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PBS Expenditure includes the following patient categories:

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

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

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

There are two safety net thresholds – one for general patients and the other for concessional patients.

The general patient safety net threshold is currently \$960.10. When patients and/or their families reach this amount, they can apply for a Safety Net Concession Card and pay only \$4.70 per prescription for the rest of the calendar year. The concessional safety net threshold is \$253.80. 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.

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Summary of Pharmaceutical Benefits processing, year ending 30 June 2006

Government Pharmaceutical Benefits expenditure on accrual accounting basis for the year ending 30 June 2006 totalled \$6,163.1 million, compared with \$6,001.2 million for the previous year. This is a 2.7 per cent increase. The remainder of this summary refers to Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Section 85 data reported on cash accounting basis.

Total PBS prescription volumes decreased by 1.1 per cent to a total of 168.3 million, compared to 170.3 million for the previous year. The growth in government expenditure compared with the fall in prescription volume reflects the continuing trend of doctors prescribing newer and more expensive drugs.

Government expenditure amounted to 82.8 per cent of the total cost of PBS prescriptions. The remainder was patient contributions that amounted to \$1,123.3 million, up from \$1,040.6 million in the previous twelve-month period.

The majority of government expenditure on PBS prescriptions was directed towards concessional cardholders (\$4,318.0 million, 80.0% of the total). This is compared to concessional expenditure of \$4,222.5 million in the previous period (79.6 % of the total).

The average dispensed price per prescription of PBS medicines increased to \$38.75 for the year ending June 2006 (\$37.30 for the year ending June 2005). The average government cost of these scripts was \$32.06 for the same period (\$31.17 to June 2005).

The three drugs with the highest cost to government were *Atorvastatin Calcium* (\$487.5 million), *Simvastatin* (\$308.5 million) and *Fluticasone Propionate with Salmeterol Xinafoate* (\$156.2 million). PBS drugs most frequently prescribed are *Atorvastatin Calcium*, followed by *Simvastatin* and *Omeprazole*. See Table 12 for details.

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 *Psycholeptics* (up \$40.7 million to \$313.4 million), *Immunosuppressive agents* (up \$30.5 million to \$97.6 million) and *Antineoplastic agents* (up \$26.8 million to \$226.6 million). See Table 7 for details.

Table 1(a): Pharmaceutical Benefits Expenditure on accrual accounting basis, year ending: Jun 2006

Category	Year ending Jun 2005		Year ending Jun 2006		Change	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Concessional	4,252,756,142	70.9	4,320,976,347	70.1	68,220,205	1.6
General	1,075,476,316	17.9	1,074,263,041	17.4	-1,213,275	-0.1
Highly Specialised Drugs	462,244,297	7.7	527,631,676	8.6	65,387,379	14.1
Drs Bag	9,462,425	0.2	10,382,160	0.2	919,735	9.7
Section 100	193,262,310	3.2	221,993,462	3.6	28,731,152	14.9
Safety Net Cards	7,981,556	0.1	7,882,853	0.1	-98,703	-1.2
Total	6,001,183,045	100.0	6,163,129,539	100.0	161,946,494	2.7

Table 1(b): PBS Section 85 Prescription Volume and Government Cost (on cash accounting basis), year ending: Jun 2006

Volume Category	Year ending Jun 2005		Year ending Jun 2006		Change	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Concessional non Safety Net	105,377,946	61.9	105,152,486	62.5	-225,460	-0.2
Concessional Safety Net	36,095,311	21.2	35,945,690	21.4	-149,621	-0.4
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>141,473,257</i>	<i>83.1</i>	<i>141,098,176</i>	<i>83.8</i>	<i>-375,081</i>	<i>-0.3</i>
General non Safety Net	22,194,451	13.0	20,917,523	12.4	-1,276,928	-5.8
General Safety Net	6,209,302	3.6	5,910,828	3.5	-298,474	-4.8
<i>Total General</i>	<i>28,403,753</i>	<i>16.7</i>	<i>26,828,351</i>	<i>15.9</i>	<i>-1,575,402</i>	<i>-5.5</i>
Drs Bag	402,492	0.2	396,088	0.2	-6,404	-1.6
Total	170,279,502	100.0	168,322,615	100.0	-1,956,887	-1.1

Govt Cost Category	Year ending Jun 2005		Year ending Jun 2006		Change	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Concessional non Safety Net	3,077,033,801	58.0	3,145,480,431	58.3	68,446,630	2.2
Concessional Safety Net	1,145,497,231	21.6	1,172,502,111	21.7	27,004,880	2.4
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>4,222,531,032</i>	<i>79.6</i>	<i>4,317,982,542</i>	<i>80.0</i>	<i>95,451,510</i>	<i>2.3</i>
General non Safety Net	850,690,906	16.0	850,095,680	15.8	-595,226	-0.1
General Safety Net	222,668,220	4.2	216,246,563	4.0	-6,421,657	-2.9
<i>Total General</i>	<i>1,073,359,125</i>	<i>20.2</i>	<i>1,066,342,242</i>	<i>19.8</i>	<i>-7,016,883</i>	<i>-0.7</i>
Drs Bag	9,365,803	0.2	10,063,803	0.2	698,000	7.5
Total	5,305,255,960	100.0	5,394,388,587	100.0	89,132,627	1.7

Table 1(c): RPBS Section 85 Prescription Volume and Government Cost (on cash accounting basis), year ending: Jun 2006

Volume	Year ending Jun 2005		Year ending Jun 2006		Change	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total	15,734,655	100.0	15,167,849	100.0	-566,806	-3.6

Govt Cost	Year ending Jun 2005		Year ending Jun 2006		Change	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Total	465,740,225	100.0	455,134,031	100.0	-10,606,194	-2.3

Table 2: PBS Prescription Volume, Government Cost and Patient Contributions, year ending: Jun 2006

Category	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Patient Payments \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
Concessional non Safety Net	105,152,486	3,145,480,431	489,173,277	3,634,653,708	34.57
Concessional Safety Net	35,945,690	1,172,502,111	0	1,172,502,111	32.62
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>141,098,176</i>	<i>4,317,982,542</i>	<i>489,173,277</i>	<i>4,807,155,819</i>	<i>34.07</i>
General non Safety Net	20,917,523	850,095,680	606,897,345	1,456,993,024	69.65
General Safety Net	5,910,828	216,246,563	27,199,070	243,445,633	41.19
<i>Total General</i>	<i>26,828,351</i>	<i>1,066,342,242</i>	<i>634,096,415</i>	<i>1,700,438,658</i>	<i>63.38</i>
Total	167,926,527	5,384,324,784	1,123,269,692	6,507,594,476	38.75
Drs Bag	396,088	10,063,803	0	10,063,803	25.41
Total	168,322,615	5,394,388,587	1,123,269,692	6,517,658,279	38.72

Table 2(a): PBS Prescription Volume and Govt Cost by monthly summary (excl. Drs Bag), year ending: Jun 2006

	Month	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Patient Payments \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
2004	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
2005	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
	Total	169,877,010	5,295,890,157	1,040,636,477	6,336,526,634	37.30
2005	JUL	13,690,883	431,036,085	97,622,020	528,658,105	38.61
	AUG	14,693,542	463,724,382	97,547,748	561,272,130	38.20
	SEP	14,886,063	468,879,016	91,237,069	560,116,085	37.63
	OCT	13,903,141	446,255,439	79,086,611	525,342,050	37.79
	NOV	14,937,613	484,795,977	79,215,732	564,011,709	37.76
	DEC	14,880,811	489,217,726	72,382,019	561,599,745	37.74
2006	JAN	16,337,874	539,262,712	79,860,328	619,123,040	37.89
	FEB	11,035,284	354,268,798	89,923,972	444,192,771	40.25
	MAR	13,289,405	426,417,337	110,434,190	536,851,527	40.40
	APR	12,115,807	383,918,582	100,137,947	484,056,529	39.95
	MAY	14,830,815	471,191,649	120,919,110	592,110,758	39.92
	JUN	13,325,289	425,357,080	104,902,946	530,260,027	39.79
	Total	167,926,527	5,384,324,784	1,123,269,692	6,507,594,476	38.75

**Table 3: PBS processing by State (excl. Drs Bag), year ending:
Jun 2006**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Volume									
Concess NSN	35,592,014	26,896,292	19,670,298	9,284,900	9,163,084	3,143,418	358,452	1,044,028	105,152,486
Concess SN	12,905,017	9,007,050	6,695,080	3,029,867	2,837,268	1,101,949	63,736	305,723	35,945,690
General NSN	7,015,969	5,225,613	3,991,076	1,551,236	2,070,912	466,247	141,444	455,026	20,917,523
General SN	2,174,957	1,487,006	1,064,302	423,669	509,610	117,770	24,661	108,853	5,910,828
Total	57,687,957	42,615,961	31,420,756	14,289,672	14,580,874	4,829,384	588,293	1,913,630	167,926,527
Govt Cost \$									
Concess NSN	1,072,747,178	800,472,862	586,225,418	280,888,110	270,119,883	89,660,261	10,958,621	34,408,099	3,145,480,431
Concess SN	424,598,487	290,386,284	218,472,593	99,190,879	92,361,470	34,589,407	2,180,830	10,722,161	1,172,502,111
General NSN	285,116,145	210,533,994	164,142,972	66,036,616	83,048,388	17,603,967	5,363,435	18,250,163	850,095,680
General SN	78,717,230	54,083,800	40,234,927	14,852,131	19,062,002	4,074,334	1,039,991	4,182,148	216,246,563
Total	1,861,179,040	1,355,476,939	1,009,075,908	460,967,737	464,591,743	145,927,969	19,542,876	67,562,572	5,384,324,784
Total Cost \$									
Concess NSN	1,238,330,982	925,604,596	677,728,323	324,083,218	312,728,877	104,289,080	12,624,149	39,264,483	3,634,653,708
Concess SN	424,598,487	290,386,284	218,472,593	99,190,879	92,361,470	34,589,407	2,180,830	10,722,161	1,172,502,111
General NSN	488,664,848	362,166,375	279,939,520	111,052,596	143,119,006	31,136,063	9,463,815	31,450,802	1,456,993,024
General SN	88,724,860	60,927,115	45,132,343	16,801,753	21,406,829	4,616,282	1,153,451	4,683,000	243,445,633
Total	2,240,319,177	1,639,084,370	1,221,272,779	551,128,446	569,616,183	174,630,831	25,422,245	86,120,446	6,507,594,476
Ave Prices \$									
Concess NSN	34.79	34.41	34.45	34.90	34.13	33.18	35.22	37.61	34.57
Concess SN	32.90	32.24	32.63	32.74	32.55	31.39	34.22	35.07	32.62
General NSN	69.65	69.31	70.14	71.59	69.11	66.78	66.91	69.12	69.65
General SN	40.79	40.97	42.41	39.66	42.01	39.20	46.77	43.02	41.19
Total	38.84	38.46	38.87	38.57	39.07	36.16	43.21	45.00	38.75
Population ('000) ^(a)	6,832.1	5,080.6	4,041.7	1,550.2	2,045.5	488.4	206.3	328.0	20,575.5
Volume per capita	8.4	8.4	7.8	9.2	7.1	9.9	2.9	5.8	8.2
Govt cost per capita	272.4	266.8	249.7	297.4	227.1	298.8	94.7	206.0	261.7
% Population	33.2	24.7	19.6	7.5	9.9	2.4	1.0	1.6	100
% Volume	34.4	25.4	18.7	8.5	8.7	2.9	0.4	1.1	100
% Govt Cost	34.6	25.2	18.7	8.6	8.6	2.7	0.4	1.3	100
% Total Cost	34.4	25.2	18.8	8.5	8.8	2.7	0.4	1.3	100

(a) Population projections for 30 June 2006

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics

**Table 4(a): PBS processing by State (excl. Drs Bag), years ending:
Jun 2003 to end Jun 2006**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Prescriptions - Volume									
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
Year Ending Jun 06	57,687,957	42,615,961	31,420,756	14,289,672	14,580,874	4,829,384	588,293	1,913,630	167,926,527
Change	(924,780)	(150,180)	(649,428)	6,617	(241,152)	59,981	108	(51,649)	(1,950,483)
%	-1.58	-0.35	-2.03	0.05	-1.63	1.26	0.02	-2.63	-1.15
Government Cost \$									
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
Year Ending Jun 06	1,861,179,040	1,355,476,939	1,009,075,908	460,967,737	464,591,743	145,927,969	19,542,876	67,562,572	5,384,324,784
Change	20,326,798	26,328,603	13,176,336	15,954,459	6,205,058	5,325,110	703,857	414,406	88,434,627
%	1.10	1.98	1.32	3.59	1.35	3.79	3.74	0.62	1.67

**Table 4(b): PBS processing by State (incl Drs Bag), highest volume drug: ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM
year ending: Jun 2006**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Prescriptions - Volume									
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
Year Ending Jun 06	3,066,487	1,984,821	1,650,790	717,857	760,624	177,122	38,366	102,802	8,498,869
Change	279,716	192,081	195,437	68,569	93,963	21,058	6,576	12,248	869,648
%	10.04	10.71	13.43	10.56	14.09	13.49	20.69	13.53	11.40
Government Cost \$									
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
Year Ending Jun 06	174,942,217	113,505,837	94,851,326	42,347,744	43,606,329	10,581,241	2,163,300	5,478,167	487,476,160
Change	16,718,619	12,039,125	12,537,783	4,275,753	5,985,628	1,334,300	382,743	675,764	53,949,715
%	10.57	11.87	15.23	11.23	15.91	14.43	21.50	14.07	12.44

**Table 4(c): PBS processing by State (incl Drs Bag), highest Government cost drug: ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM
year ending: Jun 2006**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Prescriptions - Volume									
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
Year Ending Jun 06	3,066,487	1,984,821	1,650,790	717,857	760,624	177,122	38,366	102,802	8,498,869
Change	279,716	192,081	195,437	68,569	93,963	21,058	6,576	12,248	869,648
%	10.04	10.71	13.43	10.56	14.09	13.49	20.69	13.53	11.40
Government Cost \$									
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
Year Ending Jun 06	174,942,217	113,505,837	94,851,326	42,347,744	43,606,329	10,581,241	2,163,300	5,478,167	487,476,160
Change	16,718,619	12,039,125	12,537,783	4,275,753	5,985,628	1,334,300	382,743	675,764	53,949,715
%	10.57	11.87	15.23	11.23	15.91	14.43	21.50	14.07	12.44

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Table 4(d): PBS processing by State (incl Drs Bag), highest volume ATC Level 2 year ending: Jun 2006
Agents acting on the renin-angiotensin system

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Prescriptions - Volume									
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
Year Ending Jun 06	6,970,323	5,173,215	3,363,976	1,609,415	1,777,520	580,233	76,624	246,744	19,798,050
Change	(104,822)	3,733	(35,013)	21,273	6,790	19,289	(385)	(14,668)	(103,803)
%	-1.48	0.07	-1.03	1.34	0.38	3.44	-0.50	-5.61	-0.52
Government cost \$									
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
Year Ending Jun 06	147,640,745	108,913,711	71,199,508	34,083,305	37,001,478	12,438,450	1,416,880	4,646,337	417,340,415
Change	(1,971,866)	(300,605)	(595,090)	426,421	(128,799)	359,122	3,537	(218,034)	(2,425,314)
%	-1.32	-0.28	-0.83	1.27	-0.35	2.97	0.25	-4.48	-0.58

Table 4(e): PBS processing by State (incl Drs Bag), highest Government cost ATC Level 2 year ending: Jun 2006
Lipid modifying agents

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Prescriptions - Volume									
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
Year Ending Jun 06	6,206,180	4,333,664	3,129,277	1,449,591	1,526,900	427,835	68,275	223,447	17,365,169
Change	353,667	274,454	267,081	105,483	90,440	35,095	8,065	15,606	1,149,891
%	6.04	6.76	9.33	7.85	6.30	8.94	13.39	7.51	7.09
Government cost \$									
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
Year Ending Jun 06	333,882,185	233,140,168	171,475,419	80,780,709	82,170,272	24,190,160	3,639,929	11,371,771	940,650,611
Change	4,206,080	3,638,682	9,065,980	2,753,863	1,088,266	729,739	302,864	124,763	21,910,237
%	1.28	1.59	5.58	3.53	1.34	3.11	9.08	1.11	2.38

Table 4(f): PBS processing by State (incl Drs Bag), greatest increase in Government cost ATC Level 2 year ending: Jun 2006
Psycholeptics

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Prescriptions - Volume									
Year Ending Jun 05	2,196,724	2,036,963	1,394,572	696,851	639,809	249,639	19,654	65,776	7,299,988
Year Ending Jun 06	2,192,713	2,064,240	1,380,827	702,515	631,138	258,554	19,545	66,783	7,316,315
Change	(4,011)	27,277	(13,745)	5,664	(8,671)	8,915	(109)	1,007	16,327
%	-0.18	1.34	-0.99	0.81	-1.36	3.57	-0.55	1.53	0.22
Government cost \$									
Year Ending Jun 05	88,955,503	81,765,787	47,342,766	23,766,653	21,012,300	5,498,480	1,036,714	3,341,643	272,719,845
Year Ending Jun 06	100,990,431	94,903,671	54,053,938	27,726,075	23,782,772	6,657,779	1,262,559	4,017,042	313,394,268
Change	12,034,928	13,137,884	6,711,172	3,959,422	2,770,472	1,159,300	225,846	675,399	40,674,422
%	13.53	16.07	14.18	16.66	13.18	21.08	21.78	20.21	14.91

