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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 2009, the general patient safety net threshold was \$1,264.90. When patients and/or their families reached this amount, they could apply for a Safety Net Concession Card and pay only \$5.30 per prescription for the rest of the calendar year. The concessional safety net threshold was \$318.00. 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.

Caution should be exercised in referring to the breakdown by patient category in Table 1(b) on page 1 because of a past problem in data supplied by Medicare Australia whereby a number of General Safety Net scripts were wrongly allocated to Concessional Non-Safety Net. This problem has been fixed for 2008-09, but the 2007-08 allocations of scripts and expenditure by patient category were inaccurate and not strictly comparable to the corresponding 2008-09 numbers.

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.

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Summary of Pharmaceutical Benefits processing, year ending 30 June 2009

Government Pharmaceutical Benefits expenditure on accrual accounting basis for the year ending 30 June 2009 totalled \$7,679.3 million, compared with \$7,033.8 million for the previous year. This is a 9.2 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 6.2 per cent to a total of 181.8 million, compared to 171.3 million for the previous year. The growth in government expenditure compared with a smaller rise in prescription volume reflects the continuing trend of doctors prescribing newer and more expensive drugs.

Government expenditure amounted to 83.4 per cent of the total cost of PBS prescriptions. The remainder was patient contributions that amounted to \$1,308.8 million, up from \$1,189.5 million in the previous twelve-month period.

The majority of government expenditure on PBS prescriptions was directed towards concessional cardholders (\$5,125.6 million, 77.9% of the total). This is compared to concessional expenditure of \$4,699.2 million in the previous period (79.3% of the total).

The average dispensed price per prescription of PBS medicines increased to \$43.38 for the year ending June 2009 (\$41.54 for the year ending June 2008). The average government cost of these scripts was \$36.17 for the same period (\$34.58 to June 2008).

The three drugs with the highest cost to government were *Atorvastatin Calcium* (\$591.7 million), *Esomeprazole Magnesium Trihydrate* (\$190.7 million) and *Clopidogrel Hydrogen Sulfate* (\$189.6 million). PBS drugs most frequently prescribed are *Atorvastatin Calcium*, followed by *Esomeprazole Magnesium Trihydrate* and *Simvastatin*. See Table 10(b) for details.

Table 1(a): Pharmaceutical Benefits Expenditure on accrual accounting basis, year ending: Jun 2009
(these figures represent the total spent on the PBS in the 2008/09 financial year)

Category	Year ending Jun 2008		Year ending Jun 2009		Change	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Concessional	4,814,338,331	68.4	5,198,031,063	67.7	383,692,733	8.0
General	1,243,133,352	17.7	1,395,610,392	18.2	152,477,040	12.3
Highly Specialised Drugs	653,078,415	9.3	750,749,744	9.8	97,671,329	15.0
Drs Bag	14,807,842	0.2	15,950,231	0.2	1,142,388	7.7
Section 100	300,455,526	4.3	310,585,936	4.0	10,130,411	3.4
Safety Net Cards	8,002,110	0.1	8,345,075	0.1	342,965	4.3
Total	7,033,815,575	100.0	7,679,272,440	100.0	645,456,866	9.2
Total including revenue	7,008,867,572		7,654,719,125		645,851,553	9.2

Table 1(b): PBS Section 85 (incl. Dr's Bag) Prescription Volume and Government Cost (on cash accounting basis), year ending: Jun 2009

Volume Category	Year ending Jun 2008		Year ending Jun 2009		Change	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Concessional non Safety Net	113,118,234	66.0	119,906,347	65.9	6,788,113	6.0
Concessional Safety Net	33,680,813	19.7	35,234,371	19.4	1,553,558	4.6
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>146,799,047</i>	<i>85.7</i>	<i>155,140,718</i>	<i>85.3</i>	<i>8,341,671</i>	<i>5.7</i>
General non Safety Net	19,607,454	11.4	20,746,777	11.4	1,139,323	5.8
General Safety Net	4,553,340	2.7	5,580,636	3.1	1,027,296	22.6
<i>Total General</i>	<i>24,160,794</i>	<i>14.1</i>	<i>26,327,413</i>	<i>14.5</i>	<i>2,166,619</i>	<i>9.0</i>
Drs Bag	336,182	0.2	367,996	0.2	31,814	9.5
Total	171,296,023	100.0	181,836,127	100.0	10,540,104	6.2
Govt Cost						
Category	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Concessional non Safety Net	3,561,294,283	60.1	3,909,584,010	59.4	348,289,727	9.8
Concessional Safety Net	1,137,925,393	19.2	1,216,050,241	18.5	78,124,848	6.9
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>4,699,219,676</i>	<i>79.3</i>	<i>5,125,634,250</i>	<i>77.9</i>	<i>426,414,575</i>	<i>9.1</i>
General non Safety Net	1,039,451,749	17.5	1,220,279,806	18.6	180,828,057	17.4
General Safety Net	173,499,550	2.9	217,487,483	3.3	43,987,934	25.4
<i>Total General</i>	<i>1,212,951,299</i>	<i>20.5</i>	<i>1,437,767,290</i>	<i>21.9</i>	<i>224,815,991</i>	<i>18.5</i>
Drs Bag	13,468,779	0.2	14,533,302	0.2	1,064,523	7.9
Total	5,925,639,754	100.0	6,577,934,842	100.0	652,295,088	11.0

Note: Caution should be exercised when comparing 2007/08 and 2008/09 data by patient categories - refer to narrative on page iii.

Table 1(c): RPBS Section 85 (incl Dr's Bag) Prescription Volume and Government Cost (on cash accounting basis), year ending: Jun 2009

Volume	Year ending Jun 2008		Year ending Jun 2009		Change	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total	14,256,149	100.0	14,336,093	100.0	79,944	0.6
Govt Cost						
Total	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Total	445,626,200	100.0	462,688,289	100.0	17,062,089	3.8

**Table 2: PBS Prescription Volume, Government Cost and Patient Contributions, year ending:
Jun 2009 - Section 85 Only**

Category	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Patient Payments \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
Concessional non Safety Net	119,906,347	3,909,584,010	617,378,323	4,526,962,333	37.75
Concessional Safety Net	35,234,371	1,216,050,241	0	1,216,050,241	34.51
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>155,140,718</i>	<i>5,125,634,250</i>	<i>617,378,323</i>	<i>5,743,012,573</i>	<i>37.02</i>
General non Safety Net	20,746,777	1,220,279,806	663,449,571	1,883,729,378	90.80
General Safety Net	5,580,636	217,487,483	27,928,829	245,416,312	43.98
<i>Total General</i>	<i>26,327,413</i>	<i>1,437,767,290</i>	<i>691,378,400</i>	<i>2,129,145,690</i>	<i>80.87</i>
Total	181,468,131	6,563,401,540	1,308,756,723	7,872,158,263	43.38
Drs Bag	367,996	14,533,302	0	14,533,302	39.49
Total	181,836,127	6,577,934,842	1,308,756,723	7,886,691,565	43.37

**Table 2(a): PBS Prescription Volume and Govt Cost by monthly summary (excl. Drs Bag), year ending:
Jun 2009 - Section 85 only**

Month	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Patient Payments \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
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
2008					
JUL	15,191,978	545,317,132	116,415,258	661,732,390	43.56
AUG	13,032,784	471,946,862	94,765,601	566,712,463	43.48
SEP	13,927,595	487,983,957	96,047,299	584,031,256	41.93
OCT	17,847,662	636,480,106	114,515,649	750,995,755	42.08
NOV	15,782,859	569,196,481	94,026,984	663,223,465	42.02
DEC	13,116,977	477,700,669	73,497,696	551,198,365	42.02
2009					
JAN	16,817,325	620,230,940	88,043,672	708,274,612	42.12
FEB	14,900,329	544,228,442	108,669,412	652,897,854	43.82
MAR	15,937,928	579,806,606	137,458,530	717,265,136	45.00
APR	16,185,219	583,060,296	140,455,202	723,515,499	44.70
MAY	15,076,736	547,911,974	129,615,916	677,527,890	44.94
JUN	13,650,739	499,538,076	115,245,505	614,783,581	45.04
Total	181,468,131	6,563,401,540	1,308,756,723	7,872,158,263	43.38

Table 3: PBS processing by State (excl. Drs Bag), year ending: Jun 2009 - Section 85 Only

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Volume									
Concess NSN	40,722,616	30,796,883	22,727,281	10,443,400	10,190,729	3,472,900	401,307	1,151,231	119,906,347
Concess SN	12,436,936	8,985,869	6,796,392	2,979,084	2,642,358	1,053,177	55,851	284,704	35,234,371
General NSN	6,824,558	4,993,468	4,196,527	1,484,129	2,228,838	442,805	135,256	441,196	20,746,777
General SN	2,017,783	1,354,166	1,070,599	384,501	512,800	111,970	19,887	108,930	5,580,636
Total	62,001,893	46,130,386	34,790,799	15,291,114	15,574,725	5,080,852	612,301	1,986,061	181,468,131
Govt Cost \$									
Concess NSN	1,357,932,785	980,716,165	729,713,628	345,071,597	331,206,365	110,950,892	13,305,278	40,687,299	3,909,584,010
Concess SN	433,406,759	304,741,164	234,100,768	103,236,196	92,354,771	35,753,327	1,919,592	10,537,664	1,216,050,241
General NSN	401,944,754	289,084,301	245,034,508	91,072,718	134,195,820	26,551,059	7,722,888	24,673,759	1,220,279,806
General SN	77,450,619	52,616,637	42,796,701	14,398,363	20,986,546	4,122,175	731,729	4,384,714	217,487,483
Total	2,270,734,917	1,627,158,266	1,251,645,605	553,778,874	578,743,502	177,377,454	23,679,487	80,283,436	6,563,401,540
Total Cost \$									
Concess NSN	1,567,542,377	1,139,312,646	846,759,210	398,841,126	383,675,984	128,857,781	15,363,166	46,610,043	4,526,962,333
Concess SN	433,406,759	304,741,164	234,100,768	103,236,196	92,354,771	35,753,327	1,919,592	10,537,664	1,216,050,241
General NSN	620,115,319	448,782,797	379,259,638	138,535,913	205,495,510	40,724,138	12,039,120	38,776,942	1,883,729,378
General SN	87,548,165	59,394,361	48,154,987	16,322,090	23,553,024	4,682,640	831,212	4,929,834	245,416,312
Total	2,708,612,620	1,952,230,967	1,508,274,602	656,935,326	705,079,289	210,017,887	30,153,090	100,854,482	7,872,158,263
Ave Prices \$									
Concess NSN	38.49	36.99	37.26	38.19	37.65	37.10	38.28	40.49	37.75
Concess SN	34.85	33.91	34.44	34.65	34.95	33.95	34.37	37.01	34.51
General NSN	90.87	89.87	90.37	93.34	92.20	91.97	89.01	87.89	90.80
General SN	43.39	43.86	44.98	42.45	45.93	41.82	41.80	45.26	43.98
Total	43.69	42.32	43.35	42.96	45.27	41.34	49.25	50.78	43.38
Population ('000) ^(a)	7,041.4	5,364.8	4,349.5	1,612.0	2,204.0	500.3	221.7	347.8	21,644.0
Volume per capita	8.8	8.6	8.0	9.5	7.1	10.2	2.8	5.7	8.4
Govt cost per capita	322.5	303.3	287.8	343.5	262.6	354.5	106.8	230.8	303.2
% Population	32.5	24.8	20.1	7.4	10.2	2.3	1.0	1.6	100
% Volume	34.2	25.4	19.2	8.4	8.6	2.8	0.3	1.1	100
% Govt Cost	34.6	24.8	19.1	8.4	8.8	2.7	0.4	1.2	100
% Total Cost	34.4	24.8	19.2	8.3	9.0	2.7	0.4	1.3	100

