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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.

From 1 January 2008, the general patient safety net threshold was \$1,141.80. When patients and/or their families reached this amount, they could apply for a Safety Net Concession Card and pay only \$5.00 per prescription for the rest of the calendar year. The concessional safety net threshold was \$290.00. Once patients and/or their families reached this amount, they could apply for a Safety Net Entitlement Card and receive items free of charge for the rest of the calendar year.

The Patient Contribution, Total Cost and Average Price amounts do not include brand or therapeutic premiums.

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

Medicare Australia introduced a new PBS claims processing system during 2005. Although all claims were paid in the required timeframes, a number of claims experienced lengthy delays in being finalised and provided to the Department of Health and Ageing after payment. This issue only occurred in certain months of the year. This has affected monthly totals during the reference period which are not necessarily prepared on a consistent basis with previous years. Therefore, caution should be exercised in interpreting monthly totals from 2005 in previous publications. Annual totals however, were not affected.

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

Summary of Pharmaceutical Benefits processing, year ending 30 June 2008

Government Pharmaceutical Benefits expenditure on accrual accounting basis for the year ending 30 June 2008 totalled \$7,033.8 million, compared with \$6,428.3 million for the previous year. This is a 9.4 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 increased by 1.6 per cent to a total of 171.3 million, compared to 168.5 million for the previous year. The growth in government expenditure compared with only a slight rise in prescription volume reflects the continuing trend of doctors prescribing newer and more expensive drugs.

Government expenditure amounted to 83.3 per cent of the total cost of PBS prescriptions. The remainder was patient contributions that amounted to \$1,189.5 million, up from \$1,151.3 million in the previous twelve-month period.

The majority of government expenditure on PBS prescriptions was directed towards concessional cardholders (\$4,699.2 million, 79.3% of the total). This is compared to concessional expenditure of \$4,401.4 million in the previous period (80.4% of the total).

The average dispensed price per prescription of PBS medicines increased to \$41.54 for the year ending June 2008 (\$39.35 for the year ending June 2007). The average government cost of these scripts was \$34.58 for the same period (\$32.50 to June 2007).

The three drugs with the highest cost to government were *Atorvastatin Calcium* (\$544.1 million), *Simvastatin* (\$221.9 million) and *Clopidogrel Hydrogen Sulfate* (\$171.2 million). PBS drugs most frequently prescribed are *Atorvastatin Calcium*, followed by *Simvastatin* and *Esomeprazole Magnesium Trihydrate*. See Table 10(b) for details.

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Table 1(a): Pharmaceutical Benefits Expenditure on accrual accounting basis, year ending: Jun 2008
(these figures represent the total spent on the PBS in the 2007/08 financial year)

	Year ending	Jun 2007	Year ending	Jun 2008	Change	
Category	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Concessional	4,445,205,256	69.2	4,814,338,331	68.4	369,133,074	8.3
General	1,048,209,419	16.3	1,243,133,352	17.7	194,923,933	18.6
Highly Specialised Drugs	627,881,969	9.8	653,078,415	9.3	25,196,446	4.0
Drs Bag	12,145,525	0.2	14,807,842	0.2	2,662,317	21.9
Section 100	286,975,503	4.5	300,455,526	4.3	13,480,022	4.7
Safety Net Cards	7,880,972	0.1	8,002,110	0.1	121,138	1.5
Total	6,428,298,644	100.0	7,033,815,575	100.0	605,516,931	9.4

Table 1(b): PBS Section 85 (incl. Dr's Bag) Prescription Volume and Government Cost (on cash accounting basis), year ending: Jun 2008

	Year ending	Jun 2007	Year ending	Jun 2008	Change	
Volume						
Category	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Concessional non Safety Net	110,917,202	65.8	113,118,234	66.0	2,201,032	2.0
Concessional Safety Net	32,675,864	19.4	33,680,813	19.7	1,004,949	3.1
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>143,593,066</i>	<i>85.2</i>	<i>146,799,047</i>	<i>85.7</i>	<i>3,205,981</i>	<i>2.2</i>
General non Safety Net	19,871,669	11.8	19,607,454	11.4	-264,215	-1.3
General Safety Net	4,710,422	2.8	4,553,340	2.7	-157,082	-3.3
<i>Total General</i>	<i>24,582,091</i>	<i>14.6</i>	<i>24,160,794</i>	<i>14.1</i>	<i>-421,297</i>	<i>-1.7</i>
Drs Bag	360,362	0.2	336,182	0.2	-24,180	-6.7
Total	168,535,519	100.0	171,296,023	100.0	2,760,504	1.6
Govt Cost						
Category	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Concessional non Safety Net	3,333,875,949	60.9	3,561,294,283	60.1	227,418,334	6.8
Concessional Safety Net	1,067,478,074	19.5	1,137,925,393	19.2	70,447,319	6.6
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>4,401,354,023</i>	<i>80.4</i>	<i>4,699,219,676</i>	<i>79.3</i>	<i>297,865,653</i>	<i>6.8</i>
General non Safety Net	890,275,536	16.3	1,039,451,749	17.5	149,176,213	16.8
General Safety Net	174,127,771	3.2	173,499,550	2.9	-628,221	-0.4
<i>Total General</i>	<i>1,064,403,307</i>	<i>19.4</i>	<i>1,212,951,299</i>	<i>20.5</i>	<i>148,547,992</i>	<i>14.0</i>
Drs Bag	10,698,205	0.2	13,468,779	0.2	2,770,574	25.9
Total	5,476,455,535	100.0	5,925,639,754	100.0	449,184,219	8.2

Table 1(c): RPBS Section 85 (incl Dr's Bag) Prescription Volume and Government Cost (on cash accounting basis), year ending: Jun 2008

	Year ending	Jun 2007	Year ending	Jun 2008	Change	
Volume						
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total	14,822,815	100.0	14,256,149	100.0	-566,666	-3.8
Govt Cost						
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Total	439,275,025	100.0	445,626,200	100.0	6,351,175	1.4

**Table 2: PBS Prescription Volume, Government Cost and Patient Contributions, year ending:
Jun 2008 - Section 85 Only**

Category	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Patient Payments \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
Concessional non Safety Net	113,118,234	3,561,294,283	559,962,883	4,121,257,166	36.43
Concessional Safety Net	33,680,813	1,137,925,393	0	1,137,925,393	33.79
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>146,799,047</i>	<i>4,699,219,676</i>	<i>559,962,883</i>	<i>5,259,182,559</i>	<i>35.83</i>
General non Safety Net	19,607,454	1,039,451,749	607,183,393	1,646,635,142	83.98
General Safety Net	4,553,340	173,499,550	22,323,024	195,822,574	43.01
<i>Total General</i>	<i>24,160,794</i>	<i>1,212,951,299</i>	<i>629,506,417</i>	<i>1,842,457,716</i>	<i>76.26</i>
Total	170,959,841	5,912,170,974	1,189,469,300	7,101,640,274	41.54
Drs Bag	336,182	13,468,779	0	13,468,779	40.06
Total	171,296,023	5,925,639,754	1,189,469,300	7,115,109,054	41.54

**Table 2(a): PBS Prescription Volume and Govt Cost by monthly summary (excl. Drs Bag), year ending:
Jun 2008 - Section 85 Only**

	Month	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Patient Payments \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
2006	JUL	13,771,773	439,545,590	103,263,158	542,808,747	39.41
	AUG	15,050,735	473,576,444	104,941,754	578,518,198	38.44
	SEP	13,370,086	421,200,794	86,138,463	507,339,257	37.95
	OCT	15,584,083	501,793,399	93,603,898	595,397,297	38.21
	NOV	14,511,137	480,055,951	81,319,224	561,375,175	38.69
	DEC	14,190,861	471,829,466	73,371,825	545,201,291	38.42
2007	JAN	16,457,434	545,238,405	84,638,781	629,877,186	38.27
	FEB	12,028,117	392,651,588	96,517,273	489,168,861	40.67
	MAR	13,820,638	452,527,147	112,509,438	565,036,585	40.88
	APR	11,320,037	366,811,722	92,744,491	459,556,213	40.60
	MAY	14,233,426	464,913,898	114,503,610	579,417,508	40.71
	JUN	13,836,830	455,612,926	107,768,945	563,381,872	40.72
	Total	168,175,157	5,465,757,330	1,151,320,859	6,617,078,189	39.35
2007	JUL	14,444,840	475,481,538	107,646,273	583,127,810	40.37
	AUG	15,306,638	507,219,229	107,164,145	614,383,375	40.14
	SEP	14,379,779	483,027,571	93,546,607	576,574,178	40.10
	OCT	14,252,528	488,668,928	86,468,332	575,137,260	40.35
	NOV	15,059,817	524,032,417	85,130,783	609,163,199	40.45
	DEC	14,700,073	517,860,737	77,214,825	595,075,562	40.48
2008	JAN	15,572,977	551,711,412	79,309,167	631,020,579	40.52
	FEB	14,119,504	492,986,885	113,623,430	606,610,315	42.96
	MAR	11,839,124	415,728,023	99,626,287	515,354,310	43.53
	APR	14,665,448	518,631,006	122,982,917	641,613,922	43.75
	MAY	14,493,611	507,724,749	119,016,998	626,741,747	43.24
	JUN	12,125,502	429,098,480	97,739,537	526,838,017	43.45
	Total	170,959,841	5,912,170,974	1,189,469,300	7,101,640,274	41.54