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

Expenditure Year ending June 2005 and 2006- \$ millions (1)

	2004/05 \$ m	2005/06 \$ m
<i>Highly specialised drugs (1)</i>	459.6	526.3
<i>Safety net card issue fees</i>	8.0	7.9
<i>Drs bag items</i>	9.4	10.1
<i>Opiate Dependence Treatment Program</i>	21.4	24.8
<i>Special Authority Program</i>	30.0	54.5
<i>Chemotherapy Access Program</i>	35.6	41.3
<i>Aboriginal health services (GST exclusive)</i>	22.0	23.2
<i>Botox (incl. Dysport)</i>	7.2	6.6
<i>Ostomy preparations</i>	0.5	0.5
<i>In vitro fertilisation</i>	47.3	49.7
<i>Human growth hormones</i>	18.9	19.7
<i>Other</i>	0.1	0.1
Total	660.0	764.7

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

Table 6: ATC main group comparison (incl Drs bag), year ending: Jun 2006

ATC Group Level 1	Year ending - Jun 2005				Year ending - Jun 2006			
	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
Alimentary tract and metabolism	23,052,468	796,783,269	942,926,849	40.90	23,492,675	811,727,089	981,859,430	41.79
Blood and blood forming organs	6,005,546	185,297,922	211,157,562	35.16	6,085,067	202,273,505	232,595,770	38.22
Cardiovascular system	54,998,322	1,659,992,814	2,031,153,429	36.93	55,865,842	1,683,543,228	2,086,547,289	37.35
Dermatologicals	2,771,744	59,932,717	74,278,683	26.80	2,692,132	56,275,563	71,777,184	26.66
Genito urinary system and sex hormones	3,823,751	88,832,525	108,452,912	28.36	3,505,487	85,351,856	106,099,670	30.27
Systemic hormonal preparations, excl. sex hormones and	2,500,497	26,051,164	36,003,178	14.40	2,490,780	29,495,556	40,004,686	16.06
Antiinfectives for systemic use	12,437,569	238,248,908	293,550,741	23.60	12,324,846	235,827,373	297,144,618	24.11
Antineoplastic and immunomodulating agents	1,188,166	467,197,982	480,166,915	404.12	1,282,066	539,426,177	555,509,932	433.29
Musculo-skeletal system	11,556,582	326,885,333	396,056,379	34.27	10,047,657	278,028,406	342,220,128	34.06
Nervous system	33,534,517	937,648,145	1,149,393,649	34.27	32,683,385	955,014,674	1,173,070,241	35.89
Antiparasitic products, insecticides and repellents	534,849	4,150,540	5,563,273	10.40	150,462	1,348,679	1,822,175	12.11
Respiratory system	9,677,424	368,053,731	438,267,868	45.29	9,471,069	367,217,720	443,644,347	46.84
Sensory organs	7,380,212	97,586,957	125,972,988	17.07	7,457,863	98,642,958	130,507,815	17.50
Various	578,958	46,580,510	50,143,874	86.61	567,241	48,349,169	52,234,658	92.09
Not otherwise classified	238,897	2,013,444	2,804,139	11.74	206,043	1,866,634	2,620,338	12.72
Total	170,279,502	5,305,255,960	6,345,892,437	37.27	168,322,615	5,394,388,587	6,517,658,279	38.72

Change, years ending:	Jun 2005 to Jun 2006				Jun 2005 to Jun 2006			
	Change	Change	Change	Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change
Alimentary tract and metabolism	440,207	14,943,821	38,932,581	0.89	1.91	1.88	4.13	2.18
Blood and blood forming organs	79,521	16,975,584	21,438,208	3.06	1.32	9.16	10.15	8.71
Cardiovascular system	867,520	23,550,414	55,393,860	0.42	1.58	1.42	2.73	1.13
Dermatologicals	-79,612	-3,657,154	-2,501,499	-0.14	-2.87	-6.10	-3.37	-0.51
Genito urinary system and sex hormones	-318,264	-3,480,668	-2,353,242	1.90	-8.32	-3.92	-2.17	6.71
Systemic hormonal preparations, excl. sex hormones and	-9,717	3,444,392	4,001,508	1.66	-0.39	13.22	11.11	11.55
Antiinfectives for systemic use	-112,723	-2,421,535	3,593,876	0.51	-0.91	-1.02	1.22	2.15
Antineoplastic and immunomodulating agents	93,900	72,228,196	75,343,017	29.17	7.90	15.46	15.69	7.22
Musculo-skeletal system	-1,508,925	-48,856,927	-53,836,251	-0.21	-13.06	-14.95	-13.59	-0.62
Nervous system	-851,132	17,366,529	23,676,592	1.62	-2.54	1.85	2.06	4.72
Antiparasitic products, insecticides and repellents	-384,387	-2,801,861	-3,741,098	1.71	-71.87	-67.51	-67.25	16.43
Respiratory system	-206,355	-836,011	5,376,479	1.55	-2.13	-0.23	1.23	3.43
Sensory organs	77,651	1,056,001	4,534,827	0.43	1.05	1.08	3.60	2.52
Various	-11,717	1,768,659	2,090,784	5.47	-2.02	3.80	4.17	6.32
Not otherwise classified	-32,854	-146,811	-183,801	0.98	-13.75	-7.29	-6.55	8.35
Total	-1,956,887	89,132,627	171,765,842	1.45	-1.15	1.68	2.71	3.90

Table 7: Top ten ATC drug groups with greatest increase in Government cost (incl Drs bag), year ending: Jun 2006

ATC Group Level 2	Year ending: Jun 2005				Year ending: Jun 2006				Change		
	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$
Psycholeptics	7,299,988	272,719,845	299,491,398	41.03	7,316,315	313,394,268	344,069,028	47.03	16,327	40,674,422	44,577,630
Immunosuppressive agents	259,251	67,148,120	70,100,959	270.40	298,609	97,629,573	101,562,542	340.12	39,358	30,481,453	31,461,583
Antineoplastic agents	439,848	199,821,921	204,788,268	465.59	464,943	226,591,528	232,540,826	500.15	25,095	26,769,607	27,752,558
Lipid modifying agents	16,215,278	918,740,374	1,062,593,113	65.53	17,365,169	940,650,611	1,114,784,039	64.20	1,149,891	21,910,237	52,190,926
Antithrombotic agents	5,158,431	177,220,579	199,772,409	38.73	5,501,332	194,777,668	222,238,098	40.40	342,901	17,557,088	22,465,689
Drugs used in diabetes	5,245,377	191,338,930	212,065,298	40.43	5,508,145	208,163,251	232,935,447	42.29	262,768	16,824,320	20,870,149
Endocrine therapy	405,932	109,507,753	113,331,321	279.19	431,599	121,472,024	126,212,143	292.43	25,667	11,964,271	12,880,822
Drugs for treatment of bone diseases	2,835,103	153,758,487	170,150,958	60.02	3,145,888	163,735,344	184,117,926	58.53	310,785	9,976,857	13,966,969
Beta blocking agents	4,946,575	76,258,362	93,610,274	18.92	5,097,677	83,529,703	103,618,010	20.33	151,102	7,271,341	10,007,736
Analgesics	11,183,969	153,387,586	190,472,773	17.03	10,699,437	159,517,995	197,291,243	18.44	-484,532	6,130,410	6,818,470
Sub-total	53,989,752	2,319,901,958	2,616,376,770	48.46	55,829,114	2,509,461,965	2,859,369,302	51.22	1,839,362	189,560,007	242,992,532
Total	170,279,502	5,305,255,960	6,345,892,437	37.27	168,322,615	5,394,388,587	6,517,658,279	38.72	-1,956,887	89,132,627	171,765,842
Top ten as % of Total	31.71	43.73	41.23		33.17	46.52	43.87		-93.99	212.67	141.47

Table 8: Top 3 drugs by generic name in ATC drug groups with greatest increase in Govt. cost (incl Drs bag), year ending: Jun 2005 to year ending: Jun 2006

Group and Drugs	Change from:	
	Volume	Govt Cost \$
Psycholeptics	16,327	40,674,422
RISPERIDONE	100,458	23,535,982
QUETIAPINE FUMARATE	43,840	8,685,840
ARIPRAZOLE	17,137	4,766,690
Immunosuppressive agents	39,358	30,481,453
ADALIMUMAB	8,186	15,330,948
ETANERCEPT	6,070	11,570,353
TACROLIMUS	1,908	1,264,283
Antineoplastic agents	25,095	26,769,607
RITUXIMAB	4,096	7,990,426
OXALIPLATIN	2,559	6,485,578
PEMETREXED DISODIUM	1,111	4,069,072
Lipid modifying agents	1,149,891	21,910,237
ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	869,648	53,949,715
EZETIMIBE	294,917	18,119,301
EZETIMIBE with SIMVASTATIN	15,800	2,115,539
Antithrombotic agents	342,901	17,557,088
CLOPIDOGREL HYDROGEN SULFATE	227,563	16,530,802
ENOXAPARIN SODIUM	31,447	2,663,473
BIVALIRUDIN TRIFLUOROACETATE	430	339,471
Drugs used in diabetes	262,768	16,824,320
ROSIGLITAZONE MALEATE	152,717	10,142,620
INSULIN ASPART-INSULIN ASPART PROTAMINE SUSPENSION	16,790	4,293,707
INSULIN ASPART	14,763	3,407,163
Endocrine therapy	25,667	11,964,271
ANASTROZOLE	41,014	7,390,826
LEUPRORELIN ACETATE	2,010	3,314,808
GOSERELIN ACETATE	858	2,089,485
Drugs for treatment of bone diseases	310,785	9,976,857
RISEDRONATE SODIUM	152,844	6,434,548
ALENDRONATE SODIUM	160,491	4,784,827
RISEDRONATE SODIUM and CALCIUM CARBONATE	12,212	560,595
Beta blocking agents	151,102	7,271,341
BISOPROLOL FUMARATE	46,087	3,086,499
CARVEDILOL	36,953	2,440,242
METOPROLOL SUCCINATE	26,115	2,024,414
Analgesics	-484,532	6,130,410
OXYCODONE HYDROCHLORIDE	201,001	6,803,212
PARACETAMOL	-472,985	1,533,258
BUPRENORPHINE	33,770	1,094,391

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:
Jun 2003 to end Jun 2006

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Prescriptions - Monthly												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	13,690,883	14,693,542	14,886,063	13,903,141	14,937,613	14,880,811	16,337,874	11,035,284	13,289,405	12,115,807	14,830,815	13,325,289
Change	(762,795)	501,021	52,063	(966,432)	(126,000)	(476,449)	796,429	(566,329)	385,460	(1,571,303)	1,497,343	(713,491)
%	-5.28	3.53	0.35	-6.50	-0.84	-3.10	5.12	-4.88	2.99	-11.48	11.23	-5.08
Prescriptions - Cumulative												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	13,690,883	28,384,425	43,270,488	57,173,629	72,111,242	86,992,053	103,329,927	114,365,211	127,654,616	139,770,423	154,601,238	167,926,527
Change	(762,795)	(261,774)	(209,711)	(1,176,143)	(1,302,143)	(1,778,592)	(982,163)	(1,548,492)	(1,163,032)	(2,734,335)	(1,236,992)	(1,950,483)
%	-5.28	-0.91	-0.48	-2.02	-1.77	-2.00	-0.94	-1.34	-0.90	-1.92	-0.79	-1.15
Government Cost \$ - Monthly												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	431,036,085	463,724,382	468,879,016	446,255,439	484,795,977	489,217,726	539,262,712	354,268,798	426,417,337	383,918,582	471,191,649	425,357,080
Change	(11,734,974)	21,632,375	7,108,355	(19,888,517)	5,816,777	(1,719,683)	42,619,601	(1,782,433)	32,352,341	(36,130,266)	59,417,091	(9,256,041)
%	-2.65	4.89	1.54	-4.27	1.21	-0.35	8.58	-0.50	8.21	-8.60	14.43	-2.13
Government Cost \$ - Cumulative												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	431,036,085	894,760,468	1,363,639,484	1,809,894,923	2,294,690,899	2,783,908,626	3,323,171,337	3,677,440,136	4,103,857,473	4,487,776,055	4,958,967,704	5,384,324,784
Change	(11,734,974)	9,897,402	17,005,756	(2,882,761)	2,934,016	1,214,334	43,833,935	42,051,502	74,403,843	38,273,577	97,690,668	88,434,627
%	-2.65	1.12	1.26	-0.16	0.13	0.04	1.34	1.16	1.85	0.86	2.01	1.67
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	31.48	31.56	31.50	32.10	32.45	32.88	33.01	32.10	32.09	31.69	31.77	31.92
Change	0.85	0.41	0.37	0.75	0.66	0.91	1.05	1.41	1.55	1.00	0.89	0.96
%	2.77	1.32	1.18	2.39	2.07	2.84	3.29	4.61	5.07	3.25	2.88	3.11
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	31.48	31.52	31.51	31.66	31.82	32.00	32.16	32.16	32.15	32.11	32.08	32.06
Change	0.85	0.63	0.54	0.59	0.60	0.65	0.72	0.79	0.87	0.88	0.88	0.89
%	2.77	2.05	1.75	1.89	1.94	2.09	2.30	2.53	2.77	2.83	2.83	2.85

Table 9(b): General patients - total by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:

Jun 2003 to end Jun 2006

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Prescriptions - Monthly												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	2,092,752	2,313,430	2,384,546	2,299,966	2,553,924	2,627,513	3,031,197	1,645,120	1,953,749	1,772,108	2,182,818	1,971,228
Change	(305,123)	(123,203)	(216,087)	(358,622)	(181,739)	(227,377)	(1,882)	(90,558)	70,840	(227,632)	203,693	(117,712)
%	-12.72	-5.06	-8.31	-13.49	-6.64	-7.96	-0.06	-5.22	3.76	-11.38	10.29	-5.64
Prescriptions - Cumulative												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	2,092,752	4,406,182	6,790,728	9,090,694	11,644,618	14,272,131	17,303,328	18,948,448	20,902,197	22,674,305	24,857,123	26,828,351
Change	(305,123)	(428,326)	(644,413)	(1,003,035)	(1,184,774)	(1,412,151)	(1,414,033)	(1,504,591)	(1,433,751)	(1,661,383)	(1,457,690)	(1,575,402)
%	-12.72	-8.86	-8.67	-9.94	-9.23	-9.00	-7.55	-7.36	-6.42	-6.83	-5.54	-5.55
Government Cost \$ - Monthly												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	82,052,391	89,666,709	92,347,699	89,076,753	98,677,820	102,658,285	117,654,885	69,336,473	82,284,518	73,080,850	89,122,623	80,383,236
Change	(7,392,251)	(2,200,308)	(4,431,783)	(8,964,576)	(3,027,783)	(3,381,131)	6,187,864	1,708,624	9,650,779	(5,436,904)	11,365,970	(1,095,384)
%	-8.26	-2.40	-4.58	-9.14	-2.98	-3.19	5.55	2.53	13.29	-6.92	14.62	-1.34
Government Cost \$ - Cumulative												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	82,052,391	171,719,100	264,066,799	353,143,552	451,821,372	554,479,657	672,134,543	741,471,016	823,755,534	896,836,384	985,959,007	1,066,342,242
Change	(7,392,251)	(9,592,559)	(14,024,343)	(22,988,918)	(26,016,701)	(29,397,831)	(23,209,967)	(21,501,344)	(11,850,565)	(17,287,469)	(5,921,499)	(7,016,883)
%	-8.26	-5.29	-5.04	-6.11	-5.44	-5.03	-3.34	-2.82	-1.42	-1.89	-0.60	-0.65
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	39.21	38.76	38.73	38.73	38.64	39.07	38.81	42.15	42.12	41.24	40.83	40.78
Change	1.91	1.06	1.51	1.85	1.46	1.93	2.06	3.18	3.54	1.98	1.54	1.77
%	5.11	2.80	4.07	5.02	3.93	5.19	5.62	8.17	9.18	5.03	3.92	4.55
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	39.21	38.97	38.89	38.85	38.80	38.85	38.84	39.13	39.41	39.55	39.67	39.75
Change	1.91	1.47	1.48	1.58	1.56	1.62	1.69	1.83	2.00	1.99	1.97	1.96
%	5.11	3.92	3.97	4.25	4.18	4.36	4.56	4.90	5.34	5.30	5.23	5.18