(a) Population 31 December 2008, Source: ABS Publication 3101.0

SN: Safety Net

NSN: Non Safety Net

Table 4(a): PBS processing (excl. Drs Bag) years ending: Jun 2006 to end Jun 2009 - Section 85 Only

Year	Prescription Volume	Government Cost \$
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
Year Ending Jun 09	181,468,131	6,563,401,540
<i>Change</i>	10,508,290	651,230,565
<i>%</i>	6.15	11.02

Table 4(b): PBS processing (incl. Drs Bag) year ending: Jun 2009 - Section 85 Only

	Year Ending Jun 08	Year Ending Jun 09	Change	%
Highest volume drug: Atorvastatin Calcium				
Prescription Volume	9,866,405	10,510,102	643,697	6.52
Government Cost (\$)	544,148,644	591,700,692	47,552,048	8.74
Highest Govt cost drug: Atorvastatin Calcium				
Prescription Volume	9,866,405	10,510,102	643,697	6.52
Government Cost (\$)	544,148,644	591,700,692	47,552,048	8.74
Highest volume ATC Level 2: Lipid modifying agents				
Prescription Volume	20,412,460	22,425,722	2,013,262	9.86
Government Cost (\$)	1,057,703,802	1,157,766,315	100,062,514	9.46
Highest Government cost ATC Level 2: Lipid modifying agents				
Prescription Volume	20,412,460	22,425,722	2,013,262	9.86
Government Cost (\$)	1,057,703,802	1,157,766,315	100,062,514	9.46
Greatest increase in Govt. cost ATC Level 2: Antineoplastic agents				
Prescription Volume	517,034	584,120	67,086	12.98
Government Cost (\$)	322,532,788	441,788,063	119,255,276	36.97

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

Expenditure Year ending June 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 - \$ millions

	2005/06 \$ m	2006/07 \$ m	2007/08 \$ m	2008/09 \$ m
Highly specialised drugs	526.3	583.6	653.0	750.7
Safety net card issue fees	7.9	7.9	8.0	8.3
Drs Bag items	10.1	12.1	14.8	16.0
Opiate Dependence Treatment Program	24.8	25.0	29.0	29.8
Special Authority Program (1)	54.5	97.8	89.9	76.0
Chemotherapy Access Program	40.6	47.4	57.3	67.7
Aboriginal health services (GST exclusive)	23.2	27.5	32.8	35.1
Botulinum Toxin Program (incl. Dysport)	6.6	8.8	9.5	10.3
Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Program	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
In vitro fertilisation	49.7	55.2	60.0	63.8
Human growth hormones	19.7	20.6	20.6	23.0
Other	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Total	764.0	886.5	975.5	1,081.4

Note: Expenditure figures refer to payments made through Medicare Australia and directly from the Department.

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

Table 6: ATC main group comparison (incl Drs bag), year ending: Jun 2009 - Section 85 Only

ATC Group Level 1	Year ending - Jun 2008				Year ending - Jun 2009			
	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
Alimentary tract and metabolism	24,883,969	828,316,096	1,040,507,139	41.81	26,309,067	891,806,406	1,114,262,023	42.35
Blood and blood forming organs	6,934,428	239,879,460	280,725,742	40.48	7,535,061	270,168,496	317,085,784	42.08
Cardiovascular system	58,049,244	1,777,955,126	2,184,339,633	37.63	62,210,632	1,889,611,512	2,342,584,222	37.66
Dermatologicals	2,582,330	60,071,933	77,515,749	30.02	2,661,156	68,516,503	88,181,172	33.14
Genito urinary system and sex hormones	3,074,502	85,393,440	106,028,411	34.49	3,034,449	90,449,888	112,080,778	36.94
Systemic hormonal preparations, excl. sex hormones an	2,536,036	34,408,449	45,667,641	18.01	2,678,666	41,610,273	53,907,128	20.12
Antiinfectives for systemic use	12,511,893	227,779,057	295,613,157	23.63	13,282,812	235,955,201	310,505,235	23.38
Antineoplastic and immunomodulating agents	1,519,430	743,198,405	765,041,310	503.51	1,705,663	940,337,930	966,041,814	566.37
Musculo-skeletal system	9,176,869	258,332,651	308,516,412	33.62	9,302,667	257,241,203	312,231,648	33.56
Nervous system	32,523,766	1,071,637,474	1,286,658,783	39.56	34,879,591	1,194,405,663	1,435,046,736	41.14
Antiparasitic products, insecticides and repellents	46,551	608,891	820,091	17.62	52,882	735,934	992,685	18.77
Respiratory system	9,337,915	371,217,934	455,069,462	48.73	9,716,143	389,419,563	480,341,538	49.44
Sensory organs	7,386,284	172,968,007	209,560,979	28.37	7,721,446	245,087,230	285,224,652	36.94
Various	560,737	51,868,680	56,327,824	100.45	577,272	60,115,789	64,919,923	112.46
Not otherwise classified	172,069	2,004,150	2,716,719	15.79	168,620	2,473,251	3,286,226	19.49
Total	171,296,023	5,925,639,754	7,115,109,054	41.54	181,836,127	6,577,934,842	7,886,691,565	43.37

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Change, years ending:	Jun 2008 to Jun 2009				Jun 2008 to Jun 2009			
	Change	Change	Change	Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change
Alimentary tract and metabolism	1,425,098	63,490,310	73,754,883	0.54	5.73	7.66	7.09	1.29
Blood and blood forming organs	600,633	30,289,036	36,360,042	1.60	8.66	12.63	12.95	3.95
Cardiovascular system	4,161,388	111,656,386	158,244,589	0.03	7.17	6.28	7.24	0.07
Dermatologicals	78,826	8,444,571	10,665,423	3.12	3.05	14.06	13.76	10.39
Genito urinary system and sex hormones	-40,053	5,056,449	6,052,366	2.45	-1.30	5.92	5.71	7.10
Systemic hormonal preparations, excl. sex hormones an	142,630	7,201,824	8,239,486	2.12	5.62	20.93	18.04	11.76
Antiinfectives for systemic use	770,919	8,176,143	14,892,078	-0.25	6.16	3.59	5.04	-1.06
Antineoplastic and immunomodulating agents	186,233	197,139,525	201,000,505	62.87	12.26	26.53	26.27	12.49
Musculo-skeletal system	125,798	-1,091,447	3,715,235	-0.06	1.37	-0.42	1.20	-0.16
Nervous system	2,355,825	122,768,189	148,387,954	1.58	7.24	11.46	11.53	4.00
Antiparasitic products, insecticides and repellents	6,331	127,043	172,594	1.15	13.60	20.86	21.05	6.55
Respiratory system	378,228	18,201,629	25,272,076	0.70	4.05	4.90	5.55	1.44
Sensory organs	335,162	72,119,222	75,663,673	8.57	4.54	41.70	36.11	30.20
Various	16,535	8,247,109	8,592,099	12.01	2.95	15.90	15.25	11.95
Not otherwise classified	-3,449	469,100	569,507	3.70	-2.00	23.41	20.96	23.44
Total	10,540,104	652,295,088	771,582,511	1.84	6.15	11.01	10.84	4.42

Table 7: PBS Prescription Volume, Government Cost and Average Government Cost/Script (excl. Drs Bag), year ending: Jun 2006 to end Jun 2009 - Section 85 Only

	Total Patients Script Volume	General Patients			Concessional Patients		
		Total	Non-Safety Net	Safety Net	Total	Non-Safety Net	Safety Net
Prescriptions							
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
Year Ending Jun 09	181,468,131	26,327,413	20,746,777	5,580,636	155,140,718	119,906,347	35,234,371
<i>Change (Jun 08 - Jun 09)</i>	10,508,290	2,166,619	1,139,323	1,027,296	8,341,671	6,788,113	1,553,558
<i>% Change (Jun 08 - Jun 09)</i>	6.15%	8.97%	5.81%	22.56%	5.68%	6.00%	4.61%
Government Cost \$							
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
Year Ending Jun 09	6,563,401,540	1,437,767,290	1,220,279,806	217,487,483	5,125,634,250	3,909,584,010	1,216,050,241
<i>Change (Jun 08 - Jun 09)</i>	651,230,566	224,815,991	180,828,057	43,987,934	426,414,575	348,289,727	78,124,848
<i>% Change (Jun 08 - Jun 09)</i>	11.02%	18.53%	17.40%	25.35%	9.07%	9.78%	6.87%
Average Govt Cost/Script \$							
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
Year Ending Jun 09	36.17	54.61	58.82	38.97	33.04	32.61	34.51
<i>Change (Jun 08 - Jun 09)</i>	1.59	4.41	5.80	0.87	1.03	1.12	0.73
<i>% Change (Jun 08 - Jun 09)</i>	4.59%	8.78%	10.95%	2.28%	3.21%	3.57%	2.15%

