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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 2010, the general patient safety net threshold was \$1,281.30. When patients and/or their families reached this amount, they could apply for a Safety Net Concession Card and pay only \$5.40 per prescription for the rest of the calendar year. The concessional safety net threshold was \$324.00. 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 6 on page 6, Table 14(a) on page 21 and Table 14(b) on page 25, 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 2006-07 and 2007-08 allocations of scripts and expenditure by patient category were inaccurate and not strictly comparable to the corresponding 2008-09 and 2009-10 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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**July 2009 to June 2010**

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## Summary of Pharmaceutical Benefits processing, year ending 30 June 2010

Government Pharmaceutical Benefits expenditure on accrual accounting basis for the year ending 30 June 2010 totalled \$8,391.7 million, compared with \$7,679.3 million for the previous year. This is a 9.3 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 1.1 per cent to a total of 183.9 million, compared to 181.8 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 83.6 per cent of the total cost of PBS prescriptions. The remainder was patient contributions that amounted to \$1,384.2 million, up from \$1,308.8 million in the previous twelve-month period.

The majority of government expenditure on PBS prescriptions was directed towards concessional cardholders (\$5,480.1 million, 77.9% of the total). This is compared to concessional expenditure of \$5,125.6 million in the previous period (77.9% of the total).

The average dispensed price per prescription of PBS medicines increased to \$45.77 for the year ending June 2010 (\$43.38 for the year ending June 2009). The average government cost of these scripts was \$38.24 for the same period (\$36.17 to June 2009).

The three drugs with the highest cost to government were *Atorvastatin* (\$597.8 million), *Rosuvastatin* (\$276.0 million) and *Clopidogrel* (\$190.6 million). PBS drugs most frequently prescribed are *Atorvastatin*, followed by *Esomeprazole Magnesium Trihydrate* and *Simvastatin*. See Table 9(b) for details.

**Table 1(a): Pharmaceutical Benefits Expenditure on accrual accounting basis, year ending: Jun 2010**  
(these figures represent the total spent on the PBS in the 2009/10 financial year)

Category	Year ending Jun 2009		Year ending Jun 2010		Change	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Concessional	5,198,031,063	67.7	5,642,410,001	67.2	444,378,938	8.5
General	1,395,610,392	18.2	1,516,879,746	18.1	121,269,354	8.7
Highly Specialised Drugs	750,749,744	9.8	858,451,556	10.2	107,701,813	14.3
Drs Bag	15,950,231	0.2	14,987,649	0.2	-962,582	-6.0
Section 100	310,585,936	4.0	350,462,616	4.2	39,876,679	12.8
Safety Net Cards	8,345,075	0.1	8,486,678	0.1	141,603	1.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,679,272,440</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,391,678,245</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>712,405,805</b>	<b>9.3</b>
<b>Total including revenue</b>	<b>7,654,719,125</b>		<b>8,342,034,512</b>		<b>687,315,387</b>	<b>9.0</b>

**Table 1(b): PBS Section 85 (incl. Dr's Bag) Prescription Volume and Government Cost (on cash accounting basis), year ending: Jun 2010**

Volume Category	Year ending Jun 2009		Year ending Jun 2010		Change	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Concessional non Safety Net	119,906,347	65.9	122,832,364	66.8	2,926,017	2.4
Concessional Safety Net	35,234,371	19.4	34,756,644	18.9	-477,727	-1.4
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>155,140,718</i>	<i>85.3</i>	<i>157,589,008</i>	<i>85.7</i>	<i>2,448,290</i>	<i>1.6</i>
General non Safety Net	20,746,777	11.4	21,226,750	11.5	479,973	2.3
General Safety Net	5,580,636	3.1	4,763,435	2.6	-817,201	-14.6
<i>Total General</i>	<i>26,327,413</i>	<i>14.5</i>	<i>25,990,185</i>	<i>14.1</i>	<i>-337,228</i>	<i>-1.3</i>
Drs Bag	367,996	0.2	332,344	0.2	-35,652	-9.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>181,836,127</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>183,911,537</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,075,410</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Govt Cost</b>						
Category	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Concessional non Safety Net	3,909,584,010	59.4	4,220,391,341	60.0	310,807,331	7.9
Concessional Safety Net	1,216,050,241	18.5	1,259,719,602	17.9	43,669,361	3.6
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>5,125,634,250</i>	<i>77.9</i>	<i>5,480,110,943</i>	<i>77.9</i>	<i>354,476,692</i>	<i>6.9</i>
General non Safety Net	1,220,279,806	18.6	1,339,182,210	19.0	118,902,404	9.7
General Safety Net	217,487,483	3.3	199,599,002	2.8	-17,888,481	-8.2
<i>Total General</i>	<i>1,437,767,290</i>	<i>21.9</i>	<i>1,538,781,212</i>	<i>21.9</i>	<i>101,013,923</i>	<i>7.0</i>
Drs Bag	14,533,302	0.2	13,571,776	0.2	-961,526	-6.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,577,934,842</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,032,463,931</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>454,529,089</b>	<b>6.9</b>

**Table 1(c): RPBS Section 85 (incl Dr's Bag) Prescription Volume and Government Cost (on cash accounting basis), year ending: Jun 2010**

Volume	Year ending Jun 2009		Year ending Jun 2010		Change	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,336,093</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>13,863,867</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-472,226</b>	<b>-3.3</b>
<b>Govt Cost</b>						
Total	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>462,688,289</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>470,377,027</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,688,738</b>	<b>1.7</b>

**Table 2: PBS Prescription Volume, Government Cost and Patient Contributions, year ending:  
Jun 2010 - Section 85 Only**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Govt Cost \$</b>	<b>Patient Payments \$</b>	<b>Total Cost \$</b>	<b>Ave Price \$</b>
Concessional non Safety Net	122,832,364	4,220,391,341	656,949,638	4,877,340,978	39.71
Concessional Safety Net	34,756,644	1,259,719,602	0	1,259,719,602	36.24
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>157,589,008</i>	<i>5,480,110,943</i>	<i>656,949,638</i>	<i>6,137,060,580</i>	<i>38.94</i>
General non Safety Net	21,226,750	1,339,182,210	701,961,714	2,041,143,924	96.16
General Safety Net	4,763,435	199,599,002	25,253,391	224,852,394	47.20
<i>Total General</i>	<i>25,990,185</i>	<i>1,538,781,212</i>	<i>727,215,106</i>	<i>2,265,996,318</i>	<i>87.19</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>183,579,193</b>	<b>7,018,892,155</b>	<b>1,384,164,743</b>	<b>8,403,056,898</b>	<b>45.77</b>
Drs Bag	332,344	13,571,776	0	13,571,776	40.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>183,911,537</b>	<b>7,032,463,931</b>	<b>1,384,164,743</b>	<b>8,416,628,674</b>	<b>45.76</b>

**Table 2(a): PBS Prescription Volume and Govt Cost by monthly summary (excl. Drs Bag), year ending:  
Jun 2010 - Section 85 only**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Govt Cost \$</b>	<b>Patient Payments \$</b>	<b>Total Cost \$</b>	<b>Ave Price \$</b>
<b>2008</b> 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
<b>2009</b> 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>181,468,131</b>	<b>6,563,401,540</b>	<b>1,308,756,723</b>	<b>7,872,158,263</b>	<b>43.38</b>
<b>2009</b> JUL	15,484,768	570,475,195	124,809,421	695,284,616	44.90
AUG	14,482,735	541,837,415	111,759,007	653,596,422	45.13
SEP	14,442,180	545,904,442	105,859,054	651,763,496	45.13
OCT	15,882,480	610,103,868	108,280,056	718,383,924	45.23
NOV	16,206,328	619,543,827	103,639,146	723,182,973	44.62
DEC	15,418,060	596,487,114	91,204,479	687,691,593	44.60
<b>2010</b> JAN	20,280,733	790,248,182	114,343,878	904,592,060	44.60
FEB	13,854,214	539,195,607	116,959,228	656,154,835	47.36
MAR	15,469,848	598,497,253	137,730,956	736,228,209	47.59
APR	11,975,066	459,949,902	108,220,270	568,170,172	47.45
MAY	15,276,166	583,710,700	134,403,595	718,114,295	47.01
JUN	14,806,615	562,938,649	126,955,655	689,894,305	46.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>183,579,193</b>	<b>7,018,892,155</b>	<b>1,384,164,743</b>	<b>8,403,056,898</b>	<b>45.77</b>