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

Jun 2003 to end Jun 2006

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Prescriptions - Monthly												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	1,857,926	1,881,360	1,769,151	1,553,077	1,567,598	1,425,254	1,515,207	1,588,103	1,945,334	1,765,174	2,154,957	1,894,382
Change	(240,726)	(98,642)	(178,722)	(275,281)	(171,503)	(194,399)	(45,247)	(74,272)	70,475	(219,210)	225,146	(74,547)
%	-11.47	-4.98	-9.18	-15.06	-9.86	-12.00	-2.90	-4.47	3.76	-11.05	11.67	-3.79
Prescriptions - Cumulative												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	1,857,926	3,739,286	5,508,437	7,061,514	8,629,112	10,054,366	11,569,573	13,157,676	15,103,010	16,868,184	19,023,141	20,917,523
Change	(240,726)	(339,368)	(518,090)	(793,371)	(964,874)	(1,159,273)	(1,204,520)	(1,278,792)	(1,208,317)	(1,427,527)	(1,202,381)	(1,276,928)
%	-11.47	-8.32	-8.60	-10.10	-10.06	-10.34	-9.43	-8.86	-7.41	-7.80	-5.94	-5.75
Government Cost \$ - Monthly												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	72,714,756	73,296,756	69,649,194	61,751,729	63,183,679	59,403,706	63,459,694	67,201,305	81,935,078	72,706,292	87,665,455	77,128,036
Change	(5,664,558)	(1,883,361)	(3,679,594)	(6,673,516)	(3,104,432)	(2,848,413)	3,623,759	2,265,902	9,653,102	(5,040,489)	12,124,188	632,185
%	-7.23	-2.51	-5.02	-9.75	-4.68	-4.58	6.06	3.49	13.35	-6.48	16.05	0.83
Government Cost \$ - Cumulative												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	72,714,756	146,011,512	215,660,706	277,412,435	340,596,114	399,999,819	463,459,513	530,660,818	612,595,896	685,302,188	772,967,643	850,095,680
Change	(5,664,558)	(7,547,919)	(11,227,513)	(17,901,029)	(21,005,461)	(23,853,874)	(20,230,115)	(17,964,212)	(8,311,110)	(13,351,599)	(1,227,411)	(595,226)
%	-7.23	-4.92	-4.95	-6.06	-5.81	-5.63	-4.18	-3.27	-1.34	-1.91	-0.16	-0.07
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	39.14	38.96	39.37	39.76	40.31	41.68	41.88	42.32	42.12	41.19	40.68	40.71
Change	1.79	0.99	1.72	2.34	2.19	3.24	3.54	3.25	3.57	2.01	1.54	1.86
%	4.79	2.61	4.58	6.24	5.74	8.44	9.22	8.33	9.25	5.13	3.93	4.79
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	39.14	39.05	39.15	39.29	39.47	39.78	40.06	40.33	40.56	40.63	40.63	40.64
Change	1.79	1.40	1.50	1.69	1.78	1.99	2.19	2.33	2.50	2.44	2.35	2.31
%	4.79	3.71	3.99	4.49	4.72	5.25	5.79	6.13	6.55	6.39	6.15	6.03

Table 9(d): General patients - Safety Net by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:

Jun 2003 to end Jun 2006

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Prescriptions - Monthly												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	234,826	432,070	615,395	746,889	986,326	1,202,259	1,515,990	57,017	8,415	6,934	27,861	76,846
Change	(64,397)	(24,561)	(37,365)	(83,341)	(10,236)	(32,978)	43,365	(16,286)	365	(8,422)	(21,453)	(43,165)
%	-21.52	-5.38	-5.72	-10.04	-1.03	-2.67	2.94	-22.22	4.53	-54.85	-43.50	-35.97
Prescriptions - Cumulative												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	234,826	666,896	1,282,291	2,029,180	3,015,506	4,217,765	5,733,755	5,790,772	5,799,187	5,806,121	5,833,982	5,910,828
Change	(64,397)	(88,958)	(126,323)	(209,664)	(219,900)	(252,878)	(209,513)	(225,799)	(225,434)	(233,856)	(255,309)	(298,474)
%	-21.52	-11.77	-8.97	-9.36	-6.80	-5.66	-3.53	-3.75	-3.74	-3.87	-4.19	-4.81
Government Cost \$ - Monthly												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	9,337,635	16,369,953	22,698,505	27,325,025	35,494,141	43,254,580	54,195,191	2,135,168	349,439	374,559	1,457,167	3,255,199
Change	(1,727,693)	(316,947)	(752,190)	(2,291,059)	76,649	(532,718)	2,564,105	(557,279)	(2,323)	(396,415)	(758,218)	(1,727,569)
%	-15.61	-1.90	-3.21	-7.74	0.22	-1.22	4.97	-20.70	-0.66	-51.42	-34.23	-34.67
Government Cost \$ - Cumulative												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	9,337,635	25,707,588	48,406,093	75,731,117	111,225,258	154,479,838	208,675,030	210,810,198	211,159,637	211,534,196	212,991,363	216,246,563
Change	(1,727,693)	(2,044,640)	(2,796,830)	(5,087,889)	(5,011,240)	(5,543,958)	(2,979,853)	(3,537,131)	(3,539,455)	(3,935,870)	(4,694,088)	(6,421,657)
%	-15.61	-7.37	-5.46	-6.30	-4.31	-3.46	-1.41	-1.65	-1.65	-1.83	-2.16	-2.88
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	39.76	37.89	36.88	36.59	35.99	35.98	35.75	37.45	41.53	54.02	52.30	42.36
Change	2.78	1.34	0.96	0.91	0.45	0.53	0.69	0.72	-2.17	3.81	7.38	0.84
%	7.53	3.68	2.67	2.56	1.26	1.49	1.96	1.95	-4.97	7.59	16.42	2.03
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	39.76	38.55	37.75	37.32	36.88	36.63	36.39	36.40	36.41	36.43	36.51	36.58
Change	2.78	1.83	1.40	1.22	0.96	0.83	0.78	0.78	0.77	0.76	0.76	0.72
%	7.53	4.99	3.85	3.39	2.67	2.32	2.19	2.18	2.17	2.13	2.13	2.02

Table 9(e): Concessional patients - total by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:

Jun 2003 to end Jun 2006

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Prescriptions - Monthly												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	11,598,131	12,380,112	12,501,517	11,603,175	12,383,689	12,253,298	13,306,677	9,390,164	11,335,656	10,343,699	12,647,997	11,354,061
Change	(457,672)	624,224	268,150	(607,810)	55,739	(249,072)	798,311	(475,771)	314,620	(1,343,671)	1,293,650	(595,779)
%	-3.80	5.31	2.19	-4.98	0.45	-1.99	6.38	-4.82	2.85	-11.50	11.39	-4.99
Prescriptions - Cumulative												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	11,598,131	23,978,243	36,479,760	48,082,935	60,466,624	72,719,922	86,026,599	95,416,763	106,752,419	117,096,118	129,744,115	141,098,176
Change	(457,672)	166,552	434,702	(173,108)	(117,369)	(366,441)	431,870	(43,901)	270,719	(1,072,952)	220,698	(375,081)
%	-3.80	0.70	1.21	-0.36	-0.19	-0.50	0.50	-0.05	0.25	-0.91	0.17	-0.27
Government Cost \$ - Monthly												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	348,983,694	374,057,674	376,531,317	357,178,686	386,118,157	386,559,441	421,607,826	284,932,325	344,132,820	310,837,732	382,069,026	344,973,845
Change	(4,342,723)	23,832,684	11,540,138	(10,923,941)	8,844,560	1,661,448	36,431,737	(3,491,057)	22,701,562	(30,693,362)	48,051,121	(8,160,656)
%	-1.23	6.80	3.16	-2.97	2.34	0.43	9.46	-1.21	7.06	-8.99	14.39	-2.31
Government Cost \$ - Cumulative												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	348,983,694	723,041,368	1,099,572,685	1,456,751,370	1,842,869,527	2,229,428,969	2,651,036,795	2,935,969,120	3,280,101,940	3,590,939,671	3,973,008,697	4,317,982,542
Change	(4,342,723)	19,489,961	31,030,099	20,106,157	28,950,717	30,612,165	67,043,902	63,552,845	86,254,408	55,561,045	103,612,167	95,451,510
%	-1.23	2.77	2.90	1.40	1.60	1.39	2.59	2.21	2.70	1.57	2.68	2.26
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	30.09	30.21	30.12	30.78	31.18	31.55	31.68	30.34	30.36	30.05	30.21	30.38
Change	0.78	0.42	0.28	0.64	0.58	0.76	0.89	1.11	1.19	0.83	0.79	0.83
%	2.67	1.42	0.95	2.12	1.88	2.47	2.89	3.79	4.09	2.84	2.69	2.82
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	30.09	30.15	30.14	30.30	30.48	30.66	30.82	30.77	30.73	30.67	30.62	30.60
Change	0.78	0.61	0.50	0.53	0.54	0.57	0.63	0.68	0.73	0.75	0.75	0.76
%	2.67	2.06	1.68	1.76	1.79	1.90	2.08	2.26	2.44	2.50	2.50	2.53

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

Jun 2003 to end Jun 2006

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Prescriptions - Monthly												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	9,440,134	9,082,909	8,219,795	6,790,609	6,488,365	5,671,811	6,308,557	9,120,966	11,280,905	10,220,736	12,174,654	10,353,045
Change	(395,898)	431,717	103,640	(471,954)	(65,976)	(217,125)	409,744	(355,262)	441,913	(1,238,421)	1,401,526	(269,364)
%	-4.02	4.99	1.28	-6.50	-1.01	-3.69	6.95	-3.75	4.08	-10.81	13.01	-2.54
Prescriptions - Cumulative												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	9,440,134	18,523,043	26,742,838	33,533,447	40,021,812	45,693,623	52,002,180	61,123,146	72,404,051	82,624,787	94,799,441	105,152,486
Change	(395,898)	35,819	139,459	(332,495)	(398,471)	(615,596)	(205,852)	(561,114)	(119,201)	(1,357,622)	43,904	(225,460)
%	-4.02	0.19	0.52	-0.98	-0.99	-1.33	-0.39	-0.91	-0.16	-1.62	0.05	-0.21
Government Cost \$ - Monthly												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	279,140,460	267,024,306	238,035,491	200,085,609	193,235,248	170,626,114	191,446,106	276,190,994	342,494,438	307,214,002	367,275,241	312,712,423
Change	(5,137,344)	14,486,629	3,415,166	(10,419,045)	(31,294)	(3,371,305)	17,001,147	58,716	26,735,416	(27,390,147)	51,217,539	1,881,153
%	-1.81	5.74	1.46	-4.95	-0.02	-1.94	9.75	0.02	8.47	-8.19	16.21	0.61
Government Cost \$ - Cumulative												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	279,140,460	546,164,765	784,200,256	984,285,865	1,177,521,113	1,348,147,227	1,539,593,332	1,815,784,326	2,158,278,764	2,465,492,767	2,832,768,008	3,145,480,431
Change	(5,137,344)	9,349,285	12,764,451	2,345,406	2,314,112	(1,057,193)	15,943,954	16,002,670	42,738,085	15,347,939	66,565,477	68,446,630
%	-1.81	1.74	1.65	0.24	0.20	-0.08	1.05	0.89	2.02	0.63	2.41	2.22
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	29.57	29.40	28.96	29.47	29.78	30.08	30.35	30.28	30.36	30.06	30.17	30.20
Change	0.67	0.21	0.05	0.48	0.30	0.54	0.77	1.14	1.23	0.86	0.83	0.94
%	2.31	0.71	0.18	1.66	1.00	1.82	2.62	3.92	4.22	2.94	2.83	3.22
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	29.57	29.49	29.32	29.35	29.42	29.50	29.61	29.71	29.81	29.84	29.88	29.91
Change	0.67	0.45	0.33	0.36	0.35	0.37	0.42	0.53	0.64	0.67	0.69	0.71
%	2.31	1.54	1.12	1.23	1.19	1.27	1.45	1.82	2.19	2.28	2.36	2.44

Table 9(g): Concessional patients - safety net by month (excl Drs Bag), year ending:

Jun 2003 to end Jun 2006

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Prescriptions - Monthly												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	2,157,997	3,297,203	4,281,722	4,812,566	5,895,324	6,581,487	6,998,120	269,198	54,751	122,963	473,343	1,001,016
Change	(61,774)	192,507	164,510	(135,856)	121,715	(31,947)	388,567	(120,509)	(127,293)	(105,250)	(107,876)	(326,415)
%	-2.78	6.20	4.00	-2.75	2.11	-0.48	5.88	-30.92	-69.92	-46.12	-18.56	-24.59
Prescriptions - Cumulative												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	2,157,997	5,455,200	9,736,922	14,549,488	20,444,812	27,026,299	34,024,419	34,293,617	34,348,368	34,471,331	34,944,674	35,945,690
Change	(61,774)	130,733	295,243	159,387	281,102	249,155	637,722	517,213	389,920	284,670	176,794	(149,621)
%	-2.78	2.46	3.13	1.11	1.39	0.93	1.91	1.53	1.15	0.83	0.51	-0.41
Government Cost \$ - Monthly												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	69,843,234	107,033,368	138,495,826	157,093,076	192,882,910	215,933,327	230,161,721	8,741,331	1,638,381	3,623,729	14,793,785	32,261,422
Change	794,621	9,346,055	8,124,972	(504,897)	8,875,854	5,032,753	19,430,590	(3,549,772)	(4,033,853)	(3,303,215)	(3,166,418)	(10,041,809)
%	1.15	9.57	6.23	-0.32	4.82	2.39	9.22	-28.88	-71.12	-47.69	-17.63	-23.74
Government Cost \$ - Cumulative												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	69,843,234	176,876,602	315,372,428	472,465,505	665,348,414	881,281,742	1,111,443,463	1,120,184,794	1,121,823,175	1,125,446,905	1,140,240,689	1,172,502,111
Change	794,621	10,140,676	18,265,648	17,760,752	26,636,605	31,669,358	51,099,948	47,550,175	43,516,322	40,213,107	37,046,689	27,004,880
%	1.15	6.08	6.15	3.91	4.17	3.73	4.82	4.43	4.04	3.71	3.36	2.36
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Monthly												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	32.36	32.46	32.35	32.64	32.72	32.81	32.89	32.47	29.92	29.47	31.25	32.23
Change	1.26	1.00	0.68	0.79	0.85	0.92	1.01	0.93	-1.23	-0.88	0.35	0.36
%	4.05	3.17	2.15	2.49	2.66	2.88	3.16	2.96	-3.96	-2.91	1.14	1.13
Average Govt Cost/Script \$ - Cumulative												
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
Year Ending Jun 06	32.36	32.42	32.39	32.47	32.54	32.61	32.67	32.66	32.66	32.65	32.63	32.62
Change	1.26	1.11	0.92	0.87	0.87	0.88	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.90	0.90	0.88
%	4.05	3.54	2.93	2.77	2.74	2.77	2.85	2.86	2.85	2.85	2.84	2.78

Table 10(a): Significant drug groups (incl Drs bag) by highest Government cost, year end: Jun 2005 to year end: Jun 2006

ATC Group Level 2	Year ending Jun 2005				Year ending Jun 2006			
	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
Lipid modifying agents	16,215,278	918,740,374	1,062,593,113	65.53	17,365,169	940,650,611	1,114,784,039	64.20
Drugs for acid related disorders	13,147,448	504,362,281	608,511,692	46.28	13,680,432	503,996,202	626,749,699	45.81
Agents acting on the renin-angiotensin system	19,901,853	419,765,729	566,875,473	28.48	19,798,050	417,340,415	561,004,067	28.34
Drugs for obstructive airway diseases	9,409,505	365,128,310	434,522,671	46.18	9,178,632	363,842,287	439,271,899	47.86
Psychoanaleptics	12,595,291	360,111,529	488,986,698	38.82	12,180,626	329,593,062	457,698,732	37.58
Psycholeptics	7,299,988	272,719,845	299,491,398	41.03	7,316,315	313,394,268	344,069,028	47.03
Antineoplastic agents	439,848	199,821,921	204,788,268	465.59	464,943	226,591,528	232,540,826	500.15
Drugs used in diabetes	5,245,377	191,338,930	212,065,298	40.43	5,508,145	208,163,251	232,935,447	42.29
Antithrombotic agents	5,158,431	177,220,579	199,772,409	38.73	5,501,332	194,777,668	222,238,098	40.40
Drugs for treatment of bone diseases	2,835,103	153,758,487	170,150,958	60.02	3,145,888	163,735,344	184,117,926	58.53
Analgesics	11,183,969	153,387,586	190,472,773	17.03	10,699,437	159,517,995	197,291,243	18.44
Calcium channel blockers	7,484,348	152,198,989	193,071,216	25.80	7,388,143	150,892,812	193,191,326	26.15
Antibacterials for systemic use	11,316,053	133,286,487	177,619,177	15.70	11,306,843	129,317,850	178,650,723	15.80
Endocrine therapy	405,932	109,507,753	113,331,321	279.19	431,599	121,472,024	126,212,143	292.43
Antiinflammatory and antirheumatic products	7,695,891	159,623,334	208,747,990	27.12	5,873,572	100,691,700	140,410,880	23.91
Immunosuppressive agents	259,251	67,148,120	70,100,959	270.40	298,609	97,629,573	101,562,542	340.12
Ophthalmologicals	6,576,334	94,755,247	120,472,817	18.32	6,678,446	96,022,823	125,016,769	18.72

