
33	PAROXETINE	1,186,644	34,871,065	49,116,569	41.39
34	MORPHINE	807,141	34,555,312	37,469,566	46.42
35	LANSOPRAZOLE	850,344	33,828,162	41,978,600	49.37
36	QUETIAPINE	163,013	33,670,217	34,769,335	213.29
37	INTERFERON BETA-1a	30,215	33,642,786	34,108,041	1128.84
38	METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	2,522,368	33,542,134	41,315,761	16.38
39	RISEDRONIC ACID	590,651	30,581,947	34,092,769	57.72
40	OXYCODONE	897,009	29,289,518	32,766,367	36.53
41	FAMCICLOVIR	95,812	27,536,618	29,123,000	303.96
42	ROFECOXIB	856,398	27,033,397	33,702,580	39.35
43	LAMOTRIGINE	229,661	26,836,038	29,048,731	126.49
44	PACLITAXEL	12,950	26,772,082	26,975,801	2083.07
45	TRAMADOL	1,707,655	26,673,722	32,527,667	19.05
46	DONEPEZIL	168,754	26,244,929	27,035,691	160.21
47	FLUOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	924,766	26,174,134	37,931,069	41.02
48	DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	1,244,635	26,135,259	31,714,341	25.48
49	FELODIPINE	1,294,681	25,736,046	32,958,016	25.46
50	RANITIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,338,968	25,385,802	29,473,289	22.01

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**Table 12(a): Highest Govt Cost PBS Drugs by Generic Name, year end: June 2005**  
 (total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank	Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
51	LEUPRORELIN ACETATE	23,802	25,338,952	25,475,505	1070.31
52	EFORMOTEROL with BUDESONIDE	464,286	24,440,881	29,552,307	63.65
53	ETANERCEPT	12,875	24,233,858	24,353,047	1891.50
54	IPRATROPIUM BROMIDE	496,409	24,060,888	26,286,855	52.95
55	SODIUM VALPROATE	592,227	23,796,050	28,790,114	48.61
56	MIRTAZAPINE	713,789	22,797,609	29,273,929	41.01
57	GLUCOSE INDICATOR--BLOOD	476,948	22,773,558	25,152,022	52.74
58	DOCETAXEL	11,163	22,731,971	22,894,239	2050.90
59	OXALIPLATIN	15,423	22,479,571	22,691,233	1471.26
60	MESALAZINE	135,502	21,576,403	23,685,398	174.80
61	PARACETAMOL	4,205,979	21,314,331	33,260,182	7.91
62	ATENOLOL	2,992,318	20,773,549	30,455,611	10.18
63	LERCANIPIDINE	851,565	19,511,324	24,950,585	29.30
64	GLYCERYL TRINITRATE	892,136	19,194,408	21,706,140	24.33
65	CANDESARTAN	944,178	18,890,698	23,740,920	25.14
66	CODEINE with PARACETAMOL	2,506,601	18,635,916	26,793,893	10.69
67	FLUTICASON	637,091	18,290,981	25,094,271	39.39
68	LEFLUNOMIDE	112,840	18,250,408	19,404,669	171.97
69	AMOXYCILLIN with CLAVULANIC ACID	1,391,406	18,139,114	23,115,641	16.61
70	NIFEDIPINE	891,387	17,779,394	23,007,504	25.81
71	ENALAPRIL MALEATE	853,294	17,770,356	22,179,400	25.99
72	TELMISARTAN	827,284	17,242,554	21,739,798	26.28
73	RALOXIFENE	309,259	17,167,799	18,752,434	60.64
74	ISOTRETINOIN	132,092	16,910,063	19,501,165	147.63
75	AMOXYCILLIN	2,326,102	16,273,322	24,936,458	10.72
76	LISINOPRIL	815,743	16,098,688	20,206,728	24.77
77	GLATIRAMER ACETATE	14,838	15,980,470	16,184,673	1090.76
78	CYPROTERONE ACETATE	71,851	15,716,056	16,355,234	227.63
79	ESCITALOPRAM	627,708	15,593,122	24,434,359	38.93
80	CEFALEXIN	1,950,588	15,247,547	22,211,425	11.39
81	AMISULPRIDE	78,344	14,593,760	15,136,410	193.20
82	INSULIN ASPART/PROTAMINE ASPART	55,299	14,348,180	14,799,158	267.62
83	INSULIN ASPART	57,749	14,050,894	14,773,195	255.82
84	TERBINAFINE	97,662	13,833,464	15,279,758	156.46
85	ISOSORBIDE MONONITRATE	997,397	13,704,011	16,408,892	16.45
86	VERAPAMIL HYDROCHLORIDE	989,885	13,673,417	17,031,052	17.21
87	ARIPIRAZOLE	54,168	13,487,922	13,913,837	256.86
88	GLICLAZIDE	1,073,228	13,468,287	16,657,923	15.52
89	EZETIMIBE	219,944	13,410,384	15,720,458	71.47
90	INSULIN LISPRO	54,300	12,773,131	13,430,657	247.34
91	CANDESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHI	671,977	12,747,922	19,643,749	29.23
92	TAMOXIFEN	186,720	12,475,561	14,431,660	77.29
93	ENOXAPARIN	158,033	12,333,058	14,325,860	90.65
94	FOSINOPRIL with HYDROCHLOROTHAZI	563,121	12,064,547	17,111,757	30.39
95	GEMFIBROZIL	391,962	12,042,459	15,596,092	39.79
96	CIPROFLOXACIN	132,091	12,030,120	13,273,236	100.49
97	ETONOGESTREL	58,847	11,971,179	12,955,270	220.15
98	DOXORUBICIN HYDROCHLORIDE	17,683	11,765,752	12,064,856	682.29
99	BUPROPION	101,022	11,723,528	13,263,519	131.29
100	GEMCITABINE	17,899	11,545,914	11,769,630	657.56