Table 3: PBS processing (excl. Drs Bag) year ending: Jun 2008 - Section 85 Only

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Volume									
Concess NSN	38,339,001	29,096,304	21,391,343	9,895,971	9,568,297	3,325,952	390,964	1,110,402	113,118,234
Concess SN	11,912,675	8,548,307	6,456,931	2,858,743	2,540,869	1,029,633	56,668	276,987	33,680,813
General NSN	6,468,652	4,782,298	3,922,199	1,428,887	2,039,498	422,278	127,124	416,518	19,607,454
General SN	1,633,109	1,138,302	848,924	327,783	420,668	78,715	16,611	89,228	4,553,340
Total	58,353,437	43,565,211	32,619,397	14,511,384	14,569,332	4,856,578	591,367	1,893,135	170,959,841
Govt Cost \$									
Concess NSN	1,225,019,366	900,313,069	665,390,265	316,760,888	301,520,093	102,087,222	12,436,032	37,767,348	3,561,294,283
Concess SN	406,303,264	283,588,880	218,231,026	97,507,898	86,486,138	33,919,262	1,935,651	9,953,275	1,137,925,393
General NSN	346,028,628	248,220,164	204,454,156	79,469,510	111,730,137	21,532,007	6,471,065	21,546,082	1,039,451,749
General SN	60,891,615	43,478,820	33,546,559	12,024,719	16,689,979	2,761,730	628,835	3,477,293	173,499,550
Total	2,038,242,874	1,475,600,933	1,121,622,006	505,763,015	516,426,348	160,300,221	21,471,582	72,743,997	5,912,170,974
Total Cost \$									
Concess NSN	1,414,805,776	1,044,356,057	771,279,463	365,747,850	348,878,588	118,558,753	14,368,237	43,262,443	4,121,257,166
Concess SN	406,303,264	283,588,880	218,231,026	97,507,898	86,486,138	33,919,262	1,935,651	9,953,275	1,137,925,393
General NSN	546,338,168	396,313,288	325,917,722	123,716,498	174,888,774	34,611,717	10,405,309	34,443,666	1,646,635,142
General SN	68,897,850	49,059,595	37,708,647	13,631,555	18,752,201	3,147,718	710,261	3,914,746	195,822,574
Total	2,436,345,058	1,773,317,819	1,353,136,859	600,603,800	629,005,700	190,237,450	27,419,459	91,574,130	7,101,640,274
Ave Prices \$									
Concess NSN	36.90	35.89	36.06	36.96	36.46	35.65	36.75	38.96	36.43
Concess SN	34.11	33.17	33.80	34.11	34.04	32.94	34.16	35.93	33.79
General NSN	84.46	82.87	83.10	86.58	85.75	81.96	81.85	82.69	83.98
General SN	42.19	43.10	44.42	41.59	44.58	39.99	42.76	43.87	43.01
Total	41.75	40.70	41.48	41.39	43.17	39.17	46.37	48.37	41.54
Population ('000)(a)	6,927.0	5,246.1	4,228.3	1,591.9	2,130.8	495.8	217.6	340.8	21,180.6
Volume per capita	8.4	8.3	7.7	9.1	6.8	9.8	2.7	5.6	8.1
Govt cost per capita	294.2	281.3	265.3	317.7	242.4	323.3	98.7	213.4	279.1
% Population	32.7	24.8	20.0	7.5	10.1	2.3	1.0	1.6	100
% Volume	34.1	25.5	19.1	8.5	8.5	2.8	0.3	1.1	100
% Govt Cost	34.5	25.0	19.0	8.6	8.7	2.7	0.4	1.2	100
% Total Cost	34.3	25.0	19.1	8.5	8.9	2.7	0.4	1.3	100

(a) Population 31 December 2007, Source: ABS Publication 3101.0

SN: Safety Net

NSN: Non Safety Net

**Table 4(a): PBS processing (excl. Drs Bag) years ending:
Jun 2005 to end Jun 2008 - Section 85 Only**

Year	Prescription Volume	Government Cost \$
Year Ending Jun 05	169,877,010	5,295,890,157
Year Ending Jun 06	167,926,527	5,384,324,784
Year Ending Jun 07	168,175,157	5,465,757,330
Year Ending Jun 08	170,959,841	5,912,170,975
Change	2,784,684	446,413,645
%	1.66	8.17

Table 4(b): PBS processing (incl. Drs Bag) year ending: Jun 2008 - Section 85 Only

	Year ending Jun 2007	Year ending Jun 2008	Change	%
Highest volume drug: Atorvastatin Calcium				
Prescription Volume	9,440,627	9,866,405	425,778	4.51
Government Cost (\$)	529,732,351	544,148,644	14,416,294	2.72
Highest Govt cost drug: Atorvastatin Calcium				
Prescription Volume	9,440,627	9,866,405	425,778	4.51
Government Cost (\$)	529,732,351	544,148,644	14,416,294	2.72
Highest volume ATC Level 2: Lipid modifying agents				
Prescription Volume	18,757,397	20,412,460	1,655,063	8.82
Government Cost (\$)	1,004,444,984	1,057,703,802	53,258,818	5.30
Highest Government cost ATC Level 2: Lipid modifying agents				
Prescription Volume	18,757,397	20,412,460	1,655,063	8.82
Government Cost (\$)	1,004,444,984	1,057,703,802	53,258,818	5.30
Greatest increase in Govt. cost ATC Level 2: Antineoplastic agents				
Prescription Volume	483,536	517,034	33,498	6.93
Government Cost (\$)	248,328,728	322,532,788	74,204,060	29.88

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

Expenditure Year ending June 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008 - \$ millions

	2004/05 \$ m	2005/06 \$ m	2006/07 \$ m	2007/08 \$ m
Highly specialised drugs	459.6	526.3	583.6	653.0
Safety net card issue fees	8.0	7.9	7.9	8.0
Drs bag items	9.4	10.1	12.1	14.8
Opiate Dependence Treatment Program	21.4	24.8	25.0	29.0
Special Authority Program (1) (2)	41.6	54.5	97.8	89.9
Chemotherapy Access Program (2)	32.5	40.6	47.4	57.3
Aboriginal health services (GST exclusive)	22.0	23.2	27.5	32.8
Botox (incl. Dysport)	7.2	6.6	8.8	9.5
Ostomy preparations	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
In vitro fertilisation	47.3	49.7	55.2	60.0
Human growth hormones	18.9	19.7	20.6	20.6
Other	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total	668.5	764.0	886.5	975.5

(1) Glivec was removed from the Special Authority Program on 1 November 2007. Herceptin was added on 1 October 2006.

(2) Special Authority Program and Chemotherapy Access Program expenditure is not separately reported in SAP. Figures provided for both programs are estimates based on actual usage data.

Table 6: ATC main group comparison (incl Drs bag), year ending: Jun 2008 - Section 85 Only

ATC Group Level 1	Year ending - Jun 2007				Year ending - Jun 2008			
	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
Alimentary tract and metabolism	23,934,679	772,472,555	964,098,639	40.28	24,883,969	828,316,096	1,040,507,139	41.81
Blood and blood forming organs	6,542,307	215,943,807	252,122,765	38.54	6,934,428	239,879,460	280,725,742	40.48
Cardiovascular system	56,505,684	1,713,835,262	2,116,492,531	37.46	58,049,244	1,777,955,126	2,184,339,633	37.63
Dermatologicals	2,656,263	55,138,451	71,566,828	26.94	2,582,330	60,071,933	77,515,749	30.02
Genito urinary system and sex hormones	3,330,315	83,125,428	104,016,015	31.23	3,074,502	85,393,440	106,028,411	34.49
Systemic hormonal preparations, excl. sex hormones and	2,495,826	32,504,989	43,189,397	17.30	2,536,036	34,408,449	45,667,641	18.01
Antiinfectives for systemic use	12,125,459	217,410,730	280,786,883	23.16	12,511,893	227,779,057	295,613,157	23.63
Antineoplastic and immunomodulating agents	1,392,424	609,924,113	628,724,301	451.53	1,519,430	743,198,405	765,041,310	503.51
Musculo-skeletal system	9,774,505	271,112,984	331,888,339	33.95	9,176,869	258,332,651	308,516,412	33.62
Nervous system	32,435,857	995,489,069	1,209,818,371	37.30	32,523,766	1,071,637,474	1,286,658,783	39.56
Antiparasitic products, insecticides and repellents	44,402	546,303	742,694	16.73	46,551	608,891	820,091	17.62
Respiratory system	9,108,543	354,964,304	430,868,533	47.30	9,337,915	371,217,934	455,069,462	48.73
Sensory organs	7,434,137	104,009,614	138,559,677	18.64	7,386,284	172,968,007	209,560,979	28.37
Various	562,822	47,942,720	52,101,944	92.57	560,737	51,868,680	56,327,824	100.45
Not otherwise classified	192,296	2,035,206	2,799,479	14.56	172,069	2,004,150	2,716,719	15.79
Total	168,535,519	5,476,455,535	6,627,776,394	39.33	171,296,023	5,925,639,754	7,115,109,054	41.54

Change, years ending:	Jun 2007 to Jun 2008				Jun 2007 to Jun 2008			
	Change				Percentage Change			
Alimentary tract and metabolism	949,290	55,843,541	76,408,500	1.53	3.97	7.23	7.93	3.81
Blood and blood forming organs	392,121	23,935,653	28,602,977	1.95	5.99	11.08	11.34	5.05
Cardiovascular system	1,543,560	64,119,864	67,847,103	0.17	2.73	3.74	3.21	0.46
Dermatologicals	-73,933	4,933,482	5,948,921	3.08	-2.78	8.95	8.31	11.41
Genito urinary system and sex hormones	-255,813	2,268,011	2,012,397	3.25	-7.68	2.73	1.93	10.42
Systemic hormonal preparations, excl. sex hormones and	40,210	1,903,460	2,478,244	0.70	1.61	5.86	5.74	4.06
Antiinfectives for systemic use	386,434	10,368,328	14,826,274	0.47	3.19	4.77	5.28	2.03
Antineoplastic and immunomodulating agents	127,006	133,274,293	136,317,009	51.97	9.12	21.85	21.68	11.51
Musculo-skeletal system	-597,636	-12,780,334	-23,371,926	-0.34	-6.11	-4.71	-7.04	-0.99
Nervous system	87,909	76,148,405	76,840,412	2.26	0.27	7.65	6.35	6.06
Antiparasitic products, insecticides and repellents	2,149	62,588	77,397	0.89	4.84	11.46	10.42	5.32
Respiratory system	229,372	16,253,630	24,200,929	1.43	2.52	4.58	5.62	3.02
Sensory organs	-47,853	68,958,393	71,001,302	9.73	-0.64	66.30	51.24	52.22
Various	-2,085	3,925,960	4,225,880	7.88	-0.37	8.19	8.11	8.51
Not otherwise classified	-20,227	-31,056	-82,761	1.23	-10.52	-1.53	-2.96	8.45
Total	2,760,504	449,184,219	487,332,659	2.21	1.64	8.20	7.35	5.62

Total Cost includes cost to the patient and cost to the government

Average Price is "Total Cost" divided by "Volume"

Table 7: PBS Prescription Volume, Government Cost and Average Government Cost/Script (excl. Drs Bag), year ending: Jun 2005 to end Jun 2008 - Section 85 Only

	Total Patients	General Patients			Concessional Patients		
	Script Volume	Total	Non-Safety Net	Safety Net	Total	Non-Safety Net	Safety Net
Volume - Prescriptions							
Year Ending Jun 05	169,877,010	28,403,753	22,194,451	6,209,302	141,473,257	105,377,946	36,095,311
Year Ending Jun 06	167,926,527	26,828,351	20,917,523	5,910,828	141,098,176	105,152,486	35,945,690
Year Ending Jun 07	168,175,157	24,582,091	19,871,669	4,710,422	143,593,066	110,917,202	32,675,864
Year Ending Jun 08	170,959,841	24,160,794	19,607,454	4,553,340	146,799,047	113,118,234	33,680,813
<i>Change (Jun 07 - Jun 08)</i>	2,784,684	-421,297	-264,215	-157,082	3,205,981	2,201,032	1,004,949
<i>% Change (Jun 07 - Jun 08)</i>	1.66%	-1.71%	-1.33%	-3.33%	2.23%	1.98%	3.08%
Government Cost \$							
Year Ending Jun 05	5,295,890,157	1,073,359,125	850,690,906	222,668,220	4,222,531,032	3,077,033,801	1,145,497,231
Year Ending Jun 06	5,384,324,784	1,066,342,242	850,095,680	216,246,563	4,317,982,542	3,145,480,431	1,172,502,111
Year Ending Jun 07	5,465,757,330	1,064,403,307	890,275,536	174,127,771	4,401,354,023	3,333,875,949	1,067,478,074
Year Ending Jun 08	5,912,170,974	1,212,951,299	1,039,451,749	173,499,550	4,699,219,676	3,561,294,283	1,137,925,393
<i>Change (Jun 07 - Jun 08)</i>	446,413,645	148,547,992	149,176,213	-628,221	297,865,653	227,418,334	70,447,319
<i>% Change (Jun 07 - Jun 08)</i>	8.17%	13.96%	16.76%	-0.36%	6.77%	6.82%	6.60%
Average Govt Cost/Script \$							
Year Ending Jun 05	31.17	37.79	38.33	35.86	29.85	29.20	31.74
Year Ending Jun 06	32.06	39.75	40.64	36.58	30.60	29.91	32.62
Year Ending Jun 07	32.50	43.30	44.80	36.97	30.65	30.06	32.67
Year Ending Jun 08	34.58	50.20	53.01	38.10	32.01	31.48	33.79
<i>Change (Jun 07 - Jun 08)</i>	2.08	6.90	8.21	1.14	1.36	1.43	1.12
<i>% Change (Jun 07 - Jun 08)</i>	6.41%	15.94%	18.33%	3.08%	4.44%	4.74%	3.42%