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Change, years ending:	Jun 2005 to Jun 2006				Jun 2005 to Jun 2006			
	Change	Change	Change	Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change
Lipid modifying agents	1,149,891	21,910,237	52,190,926	-1.33	7.09	2.38	4.91	-2.04
Drugs for acid related disorders	532,984	-366,079	18,238,007	-0.47	4.05	-0.07	3.00	-1.02
Agents acting on the renin-angiotensin system	-103,803	-2,425,314	-5,871,407	-0.15	-0.52	-0.58	-1.04	-0.52
Drugs for obstructive airway diseases	-230,873	-1,286,023	4,749,227	1.68	-2.45	-0.35	1.09	3.64
Psychoanaleptics	-414,665	-30,518,467	-31,287,965	-1.25	-3.29	-8.47	-6.40	-3.21
Psycholeptics	16,327	40,674,422	44,577,630	6.00	0.22	14.91	14.88	14.63
Antineoplastic agents	25,095	26,769,607	27,752,558	34.56	5.71	13.40	13.55	7.42
Drugs used in diabetes	262,768	16,824,320	20,870,149	1.86	5.01	8.79	9.84	4.60
Antithrombotic agents	342,901	17,557,088	22,465,689	1.67	6.65	9.91	11.25	4.31
Drugs for treatment of bone diseases	310,785	9,976,857	13,966,969	-1.49	10.96	6.49	8.21	-2.48
Analgesics	-484,532	6,130,410	6,818,470	1.41	-4.33	4.00	3.58	8.27
Calcium channel blockers	-96,205	-1,306,177	120,110	0.35	-1.29	-0.86	0.06	1.37
Antibacterials for systemic use	-9,210	-3,968,637	1,031,545	0.10	-0.08	-2.98	0.58	0.66
Endocrine therapy	25,667	11,964,271	12,880,822	13.24	6.32	10.93	11.37	4.74
Antiinflammatory and antirheumatic products	-1,822,319	-58,931,633	-68,337,110	-3.22	-23.68	-36.92	-32.74	-11.87
Immunosuppressive agents	39,358	30,481,453	31,461,583	69.72	15.18	45.39	44.88	25.78
Ophthalmologicals	102,112	1,267,576	4,543,953	0.40	1.55	1.34	3.77	2.19

Table 10(b): Significant drug groups (incl Drs bag) by highest volume, year end: Jun 2005 to year end: Jun 2006

ATC Group Level 2	Year ending Jun 2005				Year ending Jun 2006			
	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
Agents acting on the renin-angiotensin system	19,901,853	419,765,729	566,875,473	28.48	19,798,050	417,340,415	561,004,067	28.34
Lipid modifying agents	16,215,278	918,740,374	1,062,593,113	65.53	17,365,169	940,650,611	1,114,784,039	64.20
Drugs for acid related disorders	13,147,448	504,362,281	608,511,692	46.28	13,680,432	503,996,202	626,749,699	45.81
Psychoanaleptics	12,595,291	360,111,529	488,986,698	38.82	12,180,626	329,593,062	457,698,732	37.58
Antibacterials for systemic use	11,316,053	133,286,487	177,619,177	15.70	11,306,843	129,317,850	178,650,723	15.80
Analgesics	11,183,969	153,387,586	190,472,773	17.03	10,699,437	159,517,995	197,291,243	18.44
Drugs for obstructive airway diseases	9,409,505	365,128,310	434,522,671	46.18	9,178,632	363,842,287	439,271,899	47.86
Calcium channel blockers	7,484,348	152,198,989	193,071,216	25.80	7,388,143	150,892,812	193,191,326	26.15
Psycholeptics	7,299,988	272,719,845	299,491,398	41.03	7,316,315	313,394,268	344,069,028	47.03
Ophthalmologicals	6,576,334	94,755,247	120,472,817	18.32	6,678,446	96,022,823	125,016,769	18.72
Antiinflammatory and antirheumatic products	7,695,891	159,623,334	208,747,990	27.12	5,873,572	100,691,700	140,410,880	23.91
Drugs used in diabetes	5,245,377	191,338,930	212,065,298	40.43	5,508,145	208,163,251	232,935,447	42.29
Antithrombotic agents	5,158,431	177,220,579	199,772,409	38.73	5,501,332	194,777,668	222,238,098	40.40
Beta blocking agents	4,946,575	76,258,362	93,610,274	18.92	5,097,677	83,529,703	103,618,010	20.33
Cardiac therapy	3,387,350	61,073,672	72,889,642	21.52	3,251,681	60,275,692	72,610,876	22.33
Sex hormones and modulators of the genital system	3,563,199	77,046,408	94,868,295	26.62	3,245,802	72,495,895	91,135,898	28.08
Drugs for treatment of bone diseases	2,835,103	153,758,487	170,150,958	60.02	3,145,888	163,735,344	184,117,926	58.53

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Change, years ending:	Jun 2005 to Jun 2006				Jun 2005 to Jun 2006			
	Change				Percentage Change			
Agents acting on the renin-angiotensin system	-103,803	-2,425,314	-5,871,407	-0.15	-0.52	-0.58	-1.04	-0.52
Lipid modifying agents	1,149,891	21,910,237	52,190,926	-1.33	7.09	2.38	4.91	-2.04
Drugs for acid related disorders	532,984	-366,079	18,238,007	-0.47	4.05	-0.07	3.00	-1.02
Psychoanaleptics	-414,665	-30,518,467	-31,287,965	-1.25	-3.29	-8.47	-6.40	-3.21
Antibacterials for systemic use	-9,210	-3,968,637	1,031,545	0.10	-0.08	-2.98	0.58	0.66
Analgesics	-484,532	6,130,410	6,818,470	1.41	-4.33	4.00	3.58	8.27
Drugs for obstructive airway diseases	-230,873	-1,286,023	4,749,227	1.68	-2.45	-0.35	1.09	3.64
Calcium channel blockers	-96,205	-1,306,177	120,110	0.35	-1.29	-0.86	0.06	1.37
Psycholeptics	16,327	40,674,422	44,577,630	6.00	0.22	14.91	14.88	14.63
Ophthalmologicals	102,112	1,267,576	4,543,953	0.40	1.55	1.34	3.77	2.19
Antiinflammatory and antirheumatic products	-1,822,319	-58,931,633	-68,337,110	-3.22	-23.68	-36.92	-32.74	-11.87
Drugs used in diabetes	262,768	16,824,320	20,870,149	1.86	5.01	8.79	9.84	4.60
Antithrombotic agents	342,901	17,557,088	22,465,689	1.67	6.65	9.91	11.25	4.31
Beta blocking agents	151,102	7,271,341	10,007,736	1.40	3.05	9.54	10.69	7.41
Cardiac therapy	-135,669	-797,980	-278,766	0.81	-4.01	-1.31	-0.38	3.77
Sex hormones and modulators of the genital system	-317,397	-4,550,513	-3,732,396	1.45	-8.91	-5.91	-3.93	5.46
Drugs for treatment of bone diseases	310,785	9,976,857	13,966,969	-1.49	10.96	6.49	8.21	-2.48

Table 11(a): Significant drugs (incl Drs bag)-sorted by highest change to Government cost, year end: Jun 2005 to year end: Jun 2006

Rank	Drug	Year ending Jun 2005				Year ending Jun 2006				Change	
		Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Govt Cost \$	%
1	ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	7,629,221	433,526,445	508,279,562	66.62	8,498,869	487,476,160	581,529,412	68.42	53,949,715	12.44
2	ESOMEPRAZOLE MAGNESIUM TRIHYDRATE	2,745,394	130,782,301	157,316,523	57.30	3,413,518	155,787,449	192,485,918	56.39	25,005,147	19.12
3	RISPERIDONE	245,659	35,961,783	37,575,787	152.96	346,117	59,497,765	61,959,424	179.01	23,535,982	65.45
4	EZETIMIBE	219,944	13,410,384	15,720,458	71.47	514,861	31,529,685	36,939,746	71.75	18,119,301	135.11
5	CLOPIDOGREL HYDROGEN SULFATE	1,665,471	130,283,908	139,951,859	84.03	1,893,034	146,814,709	159,334,336	84.17	16,530,802	12.69
6	ADALIMUMAB	5,295	9,935,361	9,995,538	1887.73	13,481	25,266,309	25,432,217	1,886.52	15,330,948	154.31
7	ETANERCEPT	12,875	24,233,858	24,353,047	1891.50	18,945	35,804,211	36,037,059	1,902.19	11,570,353	47.74
8	PERINDOPRIL ERBUMINE	2,609,633	53,172,307	69,291,212	26.55	2,829,757	64,490,930	80,857,142	28.57	11,318,623	21.29
9	ROSIGLITAZONE MALEATE	129,274	8,939,007	9,940,378	76.89	281,991	19,081,627	21,587,065	76.55	10,142,620	113.46
10	TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE MONOHYDRATE	885,784	64,398,798	68,659,649	77.51	1,025,874	74,100,445	79,677,993	77.67	9,701,648	15.06
11	BUDESONIDE with EFORMOTEROL FUMARATE D	464,286	24,440,881	29,552,307	63.65	610,446	33,960,771	41,548,809	68.06	9,519,890	38.95
12	QUETIAPINE FUMARATE	163,013	33,670,217	34,769,335	213.29	206,853	42,356,058	43,954,847	212.49	8,685,840	25.80
13	RITUXIMAB	24,344	44,623,298	44,954,102	1846.62	28,440	52,613,723	53,037,304	1,864.88	7,990,426	17.91
14	RABEPRAZOLE SODIUM	1,141,132	43,743,625	54,806,673	48.03	1,388,346	51,568,805	66,382,042	47.81	7,825,180	17.89
15	ANASTROZOLE	47,969	9,886,850	10,405,030	216.91	88,983	17,277,676	18,421,585	207.02	7,390,826	74.75
16	OXYCODONE HYDROCHLORIDE	886,411	28,899,867	32,326,411	36.47	1,087,412	35,703,079	40,137,611	36.91	6,803,212	23.54
17	OXALIPLATIN	15,423	22,479,571	22,691,233	1471.26	17,982	28,965,149	29,245,127	1,626.36	6,485,578	28.85
18	RISEDRONATE SODIUM	590,651	30,581,947	34,092,769	57.72	743,495	37,016,496	41,933,070	56.40	6,434,548	21.04
19	ALENDRONATE SODIUM	1,894,038	96,720,775	107,739,213	56.88	2,054,529	101,505,602	114,866,472	55.91	4,784,827	4.95
20	ARIPIRAZOLE	54,168	13,487,922	13,913,837	256.86	71,305	18,254,612	18,870,464	264.64	4,766,690	35.34
21	CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL	944,178	18,890,698	23,740,920	25.14	1,137,079	23,319,372	29,375,764	25.83	4,428,674	23.44
22	INSULIN ASPART-INSULIN ASPART PROTAMINE S	55,299	14,348,180	14,799,158	267.62	72,089	18,641,886	19,300,157	267.73	4,293,707	29.93
23	LERCANIDIPINE HYDROCHLORIDE	851,565	19,511,324	24,950,585	29.30	978,108	23,801,008	29,738,641	30.40	4,289,684	21.99
24	OLANZAPINE	675,996	145,327,914	149,588,746	221.29	708,783	149,601,053	154,832,750	218.45	4,273,139	2.94
25	PEMETREXED DISODIUM	102	389,616	391,209	3835.38	1,213	4,458,688	4,475,382	3,689.51	4,069,072	1044.38
26	THYROXINE SODIUM	651,286	4,243,470	6,376,171	9.79	646,424	8,120,176	10,483,010	16.22	3,876,706	91.36
27	VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,797,874	78,372,000	100,106,031	55.68	1,940,639	82,006,292	108,713,231	56.02	3,634,293	4.64
28	TEMOZOLOMIDE	5,022	10,130,406	10,196,989	2030.46	7,327	13,733,358	13,842,118	1,889.19	3,602,952	35.57
29	ESCITALOPRAM OXALATE	627,708	15,593,122	24,434,359	38.93	682,119	19,156,919	27,861,801	40.85	3,563,797	22.85
30	LEVODOPA with CARBIDOPA and ENTACAPONE	906	318,239	326,683	360.58	10,456	3,740,790	3,821,231	365.46	3,422,551	1075.47
31	IRINOTECAN HYDROCHLORIDE TRIHYDRATE	6,930	8,536,085	8,624,801	1244.56	8,563	11,950,565	12,069,326	1,409.47	3,414,479	40.00
32	INSULIN ASPART	57,749	14,050,894	14,773,195	255.82	72,512	17,458,058	18,487,130	254.95	3,407,163	24.25
33	LEUPRORELIN ACETATE	23,802	25,338,952	25,475,505	1070.31	25,812	28,653,760	28,820,924	1,116.57	3,314,808	13.08
34	VALACICLOVIR HYDROCHLORIDE	258,976	46,543,600	51,339,761	198.24	279,688	49,659,613	55,547,223	198.60	3,116,013	6.69
35	BISOPROLOL FUMARATE	76,575	4,940,454	5,431,051	70.92	122,662	8,026,954	8,870,259	72.31	3,086,499	62.47

Table 11(b): Significant Drugs (incl Drs Bag)-Sorted by Highest Volume Change, year end: Jun 2005 to year end: Jun 2006

Rank	Drug	Year ending Jun 2005				Year ending Jun 2006				Change	
		Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	%
1	ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	7,629,221	433,526,445	508,279,562	66.62	8,498,869	487,476,160	581,529,412	68.42	869,648	11.40
2	ESOMEPRAZOLE MAGNESIUM TRIHYDRATE	2,745,394	130,782,301	157,316,523	57.30	3,413,518	155,787,449	192,485,918	56.39	668,124	24.34
3	EZETIMIBE	219,944	13,410,384	15,720,458	71.47	514,861	31,529,685	36,939,746	71.75	294,917	134.09
4	RABEPRAZOLE SODIUM	1,141,132	43,743,625	54,806,673	48.03	1,388,346	51,568,805	66,382,042	47.81	247,214	21.66
5	CLOPIDOGREL HYDROGEN SULFATE	1,665,471	130,283,908	139,951,859	84.03	1,893,034	146,814,709	159,334,336	84.17	227,563	13.66
6	PERINDOPRIL ERBUMINE	2,609,633	53,172,307	69,291,212	26.55	2,829,757	64,490,930	80,857,142	28.57	220,124	8.44
7	OXYCODONE HYDROCHLORIDE	886,411	28,899,867	32,326,411	36.47	1,087,412	35,703,079	40,137,611	36.91	201,001	22.68
8	CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL	944,178	18,890,698	23,740,920	25.14	1,137,079	23,319,372	29,375,764	25.83	192,901	20.43
9	ALENDRONATE SODIUM	1,894,038	96,720,775	107,739,213	56.88	2,054,529	101,505,602	114,866,472	55.91	160,491	8.47
10	RISEDRONATE SODIUM	590,651	30,581,947	34,092,769	57.72	743,495	37,016,496	41,933,070	56.40	152,844	25.88
11	ROSIGLITAZONE MALEATE	129,274	8,939,007	9,940,378	76.89	281,991	19,081,627	21,587,065	76.55	152,717	118.13
12	BUDESONIDE with EFORMOTEROL FUMARATE D	464,286	24,440,881	29,552,307	63.65	610,446	33,960,771	41,548,809	68.06	146,160	31.48
13	VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,797,874	78,372,000	100,106,031	55.68	1,940,639	82,006,292	108,713,231	56.02	142,765	7.94
14	TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE MONOHYDRATE	885,784	64,398,798	68,659,649	77.51	1,025,874	74,100,445	79,677,993	77.67	140,090	15.82
15	LERCANIDIPINE HYDROCHLORIDE	851,565	19,511,324	24,950,585	29.30	978,108	23,801,008	29,738,641	30.40	126,543	14.86
16	CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL with HYDROCHLOROT	671,977	12,747,922	19,643,749	29.23	797,666	15,420,826	24,717,470	30.99	125,689	18.70
17	PANTOPRAZOLE SODIUM SESQUIHYDRATE	2,375,124	95,142,299	114,027,965	48.01	2,499,328	94,565,931	116,172,935	46.48	124,204	5.23
18	PERINDOPRIL ERBUMINE with INDAPAMIDE HEMI	1,586,178	35,457,092	51,678,904	32.58	1,703,190	36,115,384	55,954,680	32.85	117,012	7.38
19	RAMIPRIL	2,655,596	52,599,945	69,632,279	26.22	2,768,437	53,590,363	74,195,408	26.80	112,841	4.25
20	RISPERIDONE	245,659	35,961,783	37,575,787	152.96	346,117	59,497,765	61,959,424	179.01	100,458	40.89
21	MELOXICAM	1,732,160	39,483,197	52,792,274	30.48	1,829,193	39,248,187	54,179,400	29.62	97,033	5.60
22	CARMELLOSE SODIUM	405,122	5,146,764	6,481,528	16.00	500,411	5,461,502	7,246,138	14.48	95,289	23.52
23	WARFARIN SODIUM	1,870,426	9,107,420	14,600,627	7.81	1,964,684	9,287,242	15,630,631	7.96	94,258	5.04
24	MIRTAZAPINE	713,789	22,797,609	29,273,929	41.01	798,221	22,064,820	30,030,812	37.62	84,432	11.83
25	POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL 400 with PROPYLENE G	140,687	829,232	1,240,780	8.82	216,543	1,262,707	1,941,608	8.97	75,856	53.92
26	SERTRALINE HYDROCHLORIDE	2,473,884	64,549,584	94,836,955	38.34	2,546,213	49,907,769	85,684,008	33.65	72,329	2.92
27	FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE with SALMETEROL)	2,626,899	156,522,842	185,480,569	70.61	2,698,851	156,244,566	189,988,085	70.40	71,952	2.74
28	CEPHALEXIN	1,950,588	15,247,547	22,211,425	11.39	2,022,360	15,366,559	23,351,141	11.55	71,772	3.68
29	GLICLAZIDE	1,073,228	13,468,287	16,657,923	15.52	1,140,503	13,914,074	17,622,210	15.45	67,275	6.27
30	FENOFIBRATE	8,253	207,463	321,527	38.96	73,646	1,947,561	2,883,236	39.15	65,393	792.35
31	LATANOPROST	1,331,499	37,585,735	45,463,297	34.14	1,394,845	39,182,300	48,534,972	34.80	63,346	4.76
32	SIMVASTATIN	5,849,104	344,032,752	390,347,804	66.74	5,911,956	308,467,308	360,924,585	61.05	62,852	1.07
33	METHYLPHENIDATE HYDROCHLORIDE	0	0	0	0.00	57,022	785,994	1,042,199	18.28	57,022	New
34	TELMISARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	377,017	6,746,539	10,667,131	28.29	432,916	8,707,765	12,200,987	28.18	55,899	14.83
35	ESCITALOPRAM OXALATE	627,708	15,593,122	24,434,359	38.93	682,119	19,156,919	27,861,801	40.85	54,411	8.67