**Table 12(b): Highest Volume PBS Drugs by Generic Name, year ending: Jun 2005**  
(total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1 ATORVASTATIN	7,629,221	433,526,445	508,279,562	66.62
2 SIMVASTATIN	5,849,104	344,032,752	390,347,804	66.74
3 PARACETAMOL	4,205,979	21,314,331	33,260,182	7.91
4 OMEPRAZOLE	4,028,824	160,328,286	192,908,331	47.88
5 IRBESARTAN	3,165,908	69,041,317	94,096,251	29.72
6 ATENOLOL	2,992,318	20,773,549	30,455,611	10.18
7 SALBUTAMOL	2,872,902	43,531,911	53,410,888	18.59
8 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	2,811,442	64,840,819	91,774,105	32.64
9 ESOMEPRAZOLE	2,745,394	130,782,301	157,316,523	57.30
10 CELECOXIB	2,723,052	69,720,730	89,815,398	32.98
11 RAMIPRIL	2,655,596	52,599,945	69,632,279	26.22
12 SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	2,626,899	156,522,842	185,480,569	70.61
13 PERINDOPRIL	2,609,633	53,172,307	69,291,212	26.55
14 METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	2,522,368	33,542,134	41,315,761	16.38
15 CODEINE with PARACETAMOL	2,506,601	18,635,916	26,793,893	10.69
16 SERTRALINE	2,473,884	64,549,584	94,836,955	38.34
17 PANTOPRAZOLE	2,375,124	95,142,299	114,027,965	48.01
18 AMOXYCILLIN	2,326,102	16,273,322	24,936,458	10.72
19 AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	2,212,195	49,363,547	63,409,720	28.66
20 TEMAZEPAM	2,025,692	7,522,273	13,556,524	6.69
21 CEFALEXIN	1,950,588	15,247,547	22,211,425	11.39
22 PRAVASTATIN	1,949,416	110,325,637	125,918,068	64.59
23 ALENDRONIC ACID	1,894,038	96,720,775	107,739,213	56.88
24 WARFARIN	1,870,426	9,107,420	14,600,627	7.81
25 VENLAFAXINE	1,797,874	78,372,000	100,106,031	55.68
26 MELOXICAM	1,732,160	39,483,197	52,792,274	30.48
27 TRAMADOL	1,707,655	26,673,722	32,527,667	19.05
28 CLOPIDOGREL	1,665,471	130,283,908	139,951,859	84.03
29 DIAZEPAM	1,617,339	6,150,302	11,312,504	6.99
30 PERINDOPRIL and INDAPAMIDE	1,586,178	35,457,092	51,678,904	32.58
31 CITALOPRAM	1,563,867	39,853,331	58,441,047	37.37
32 AMOXYCILLIN with CLAVULANIC ACID	1,391,406	18,139,114	23,115,641	16.61
33 RANITIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,338,968	25,385,802	29,473,289	22.01
34 LATANOPROST	1,331,499	37,585,735	45,463,297	34.14
35 FELODIPINE	1,294,681	25,736,046	32,958,016	25.46
36 DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	1,244,635	26,135,259	31,714,341	25.48
37 ASPIRIN	1,243,201	4,278,398	7,876,608	6.34
38 FRUSEMIDE	1,195,856	6,397,249	9,645,358	8.07
39 PAROXETINE	1,186,644	34,871,065	49,116,569	41.39
40 OXAZEPAM	1,151,330	3,699,350	7,129,850	6.19
41 RABEPRAZOLE	1,141,132	43,743,625	54,806,673	48.03
42 GLICLAZIDE	1,073,228	13,468,287	16,657,923	15.52
43 ROXITHROMYCIN	1,068,956	10,141,334	13,859,090	12.97
44 METOPROLOL TARTRATE	1,045,675	9,213,643	12,523,840	11.98
45 ISOSORBIDE MONONITRATE	997,397	13,704,011	16,408,892	16.45
46 VERAPAMIL HYDROCHLORIDE	989,885	13,673,417	17,031,052	17.21
47 CANDESARTAN	944,178	18,890,698	23,740,920	25.14
48 PREDNISOLONE	942,413	5,168,381	8,108,484	8.60
49 FLUOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	924,766	26,174,134	37,931,069	41.02
50 OXYCODONE	897,009	29,289,518	32,766,367	36.53

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**Table 12(b): Highest Volume PBS Drugs by Generic Name, year ending: June 2005**  
(total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
51 GLYCERYL TRINITRATE	892,136	19,194,408	21,706,140	24.33
52 NIFEDIPINE	891,387	17,779,394	23,007,504	25.81
53 DICLOFENAC	886,604	6,828,787	9,845,475	11.10
54 TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE	885,784	64,398,798	68,659,649	77.51
55 AMITRIPTYLINE HYDROCHLORIDE	864,728	3,347,459	5,982,961	6.92
56 ROFECOXIB	856,398	27,033,397	33,702,580	39.35
57 ENALAPRIL MALEATE	853,294	17,770,356	22,179,400	25.99
58 LERCANIPIDINE	851,565	19,511,324	24,950,585	29.30
59 LANSOPRAZOLE	850,344	33,828,162	41,978,600	49.37
60 TELMISARTAN	827,284	17,242,554	21,739,798	26.28
61 BETAMETHASONE	823,220	6,499,220	9,392,208	11.41
62 LISINAPRIL	815,743	16,098,688	20,206,728	24.77
63 MORPHINE	807,141	34,555,312	37,469,566	46.42
64 HYPROMELLOSE	802,525	6,146,332	8,389,657	10.45
65 CALCIUM CARBONATE	791,944	7,574,681	9,930,227	12.54
66 CHLORAMPHENICOL	747,083	2,950,650	5,571,651	7.46
67 ALLOPURINOL	731,650	5,596,729	7,794,940	10.65
68 LEVONORGESTREL with ETHINYLOESTRADIOL	718,635	8,018,187	10,930,645	15.21
69 MIRTAZAPINE	713,789	22,797,609	29,273,929	41.01
70 DOXYCYCLINE	691,128	3,980,495	6,352,127	9.19
71 OLANZAPINE	675,996	145,327,914	149,588,746	221.29
72 CANDESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	671,977	12,747,922	19,643,749	29.23
73 MOMETASONE	657,189	7,886,423	11,076,906	16.85
74 THYROXINE SODIUM	651,286	4,243,470	6,376,171	9.79
75 FLUTICASONE	637,091	18,290,981	25,094,271	39.39
76 OESTRADIOL	635,295	9,161,755	11,324,405	17.83
77 TIMOLOL MALEATE	633,100	6,037,076	8,029,428	12.68
78 ESCITALOPRAM	627,708	15,593,122	24,434,359	38.93
79 PROCHLORPERAZINE	603,068	3,229,148	5,018,739	8.32
80 SODIUM VALPROATE	592,227	23,796,050	28,790,114	48.61
81 RISEDRONIC ACID	590,651	30,581,947	34,092,769	57.72
82 CEFACLOR	579,544	6,459,205	8,579,372	14.80
83 NITRAZEPAM	568,487	2,219,556	3,795,626	6.68
84 FOSINOPRIL with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	563,121	12,064,547	17,111,757	30.39
85 INDAPAMIDE	549,124	8,926,931	10,700,009	19.49
86 INFLUENZA VACCINE	504,602	6,706,870	8,966,262	17.77
87 QUINAPRIL	502,001	10,266,677	12,928,194	25.75
88 DOTHIEPIN HYDROCHLORIDE	497,932	2,494,573	4,008,668	8.05
89 IPRATROPIUM BROMIDE	496,409	24,060,888	26,286,855	52.95
90 METOCLOPRAMIDE HYDROCHLORIDE	485,444	2,190,849	3,578,762	7.37
91 GLUCOSE INDICATOR--BLOOD	476,948	22,773,558	25,152,022	52.74
92 TRANDOLAPRIL	476,900	9,497,710	11,489,259	24.09
93 GLIMEPIRIDE	469,744	5,252,054	6,704,443	14.27
94 EFORMOTEROL with BUDESONIDE	464,286	24,440,881	29,552,307	63.65
95 HYDROCORTISONE	446,984	2,258,152	3,784,432	8.47
96 PRAZOSIN HYDROCHLORIDE	444,066	5,976,991	7,471,886	16.83
97 CARVEDILOL	440,184	39,201,437	41,775,088	94.90
98 FOSINOPRIL	417,540	8,232,040	10,468,522	25.07
99 DIGOXIN	413,586	2,323,210	3,552,482	8.59
100 TRIAMCINOLONE ACETONIDE with NEOMYCIN SI	404,255	1,381,068	2,647,353	6.55