Table 3: PBS processing by State (excl. Drs Bag), year ending: Jun 2010 - Section 85 Only

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Volume</b>									
Concess NSN	41,697,714	31,665,568	23,283,071	10,863,636	10,197,043	3,524,952	412,511	1,187,869	122,832,364
Concess SN	12,265,666	8,855,548	6,731,549	2,964,420	2,579,693	1,029,746	54,468	275,554	34,756,644
General NSN	6,926,737	5,130,020	4,289,082	1,542,793	2,280,891	457,299	137,888	462,040	21,226,750
General SN	1,714,155	1,148,499	914,386	330,054	449,491	96,461	15,100	95,289	4,763,435
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,604,272</b>	<b>46,799,635</b>	<b>35,218,088</b>	<b>15,700,903</b>	<b>15,507,118</b>	<b>5,108,458</b>	<b>619,967</b>	<b>2,020,752</b>	<b>183,579,193</b>
<b>Govt Cost \$</b>									
Concess NSN	1,470,824,016	1,058,562,106	793,176,908	369,970,427	350,345,288	119,940,674	13,920,516	43,651,408	4,220,391,340
Concess SN	447,780,373	316,253,023	244,317,532	107,483,332	94,518,808	36,730,237	1,930,209	10,706,088	1,259,719,602
General NSN	438,978,346	318,979,484	270,025,613	97,695,432	146,653,783	30,236,853	8,385,418	28,227,282	1,339,182,210
General SN	69,884,686	48,283,454	40,018,570	13,000,873	19,955,169	3,881,953	587,124	3,987,173	199,599,002
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,427,467,420</b>	<b>1,742,078,067</b>	<b>1,347,538,623</b>	<b>588,150,063</b>	<b>611,473,048</b>	<b>190,789,716</b>	<b>24,823,266</b>	<b>86,571,951</b>	<b>7,018,892,155</b>
<b>Total Cost \$</b>									
Concess NSN	1,693,812,085	1,227,925,040	917,716,889	428,080,883	404,878,982	138,799,507	16,124,363	50,003,230	4,877,340,978
Concess SN	447,780,373	316,253,023	244,317,532	107,483,332	94,518,808	36,730,237	1,930,209	10,706,088	1,259,719,602
General NSN	668,023,222	488,634,328	411,869,643	148,722,273	222,084,328	45,361,203	12,944,130	43,504,797	2,041,143,924
General SN	78,971,954	54,372,702	44,866,374	14,750,730	22,337,787	4,393,342	667,175	4,492,329	224,852,394
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,888,587,634</b>	<b>2,087,185,092</b>	<b>1,618,770,438</b>	<b>699,037,218</b>	<b>743,819,905</b>	<b>225,284,289</b>	<b>31,665,877</b>	<b>108,706,444</b>	<b>8,403,056,898</b>
<b>Ave Prices \$</b>									
Concess NSN	40.62	38.78	39.42	39.40	39.71	39.38	39.09	42.09	39.71
Concess SN	36.51	35.71	36.29	36.26	36.64	35.67	35.44	38.85	36.24
General NSN	96.44	95.25	96.03	96.40	97.37	99.19	93.87	94.16	96.16
General SN	46.07	47.34	49.07	44.69	49.70	45.55	44.18	47.14	47.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>46.14</b>	<b>44.60</b>	<b>45.96</b>	<b>44.52</b>	<b>47.97</b>	<b>44.10</b>	<b>51.08</b>	<b>53.80</b>	<b>45.77</b>
Population ('000) <sup>(a)</sup>	7,191.5	5,496.4	4,473.0	1,633.9	2,270.3	505.4	227.7	354.9	22,155.4
Volume per capita	8.7	8.5	7.9	9.6	6.8	10.1	2.7	5.7	8.3
Govt cost per capita	337.5	316.9	301.3	360.0	269.3	377.5	109.0	243.9	316.8
% Population	32.5	24.8	20.2	7.4	10.2	2.3	1.0	1.6	100
% Volume	34.1	25.5	19.2	8.6	8.4	2.8	0.3	1.1	100
% Govt Cost	34.6	24.8	19.2	8.4	8.7	2.7	0.4	1.2	100
% Total Cost	34.4	24.8	19.3	8.3	8.9	2.7	0.4	1.3	100

(a) Population 31 December 2009, Source: ABS Publication 3101.0

SN: Safety Net

NSN: Non Safety Net

**Table 4(a): PBS processing (excl. Drs Bag) years ending: Jun 2007 to end Jun 2010 - Section 85 Only**

Year	Prescription Volume	Government Cost \$
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
Year Ending Jun 10	183,579,193	7,018,892,155
<i>Change</i>	2,111,062	455,490,615
%	1.16	6.94

**Table 4(b): PBS processing (incl. Drs Bag) year ending: Jun 2010 - Section 85 Only**

	Year Ending Jun 09	Year Ending Jun 10	Change	%
<b>Highest volume drug: Atorvastatin</b>				
Prescription Volume	10,510,102	10,468,431	-41,671	-0.40
Government Cost (\$)	591,700,692	597,784,244	6,083,552	1.03
<b>Highest Govt cost drug: Atorvastatin</b>				
Prescription Volume	10,510,102	10,468,431	-41,671	-0.40
Government Cost (\$)	591,700,692	597,784,244	6,083,552	1.03
<b>Highest volume ATC Level 2: Lipid modifying agents</b>				
Prescription Volume	22,425,722	23,567,452	1,141,730	5.09
Government Cost (\$)	1,157,766,315	1,251,854,090	94,087,774	8.13
<b>Highest Government cost ATC Level 2: Lipid modifying agents</b>				
Prescription Volume	22,425,722	23,567,452	1,141,730	5.09
Government Cost (\$)	1,157,766,315	1,251,854,090	94,087,774	8.13
<b>Greatest increase in Govt. cost ATC Level 2: Lipid modifying agents</b>				
Prescription Volume	22,425,722	23,567,452	1,141,730	5.09
Government Cost (\$)	1,157,766,315	1,251,854,090	94,087,774	8.13

**Table 5: ATC main group comparison (incl Drs bag), year ending: Jun 2010 - Section 85 Only**

ATC Group Level 1	Year ending - Jun 2009				Year ending - Jun 2010			
	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
Alimentary tract and metabolism	26,309,067	891,806,406	1,114,262,023	42.35	26,965,255	927,627,757	1,159,823,986	43.01
Blood and blood forming organs	7,535,061	270,168,496	317,085,784	42.08	7,727,263	281,844,190	332,997,752	43.09
Cardiovascular system	62,210,632	1,889,611,512	2,342,584,222	37.66	63,297,735	1,993,435,632	2,475,548,432	39.11
Dermatologicals	2,661,156	68,516,503	88,181,172	33.14	2,679,933	72,355,972	93,863,501	35.02
Genito urinary system and sex hormones	3,034,449	90,449,888	112,080,778	36.94	2,563,067	87,343,723	107,425,651	41.91
Systemic hormonal preparations, excl. sex hormones an	2,678,666	41,610,273	53,907,128	20.12	2,729,780	46,674,575	59,826,238	21.92
Antiinfectives for systemic use	13,282,812	235,955,201	310,505,235	23.38	12,692,254	239,825,542	314,603,152	24.79
Antineoplastic and immunomodulating agents	1,705,663	940,337,930	966,041,814	566.37	1,834,644	1,078,638,710	1,107,611,564	603.72
Musculo-skeletal system	9,302,667	257,241,203	312,231,648	33.56	8,843,740	255,780,910	307,160,956	34.73
Nervous system	34,879,591	1,194,405,663	1,435,046,736	41.14	36,218,462	1,261,671,383	1,524,875,397	42.10
Antiparasitic products, insecticides and repellents	52,882	735,934	992,685	18.77	58,702	929,134	1,232,811	21.00
Respiratory system	9,716,143	389,419,563	480,341,538	49.44	9,830,615	399,112,478	495,711,460	50.43
Sensory organs	7,721,446	245,087,230	285,224,652	36.94	7,755,267	321,218,785	364,194,080	46.96
Various	577,272	60,115,789	64,919,923	112.46	552,592	62,748,665	67,623,879	122.38
Not otherwise classified	168,620	2,473,251	3,286,226	19.49	162,228	3,256,475	4,129,816	25.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>181,836,127</b>	<b>6,577,934,842</b>	<b>7,886,691,565</b>	<b>43.37</b>	<b>183,911,537</b>	<b>7,032,463,931</b>	<b>8,416,628,674</b>	<b>45.76</b>