Table 12(a): Highest Govt Cost PBS Drugs (incl Drs Bag) by Generic Name, year end: Jun 2006
 (total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank	Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	8,498,869	487,476,160	581,529,412	68.42
2	SIMVASTATIN	5,911,956	308,467,308	360,924,585	61.05
3	FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE with SALMETEROL XINAFOATE	2,698,851	156,244,566	189,988,085	70.40
4	ESOMEPRAZOLE MAGNESIUM TRIHYDRATE	3,413,518	155,787,449	192,485,918	56.39
5	OLANZAPINE	708,783	149,601,053	154,832,750	218.45
6	CLOPIDOGREL HYDROGEN SULFATE	1,893,034	146,814,709	159,334,336	84.17
7	OMEPRAZOLE	3,816,101	136,062,193	170,178,364	44.59
8	ALENDRONATE SODIUM	2,054,529	101,505,602	114,866,472	55.91
9	PANTOPRAZOLE SODIUM SESQUIHYDRATE	2,499,328	94,565,931	116,172,935	46.48
10	PRAVASTATIN SODIUM	1,861,803	94,553,341	111,023,265	59.63
11	VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,940,639	82,006,292	108,713,231	56.02
12	TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE MONOHYDRATE	1,025,874	74,100,445	79,677,993	77.67
13	PERINDOPRIL ERBUMINE	2,829,757	64,490,930	80,857,142	28.57
14	IRBESARTAN	2,798,745	60,319,601	75,475,869	26.97
15	RISPERIDONE	346,117	59,497,765	61,959,424	179.01
16	IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	2,810,638	58,690,806	87,059,809	30.98
17	RAMIPRIL	2,768,437	53,590,363	74,195,408	26.80
18	RITUXIMAB	28,440	52,613,723	53,037,304	1864.88
19	RABEPRAZOLE SODIUM	1,388,346	51,568,805	66,382,042	47.81
20	SERTRALINE HYDROCHLORIDE	2,546,213	49,907,769	85,684,008	33.65
21	VALACICLOVIR HYDROCHLORIDE	279,688	49,659,613	55,547,223	198.60
22	AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	2,256,942	48,003,829	64,029,950	28.37
23	GOSERELIN ACETATE	54,397	45,759,268	46,257,285	850.36
24	QUETIAPINE FUMARATE	206,853	42,356,058	43,954,847	212.49
25	CARVEDILOL	477,137	41,641,679	44,792,979	93.88
26	SALBUTAMOL SULFATE	2,755,745	41,263,088	51,196,644	18.58
27	MELOXICAM	1,829,193	39,248,187	54,179,400	29.62
28	LATANOPROST	1,394,845	39,182,300	48,534,972	34.80
29	INTERFERON BETA-1b	33,642	39,079,525	39,641,592	1178.34
30	CELECOXIB	1,698,931	38,859,491	53,756,094	31.64
31	RISEDRONATE SODIUM	743,495	37,016,496	41,933,070	56.40
32	PERINDOPRIL ERBUMINE with INDAPAMIDE HEMIHYDRATE	1,703,190	36,115,384	55,954,680	32.85
33	ETANERCEPT	18,945	35,804,211	36,037,059	1902.19
34	OXYCODONE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,087,412	35,703,079	40,137,611	36.91
35	INTERFERON BETA-1a	32,573	34,952,762	35,526,307	1090.67
36	BUDESONIDE with EFORMOTEROL FUMARATE DIHYDRATE	610,446	33,960,771	41,548,809	68.06
37	METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	2,573,836	32,820,454	41,387,951	16.08
38	MORPHINE SULFATE	690,229	32,050,040	34,872,578	50.52
39	CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE	1,133,668	31,832,085	41,041,228	36.20
40	INSULIN NEUTRAL-INSULIN ISOPHANE (N.P.H.), (MIXED) (Biphasic Isoph	155,523	31,795,929	32,832,204	211.11
41	EZETIMIBE	514,861	31,529,685	36,939,746	71.75
42	LANSOPRAZOLE	822,730	30,413,453	39,194,025	47.64
43	INSULIN ISOPHANE (N.P.H.)	158,206	29,701,642	31,564,447	199.51
44	OXALIPLATIN	17,982	28,965,149	29,245,127	1626.36
45	LEUPRORELIN ACETATE	25,812	28,653,760	28,820,924	1116.57
46	PACLITAXEL	14,619	28,352,937	28,602,993	1956.56
47	FAMCICLOVIR	99,652	28,318,104	30,189,430	302.95
48	DONEPEZIL HYDROCHLORIDE	173,045	26,876,540	27,768,799	160.47
49	PAROXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,131,211	26,454,800	41,922,810	37.06
50	TRAMADOL HYDROCHLORIDE	1,709,929	25,409,655	32,033,764	18.73

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Table 12(a): Highest Govt Cost PBS Drugs (incl Drs Bag) by Generic Name, year end: Jun 2006
(total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank	Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
51	ADALIMUMAB	13,481	25,266,309	25,432,217	1886.52
52	DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	1,172,293	25,235,956	30,409,299	25.94
53	LAMOTRIGINE	242,513	24,617,517	27,316,878	112.64
54	SODIUM VALPROATE	617,674	24,243,046	30,133,239	48.79
55	FELODIPINE	1,235,427	24,005,751	31,738,221	25.69
56	LERCANIDIPINE HYDROCHLORIDE	978,108	23,801,008	29,738,641	30.40
57	MESALAZINE	138,050	23,466,889	25,918,337	187.75
58	CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL	1,137,079	23,319,372	29,375,764	25.83
59	PARACETAMOL	3,732,994	22,847,589	34,147,653	9.15
60	MIRTAZAPINE	798,221	22,064,820	30,030,812	37.62
61	GLUCOSE INDICATOR-BLOOD	457,788	21,738,179	24,217,059	52.90
62	RANITIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,128,215	21,161,373	24,999,022	22.16
63	FLUOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	700,467	20,890,036	27,273,009	38.94
64	ATENOLOL	2,998,648	20,342,542	31,047,016	10.35
65	ESCITALOPRAM OXALATE	682,119	19,156,919	27,861,801	40.85
66	ROSIGLITAZONE MALEATE	281,991	19,081,627	21,587,065	76.55
67	IPRATROPIUM BROMIDE	426,997	18,783,919	20,957,809	49.08
68	INSULIN ASPART-INSULIN ASPART PROTAMINE SUSPENSION	72,089	18,641,886	19,300,157	267.73
69	GLYCERYL TRINITRATE	846,420	18,315,074	20,786,196	24.56
70	ARIPIPIRAZOLE	71,305	18,254,612	18,870,464	264.64
71	AMOXYCILLIN with CLAVULANIC ACID	1,420,440	18,112,742	23,838,498	16.78
72	LEFLUNOMIDE	122,863	17,618,209	19,067,588	155.19
73	INSULIN ASPART	72,512	17,458,058	18,487,130	254.95
74	ANASTROZOLE	88,983	17,277,676	18,421,585	207.02
75	GLATIRAMER ACETATE	15,952	17,142,903	17,396,179	1090.53
76	NIFEDIPINE	808,899	17,105,706	21,016,361	25.98
77	CODEINE PHOSPHATE with PARACETAMOL	2,421,831	16,984,127	25,649,935	10.59
78	TELMISARTAN	822,284	16,905,567	20,022,309	24.35
79	RALOXIFENE HYDROCHLORIDE	299,331	16,205,956	17,933,256	59.91
80	DOCETAXEL	8,948	15,813,012	15,955,639	1783.15
81	AMOXYCILLIN	2,343,485	15,711,406	25,530,317	10.89
82	ISOTRETINOIN	124,424	15,514,367	18,356,935	147.54
83	CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	797,666	15,420,826	24,717,470	30.99
84	CEPHALEXIN	2,022,360	15,366,559	23,351,141	11.55
85	ENALAPRIL MALEATE	691,774	15,211,616	18,230,492	26.35
86	AMISULPRIDE	80,575	15,208,980	15,827,184	196.43
87	ENOXAPARIN SODIUM	189,480	14,996,531	17,679,381	93.30
88	CYPROTERONE ACETATE	67,228	14,666,064	15,355,005	228.40
89	LISINAPRIL	678,210	14,248,549	16,926,154	24.96
90	GLICLAZIDE	1,140,503	13,914,074	17,622,210	15.45
91	GEMCITABINE HYDROCHLORIDE	20,277	13,754,687	14,048,001	692.80
92	TEMOZOLOMIDE	7,327	13,733,358	13,842,118	1889.19
93	PIOGLITAZONE HYDROCHLORIDE	152,835	13,412,221	14,633,991	95.75
94	ISOSORBIDE MONONITRATE	941,780	12,954,656	15,675,305	16.64
95	VERAPAMIL HYDROCHLORIDE	936,474	12,740,562	16,258,854	17.36
96	TERBINAFINE HYDROCHLORIDE	96,513	12,552,677	14,183,335	146.96
97	CIPROFLOXACIN	138,668	12,518,703	14,006,027	101.00
98	GALANTAMINE HYDROBROMIDE	80,741	12,420,421	12,833,408	158.95
99	ETONOGESTREL	61,592	12,399,769	13,566,809	220.27
100	IRINOTECAN HYDROCHLORIDE TRIHYDRATE	8,563	11,950,565	12,069,326	1409.47

Table 12(b): Highest Volume PBS Drugs (incl Drs Bag) by Generic Name, year ending: Jun 2006
(total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	8,498,869	487,476,160	581,529,412	68.42
2 SIMVASTATIN	5,911,956	308,467,308	360,924,585	61.05
3 OMEPRAZOLE	3,816,101	136,062,193	170,178,364	44.59
4 PARACETAMOL	3,732,994	22,847,589	34,147,653	9.15
5 ESOMEPRAZOLE MAGNESIUM TRIHYDRATE	3,413,518	155,787,449	192,485,918	56.39
6 ATENOLOL	2,998,648	20,342,542	31,047,016	10.35
7 PERINDOPRIL ERBUMINE	2,829,757	64,490,930	80,857,142	28.57
8 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	2,810,638	58,690,806	87,059,809	30.98
9 IRBESARTAN	2,798,745	60,319,601	75,475,869	26.97
10 RAMIPRIL	2,768,437	53,590,363	74,195,408	26.80
11 SALBUTAMOL SULFATE	2,755,745	41,263,088	51,196,644	18.58
12 FLUTICASON PROPRIONATE with SALMETEROL XINAFOATE	2,698,851	156,244,566	189,988,085	70.40
13 METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	2,573,836	32,820,454	41,387,951	16.08
14 SERTRALINE HYDROCHLORIDE	2,546,213	49,907,769	85,684,008	33.65
15 PANTOPRAZOLE SODIUM SESQUIHYDRATE	2,499,328	94,565,931	116,172,935	46.48
16 CODEINE PHOSPHATE with PARACETAMOL	2,421,831	16,984,127	25,649,935	10.59
17 AMOXYCILLIN	2,343,485	15,711,406	25,530,317	10.89
18 AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	2,256,942	48,003,829	64,029,950	28.37
19 ALENDRONATE SODIUM	2,054,529	101,505,602	114,866,472	55.91
20 CEPHALEXIN	2,022,360	15,366,559	23,351,141	11.55
21 WARFARIN SODIUM	1,964,684	9,287,242	15,630,631	7.96
22 TEMAZEPAM	1,953,446	6,964,865	13,365,747	6.84
23 VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,940,639	82,006,292	108,713,231	56.02
24 CLOPIDOGREL HYDROGEN SULFATE	1,893,034	146,814,709	159,334,336	84.17
25 PRAVASTATIN SODIUM	1,861,803	94,553,341	111,023,265	59.63
26 MELOXICAM	1,829,193	39,248,187	54,179,400	29.62
27 TRAMADOL HYDROCHLORIDE	1,709,929	25,409,655	32,033,764	18.73
28 PERINDOPRIL ERBUMINE with INDAPAMIDE HEMIHYDRATE	1,703,190	36,115,384	55,954,680	32.85
29 CELECOXIB	1,698,931	38,859,491	53,756,094	31.64
30 DIAZEPAM	1,615,417	5,785,888	11,527,342	7.14
31 AMOXYCILLIN with CLAVULANIC ACID	1,420,440	18,112,742	23,838,498	16.78
32 LATANOPROST	1,394,845	39,182,300	48,534,972	34.80
33 RABEPRAZOLE SODIUM	1,388,346	51,568,805	66,382,042	47.81
34 FELODIPINE	1,235,427	24,005,751	31,738,221	25.69
35 ASPIRIN	1,202,399	4,064,383	7,872,708	6.55
36 FRUSEMIDE	1,180,178	6,158,924	9,676,016	8.20
37 DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	1,172,293	25,235,956	30,409,299	25.94
38 GLICLAZIDE	1,140,503	13,914,074	17,622,210	15.45
39 CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL	1,137,079	23,319,372	29,375,764	25.83
40 CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE	1,133,668	31,832,085	41,041,228	36.20
41 PAROXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,131,211	26,454,800	41,922,810	37.06
42 RANITIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,128,215	21,161,373	24,999,022	22.16
43 OXAZEPAM	1,104,742	3,361,733	7,002,917	6.34
44 ROXITHROMYCIN	1,090,220	9,533,861	13,797,575	12.66
45 OXYCODONE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,087,412	35,703,079	40,137,611	36.91
46 METOPROLOL TARTRATE	1,083,455	8,375,306	12,086,162	11.16
47 TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE MONOHYDRATE	1,025,874	74,100,445	79,677,993	77.67
48 LERCANIDIPINE HYDROCHLORIDE	978,108	23,801,008	29,738,641	30.40
49 ISOSORBIDE MONONITRATE	941,780	12,954,656	15,675,305	16.64
50 VERAPAMIL HYDROCHLORIDE	936,474	12,740,562	16,258,854	17.36