**Table 13(a): Highest Government Cost Drug by PBS Item, year ending: Jun 2005**

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	8173 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 40 mg	2,193,607	152,161,702	171,136,455	78.02
2	8215 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 40 mg	2,069,940	150,544,522	171,499,684	82.85
3	8214 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 20 mg	2,931,690	145,682,679	174,860,269	59.64
4	8333 OMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20 mg 30	3,610,764	145,542,496	174,586,490	48.35
5	8358 CLOPIDOGREL	Tablet 75mg	1,665,471	130,283,908	139,951,859	84.03
6	2012 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 20 mg	2,246,170	108,354,719	125,213,853	55.75
7	8511 ALENDRONIC ACID	Tablet 70 mg alendronic acid	1,872,082	93,762,305	104,668,142	55.91
8	8187 OLANZAPINE	Tablet 10 mg 30	252,041	84,844,508	86,396,199	342.79
9	8008 PANTOPRAZOLE	Tablet (enteric coated) equivalent	1,977,518	82,298,747	97,995,225	49.55
10	8197 PRAVASTATIN	Tablet 40 mg, 30	1,153,073	78,982,043	88,551,112	76.80
11	8521 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 80 mg	680,690	72,282,353	79,162,231	116.30
12	8601 ESOMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 40 mg (enteric coated),30	1,048,259	68,737,721	78,897,194	75.26
13	8213 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 10 mg	1,946,901	65,016,891	82,757,378	42.51
14	8626 TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE	Capsule 18ug (base)(oral inhalati	885,784	64,398,798	68,659,649	77.51
15	8440 CELECOXIB	Capsule 200 mg 60	2,437,419	62,683,212	80,792,476	33.15
16	8600 ESOMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20 mg (enteric coated),30	1,697,135	62,044,580	78,419,329	46.21
17	8432 SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	Pdr oral inhal breth actu dev 50uç	778,431	54,944,300	62,664,763	80.50
18	8313 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 80 mg	540,196	54,669,483	59,416,353	109.99
19	8519 SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	Oral Press inhal 25ug/250ug	767,454	53,327,225	61,086,879	79.60
20	8405 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTI	Tablet 300 mg-12.5 mg	2,144,086	51,051,650	73,017,753	34.06
21	8302 VENLAFAXINE	Capsule 150 mg (base)modified r	884,903	46,308,815	56,714,767	64.09
22	8220 CITALOPRAM	Tablet 20 mg (base)	1,541,972	39,083,282	57,437,297	37.25
23	8101 INTERFERON BETA-1b	Injection set 1 vial powder dose 8	33,009	38,415,671	38,904,485	1178.60
24	8134 VALACICLOVIR	Tablet 500 mg	216,392	38,245,342	42,349,653	195.71
25	8243 LATANOPROST	Eye drops 50 ug per mL (0.005%'	1,331,499	37,585,735	45,463,297	34.14
26	8508 RABEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20 mg 30	962,653	37,542,059	46,891,588	48.71
27	8093 GOSERELIN	Subcutaneous implant 10.8 mg (t	32,019	36,566,182	36,755,679	1147.93
28	8449 PERINDOPRIL and INDAPAMIDE	Tablet 4 mg-1.25 mg	1,586,178	35,457,092	51,678,904	32.58
29	2242 PAROXETINE	Tablet 20 mg (base)	1,186,644	34,871,065	49,116,569	41.39
30	8248 IRBESARTAN	Tablet 300 mg	1,429,751	34,239,271	47,904,925	33.51
31	2237 SERTRALINE	Tablet 100 mg (base)	1,170,275	32,876,791	47,416,948	40.52
32	8431 SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	Pdr oral inhal breth actu dev 50uç	677,363	32,171,659	40,259,782	59.44
33	2236 SERTRALINE	Tablet 50 mg (base)	1,303,609	31,672,793	47,420,007	36.38
34	2241 LANSOPRAZOLE	Capsule 30 mg	777,303	31,450,795	38,889,255	50.03
35	8562 MELOXICAM	Tablet 15 mg	1,208,116	29,427,856	40,070,735	33.17
36	8247 IRBESARTAN	Tablet 150 mg	1,437,950	29,010,595	39,422,486	27.42
37	2011 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 10 mg	825,219	27,844,005	33,259,519	40.30
38	8621 RISEDRONIC ACID	Tablet 35 mg	552,960	27,591,310	30,910,862	55.90
39	3051 PERINDOPRIL	Tablet 4 mg 30	1,445,690	27,427,085	36,955,712	25.56
40	2834 PRAVASTATIN	Tablet 20 mg, 30	638,873	27,233,843	32,113,721	50.27
41	8288 SALBUTAMOL	Oral pressurised inhal 100 ug (ba	2,092,837	27,216,907	33,963,955	16.23
42	8301 VENLAFAXINE	Capsule 75 mg (base) modified re	752,822	26,070,324	35,562,506	47.24
43	8185 OLANZAPINE	Tablet 5 mg 30	192,084	25,472,738	26,733,366	139.18
44	1763 INSULIN (HUMAN)	Injection 100 units (30 units-70 ur	115,136	25,350,555	26,052,339	226.27
45	8470 RAMIPRIL	Capsule 10 mg 30	1,072,648	24,225,369	35,327,555	32.93
46	8513 MIRTAZAPINE	Tablet 30 mg	713,789	22,797,609	29,273,929	41.01
47	1761 INSULIN (HUMAN)	Injection 100 units per ml, 3ml,5	105,291	22,715,604	23,822,662	226.26
48	8294 RITUXIMAB	Soln for IV infusion 500mg\50ml	8,911	22,550,405	22,673,938	2544.49
49	8472 ROFECOXIB	Tablet 25 mg 30	623,805	21,674,867	26,805,473	42.97
50	1434 FLUOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 20 mg (base)	725,963	21,213,825	30,305,064	41.74