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Change, years ending:	Jun 2009 to Jun 2010				Jun 2009 to Jun 2010			
	Change	Change	Change	Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change
Alimentary tract and metabolism	656,188	35,821,351	45,561,963	0.66	2.49	4.02	4.09	1.56
Blood and blood forming organs	192,202	11,675,694	15,911,968	1.01	2.55	4.32	5.02	2.41
Cardiovascular system	1,087,103	103,824,120	132,964,210	1.45	1.75	5.49	5.68	3.86
Dermatologicals	18,777	3,839,468	5,682,328	1.89	0.71	5.60	6.44	5.70
Genito urinary system and sex hormones	-471,382	-3,106,165	-4,655,127	4.98	-15.53	-3.43	-4.15	13.47
Systemic hormonal preparations, excl. sex hormones ar	51,114	5,064,302	5,919,110	1.79	1.91	12.17	10.98	8.90
Antiinfectives for systemic use	-590,558	3,870,341	4,097,917	1.41	-4.45	1.64	1.32	6.03
Antineoplastic and immunomodulating agents	128,981	138,300,780	141,569,750	37.35	7.56	14.71	14.65	6.59
Musculo-skeletal system	-458,927	-1,460,293	-5,070,692	1.17	-4.93	-0.57	-1.62	3.48
Nervous system	1,338,871	67,265,720	89,828,661	0.96	3.84	5.63	6.26	2.33
Antiparasitic products, insecticides and repellents	5,820	193,200	240,126	2.23	11.01	26.25	24.19	11.88
Respiratory system	114,472	9,692,914	15,369,922	0.99	1.18	2.49	3.20	2.00
Sensory organs	33,821	76,131,556	78,969,427	10.02	0.44	31.06	27.69	27.13
Various	-24,680	2,632,876	2,703,956	9.92	-4.28	4.38	4.17	8.82
Not otherwise classified	-6,392	783,224	843,590	5.97	-3.79	31.67	25.67	30.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,075,410</b>	<b>454,529,089</b>	<b>529,937,109</b>	<b>2.39</b>	<b>1.14</b>	<b>6.91</b>	<b>6.72</b>	<b>5.52</b>

**Table 6: PBS Prescription Volume, Government Cost and Average Government Cost/Script (excl. Drs Bag), year ending: Jun 2007 to end Jun 2010 - Section 85 Only**

	Total Patients	General Patients			Concessional Patients		
	Script Volume	Total	Non-Safety Net	Safety Net	Total	Non-Safety Net	Safety Net
<b>Prescriptions</b>							
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
Year Ending Jun 10	183,579,193	25,990,185	21,226,750	4,763,435	157,589,008	122,832,364	34,756,644
<i>Change (Jun 08 - Jun 09)</i>	2,111,062	-337,228	479,973	-817,201	2,448,290	2,926,017	-477,727
<i>% Change (Jun 08 - Jun 09)</i>	1.16%	-1.28%	2.31%	-14.64%	1.58%	2.44%	-1.36%
<b>Government Cost \$</b>							
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
Year Ending Jun 10	7,018,892,155	1,538,781,212	1,339,182,210	199,599,002	5,480,110,943	4,220,391,341	1,259,719,602
<i>Change (Jun 08 - Jun 09)</i>	455,490,615	101,013,923	118,902,404	-17,888,481	354,476,692	310,807,331	43,669,361
<i>% Change (Jun 08 - Jun 09)</i>	6.94%	7.03%	9.74%	-8.23%	6.92%	7.95%	3.59%
<b>Average Govt Cost/Script \$</b>							
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
Year Ending Jun 10	38.23	59.21	63.09	41.90	34.77	34.36	36.24
<i>Change (Jun 08 - Jun 09)</i>	2.07	4.60	4.27	2.93	1.74	1.75	1.73
<i>% Change (Jun 08 - Jun 09)</i>	5.71%	8.41%	7.26%	7.52%	5.25%	5.38%	5.01%

**Table 7(a): Significant drug groups (incl Drs bag) by highest Government cost, year end: Jun 2009 to year end: Jun 2010 - Section 85 Only**

ATC Group Level 2	Year ending Jun 2009				Year ending Jun 2010			
	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
Lipid modifying agents	22,425,722	1,157,766,315	1,420,351,269	63.34	23,567,452	1,251,854,090	1,541,885,028	65.42
Antineoplastic agents	584,120	441,788,063	450,380,993	771.04	634,171	508,244,613	517,863,956	816.60
Drugs for acid related disorders	15,664,402	465,366,346	624,069,644	39.84	15,906,006	462,046,729	624,991,368	39.29
Agents acting on the renin-angiotensin system	20,799,632	423,466,235	531,517,082	25.55	20,853,311	433,089,601	539,109,212	25.85
Psycholeptics	7,754,497	393,862,776	434,576,649	56.04	7,704,256	405,393,111	448,184,172	58.17
Drugs for obstructive airway diseases	9,503,507	385,717,371	475,774,894	50.06	9,638,700	395,645,373	491,407,142	50.98
Psychoanaleptics	12,436,470	354,554,496	469,480,533	37.75	13,176,364	371,576,614	500,348,884	37.97
Drugs used in diabetes	6,618,703	309,835,649	346,811,563	52.40	6,888,893	339,371,823	380,226,305	55.19
Ophthalmologicals	7,025,550	242,024,604	279,312,357	39.76	7,077,451	317,875,330	357,951,683	50.58
Immunosuppressants	460,786	243,151,556	250,765,693	544.21	514,791	306,465,817	315,493,142	612.86
Antithrombotic agents	6,815,375	259,875,853	302,788,420	44.43	6,988,410	271,136,090	318,022,309	45.51
Analgesics	11,575,006	237,834,865	287,750,342	24.86	12,162,572	269,199,558	324,549,753	26.68
Endocrine therapy	564,689	153,530,228	161,144,188	285.37	586,214	158,512,172	166,795,163	284.53
Drugs for treatment of bone diseases	3,405,784	155,468,769	180,208,843	52.91	3,307,424	156,808,373	182,087,581	55.05
Antibacterials for systemic use	12,137,391	120,280,150	178,464,644	14.70	11,954,614	119,525,497	179,496,558	15.01
Calcium channel blockers	7,126,274	118,658,046	148,391,215	20.82	7,066,825	115,643,174	146,308,327	20.70
Immunostimulants	96,068	101,868,083	103,750,941	1079.97	99,468	105,416,109	107,459,304	1080.34

Change, years ending:	Jun 2009 to Jun 2010				Jun 2009 to Jun 2010			
	Change	Change	Change	Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change
Lipid modifying agents	1,141,730	94,087,774	121,533,759	2.09	5.09	8.13	8.56	3.30
Antineoplastic agents	50,051	66,456,550	67,482,963	45.56	8.57	15.04	14.98	5.91
Drugs for acid related disorders	241,604	-3,319,617	921,724	-0.55	1.54	-0.71	0.15	-1.37
Agents acting on the renin-angiotensin system	53,679	9,623,366	7,592,129	0.30	0.26	2.27	1.43	1.17
Psycholeptics	-50,241	11,530,336	13,607,523	2.13	-0.65	2.93	3.13	3.80
Drugs for obstructive airway diseases	135,193	9,928,002	15,632,248	0.92	1.42	2.57	3.29	1.84
Psychoanaleptics	739,894	17,022,118	30,868,350	0.22	5.95	4.80	6.58	0.59
Drugs used in diabetes	270,190	29,536,173	33,414,741	2.80	4.08	9.53	9.63	5.33
Ophthalmologicals	51,901	75,850,726	78,639,326	10.82	0.74	31.34	28.15	27.21
Immunosuppressants	54,005	63,314,261	64,727,449	68.64	11.72	26.04	25.81	12.61
Antithrombotic agents	173,035	11,260,237	15,233,890	1.08	2.54	4.33	5.03	2.43
Analgesics	587,566	31,364,692	36,799,411	1.82	5.08	13.19	12.79	7.34
Endocrine therapy	21,525	4,981,944	5,650,975	-0.84	3.81	3.24	3.51	-0.29
Drugs for treatment of bone diseases	-98,360	1,339,604	1,878,738	2.14	-2.89	0.86	1.04	4.05
Antibacterials for systemic use	-182,777	-754,653	1,031,915	0.31	-1.51	-0.63	0.58	2.12
Calcium channel blockers	-59,449	-3,014,872	-2,082,888	-0.12	-0.83	-2.54	-1.40	-0.57
Immunostimulants	3,400	3,548,026	3,708,363	0.37	3.54	3.48	3.57	0.03