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Table 12(b): Highest Volume PBS Drugs (incl Drs Bag) by Generic Name, year ending: Jun 2006
(total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
51 DICLOFENAC SODIUM	893,242	6,792,384	10,097,869	11.30
52 AMITRIPTYLINE HYDROCHLORIDE	885,060	3,468,014	6,454,826	7.29
53 PREDNISOLONE	848,190	4,127,841	6,953,069	8.20
54 GLYCERYL TRINITRATE	846,420	18,315,074	20,786,196	24.56
55 LANSOPRAZOLE	822,730	30,413,453	39,194,025	47.64
56 TELMISARTAN	822,284	16,905,567	20,022,309	24.35
57 NIFEDIPINE	808,899	17,105,706	21,016,361	25.98
58 MIRTAZAPINE	798,221	22,064,820	30,030,812	37.62
59 CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	797,666	15,420,826	24,717,470	30.99
60 CHLORAMPHENICOL	752,708	2,809,264	5,751,662	7.64
61 RISEDRONATE SODIUM	743,495	37,016,496	41,933,070	56.40
62 ALLOPURINOL	725,748	5,444,525	7,860,129	10.83
63 OLANZAPINE	708,783	149,601,053	154,832,750	218.45
64 FLUOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	700,467	20,890,036	27,273,009	38.94
65 ENALAPRIL MALEATE	691,774	15,211,616	18,230,492	26.35
66 MORPHINE SULFATE	690,229	32,050,040	34,872,578	50.52
67 ESCITALOPRAM OXALATE	682,119	19,156,919	27,861,801	40.85
68 LISINOPRIL	678,210	14,248,549	16,926,154	24.96
69 DOXYCYCLINE	676,643	3,707,747	6,287,266	9.29
70 THYROXINE SODIUM	646,424	8,120,176	10,483,010	16.22
71 LEVONORGESTREL with ETHINYLOESTRADIOL	635,711	6,881,357	9,773,714	15.37
72 TIMOLOL MALEATE	630,322	5,921,366	8,055,003	12.78
73 MOMETASONE FUROATE	627,787	7,509,833	10,744,797	17.12
74 SODIUM VALPROATE	617,674	24,243,046	30,133,239	48.79
75 BUDESONIDE with EFORMOTEROL FUMARATE DIHYDRATE	610,446	33,960,771	41,548,809	68.06
76 CALCIUM	598,376	5,886,784	7,585,109	12.68
77 HYPROMELLOSE with DEXTRAN	594,830	4,539,239	6,520,972	10.96
78 OESTRADIOL	590,016	8,399,848	10,592,953	17.95
79 PROCHLORPERAZINE	577,002	2,973,445	4,879,725	8.46
80 NITRAZEPAM	535,265	2,017,003	3,653,122	6.82
81 CEFACLOR	534,436	5,817,556	8,033,323	15.03
82 FOSINOPRIL SODIUM with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	533,028	10,934,594	16,322,083	30.62
83 EZETIMIBE	514,861	31,529,685	36,939,746	71.75
84 INDAPAMIDE HEMIHYDRATE	514,286	8,257,785	10,105,019	19.65
85 CARMELLOSE SODIUM	500,411	5,461,502	7,246,138	14.48
86 METOCLOPRAMIDE HYDROCHLORIDE	481,544	2,086,605	3,629,551	7.54
87 CARVEDILOL	477,137	41,641,679	44,792,979	93.88
88 DOTHIEPIN HYDROCHLORIDE	459,010	2,235,542	3,784,713	8.25
89 GLUCOSE INDICATOR-BLOOD	457,788	21,738,179	24,217,059	52.90
90 TRANDOLAPRIL	445,674	8,954,600	11,276,054	25.30
91 PRAZOSIN HYDROCHLORIDE	440,828	5,894,706	7,354,177	16.68
92 INFLUENZA VACCINE	435,593	5,821,240	7,833,836	17.98
93 TELMISARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	432,916	8,707,765	12,200,987	28.18
94 GLIMEPIRIDE	431,382	4,759,123	6,196,395	14.36
95 IPRATROPIUM BROMIDE	426,997	18,783,919	20,957,809	49.08
96 FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE	421,503	11,027,982	15,651,404	37.13
97 BETAMETHASONE VALERATE	413,766	3,568,279	5,084,229	12.29
98 TRIMETHOPRIM	413,175	1,659,817	3,232,522	7.82
99 QUINAPRIL HYDROCHLORIDE	410,181	8,988,472	10,708,880	26.11
100 TRIAMCINOLONE ACETONIDE with NEOMYCIN SULFATE, GRAMICIDIN :	394,746	1,328,462	2,687,819	6.81

Table 13(a): Highest Government Cost Drug (incl Drs Bag) by PBS Item, year ending: Jun 2006

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	8215 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 40mg (atorvastatin)	2,537,385	179,744,552	208,749,004	82.27
2	8214 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 20mg (atorvastatin)	3,156,964	153,271,842	188,698,030	59.77
3	8358 CLOPIDOGREL HYDROGEN SULFATE	Tablet 75mg (base)	1,893,034	146,814,709	159,334,336	84.17
4	8173 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 40mg	2,378,695	142,976,385	165,780,515	69.69
5	8333 OMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20mg	3,433,750	123,565,852	154,365,535	44.96
6	8511 ALENDRONATE SODIUM	Tablet equivalent to 70mg alendr	2,038,729	99,003,002	112,273,584	55.07
7	8521 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 80mg (atorvastatin)	901,881	93,961,176	104,109,847	115.44
8	2012 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 20mg	2,141,792	88,968,353	106,944,762	49.93
9	8187 OLANZAPINE	Tablet 10mg	262,782	86,971,934	88,837,664	338.07
10	8601 ESOMEPRAZOLE MAGNESIUM TRIHYDRATE	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalent	1,337,126	84,119,120	98,402,578	73.59
11	8008 PANTOPRAZOLE SODIUM SESQUIHYDRATE	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalent	2,097,012	82,035,583	100,687,868	48.01
12	8626 TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE MONOHYDRATE	Capsule containing powder for oral	1,025,874	74,100,445	79,677,993	77.67
13	8600 ESOMEPRAZOLE MAGNESIUM TRIHYDRATE	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalent	2,066,632	71,390,412	93,681,699	45.33
14	8197 PRAVASTATIN SODIUM	Tablet 40mg	1,111,793	66,592,472	76,688,181	68.98
15	8213 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 10mg (atorvastatin)	1,902,639	60,498,589	79,972,531	42.03
16	8519 FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE with SALMETEROL	Oral pressurised inhalation 250mic	843,914	57,637,792	67,288,361	79.73
17	8313 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 80mg	616,292	54,392,742	60,424,971	98.05
18	8302 VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 150mg (base) (modified release)	973,985	49,682,663	62,815,853	64.49
19	8432 FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE with SALMETEROL	Powder for oral inhalation in breath	704,062	48,941,855	56,792,893	80.66
20	8405 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	Tablet 300mg-12.5mg	2,285,795	46,713,183	73,066,379	31.97
21	8508 RABEPRAZOLE SODIUM	Tablet 20mg (enteric coated)	1,179,024	44,511,224	57,192,125	48.51
22	8134 VALACICLOVIR HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 500mg (base)	235,646	41,255,310	46,323,788	196.58
23	8243 LATANOPROST	Eye drops 50micrograms per mL	1,394,845	39,182,300	48,534,972	34.80
24	8093 GOSERELIN ACETATE	Subcutaneous implant (long acting)	34,313	39,156,556	39,393,580	1148.07
25	8101 INTERFERON BETA-1b	Injection set comprising 1 vial powder	33,642	39,079,525	39,641,592	1178.34
26	8449 PERINDOPRIL ERBUMINE with INDAPAMIDE	Tablet 4mg-1.25mg	1,703,190	36,115,384	55,954,680	32.85
27	8621 RISEDRONATE SODIUM	Tablet 35mg	714,069	34,559,245	39,307,394	55.05
28	8440 CELECOXIB	Capsule 200mg	1,489,831	34,144,780	47,320,439	31.76
29	8431 FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE with SALMETEROL	Powder for oral inhalation in breath	697,243	32,162,217	41,552,597	59.60
30	8757 EZETIMIBE	Tablet 10mg	514,861	31,529,685	36,939,746	71.75
31	8248 IRBESARTAN	Tablet 300mg	1,314,635	30,423,936	40,071,103	30.48
32	8220 CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE	Tablet 20mg (base)	1,085,125	30,389,730	39,022,067	35.96
33	8562 MELOXICAM	Tablet 15mg	1,318,955	29,081,768	42,142,214	31.95
34	2241 LANSOPRAZOLE	Capsule 30mg	754,453	28,267,477	36,372,780	48.21
35	3051 PERINDOPRIL ERBUMINE	Tablet 4mg	1,294,661	27,845,258	32,779,059	25.32
36	8301 VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 75mg (base) (modified release)	833,716	27,694,405	39,664,267	47.58
37	8470 RAMIPRIL	Capsule 10mg	1,254,425	27,189,325	41,513,858	33.09
38	2242 PAROXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 20mg (base)	1,131,211	26,454,800	41,922,810	37.06
39	8288 SALBUTAMOL SULFATE	Oral pressurised inhalation 100mic	2,055,567	26,302,179	33,650,686	16.37
40	8185 OLANZAPINE	Tablet 5mg	201,905	26,111,961	27,689,805	137.14
41	1763 INSULIN NEUTRAL-INSULIN ISOPHANE	Injections (human) 100units (30units per vial)	115,807	25,379,335	26,163,429	225.92
42	8247 IRBESARTAN	Tablet 150mg	1,167,627	24,548,622	28,917,104	24.77
43	8704 PERINDOPRIL ERBUMINE	Tablet 8mg	764,716	24,391,356	32,969,142	43.11
44	1761 INSULIN ISOPHANE (N.P.H.)	Injections (human) 100units per vial	111,979	23,976,428	25,313,655	226.06
45	2237 SERTRALINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 100mg (base)	1,101,743	23,871,711	39,493,596	35.85
46	8258 CARVEDILOL	Tablet 25mg	211,123	22,687,631	24,331,658	115.25
47	8294 RITUXIMAB	Solution for I.V. infusion 500mg intravenous	8,833	22,385,306	22,516,472	2549.13
48	8513 MIRTAZAPINE	Tablet 30mg	787,541	21,783,051	29,643,687	37.64
49	2236 SERTRALINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 50mg (base)	1,190,176	21,709,925	38,062,073	31.98
50	2011 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 10mg	741,382	21,348,012	26,841,034	36.20

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Table 13(a): Highest Government Cost Drug (incl Drs Bag) by PBS Item, year ending: Jun 2006

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
51	8217 FAMCICLOVIR	Tablet 250mg	53,085	21,324,500	22,408,540	422.13
52	2834 PRAVASTATIN SODIUM	Tablet 20mg	571,018	21,222,417	26,032,493	45.59
53	1081 ATENOLOL	Tablet 50mg	2,998,648	20,342,542	31,047,016	10.35
54	8638 ETANERCEPT	Injection set containing 4 vials po	10,700	20,073,295	20,190,050	1886.92
55	8496 DONEPEZIL HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 10mg	128,958	19,883,374	20,554,363	159.39
56	2752 AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	Tablet 10mg (base)	886,633	18,909,521	29,043,304	32.76
57	8625 BUDESONIDE with EFORMOTEROL FUM	Powder for oral inhalation in brea	404,583	18,752,375	23,830,876	58.90
58	8609 INSULIN ASPART-INSULIN ASPART PRC	Injections (human analogue) 100i	72,089	18,641,886	19,300,157	267.73
59	8458 QUETIAPINE FUMARATE	Tablet 200mg (base)	65,000	17,968,835	18,463,906	284.06
60	2430 METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 500mg	1,598,920	17,774,707	23,089,087	14.44
61	8403 INTERFERON BETA-1a	Injection 44micrograms (12,000,0	16,321	17,494,101	17,803,626	1090.84
62	8179 ANASTROZOLE	Tablet 1mg	88,983	17,277,676	18,421,585	207.02
63	8741 ADALIMUMAB	Injection 40mg in 0.8mL pre-filled	9,175	17,189,771	17,305,145	1886.12
64	8726 GLATIRAMER ACETATE	Injection 20mg in 1mL single dose	15,952	17,142,903	17,396,179	1090.53
65	1434 FLUOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 20mg (base)	550,493	16,831,880	21,842,523	39.68
66	8435 INSULIN ASPART	Injections (human analogue) 100i	64,348	16,247,750	17,183,568	267.04
67	8363 RALOXIFENE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 60mg	299,331	16,205,956	17,933,256	59.91
68	8540 OXALIPLATIN	Powder for I.V. infusion 100mg	8,271	15,732,456	15,858,703	1917.39
69	8360 PACLITAXEL	Solution concentrate for I.V. infus	6,916	15,704,456	15,829,608	2288.84
70	1978 RANITIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 150mg (base)	837,624	15,632,855	18,438,317	22.01
71	2751 AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	Tablet 5mg (base)	906,367	15,558,010	18,846,868	20.79
72	8504 CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL with HYDRO	Tablet 16mg-12.5mg	797,666	15,420,826	24,717,470	30.99
73	2592 ISOTRETINOIN	Capsule 20mg	119,316	15,132,071	17,857,314	149.66
74	2290 SODIUM VALPROATE	Tablet 500mg (enteric coated)	271,632	15,065,591	17,893,232	65.87
75	1946 RAMIPRIL	Tablet 5mg	834,093	14,971,432	18,247,609	21.88
76	2367 FELODIPINE	Tablet 10mg (extended release)	625,144	14,900,058	20,391,920	32.62
77	8375 LEFLUNOMIDE	Tablet 20mg	95,957	14,820,946	15,972,770	166.46
78	8750 BUDESONIDE with EFORMOTEROL FUM	Powder for oral inhalation in brea	193,726	14,735,580	17,058,758	88.06
79	8254 AMOXYCILLIN with CLAVULANIC ACID	Tablet 875mg-125mg	1,044,405	14,319,899	18,443,764	17.66
80	8580 QUETIAPINE FUMARATE	Tablet 300mg (base)	37,596	13,658,445	13,946,611	370.96
81	8666 RITUXIMAB	Solution for I.V. infusion 500mg ir	5,564	13,629,297	13,711,035	2464.24
82	8434 OLANZAPINE	Wafer 10mg	41,459	13,198,521	13,489,905	325.38
83	8238 IPRATROPIUM BROMIDE	Nebuliser solution single dose uni	255,397	12,854,616	13,935,447	54.56
84	8297 CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL	Tablet 16mg	559,054	12,617,528	16,504,062	29.52
85	3119 CEPHALEXIN	Capsule 500mg	1,616,217	12,558,803	18,853,145	11.66
86	2804 TERBINAFINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 250mg (base)	96,513	12,552,677	14,183,335	146.96
87	8487 ETONOGESTREL	Subcutaneous implant 68mg	61,592	12,399,769	13,566,809	220.27
88	3050 PERINDOPRIL ERBUMINE	Tablet 2mg	770,380	12,254,316	15,108,942	19.61
89	1746 PARACETAMOL	Tablet 500mg	2,542,678	12,155,737	19,565,583	7.69
90	8404 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIA	Tablet 150mg-12.5mg	524,843	11,977,623	13,993,429	26.66
91	8186 OLANZAPINE	Tablet 7.5mg	53,757	11,789,731	12,205,089	227.04
92	8518 FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE with SALM	Oral pressurised inhalation 125mi	257,911	11,720,895	15,335,082	59.46
93	8289 INTERFERON BETA-1a	Injection set comprising 1 vial pov	10,891	11,699,114	11,876,151	1090.46
94	8534 LERCANIDIPINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 10mg	536,775	11,461,173	13,379,893	24.93
95	8050 GEMCITABINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Powder for I.V. infusion 1g (base)	14,227	11,247,968	11,454,670	805.14
96	8211 LEUPRORELIN ACETATE	I.M. injection (modified release), ε	9,796	11,188,658	11,250,651	1148.49
97	1215 CODEINE PHOSPHATE with PARACETA	Tablet 30mg-500mg	2,009,875	10,965,746	17,992,683	8.95
98	8607 METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 1g	614,362	10,919,687	12,974,757	21.12
99	8415 IRINOTECAN HYDROCHLORIDE TRIHYC	I.V. injection 100mg in 5mL	6,775	10,810,344	10,905,038	1609.60
100	2110 TAMOXIFEN CITRATE	Tablet 20mg (base)	159,901	10,602,338	12,576,766	78.65

Table 13(b): Highest Volume Drug (incl Drs Bag) by PBS Item, year ending: Jun 2006