Table 8(a): Significant drug groups (incl Drs bag) by highest Government cost, year end: Jun 2007 to year end: Jun 2008 - Section 85 Only

ATC Group Level 2	Year ending Jun 2007				Year ending Jun 2008			
	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
Lipid modifying agents	18,757,397	1,004,444,984	1,207,798,678	64.39	20,412,460	1,057,703,802	1,290,215,470	63.21
Drugs for acid related disorders	14,272,813	434,141,215	573,695,315	40.19	15,009,069	446,323,494	602,215,990	40.12
Agents acting on the renin-angiotensin system	19,021,931	383,234,232	491,173,773	25.82	19,187,089	400,500,965	493,236,045	25.71
Drugs for obstructive airway diseases	8,873,593	351,948,877	427,016,832	48.12	9,125,482	368,273,792	451,322,773	49.46
Psycholeptics	7,363,738	338,702,373	372,103,609	50.53	7,406,379	359,298,151	395,604,612	53.41
Psychoanaleptics	11,937,641	329,862,635	446,666,885	37.42	11,685,830	346,187,809	453,430,271	38.80
Antineoplastic agents	483,536	248,328,728	254,841,867	527.04	517,034	322,532,788	329,831,405	637.93
Drugs used in diabetes	5,901,044	243,343,604	272,928,041	46.25	6,129,136	278,141,612	310,595,448	50.68
Antithrombotic agents	5,905,564	207,810,703	240,679,115	40.75	6,278,877	230,069,150	267,264,756	42.57
Analgesics	10,601,676	175,061,343	216,028,173	20.38	10,756,891	201,031,062	245,376,193	22.81
Immunosuppressants	346,688	134,764,102	139,780,063	403.19	395,365	181,470,780	187,628,691	474.57
Ophthalmologicals	6,690,838	101,450,265	133,151,476	19.90	6,739,664	170,579,957	204,625,902	30.36
Drugs for treatment of bone diseases	3,339,910	161,686,762	185,082,726	55.42	3,412,505	157,442,951	181,866,498	53.29
Endocrine therapy	471,456	130,326,918	135,995,882	288.46	514,780	141,305,991	147,957,988	287.42
Calcium channel blockers	7,434,563	149,870,376	194,565,135	26.17	7,017,573	133,409,801	165,457,623	23.58
Antibacterials for systemic use	11,148,512	117,628,541	168,131,891	15.08	11,475,696	122,360,055	175,859,209	15.32
Immunostimulants	90,744	96,504,365	98,106,489	1081.13	92,251	97,888,847	99,623,226	1079.91

Change, years ending:	Jun 2007 to Jun 2008				Jun 2007 to Jun 2008			
	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Percentage Change	Govt Cost %	Total Cost %
Lipid modifying agents	1,655,063	53,258,818	82,416,792	-1.18	8.82	5.30	6.82	-1.84
Drugs for acid related disorders	736,256	12,182,279	28,520,675	-0.07	5.16	2.81	4.97	-0.18
Agents acting on the renin-angiotensin system	165,158	17,266,733	2,062,272	-0.11	0.87	4.51	0.42	-0.44
Drugs for obstructive airway diseases	251,889	16,324,915	24,305,941	1.34	2.84	4.64	5.69	2.77
Psycholeptics	42,641	20,595,779	23,501,003	2.88	0.58	6.08	6.32	5.70
Psychoanaleptics	-251,811	16,325,174	6,763,385	1.39	-2.11	4.95	1.51	3.70
Antineoplastic agents	33,498	74,204,060	74,989,538	110.89	6.93	29.88	29.43	21.04
Drugs used in diabetes	228,092	34,798,007	37,667,407	4.42	3.87	14.30	13.80	9.57
Antithrombotic agents	373,313	22,258,447	26,585,641	1.81	6.32	10.71	11.05	4.44
Analgesics	155,215	25,969,718	29,348,020	2.43	1.46	14.83	13.59	11.95
Immunosuppressants	48,677	46,706,678	47,848,628	71.38	14.04	34.66	34.23	17.70
Ophthalmologicals	48,826	69,129,692	71,474,426	10.46	0.73	68.14	53.68	52.57
Drugs for treatment of bone diseases	72,595	-4,243,811	-3,216,228	-2.12	2.17	-2.62	-1.74	-3.83
Endocrine therapy	43,324	10,979,073	11,962,106	-1.04	9.19	8.42	8.80	-0.36
Calcium channel blockers	-416,990	-16,460,575	-29,107,512	-2.59	-5.61	-10.98	-14.96	-9.91
Antibacterials for systemic use	327,184	4,731,514	7,727,319	0.24	2.93	4.02	4.60	1.61
Immunostimulants	1,507	1,384,482	1,516,737	-1.22	1.66	1.43	1.55	-0.11

Total Cost includes cost to the patient and cost to the government

Average Price is "Total Cost" divided by "Volume"

Table 8(b): Significant drug groups (incl Drs bag) by highest volume, year end: Jun 2007 to year end: Jun 2008 - Section 85 Only

ATC Group Level 2	Year ending Jun 2007				Year ending Jun 2008			
	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
Lipid modifying agents	18,757,397	1,004,444,984	1,207,798,678	64.39	20,412,460	1,057,703,802	1,290,215,470	63.21
Agents acting on the renin-angiotensin system	19,021,931	383,234,232	491,173,773	25.82	19,187,089	400,500,965	493,236,045	25.71
Drugs for acid related disorders	14,272,813	434,141,215	573,695,315	40.19	15,009,069	446,323,494	602,215,990	40.12
Psychoanaleptics	11,937,641	329,862,635	446,666,885	37.42	11,685,830	346,187,809	453,430,271	38.80
Antibacterials for systemic use	11,148,512	117,628,541	168,131,891	15.08	11,475,696	122,360,055	175,859,209	15.32
Analgesics	10,601,676	175,061,343	216,028,173	20.38	10,756,891	201,031,062	245,376,193	22.81
Drugs for obstructive airway diseases	8,873,593	351,948,877	427,016,832	48.12	9,125,482	368,273,792	451,322,773	49.46
Psycholeptics	7,363,738	338,702,373	372,103,609	50.53	7,406,379	359,298,151	395,604,612	53.41
Calcium channel blockers	7,434,563	149,870,376	194,565,135	26.17	7,017,573	133,409,801	165,457,623	23.58
Ophthalmologicals	6,690,838	101,450,265	133,151,476	19.90	6,739,664	170,579,957	204,625,902	30.36
Antithrombotic agents	5,905,564	207,810,703	240,679,115	40.75	6,278,877	230,069,150	267,264,756	42.57
Drugs used in diabetes	5,901,044	243,343,604	272,928,041	46.25	6,129,136	278,141,612	310,595,448	50.68
Beta blocking agents	5,193,142	88,823,307	111,249,228	21.42	5,347,163	95,520,429	119,689,120	22.38
Antiinflammatory and antirheumatic products	5,410,482	95,828,832	128,813,167	23.81	4,749,078	87,046,488	108,283,843	22.80
Drugs for treatment of bone diseases	3,339,910	161,686,762	185,082,726	55.42	3,412,505	157,442,951	181,866,498	53.29
Cardiac therapy	3,168,212	57,525,015	70,642,970	22.30	3,111,975	59,350,861	72,670,089	23.35
Sex hormones and modulators of the genital system	3,054,211	69,145,674	87,630,656	28.69	2,792,230	68,688,592	86,621,982	31.02

Change, years ending:	Jun 2007 to Jun 2008				Jun 2007 to Jun 2008			
	Change	Change	Change	Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change
Lipid modifying agents	1,655,063	53,258,818	82,416,792	-1.18	8.82	5.30	6.82	-1.84
Agents acting on the renin-angiotensin system	165,158	17,266,733	2,062,272	-0.11	0.87	4.51	0.42	-0.44
Drugs for acid related disorders	736,256	12,182,279	28,520,675	-0.07	5.16	2.81	4.97	-0.18
Psychoanaleptics	-251,811	16,325,174	6,763,385	1.39	-2.11	4.95	1.51	3.70
Antibacterials for systemic use	327,184	4,731,514	7,727,319	0.24	2.93	4.02	4.60	1.61
Analgesics	155,215	25,969,718	29,348,020	2.43	1.46	14.83	13.59	11.95
Drugs for obstructive airway diseases	251,889	16,324,915	24,305,941	1.34	2.84	4.64	5.69	2.77
Psycholeptics	42,641	20,595,779	23,501,003	2.88	0.58	6.08	6.32	5.70
Calcium channel blockers	-416,990	-16,460,575	-29,107,512	-2.59	-5.61	-10.98	-14.96	-9.91
Ophthalmologicals	48,826	69,129,692	71,474,426	10.46	0.73	68.14	53.68	52.57
Antithrombotic agents	373,313	22,258,447	26,585,641	1.81	6.32	10.71	11.05	4.44
Drugs used in diabetes	228,092	34,798,007	37,667,407	4.42	3.87	14.30	13.80	9.57
Beta blocking agents	154,021	6,697,122	8,439,892	0.96	2.97	7.54	7.59	4.49
Antiinflammatory and antirheumatic products	-661,404	-8,782,344	-20,529,324	-1.01	-12.22	-9.16	-15.94	-4.23
Drugs for treatment of bone diseases	72,595	-4,243,811	-3,216,228	-2.12	2.17	-2.62	-1.74	-3.83
Cardiac therapy	-56,237	1,825,845	2,027,120	1.05	-1.78	3.17	2.87	4.73
Sex hormones and modulators of the genital system	-261,981	-457,082	-1,008,674	2.33	-8.58	-0.66	-1.15	8.12

Total Cost includes cost to the patient and cost to the government

Average Price is "Total Cost" divided by "Volume"

Table 9(a):Significant drugs (incl Drs bag)-sorted by highest change to Government cost, year end: Jun 2007 to year end: Jun 2008 - Section 85 Only