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Table 8(a): Significant drug groups (incl Drs bag) by highest Government cost, year end: Jun 2008 to year end: Jun 2009 - Section 85 Only

ATC Group Level 2	Year ending Jun 2008				Year ending Jun 2009			
	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
Lipid modifying agents	20,412,460	1,057,703,802	1,290,215,470	63.21	22,425,722	1,157,766,315	1,420,351,269	63.34
Drugs for acid related disorders	15,009,069	446,323,494	602,215,990	40.12	15,664,402	465,366,346	624,069,644	39.84
Antineoplastic agents	517,034	322,532,788	329,831,405	637.93	584,120	441,788,063	450,380,993	771.04
Agents acting on the renin-angiotensin system	19,187,089	400,500,965	493,236,045	25.71	20,799,632	423,466,235	531,517,082	25.55
Psycholeptics	7,406,379	359,298,151	395,604,612	53.41	7,754,497	393,862,776	434,576,649	56.04
Drugs for obstructive airway diseases	9,125,482	368,273,792	451,322,773	49.46	9,503,507	385,717,371	475,774,894	50.06
Psychoanaleptics	11,685,830	346,187,809	453,430,271	38.80	12,436,470	354,554,496	469,480,533	37.75
Drugs used in diabetes	6,129,136	278,141,612	310,595,448	50.68	6,618,703	309,835,649	346,811,563	52.40
Antithrombotic agents	6,278,877	230,069,150	267,264,756	42.57	6,815,375	259,875,853	302,788,420	44.43
Immunosuppressants	395,365	181,470,780	187,628,691	474.57	460,786	243,151,556	250,765,693	544.21
Ophthalmologicals	6,739,664	170,579,957	204,625,902	30.36	7,025,550	242,024,604	279,312,357	39.76
Analgesics	10,756,891	201,031,062	245,376,193	22.81	11,575,006	237,834,865	287,750,342	24.86
Drugs for treatment of bone diseases	3,412,505	157,442,951	181,866,498	53.29	3,405,784	155,468,769	180,208,843	52.91
Endocrine therapy	514,780	141,305,991	147,957,988	287.42	564,689	153,530,228	161,144,188	285.37
Antibacterials for systemic use	11,475,696	122,360,055	175,859,209	15.32	12,137,391	120,280,150	178,464,644	14.70
Calcium channel blockers	7,017,573	133,409,801	165,457,623	23.58	7,126,274	118,658,046	148,391,215	20.82
Immunostimulants	92,251	97,888,847	99,623,226	1079.91	96,068	101,868,083	103,750,941	1079.97

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Change, years ending:	Jun 2008 to Jun 2009				Jun 2008 to Jun 2009			
	Change	Change	Change	Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change
Lipid modifying agents	2,013,262	100,062,514	130,135,799	0.13	9.86	9.46	10.09	0.20
Drugs for acid related disorders	655,333	19,042,852	21,853,654	-0.28	4.37	4.27	3.63	-0.71
Antineoplastic agents	67,086	119,255,276	120,549,588	133.11	12.98	36.97	36.55	20.87
Agents acting on the renin-angiotensin system	1,612,543	22,965,270	38,281,037	-0.15	8.40	5.73	7.76	-0.59
Psycholeptics	348,118	34,564,624	38,972,037	2.63	4.70	9.62	9.85	4.92
Drugs for obstructive airway diseases	378,025	17,443,579	24,452,121	0.61	4.14	4.74	5.42	1.22
Psychoanaleptics	750,640	8,366,687	16,050,263	-1.05	6.42	2.42	3.54	-2.71
Drugs used in diabetes	489,567	31,694,038	36,216,115	1.72	7.99	11.39	11.66	3.40
Antithrombotic agents	536,498	29,806,703	35,523,664	1.86	8.54	12.96	13.29	4.37
Immunosuppressants	65,421	61,680,777	63,137,001	69.64	16.55	33.99	33.65	14.67
Ophthalmologicals	285,886	71,444,648	74,686,455	9.40	4.24	41.88	36.50	30.94
Analgesics	818,115	36,803,804	42,374,149	2.05	7.61	18.31	17.27	8.98
Drugs for treatment of bone diseases	-6,721	-1,974,182	-1,657,655	-0.38	-0.20	-1.25	-0.91	-0.72
Endocrine therapy	49,909	12,224,237	13,186,200	-2.05	9.70	8.65	8.91	-0.71
Antibacterials for systemic use	661,695	-2,079,905	2,605,434	-0.62	5.77	-1.70	1.48	-4.05
Calcium channel blockers	108,701	-14,751,755	-17,066,408	-2.75	1.55	-11.06	-10.31	-11.68
Immunostimulants	3,817	3,979,236	4,127,715	0.06	4.14	4.07	4.14	0.01

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 2008 to year end: Jun 2009 - Section 85 Only

ATC Group Level 2	Year ending Jun 2008				Year ending Jun 2009			
	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
Lipid modifying agents	20,412,460	1,057,703,802	1,290,215,470	63.21	22,425,722	1,157,766,315	1,420,351,269	63.34
Agents acting on the renin-angiotensin system	19,187,089	400,500,965	493,236,045	25.71	20,799,632	423,466,235	531,517,082	25.55
Drugs for acid related disorders	15,009,069	446,323,494	602,215,990	40.12	15,664,402	465,366,346	624,069,644	39.84
Psychoanaleptics	11,685,830	346,187,809	453,430,271	38.80	12,436,470	354,554,496	469,480,533	37.75
Antibacterials for systemic use	11,475,696	122,360,055	175,859,209	15.32	12,137,391	120,280,150	178,464,644	14.70
Analgesics	10,756,891	201,031,062	245,376,193	22.81	11,575,006	237,834,865	287,750,342	24.86
Drugs for obstructive airway diseases	9,125,482	368,273,792	451,322,773	49.46	9,503,507	385,717,371	475,774,894	50.06
Psycholeptics	7,406,379	359,298,151	395,604,612	53.41	7,754,497	393,862,776	434,576,649	56.04
Calcium channel blockers	7,017,573	133,409,801	165,457,623	23.58	7,126,274	118,658,046	148,391,215	20.82
Ophthalmologicals	6,739,664	170,579,957	204,625,902	30.36	7,025,550	242,024,604	279,312,357	39.76
Antithrombotic agents	6,278,877	230,069,150	267,264,756	42.57	6,815,375	259,875,853	302,788,420	44.43
Drugs used in diabetes	6,129,136	278,141,612	310,595,448	50.68	6,618,703	309,835,649	346,811,563	52.40
Beta blocking agents	5,347,163	95,520,429	119,689,120	22.38	5,625,356	97,915,215	124,792,783	22.18
Antiinflammatory and antirheumatic products	4,749,078	87,046,488	108,283,843	22.80	4,863,879	89,065,965	114,698,770	23.58
Drugs for treatment of bone diseases	3,412,505	157,442,951	181,866,498	53.29	3,405,784	155,468,769	180,208,843	52.91
Cardiac therapy	3,111,975	59,350,861	72,670,089	23.35	3,147,540	59,368,769	73,302,204	23.29
Sex hormones and modulators of the genital system	2,792,230	68,688,592	86,621,982	31.02	2,728,890	70,826,452	89,300,507	32.72

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Change, years ending:	Jun 2008 to Jun 2009				Jun 2008 to Jun 2009			
	Change	Change	Change	Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change
Lipid modifying agents	2,013,262	100,062,514	130,135,799	0.13	9.86	9.46	10.09	0.20
Agents acting on the renin-angiotensin system	1,612,543	22,965,270	38,281,037	-0.15	8.40	5.73	7.76	-0.59
Drugs for acid related disorders	655,333	19,042,852	21,853,654	-0.28	4.37	4.27	3.63	-0.71
Psychoanaleptics	750,640	8,366,687	16,050,263	-1.05	6.42	2.42	3.54	-2.71
Antibacterials for systemic use	661,695	-2,079,905	2,605,434	-0.62	5.77	-1.70	1.48	-4.05
Analgesics	818,115	36,803,804	42,374,149	2.05	7.61	18.31	17.27	8.98
Drugs for obstructive airway diseases	378,025	17,443,579	24,452,121	0.61	4.14	4.74	5.42	1.22
Psycholeptics	348,118	34,564,624	38,972,037	2.63	4.70	9.62	9.85	4.92
Calcium channel blockers	108,701	-14,751,755	-17,066,408	-2.75	1.55	-11.06	-10.31	-11.68
Ophthalmologicals	285,886	71,444,648	74,686,455	9.40	4.24	41.88	36.50	30.94
Antithrombotic agents	536,498	29,806,703	35,523,664	1.86	8.54	12.96	13.29	4.37
Drugs used in diabetes	489,567	31,694,038	36,216,115	1.72	7.99	11.39	11.66	3.40
Beta blocking agents	278,193	2,394,786	5,103,663	-0.20	5.20	2.51	4.26	-0.89
Antiinflammatory and antirheumatic products	114,801	2,019,477	6,414,927	0.78	2.42	2.32	5.92	3.42
Drugs for treatment of bone diseases	-6,721	-1,974,182	-1,657,655	-0.38	-0.20	-1.25	-0.91	-0.72
Cardiac therapy	35,565	17,908	632,115	-0.06	1.14	0.03	0.87	-0.27
Sex hormones and modulators of the genital system	-63,340	2,137,860	2,678,524	1.70	-2.27	3.11	3.09	5.49

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 2008 to year end: Jun 2009 - Section 85 Only