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	8333 OMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20mg	3,433,750	123,565,852	154,365,535	44.96
2	8214 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 20mg (atorvastatin)	3,156,964	153,271,842	188,698,030	59.77
3	1081 ATENOLOL	Tablet 50mg	2,998,648	20,342,542	31,047,016	10.35
4	1746 PARACETAMOL	Tablet 500mg	2,542,678	12,155,737	19,565,583	7.69
5	8215 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 40mg (atorvastatin)	2,537,385	179,744,552	208,749,004	82.27
6	8173 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 40mg	2,378,695	142,976,385	165,780,515	69.69
7	8405 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIA	Tablet 300mg-12.5mg	2,285,795	46,713,183	73,066,379	31.97
8	2012 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 20mg	2,141,792	88,968,353	106,944,762	49.93
9	8008 PANTOPRAZOLE SODIUM SESQUIHYDF	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalen	2,097,012	82,035,583	100,687,868	48.01
10	8600 ESOMEPRAZOLE MAGNESIUM TRIHYDI	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalen	2,066,632	71,390,412	93,681,699	45.33
11	8288 SALBUTAMOL SULFATE	Oral pressurised inhalation 100mi	2,055,567	26,302,179	33,650,686	16.37
12	8511 ALENDRONATE SODIUM	Tablet equivalent to 70mg alendr	2,038,729	99,003,002	112,273,584	55.07
13	1215 CODEINE PHOSPHATE with PARACETA	Tablet 30mg-500mg	2,009,875	10,965,746	17,992,683	8.95
14	2089 TEMAZEPAM	Tablet 10mg	1,905,019	6,691,950	12,936,025	6.79
15	8213 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 10mg (atorvastatin)	1,902,639	60,498,589	79,972,531	42.03
16	8358 CLOPIDOGREL HYDROGEN SULFATE	Tablet 75mg (base)	1,893,034	146,814,709	159,334,336	84.17
17	8449 PERINDOPRIL ERBUMINE with INDAPAM	Tablet 4mg-1.25mg	1,703,190	36,115,384	55,954,680	32.85
18	3119 CEPHALEXIN	Capsule 500mg	1,616,217	12,558,803	18,853,145	11.66
19	2430 METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 500mg	1,598,920	17,774,707	23,089,087	14.44
20	8440 CELECOXIB	Capsule 200mg	1,489,831	34,144,780	47,320,439	31.76
21	3162 DIAZEPAM	Tablet 5mg	1,429,208	5,039,204	10,164,991	7.11
22	8243 LATANOPROST	Eye drops 50micrograms per mL	1,394,845	39,182,300	48,534,972	34.80
23	8601 ESOMEPRAZOLE MAGNESIUM TRIHYDI	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalen	1,337,126	84,119,120	98,402,578	73.59
24	8562 MELOXICAM	Tablet 15mg	1,318,955	29,081,768	42,142,214	31.95
25	8248 IRBESARTAN	Tablet 300mg	1,314,635	30,423,936	40,071,103	30.48
26	3051 PERINDOPRIL ERBUMINE	Tablet 4mg	1,294,661	27,845,258	32,779,059	25.32
27	8470 RAMIPRIL	Capsule 10mg	1,254,425	27,189,325	41,513,858	33.09
28	2236 SERTRALINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 50mg (base)	1,190,176	21,709,925	38,062,073	31.98
29	8508 RABEPRAZOLE SODIUM	Tablet 20mg (enteric coated)	1,179,024	44,511,224	57,192,125	48.51
30	8247 IRBESARTAN	Tablet 150mg	1,167,627	24,548,622	28,917,104	24.77
31	1889 AMOXYCILLIN	Capsule 500mg	1,142,508	8,374,906	12,976,634	11.36
32	2242 PAROXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 20mg (base)	1,131,211	26,454,800	41,922,810	37.06
33	8197 PRAVASTATIN SODIUM	Tablet 40mg	1,111,793	66,592,472	76,688,181	68.98
34	2237 SERTRALINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 100mg (base)	1,101,743	23,871,711	39,493,596	35.85
35	8220 CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE	Tablet 20mg (base)	1,085,125	30,389,730	39,022,067	35.96
36	8254 AMOXYCILLIN with CLAVULANIC ACID	Tablet 875mg-125mg	1,044,405	14,319,899	18,443,764	17.66
37	8626 TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE MONOHYDRATI	Capsule containing powder for or:	1,025,874	74,100,445	79,677,993	77.67
38	2412 FRUSEMIDE	Tablet 40mg	1,002,621	5,015,417	7,989,678	7.97
39	8202 ASPIRIN	Tablet 100mg	979,612	3,170,549	6,304,855	6.44
40	8302 VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 150mg (base) (modified	973,985	49,682,663	62,815,853	64.49
41	3133 OXAZEPAM	Tablet 30mg	941,306	2,886,530	5,972,694	6.35
42	2751 AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	Tablet 5mg (base)	906,367	15,558,010	18,846,868	20.79
43	8521 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 80mg (atorvastatin)	901,881	93,961,176	104,109,847	115.44
44	2752 AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	Tablet 10mg (base)	886,633	18,909,521	29,043,304	32.76
45	8519 FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE with SALM	Oral pressurised inhalation 250mi	843,914	57,637,792	67,288,361	79.73
46	1978 RANITIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 150mg (base)	837,624	15,632,855	18,438,317	22.01
47	1946 RAMIPRIL	Tablet 5mg	834,093	14,971,432	18,247,609	21.88
48	8301 VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 75mg (base) (modified re	833,716	27,694,405	39,664,267	47.58
49	8504 CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL with HYDRO	Tablet 16mg-12.5mg	797,666	15,420,826	24,717,470	30.99
50	1300 DICLOFENAC SODIUM	Tablet 50mg (enteric coated)	791,959	5,707,510	8,641,296	10.91

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Table 13(b): Highest Volume Drug (incl Drs Bag) by PBS Item, year ending: Jun 2006

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
51	8513 MIRTAZAPINE	Tablet 30mg	787,541	21,783,051	29,643,687	37.64
52	3050 PERINDOPRIL ERBUMINE	Tablet 2mg	770,380	12,254,316	15,108,942	19.61
53	8704 PERINDOPRIL ERBUMINE	Tablet 8mg	764,716	24,391,356	32,969,142	43.11
54	2241 LANSOPRAZOLE	Capsule 30mg	754,453	28,267,477	36,372,780	48.21
55	2011 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 10mg	741,382	21,348,012	26,841,034	36.20
56	1324 METOPROLOL TARTRATE	Tablet 50mg	719,142	5,130,865	7,590,323	10.55
57	2843 WARFARIN SODIUM	Tablet 1mg	717,963	3,232,530	5,512,480	7.68
58	8621 RISEDRONATE SODIUM	Tablet 35mg	714,069	34,559,245	39,307,394	55.05
59	8784 PARACETAMOL	Tablet 500mg	707,329	7,116,620	9,260,556	13.09
60	8432 FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE with SALM	Powder for oral inhalation in brea	704,062	48,941,855	56,792,893	80.66
61	8611 TRAMADOL HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 50mg	700,081	3,914,459	6,083,280	8.69
62	8431 FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE with SALM	Powder for oral inhalation in brea	697,243	32,162,217	41,552,597	59.60
63	1558 ISOSORBIDE MONONITRATE	Tablet 60mg (sustained release)	684,348	7,153,492	9,193,910	13.43
64	2209 WARFARIN SODIUM	Tablet 2mg	642,657	2,973,474	5,045,761	7.85
65	2367 FELODIPINE	Tablet 10mg (extended release)	625,144	14,900,058	20,391,920	32.62
66	8313 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 80mg	616,292	54,392,742	60,424,971	98.05
67	8607 METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 1g	614,362	10,919,687	12,974,757	21.12
68	8016 ROXITHROMYCIN	Tablet 300mg	606,398	5,381,114	7,746,369	12.77
69	2449 GLICLAZIDE	Tablet 80mg	578,434	7,055,149	8,884,237	15.36
70	1241 VERAPAMIL HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 240mg (sustained release)	578,233	8,408,557	10,651,917	18.42
71	2834 PRAVASTATIN SODIUM	Tablet 20mg	571,018	21,222,417	26,032,493	45.59
72	2604 ALLOPURINOL	Tablet 300mg	567,133	3,813,481	5,720,636	10.09
73	8535 GLICLAZIDE	Tablet 30mg (modified release)	562,069	6,858,925	8,737,973	15.55
74	8297 CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL	Tablet 16mg	559,054	12,617,528	16,504,062	29.52
75	1509 HYPROMELLOSE with DEXTRAN	Eye drops 3mg-1mg per mL (0.3%	552,712	3,408,374	5,107,956	9.24
76	1434 FLUOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 20mg (base)	550,493	16,831,880	21,842,523	39.68
77	2893 PROCHLORPERAZINE	Tablet 5mg	539,394	2,405,362	4,230,853	7.84
78	8534 LERCANIDIPINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 10mg	536,775	11,461,173	13,379,893	24.93
79	3117 CALCIUM	Tablet 600mg (as carbonate)	533,040	5,239,919	6,747,319	12.66
80	2723 NITRAZEPAM	Tablet 5mg	527,207	1,970,058	3,578,667	6.79
81	8404 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIA	Tablet 150mg-12.5mg	524,843	11,977,623	13,993,429	26.66
82	8757 EZETIMIBE	Tablet 10mg	514,861	31,529,685	36,939,746	71.75
83	8561 MELOXICAM	Tablet 7.5mg	497,076	9,933,771	11,660,929	23.46
84	2360 CHLORAMPHENICOL	Eye drops 5mg per mL (0.5%), 1C	491,919	1,848,067	3,774,824	7.67
85	8401 FOSINOPRIL SODIUM with HYDROCHLO	Tablet 20mg-12.5mg	461,896	9,565,058	14,679,536	31.78
86	1760 ROXITHROMYCIN	Tablet 150mg	452,528	3,949,384	5,701,546	12.60
87	1917 PREDNISOLONE	Tablet 5mg	450,794	2,008,477	3,448,152	7.65
88	2366 FELODIPINE	Tablet 5mg (extended release)	447,879	7,161,868	8,820,768	19.69
89	2001 SALBUTAMOL SULFATE	Nebuliser solution single dose uni	446,097	9,971,030	11,171,585	25.04
90	2852 INFLUENZA VACCINE	Injection (trivalent) 0.5mL (contair	435,593	5,821,240	7,833,836	17.98
91	1313 DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 240mg (controlled delive	434,414	10,328,094	11,768,314	27.09
92	8296 CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL	Tablet 8mg	423,497	8,235,061	9,820,788	23.19
93	1312 DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 180mg (controlled delive	423,217	7,652,889	9,069,927	21.43
94	8356 TELMISARTAN	Tablet 80mg	416,958	9,951,849	11,521,973	27.63
95	1394 LEVONORGESTREL with ETHINYLOESTI	Pack containing 21 tablets 150mi	413,454	4,472,797	6,355,982	15.37
96	2922 TRIMETHOPRIM	Tablet 300mg	413,175	1,659,817	3,232,522	7.82
97	8355 TELMISARTAN	Tablet 40mg	405,326	6,953,718	8,500,336	20.97
98	8625 BUDESONIDE with EFORMOTEROL FUM	Powder for oral inhalation in brea	404,583	18,752,375	23,830,876	58.90
99	1207 METOCLOPRAMIDE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 10mg	403,649	1,347,758	2,725,429	6.75
100	2418 AMITRIPTYLINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 25mg	401,214	1,483,975	2,830,217	7.05

Table 14(a): Safety Net Card Issues - Persons Covered, 2001 to 2006

MONTHLY COMPARISON 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006													
No OF PEOPLE (cumulative each Month)		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<i>General Safety Net</i>	2001	6	99	759	4,031	15,352	36,075	71,296	116,959	166,353	222,988	279,492	322,495
	2002	20	146	892	5,003	19,338	43,327	82,920	130,047	182,385	241,606	296,765	370,849
	2003	2	118	913	4,716	18,001	41,097	81,956	130,835	189,662	251,872	309,951	388,470
	2004	4	116	1,060	6,401	23,052	54,490	101,357	160,079	224,070	287,873	355,853	406,950
	2005	14	105	746	5,316	21,006	50,205	92,048	150,078	212,929	278,811	347,239	435,505
	2006	10	42	525	3,058	14,362	32,581						
<i>Concessional Safety Net</i>	2001	26	840	7,398	31,939	105,479	210,330	360,020	525,800	685,048	857,124	1,010,809	1,125,886
	2002	49	831	7,424	39,317	129,933	253,499	425,674	601,535	771,197	948,970	1,100,385	1,287,988
	2003	15	471	6,866	36,091	123,083	245,827	426,519	605,363	797,715	981,714	1,139,972	1,341,819
	2004	38	626	8,354	47,061	145,915	299,957	489,965	692,038	885,845	1,064,758	1,237,305	1,362,093
	2005	25	623	6,750	44,142	149,698	308,258	490,356	701,372	897,320	1,080,361	1,256,569	1,465,534
	2006	9	380	4,773	24,803	107,274	215,665						
<i>#Supplementary</i>	2001	3	73	385	1,533	4,492	8,387	13,923	19,904	24,928	30,621	34,672	37,532
	2002	18	104	506	1,949	5,895	10,822	17,090	23,329	29,268	35,491	40,219	45,351
	2003	0	47	503	1,949	5,907	10,950	18,906	26,444	34,126	40,774	46,532	52,407
	2004	10	47	503	2,806	8,028	15,370	23,839	32,635	40,548	47,422	53,838	57,872
	2005	7	63	500	2,842	8,427	16,557	25,806	36,471	46,012	54,548	61,415	68,161
	2006	2	24	311	1,506	6,124	11,599						
TOTAL	2001	35	1,012	8,542	37,503	125,323	254,792	445,239	662,663	876,329	1,110,733	1,324,973	1,485,913
	2002	87	1,081	8,822	46,269	155,166	307,648	525,684	754,911	982,850	1,226,067	1,437,369	1,704,188
	2003	17	636	8,282	42,756	146,991	297,874	527,381	762,642	1,021,503	1,274,360	1,496,455	1,782,696
	2004	52	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
	2005	46	791	7,996	52,300	179,131	375,020	608,210	887,921	1,156,261	1,413,720	1,665,223	1,969,200
	2006	21	446	5,609	29,367	127,760	259,845						

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, 2001 to 2006

MONTHLY COMPARISON 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006													
No OF CARDS (cumulative per month)		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<i>General Safety Net</i>	2001	3	51	355	1,921	7,333	17,175	33,704	55,123	78,187	104,767	131,527	152,198
	2002	7	77	426	2,399	9,209	20,618	39,441	61,583	86,156	114,208	140,832	177,159
	2003	1	64	444	2,237	8,708	19,796	39,488	62,815	90,864	121,138	149,434	189,047
	2004	2	48	525	3,092	11,229	26,556	49,211	78,190	109,447	140,971	174,531	200,311
	2005	8	53	365	2,582	10,151	24,319	44,686	72,771	103,020	134,891	168,475	212,411
	2006	5	23	251	1,392	6,956	15,777						
<i>Concessional Safety Net</i>	2001	14	404	3,684	16,559	56,263	115,263	200,665	298,037	393,349	499,156	595,837	669,612
	2002	22	415	3,655	20,584	70,167	139,612	239,043	343,030	445,801	556,234	652,558	775,211
	2003	8	324	3,571	19,162	66,782	135,796	240,806	347,212	464,213	579,420	680,297	813,337
	2004	21	321	4,271	24,729	79,388	167,120	278,187	401,306	521,242	635,033	747,133	829,714
	2005	14	311	3,488	23,377	81,229	171,078	277,872	404,702	526,277	642,067	755,175	892,059
	2006	6	184	2,445	12,882	57,349	117,241						
<i>#Supplementary</i>	2001	1	24	164	678	2,081	3,890	6,412	9,134	11,456	14,028	15,882	17,174
	2002	5	40	217	890	2,756	5,078	7,999	10,875	13,602	16,415	18,583	20,907
	2003	0	18	218	889	2,760	5,150	8,721	12,213	15,744	18,791	21,395	24,054
	2004	2	17	223	1,306	3,823	7,344	11,345	15,541	19,225	22,395	25,319	27,126
	2005	2	21	221	1,328	3,987	7,854	12,233	17,214	21,613	25,487	28,575	31,576
	2006	1	11	140	701	2,922	5,551						
TOTAL	2001	18	479	4,203	19,158	65,677	136,328	240,781	362,294	482,992	617,951	743,246	838,984
	2002	34	532	4,298	23,873	82,132	165,308	286,483	415,488	545,559	686,857	811,973	973,277
	2003	9	406	4,233	22,288	78,250	160,742	289,015	422,240	570,821	719,349	851,126	1,026,438
	2004	25	386	5,019	29,127	94,440	201,020	338,743	495,037	649,914	798,399	946,983	1,057,151
	2005	24	385	4,074	27,287	95,367	203,251	334,791	494,687	650,910	802,445	952,225	1,136,046
	2006	12	218	2,836	14,975	67,227	138,569						

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, 2001 to 2006

CUMULATIVE TOTAL SAFETY NET CARD ISSUES												
	2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006	
	No.	% Change	No.	% Change	No.	% Change	No.	% Change	No.	% Change	No.	% Change
JAN	18	-21.74	34	88.89	9	-73.53	25	177.78	24	-4.00	12	-50.00
FEB	479	8.86	532	11.06	406	-23.68	386	-4.93	385	-0.26	218	-43.38
MAR	4,203	8.30	4,298	2.26	4,233	-1.51	5,019	18.57	4,074	-18.83	2,836	-30.39
APR	19,158	23.71	23,873	24.61	22,288	-6.64	29,127	30.68	27,287	-6.32	14,975	-45.12
MAY	65,677	19.97	82,132	25.05	78,250	-4.73	94,440	20.69	95,367	0.98	67,227	-29.51
JUNE	136,328	16.40	165,308	21.26	160,742	-2.76	201,020	25.06	203,251	1.11	138,569	-31.82
JUL	240,781	17.34	286,483	18.98	289,015	0.88	338,743	17.21	334,791	-1.17		
AUG	362,294	14.74	415,488	14.68	422,240	1.63	495,037	17.24	494,687	-0.07		
SEP	482,992	12.79	545,559	12.95	570,821	4.63	649,914	13.86	650,910	0.15		
OCT	617,951	12.76	686,857	11.15	719,349	4.73	798,399	10.99	802,445	0.51		
NOV	743,246	11.90	811,973	9.25	851,126	4.82	946,983	11.26	952,225	0.55		
DEC	838,984	4.04	973,277	16.01	1,026,438	5.46	1,057,151	2.99	1,136,046	7.46		

Source: Medicare Australia (RSN002)

Table 15: Pharmacies and Friendly Societies, 30 June 2001 to 2006

	APPROVED PHARMACIES AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES						Approved Doctors
	<i>- as at 30 June 2001 - 2006</i>						
	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2006</i>
<i>NSW</i>	1722	1727	1709	1699	1703	1705	26
<i>VIC</i>	1161	1159	1160	1160	1166	1166	3
<i>QLD</i>	951	948	944	953	951	963	18
<i>SA</i>	387	385	386	389	392	399	7
<i>WA</i>	479	480	484	489	491	502	20
<i>TAS</i>	140	140	139	135	134	131	6
<i>NT</i>	28	30	28	28	27	27	1
<i>ACT</i>	57	57	57	57	58	58	0
<i>AUST</i>	4925	4926	4907	4910	4922	4951	81