Rank	Drug	Year ending Jun 2007				Year ending Jun 2008				Change	
		Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Govt Cost \$	%
1	ROSUVASTATIN CALCIUM	273,563	16,562,490	20,731,959	75.78	1,504,336	93,651,497	115,787,443	76.97	77,089,006	465.44
2	RANIBIZUMAB	0	0	0	0.00	31,240	63,974,200	64,266,594	2,057.19	63,974,200	New
3	INSULIN GLARGINE	57,208	22,384,393	23,172,317	405.05	117,591	48,026,507	49,540,331	421.29	25,642,114	114.55
4	ADALIMUMAB	21,752	37,812,832	38,116,256	1752.31	35,926	62,106,436	62,679,097	1,744.67	24,293,604	64.25
5	IMATINIB	0	0	0	0.00	5,934	24,024,284	24,126,032	4,065.73	24,024,284	New
6	AMLODIPINE BESYLATE with ATORVASTATIN CAL	52,446	4,094,681	4,733,323	90.25	367,823	27,901,808	32,189,249	87.51	23,807,126	581.42
7	EZETIMIBE with SIMVASTATIN	188,615	24,715,372	26,926,292	142.76	378,441	44,848,913	49,352,912	130.41	20,133,542	81.46
8	ESOMEPRAZOLE MAGNESIUM TRIHYDRATE	4,080,968	147,772,321	194,303,857	47.61	4,780,929	166,227,430	223,161,239	46.68	18,455,109	12.49
9	ETANERCEPT	31,202	55,231,086	55,682,765	1784.59	42,087	73,323,632	73,997,543	1,758.20	18,092,546	32.76
10	ALENDRONATE SODIUM with COLECALCIFEROL	276,142	12,410,410	14,376,114	52.06	672,949	28,302,266	32,943,896	48.95	15,891,856	128.05
11	ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	9,440,627	529,732,351	641,525,185	67.95	9,866,405	544,148,644	665,454,521	67.45	14,416,294	2.72
12	DOCETAXEL	10,776	20,234,496	20,425,910	1895.50	16,900	34,592,578	34,914,792	2,065.96	14,358,083	70.96
13	CLOPIDOGREL HYDROGEN SULFATE	2,111,423	157,471,339	173,226,770	82.04	2,309,279	171,178,105	189,701,902	82.15	13,706,765	8.70
14	VARENICLINE	0	0	0	0.00	107,550	12,680,048	14,754,514	137.19	12,680,048	New
15	BUDESONIDE with EFORMOTEROL FUMARATE DI	665,164	36,264,503	44,940,435	67.56	924,600	48,387,026	61,511,687	66.53	12,122,524	33.43
16	RISPERIDONE	425,783	73,468,307	76,539,539	179.76	503,042	84,021,319	87,812,666	174.56	10,553,012	14.36
17	METHYLPHENIDATE HYDROCHLORIDE	97,934	2,051,037	2,617,193	26.72	235,043	12,499,824	15,046,488	64.02	10,448,787	509.44
18	RITUXIMAB	33,170	60,378,949	60,911,674	1836.35	36,965	70,084,377	70,683,956	1,912.19	9,705,428	16.07
19	RISEDRONATE SODIUM and CALCIUM CARBONA	381,216	17,187,343	19,952,992	52.34	598,515	26,864,822	31,188,802	52.11	9,677,479	56.31
20	VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE	2,203,061	88,183,494	119,902,894	54.43	2,493,259	97,230,944	135,780,979	54.46	9,047,450	10.26
21	BUPRENORPHINE	248,909	9,060,529	10,401,537	41.79	453,785	17,818,011	20,286,917	44.71	8,757,481	96.66
22	FENTANYL	143,355	13,951,015	14,923,894	104.10	238,426	22,256,370	23,899,337	100.24	8,305,355	59.53
23	QUETIAPINE FUMARATE	248,778	49,131,811	51,160,789	205.65	316,415	57,070,262	59,925,723	189.39	7,938,451	16.16
24	TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE MONOHYDRATE	1,140,278	79,611,499	86,441,011	75.81	1,254,746	87,317,369	95,262,205	75.92	7,705,870	9.68
25	OXYCODONE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,306,152	42,153,128	47,892,021	36.67	1,509,547	49,700,137	56,804,787	37.63	7,547,009	17.90
26	CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL	1,317,408	29,214,705	35,309,561	26.80	1,557,108	36,113,385	44,517,855	28.59	6,898,680	23.61
27	ROSIGLITAZONE MALEATE with METFORMIN HYC	25,640	1,783,134	2,151,267	83.90	117,087	8,602,981	10,067,098	85.98	6,819,847	382.46
28	EZETIMIBE	629,871	37,228,345	44,145,572	70.09	735,737	43,324,791	51,667,303	70.23	6,096,447	16.38
29	MESALAZINE	141,273	25,182,666	27,850,126	197.14	152,776	30,979,855	34,018,221	222.67	5,797,189	23.02
30	DASATINIB	0	0	0	0.00	956	5,481,304	5,496,434	5,749.41	5,481,304	New
31	INSULIN ASPART	92,766	21,624,331	22,996,468	247.90	115,934	27,059,331	28,837,777	248.74	5,435,000	25.13
32	WARFARIN SODIUM	2,076,323	10,287,335	17,435,918	8.40	2,162,561	14,913,854	22,561,733	10.43	4,626,519	44.97
33	PERINDOPRIL	3,313,045	57,958,941	80,455,421	24.28	3,519,211	62,476,881	82,820,424	23.53	4,517,940	7.80
34	AMLODIPINE	1,846,979	33,593,510	48,806,572	26.43	1,977,329	38,063,256	47,431,533	23.99	4,469,746	13.31
35	BORTEZOMIB	0	0	0	0.00	589	4,191,021	4,199,186	7,129.35	4,191,021	New

Total Cost includes cost to the patient and cost to the government

Average Price is "Total Cost" divided by "Volume"

Table 9(b):Significant Drugs (incl Drs Bag)-sorted by highest volume change, year end: Jun 2007 to year end: Jun 2008 - Section 85 Only

Rank	Drug	Year ending Jun 2007				Year ending Jun 2008				Change	
		Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	%
1	ROSUVASTATIN CALCIUM	273,563	16,562,490	20,731,959	75.78	1,504,336	93,651,497	115,787,443	76.97	1,230,773	449.90
2	ESOMEPRAZOLE MAGNESIUM TRIHYDRATE	4,080,968	147,772,321	194,303,857	47.61	4,780,929	166,227,430	223,161,239	46.68	699,961	17.15
3	ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	9,440,627	529,732,351	641,525,185	67.95	9,866,405	544,148,644	665,454,521	67.45	425,778	4.51
4	ALENDRONATE SODIUM with COLECALCIFEROL	276,142	12,410,410	14,376,114	52.06	672,949	28,302,266	32,943,896	48.95	396,807	143.70
5	AMLODIPINE BESYLATE with ATORVASTATIN CAL	52,446	4,094,681	4,733,323	90.25	367,823	27,901,808	32,189,249	87.51	315,377	601.34
6	VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE	2,203,061	88,183,494	119,902,894	54.43	2,493,259	97,230,944	135,780,979	54.46	290,198	13.17
7	BUDESONIDE with EFORMOTEROL FUMARATE DI	665,164	36,264,503	44,940,435	67.56	924,600	48,387,026	61,511,687	66.53	259,436	39.00
8	CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL	1,317,408	29,214,705	35,309,561	26.80	1,557,108	36,113,385	44,517,855	28.59	239,700	18.19
9	RISEDRONATE SODIUM and CALCIUM CARBONATE	381,216	17,187,343	19,952,992	52.34	598,515	26,864,822	31,188,802	52.11	217,299	57.00
10	RABEPRAZOLE SODIUM	1,625,917	48,887,920	67,256,949	41.37	1,841,907	51,644,566	73,507,885	39.91	215,990	13.28
11	PERINDOPRIL	3,313,045	57,958,941	80,455,421	24.28	3,519,211	62,476,881	82,820,424	23.53	206,166	6.22
12	BUPRENORPHINE	248,909	9,060,529	10,401,537	41.79	453,785	17,818,011	20,286,917	44.71	204,876	82.31
13	OXYCODONE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,306,152	42,153,128	47,892,021	36.67	1,509,547	49,700,137	56,804,787	37.63	203,395	15.57
14	CLOPIDOGREL HYDROGEN SULFATE	2,111,423	157,471,339	173,226,770	82.04	2,309,279	171,178,105	189,701,902	82.15	197,856	9.37
15	EZETIMIBE with SIMVASTATIN	188,615	24,715,372	26,926,292	142.76	378,441	44,848,913	49,352,912	130.41	189,826	100.64
16	PANTOPRAZOLE SODIUM SESQUIHYDRATE	2,680,230	81,677,563	106,799,833	39.85	2,868,405	83,098,361	111,599,941	38.91	188,175	7.02
17	TELMISARTAN	947,927	18,147,642	22,008,098	23.22	1,120,560	21,792,540	26,490,298	23.64	172,633	18.21
18	AMOXYCILLIN	2,292,118	14,205,967	24,163,534	10.54	2,432,489	15,211,982	26,112,485	10.73	140,371	6.12
19	METHYLPHENIDATE HYDROCHLORIDE	97,934	2,051,037	2,617,193	26.72	235,043	12,499,824	15,046,488	64.02	137,109	140.00
20	LERCANIDIPINE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,185,730	27,933,582	36,143,280	30.48	1,318,607	27,297,903	34,764,952	26.36	132,877	11.21
21	AMLODIPINE	1,846,979	33,593,510	48,806,572	26.43	1,977,329	38,063,256	47,431,533	23.99	130,350	7.06
22	TELMISARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	454,661	10,461,958	12,310,031	27.08	581,638	13,597,620	16,024,207	27.55	126,977	27.93
23	FENOFIBRATE	210,099	5,402,500	8,078,396	38.45	332,577	8,589,237	12,874,040	38.71	122,478	58.30
24	TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE MONOHYDRATE	1,140,278	79,611,499	86,441,011	75.81	1,254,746	87,317,369	95,262,205	75.92	114,468	10.04
25	AMOXYCILLIN with CLAVULANIC ACID	1,434,915	16,399,176	22,381,208	15.60	1,545,800	17,515,364	24,136,686	15.61	110,885	7.73
26	VARENICLINE	0	0	0	0.00	107,550	12,680,048	14,754,514	137.19	107,550	New
27	EZETIMIBE	629,871	37,228,345	44,145,572	70.09	735,737	43,324,791	51,667,303	70.23	105,866	16.81
28	METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	2,670,114	31,711,021	41,158,670	15.41	2,766,870	33,181,747	43,239,190	15.63	96,756	3.62
29	FENTANYL	143,355	13,951,015	14,923,894	104.10	238,426	22,256,370	23,899,337	100.24	95,071	66.32
30	LATANOPROST with TIMOLOL MALEATE	175,140	6,111,426	7,570,711	43.23	270,192	9,440,187	11,743,334	43.46	95,052	54.27
31	ROSIGLITAZONE MALEATE with METFORMIN HYC	25,640	1,783,134	2,151,267	83.90	117,087	8,602,981	10,067,098	85.98	91,447	356.66
32	WARFARIN SODIUM	2,076,323	10,287,335	17,435,918	8.40	2,162,561	14,913,854	22,561,733	10.43	86,238	4.15
33	MIRTAZAPINE	906,167	24,216,293	33,501,950	36.97	986,708	26,571,631	37,131,545	37.63	80,541	8.89
34	STRONTIUM RANELATE	3,252	140,983	169,670	52.17	83,715	3,700,106	4,368,600	52.18	80,463	2474.26
35	RISPERIDONE	425,783	73,468,307	76,539,539	179.76	503,042	84,021,319	87,812,666	174.56	77,259	18.15