Rank	Drug	Year ending Jun 2008				Year ending Jun 2009				Change	
		Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Govt Cost \$	%
1	Rosuvastatin Calcium	1,504,336	93,651,497	115,787,443	76.97	2,959,028	187,561,016	232,271,108	78.50	93,909,519	100.28
2	Ranibizumab	31,240	63,974,200	64,266,594	2057.19	59,541	123,557,706	124,086,801	2,084.06	59,583,506	93.14
3	Imatinib	5,934	24,024,284	24,126,032	4065.73	18,527	76,850,649	77,169,121	4,165.22	52,826,365	219.89
4	Atorvastatin Calcium	9,866,405	544,148,644	665,454,521	67.45	10,510,102	591,700,692	724,642,901	68.95	47,552,048	8.74
5	Varenicline	107,550	12,680,048	14,754,514	137.19	450,302	55,993,284	65,617,671	145.72	43,313,236	341.59
6	Adalimumab	35,926	62,106,436	62,679,097	1744.67	57,608	103,129,217	104,165,718	1,808.18	41,022,780	66.05
7	Esomeprazole Magnesium Trihydrate	4,780,929	166,227,430	223,161,239	46.68	5,544,594	190,655,025	258,553,147	46.63	24,427,595	14.70
8	Insulin Glargine	117,591	48,026,507	49,540,331	421.29	164,346	67,475,910	69,606,267	423.53	19,449,403	40.50
9	Clopidogrel Hydrogen Sulfate	2,309,279	171,178,105	189,701,902	82.15	2,584,471	189,629,792	211,620,605	81.88	18,451,687	10.78
10	Etanercept	42,087	73,323,632	73,997,543	1758.20	51,963	91,490,163	92,380,764	1,777.82	18,166,532	24.78
11	Amlodipine Besylate With Atorvastatin Calcium	367,823	27,901,808	32,189,249	87.51	617,790	44,470,852	52,363,022	84.76	16,569,044	59.38
12	Quetiapine Fumarate	316,415	57,070,262	59,925,723	189.39	431,096	71,633,399	75,755,830	175.73	14,563,138	25.52
13	Pioglitazone Hydrochloride	224,825	18,357,701	20,521,568	91.28	373,747	30,347,842	34,202,725	91.51	11,990,141	65.31
14	Pantoprazole Sodium Sesquihydrate	2,868,405	83,098,361	111,599,941	38.91	3,249,745	94,845,168	128,567,658	39.56	11,746,807	14.14
15	Oxycodone Hydrochloride	1,509,547	49,700,137	56,804,787	37.63	1,791,805	61,129,320	70,057,943	39.10	11,429,183	23.00
16	Fentanyl	238,426	22,256,370	23,899,337	100.24	347,793	33,589,991	36,044,174	103.64	11,333,622	50.92
17	Risedronate Sodium And Calcium Carbonate With Cole	3,091	134,521	159,957	51.75	242,151	10,937,934	12,791,401	52.82	10,803,412	8031.02
18	Erlotinib	0	0	0	0.00	3,318	10,548,954	10,586,345	3,190.58	10,548,954	New
19	Rituximab	36,965	70,084,377	70,683,956	1912.19	41,454	80,430,571	81,105,977	1,956.53	10,346,194	14.76
20	Venlafaxine Hydrochloride	2,493,259	97,230,944	135,780,979	54.46	2,751,308	107,474,364	151,558,803	55.09	10,243,420	10.54
21	Tiotropium Bromide Monohydrate	1,254,746	87,317,369	95,262,205	75.92	1,390,860	97,137,287	106,294,683	76.42	9,819,919	11.25
22	Buprenorphine	453,785	17,818,011	20,286,917	44.71	639,964	27,435,677	30,994,688	48.43	9,617,667	53.98
23	Budesonide With Eformoterol Fumarate Dihydrate	924,600	48,387,026	61,511,687	66.53	1,116,100	57,683,950	74,117,308	66.41	9,296,924	19.21
24	Ezetimibe With Simvastatin	378,441	44,848,913	49,352,912	130.41	515,328	54,095,598	60,358,007	117.13	9,246,685	20.62
25	Candesartan Cilexetil	1,557,108	36,113,385	44,517,855	28.59	1,816,580	44,950,569	55,955,317	30.80	8,837,184	24.47
26	Sitagliptin	0	0	0	0.00	109,271	8,543,018	9,942,638	90.99	8,543,018	New
27	Risperidone	503,042	84,021,319	87,812,666	174.56	576,841	92,202,710	96,608,257	167.48	8,181,391	9.74
28	Docetaxel	16,900	34,592,578	34,914,792	2065.96	20,314	42,367,703	42,773,052	2,105.59	7,775,125	22.48
29	Duloxetine Hydrochloride	97	3,330	4,921	50.73	227,490	7,617,534	11,565,650	50.84	7,614,204	228671.26
30	Irbesartan With Hydrochlorothiazide	2,245,601	56,195,649	65,781,458	29.29	2,719,448	63,393,192	84,502,463	31.07	7,197,543	12.81
31	Rabeprazole Sodium	1,841,907	51,644,566	73,507,885	39.91	2,065,671	58,469,528	83,882,499	40.61	6,824,962	13.22
32	Fluticasone Propionate With Salmeterol Xinafoate	2,702,298	149,808,946	186,764,601	69.11	2,797,781	156,630,533	195,538,304	69.89	6,821,586	4.55
33	Ezetimibe	735,737	43,324,791	51,667,303	70.23	839,523	49,607,539	59,350,978	70.70	6,282,748	14.50
34	Paracetamol	3,195,156	23,736,603	34,461,528	10.79	3,484,635	29,637,067	41,814,363	12.00	5,900,465	24.86
35	Bisoprolol Fumarate	235,852	14,567,739	16,490,974	69.92	334,961	20,397,002	23,269,099	69.47	5,829,262	40.01

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 2008 to year end: Jun 2009 - Section 85 Only

Rank	Drug	Year ending Jun 2008				Year ending Jun 2009				Change	
		Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	%
1	Rosuvastatin Calcium	1,504,336	93,651,497	115,787,443	76.97	2,959,028	187,561,016	232,271,108	78.50	1,454,692	96.70
2	Esomeprazole Magnesium Trihydrate	4,780,929	166,227,430	223,161,239	46.68	5,544,594	190,655,025	258,553,147	46.63	763,665	15.97
3	Atorvastatin Calcium	9,866,405	544,148,644	665,454,521	67.45	10,510,102	591,700,692	724,642,901	68.95	643,697	6.52
4	Irbesartan With Hydrochlorothiazide	2,245,601	56,195,649	65,781,458	29.29	2,719,448	63,393,192	84,502,463	31.07	473,847	21.10
5	Pantoprazole Sodium Sesquihydrate	2,868,405	83,098,361	111,599,941	38.91	3,249,745	94,845,168	128,567,658	39.56	381,340	13.29
6	Varenicline	107,550	12,680,048	14,754,514	137.19	450,302	55,993,284	65,617,671	145.72	342,752	318.69
7	Metformin Hydrochloride	2,766,870	33,181,747	43,239,190	15.63	3,064,053	32,668,021	44,326,176	14.47	297,183	10.74
8	Paracetamol	3,195,156	23,736,603	34,461,528	10.79	3,484,635	29,637,067	41,814,363	12.00	289,479	9.06
9	Oxycodone Hydrochloride	1,509,547	49,700,137	56,804,787	37.63	1,791,805	61,129,320	70,057,943	39.10	282,258	18.70
10	Clopidogrel Hydrogen Sulfate	2,309,279	171,178,105	189,701,902	82.15	2,584,471	189,629,792	211,620,605	81.88	275,192	11.92
11	Candesartan Cilexetil	1,557,108	36,113,385	44,517,855	28.59	1,816,580	44,950,569	55,955,317	30.80	259,472	16.66
12	Venlafaxine Hydrochloride	2,493,259	97,230,944	135,780,979	54.46	2,751,308	107,474,364	151,558,803	55.09	258,049	10.35
13	Amlodipine Besylate With Atorvastatin Calcium	367,823	27,901,808	32,189,249	87.51	617,790	44,470,852	52,363,022	84.76	249,967	67.96
14	Risedronate Sodium And Calcium Carbonate With Colex	3,091	134,521	159,957	51.75	242,151	10,937,934	12,791,401	52.82	239,060	7734.07
15	Duloxetine Hydrochloride	97	3,330	4,921	50.73	227,490	7,617,534	11,565,650	50.84	227,393	234425.77
16	Rabeprazole Sodium	1,841,907	51,644,566	73,507,885	39.91	2,065,671	58,469,528	83,882,499	40.61	223,764	12.15
17	Telmisartan	1,120,560	21,792,540	26,490,298	23.64	1,343,112	27,550,749	33,409,937	24.88	222,552	19.86
18	Budesonide With Eformoterol Fumarate Dihydrate	924,600	48,387,026	61,511,687	66.53	1,116,100	57,683,950	74,117,308	66.41	191,500	20.71
19	Buprenorphine	453,785	17,818,011	20,286,917	44.71	639,964	27,435,677	30,994,688	48.43	186,179	41.03
20	Macrogol 3350	182,330	3,588,940	4,235,556	23.23	351,503	7,227,479	8,554,777	24.34	169,173	92.78
21	Telmisartan With Hydrochlorothiazide	581,638	13,597,620	16,024,207	27.55	739,733	18,221,131	21,434,592	28.98	158,095	27.18
22	Cephalexin	2,113,671	14,629,259	23,576,649	11.15	2,271,585	14,386,376	24,322,481	10.71	157,914	7.47
23	Warfarin Sodium	2,162,561	14,913,854	22,561,733	10.43	2,315,573	19,533,181	28,098,535	12.13	153,012	7.08
24	Amoxicillin With Clavulanic Acid	1,545,800	17,515,364	24,136,686	15.61	1,697,691	16,904,536	24,399,173	14.37	151,891	9.83
25	Pioglitazone Hydrochloride	224,825	18,357,701	20,521,568	91.28	373,747	30,347,842	34,202,725	91.51	148,922	66.24
26	Ezetimibe With Simvastatin	378,441	44,848,913	49,352,912	130.41	515,328	54,095,598	60,358,007	117.13	136,887	36.17
27	Celecoxib	1,177,512	31,645,029	36,380,844	30.90	1,314,229	33,201,492	42,420,069	32.28	136,717	11.61
28	Tiotropium Bromide Monohydrate	1,254,746	87,317,369	95,262,205	75.92	1,390,860	97,137,287	106,294,683	76.42	136,114	10.85
29	Alendronate Sodium With Colecalciferol	672,949	28,302,266	32,943,896	48.95	808,352	32,088,958	37,782,088	46.74	135,403	20.12
30	Escitalopram Oxalate	731,778	18,582,633	23,805,841	32.53	862,978	22,389,132	27,679,506	32.07	131,200	17.93
31	Amlodipine	1,977,329	38,063,256	47,431,533	23.99	2,099,063	34,731,978	43,465,698	20.71	121,734	6.16
32	Fenofibrate	332,577	8,589,237	12,874,040	38.71	452,619	12,312,536	18,286,229	40.40	120,042	36.09
33	Irbesartan	2,800,022	59,258,309	70,637,519	25.23	2,919,203	64,979,269	77,367,687	26.50	119,181	4.26
34	Lercanidipine Hydrochloride	1,318,607	27,297,903	34,764,952	26.36	1,434,491	29,058,520	35,273,536	24.59	115,884	8.79
35	Quetiapine Fumarate	316,415	57,070,262	59,925,723	189.39	431,096	71,633,399	75,755,830	175.73	114,681	36.24