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Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
51	8217 FAMCICLOVIR	Tablet 250 mg	51,589	20,833,661	21,761,024	421.82
52	1081 ATENOLOL	Tablet 50 mg	2,992,318	20,773,549	30,455,611	10.18
53	8258 CARVEDILOL	Tablet 25 mg	183,586	20,380,658	21,652,752	117.94
54	2430 METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 500 mg	1,674,722	20,039,954	25,195,205	15.04
55	2752 AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	Tablet 10 mg (base), 30	856,872	19,861,540	28,575,833	33.35
56	1746 PARACETAMOL	Tablet 500 mg	3,942,595	19,607,192	30,584,219	7.76
57	8638 ETANERCEPT	Injection set 4 vials pdr 25mg and	10,196	19,165,538	19,258,872	1888.87
58	1978 RANITIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 150 mg (base)	1,013,995	19,137,427	22,193,569	21.89
59	8496 DONEPEZIL	Tablet 10mg 28	123,846	19,126,185	19,710,204	159.15
60	8625 EFORMOTEROL with BUDESONIDE	Pdr oral inhal breth actv dev 200u	380,025	18,051,097	22,181,701	58.37
61	8540 OXALIPLATIN	Powder for I.V. infusion 100 mg	10,188	17,960,871	18,102,099	1776.81
62	1215 CODEINE with PARACETAMOL	Tablet 30 mg-500 mg	2,418,998	17,823,435	25,617,202	10.59
63	8403 INTERFERON BETA-1a	Injection 44 ug (12m i.u.)in 0.5 ml	15,186	17,465,913	17,719,243	1166.81
64	8363 RALOXIFENE	Tablet 60mg 28	309,259	17,167,799	18,752,434	60.64
65	8238 IPRATROPIUM BROMIDE	Nebuliser solution single dose 50l	294,788	16,616,733	17,713,808	60.09
66	2592 ISOTRETINOIN	Capsule 20 mg	127,330	16,536,622	19,036,449	149.50
67	2751 AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	Tablet 5 mg (base), 30	905,753	16,440,464	19,398,123	21.42
68	8289 INTERFERON BETA-1a	Injection set 1 vial powder dose 3	14,871	16,007,329	16,216,521	1090.48
69	2367 FELODIPINE	Tablet 10 mg (extended release)	648,213	15,951,814	21,037,180	32.45
70	1946 RAMIPRIL	Capsule 5.0 mg 28	868,660	15,874,342	18,950,300	21.82
71	8458 QUETIAPINE	Tablet 200 mg (base) 60	55,986	15,558,882	15,934,486	284.62
72	8375 LEFLUNOMIDE	Tablet 20mg 30	89,473	15,504,836	16,438,259	183.72
73	8360 PACLITAXEL	Solution for I.V. infusion 300 mg ii	6,022	14,869,352	14,971,221	2486.09
74	2290 SODIUM VALPROATE	Tablet 500 mg (enteric coated), 2	262,422	14,796,735	17,204,848	65.56
75	8609 INSULIN ASPART/PROTAMINE ASPA	Injection (human) 30/70 units per	55,299	14,348,180	14,799,158	267.62
76	8254 AMOXYCILLIN with CLAVULANIC ACI	Tablet 875 mg-125 mg	1,018,863	14,265,038	17,833,295	17.50
77	8726 GLATIRAMER ACETATE	Inj 20 mg in 1 mL single dose pre	13,228	14,247,196	14,430,308	1090.89
78	2804 TERBINAFINE	Tablet 250 mg (base)	97,662	13,833,464	15,279,758	156.46
79	8404 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTI	Tablet 150 mg-12.5 mg	667,356	13,789,168	18,756,352	28.11
80	8074 DOCETAXEL	Injection set containing I.V. infusio	5,327	13,743,107	13,820,494	2594.42
81	8704 PERINDOPRIL	Tablet 8 mg 30	412,025	13,613,279	17,686,499	42.93
82	8757 EZETIMIBE	Tablet 10mg 30	219,944	13,410,384	15,720,458	71.47
83	8435 INSULIN ASPART	Injection (human) 100 units per m	51,751	13,159,489	13,823,174	267.11
84	8504 CANDESARTAN with HYDROCHLORC	Tablet 16 mg-12.5 mg	671,977	12,747,922	19,643,749	29.23
85	3119 CEFALEXIN	Capsule 500 mg	1,547,833	12,388,276	17,841,710	11.53
86	2110 TAMOXIFEN	Tablet 20 mg (base), 60	179,569	12,191,164	14,095,010	78.49
87	3050 PERINDOPRIL	Tablet 2 mg 30	751,918	12,131,942	14,649,000	19.48
88	1453 GEMFIBROZIL	Tablet 600 mg	391,962	12,042,459	15,596,092	39.79
89	8487 ETONOGESTREL	Subcutaneous implant 68 mg	58,847	11,971,179	12,955,270	220.15
90	8434 OLANZAPINE	Wafer 10 mg 28	37,336	11,969,933	12,202,353	326.83
91	1369 ENALAPRIL MALEATE	Tablet 20 mg	499,968	11,950,283	15,139,891	30.28
92	8346 FLUTICASONE	Oral press inhal 250ug/dose cfc-fi	310,323	11,934,263	15,206,888	49.00
93	8186 OLANZAPINE	Tablet 7.5 mg 30	52,602	11,834,857	12,185,523	231.66
94	1611 MESALAZINE	Tablet 250 mg	96,748	11,695,157	13,116,496	135.57
95	8534 LERCANIPIDINE	Tablet 10 mg 30	561,326	11,193,066	14,252,085	25.39
96	8019 CYPROTHERONE ACETATE	Tablet 100 mg	37,636	11,147,635	11,359,446	301.82
97	1313 DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 240 mg controlled delive	495,976	11,081,514	13,362,770	26.94
98	2851 LAMOTRIGINE	Tablet 200 mg	57,094	11,069,888	11,692,130	204.79
99	8211 LEUPRORELIN ACETATE	Injection 7.5	9,573	10,942,998	10,996,802	1148.73
100	2001 SALBUTAMOL	Nebuliser solution single dose 5rr	506,716	10,826,372	12,597,066	24.86

**Table 13(b): Highest Volume Drug by PBS Item, year ending: Jun 2005**

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	1746 PARACETAMOL	Tablet 500 mg	3,942,595	19,607,192	30,584,219	7.76
2	8333 OMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20 mg 30	3,610,764	145,542,496	174,586,490	48.35
3	1081 ATENOLOL	Tablet 50 mg	2,992,318	20,773,549	30,455,611	10.18
4	8214 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 20 mg	2,931,690	145,682,679	174,860,269	59.64
5	8440 CELECOXIB	Capsule 200 mg 60	2,437,419	62,683,212	80,792,476	33.15
6	1215 CODEINE with PARACETAMOL	Tablet 30 mg-500 mg	2,418,998	17,823,435	25,617,202	10.59
7	2012 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 20 mg	2,246,170	108,354,719	125,213,853	55.75
8	8173 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 40 mg	2,193,607	152,161,702	171,136,455	78.02
9	8405 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTH	Tablet 300 mg-12.5 mg	2,144,086	51,051,650	73,017,753	34.06
10	8288 SALBUTAMOL	Oral pressurised inhal 100 ug	2,092,837	27,216,907	33,963,955	16.23
11	8215 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 40 mg	2,069,940	150,544,522	171,499,684	82.85
12	2089 TEMAZEPAM	Tablet 10 mg 25	1,986,865	7,300,944	13,222,072	6.65
13	8008 PANTOPRAZOLE	Tablet (enteric coated) equiv:	1,977,518	82,298,747	97,995,225	49.55
14	8213 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 10 mg	1,946,901	65,016,891	82,757,378	42.51
15	8511 ALENDRONIC ACID	Tablet 70 mg alendronic acid	1,872,082	93,762,305	104,668,142	55.91
16	8600 ESOMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20 mg (enteric coated)	1,697,135	62,044,580	78,419,329	46.21
17	2430 METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 500 mg	1,674,722	20,039,954	25,195,205	15.04
18	8358 CLOPIDOGREL	Tablet 75mg	1,665,471	130,283,908	139,951,859	84.03
19	8449 PERINDOPRIL and INDAPAMIDE	Tablet 4 mg-1.25 mg	1,586,178	35,457,092	51,678,904	32.58
20	3119 CEFALEXIN	Capsule 500 mg	1,547,833	12,388,276	17,841,710	11.53
21	8220 CITALOPRAM	Tablet 20 mg (base)	1,541,972	39,083,282	57,437,297	37.25
22	3051 PERINDOPRIL	Tablet 4 mg 30	1,445,690	27,427,085	36,955,712	25.56
23	8247 IRBESARTAN	Tablet 150 mg	1,437,950	29,010,595	39,422,486	27.42
24	8248 IRBESARTAN	Tablet 300 mg	1,429,751	34,239,271	47,904,925	33.51
25	3162 DIAZEPAM	Tablet 5 mg	1,428,627	5,351,963	9,955,514	6.97
26	8243 LATANOPROST	Eye drops 50 ug per mL (0.0	1,331,499	37,585,735	45,463,297	34.14
27	2236 SERTRALINE	Tablet 50 mg (base)	1,303,609	31,672,793	47,420,007	36.38
28	8562 MELOXICAM	Tablet 15 mg	1,208,116	29,427,856	40,070,735	33.17
29	2242 PAROXETINE	Tablet 20 mg (base)	1,186,644	34,871,065	49,116,569	41.39
30	2237 SERTRALINE	Tablet 100 mg (base)	1,170,275	32,876,791	47,416,948	40.52
31	8197 PRAVASTATIN	Tablet 40 mg, 30	1,153,073	78,982,043	88,551,112	76.80
32	1889 AMOXYCILLIN	Capsule 500 mg	1,103,718	8,432,040	12,394,810	11.23
33	8470 RAMIPRIL	Capsule 10 mg 30	1,072,648	24,225,369	35,327,555	32.93
34	8601 ESOMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 40 mg (enteric coated)	1,048,259	68,737,721	78,897,194	75.26
35	8254 AMOXYCILLIN with CLAVULANIC ACID	Tablet 875 mg-125 mg	1,018,863	14,265,038	17,833,295	17.50
36	1978 RANITIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 150 mg (base)	1,013,995	19,137,427	22,193,569	21.89
37	2412 FRUSEMIDE	Tablet 40 mg	1,010,323	5,169,276	7,902,015	7.82
38	3133 OXAZEPAM	Tablet 30 mg	993,548	3,217,436	6,162,820	6.20
39	8202 ASPIRIN	Tablet 100mg	972,466	3,161,642	6,007,256	6.18
40	8508 RABEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20 mg 30	962,653	37,542,059	46,891,588	48.71
41	2751 AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	Tablet 5 mg (base), 30	905,753	16,440,464	19,398,123	21.42
42	8626 TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE	Capsule 18ug (base)(oral inh	885,784	64,398,798	68,659,649	77.51
43	8302 VENLAFAXINE	Capsule 150 mg (base)modif	884,903	46,308,815	56,714,767	64.09
44	1946 RAMIPRIL	Capsule 5.0 mg 28	868,660	15,874,342	18,950,300	21.82
45	2752 AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	Tablet 10 mg (base), 30	856,872	19,861,540	28,575,833	33.35
46	2011 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 10 mg	825,219	27,844,005	33,259,519	40.30
47	8432 SALMETEROL and FLUTICASONE	Pdr oral inhal breth actu dev !	778,431	54,944,300	62,664,763	80.50
48	1300 DICLOFENAC	Tablet 50 mg (enteric coated)	778,199	5,737,834	8,386,500	10.78
49	2241 LANSOPRAZOLE	Capsule 30 mg	777,303	31,450,795	38,889,255	50.03
50	3117 CALCIUM CARBONATE	Tablet 600 mg (as carbonate)	767,749	7,323,883	9,605,331	12.51