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Table 10(a): Highest Govt Cost PBS Drugs (incl Drs Bag) by Generic Name, year end: Jun 2008 - Section 85 Only
(total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank	Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	9,866,405	544,148,644	665,454,521	67.45
2	SIMVASTATIN	5,354,876	221,942,974	272,035,800	50.80
3	CLOPIDOGREL HYDROGEN SULFATE	2,309,279	171,178,105	189,701,902	82.15
4	ESOMEPRAZOLE MAGNESIUM TRIHYDRATE	4,780,929	166,227,430	223,161,239	46.68
5	OLANZAPINE	813,514	152,292,546	159,270,007	195.78
6	FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE with SALMETEROL XINAFOATE	2,702,298	149,808,946	186,764,601	69.11
7	OMEPRAZOLE	3,371,767	97,427,401	130,843,683	38.81
8	VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE	2,493,259	97,230,944	135,780,979	54.46
9	ROSUVASTATIN CALCIUM	1,504,336	93,651,497	115,787,443	76.97
10	TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE MONOHYDRATE	1,254,746	87,317,369	95,262,205	75.92
11	RISPERIDONE	503,042	84,021,319	87,812,666	174.56
12	PANTOPRAZOLE SODIUM SESQUIHYDRATE	2,868,405	83,098,361	111,599,941	38.91
13	ETANERCEPT	42,087	73,323,632	73,997,543	1758.20
14	RITUXIMAB	36,965	70,084,377	70,683,956	1912.19
15	RANIBIZUMAB	31,240	63,974,200	64,266,594	2057.19
16	PRAVASTATIN SODIUM	1,524,460	63,311,376	77,397,315	50.77
17	PERINDOPRIL	3,519,211	62,476,881	82,820,424	23.53
18	ADALIMUMAB	35,926	62,106,436	62,679,097	1744.67
19	IRBESARTAN	2,800,022	59,258,309	70,637,519	25.23
20	QUETIAPINE FUMARATE	316,415	57,070,262	59,925,723	189.39
21	ALENDRONATE SODIUM	1,301,927	56,265,247	65,604,353	50.39
22	IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	2,245,601	56,195,649	65,781,458	29.29
23	RABEPRAZOLE SODIUM	1,841,907	51,644,566	73,507,885	39.91
24	OXYCODONE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,509,547	49,700,137	56,804,787	37.63
25	BUDESONIDE with EFORMOTEROL FUMARATE DIHYDRATE	924,600	48,387,026	61,511,687	66.53
26	INSULIN GLARGINE	117,591	48,026,507	49,540,331	421.29
27	VALACICLOVIR HYDROCHLORIDE	328,501	47,909,476	55,581,780	169.20
28	GOSERELIN ACETATE	56,421	47,623,580	48,208,036	854.43
29	EZETIMIBE with SIMVASTATIN	378,441	44,848,913	49,352,912	130.41
30	RAMIPRIL	2,414,935	44,402,098	54,232,752	22.46
31	SERTRALINE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,649,505	43,984,694	54,002,132	32.74
32	CARVEDILOL	527,087	43,500,260	47,533,113	90.18
33	EZETIMIBE	735,737	43,324,791	51,667,303	70.23
34	INTERFERON BETA-1b	33,168	38,311,456	38,931,978	1173.78
35	SALBUTAMOL SULFATE	2,608,019	38,172,693	48,213,940	18.49
36	INTERFERON BETA-1a	36,782	38,092,850	38,814,264	1055.25
37	AMLODIPINE	1,977,329	38,063,256	47,431,533	23.99
38	LATANOPROST	1,285,016	37,131,353	47,043,067	36.61
39	CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL	1,557,108	36,113,385	44,517,855	28.59
40	DOCETAXEL	16,900	34,592,578	34,914,792	2065.96
41	MELOXICAM	1,591,511	34,403,839	41,334,380	25.97
42	METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	2,766,870	33,181,747	43,239,190	15.63
43	OXALIPLATIN	20,097	32,579,877	32,907,163	1637.42
44	PACLITAXEL	16,041	32,285,530	32,573,732	2030.65
45	CELECOXIB	1,177,512	31,645,029	36,380,844	30.90
46	LEUPRORELIN ACETATE	27,217	31,367,429	31,568,191	1159.87
47	MESALAZINE	152,776	30,979,855	34,018,221	222.67
48	MORPHINE SULFATE	620,511	30,587,338	33,547,861	54.06
49	PERINDOPRIL with INDAPAMIDE HEMIHYDRATE	1,183,923	29,086,439	34,170,923	28.86
50	ANASTROZOLE	169,351	28,927,974	31,365,737	185.21

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Table 10(b): Highest Volume PBS Drugs (incl Drs Bag) by Generic Name, year ending: Jun 2008 - Section 85 Only
(total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	9,866,405	544,148,644	665,454,521	67.45
2 SIMVASTATIN	5,354,876	221,942,974	272,035,800	50.80
3 ESOMEPRAZOLE MAGNESIUM TRIHYDRATE	4,780,929	166,227,430	223,161,239	46.68
4 PERINDOPRIL	3,519,211	62,476,881	82,820,424	23.53
5 OMEPRAZOLE	3,371,767	97,427,401	130,843,683	38.81
6 PARACETAMOL	3,195,156	23,736,603	34,461,528	10.79
7 ATENOLOL	2,969,778	20,476,319	32,171,718	10.83
8 PANTOPRAZOLE SODIUM SESQUIHYDRATE	2,868,405	83,098,361	111,599,941	38.91
9 IRBESARTAN	2,800,022	59,258,309	70,637,519	25.23
10 METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	2,766,870	33,181,747	43,239,190	15.63
11 FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE with SALMETEROL XINAFOATE	2,702,298	149,808,946	186,764,601	69.11
12 SALBUTAMOL SULFATE	2,608,019	38,172,693	48,213,940	18.49
13 VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE	2,493,259	97,230,944	135,780,979	54.46
14 AMOXYCILLIN	2,432,489	15,211,982	26,112,485	10.73
15 RAMIPRIL	2,414,935	44,402,098	54,232,752	22.46
16 CODEINE PHOSPHATE with PARACETAMOL	2,310,902	17,460,058	26,365,128	11.41
17 CLOPIDOGREL HYDROGEN SULFATE	2,309,279	171,178,105	189,701,902	82.15
18 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	2,245,601	56,195,649	65,781,458	29.29
19 WARFARIN SODIUM	2,162,561	14,913,854	22,561,733	10.43
20 CEPHALEXIN	2,113,671	14,629,259	23,576,649	11.15
21 AMLODIPINE	1,977,329	38,063,256	47,431,533	23.99
22 RABEPRAZOLE SODIUM	1,841,907	51,644,566	73,507,885	39.91
23 TEMAZEPAM	1,834,417	6,862,473	13,461,506	7.34
24 SERTRALINE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,649,505	43,984,694	54,002,132	32.74
25 TRAMADOL HYDROCHLORIDE	1,648,597	25,381,086	32,877,127	19.94
26 MELOXICAM	1,591,511	34,403,839	41,334,380	25.97
27 DIAZEPAM	1,590,166	5,928,328	12,101,278	7.61
28 CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL	1,557,108	36,113,385	44,517,855	28.59
29 AMOXYCILLIN with CLAVULANIC ACID	1,545,800	17,515,364	24,136,686	15.61
30 PRAVASTATIN SODIUM	1,524,460	63,311,376	77,397,315	50.77
31 OXYCODONE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,509,547	49,700,137	56,804,787	37.63
32 ROSUVASTATIN CALCIUM	1,504,336	93,651,497	115,787,443	76.97
33 LERCANIDIPINE HYDROCHLORIDE	1,318,607	27,297,903	34,764,952	26.36
34 ALENDRONATE SODIUM	1,301,927	56,265,247	65,604,353	50.39
35 LATANOPROST	1,285,016	37,131,353	47,043,067	36.61
36 GLICLAZIDE	1,271,888	14,136,259	18,604,649	14.63
37 TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE MONOHYDRATE	1,254,746	87,317,369	95,262,205	75.92
38 FRUSEMIDE	1,200,864	6,435,084	10,389,754	8.65
39 ASPIRIN	1,188,239	4,371,426	8,467,763	7.13
40 METOPROLOL TARTRATE	1,185,930	9,117,574	13,580,032	11.45
41 PERINDOPRIL with INDAPAMIDE HEMIHYDRATE	1,183,923	29,086,439	34,170,923	28.86
42 CELECOXIB	1,177,512	31,645,029	36,380,844	30.90
43 TELMISARTAN	1,120,560	21,792,540	26,490,298	23.64
44 CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE	1,089,882	28,660,152	37,370,800	34.29
45 ROXITHROMYCIN	1,082,740	8,948,632	13,488,734	12.46
46 DILTIAZEM HYDROCHLORIDE	1,063,259	21,207,990	25,387,555	23.88
47 FELODIPINE	1,042,848	19,642,797	24,038,572	23.05
48 OXAZEPAM	1,024,256	3,336,848	7,010,330	6.84
49 MIRTAPAZINE	986,708	26,571,631	37,131,545	37.63
50 AMITRIPTYLINE HYDROCHLORIDE	927,135	3,706,591	7,114,935	7.67

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Table 11(a): Highest Government Cost Drug (incl Drs Bag) by PBS Item, year ending: Jun 2008 - Section 85 Only