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Table 10(a): Highest Govt Cost PBS Drugs (incl Drs Bag) by Generic Name, year end: Jun 2009 - Section 85 Only
(total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank	Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	Atorvastatin Calcium	10,510,102	591,700,692	724,642,901	68.95
2	Esomeprazole Magnesium Trihydrate	5,544,594	190,655,025	258,553,147	46.63
3	Clopidogrel Hydrogen Sulfate	2,584,471	189,629,792	211,620,605	81.88
4	Rosuvastatin Calcium	2,959,028	187,561,016	232,271,108	78.50
5	Simvastatin	4,916,449	164,643,738	206,737,981	42.05
6	Olanzapine	888,433	156,876,971	164,747,053	185.44
7	Fluticasone Propionate With Salmeterol Xinafoate	2,797,781	156,630,533	195,538,304	69.89
8	Ranibizumab	59,541	123,557,706	124,086,801	2084.06
9	Venlafaxine Hydrochloride	2,751,308	107,474,364	151,558,803	55.09
10	Adalimumab	57,608	103,129,217	104,165,718	1808.18
11	Tiotropium Bromide Monohydrate	1,390,860	97,137,287	106,294,683	76.42
12	Pantoprazole Sodium Sesquihydrate	3,249,745	94,845,168	128,567,658	39.56
13	Risperidone	576,841	92,202,710	96,608,257	167.48
14	Etanercept	51,963	91,490,163	92,380,764	1777.82
15	Rituximab	41,454	80,430,571	81,105,977	1956.53
16	Omeprazole	2,762,918	78,117,987	94,705,785	34.28
17	Imatinib	18,527	76,850,649	77,169,121	4165.22
18	Quetiapine Fumarate	431,096	71,633,399	75,755,830	175.73
19	Insulin Glargine	164,346	67,475,910	69,606,267	423.53
20	Irbesartan	2,919,203	64,979,269	77,367,687	26.50
21	Irbesartan With Hydrochlorothiazide	2,719,448	63,393,192	84,502,463	31.07
22	Oxycodone Hydrochloride	1,791,805	61,129,320	70,057,943	39.10
23	Rabeprazole Sodium	2,065,671	58,469,528	83,882,499	40.61
24	Perindopril	3,618,747	58,296,033	73,564,393	20.33
25	Budesonide With Eformoterol Fumarate Dihydrate	1,116,100	57,683,950	74,117,308	66.41
26	Varenicline	450,302	55,993,284	65,617,671	145.72
27	Ezetimibe With Simvastatin	515,328	54,095,598	60,358,007	117.13
28	Valaciclovir Hydrochloride	354,551	51,583,061	60,125,002	169.58
29	Goserelin Acetate	58,221	49,764,692	50,396,190	865.60
30	Ezetimibe	839,523	49,607,539	59,350,978	70.70
31	Pravastatin Sodium	1,327,113	45,379,000	56,391,859	42.49
32	Candesartan Cilexetil	1,816,580	44,950,569	55,955,317	30.80
33	Amlodipine Besylate With Atorvastatin Calcium	617,790	44,470,852	52,363,022	84.76
34	Docetaxel	20,314	42,367,703	42,773,052	2105.59
35	Latanoprost	1,326,138	40,784,157	51,487,218	38.82
36	Carvedilol	543,320	40,234,662	44,575,552	82.04
37	Alendronate Sodium	984,374	40,079,075	47,118,722	47.87
38	Interferon Beta-1A	37,971	39,309,587	40,088,395	1055.76
39	Ramipril	2,479,304	38,218,696	48,619,244	19.61
40	Interferon Beta-1B	32,424	37,592,565	38,217,740	1178.69
41	Meloxicam	1,673,547	37,546,375	44,261,193	26.45
42	Sertraline Hydrochloride	1,680,577	37,154,734	47,819,972	28.45
43	Paclitaxel	18,189	36,585,741	36,922,124	2029.92
44	Leuprorelin Acetate	30,122	35,609,857	35,842,208	1189.90
45	Mesalazine	168,129	35,104,449	38,564,004	229.37
46	Amlodipine	2,099,063	34,731,978	43,465,698	20.71
47	Oxaliplatin	20,275	33,950,245	34,304,767	1691.97
48	Fentanyl	347,793	33,589,991	36,044,174	103.64
49	Salbutamol Sulfate	2,645,374	33,399,494	43,897,521	16.59
50	Celecoxib	1,314,229	33,201,492	42,420,069	32.28

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Table 10(b): Highest Volume PBS Drugs (incl Drs Bag) by Generic Name, year ending: Jun 2009 - Section 85 Only
(total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1 Atorvastatin Calcium	10,510,102	591,700,692	724,642,901	68.95
2 Esomeprazole Magnesium Trihydrate	5,544,594	190,655,025	258,553,147	46.63
3 Simvastatin	4,916,449	164,643,738	206,737,981	42.05
4 Perindopril	3,618,747	58,296,033	73,564,393	20.33
5 Paracetamol	3,484,635	29,637,067	41,814,363	12.00
6 Pantoprazole Sodium Sesquihydrate	3,249,745	94,845,168	128,567,658	39.56
7 Metformin Hydrochloride	3,064,053	32,668,021	44,326,176	14.47
8 Atenolol	3,026,809	19,083,706	31,475,208	10.40
9 Rosuvastatin Calcium	2,959,028	187,561,016	232,271,108	78.50
10 Irbesartan	2,919,203	64,979,269	77,367,687	26.50
11 Fluticasone Propionate With Salmeterol Xinafoate	2,797,781	156,630,533	195,538,304	69.89
12 Omeprazole	2,762,918	78,117,987	94,705,785	34.28
13 Venlafaxine Hydrochloride	2,751,308	107,474,364	151,558,803	55.09
14 Irbesartan With Hydrochlorothiazide	2,719,448	63,393,192	84,502,463	31.07
15 Salbutamol Sulfate	2,645,374	33,399,494	43,897,521	16.59
16 Clopidogrel Hydrogen Sulfate	2,584,471	189,629,792	211,620,605	81.88
17 Amoxicillin	2,485,427	14,565,617	26,071,208	10.49
18 Ramipril	2,479,304	38,218,696	48,619,244	19.61
19 Warfarin Sodium	2,315,573	19,533,181	28,098,535	12.13
20 Codeine Phosphate With Paracetamol	2,277,360	16,016,059	25,035,068	10.99
21 Cephalexin	2,271,585	14,386,376	24,322,481	10.71
22 Amlodipine	2,099,063	34,731,978	43,465,698	20.71
23 Rabeprazole Sodium	2,065,671	58,469,528	83,882,499	40.61
24 Temazepam	1,840,222	6,863,180	13,822,159	7.51
25 Candesartan Cilexetil	1,816,580	44,950,569	55,955,317	30.80
26 Oxycodone Hydrochloride	1,791,805	61,129,320	70,057,943	39.10
27 Amoxicillin With Clavulanic Acid	1,697,691	16,904,536	24,399,173	14.37
28 Sertraline Hydrochloride	1,680,577	37,154,734	47,819,972	28.45
29 Meloxicam	1,673,547	37,546,375	44,261,193	26.45
30 Tramadol Hydrochloride	1,653,593	22,814,645	30,331,903	18.34
31 Diazepam	1,639,952	5,766,976	12,433,428	7.58
32 Lercanidipine Hydrochloride	1,434,491	29,058,520	35,273,536	24.59
33 Tiotropium Bromide Monohydrate	1,390,860	97,137,287	106,294,683	76.42
34 Gliclazide	1,372,544	13,456,197	18,481,404	13.47
35 Telmisartan	1,343,112	27,550,749	33,409,937	24.88
36 Pravastatin Sodium	1,327,113	45,379,000	56,391,859	42.49
37 Latanoprost	1,326,138	40,784,157	51,487,218	38.82
38 Celecoxib	1,314,229	33,201,492	42,420,069	32.28
39 Metoprolol Tartrate	1,271,130	8,850,298	13,816,677	10.87
40 Perindopril With Indapamide Hemihydrate	1,262,279	31,145,738	36,856,858	29.20
41 Frusemide	1,244,542	6,415,022	10,689,658	8.59
42 Aspirin	1,196,329	4,945,366	9,170,711	7.67
43 Roxithromycin	1,159,001	8,672,046	13,696,840	11.82
44 Citalopram Hydrobromide	1,123,199	23,884,874	33,263,783	29.62
45 Budesonide With Eformoterol Fumarate Dihydrate	1,116,100	57,683,950	74,117,308	66.41
46 Diltiazem Hydrochloride	1,050,168	17,716,399	21,741,561	20.70
47 Felodipine	1,022,533	16,067,374	20,548,338	20.10
48 Oxazepam	1,015,080	3,672,910	7,495,674	7.38
49 Amitriptyline Hydrochloride	1,008,602	4,482,152	8,360,475	8.29
50 Alendronate Sodium	984,374	40,079,075	47,118,722	47.87

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Table 11(a): Highest Government Cost Drug (incl Drs Bag) by PBS Item, year ending: Jun 2009 - Section 85 Only