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**Table 13(b): Highest Volume Drug by PBS Item, year ending: June 2005**

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
51	8519 SALMETEROL and FLUTICASON	Oral Press inhal 25ug/250ug	767,454	53,327,225	61,086,879	79.60
52	8301 VENLAFAXINE	Capsule 75 mg (base) modifi	752,822	26,070,324	35,562,506	47.24
53	3050 PERINDOPRIL	Tablet 2 mg 30	751,918	12,131,942	14,649,000	19.48
54	1558 ISOSORBIDE MONONITRATE	Tablets sustained release 60i	728,372	7,688,075	9,675,908	13.28
55	1434 FLUOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 20 mg (base)	725,963	21,213,825	30,305,064	41.74
56	8513 MIRTAZAPINE	Tablet 30 mg	713,789	22,797,609	29,273,929	41.01
57	2843 WARFARIN	Tablet 1 mg	686,003	3,179,882	5,165,330	7.53
58	8521 ATORVASTATIN	Tablet 80 mg	680,690	72,282,353	79,162,231	116.30
59	8431 SALMETEROL and FLUTICASON	Pdr oral inhal breth actu dev !	677,363	32,171,659	40,259,782	59.44
60	8504 CANDESARTAN with HYDROCHLORO	Tablet 16 mg-12.5 mg	671,977	12,747,922	19,643,749	29.23
61	8404 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTH	Tablet 150 mg-12.5 mg	667,356	13,789,168	18,756,352	28.11
62	8611 TRAMADOL	Capsule 50mg 20	664,349	3,820,340	5,705,574	8.59
63	1324 METOPROLOL TARTRATE	Tablet 50 mg	662,570	4,853,368	6,905,521	10.42
64	2449 GLICLAZIDE	Tablet 80 mg	652,653	8,180,927	10,076,528	15.44
65	2367 FELODIPINE	Tablet 10 mg (extended relea	648,213	15,951,814	21,037,180	32.45
66	2834 PRAVASTATIN	Tablet 20 mg, 30	638,873	27,233,843	32,113,721	50.27
67	8472 ROFECOXIB	Tablet 25 mg 30	623,805	21,674,867	26,805,473	42.97
68	1241 VERAPAMIL HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 240 mg (sustained rel	618,724	9,123,439	11,275,356	18.22
69	2209 WARFARIN	Tablet 2 mg	612,252	2,918,046	4,713,997	7.70
70	1509 HYPROMELLOSE	Eye drops 3 mg-1 mg per ml	608,697	4,981,501	6,676,538	10.97
71	8016 ROXITHROMYCIN	Tablet 300 mg	594,509	5,722,912	7,784,437	13.09
72	2604 ALLOPURINOL	Tablet 300 mg	576,971	3,994,958	5,741,897	9.95
73	2723 NITRAZEPAM	Tablet 5 mg	561,658	2,178,692	3,734,240	6.65
74	2893 PROCHLORPERAZINE	Tablet 5 mg	561,369	2,598,001	4,310,656	7.68
75	8534 LERCANIPIDINE	Tablet 10 mg 30	561,326	11,193,066	14,252,085	25.39
76	8621 RISEDRONIC ACID	Tablet 35 mg	552,960	27,591,310	30,910,862	55.90
77	8313 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 80 mg	540,196	54,669,483	59,416,353	109.99
78	8561 MELOXICAM	Tablet 7.5 mg	524,044	10,055,341	12,721,539	24.28
79	2001 SALBUTAMOL	Nebuliser solution single dos	506,716	10,826,372	12,597,066	24.86
80	2852 INFLUENZA VACCINE	Injection (trivalent) 0.5 ml	504,602	6,706,870	8,966,262	17.77
81	1369 ENALAPRIL MALEATE	Tablet 20 mg	499,968	11,950,283	15,139,891	30.28
82	1313 DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 240 mg controlled dt	495,976	11,081,514	13,362,770	26.94
83	2360 CHLORAMPHENICOL	Eye drops 5 mg per ml (0.5%	489,941	1,975,356	3,692,328	7.54
84	8401 FOSINOPRIL with HYDROCHLOROTHI	Tablet 20 mg-12.5 mg	486,649	10,575,217	15,357,803	31.56
85	2366 FELODIPINE	Tablet 5 mg (extended releas	476,295	7,713,191	9,300,162	19.53
86	8297 CANDESARTAN	Tablet 16 mg 30	475,522	10,118,814	13,395,359	28.17
87	8607 METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 100 mg	473,927	8,934,020	10,378,403	21.90
88	8356 TELMISARTAN	Tablet 80mg	453,081	9,741,988	12,954,552	28.59
89	1394 LEVONORGESTREL with ETHINYLOE	5 Pack containing 21 tablets 15	451,203	5,029,785	6,861,532	15.21
90	1917 PREDNISOLONE	Tablet 5 mg	447,384	2,066,721	3,360,153	7.51
91	1312 DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 180 mg controlled dt	444,050	8,113,122	9,459,392	21.30
92	1760 ROXITHROMYCIN	Tablet 150 mg	443,664	4,193,139	5,722,742	12.90
93	2458 LISINOPRIL	Tablet 20 mg 30	437,864	9,701,280	12,547,303	28.66
94	8535 GLICLAZIDE	Tablet 30 mg (modified relea	420,575	5,287,360	6,581,394	15.65
95	8700 ESCITALOPRAM	Tablet 10 mg (base) 28	416,826	7,372,008	13,271,464	31.84
96	8704 PERINDOPRIL	Tablet 8 mg 30	412,025	13,613,279	17,686,499	42.93
97	1945 RAMIPRIL	Capsule 2.5 mg 28	412,022	5,888,084	7,250,369	17.60
98	1207 METOCLOPRAMIDE HYDROCHLORID	Tablet 10 mg	405,927	1,429,660	2,671,033	6.58
99	2418 AMITRIPTYLINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 25 mg	405,185	1,464,573	2,695,206	6.65
100	1906 NIFEDIPINE	Tablet 30 mg (controlled rele	402,393	7,670,814	9,656,745	24.00