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

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

**Table 7(b): Significant drug groups (incl Drs bag) by highest volume, year end: Jun 2009 to year end: Jun 2010 - Section 85 Only**

ATC Group Level 2	Year ending Jun 2009				Year ending Jun 2010			
	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
Lipid modifying agents	22,425,722	1,157,766,315	1,420,351,269	63.34	23,567,452	1,251,854,090	1,541,885,028	65.42
Agents acting on the renin-angiotensin system	20,799,632	423,466,235	531,517,082	25.55	20,853,311	433,089,601	539,109,212	25.85
Drugs for acid related disorders	15,664,402	465,366,346	624,069,644	39.84	15,906,006	462,046,729	624,991,368	39.29
Psychoanaleptics	12,436,470	354,554,496	469,480,533	37.75	13,176,364	371,576,614	500,348,884	37.97
Analgesics	11,575,006	237,834,865	287,750,342	24.86	12,162,572	269,199,558	324,549,753	26.68
Antibacterials for systemic use	12,137,391	120,280,150	178,464,644	14.70	11,954,614	119,525,497	179,496,558	15.01
Drugs for obstructive airway diseases	9,503,507	385,717,371	475,774,894	50.06	9,638,700	395,645,373	491,407,142	50.98
Psycholeptics	7,754,497	393,862,776	434,576,649	56.04	7,704,256	405,393,111	448,184,172	58.17
Ophthalmologicals	7,025,550	242,024,604	279,312,357	39.76	7,077,451	317,875,330	357,951,683	50.58
Calcium channel blockers	7,126,274	118,658,046	148,391,215	20.82	7,066,825	115,643,174	146,308,327	20.70
Antithrombotic agents	6,815,375	259,875,853	302,788,420	44.43	6,988,410	271,136,090	318,022,309	45.51
Drugs used in diabetes	6,618,703	309,835,649	346,811,563	52.40	6,888,893	339,371,823	380,226,305	55.19
Beta blocking agents	5,625,356	97,915,215	124,792,783	22.18	5,628,101	98,211,875	126,781,382	22.53
Antiinflammatory and antirheumatic products	4,863,879	89,065,965	114,698,770	23.58	4,522,530	86,342,195	107,926,181	23.86
Drugs for treatment of bone diseases	3,405,784	155,468,769	180,208,843	52.91	3,307,424	156,808,373	182,087,581	55.05
Cardiac therapy	3,147,540	59,368,769	73,302,204	23.29	3,037,646	58,893,136	73,332,708	24.14
Sex hormones and modulators of the genital system	2,728,890	70,826,452	89,300,507	32.72	2,213,759	65,710,316	82,050,890	37.06

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Change, years ending:	Jun 2009 to Jun 2010				Jun 2009 to Jun 2010			
	Change	Change	Change	Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change
Lipid modifying agents	1,141,730	94,087,774	121,533,759	2.09	5.09	8.13	8.56	3.30
Agents acting on the renin-angiotensin system	53,679	9,623,366	7,592,129	0.30	0.26	2.27	1.43	1.17
Drugs for acid related disorders	241,604	-3,319,617	921,724	-0.55	1.54	-0.71	0.15	-1.37
Psychoanaleptics	739,894	17,022,118	30,868,350	0.22	5.95	4.80	6.58	0.59
Analgesics	587,566	31,364,692	36,799,411	1.82	5.08	13.19	12.79	7.34
Antibacterials for systemic use	-182,777	-754,653	1,031,915	0.31	-1.51	-0.63	0.58	2.12
Drugs for obstructive airway diseases	135,193	9,928,002	15,632,248	0.92	1.42	2.57	3.29	1.84
Psycholeptics	-50,241	11,530,336	13,607,523	2.13	-0.65	2.93	3.13	3.80
Ophthalmologicals	51,901	75,850,726	78,639,326	10.82	0.74	31.34	28.15	27.21
Calcium channel blockers	-59,449	-3,014,872	-2,082,888	-0.12	-0.83	-2.54	-1.40	-0.57
Antithrombotic agents	173,035	11,260,237	15,233,890	1.08	2.54	4.33	5.03	2.43
Drugs used in diabetes	270,190	29,536,173	33,414,741	2.80	4.08	9.53	9.63	5.33
Beta blocking agents	2,745	296,660	1,988,600	0.34	0.05	0.30	1.59	1.54
Antiinflammatory and antirheumatic products	-341,349	-2,723,770	-6,772,589	0.28	-7.02	-3.06	-5.90	1.20
Drugs for treatment of bone diseases	-98,360	1,339,604	1,878,738	2.14	-2.89	0.86	1.04	4.05
Cardiac therapy	-109,894	-475,632	30,503	0.85	-3.49	-0.80	0.04	3.66
Sex hormones and modulators of the genital system	-515,131	-5,116,136	-7,249,617	4.34	-18.88	-7.22	-8.12	13.26

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

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

**Table 8(a): Significant drugs (incl Drs bag)-sorted by highest change to Government cost, year end: Jun 2009 to year end: Jun 2010 - Section 85 Only**