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	8215 Atorvastatin Calcium	Tablet 40mg (atorvastatin)	3,727,483	244,466,817	292,760,170	78.54
2	8358 Clopidogrel Hydrogen Sulfate	Tablet 75mg (base)	2,584,471	189,629,792	211,620,605	81.88
3	8214 Atorvastatin Calcium	Tablet 20mg (atorvastatin)	3,669,275	163,843,044	210,835,722	57.46
4	8521 Atorvastatin Calcium	Tablet 80mg (atorvastatin)	1,313,197	127,329,163	143,987,092	109.65
5	1382 Ranibizumab	Solution for intravitreal injection 2.	59,534	123,544,176	124,073,183	2084.07
6	8601 Esomeprazole Magnesium Trihydrate	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalen	2,346,606	109,740,628	137,151,486	58.45
7	8626 Tiotropium Bromide Monohydrate	Capsule containing powder for or:	1,390,860	97,137,287	106,294,683	76.42
8	8187 Olanzapine	Tablet 10mg	324,060	90,223,875	92,903,916	286.69
9	9043 Rosuvastatin Calcium	Tablet 10mg (rosuvastatin)	1,582,959	85,503,108	109,817,055	69.37
10	8008 Pantoprazole Sodium Sesquihydrate	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalen	2,695,305	82,095,656	111,105,793	41.22
11	8173 Simvastatin	Tablet 40mg	2,224,612	79,787,973	102,119,307	45.90
12	8600 Esomeprazole Magnesium Trihydrate	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalen	3,089,591	78,159,045	117,294,323	37.96
13	8519 Fluticasone Propionate With Salmeterol Xir	Oral pressurised inhalation 250mi	1,043,574	68,402,334	81,681,664	78.27
14	9039 Insulin Glargine	Injections (human analogue) 100u	164,346	67,475,910	69,606,267	423.53
15	8302 Venlafaxine Hydrochloride	Capsule 150mg (base) (modified	1,397,912	66,048,066	88,223,320	63.11
16	9110 Omeprazole	Tablet 20mg (as magnesium)	2,055,626	59,581,726	72,333,782	35.19
17	8213 Atorvastatin Calcium	Tablet 10mg (atorvastatin)	1,738,602	52,681,503	72,858,736	41.91
18	9044 Rosuvastatin Calcium	Tablet 20mg (rosuvastatin)	650,538	52,383,969	62,389,456	95.90
19	8508 Rabeprazole Sodium	Tablet 20mg (enteric coated)	1,796,198	51,640,181	73,696,133	41.03
20	8757 Ezetimibe	Tablet 10mg	839,523	49,607,539	59,350,978	70.70
21	8405 Irbesartan With Hydrochlorothiazide	Tablet 300mg-12.5mg	1,994,247	47,592,245	63,492,516	31.84
22	8134 Valaciclovir Hydrochloride	Tablet 500mg (base)	309,932	44,397,920	51,992,127	167.75
23	8093 Goserelin Acetate	Subcutaneous implant (long actin	40,029	44,016,446	44,341,553	1107.74
24	9090 Etanercept	Injections 50mg in 1mL single use	24,163	42,425,088	42,782,410	1770.58
25	2012 Simvastatin	Tablet 20mg	1,565,796	42,314,801	53,437,520	34.13
26	8432 Fluticasone Propionate With Salmeterol Xir	Powder for oral inhalation in breat	630,448	42,128,641	49,911,923	79.17
27	9114 Imatinib	Tablet 400mg (as mesylate)	9,790	41,200,652	41,372,666	4226.01
28	8243 Latanoprost	Eye drops 50micrograms per mL	1,326,025	40,780,649	51,482,569	38.82
29	8301 Venlafaxine Hydrochloride	Capsule 75mg (base) (modified re	1,272,024	39,520,259	61,027,699	47.98
30	8511 Alendronate Sodium	Tablet equivalent to 70mg alendro	972,144	38,464,439	45,425,124	46.73
31	8101 Interferon Beta-1B	Injection set including 1 vial powd	32,424	37,592,565	38,217,740	1178.69
32	8248 Irbesartan	Tablet 300mg	1,351,287	34,649,254	40,320,116	29.84
33	9045 Rosuvastatin Calcium	Tablet 40mg (rosuvastatin)	279,802	33,354,241	37,521,174	134.10
34	8625 Budesonide With Eformoterol Fumarate Dit	Powder for oral inhalation in breat	752,057	32,384,688	43,827,624	58.28
35	8179 Anastrozole	Tablet 1mg	193,197	32,285,362	35,093,745	181.65
36	9129 Varenicline	Tablet 1mg (as tartrate)	148,067	31,250,047	34,382,074	232.21
37	8435 Insulin Aspart	Injections (human analogue) 100u	127,247	30,854,956	32,843,700	258.11
38	8313 Simvastatin	Tablet 80mg	593,020	30,623,799	36,774,001	62.01
39	8294 Rituximab	Solution for I.V. infusion 500mg in	11,364	29,896,996	30,083,052	2647.22
40	8431 Fluticasone Propionate With Salmeterol Xir	Powder for oral inhalation in breat	670,020	29,467,769	39,474,018	58.91
41	9100 Adalimumab	Injection 40mg in 0.8mL pre-filled	16,750	29,375,343	29,633,727	1769.18
42	8074 Docetaxel	Injection set containing 1 single u:	12,183	29,087,435	29,334,603	2407.83
43	9012 Alendronate Sodium With Colecalciferol	Tablet equivalent to 70mg alendro	720,408	28,665,002	33,669,730	46.74
44	8440 Celecoxib	Capsule 200mg	1,123,477	28,506,423	36,402,830	32.40
45	8609 Insulin Aspart-Insulin Aspart Protamine Su	Injections (human analogue) 100u	111,786	28,022,317	29,112,815	260.43
46	8197 Pravastatin Sodium	Tablet 40mg	775,628	27,681,049	35,050,298	45.19
47	8881 Ezetimibe With Simvastatin	Tablet 10mg-40mg	278,458	27,101,147	30,446,331	109.34
48	8882 Ezetimibe With Simvastatin	Tablet 10mg-80mg	236,870	26,994,452	29,911,676	126.28
49	8185 Olanzapine	Tablet 5mg	249,245	26,352,870	28,684,550	115.09
50	2845 Perindopril With Indapamide Hemihydrate	Tablet containing 5mg perindopril	1,024,584	25,613,697	30,279,212	29.55

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Table 11(b): Highest Volume Drug (incl Drs Bag) by PBS Item, year ending: Jun 2009 - Section 85 Only

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	8215 Atorvastatin Calcium	Tablet 40mg (atorvastatin)	3,727,483	244,466,817	292,760,170	78.54
2	8214 Atorvastatin Calcium	Tablet 20mg (atorvastatin)	3,669,275	163,843,044	210,835,722	57.46
3	8600 Esomeprazole Magnesium Trihydrate	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalen	3,089,591	78,159,045	117,294,323	37.96
4	1081 Atenolol	Tablet 50mg	3,026,809	19,083,706	31,475,208	10.40
5	8008 Pantoprazole Sodium Sesquihydrate	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalen	2,695,305	82,095,656	111,105,793	41.22
6	8358 Clopidogrel Hydrogen Sulfate	Tablet 75mg (base)	2,584,471	189,629,792	211,620,605	81.88
7	8601 Esomeprazole Magnesium Trihydrate	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalen	2,346,606	109,740,628	137,151,486	58.45
8	8173 Simvastatin	Tablet 40mg	2,224,612	79,787,973	102,119,307	45.90
9	9110 Omeprazole	Tablet 20mg (as magnesium)	2,055,626	59,581,726	72,333,782	35.19
10	8288 Salbutamol Sulfate	Oral pressurised inhalation 100mi	2,053,989	22,877,482	30,972,784	15.08
11	8405 Irbesartan With Hydrochlorothiazide	Tablet 300mg-12.5mg	1,994,247	47,592,245	63,492,516	31.84
12	3119 Cephalexin	Capsule 500mg	1,845,155	11,718,979	19,671,011	10.66
13	8508 Rabeprazole Sodium	Tablet 20mg (enteric coated)	1,796,198	51,640,181	73,696,133	41.03
14	2089 Temazepam	Tablet 10mg	1,788,016	6,567,679	13,341,877	7.46
15	8213 Atorvastatin Calcium	Tablet 10mg (atorvastatin)	1,738,602	52,681,503	72,858,736	41.91
16	1215 Codeine Phosphate With Paracetamol	Tablet 30mg-500mg	1,595,727	7,033,747	13,481,657	8.45
17	9043 Rosuvastatin Calcium	Tablet 10mg (rosuvastatin)	1,582,959	85,503,108	109,817,055	69.37
18	2012 Simvastatin	Tablet 20mg	1,565,796	42,314,801	53,437,520	34.13
19	3162 Diazepam	Tablet 5mg	1,449,288	5,001,038	10,941,446	7.55
20	8302 Venlafaxine Hydrochloride	Capsule 150mg (base) (modified	1,397,912	66,048,066	88,223,320	63.11
21	8626 Tiotropium Bromide Monohydrate	Capsule containing powder for or	1,390,860	97,137,287	106,294,683	76.42
22	8248 Irbesartan	Tablet 300mg	1,351,287	34,649,254	40,320,116	29.84
23	8243 Latanoprost	Eye drops 50micrograms per mL	1,326,025	40,780,649	51,482,569	38.82
24	1889 Amoxicillin	Capsule 500mg	1,316,630	7,944,241	13,810,121	10.49
25	8521 Atorvastatin Calcium	Tablet 80mg (atorvastatin)	1,313,197	127,329,163	143,987,092	109.65
26	8254 Amoxicillin With Clavulanic Acid	Tablet 875mg-125mg	1,279,805	13,426,612	18,970,378	14.82
27	8814 Paracetamol	Tablet 665mg (modified release)	1,277,266	13,778,514	18,551,224	14.52
28	8301 Venlafaxine Hydrochloride	Capsule 75mg (base) (modified re	1,272,024	39,520,259	61,027,699	47.98
29	8784 Paracetamol	Tablet 500mg	1,263,173	11,119,321	15,308,918	12.12
30	2430 Metformin Hydrochloride	Tablet 500mg	1,230,693	11,265,901	15,920,209	12.94
31	9007 Perindopril	Tablet containing 5mg perindopril	1,186,594	17,833,180	22,865,705	19.27
32	8247 Irbesartan	Tablet 150mg	1,180,205	23,982,544	29,068,646	24.63
33	8470 Ramipril	Capsule 10mg	1,158,750	23,180,034	28,014,035	24.18
34	8440 Celecoxib	Capsule 200mg	1,123,477	28,506,423	36,402,830	32.40
35	8202 Aspirin	Tablet 100mg	1,067,340	4,325,417	8,124,182	7.61
36	9008 Perindopril	Tablet containing 10mg perindopr	1,062,007	23,219,904	27,684,457	26.07
37	8519 Fluticasone Propionate With Salmeterol Xir	Oral pressurised inhalation 250mi	1,043,574	68,402,334	81,681,664	78.27
38	2845 Perindopril With Indapamide Hemihydrate	Tablet containing 5mg perindopril	1,024,584	25,613,697	30,279,212	29.55
39	2412 Frusemide	Tablet 40mg	1,010,420	5,069,134	8,506,453	8.42
40	8220 Citalopram Hydrobromide	Tablet 20mg (base)	980,039	21,021,702	28,521,611	29.10
41	8511 Alendronate Sodium	Tablet equivalent to 70mg alendr	972,144	38,464,439	45,425,124	46.73
42	2751 Amlodipine	Tablet 5mg (as besylate)	955,814	12,316,669	16,293,249	17.05
43	8535 Gliclazide	Tablet 30mg (modified release)	949,327	9,300,170	12,818,713	13.50
44	1324 Metoprolol Tartrate	Tablet 50mg	912,153	5,990,027	9,552,064	10.47
45	8607 Metformin Hydrochloride	Tablet 1g	862,889	12,283,962	15,492,975	17.95
46	2843 Warfarin Sodium	Tablet 1mg	848,762	6,797,380	9,891,322	11.65
47	8757 Ezetimibe	Tablet 10mg	839,523	49,607,539	59,350,978	70.70
48	8504 Candesartan Cilexetil With Hydrochlorothia	Tablet 16mg-12.5mg	831,854	20,129,756	26,972,934	32.43
49	3133 Oxazepam	Tablet 30mg	821,712	2,995,100	6,073,065	7.39
50	1746 Paracetamol	Tablet 500mg	818,551	3,866,710	6,539,191	7.99