**Table 14(a): Safety Net Card Issues - Persons Covered, 2000 to 2005**

<b>MONTHLY COMPARISON 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 2004 and 2005</b>													
<b>No OF PEOPLE (cumulative each Month)</b>		<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUN</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEP</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>
<i>General Safety Net</i>	<b>2000</b>	12	122	741	3,253	12,908	30,680	60,270	101,773	147,882	198,304	250,612	316,388
	<b>2001</b>	6	99	759	4,031	15,352	36,075	71,296	116,959	166,353	222,988	279,492	322,495
	<b>2002</b>	20	146	892	5,003	19,338	43,327	82,920	130,047	182,385	241,606	296,765	370,849
	<b>2003</b>	2	118	913	4,716	18,001	41,097	81,956	130,835	189,662	251,872	309,951	388,470
	<b>2004</b>	4	116	1,060	6,401	23,052	54,490	101,357	160,079	224,070	287,873	355,853	406,950
	<b>2005</b>	14	105	746	5,306	20,973	50,144						
<i>Concessional Safety Net</i>	<b>2000</b>	33	765	7,006	26,545	88,363	182,778	310,089	462,802	611,655	764,213	907,907	1,076,579
	<b>2001</b>	26	840	7,398	31,939	105,479	210,330	360,020	525,800	685,048	857,124	1,010,809	1,125,886
	<b>2002</b>	49	831	7,424	39,317	129,933	253,499	425,674	601,535	771,197	948,970	1,100,385	1,287,988
	<b>2003</b>	15	471	6,866	36,091	123,083	245,827	426,519	605,363	797,715	981,714	1,139,972	1,341,819
	<b>2004</b>	38	626	8,354	47,061	145,915	299,957	489,965	692,038	885,845	1,064,758	1,237,305	1,362,093
	<b>2005</b>	25	620	6,744	44,105	149,567	307,994						
<i>#Supplementary</i>	<b>2000</b>	0	53	372	1,106	3,683	7,245	11,639	16,884	21,903	26,657	30,967	35,043
	<b>2001</b>	3	73	385	1,533	4,492	8,387	13,923	19,904	24,928	30,621	34,672	37,532
	<b>2002</b>	18	104	506	1,949	5,895	10,822	17,090	23,329	29,268	35,491	40,219	45,351
	<b>2003</b>	0	47	503	1,949	5,907	10,950	18,906	26,444	34,126	40,774	46,532	52,407
	<b>2004</b>	10	47	503	2,806	8,028	15,370	23,839	32,635	40,548	47,422	53,838	57,872
	<b>2005</b>	5	56	487	2,789	8,300	16,331						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2000</b>	45	940	8,119	30,904	104,954	220,703	381,998	581,459	781,440	989,174	1,189,486	1,428,010
	<b>2001</b>	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
	<b>2002</b>	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
	<b>2003</b>	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
	<b>2004</b>	52	789	9,917	56,268	176,995	369,817	615,161	884,752	1,150,463	1,400,053	1,646,996	1,826,915
	<b>2005</b>	44	781	7,977	52,200	178,840	374,469						

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

Source: Medicare Australia (RSN003)

Table 14(b): Safety Net Card Issues - Number of Cards, 2000 to 2005

<b>MONTHLY COMPARISON 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005</b>													
<b>No OF CARDS (cumulative per month)</b>		<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUN</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEP</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>
<i>General Safety Net</i>	<b>2000</b>	4	53	354	1,535	6,106	14,449	28,176	47,332	68,666	92,347	116,841	148,666
	<b>2001</b>	3	51	355	1,921	7,333	17,175	33,704	55,123	78,187	104,767	131,527	152,198
	<b>2002</b>	7	77	426	2,399	9,209	20,618	39,441	61,583	86,156	114,208	140,832	177,159
	<b>2003</b>	1	64	444	2,237	8,708	19,796	39,488	62,815	90,864	121,138	149,434	189,047
	<b>2004</b>	2	48	525	3,092	11,229	26,556	49,211	78,190	109,447	140,971	174,531	200,311
	<b>2005</b>	8	53	365	2,581	10,145	24,311						
<i>Concessional Safety Net</i>	<b>2000</b>	19	367	3,377	13,460	46,973	99,347	171,686	260,677	349,558	443,523	533,218	641,723
	<b>2001</b>	14	404	3,684	16,559	56,263	115,263	200,665	298,037	393,349	499,156	595,837	669,612
	<b>2002</b>	22	415	3,655	20,584	70,167	139,612	239,043	343,030	445,801	556,234	652,558	775,211
	<b>2003</b>	8	324	3,571	19,162	66,782	135,796	240,806	347,212	464,213	579,420	680,297	813,337
	<b>2004</b>	21	321	4,271	24,729	79,388	167,120	278,187	401,306	521,242	635,033	747,133	829,714
	<b>2005</b>	14	310	3,485	23,365	81,188	171,006						
<i>#Supplementary</i>	<b>2000</b>	0	20	150	491	1,666	3,320	5,330	7,739	10,010	12,171	14,143	15,983
	<b>2001</b>	1	24	164	678	2,081	3,890	6,412	9,134	11,456	14,028	15,882	17,174
	<b>2002</b>	5	40	217	890	2,756	5,078	7,999	10,875	13,602	16,415	18,583	20,907
	<b>2003</b>	0	18	218	889	2,760	5,150	8,721	12,213	15,744	18,791	21,395	24,054
	<b>2004</b>	2	17	223	1,306	3,823	7,344	11,345	15,541	19,225	22,395	25,319	27,126
	<b>2005</b>	1	18	215	1,304	3,926	7,743						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2000</b>	23	440	3,881	15,486	54,745	117,116	205,192	315,748	428,234	548,041	664,202	806,372
	<b>2001</b>	18	479	4,203	19,158	65,677	136,328	240,781	362,294	482,992	617,951	743,246	838,984
	<b>2002</b>	34	532	4,298	23,873	82,132	165,308	286,483	415,488	545,559	686,857	811,973	973,277
	<b>2003</b>	9	406	4,233	22,288	78,250	160,742	289,015	422,240	570,821	719,349	851,126	1,026,438
	<b>2004</b>	25	386	5,019	29,127	94,440	201,020	338,743	495,037	649,914	798,399	946,983	1,057,151
	<b>2005</b>	23	381	4,065	27,250	95,259	203,060						

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

Source: Medicare Australia (RSN002)

**Table 14(c): Safety Net Card Issues- Percentage Change, 2000 to 2005**

<b>CUMULATIVE TOTAL SAFETY NET CARD ISSUES</b>												
	<b>2000</b>		<b>2001</b>		<b>2002</b>		<b>2003</b>		<b>2004</b>		<b>2005</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>% Change</b>
JAN	23	15.00	18	-21.74	34	88.89	9	-73.53	25	177.78	23	-8.00
FEB	440	22.56	479	8.86	532	11.06	406	-23.68	386	-4.93	381	-1.30
MAR	3,881	7.24	4,203	8.30	4,298	2.26	4,233	-1.51	5,019	18.57	4,065	-19.01
APR	15,486	-5.76	19,158	23.71	23,873	24.61	22,288	-6.64	29,127	30.68	27,250	-6.44
MAY	54,745	13.50	65,677	19.97	82,132	25.05	78,250	-4.73	94,440	20.69	95,259	0.87
JUNE	117,116	13.77	136,328	16.40	165,308	21.26	160,742	-2.76	201,020	25.06	203,060	1.01
JUL	205,192	13.17	240,781	17.34	286,483	18.98	289,015	0.88	338,743	17.21		
AUG	315,748	13.32	362,294	14.74	415,488	14.68	422,240	1.63	495,037	17.24		
SEP	428,234	11.54	482,992	12.79	545,559	12.95	570,821	4.63	649,914	13.86		
OCT	548,041	12.34	617,951	12.76	686,857	11.15	719,349	4.73	798,399	10.99		
NOV	664,202	11.25	743,246	11.90	811,973	9.25	851,126	4.82	946,983	11.26		
DEC	806,372	9.50	838,984	4.04	973,277	16.01	1,026,438	5.46	1,057,151	2.99		