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	8215 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 40mg (atorvastatin)	3,379,925	221,035,634	263,761,111	78.04
2	8358 CLOPIDOGREL HYDROGEN SULFATE	Tablet 75mg (base)	2,309,279	171,178,105	189,701,902	82.15
3	8214 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 20mg (atorvastatin)	3,525,189	156,879,433	200,758,114	56.95
4	8521 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 80mg (atorvastatin)	1,185,209	114,669,810	129,355,028	109.14
5	8173 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 40mg	2,349,666	108,029,980	132,120,502	56.23
6	8601 ESOMEPRAZOLE MAGNESIUM TRIHYDRATE	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalent	1,990,842	95,999,482	118,960,582	59.75
7	8187 OLANZAPINE	Tablet 10mg	299,830	88,294,806	90,715,027	302.55
8	8626 TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE MONOHYDRATE	Capsule containing powder for oral	1,254,746	87,317,369	95,262,205	75.92
9	8008 PANTOPRAZOLE SODIUM SESQUIHYDRATE	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalent	2,381,652	71,934,775	96,464,742	40.50
10	8600 ESOMEPRAZOLE MAGNESIUM TRIHYDRATE	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalent	2,683,770	67,547,593	100,234,227	37.35
11	8519 FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE with SALMETEROL	Oral pressurised inhalation 250mic	953,646	62,207,840	74,168,143	77.77
12	8302 VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 150mg (base) (modified release)	1,260,310	60,276,657	79,587,547	63.15
13	2012 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 20mg	1,849,520	58,391,678	75,344,513	40.74
14	8511 ALENDRONATE SODIUM	Tablet equivalent to 70mg alendronate	1,288,381	54,315,945	63,568,256	49.34
15	8213 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 10mg (atorvastatin)	1,776,082	51,563,767	71,580,267	40.30
16	9039 INSULIN GLARGINE	Injections (human analogue) 100units/mL	117,591	48,026,507	49,540,331	421.29
17	9043 ROSUVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 10mg (rosuvastatin)	869,946	46,915,608	59,898,989	68.85
18	1382 RANIBIZUMAB	Solution for intravitreal injection 3mg/mL	22,877	46,867,184	47,078,067	2057.88
19	9110 OMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20mg (as magnesium)	1,699,245	46,203,267	63,592,748	37.42
20	8508 RABEPRAZOLE SODIUM	Tablet 20mg (enteric coated)	1,583,453	45,126,932	63,866,944	40.33
21	8405 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE	Tablet 300mg-12.5mg	1,707,623	44,871,576	51,812,177	30.34
22	8757 EZETIMIBE	Tablet 10mg	735,737	43,324,791	51,667,303	70.23
23	8432 FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE with SALMETEROL	Powder for oral inhalation in breath	633,548	42,175,574	49,883,442	78.74
24	8313 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 80mg	619,190	42,089,206	48,597,621	78.49
25	8093 GOSERELIN ACETATE	Subcutaneous implant (long acting)	38,111	41,827,676	42,125,460	1105.34
26	8333 OMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20mg	1,318,785	41,378,412	54,344,232	41.21
27	8134 VALACICLOVIR HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 500mg (base)	285,209	40,995,623	47,770,797	167.49
28	8197 PRAVASTATIN SODIUM	Tablet 40mg	878,025	40,068,670	48,465,035	55.20
29	8101 INTERFERON BETA-1b	Injection set comprising 1 vial powder	33,168	38,311,456	38,931,978	1173.78
30	8243 LATANOPROST	Eye drops 50micrograms per mL	1,285,016	37,131,353	47,043,067	36.61
31	8301 VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 75mg (base) (modified release)	1,160,711	35,343,388	54,240,663	46.73
32	8248 IRBESARTAN	Tablet 300mg	1,274,847	31,170,599	36,293,885	28.47
33	8741 ADALIMUMAB	Injection 40mg in 0.8mL pre-filled	17,502	30,286,825	30,528,833	1744.31
34	8431 FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE with SALMETEROL	Powder for oral inhalation in breath	669,975	29,312,907	39,134,638	58.41
35	8179 ANASTROZOLE	Tablet 1mg	169,351	28,927,974	31,365,737	185.21
36	9012 ALENDRONATE SODIUM with COLECALCIFEROL	Tablet equivalent to 70mg alendronate	672,949	28,302,266	32,943,896	48.95
37	8470 RAMIPRIL	Capsule 10mg	1,132,189	27,433,393	31,990,555	28.26
38	8440 CELECOXIB	Capsule 200mg	1,014,510	27,357,795	31,478,290	31.03
39	8899 RISEDRONATE SODIUM and CALCIUM CHOLECALCIFEROL	Pack containing 4 tablets risedronate	598,515	26,864,822	31,188,802	52.11
40	8185 OLANZAPINE	Tablet 5mg	231,093	26,023,115	28,112,054	121.65
41	8625 BUDESONIDE with EFEDRATEROL FUMARATE	Powder for oral inhalation in breath	601,543	25,934,074	34,735,676	57.74
42	8220 CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE	Tablet 20mg (base)	976,290	25,688,851	32,936,600	33.74
43	8435 INSULIN ASPART	Injections (human analogue) 100units/mL	105,630	25,585,397	27,227,761	257.77
44	8288 SALBUTAMOL SULFATE	Oral pressurised inhalation 100mic	1,999,934	25,500,404	33,126,984	16.56
45	9008 PERINDOPRIL	Tablet containing 10mg perindopril	1,155,657	25,278,499	35,432,828	30.66
46	2845 PERINDOPRIL with INDAPAMIDE HEXAHYDRATE	Tablet containing 5mg perindopril	1,021,881	25,130,545	29,449,605	28.82
47	9044 ROSUVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 20mg (rosuvastatin)	306,231	24,616,946	29,209,055	95.38
48	8258 CARVEDILOL	Tablet 25mg	243,527	24,577,049	26,733,390	109.78
49	8609 INSULIN ASPART-INSULIN ASPART PRE-MIXED	Injections (human analogue) 100units/mL	98,005	24,529,895	25,474,059	259.93
50	8294 RITUXIMAB	Solution for I.V. infusion 500mg in 50mL	9,601	24,432,866	24,590,291	2561.22

Total Cost includes cost to the patient and cost to the government

Average Price is "Total Cost" divided by "Volume"

Table 11(b): Highest Volume Drug (incl Drs Bag) by PBS Item, year ending: Jun 2008 - Section 85 Only

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	8214 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 20mg (atorvastatin)	3,525,189	156,879,433	200,758,114	56.95
2	8215 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 40mg (atorvastatin)	3,379,925	221,035,634	263,761,111	78.04
3	1081 ATENOLOL	Tablet 50mg	2,969,778	20,476,319	32,171,718	10.83
4	8600 ESOMEPRAZOLE MAGNESIUM TRIHYDRATE	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalent	2,683,770	67,547,593	100,234,227	37.35
5	8008 PANTOPRAZOLE SODIUM SESQUIHYDRATE	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalent	2,381,652	71,934,775	96,464,742	40.50
6	8173 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 40mg	2,349,666	108,029,980	132,120,502	56.23
7	8358 CLOPIDOGREL HYDROGEN SULFATE	Tablet 75mg (base)	2,309,279	171,178,105	189,701,902	82.15
8	8288 SALBUTAMOL SULFATE	Oral pressurised inhalation 100mg	1,999,934	25,500,404	33,126,984	16.56
9	8601 ESOMEPRAZOLE MAGNESIUM TRIHYDRATE	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalent	1,990,842	95,999,482	118,960,582	59.75
10	2012 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 20mg	1,849,520	58,391,678	75,344,513	40.74
11	2089 TEMAZEPAM	Tablet 10mg	1,778,250	6,529,567	12,935,567	7.27
12	8213 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 10mg (atorvastatin)	1,776,082	51,563,767	71,580,267	40.30
13	3119 CEPHALEXIN	Capsule 500mg	1,709,479	11,953,941	19,093,901	11.17
14	8405 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHALIDATE	Tablet 300mg-12.5mg	1,707,623	44,871,576	51,812,177	30.34
15	9110 OMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20mg (as magnesium)	1,699,245	46,203,267	63,592,748	37.42
16	1215 CODEINE PHOSPHATE with PARACETAMOL	Tablet 30mg-500mg	1,668,311	7,787,876	14,184,476	8.50
17	8508 RABEPRAZOLE SODIUM	Tablet 20mg (enteric coated)	1,583,453	45,126,932	63,866,944	40.33
18	3162 DIAZEPAM	Tablet 5mg	1,409,068	5,206,304	10,706,417	7.60
19	8333 OMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20mg	1,318,785	41,378,412	54,344,232	41.21
20	8511 ALENDRONATE SODIUM	Tablet equivalent to 70mg alendronate	1,288,381	54,315,945	63,568,256	49.34
21	8243 LATANOPROST	Eye drops 50micrograms per mL	1,285,016	37,131,353	47,043,067	36.61
22	2430 METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 500mg	1,283,039	13,315,958	17,951,749	13.99
23	8248 IRBESARTAN	Tablet 300mg	1,274,847	31,170,599	36,293,885	28.47
24	8302 VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 150mg (base) (modified release)	1,260,310	60,276,657	79,587,547	63.15
25	8626 TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE MONOHYDRATE	Capsule containing powder for oral inhalation	1,254,746	87,317,369	95,262,205	75.92
26	9007 PERINDOPRIL	Tablet containing 5mg perindopril	1,251,687	22,560,561	27,722,423	22.15
27	1889 AMOXYCILLIN	Capsule 500mg	1,243,619	8,236,005	13,612,567	10.95
28	8784 PARACETAMOL	Tablet 500mg	1,241,689	12,079,500	16,094,941	12.96
29	8521 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 80mg (atorvastatin)	1,185,209	114,669,810	129,355,028	109.14
30	8247 IRBESARTAN	Tablet 150mg	1,167,633	22,546,891	27,364,786	23.44
31	1746 PARACETAMOL	Tablet 500mg	1,164,796	5,526,542	9,229,140	7.92
32	8301 VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 75mg (base) (modified release)	1,160,711	35,343,388	54,240,663	46.73
33	8254 AMOXYCILLIN with CLAVULANIC ACID	Tablet 875mg-125mg	1,156,771	13,942,475	18,803,351	16.26
34	9008 PERINDOPRIL	Tablet containing 10mg perindopril	1,155,657	25,278,499	35,432,828	30.66
35	8470 RAMIPRIL	Capsule 10mg	1,132,189	27,433,393	31,990,555	28.26
36	8202 ASPIRIN	Tablet 100mg	1,033,732	3,702,117	7,299,527	7.06
37	2845 PERINDOPRIL with INDAPAMIDE HEMIHYDRATE	Tablet containing 5mg perindopril	1,021,881	25,130,545	29,449,605	28.82
38	8440 CELECOXIB	Capsule 200mg	1,014,510	27,357,795	31,478,290	31.03
39	2412 FRUSEMIDE	Tablet 40mg	990,537	5,129,384	8,361,379	8.44
40	8220 CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE	Tablet 20mg (base)	976,290	25,688,851	32,936,600	33.74
41	8519 FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE with SALMETEROL	Oral pressurised inhalation 250mcg	953,646	62,207,840	74,168,143	77.77
42	2751 AMLODIPINE	Tablet 5mg (as besylate)	923,725	14,105,237	17,853,762	19.33
43	8197 PRAVASTATIN SODIUM	Tablet 40mg	878,025	40,068,670	48,465,035	55.20
44	9043 ROSUVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 10mg (rosuvastatin)	869,946	46,915,608	59,898,989	68.85
45	3133 OXAZEPAM	Tablet 30mg	845,138	2,779,655	5,787,770	6.85
46	1324 METOPROLOL TARTRATE	Tablet 50mg	831,687	5,959,369	9,087,858	10.93
47	8535 GLICLAZIDE	Tablet 30mg (modified release)	818,865	9,107,003	12,028,598	14.69
48	2843 WARFARIN SODIUM	Tablet 1mg	788,540	5,160,572	7,906,732	10.03
49	8513 MIRTAZAPINE	Tablet 30mg	788,427	20,345,158	28,891,353	36.64
50	8562 MELOXICAM	Tablet 15mg	775,436	18,394,146	21,946,952	28.30

Total Cost includes cost to the patient and cost to the government

Average Price is "Total Cost" divided by "Volume"