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, 2004 to 2009

MONTHLY COMPARISON 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009													
No OF PEOPLE (cumulative each Month)		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
General Safety Net	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	353	2,753	12,584	32,832	68,770	111,646	166,002	225,827	281,876	364,576
	2009	0	31	297	1,768	7,864	22,931						
Concessional Safety Net	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	452	3,668	27,888	108,942	240,281	427,418	611,768	812,728	1,006,833	1,170,234	1,390,018
	2009	20	331	3,618	23,607	91,614	222,099						
#Supplementary	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	334	2,301	8,571	18,217	31,115	43,665	56,899	69,406	79,265	90,979
	2009	0	29	284	2,123	8,028	19,095						
TOTAL	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	541	4,355	32,942	130,097	291,330	527,303	767,079	1,035,629	1,302,066	1,531,375	1,845,573
	2009	20	391	4,199	27,498	107,506	264,125						

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, 2004 to 2009

MONTHLY COMPARISON 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009													
No OF CARDS (cumulative per month)		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
General Safety Net	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	1,364	6,200	16,113	33,738	54,737	81,391	111,187	139,204	181,409
	2009	0	13	145	875	3,881	11,261						
Concessional Safety Net	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	221	1,846	14,526	57,960	130,475	237,303	346,452	469,151	591,751	697,104	843,374
	2009	10	164	1,833	12,240	48,546	120,384						
#Supplementary	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	150	1,087	4,108	8,748	14,949	20,915	27,177	33,052	37,641	43,030
	2009	0	13	134	1,008	3,866	9,191						
TOTAL	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	263	2,172	16,977	68,268	155,336	285,990	422,104	577,719	735,990	873,949	1,067,813
	2009	10	190	2,112	14,123	56,293	140,836						

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 2004 to 2009

APPROVED PHARMACIES AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES							Approved Doctors
- as at 30 June 2004 - 2009							
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009
NSW	1699	1703	1705	1708	1725	1733	16
VIC	1160	1166	1166	1170	1174	1181	3
QLD	953	951	963	987	997	1012	10
SA	389	392	399	400	407	413	2
WA	489	491	502	509	509	517	22
TAS	135	134	131	133	135	137	7
NT	28	27	27	26	28	29	1
ACT	57	58	58	59	62	62	0
AUST	4910	4922	4951	4992	5037	5084	61

Source: Medicare Australia (RPC015)

Table 14(a): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2008-09

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 2008-09

PRESCRIPTIONS										
	GENERAL		PENSIONER	CONC	S/NET	TOTAL	Drs Bag	TOTAL - ALL SCRIPTS		
1978/79	53,553,036		39,409,489			92,962,525		92,962,525		
1979/80	46,624,224		42,450,386			89,074,610		89,074,610		
1980/81	47,619,120		46,778,057			94,397,177		94,397,177		
1981/82	53,834,648		49,739,756			103,574,404		103,574,404		
1982/83	50,078,929		52,529,929	2,931,462		105,540,320		105,540,320		
1983/84	41,938,964		56,491,285	9,954,995		108,385,244		108,385,244		
1984/85	50,690,275		60,069,806	10,068,817		120,828,898		120,828,898		
1985/86	46,334,279		63,191,858	10,315,799		119,841,936		119,841,936		
1986/87	28,762,909		64,243,148	9,755,680	2	102,761,737		102,761,737		
1987/88	12,339,360		81,041,242	7,520,752	15,059,811	100,901,354		100,901,354		
1988/89	14,078,934		78,283,599	8,223,231	11,925,271	100,585,764		100,585,764		
1989/90	15,361,517		80,761,310	8,856,241	11,725,474	104,979,068		104,979,068		
1990/91	10,608,974		36,868,817	36,588,405	11,675,164	95,741,360	558,899	96,300,259		
Notes	-Dr's Bag prior to 90/91 included in General, from 90/91 included in miscellaneous expenditure				Safety Net					
	-For 90/91 Concessional includes 'old' (prior to 1/11/90) prescriptions and 'new' (post 1/11/90) concessional category				Prior to 90/91 S/net for Gen & Concess is included in pensioner. In 90/91 free s/net is in both pensioner and s/net categories					
PRESCRIPTIONS										
	GENERAL				CONCESSIONAL			TOTAL	Drs Bag	TOTAL-
	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 2008-09

	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
2008-09	20,746,777	5,580,636		26,327,413	119,906,347	35,234,371	155,140,718	181,468,131	367,996	181,836,127

CONC: Concessional

S/NET: Safety Net

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

NSN: Non Safety Net

S/NET 1, S/NET 2: Between 1991 and 1993 there were 2 tiers in the general safety net. Some prescriptions supplied during this period were processed in 1994 or after and the two tier structure applied to these.

Table 14(b): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2008-09

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

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Table 14(b): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2008-09

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					
	-Dr's Bag prior to 90/91 included in General from 90/91 (\$12,255,895) included in Misc						-For 90/91 S/net includes both pre & post 1/11/90 free Snet					
							-Gen S/net 1 included in Concess in 90/91					
							-Gen S/net 2 (free) 1 Jan 91 to 31 Dec 93					

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Table 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 GOV'T 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 14(b): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2008-09

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	
2008/09	1,220,279,806	217,487,483		1,437,767,290	3,909,584,010	1,216,050,241	5,125,634,250	6,563,401,540	1,081,400,000	7,644,801,540	
PATIENT CONTRIBUTION - \$-											
	GENERAL-NSN	GEN S/Net 1	GEN S/Net 2	TOTAL GEN	CONC - NSN	CONC S/Net	TOTAL CONC	TOTAL FOR PBS	TOTAL COST TOTAL FOR SCRIPTS	MISC and SECT 100	TOTAL
2002/03	470,555,327	18,699,303		489,254,631	370,488,981	-	370,488,981	859,743,612	5,434,946,874	477,352,298	5,912,299,172
2003/04	524,763,848	20,538,514		545,302,362	392,513,143	-	392,513,143	937,815,505	5,929,483,505	570,500,000	6,499,983,505
2004/05	572,963,103	23,742,733		596,705,836	443,930,641	-	443,930,641	1,040,636,477	6,336,526,634	668,500,000	7,005,026,634
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	764,000,000	7,271,594,476
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	886,500,000	7,503,578,189
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
2008/09	663,449,571	27,928,829		691,378,400	617,378,323	-	617,378,323	1,308,756,723	7,872,158,263	1,081,400,000	8,953,558,263
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										
2008/09	14,533,302										

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

S/NET 1, S/NET 2: Between 1991 and 1993 there were 2 tiers in the general safety net. Some prescriptions supplied during this period were processed in 1994 or after and the two tier structure applied to these.

CONC: Concessional

S/Net: Safety Net

GEN: General

NSN: Non Safety Net

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.

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 where the normal supply arrangements are inadequate or where the drugs cannot be conveniently or efficiently supplied.

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 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 Access and Systems Branch, of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Division, administers the HSD Program while the process of selecting and reviewing drugs 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 2008-2009 there were 83 drugs subsidised under the HSD Program, compared to 2007-2008 when there were 78. The new drug listings are:

1. Raltegravir Potassium
2. Natalizumab
3. Cinacalcet Hydrochloride
4. Telbivudine
5. Lanthanum Carbonate Hydrate

The Government¹ expenditure based on utilisation for 2008-2009 amounted to \$764.6 million. Drugs were categorised as follows:

<i>Indications Grouping</i>	<i>Number of Drugs</i>	<i>Public Hospital</i>	<i>Private Hospital²</i>	<i>Combined</i>
Acromegaly Agents	2	\$15,307,661	\$7,717,918	\$23,025,578
Antiarthritic Agents	4	\$11,869,821	\$52,722,802	\$64,592,624
Bisphosphonate Agents	3	\$12,562,835	\$10,186,335	\$22,749,170
Haemopoietic Agents	6	\$103,865,666	\$27,620,170	\$131,485,836
Hepatitis B or C Agents	10	\$61,065,921	\$17,600,619	\$78,666,540
HIV/AIDS Antiretroviral Agents	24	\$145,598,142	\$581,446	\$146,179,588
Immunocompromised Conditions	10	\$10,356,629	\$355,935	\$10,712,564
Immunosuppressive Agents	7	\$64,069,569	\$5,625,927	\$69,695,495
Iron Overload Agents	3	\$11,291,622	\$3,315,426	\$14,607,048
Malignancy Agents	5	\$57,899,504	\$38,009,895	\$95,909,398
Other Conditions	4	\$64,590,179	\$9,817,214	\$74,407,393
Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Agents	5	\$3,663,310	\$28,893,453	\$32,556,763
Grand Total	83	\$562,140,859	\$202,447,139	\$764,587,997

¹ All usage figures quoted in table refer to Government expenditure only, that is total expenditure minus the patient co-payment. Some figures in this table are subject to final reconciliation with each state and territory and may change slightly. Expenditure figures are based on utilisation reports provided by states and territories.