Source: Medicare Australia (RSN002)

**Table 15: Pharmacies and Friendly Societies, 30 June 2000 to 2005**

<b>APPROVED PHARMACIES AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES</b>							<b>Approved Doctors</b>
<i>- as at 30 June 2000 - 2005</i>							
	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>NSW</b>	1723	1722	1727	1709	1699	1703	28
<b>VIC</b>	1159	1161	1159	1160	1160	1166	3
<b>QLD</b>	954	951	948	944	953	951	17
<b>SA</b>	386	387	385	386	389	392	7
<b>WA</b>	478	479	480	484	489	491	23
<b>TAS</b>	140	140	140	139	135	134	5
<b>NT</b>	28	28	30	28	28	27	1
<b>ACT</b>	57	57	57	57	57	58	0
<b>AUST</b>	4925	4925	4926	4907	4910	4922	84

Source: Medicare Australia (RPC015)

Table 16(a): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2004-05

## 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 2004-05**

<b>PRESCRIPTIONS</b>										
	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>PENSIONER</b>	<b>CONC</b>	<b>S/NET</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Drs Bag</b>	<b>TOTAL - ALL SCRIPTS</b>			
1978/79	53,553,036	39,409,489			92,962,525		92,962,525			
1979/80	46,624,224	42,450,386			89,074,610		89,074,610			
1980/81	47,619,120	46,778,057			94,397,177		94,397,177			
1981/82	53,834,648	49,739,756			103,574,404		103,574,404			
1982/83	50,078,929	52,529,929	2,931,462		105,540,320		105,540,320			
1983/84	41,938,964	56,491,285	9,954,995		108,385,244		108,385,244			
1984/85	50,690,275	60,069,806	10,068,817		120,828,898		120,828,898			
1985/86	46,334,279	63,191,858	10,315,799		119,841,936		119,841,936			
1986/87	28,762,909	64,243,148	9,755,680	2	102,761,737		102,761,737			
1987/88	12,339,360	81,041,242	7,520,752	15,059,811	100,901,354		100,901,354			
1988/89	14,078,934	78,283,599	8,223,231	11,925,271	100,585,764		100,585,764			
1989/90	15,361,517	80,761,310	8,856,241	11,725,474	104,979,068		104,979,068			
1990/91	10,608,974	36,868,817	36,588,405	11,675,164	95,741,360	558,899	96,300,259			
Notes	-Dr's Bag prior to 90/91 included in General, from 90/91 included in miscellaneous expenditure -For 90/91 Concessional includes 'old' (prior to 1/11/90) prescriptions and 'new' (post 1/11/90) concessional category			Safety Net Prior to 90/91 S/net for Gen & Concess is included in pensioner. In 90/91 free s/net is in both pensioner and s/net categories						
<b>PRESCRIPTIONS</b>										
	<b>GENERAL</b>				<b>CONCESSIONAL</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Drs Bag</b>	<b>TOTAL- ALL SCRIPTS</b>
	<b>NSN</b>	<b>S/NET 1</b>	<b>S/NET 2</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>NSN</b>	<b>S/NET</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>SCRIPTS</b>		
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 2004-05**

	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
2004/05	22,194,451	6,209,302		28,403,753	105,377,946	36,095,311	141,473,257	169,877,010	402,492	170,279,502

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 2004-05**

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 2004-05**

**GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE - \$-**

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

**PATIENT CONTRIBUTION - \$-**

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

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

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

note- from 91/92 all figures are sourced from Medicare Australia processing where available  
 -miscellaneous and section 100 expenditure sourced from Health and Aging and Medicare Australia payments

Table 16(b): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2004-05

**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
2004/05	850,690,906	222,668,220		1,073,359,125	3,077,033,801	1,145,497,231	4,222,531,032	5,295,890,157	669,100,000	5,964,990,157

**PATIENT CONTRIBUTION - \$-**

	GENERAL-NSN	GEN S/Net 1	GEN S/Net 2	TOTAL GEN	CONC - NSN	CONC S/Net	TOTAL CONC	TOTAL FOR PBS	TOTAL COST TOTAL FOR SCRIPTS	MISC and SECT 100	TOTAL
2002/03	470,555,327	18,699,303		489,254,631	370,488,981	-	370,488,981	859,743,612	5,434,946,874	477,352,298	5,912,299,172
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
2004/05	572,963,103	23,742,733		596,705,836	443,930,641		443,930,641	1,040,636,477	6,336,526,634	669,100,000	7,005,626,634

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

2002/03	9,510,606
2003/04	9,408,669
2004/05	9,365,803

note- from 91/92 all figures are sourced from Medicare Australia processing where available  
 -miscellaneous and section 100 expenditure sourced from Health and Aging and Medicare Australia 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 2004 - 2005 there were 65 drugs subsidised under the HSD Program, compared to 2003-2004 when 58 were subsidised. Of the Seven new inclusions, four are HIV/AIDS antiretroviral agents, two are immunostimulating agents, and two are for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension. The drugs are:

- |                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Adefovir dipivoxil | 5. Fosamprenavir calcium |
| 2. Atazanavir sulfate | 6. Iloprost trometamol   |
| 3. Emtricitabine      | 7. Peginterferon alfa-2a |
| 4. Enfuvirtide        |                          |

Before reconciliation, the expenditure for 2004-2005 (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>
Acromegaly	3	\$12,196,870	\$4,636,805	\$16,833,675
Bisphosphonates	2	\$13,497,279	\$10,234,143	\$23,731,423
Haemopoietics	2	\$87,645,908	\$20,130,066	\$107,775,974
HIV/AIDS Antiretroviral Agent	22	\$92,564,800	\$267,134	\$92,831,934
Immunocompromised Conditions	9	\$6,542,973	\$369,511	\$6,912,484
Immunostimulating Agent	12	\$71,903,074	\$30,868,845	\$102,771,919
Immunosuppressing Agents	7	\$53,374,956	\$9,053,541	\$62,428,497
Other Conditions	6	\$44,918,584	\$5,331,425	\$50,250,008
Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension	2	\$2,724,720	\$2,568,853	\$5,293,573
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>\$385,369,164</b>	<b>\$83,460,323</b>	<b>\$468,829,488</b>

The acquitted expenditure through the program in 2003-2004 was \$402.2 million. Before reconciliation, the costs totalled \$468.8 million in 2004-2005, a 16.5 per cent increase. This is up from the previous year's increase of 13.5 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 reconciled at time of claim and are therefore final expenditure figures).

For 2004-2005 the expenditure in public hospitals was \$385.4 million, an increase of 12.8 per cent from 2003-2004 expenditure of \$341.7 million. Private hospital expenditure increased by 37.9 per cent from \$60.5 million in 2003-2004 to \$83.5 million in 2004-2005.