Rank	Drug	Year ending Jun 2009				Year ending Jun 2010				Change	
		Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Govt Cost \$	%
1	Rosuvastatin	2,959,028	187,561,016	232,271,108	78.50	4,409,502	275,994,777	344,480,173	78.12	88,433,761	47.15
2	Ranibizumab	59,541	123,557,706	124,086,801	2084.06	89,753	187,650,894	188,494,722	2,100.15	64,093,188	51.87
3	Adalimumab	57,608	103,129,217	104,165,718	1808.18	82,204	146,543,311	148,167,640	1,802.44	43,414,094	42.10
4	Bevacizumab	0	0	0	0.00	12,096	26,485,000	26,680,285	2,205.71	26,485,000	New
5	Etanercept	51,963	91,490,163	92,380,764	1777.82	62,959	110,970,490	112,125,500	1,780.93	19,480,327	21.29
6	Sunitinib	378	1,557,210	1,562,385	4133.29	4,994	20,541,764	20,611,248	4,127.20	18,984,554	1219.14
7	Amlodipine Besylate With Atorvastatin Calcium	617,790	44,470,852	52,363,022	84.76	853,295	60,622,971	72,452,786	84.91	16,152,119	36.32
8	Quetiapine	431,096	71,633,399	75,755,830	175.73	545,410	86,144,922	91,616,904	167.98	14,511,523	20.26
9	Desvenlafaxine Succinate	48,073	1,274,174	2,216,705	46.11	505,039	14,563,352	24,278,049	48.07	13,289,178	1042.96
10	Insulin Glargine	164,346	67,475,910	69,606,267	423.53	195,462	80,595,329	83,163,617	425.47	13,119,419	19.44
11	Duloxetine Hydrochloride	227,490	7,617,534	11,565,650	50.84	525,109	18,250,995	27,380,362	52.14	10,633,461	139.59
12	Sitagliptin	109,271	8,543,018	9,942,638	90.99	239,123	18,903,481	21,854,027	91.39	10,360,462	121.27
13	Fentanyl	347,793	33,589,991	36,044,174	103.64	441,440	43,205,818	46,364,092	105.03	9,615,827	28.63
14	Paracetamol	3,484,635	29,637,067	41,814,363	12.00	3,786,747	38,852,389	52,826,038	13.95	9,215,322	31.09
15	Pantoprazole Sodium Sesquihydrate	3,249,745	94,845,168	128,567,658	39.56	3,571,642	104,043,871	138,953,760	38.90	9,198,704	9.70
16	Oxycodone Hydrochloride	1,791,805	61,129,320	70,057,943	39.10	2,004,190	69,474,821	79,926,524	39.88	8,345,502	13.65
17	Imatinib	18,527	76,850,649	77,169,121	4165.22	20,587	84,498,148	84,863,853	4,122.21	7,647,498	9.95
18	Pioglitazone Hydrochloride	373,747	30,347,842	34,202,725	91.51	462,125	37,936,355	42,892,254	92.82	7,588,514	25.01
19	Ezetimibe With Simvastatin	515,328	54,095,598	60,358,007	117.13	600,250	61,506,640	69,089,853	115.10	7,411,042	13.70
20	Nab Paclitaxel	116	241,690	243,790	2101.64	3,989	7,547,873	7,626,631	1,911.92	7,306,182	3022.95
21	Buprenorphine	639,964	27,435,677	30,994,688	48.43	777,244	34,456,453	38,891,962	50.04	7,020,775	25.59
22	Atorvastatin	10,510,102	591,700,692	724,642,901	68.95	10,468,431	597,784,244	733,670,794	70.08	6,083,552	1.03
23	Tiotropium Bromide Monohydrate	1,390,860	97,137,287	106,294,683	76.42	1,473,689	103,088,773	113,274,722	76.86	5,951,486	6.13
24	Zoledronic Acid	4,246	2,329,407	2,373,232	558.93	14,311	7,963,052	8,107,626	566.53	5,633,646	241.85
25	Budesonide With Eformoterol Fumarate Dihydrate	1,116,100	57,683,950	74,117,308	66.41	1,240,497	63,249,917	82,410,424	66.43	5,565,967	9.65
26	Voriconazole	406	1,001,404	1,007,035	2480.38	2,473	6,121,794	6,149,854	2,486.80	5,120,390	511.32
27	Erlotinib	3,318	10,548,954	10,586,345	3190.58	5,012	15,663,510	15,724,786	3,137.43	5,114,557	48.48
28	Sorafenib	272	1,765,685	1,768,728	6502.68	1,008	6,517,855	6,529,835	6,478.01	4,752,170	269.14
29	Enoxaparin Sodium	289,612	23,982,914	28,531,628	98.52	294,823	28,689,903	33,464,613	113.51	4,706,989	19.63
30	Bortezomib	1,035	7,348,531	7,362,261	7113.30	1,620	11,602,218	11,621,829	7,173.97	4,253,687	57.88
31	Candesartan Cilexetil	1,816,580	44,950,569	55,955,317	30.80	1,950,889	49,107,851	62,052,805	31.81	4,157,282	9.25
32	Latanoprost	1,326,138	40,784,157	51,487,218	38.82	1,338,891	44,880,644	56,355,091	42.09	4,096,487	10.04
33	Pemetrexed Disodium	5,446	12,046,581	12,128,572	2227.06	8,575	16,109,092	16,243,474	1,894.28	4,062,511	33.72
34	Escitalopram Oxalate	862,978	22,389,132	27,679,506	32.07	1,023,632	26,364,595	32,827,242	32.07	3,975,463	17.76
35	Macrogol 3350	351,503	7,227,479	8,554,777	24.34	523,655	11,035,389	13,063,230	24.95	3,807,910	52.69

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**Table 8(b): Significant Drugs (incl Drs Bag)-Sorted by highest volume change, year end: Jun 2009 to year end: Jun 2010 - Section 85 Only**

Rank	Drug	Year ending Jun 2009				Year ending Jun 2010				Change	
		Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	%
1	Rosuvastatin	2,959,028	187,561,016	232,271,108	78.50	4,409,502	275,994,777	344,480,173	78.12	1,450,474	49.02
2	Desvenlafaxine Succinate	48,073	1,274,174	2,216,705	46.11	505,039	14,563,352	24,278,049	48.07	456,966	950.57
3	Pantoprazole Sodium Sesquihydrate	3,249,745	94,845,168	128,567,658	39.56	3,571,642	104,043,871	138,953,760	38.90	321,897	9.91
4	Esomeprazole Magnesium Trihydrate	5,544,594	190,655,025	258,553,147	46.63	5,851,954	190,541,016	264,633,025	45.22	307,360	5.54
5	Paracetamol	3,484,635	29,637,067	41,814,363	12.00	3,786,747	38,852,389	52,826,038	13.95	302,112	8.67
6	Duloxetine Hydrochloride	227,490	7,617,534	11,565,650	50.84	525,109	18,250,995	27,380,362	52.14	297,619	130.83
7	Amlodipine Besylate With Atorvastatin Calcium	617,790	44,470,852	52,363,022	84.76	853,295	60,622,971	72,452,786	84.91	235,505	38.12
8	Oxycodone Hydrochloride	1,791,805	61,129,320	70,057,943	39.10	2,004,190	69,474,821	79,926,524	39.88	212,385	11.85
9	Macrogol 3350	351,503	7,227,479	8,554,777	24.34	523,655	11,035,389	13,063,230	24.95	172,152	48.98
10	Escitalopram Oxalate	862,978	22,389,132	27,679,506	32.07	1,023,632	26,364,595	32,827,242	32.07	160,654	18.62
11	Metformin Hydrochloride	3,064,053	32,668,021	44,326,176	14.47	3,220,970	35,213,120	48,025,533	14.91	156,917	5.12
12	Rabeprazole Sodium	2,065,671	58,469,528	83,882,499	40.61	2,214,373	61,415,521	89,884,205	40.59	148,702	7.20
13	Buprenorphine	639,964	27,435,677	30,994,688	48.43	777,244	34,456,453	38,891,962	50.04	137,280	21.45
14	Candesartan Cilexetil	1,816,580	44,950,569	55,955,317	30.80	1,950,889	49,107,851	62,052,805	31.81	134,309	7.39
15	Sitagliptin	109,271	8,543,018	9,942,638	90.99	239,123	18,903,481	21,854,027	91.39	129,852	118.83
16	Budesonide With Eformoterol Fumarate Dihydrate	1,116,100	57,683,950	74,117,308	66.41	1,240,497	63,249,917	82,410,424	66.43	124,397	11.15
17	Clopidogrel	2,584,471	189,629,792	211,620,605	81.88	2,708,187	190,582,198	214,905,232	79.35	123,716	4.79
18	Telmisartan With Hydrochlorothiazide	739,733	18,221,131	21,434,592	28.98	863,262	21,429,331	25,691,087	29.76	123,529	16.70
19	Quetiapine	431,096	71,633,399	75,755,830	175.73	545,410	86,144,922	91,616,904	167.98	114,314	26.52
20	Telmisartan	1,343,112	27,550,749	33,409,937	24.88	1,457,016	30,428,551	37,064,884	25.44	113,904	8.48
21	Amlodipine With Valsartan	2,892	58,927	103,669	35.85	114,687	2,357,246	4,145,616	36.15	111,795	3865.66
22	Moxonidine	68,272	1,338,415	1,604,290	23.50	178,241	3,544,847	4,284,474	24.04	109,969	161.07
23	Bisoprolol Fumarate	334,961	20,397,002	23,269,099	69.47	433,566	23,406,988	27,326,171	63.03	98,605	29.44
24	Fentanyl	347,793	33,589,991	36,044,174	103.64	441,440	43,205,818	46,364,092	105.03	93,647	26.93
25	Pioglitazone Hydrochloride	373,747	30,347,842	34,202,725	91.51	462,125	37,936,355	42,892,254	92.82	88,378	23.65
26	Lercanidipine Hydrochloride	1,434,491	29,058,520	35,273,536	24.59	1,521,127	30,910,191	37,695,705	24.78	86,636	6.04
27	Olmesartan Medoxomil	122,374	2,846,307	3,428,458	28.02	208,356	4,859,062	5,866,138	28.15	85,982	70.26
28	Ezetimibe With Simvastatin	515,328	54,095,598	60,358,007	117.13	600,250	61,506,640	69,089,853	115.10	84,922	16.48
29	Tiotropium Bromide Monohydrate	1,390,860	97,137,287	106,294,683	76.42	1,473,689	103,088,773	113,274,722	76.86	82,829	5.96
30	Fenofibrate	452,619	12,312,536	18,286,229	40.40	531,623	14,582,066	21,816,262	41.04	79,004	17.45
31	Olmesartan Medoxomil With Hydrochlorothiazide	121,661	2,537,977	3,911,243	32.15	199,476	4,569,038	6,525,889	32.72	77,815	63.96
32	Perindopril	3,618,747	58,296,033	73,564,393	20.33	3,693,561	56,966,232	73,395,537	19.87	74,814	2.07
33	Risedronate Sodium	378,089	17,972,342	20,745,946	54.87	448,905	21,464,123	25,074,085	55.86	70,816	18.73
34	Cephalexin	2,271,585	14,386,376	24,322,481	10.71	2,333,453	14,933,804	25,581,292	10.96	61,868	2.72
35	Strontium Ranelate	172,443	7,715,893	9,096,040	52.75	234,298	10,520,748	12,469,594	53.22	61,855	35.87