Table 12(a): Safety Net Card Issues - Persons Covered, 2003 to 2008

MONTHLY COMPARISON 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008													
		No OF PEOPLE (cumulative each Month)											
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
General Safety Net	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	11	43	526	2,859	14,200	37,879	74,609	126,100	181,214	243,423	308,105	392,923
	2007	9	51	530	2,991	14,682	36,813	73,799	124,661	177,210	241,144	302,601	383,183
	2008	2	40	352	2,749	12,570	32,806						
Concessional Safety Net	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	12	384	4,803	24,890	107,506	243,619	416,192	618,182	804,320	992,225	1,168,378	1,375,097
	2007	11	429	5,126	28,213	117,494	253,233	430,472	633,546	813,285	1,007,832	1,177,521	1,373,069
	2008	21	447	3,661	27,873	108,897	240,159						
#Supplementary	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	5	33	346	1,589	6,323	13,934	23,903	34,638	44,623	54,365	63,449	72,377
	2007	5	37	426	2,226	8,378	17,165	28,409	40,769	50,744	62,086	71,083	79,975
	2008	2	49	332	2,285	8,537	18,163						
TOTAL	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	28	460	5,675	29,338	128,029	295,432	514,704	778,920	1,030,157	1,290,013	1,539,932	1,840,397
	2007	25	517	6,082	33,430	140,554	307,211	532,680	798,976	1,041,239	1,311,062	1,551,205	1,836,227
	2008	25	536	4,345	32,907	130,004	291,128						
# SAFETY NET CARDS ISSUED DUE TO REMOTE FAMILY MEMBERS OR ON LOSS OF THE ORIGINAL CARD													

Source: Medicare Australia (RSN003)

Table 12(b): Safety Net Card Issues - Number of Cards, 2003 to 2008

MONTHLY COMPARISON 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008													
No OF CARDS (cumulative per month)		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
General Safety Net	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	6	24	252	1,393	6,976	18,404	36,188	60,992	87,741	118,152	150,118	192,734
	2007	3	21	254	1,477	7,228	18,054	36,135	61,156	86,956	118,573	149,128	190,408
	2008	1	21	176	1,362	6,193	16,103						
Concessional Safety Net	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	7	186	2,457	12,915	57,424	132,739	231,442	351,027	464,798	582,450	694,992	831,157
	2007	7	209	2,555	14,622	62,704	137,796	239,283	359,729	469,678	592,316	701,995	832,446
	2008	11	218	1,842	14,519	57,946	130,444						
#Supplementary	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	2	15	157	738	3,013	6,654	11,375	16,397	21,038	25,540	29,719	33,750
	2007	1	16	196	1,041	3,988	8,219	13,565	19,445	24,102	29,372	33,567	37,666
	2008	1	21	149	1,081	4,094	8,723						
TOTAL	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	15	225	2,866	15,046	67,413	157,797	279,005	428,416	573,577	726,142	874,829	1,057,641
	2007	11	246	3,005	17,140	73,920	164,069	288,983	440,330	580,736	740,261	884,690	1,060,520
	2008	13	260	2,167	16,962	68,233	155,270						

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

Source: Medicare Australia (RSN002)

Table 13: Pharmacies and Friendly Societies, 30 June 2003 to 2008

APPROVED PHARMACIES AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES							Approved Doctors
- as at 30 June 2003 - 2008							
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2008
NSW	1709	1699	1703	1705	1708	1725	22
VIC	1160	1160	1166	1166	1170	1174	3
QLD	944	953	951	963	987	997	16
SA	386	389	392	399	400	407	4
WA	484	489	491	502	509	509	18
TAS	139	135	134	131	133	135	7
NT	28	28	27	27	26	28	1
ACT	57	57	58	58	59	62	0
AUST	4907	4910	4922	4951	4992	5037	71

Source: Medicare Australia (RPC015)

Table 14(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 14(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 14(a): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2007-08

	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
2006/07	19,871,669	4,710,422		24,582,091	110,917,202	32,675,864	143,593,066	168,175,157	360,362	168,535,519
2007/08	19,607,454	4,553,340		24,160,794	113,118,234	33,680,813	146,799,047	170,959,841	336,182	171,296,023

CONC: Concessional

S/NET: Safety Net

PENSIONER: Before 1 November 1990 pensioners received PBS drugs free of charge.

NSN: Non Safety Net

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GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE - \$-						HOSP &	TOTAL GOVT	PATIENT CONTRIBUTION			TOTAL COST	TOTAL with
YEAR	GEN	CONC	PENS	SAFETY NET	SUB TOTAL	MISC	COST	GEN	CON	TOTAL	SCRIPTS	S.100 & Misc
1948/49	132,536				132,536	165,538	298,074			-	132,536	298,074
1949/50	346,682				346,682	262,696	609,378			-	346,682	609,378
1950/51	5,453,558				5,453,558	406,768	5,860,326			-	5,453,558	5,860,326
1951/52	13,424,294		715,264		14,139,558	1,230,536	15,370,094			-	14,139,558	15,370,094
1952/53	12,399,568		1,457,316		13,856,884	573,734	14,430,618			-	13,856,884	14,430,618
1953/54	14,320,372		2,021,560		16,341,932	2,116,894	18,458,826			-	16,341,932	18,458,826
1954/55	16,303,940		2,589,672		18,893,612	2,585,322	21,478,934			-	18,893,612	21,478,934
1955/56	18,061,092		3,015,920		21,077,012	2,697,858	23,774,870			-	21,077,012	23,774,870
1956/57	17,171,670		3,586,200		20,757,870	2,675,776	23,433,646			-	20,757,870	23,433,646
1957/58	22,826,484		4,246,490		27,072,974	2,995,004	30,067,978			-	27,072,974	30,067,978
1958/59	33,112,570		5,034,746		38,147,316	3,798,278	41,945,594			-	38,147,316	41,945,594
1959/60	36,714,806		7,148,446		43,863,252	4,808,090	48,671,342	1,890,756		1,890,756	45,754,008	50,562,098
1960/61	34,282,496		14,676,698		48,959,194	6,803,248	55,762,442	10,324,740		10,324,740	59,283,934	66,087,182
1961/62	44,632,488		18,194,996		62,827,484	7,552,282	70,379,766	13,007,776		13,007,776	75,835,260	83,387,542
1962/63	47,093,026		19,830,750		66,923,776	9,986,382	76,910,158	14,742,448		14,742,448	81,666,224	91,652,606
1963/64	46,460,998		20,601,714		67,062,712	11,775,958	78,838,670	15,573,804		15,573,804	82,636,516	94,412,474
1964/65	48,929,748		21,564,420		70,494,168	11,708,442	82,202,610	16,841,354		16,841,354	87,335,522	99,043,964
1965/66	53,078,046		24,071,127		77,149,173	14,634,501	91,783,674	17,481,228		17,481,228	94,630,401	109,264,902
1966/67	56,655,939		29,280,268		85,936,207	15,344,592	101,280,799	18,347,036		18,347,036	104,283,243	119,627,835
1967/68	56,800,249		32,115,335		88,915,584	16,218,859	105,134,443	18,504,345		18,504,345	107,419,929	123,638,788
1968/69	64,024,983		36,609,257		100,634,240	17,739,118	118,373,358	20,129,402		20,129,402	120,763,642	138,502,760
1969/70	73,227,887		41,068,702		114,296,589	22,421,727	136,718,316	21,941,691		21,941,691	136,238,280	158,660,007
1970/71	88,176,385		45,180,856		133,357,241	26,917,666	160,274,907	24,384,028		24,384,028	157,741,269	184,658,935
1971/72	90,061,869		52,005,350		142,067,219	31,201,229	173,268,448	35,466,642		35,466,642	177,533,861	208,735,090
1972/73	87,431,438		58,139,459		145,570,897	32,061,691	177,632,588	48,640,243		48,640,243	194,211,140	226,272,831
1973/74	108,066,351		66,802,821		174,869,172	43,426,672	218,295,844	59,015,335		59,015,335	233,884,507	277,311,179
1974/75	131,341,320		80,586,986		211,928,306	50,368,781	262,297,087	66,827,982		66,827,982	278,756,288	329,125,069

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

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Table 14(b): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2007-08

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 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										

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-miscellaneous and section 100 expenditure sourced from Health and Aging and Medicare Australia payments

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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	668,500,000	5,964,390,157	
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	764,000,000	6,148,324,784	
2006/07*	890,275,536	174,127,771		1,064,403,307	3,333,875,949	1,067,478,074	4,401,354,023	5,465,757,330	886,500,000	6,352,257,330	
2007/08*	1,039,451,749	173,499,550		1,212,951,299	3,561,294,283	1,137,925,393	4,699,219,676	5,912,170,974	975,500,000	6,887,670,974	
PATIENT CONTRIBUTION				-\$-							TOTAL
	GENERAL-NSN	GEN S/Net 1	GEN S/Net 2	TOTAL GEN	CONC - NSN	CONC S/Net	TOTAL CONC	TOTAL FOR PBS	TOTAL FOR SCRIPTS	MISC and SECT 100	
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
2006/07	596,483,266	22,154,622		618,637,888	532,682,972	-	532,682,972	1,151,320,859	6,617,078,189	850,900,000	7,467,978,189
2007/08	607,183,393	22,323,024		629,506,417	559,962,883	-	559,962,883	1,189,469,300	7,101,640,274	975,500,000	8,077,140,274
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										
2006/07	10,698,205										
2007/08	13,468,779										
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GEN: General

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MISC and SECT 100: Drugs provided through special programs and hospitals; Section 100 drugs.

HOSP & MISC: Drugs provided through special programs and hospitals; Section 100 drugs.

PENS: Before 1 November 1990 pensioners received PBS drugs free of charge.

* Data reported for MISC and SECT 100 in these years will differ from previously published data due to corrections in counting methodology

THE HIGHLY SPECIALISED DRUGS PROGRAM

Program overview

In addition to the drugs available under usual PBS arrangements, a number of drugs are also made available under alternative arrangements that are clinically appropriate.

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

Highly Specialised Drugs are for the treatment of chronic conditions which, because of their clinical use or other specialist requirements, 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 Access and Systems Branch, of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Division, 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.

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 and funding for any in-patient use is provided by the state in public hospitals. 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 Highly Specialised Drug at a similar rate to the PBS.

Highly Specialised Drugs Working Party

The Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council established the Highly Specialised Drugs 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 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.

Utilisation Based Government Expenditure on Highly Specialised Drugs

During 2007-2008 there were 78 drugs subsidised under the HSD Program, compared to 2006-2007 when 71 were subsidised. The new drug listings are:

1. Ibandronate Sodium
2. Abatacept
3. Sevelamer
4. Sitaxentan Sodium
5. Tipranavir
6. Darunavir
7. Rituximab

The Government¹ expenditure based on utilisation for 2007-2008 amounted to \$663,702,029. Drugs were categorised as follows:

<i>Indications Grouping</i>	<i>Number of Drugs</i>	<i>Public Hospital</i>	<i>Private Hospital</i>	<i>Combined</i>
Acromegaly Agents	2	\$14,276,151	\$7,157,581	\$21,433,732
Antiarthritic Agents	4	\$7,108,480	\$29,489,280	\$36,597,760
Bisphosphonate Agents	3	\$12,110,094	\$10,055,755	\$22,165,849
Haemopoietic Agents	4	\$94,362,386	\$27,863,888	\$122,226,274
Hepatitis B or C Agents	9	\$58,976,446	\$15,960,344	\$74,936,790
HIV/AIDS Antiretroviral Agents	23	\$124,640,964	\$1,292,851	\$125,933,815
Immunocompromised Conditions	10	\$8,788,695	\$1,290,358	\$10,079,053
Immunosuppressive Agents	7	\$58,900,273	\$5,152,447	\$64,052,720
Iron Overload Agents	3	\$10,880,717	\$2,852,222	\$13,732,936
Malignancy Agents	5	\$54,213,707	\$37,549,921	\$91,763,627
Other Conditions	3	\$50,296,895	\$4,322,892	\$54,619,787
Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Agents	5	\$3,529,715	\$22,629,967	\$26,159,682
Grand Total	78	\$498,084,523	\$165,617,506	\$663,702,029

NB: Repatriation patients have been removed from Private hospital expenditure but cannot be removed from Public hospital expenditure as repatriation patients cannot be identified by public hospitals.