² Repatriation patients have been removed from Private hospital expenditure but cannot be removed from Public hospital expenditure as repatriation patients are not identified by public hospitals.

Government expenditure based on utilisation through the HSD program in 2007-2008 was \$663.2 million. In 2008-2009 costs totalled \$764.6 million, an increase of 15.3% from 2007-2008. At the end of the 2008-2009 financial year payments made to public hospitals via grants to the states and territories will be reconciled against the actual drug usage.

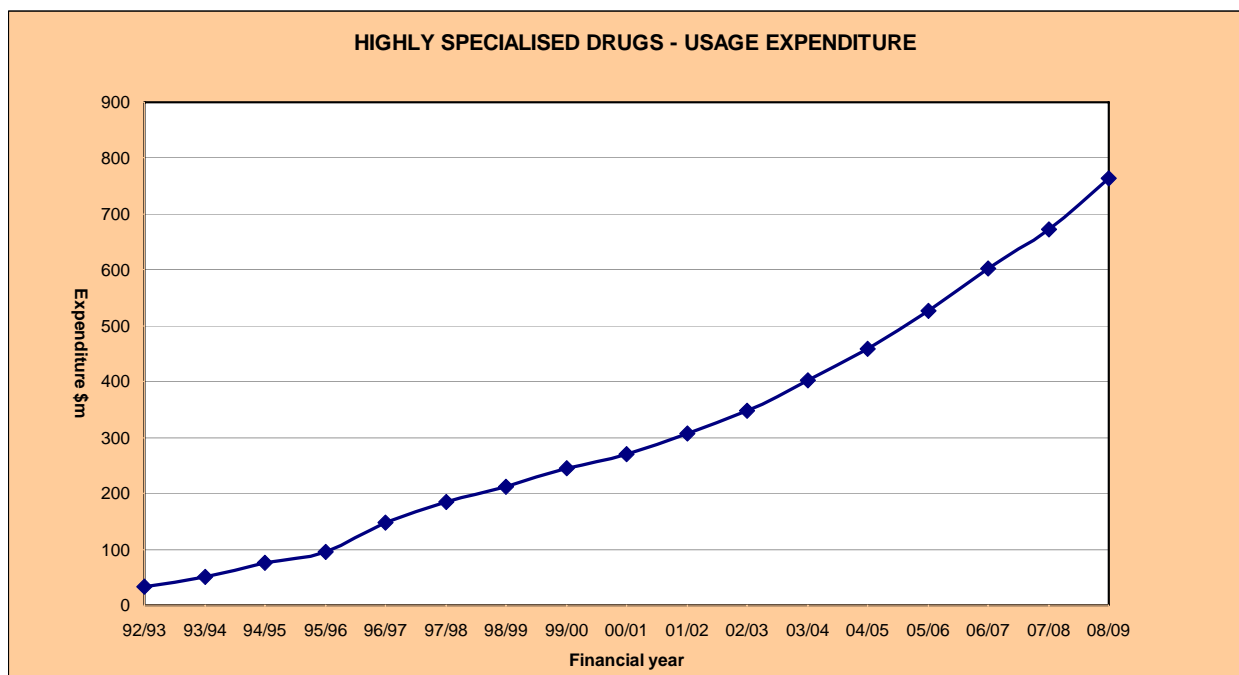
In 2008-2009 the Australian Government expenditure for HSDs was processed through two avenues: a grant process for public hospitals administered by the Department of Health and Ageing and a claims payment arrangement administered through Medicare Australia for private hospitals.

HSD expenditure based on utilisation in public hospitals in 2008-2009 was \$562.1 million, an increase of 12.9% from the 2007-2008 expenditure of \$497.9 million. The expenditure processed through Medicare Australia showed an increase of 22.2% from the \$165.6 million in 2007-2008 to \$202.4 million in 2008-2009.

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 number of drugs listed on the program and the increase of new private hospitals participating in the program.

The Highly Specialised Drugs – Usage Government Expenditure Chart

The Highly Specialised Drugs Usage Government Expenditure chart outlines the program’s Government expenditure from 1992-1993 to 2008-2009 financial years.



Move from Special Purpose Payments to Commonwealth Own Purpose Expenditure Arrangements

In 2008, the Council of Australian Government (COAG), in conjunction with the Department of Health and Ageing, agreed to cease funding public patient access to HSDs through Special Purpose Payments (SPPs) to states and territories, and fund these payments through an alternative Commonwealth Own Purpose Expenditure (COPE) mechanism.

As of 1 July 2009, payments for HSDs supplied through public hospitals moved from monthly advance payments by the Department of Health and Ageing, to payments in arrears by Medicare Australia following dispensing. This is consistent with the arrangements for private hospitals and community pharmacies.

Under the transition to COPE arrangements, payments for these claims are initially being made through an offline solution to state and territory health departments. Beginning in 2010, Medicare Australia will transition hospitals to PBS Online in a phased approach over a three year period. The utilisation of PBS Online in public hospitals will enable real-time claiming by hospital pharmacies direct to Medicare Australia.

PBS INFORMATION LINE REPORT, 2008-2009

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 2008 - June 2009, the information line received **25,839** calls.

Conclusion	Number of calls	%
Satisfied	25,799	99.84
Dissatisfied	22	0.09
Abusive	18	0.07
Total	25,839	100.00

Breakdown of calls by month:

Month	Number of calls	%
July 2008	2,497	9.66
August 2008	2,152	8.33
September 2008	2,240	8.67
October 2008	2,338	9.05
November 2008	1,886	7.30
December 2008	2,018	7.81
January 2009	2,266	8.77
February 2009	2,315	8.96
March 2009	2,278	8.82
April 2009	1,857	7.19
May 2009	1,874	7.25
June 2009	2,118	8.20
Total	25,839	100.00

Breakdown of calls by issue:

Issue	Number of calls	%
Pharmacy Item	16,684	64.57%
Safety Net Issue	13,581	52.56%

Breakdown of calls: Pharmacy item issue

Pharmacy Item Issue	Number of calls	%
Centrelink Conc. Card	3767	22.58
Other	2211	13.25
Cost of Item to Patient	1170	7.01
Authority Scripts	1148	6.88
Refund - Medicare	1030	6.17
Claims/Processing	930	5.57
Availability	783	4.69
Eligibility for the PBS	726	4.35
Schedule	645	3.87
Prescriber/Dispenser Number	452	2.71
C'th Seniors Health Card	382	2.29
Doctors Bag	345	2.07
Prescription Rules	299	1.79
Private Scripts (non-PBS)	291	1.74
Brand Price Premium	233	1.40
Cost of Item to Gov't	196	1.17
Taking Medicines Overseas	189	1.13
Restricted items	159	0.95
Section 100 items	141	0.85
RPBS enquiry	138	0.83
Patient Contribution	137	0.82
Regulation 24	125	0.75
SN20DR	121	0.73
Prescription Shopping	93	0.56
Generic Medicines	87	0.52
HMR/DMMR	87	0.52
Deletion of Item	75	0.45
Public Hospitals and the PBS	68	0.41
IME	67	0.40
Repeats (Reg 25)	61	0.37
Brand Substitution	61	0.37
Patient Co-payment increase	60	0.36
PBS Statistics	57	0.34
Internet Query	49	0.29
Recip Health Care Agreements	48	0.29
Private Hospitals and the PBS	37	0.22
Schedule 8 Drugs	36	0.22

Special Access Scheme	31	0.19
Full Cost on Labels	27	0.16
Hospital Reforms	18	0.11
Extemp Prepared Item	18	0.11
Therapeutic Group Premium	16	0.10
Be Wise Brochure	15	0.09
Schedule Mailing List	12	0.07
Flu Vaccine	11	0.07
Special Patient Contribution	8	0.05
Withdrawal of Printed Schedule	7	0.04
Asthma Awareness Campaign	5	0.03
2007 PBS Reforms	4	0.02
Budget 08	4	0.02
Lipitor - TPG Removal	4	0.02
Total	16,684	100.00

Breakdown of calls: Safety net issue

Safety Net Issue	Number of calls	%
Thresholds	3117	22.95
General SN Query	2437	17.94
Recording Prescriptions	1650	12.15
Refund - Medicare Australia	1194	8.79
Eligibility	1167	8.59
Recordable Value	930	6.85
Families/Dependants	922	6.79
Stationery	534	3.93
Period	403	2.97
SN Processing (Medicare Australia)	280	2.06
Joint Safety Net	275	2.02
Lost Card/Supplementary Card	219	1.61
Cross-Overs	218	1.61
Change of Status	154	1.13
CombSafetyNet (separated couples)	81	0.60
Total	13581	100.00

NATIONAL DIABETES SERVICES SCHEME (NDSS)

The National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS) is administered on behalf of the Australian Government by Diabetes Australia Ltd under a five year agreement. The Scheme has been running since 1987 and Diabetes Australia Ltd 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 decreased by 1.59 per cent in 2008-2009 compared with an increase of 6.37 per cent for 2007-2008.

The reduction in registrants is due to a number of data cleansing activities conducted by Diabetes Australia Ltd. In particular, data associated with Gestational Diabetes registrants has been cleansed to accurately reflect current numbers.

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%
2008-09	282,071	2.37%	601,514	-3.34%	883,585	-1.59%

The chart on the following page shows the NDSS expenditure from 1992-1993 to 2008-09.

The Australian Government expenditure on the NDSS for the 2008-09 financial year was \$127.4 million, an increase of \$1.3 million over the previous financial year.

NATIONAL DIABETES SERVICES SCHEME Expenditure