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**Table 9(a): Highest Govt Cost PBS Drugs (incl Drs Bag) by Generic Name, year end: Jun 2010 - Section 85 Only**  
(total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank	Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	Atorvastatin	10,468,431	597,784,244	733,670,794	70.08
2	Rosuvastatin	4,409,502	275,994,777	344,480,173	78.12
3	Clopidogrel	2,708,187	190,582,198	214,905,232	79.35
4	Esomeprazole Magnesium Trihydrate	5,851,954	190,541,016	264,633,025	45.22
5	Ranibizumab	89,753	187,650,894	188,494,722	2100.15
6	Fluticasone Propionate With Salmeterol Xinafoate	2,811,852	158,256,326	198,364,674	70.55
7	Olanzapine	898,361	155,082,874	163,152,259	181.61
8	Adalimumab	82,204	146,543,311	148,167,640	1802.44
9	Simvastatin	4,413,128	142,976,194	180,468,649	40.89
10	Etanercept	62,959	110,970,490	112,125,500	1780.93
11	Pantoprazole Sodium Sesquihydrate	3,571,642	104,043,871	138,953,760	38.90
12	Tiotropium Bromide Monohydrate	1,473,689	103,088,773	113,274,722	76.86
13	Venlafaxine Hydrochloride	2,609,648	98,249,083	140,556,447	53.86
14	Risperidone	595,085	88,937,698	93,421,503	156.99
15	Quetiapine	545,410	86,144,922	91,616,904	167.98
16	Imatinib	20,587	84,498,148	84,863,853	4122.21
17	Insulin Glargine	195,462	80,595,329	83,163,617	425.47
18	Rituximab	42,403	79,564,650	80,300,953	1893.76
19	Omeprazole	2,464,736	69,759,743	82,438,848	33.45
20	Oxycodone Hydrochloride	2,004,190	69,474,821	79,926,524	39.88
21	Irbesartan	2,878,708	65,225,899	78,007,262	27.10
22	Irbesartan With Hydrochlorothiazide	2,461,822	64,000,436	78,178,597	31.76
23	Budesonide With Eformoterol Fumarate Dihydrate	1,240,497	63,249,917	82,410,424	66.43
24	Ezetimibe With Simvastatin	600,250	61,506,640	69,089,853	115.10
25	Rabeprazole Sodium	2,214,373	61,415,521	89,884,205	40.59
26	Amlodipine Besylate With Atorvastatin Calcium	853,295	60,622,971	72,452,786	84.91
27	Varenicline	473,426	59,025,611	69,521,081	146.85
28	Perindopril	3,693,561	56,966,232	73,395,537	19.87
29	Valaciclovir Hydrochloride	368,550	53,517,467	62,599,272	169.85
30	Ezetimibe	899,700	53,237,578	63,986,054	71.12
31	Goserelin Acetate	57,785	49,678,425	50,343,817	871.23
32	Candesartan Cilexetil	1,950,889	49,107,851	62,052,805	31.81
33	Latanoprost	1,338,891	44,880,644	56,355,091	42.09
34	Fentanyl	441,440	43,205,818	46,364,092	105.03
35	Interferon Beta-1A	39,358	40,746,181	41,582,216	1056.51
36	Docetaxel	20,916	40,362,649	40,777,709	1949.59
37	Paracetamol	3,786,747	38,852,389	52,826,038	13.95
38	Mesalazine	172,853	38,638,463	42,312,274	244.79
39	Pravastatin	1,139,225	37,938,488	47,138,828	41.38
40	Pioglitazone Hydrochloride	462,125	37,936,355	42,892,254	92.82
41	Interferon Beta-1B	32,200	37,344,676	37,996,032	1180.00
42	Leuprorelin Acetate	30,804	37,057,616	37,306,721	1211.10
43	Carvedilol	525,537	36,877,827	41,306,330	78.60
44	Meloxicam	1,637,111	36,809,366	43,698,528	26.69
45	Insulin Aspart	152,311	35,825,131	38,231,974	251.01
46	Sertraline Hydrochloride	1,670,435	35,708,729	46,614,727	27.91
47	Ramipril	2,398,145	35,377,376	45,859,683	19.12
48	Metformin Hydrochloride	3,220,970	35,213,120	48,025,533	14.91
49	Famciclovir	148,483	35,082,328	38,371,329	258.42
50	Buprenorphine	777,244	34,456,453	38,891,962	50.04

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**Table 9(b): Highest Volume PBS Drugs (incl Drs Bag) by Generic Name, year ending: Jun 2010 - Section 85 Only**  
(total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1 Atorvastatin	10,468,431	597,784,244	733,670,794	70.08
2 Esomeprazole Magnesium Trihydrate	5,851,954	190,541,016	264,633,025	45.22
3 Simvastatin	4,413,128	142,976,194	180,468,649	40.89
4 Rosuvastatin	4,409,502	275,994,777	344,480,173	78.12
5 Paracetamol	3,786,747	38,852,389	52,826,038	13.95
6 Perindopril	3,693,561	56,966,232	73,395,537	19.87
7 Pantoprazole Sodium Sesquihydrate	3,571,642	104,043,871	138,953,760	38.90
8 Metformin Hydrochloride	3,220,970	35,213,120	48,025,533	14.91
9 Atenolol	2,920,963	18,666,176	31,145,770	10.66
10 Irbesartan	2,878,708	65,225,899	78,007,262	27.10
11 Fluticasone Propionate With Salmeterol Xinafoate	2,811,852	158,256,326	198,364,674	70.55
12 Clopidogrel	2,708,187	190,582,198	214,905,232	79.35
13 Salbutamol Sulfate	2,626,057	32,395,530	43,193,866	16.45
14 Venlafaxine Hydrochloride	2,609,648	98,249,083	140,556,447	53.86
15 Omeprazole	2,464,736	69,759,743	82,438,848	33.45
16 Irbesartan With Hydrochlorothiazide	2,461,822	64,000,436	78,178,597	31.76
17 Amoxicillin	2,399,393	14,177,460	25,852,402	10.77
18 Ramipril	2,398,145	35,377,376	45,859,683	19.12
19 Warfarin Sodium	2,364,798	21,126,622	30,287,324	12.81
20 Cephalexin	2,333,453	14,933,804	25,581,292	10.96
21 Rabeprazole Sodium	2,214,373	61,415,521	89,884,205	40.59
22 Codeine Phosphate With Paracetamol	2,205,245	15,794,657	25,024,978	11.35
23 Amlodipine	2,136,661	33,873,788	43,140,686	20.19
24 Oxycodone Hydrochloride	2,004,190	69,474,821	79,926,524	39.88
25 Candesartan Cilexetil	1,950,889	49,107,851	62,052,805	31.81
26 Temazepam	1,751,805	6,623,301	13,558,450	7.74
27 Sertraline Hydrochloride	1,670,435	35,708,729	46,614,727	27.91
28 Amoxicillin With Clavulanic Acid	1,645,458	16,162,139	23,789,782	14.46
29 Meloxicam	1,637,111	36,809,366	43,698,528	26.69
30 Tramadol Hydrochloride	1,624,441	22,687,107	30,470,684	18.76
31 Diazepam	1,615,182	5,867,557	12,786,294	7.92
32 Lercanidipine Hydrochloride	1,521,127	30,910,191	37,695,705	24.78
33 Tiotropium Bromide Monohydrate	1,473,689	103,088,773	113,274,722	76.86
34 Telmisartan	1,457,016	30,428,551	37,064,884	25.44
35 Gliclazide	1,402,513	13,731,534	19,092,254	13.61
36 Latanoprost	1,338,891	44,880,644	56,355,091	42.09
37 Metoprolol Tartrate	1,294,006	9,094,884	14,365,645	11.10
38 Perindopril With Indapamide Hemihydrate	1,243,927	30,529,480	36,518,270	29.36
39 Budesonide With Eformoterol Fumarate Dihydrate	1,240,497	63,249,917	82,410,424	66.43
40 Frusemide	1,237,579	6,614,192	11,050,323	8.93
41 Pravastatin	1,139,225	37,938,488	47,138,828	41.38
42 Aspirin	1,115,453	4,970,612	9,023,593	8.09
43 Celecoxib	1,108,731	31,666,128	36,517,427	32.94
44 Citalopram Hydrobromide	1,105,375	22,563,297	32,029,389	28.98
45 Roxithromycin	1,081,756	8,043,671	12,990,851	12.01
46 Amitriptyline Hydrochloride	1,056,000	4,987,261	9,240,141	8.75
47 Escitalopram Oxalate	1,023,632	26,364,595	32,827,242	32.07
48 Diltiazem Hydrochloride	1,010,472	16,688,933	20,735,538	20.52
49 Mirtazapine	987,447	25,687,148	32,202,934	32.61
50 Oxazepam	965,822	3,745,279	7,551,514	7.82