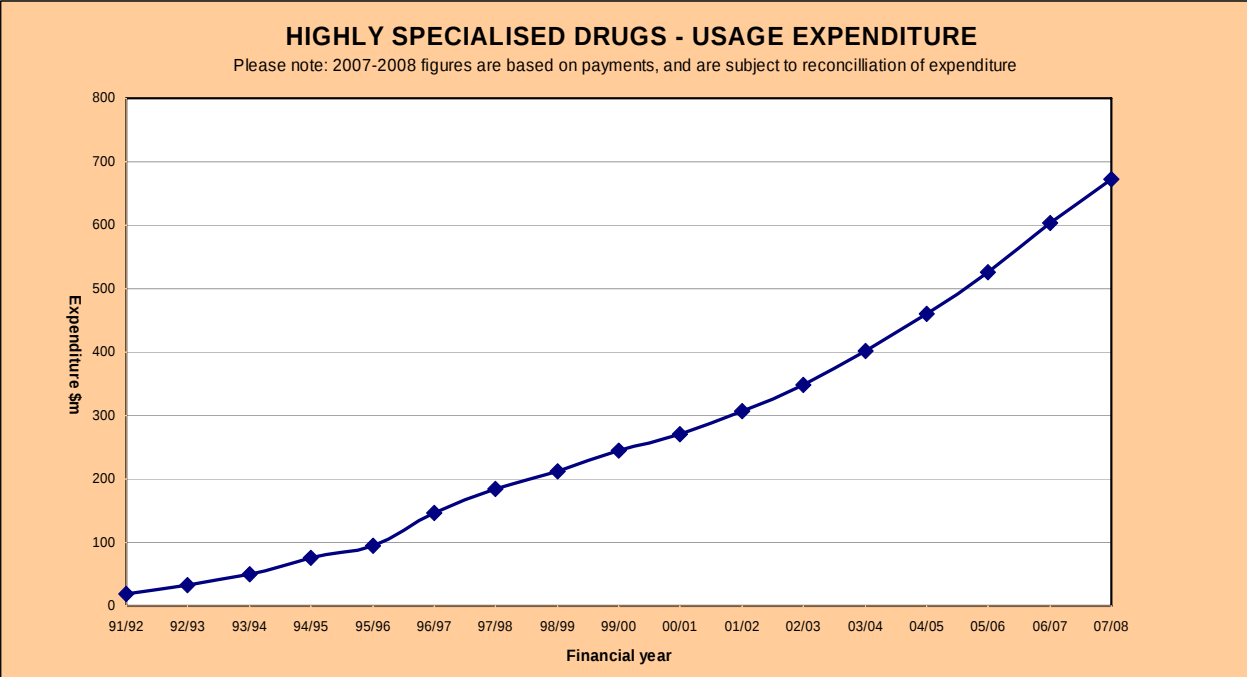
Government expenditure based on utilisation through the HSD program in 2006-2007 was \$588.4 million. In 2007-2008 utilisation costs totalled \$663.7 million, an increase of 12.8% from 2006-2007. At the end of the financial year, payments made to public hospitals via grants to the States and Territories are reconciled against the actual drug usage.

Australian Government expenditure for HSDs is processed through two avenues; a grant process for public hospitals and a claims payment arrangement through Medicare Australia for private hospitals. For 2007-2008 the expenditure based on utilisation in public hospitals was \$498.1 million, an increase of 7.3% from the 2006-2007 expenditure of \$464.3 million. HSD expenditure processed through Medicare Australia showed an increase of 33.4% from the \$124.1 million in 2006-2007 to \$165.6 million in 2007-2008.

The HSD Program continues to increase at a steady rate across both public and private hospitals. The increase in expenditure over the last few years is due to the increase in the number of drugs listed on the program and the increase of new private hospitals participating in the program.

¹ All usage figures quoted in table refer to Government expenditure only and exclude the patient co-payment.

Highly Specialised Drugs – Utilisation Government² Expenditure Chart
- outlines the program Government expenditure from 1991-1992 to 2007-2008 financial years.



² All expenditure figures quoted in chart refer to Government expenditure only and exclude the patient co-payment.

PBS INFORMATION LINE REPORT, 2007-2008

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 2007 - June 2008, the information line received **25,352** calls.

Conclusion	Number of calls	%
Satisfied	25,324	99.89
Dissatisfied	12	0.05
Abusive	16	0.06
Total	25,352	100.00%

Breakdown of calls by month:

Month	Number of calls	%
July 2007	2,529	9.98%
August 2007	2,175	8.58%
September 2007	1,855	7.32%
October 2007	1,938	7.64%
November 2007	2,154	8.50%
December 2007	1,532	6.04%
January 2008	2,248	8.87%
February 2008	2,096	8.27%
March 2008	1,986	7.83%
April 2008	2,226	8.78%
May 2008	2,389	9.42%
June 2008	2,224	8.77%
Total	25,352	100.00%

Breakdown of calls by issue:

Issue	Number of calls	%
Pharmacy Item	18,707	73.79%
Safety Net Issue	13,105	51.71%

Breakdown of calls: Pharmacy item issue

Pharmacy Item Issue	Number of calls	%
Centrelink Conc. Card	6235	33.33%
Authority Scripts	1443	7.71%
Other	1277	6.83%
Schedule	1212	6.48%
Availability	1010	5.40%
Cost of Item to Patient	959	5.13%
Refund - Medicare	756	4.04%
C'th Seniors Health Card	721	3.85%
Claims/Processing	587	3.14%
Eligibility for the PBS	406	2.17%
Brand Price Premium	361	1.93%
Prescriber/Dispenser Number	340	1.82%
Taking Medicines Overseas	237	1.27%
Doctors Bag	232	1.24%
SN20DR	230	1.23%
Private Scripts (non-PBS)	225	1.20%
Cost of Item to Gov't	191	1.02%
Prescription Rules	190	1.02%
Restricted items	164	0.88%
2007 PBS Reforms	141	0.75%
RPBS enquiry	133	0.71%
Section 100 items	130	0.69%
Regulation 24	119	0.64%
Brand Substitution	113	0.60%
HMR/DMMR	105	0.56%
Internet Query	100	0.53%
PBS Statistics	100	0.53%
Asthma Awareness Campaign	95	0.51%
Prescription Shopping	88	0.47%
Patient Contribution	85	0.45%
Generic Medicines	81	0.43%
Recip Health Care Agreements	77	0.41%
Repeats (Reg 25)	76	0.41%
Deletion of Item	69	0.37%
IME	52	0.28%
Public Hospitals and the PBS	45	0.24%
Withdrawal of Printed Schedule	39	0.21%
Patient Co-payment increase	34	0.18%
Private Hospitals and the PBS	33	0.18%
Extemp Prepared Item	25	0.13%
Be Wise Brochure	24	0.13%
Special Access Scheme	24	0.13%
Hospital Reforms	21	0.11%
Therapeutic Group Premium	21	0.11%
Full Cost on Labels	19	0.10%
Schedule 8 Drugs	19	0.10%
Schedule Mailing List	19	0.10%

Special Patient Contribution	18	0.10%
Flu Vaccine	17	0.09%
Budget 08	5	0.03%
Herceptin - Info Provided	3	0.02%
Lipitor - TPG Removal	1	0.01%
Herceptin - Refer to Department	0	0.00%
Herceptin - Refer to Website	0	0.00%
Integrated Best Practice	0	0.00%
Total	18,707	100.00%

Breakdown of calls: Safety net issue

Safety Net Issue	Number of calls	%
Thresholds	3218	24.56%
General SN Query	2201	16.80%
Recording Prescriptions	1455	11.10%
Recordable Value	1073	8.19%
Refund - Medicare Australia	940	7.17%
Families/Dependants	862	6.58%
Eligibility	800	6.10%
Stationery	740	5.65%
Period	486	3.71%
Joint Safety Net	429	3.27%
Lost Card/Supplementary Card	322	2.46%
SN Processing (Medicare Australia)	287	2.19%
Cross-Overs	163	1.24%
Change of Status	80	0.61%
CombSafetyNet (separated couples)	49	0.37%
Total	13,105	100.00%

NATIONAL DIABETES SERVICES SCHEME (NDSS)

The National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS) is administered on behalf of the Australian Government by Diabetes Australia under a five year agreement. The scheme has been running since 1987 and Diabetes Australia has been the administrator through a series of agreements. The Scheme is managed by the Department through the Access and Systems Branch, Pharmaceutical Benefits 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 6.37 per cent in 2007-2008 compared with 9.85 per cent for 2006-2007. 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	57,087		12,121		69,208	
1991-92	67,693	18.58%	19,479	60.70%	87,172	25.96%
1992-93	79,010	16.72%	29,476	51.32%	108,486	24.45%
1993-94	90,962	15.13%	42,643	44.67%	133,605	23.15%
1994-95	103,263	13.52%	58,300	36.72%	161,563	20.93%
1995-96	116,275	12.60%	76,772	31.68%	193,047	19.49%
1996-97	129,076	11.01%	98,810	28.71%	227,886	18.05%
1997-98	142,484	10.39%	128,162	29.71%	270,646	18.76%
1998-99	155,943	9.45%	161,678	26.15%	317,621	17.36%
1999-2000	169,306	8.57%	202,549	25.28%	371,855	17.08%
2000-01	182,327	7.69%	246,805	21.85%	429,132	15.40%
2001-02	195,294	7.11%	298,599	20.99%	493,893	15.09%
2002-03	207,632	6.32%	353,825	18.50%	561,457	13.68%
2003-04	219,718	5.82%	409,150	15.64%	628,868	12.01%
2004-05	231,563	5.39%	466,409	13.99%	697,972	10.99%
2005-06	243,023	4.95%	525,365	12.64%	768,388	10.09%
2006-07	255,482	5.13%	588,580	12.03%	844,062	9.85%
2007-08	275,527	7.85%	622,340	5.74%	897,867	6.37%

The chart on the following page shows the NDSS expenditure from 1992-1993 to 2007-2008.

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 2007-2008 financial year, Australian Government outlays on diabetic supplies amounted to \$425.2 million, an increase of \$47 million over the previous financial year.

The Australian Government expenditure on the NDSS for the 2007-08 financial year was \$126.1 million, an increase of \$12.4 million over the previous financial year.