Source: Medicare Australia (RPC015)

Table 16(a): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2005-06

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 2005-06

PRESCRIPTIONS										
	GENERAL		PENSIONER	CONC	S/NET	TOTAL	Drs Bag	TOTAL - ALL SCRIPTS		
1978/79	53,553,036		39,409,489			92,962,525		92,962,525		
1979/80	46,624,224		42,450,386			89,074,610		89,074,610		
1980/81	47,619,120		46,778,057			94,397,177		94,397,177		
1981/82	53,834,648		49,739,756			103,574,404		103,574,404		
1982/83	50,078,929		52,529,929	2,931,462		105,540,320		105,540,320		
1983/84	41,938,964		56,491,285	9,954,995		108,385,244		108,385,244		
1984/85	50,690,275		60,069,806	10,068,817		120,828,898		120,828,898		
1985/86	46,334,279		63,191,858	10,315,799		119,841,936		119,841,936		
1986/87	28,762,909		64,243,148	9,755,680	2	102,761,737		102,761,737		
1987/88	12,339,360		81,041,242	7,520,752	15,059,811	100,901,354		100,901,354		
1988/89	14,078,934		78,283,599	8,223,231	11,925,271	100,585,764		100,585,764		
1989/90	15,361,517		80,761,310	8,856,241	11,725,474	104,979,068		104,979,068		
1990/91	10,608,974		36,868,817	36,588,405	11,675,164	95,741,360	558,899	96,300,259		
Notes	-Dr's Bag prior to 90/91 included in General, from 90/91 included in miscellaneous expenditure -For 90/91 Concessional includes 'old' (prior to 1/11/90) prescriptions and 'new' (post 1/11/90) concessional category				Safety Net Prior to 90/91 S/net for Gen & Concess is included in pensioner. In 90/91 free s/net is in both pensioner and s/net categories					
PRESCRIPTIONS										
	GENERAL				CONCESSIONAL			TOTAL	Drs Bag	TOTAL-
	NSN	S/NET 1	S/NET 2	TOTAL	NSN	S/NET	TOTAL	SCRIPTS		ALL SCRIPTS
1991/92	8,266,835	2,340,145	1,092,314	11,699,294	67,331,793	14,428,608	81,760,401	93,459,695	660,459	94,120,154
1992/93	10,260,426	3,917,022	2,800,496	16,977,944	71,756,325	16,757,840	88,514,165	105,492,109	689,508	106,181,617
1993/94	11,451,148	4,259,245	3,087,943	18,798,336	77,536,126	18,003,354	95,539,480	114,337,816	704,227	115,042,043
1994/95	13,491,364	4,695,314	2,072	18,188,750	82,400,588	17,457,008	99,857,596	118,046,346	674,331	118,720,677
1995/96	14,212,731	5,488,957	52	19,701,740	85,604,215	18,898,907	104,503,122	124,204,862	683,420	124,888,282
1996/97	14,709,601	3,082,843	14	17,792,458	85,965,797	19,676,007	105,641,804	123,434,262	665,301	124,099,563
1997/98	14,087,393	3,945,591	17	18,033,001	86,389,807	20,060,505	106,450,312	124,483,313	628,496	125,111,809
1998/99	15,153,975	4,111,091		19,265,066	88,475,327	20,608,073	109,083,400	128,348,466	572,753	128,921,219
1999/00	16,296,703	3,928,760		20,225,463	94,281,872	23,078,282	117,360,154	137,585,617	496,306	138,081,923
2000/01	18,526,141	4,340,364		22,866,505	99,285,160	25,420,114	124,705,274	147,571,779	478,999	148,050,778
2001/02	19,292,104	4,813,038		24,105,142	102,018,211	28,406,603	130,424,814	154,529,956	448,283	154,978,239

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Table 16(a): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2005-06

	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
2005/06	20,917,523	5,910,828		26,828,351	105,152,486	35,945,690	141,098,176	167,926,527	396,088	168,322,615

Table 16(b): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2005-06

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

Table 16(b): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2005-06

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 2005-06

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 2005-06

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	660,000,000	5,955,890,157
2005/06	850,095,680	216,246,563		1,066,342,242	3,145,480,431	1,172,502,111	4,317,982,542	5,384,324,784	764,700,000	6,149,024,784

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
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	660,000,000	6,996,526,634
2005/06	606,897,345	27,199,070		634,096,415	489,173,277	-	489,173,277	1,123,269,692	6,507,594,476	764,700,000	7,272,294,476

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

2002/03	9,510,606
2003/04	9,408,669
2004/05	9,365,803
2005/06	10,063,803

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

In addition to the drugs and medicinal preparations available under normal Pharmaceutical Benefits Schedule (PBS) arrangements, a number of drugs are also available as pharmaceutical benefits. However, these drugs are distributed under alternative arrangements that are considered more appropriate.

These alternative arrangements are provided for under Section 100 (s100) of the National Health Act 1953 (the Act). One of the programs under s100 is the Highly Specialised Drugs (HSD) Program. The Australian Government provides for certain specialised medications under the HSD Program.

HSD's are for the treatment of chronic conditions which, because of their clinical use or other special features, are restricted to supply through public and private hospitals that have 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 also provides funding to the States and Territory Governments and through private hospitals for HSD's to be supplied to community based patients, that is non in-patients. Subsidy is available for the PBS approved clinical indications only.

To gain access to a Government funded drug under this program, a patient must attend a participating hospital and be a day admitted patient, a non-admitted patient or a patient on discharge. Government subsidy is not available for hospital in-patients. Patients must also be under appropriate specialist medical care, meet the specific medical criteria and be an Australian resident in Australia (or other eligible person).

A patient will be required to pay a contribution for each supply of a HSD at a similar rate to the PBS.

Highly Specialised Drugs Working Party

The Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council established the HSD Working Party in 1991. The Working Party 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 Pharmaceutical Benefits

Advisory Committee (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 public 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; and
- a high unit cost.

Program expenditure

During 2005-2006 there were 69 drugs subsidised under the HSD Program, compared to 2004-2005 when 65 were subsidised. The new drug listings are:

1. Abacavir Sulfate with Lamivudine
2. Everolimus
3. Tenofovir Disporoxil Fumarate with Emtricitabine
4. Thalidomide

Of the four new inclusions, two are HIV/AIDS Antiretroviral Agents and two are Immunosuppressive Agents.

Before reconciliation¹ the expenditure for 2005-2006 amounted to \$526,289,872². Drugs were categorised as follows:

Indications Grouping	Number of Drugs	Public Hospital	Private Hospital	Combined
Acromegaly Agents	3	\$12,471,398	\$5,321,007	\$17,792,405
Antiarthritic Agents	2	\$2,615,423	\$12,864,259	\$15,479,682
Bisphosphonates Agents	2	\$14,798,848	\$9,738,426	\$24,537,274
Haemopoietics Agents	2	\$95,024,756	\$19,542,954	\$114,567,710
Hepatitis B or C Agents	7	\$32,935,679	\$6,494,262	\$39,429,941
HIV/AIDS Antiretroviral Agent	23	\$107,314,892	\$402,767	\$108,093,760
Immunocompromised Conditions	9	\$7,815,866	\$315,156	\$8,069,351
Immunosuppressive Agents	7	\$54,110,434	\$3,562,748	\$57,673,182
Iron Overload Agents	2	\$3,862,919	\$192,518	\$4,055,437
Malignancy Agents	5	\$50,287,242	\$27,635,204	\$77,922,446
Other Conditions	5	\$42,982,905	\$3,039,676	\$46,022,581
Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Agents	2	\$3,255,189	\$9,390,914	\$12,646,103
Grand Total	69	\$427,475,552	\$98,499,890	\$526,289,872

1. On receipt of a certified statement of acquittal, financial adjustments are made for each State/Territory to account for actual utilisation as compared to forecast usage.
2. 2005-2006 figures are based on payments, and are subject to reconciliation of expenditure.

The acquitted expenditure through the HSD program in 2004-2005 was \$459.6 million. Before reconciliation, 2005-2006 costs totalled \$526.3 million, an increase of 14.5% from 2004-2005. At the end of the financial year, payments made to public hospitals via grants to the States and Territories will be reconciled against the actual drug usage.

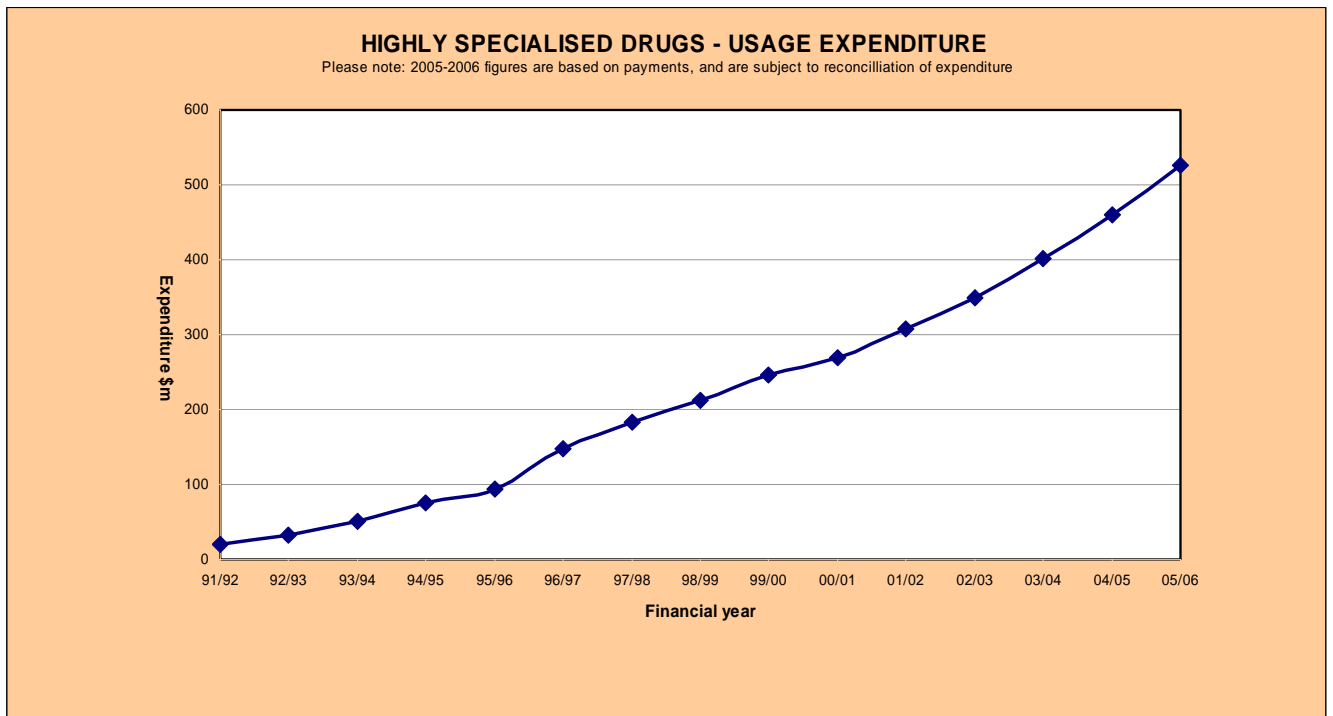
Australian Government expenditure for HSDs is processed through two avenues; a grant process for public hospitals and through Medicare Australia for private hospital usage. For 2005-2006 the expenditure in public hospitals was \$427.5 million, an increase of 12.1 per cent from the 2004-2005 acquitted expenditure of \$381.4 million. HSD expenditure processed through Medicare Australia for private hospitals showed an increase of 25.8 per cent from the \$78.3 million in 2004-2005 to \$98.5 million in 2005-2006.

The per cent increase in private hospital expenditure for the previous 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 increase in expenditure claimed through Medicare Australia is due to a number of factors. There has been a steady increase in the number of private hospitals participating in the program, due to the higher number of Australians accessing services through private hospitals. The factors for the increased supply through this mechanism are the transfer from State/Territory administration to the Medicare Australia authority system, increased access to community pharmacies and changes in the way that some services are provided, particularly in oncology.

The Highly Specialised Drugs - Usage Expenditure chart outlines the program expenditure from 1991-1992 to 2005-2006 financial years.



PBS INFORMATION LINE REPORT, 2005-2006

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 2005 - June 2006, the Line received 28,706 calls.

Conclusion	Number of calls	%
Satisfied	28,644	99.78
Dissatisfied	50	0.17
Abusive	12	0.04
Total	28,706	100.00

Breakdown of calls by month:

Month	Number of calls	%
July 2005	2,427	8.45%
August 2005	2,386	8.31%
September 2005	2,464	8.58%
October 2005	2,367	8.25%
November 2005	2,395	8.34%
December 2005	1,820	6.34%
January 2006	3,452	12.03%
February 2006	2,594	9.04%
March 2006	2,449	8.53%
April 2006	1,870	6.51%
May 2006	2,279	7.94%
June 2006	2,203	7.67%
Total	28,706	100.00%

Breakdown of calls by issue:

Issue	Number of calls	%
Pharmacy item	23,678	59.48
Safety net issue	16,131	40.52

Breakdown of calls: Pharmacy item issue

Pharmacy Item Issue	Count	%
Centrelink Conc. Card	5526	23.3%
SN20DR	2490	10.5%
Schedule	2290	9.7%
Authority Scripts	2238	9.5%
Claims / Processing	1152	4.9%
Cost of item to patient	952	4.0%
Other	830	3.5%
Availability	629	2.7%
C'th Seniors Health Card	593	2.5%
Taking Medicines Overseas	589	2.5%
Refund - Medicare	474	2.0%
Private scripts (non-PBS)	431	1.8%
Schedule mailing list	410	1.7%
Regulation 24	405	1.7%
Brand Price Premium	403	1.7%
Eligibility for the PBS	345	1.5%
Doctors Bag	253	1.1%
RPBS enquiry	235	1.0%
Prescription Rules	218	0.9%
Deletion of item	216	0.9%
Restricted items	206	0.9%
Prescriber/Dispenser Number	203	0.9%
Cost of item to Gov't	196	0.8%
Repeats (Reg 25)	189	0.8%
Medicare # collection	177	0.7%
Section 100 items	161	0.7%
Patient Contribution	153	0.6%
Recip Health Care Agreements	151	0.6%
HMR / DMMR	136	0.6%
IME	132	0.6%
Generic Medicines	118	0.5%
Brand Substitution	110	0.5%
Special Patient Contribution	101	0.4%
Public hospitals and the PBS	96	0.4%
Schedule 8 drugs	94	0.4%
PBS Statistics	89	0.4%
Bud05 - Delist Calcium Tab	87	0.4%
Therapeutic Group Premium	84	0.4%
Prescription Shopping	80	0.3%
Internet query	71	0.3%
Bud05 - Other	67	0.3%
Patient Co-payment increase	50	0.2%
Be Wise Brochure	42	0.2%
Special Access Scheme	41	0.2%
Extemp Prepared Item	34	0.1%
Private hospitals and the PBS	28	0.1%
Comm. Awareness Campaign	26	0.1%
Withdrawal of Printed Schedule	23	0.1%
Full cost on labels	21	0.1%
Hospital Reforms	14	0.1%

Enhancing PBS Authorities	7	0.0%
Flu Vaccine	6	0.0%
Lipitor - TPG Removal	4	0.0%
Integrated Best Practice	2	0.0%
Total	23678	100.0%

Breakdown of calls: Safety net issue

Safety Net Issue	Number of calls	%
Thresholds	4677	29.0%
General	1796	11.1%
Recording Prescriptions	1585	9.8%
Families / Dependants	1170	7.3%
Refund - Medicare Australia	1152	7.1%
Recordable Value	1087	6.7%
Stationery	1006	6.2%
Period	976	6.1%
Eligibility	781	4.8%
SN Processing (Medicare Aust)	524	3.2%
Cross-Overs	424	2.6%
Lost card/Supplementary card	335	2.1%
Joint Safety Net	248	1.5%
Change of Status	184	1.1%
CombSafetyNet(separated couples)	86	0.5%
Bud05 - Threshold Increases	81	0.5%
Bud05 - Immediate Supply	19	0.1%
Total	16131	100.0%

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 8.66 per cent in 2005-2006 compared with 10.00 per cent for 2004-2005. 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
2005-06	229,693	3.10	558,521	11.12	788,214	8.66

The chart on the following page shows the NDSS expenditure from 1992-1993 to 2005-2006.

The Australian Government is concerned at the increasing incidence of diabetes in the Australian community and, particularly, the difficulties encountered by people with diabetes in managing the condition. 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 2005-2006 financial year, Australian Government outlays on diabetic supplies amounted to \$334.7 million, an increase of \$26.5 million over the previous financial year.

The Australian Government expenditure on the NDSS for the 2005-2006 financial year was \$104.8 million, an increase of \$10.7 million over the previous financial year.

NATIONAL DIABETES SERVICES SCHEME Expenditure