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**Table 10(a): Highest Government Cost Drug (incl Drs Bag) by PBS Item, year ending: Jun 2010 - Section 85 Only**

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	8215 Atorvastatin	Tablet 40mg (as calcium)	3,762,081	247,389,387	297,147,727	78.98
2	8358 Clopidogrel	Tablet 75mg (as hydrogen sulfate)	2,676,941	188,703,278	212,682,108	79.45
3	1382 Ranibizumab	Solution for intravitreal injection 2.	89,753	187,650,894	188,494,722	2100.15
4	8214 Atorvastatin	Tablet 20mg (as calcium)	3,532,881	158,287,977	204,577,230	57.91
5	8521 Atorvastatin	Tablet 80mg (as calcium)	1,338,224	129,896,074	147,322,664	110.09
6	9043 Rosuvastatin	Tablet 10mg (as calcium)	2,234,825	117,809,273	153,061,251	68.49
7	8626 Tiotropium Bromide Monohydrate	Capsule containing powder for or:	1,473,689	103,088,773	113,274,722	76.86
8	8601 Esomeprazole Magnesium Trihydrate	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalen	2,268,797	102,526,874	129,998,539	57.30
9	8008 Pantoprazole Sodium Sesquihydrate	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalen	2,920,584	89,353,117	119,168,596	40.80
10	8187 Olanzapine	Tablet 10mg	328,016	88,921,677	91,662,029	279.44
11	8600 Esomeprazole Magnesium Trihydrate	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalen	3,474,505	85,334,028	130,554,649	37.58
12	9039 Insulin Glargine	Injections (human analogue) 100u	195,462	80,595,329	83,163,617	425.47
13	9044 Rosuvastatin	Tablet 20mg (as calcium)	1,017,798	80,075,734	96,153,752	94.47
14	8519 Fluticasone Propionate With Salmeterol Xir	Oral pressurised inhalation 250mi	1,101,784	72,376,829	86,720,649	78.71
15	8173 Simvastatin	Tablet 40mg	2,004,349	68,993,248	88,922,619	44.36
16	8302 Venlafaxine Hydrochloride	Capsule 150mg (base) (modified	1,345,081	60,804,609	82,346,990	61.22
17	8508 Rabeprazole Sodium	Tablet 20mg (enteric coated)	1,937,867	54,549,585	79,441,617	40.99
18	8757 Ezetimibe	Tablet 10mg	899,700	53,237,578	63,986,054	71.12
19	9045 Rosuvastatin	Tablet 40mg (as calcium)	456,449	53,142,596	60,186,098	131.86
20	9110 Omeprazole	Tablet 20mg (as magnesium)	1,684,736	49,717,830	58,790,693	34.90
21	8213 Atorvastatin	Tablet 10mg (as calcium)	1,615,616	49,471,972	68,804,678	42.59
22	9114 Imatinib	Tablet 400mg (as mesylate)	11,141	46,927,380	47,124,805	4229.85
23	8134 Valaciclovir Hydrochloride	Tablet 500mg (base)	322,626	46,120,298	54,185,817	167.95
24	8405 Irbesartan With Hydrochlorothiazide	Tablet 300mg-12.5mg	1,613,694	45,202,359	52,355,061	32.44
25	8243 Latanoprost	Eye drops 50micrograms per mL	1,337,274	44,830,460	56,286,980	42.09
26	8093 Goserelin Acetate	Subcutaneous implant (long actin	40,111	44,124,194	44,464,846	1108.54
27	9100 Adalimumab	Injection 40mg in 0.8mL pre-filled	23,892	41,985,024	42,378,869	1773.77
28	8432 Fluticasone Propionate With Salmeterol Xir	Powder for oral inhalation in breat	607,493	40,650,016	48,327,368	79.55
29	9090 Etanercept	Injections 50mg in 1mL single use	23,038	40,551,845	40,910,029	1775.76
30	8101 Interferon Beta-1B	Injection set including 1 vial powd	32,200	37,344,676	37,996,032	1180.00
31	8625 Budesonide With Eformoterol Fumarate Dif	Powder for oral inhalation in breat	855,471	36,585,082	50,246,915	58.74
32	2012 Simvastatin	Tablet 20mg	1,348,718	35,630,549	44,673,473	33.12
33	8301 Venlafaxine Hydrochloride	Capsule 75mg (base) (modified re	1,186,106	35,572,536	55,935,466	47.16
34	8248 Irbesartan	Tablet 300mg	1,344,168	35,008,351	40,903,793	30.43
35	8435 Insulin Aspart	Injections (human analogue) 100u	140,521	34,142,244	36,374,184	258.85
36	8179 Anastrozole	Tablet 1mg	203,299	33,577,734	36,596,369	180.01
37	9129 Varenicline	Tablet 1mg (as tartrate)	158,157	33,299,396	36,808,912	232.74
38	8882 Ezetimibe With Simvastatin	Tablet 10mg-80mg	279,264	31,019,553	34,594,061	123.88
39	8609 Insulin Aspart-Insulin Aspart Protamine Sus	Injections (human analogue) 100u	123,395	30,975,095	32,221,358	261.12
40	8881 Ezetimibe With Simvastatin	Tablet 10mg-40mg	314,744	30,007,209	33,914,388	107.75
41	8294 Rituximab	Solution for I.V. infusion 500mg in	11,674	29,473,667	29,677,505	2542.19
42	8431 Fluticasone Propionate With Salmeterol Xir	Powder for oral inhalation in breat	653,971	28,762,927	38,822,437	59.36
43	8511 Alendronate Sodium	Tablet equivalent to 70mg alendrc	723,012	28,327,477	33,685,240	46.59
44	8440 Celecoxib	Capsule 200mg	941,280	26,983,061	31,139,990	33.08
45	8313 Simvastatin	Tablet 80mg	542,785	26,457,565	32,205,733	59.33
46	8074 Docetaxel	Injection set containing 1 single u:	11,738	26,394,291	26,631,502	2268.83
47	9128 Varenicline	Box containing 11 tablets 0.5mg (	315,269	25,726,216	32,712,168	103.76
48	8814 Paracetamol	Tablet 665mg (modified release)	2,022,129	25,589,342	33,389,407	16.51
49	8580 Quetiapine	Tablet 300mg (as fumarate)	83,884	25,484,996	26,257,708	313.02
50	8185 Olanzapine	Tablet 5mg	249,203	25,466,102	27,839,860	111.72