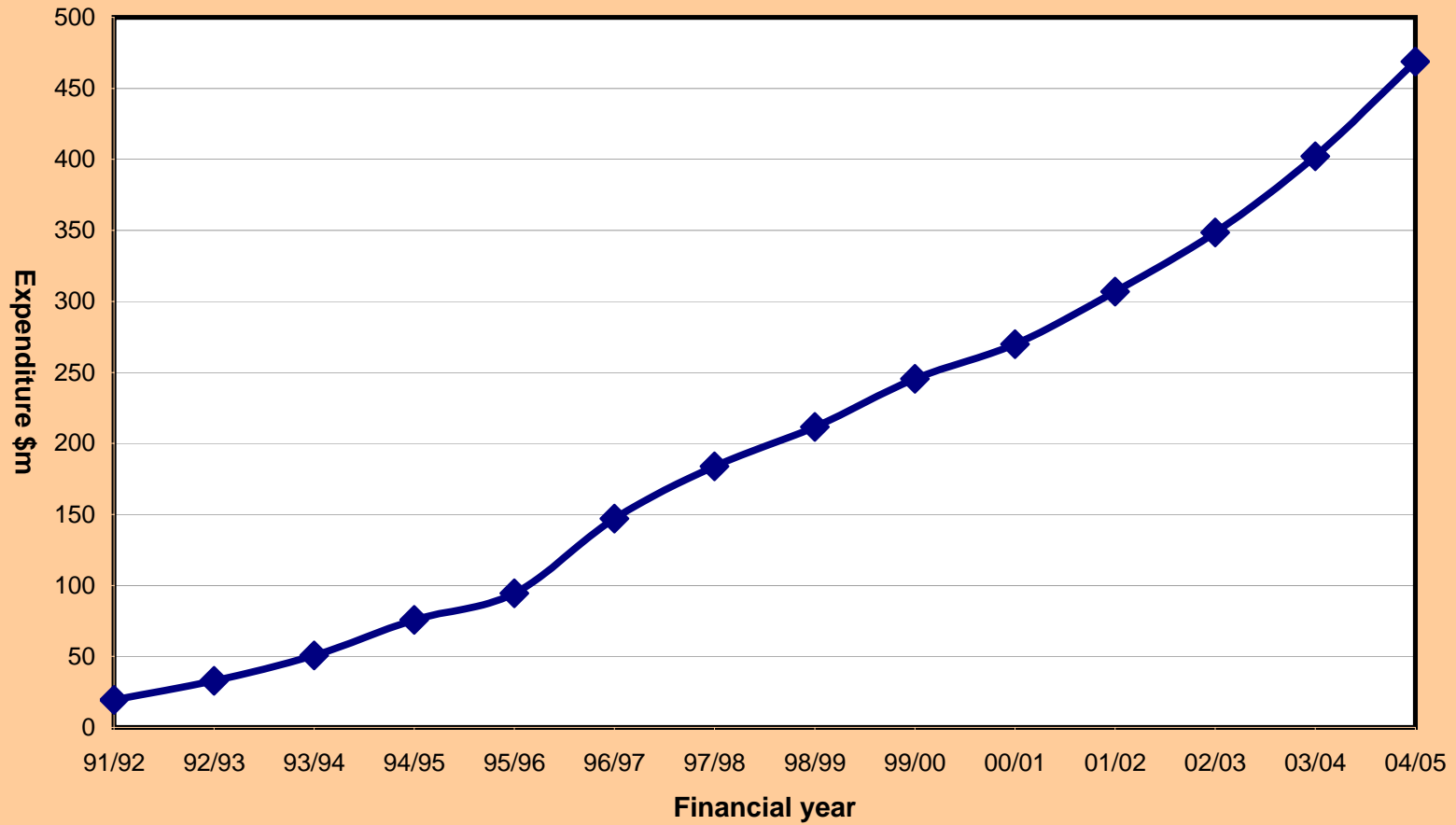
The per cent increase in private expenditure for the past 3 financial years are as follows:

- 38.9 per cent in 2002-2003
- 37.7 per cent in 2003-2004
- 37.9 per cent in 2004-2005

The Highly Specialised Drugs - Usage Expenditure chart outlines the program expenditure from 1991-1992 to 2004-2005 financial years.

# HIGHLY SPECIALISED DRUGS - USAGE EXPENDITURE

Please note: 2004-2005 figures are based on payments, and is subject to reconciliation expenditure



## PBS INFORMATION LINE REPORT, 2004-2005

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 2004 - June 2005, the Line received 33,761 calls.

Conclusion	Number of calls	%
Satisfied	33,692	99.80
Dissatisfied	51	0.15
Abusive	18	0.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,761</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### Breakdown of calls by month:

Month	Number of calls	%
Jul 2004	3,919	11.60
Aug 2004	3,184	9.43
Sep 2004	3,166	9.37
Oct 2004	2,719	8.05
Nov 2004	2,774	8.21
Dec 2004	2,171	6.43
Jan 2005	3,126	9.25
Feb 2005	2,706	8.01
Mar 2005	2,502	7.41
Apr 2005	2,566	7.60
May 2005	2,505	7.41
Jun 2005	2,423	7.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,761</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### Breakdown of calls by issue:

Issue	Number of calls	%
Pharmacy item	26,253	51.58
Safety net issue	20,978	41.22

## Breakdown of calls: Pharmacy item issue

Pharmacy Item Issue	Number of calls	%
Centrelink Conc. Card	6685	25.5
Authority Scripts	2461	9.4
Claims / Processing	2123	8.1
Schedule	1849	7.0
Cost of item to patient	1398	5.3
Availability	1238	4.7
Other	1108	4.2
Private scripts(non PBS)	964	3.7
Medicare# Collection	773	2.9
Brand Price Premium	640	2.4
Schedule mailing list	594	2.3
Eligibility for the PBS	571	2.2
Taking Medicines Overseas	566	2.2
Refund-Medicare	496	1.9
Seniors Health Card	367	1.4
Prescription Rules	314	1.2
Co-payment increase	292	1.1
Patient Contribution 18	277	1.1
Restricted items	275	1.0
Brand Substitution	273	1.0
Doctors Bag	239	0.9
RPBS Enquiry	235	0.9
Section 100 items	192	0.7
Cost of items to Govt	186	0.7
HMR/DMMR	185	0.7
Reciprocal health care agreements	179	0.7
Regulation 24	164	0.6
IME	157	0.6
Generic Medicines	156	0.6
Deletion of Item	146	0.6
Prescriber/Dispenser number	145	0.6
Regulation 25	111	0.4
Therapeutic group premium	106	0.4
Prescription Shopping	93	0.4
Public Hospitals and the PBS	87	0.3
PBS Stats	80	0.3
Schedule 8 Drugs	67	0.3
Be Wise brochure	59	0.2
Special access scheme	56	0.2
Extemp prepared item	52	0.2
Internet query	36	0.1
Comm Awareness Campaign	35	0.1
Full cost on labels	34	0.1
Flu vaccine	24	0.1
Hospital Reforms	20	0.1
Schedule Online	19	0.1
Schedule ML-Deadline	19	0.1
Private hospitals and the PBS	18	0.1
Budget 05 Delist Calcium	13	0.0
Budget 04	7	0.0
Schedule ML Complaint	2	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,253</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### Breakdown of calls: Safety net issue

<b>Safety Net Issue</b>	<b>Number of calls</b>	<b>%</b>
Thresholds	5,819	27.7
General	2,679	12.8
Recording Prescriptions	2,152	10.3
Families / Dependants	1,578	7.5
Eligibility	1,455	6.9
Stationary	1430	6.8
Recordable Value	1368	6.5
Refund-HIC	1222	5.8
Period	1182	5.6
SN Processing	596	2.8
Joint Safety Net	423	2.0
Crossovers	376	1.8
Lost/Supplementary Card	344	1.6
Change of Status	205	1.0
Combined Safety Net	121	0.6
Threshold Increase(Budget05)	26	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,978</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 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, insulin infusion pump consumables and glucose testing reagents.

The number of persons with diabetes registered with the NDSS increased by 10.00 per cent in 2004-2005 compared with 8.74 per cent for 2003-2004. 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
2004-05	222,791	10.85	502,614	9.63	725,405	10.00

The table on the following page provides NDSS expenditure from 1992-1993 to 2004-2005.

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 2004-2005 financial year, Australian Government outlays on diabetic supplies amounted to \$308.3 million, an increase of \$31.1 million over the previous financial year.

The Australian Government expenditure on the NDSS for the 2004-2005 financial year was \$94.1 million, an increase of \$7.8 million over the previous financial year.

# NATIONAL DIABETES SERVICES SCHEME Expenditure