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

**Table 10(b): Highest Volume Drug (incl Drs Bag) by PBS Item, year ending: Jun 2010 - Section 85 Only**

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	8215 Atorvastatin	Tablet 40mg (as calcium)	3,762,081	247,389,387	297,147,727	78.98
2	8214 Atorvastatin	Tablet 20mg (as calcium)	3,532,881	158,287,977	204,577,230	57.91
3	8600 Esomeprazole Magnesium Trihydrate	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalen	3,474,505	85,334,028	130,554,649	37.58
4	1081 Atenolol	Tablet 50mg	2,920,963	18,666,176	31,145,770	10.66
5	8008 Pantoprazole Sodium Sesquihydrate	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalen	2,920,584	89,353,117	119,168,596	40.80
6	8358 Clopidogrel	Tablet 75mg (as hydrogen sulfate	2,676,941	188,703,278	212,682,108	79.45
7	8601 Esomeprazole Magnesium Trihydrate	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalen	2,268,797	102,526,874	129,998,539	57.30
8	9043 Rosuvastatin	Tablet 10mg (as calcium)	2,234,825	117,809,273	153,061,251	68.49
9	8288 Salbutamol Sulfate	Oral pressurised inhalation 100mi	2,074,258	22,771,892	31,331,621	15.10
10	8814 Paracetamol	Tablet 665mg (modified release)	2,022,129	25,589,342	33,389,407	16.51
11	8173 Simvastatin	Tablet 40mg	2,004,349	68,993,248	88,922,619	44.36
12	8508 Rabeprazole Sodium	Tablet 20mg (enteric coated)	1,937,867	54,549,585	79,441,617	40.99
13	3119 Cephalexin	Capsule 500mg	1,904,818	12,198,419	20,766,200	10.90
14	2089 Temazepam	Tablet 10mg	1,704,552	6,362,699	13,123,598	7.70
15	9110 Omeprazole	Tablet 20mg (as magnesium)	1,684,736	49,717,830	58,790,693	34.90
16	8213 Atorvastatin	Tablet 10mg (as calcium)	1,615,616	49,471,972	68,804,678	42.59
17	8405 Irbesartan With Hydrochlorothiazide	Tablet 300mg-12.5mg	1,613,694	45,202,359	52,355,061	32.44
18	1215 Codeine Phosphate With Paracetamol	Tablet 30mg-500mg	1,488,242	6,693,666	13,010,632	8.74
19	8626 Tiotropium Bromide Monohydrate	Capsule containing powder for or	1,473,689	103,088,773	113,274,722	76.86
20	3162 Diazepam	Tablet 5mg	1,430,114	5,108,017	11,280,104	7.89
21	2012 Simvastatin	Tablet 20mg	1,348,718	35,630,549	44,673,473	33.12
22	8302 Venlafaxine Hydrochloride	Capsule 150mg (base) (modified	1,345,081	60,804,609	82,346,990	61.22
23	8248 Irbesartan	Tablet 300mg	1,344,168	35,008,351	40,903,793	30.43
24	8521 Atorvastatin	Tablet 80mg (as calcium)	1,338,224	129,896,074	147,322,664	110.09
25	8243 Latanoprost	Eye drops 50micrograms per mL	1,337,274	44,830,460	56,286,980	42.09
26	1889 Amoxicillin	Capsule 500mg	1,289,412	7,778,744	13,829,697	10.73
27	8254 Amoxicillin With Clavulanic Acid	Tablet 875mg-125mg	1,248,615	12,847,173	18,533,408	14.84
28	8301 Venlafaxine Hydrochloride	Capsule 75mg (base) (modified re	1,186,106	35,572,536	55,935,466	47.16
29	8247 Irbesartan	Tablet 150mg	1,140,643	23,628,005	28,775,537	25.23
30	2430 Metformin Hydrochloride	Tablet 500mg	1,138,924	10,358,831	14,869,879	13.06
31	9007 Perindopril	Tablet containing 5mg perindopril	1,118,399	15,839,366	20,853,664	18.65
32	8784 Paracetamol	Tablet 500mg	1,103,483	9,713,960	13,522,811	12.25
33	8519 Fluticasone Propionate With Salmeterol Xir	Oral pressurised inhalation 250mi	1,101,784	72,376,829	86,720,649	78.71
34	8470 Ramipril	Capsule 10mg	1,092,939	20,738,051	25,470,344	23.30
35	9008 Perindopril	Tablet containing 10mg perindopr	1,090,716	22,469,549	27,315,194	25.04
36	8535 Gliclazide	Tablet 30mg (modified release)	1,063,393	10,406,862	14,505,492	13.64
37	9044 Rosuvastatin	Tablet 20mg (as calcium)	1,017,798	80,075,734	96,153,752	94.47
38	8202 Aspirin	Tablet 100mg	1,014,205	4,453,454	8,159,231	8.04
39	2751 Amlodipine	Tablet 5mg (as besylate)	996,956	12,446,500	16,746,136	16.80
40	2412 Frusemide	Tablet 40mg	991,927	5,173,955	8,693,198	8.76
41	2845 Perindopril With Indapamide Hemihydrate	Tablet containing 5mg perindopril	964,053	24,052,065	28,758,028	29.83
42	1324 Metoprolol Tartrate	Tablet 50mg	946,808	6,316,383	10,174,135	10.75
43	8440 Celecoxib	Capsule 200mg	941,280	26,983,061	31,139,990	33.08
44	8220 Citalopram Hydrobromide	Tablet 20mg (base)	940,997	19,412,761	26,754,392	28.43
45	8757 Ezetimibe	Tablet 10mg	899,700	53,237,578	63,986,054	71.12
46	8607 Metformin Hydrochloride	Tablet 1g	896,042	12,574,164	16,040,626	17.90
47	2843 Warfarin Sodium	Tablet 1mg	861,611	7,349,795	10,633,789	12.34
48	8625 Budesonide With Eformoterol Fumarate Dif	Powder for oral inhalation in breat	855,471	36,585,082	50,246,915	58.74
49	2237 Sertraline Hydrochloride	Tablet 100mg (base)	827,542	18,331,061	24,843,255	30.02
50	8884 Metformin Hydrochloride	Tablet 500mg (extended release)	823,799	8,571,495	11,914,994	14.46

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

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

**Table 11: PBS Other - Summary of direct payments and advances**

**Expenditure Year ending June 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 - \$ millions**

	<b>2006/07 \$ m</b>	<b>2007/08 \$ m</b>	<b>2008/09 \$ m</b>	<b>2009/10 \$ m</b>
Highly specialised drugs	583.6	653.0	750.7	858.5
Safety net card issue fees	7.9	8.0	8.3	8.5
Drs Bag items	12.1	14.8	16.0	15.0
Opiate Dependence Treatment Program	25.0	29.0	29.8	33.1
Special Authority Program (1)	97.8	89.9	76.0	81.7
Chemotherapy Access Program	47.4	57.3	67.7	83.8
Aboriginal health services (GST exclusive)	27.5	32.8	35.1	38.4
Botulinum Toxin Program (incl. Dysport)	8.8	9.5	10.3	12.8
Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Program	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
In vitro fertilisation	55.2	60.0	63.8	75.0
Human growth hormones	20.6	20.6	23.0	25.3
Other	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>886.5</b>	<b>975.5</b>	<b>1,081.4</b>	<b>1,232.7</b>

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 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	2	33	299	1,770	7,873	22,948	50,061	86,523	132,673	184,346	238,039	313,156
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	23,612	91,645	222,193	399,197	586,348	785,818	975,537	1,150,231	1,366,825
#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	31	288	2,127	8,032	19,104	33,661	49,108	64,118	78,069	90,558	103,445
<b>TOTAL</b>	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	22	395	4,205	27,509	107,550	264,245	482,919	721,979	982,609	1,237,952	1,478,828	1,783,426

# 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	1	14	146	876	3,884	11,267	24,514	42,415	65,119	90,688	117,526	155,816
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	12,241	48,556	120,409	221,033	331,015	452,113	570,791	683,085	826,944
#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	14	136	1,010	3,868	9,195	16,187	23,590	30,719	37,277	43,099	49,128
<b>TOTAL</b>	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	11	192	2,115	14,127	56,308	140,871	261,734	397,020	547,951	698,756	843,710	1,031,888

# 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 2005 to 2010**

<b>APPROVED PHARMACIES AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES</b>							<b>Approved Doctors</b>
- as at 30 June 2005 - 2010							
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>NSW</b>	1703	1705	1708	1725	1733	1739	11
<b>VIC</b>	1166	1166	1170	1174	1181	1194	3
<b>QLD</b>	951	963	987	997	1012	1028	8
<b>SA</b>	392	399	400	407	413	418	2
<b>WA</b>	491	502	509	509	517	525	23
<b>TAS</b>	134	131	133	135	137	139	5
<b>NT</b>	27	27	26	28	29	30	1
<b>ACT</b>	58	58	59	62	62	64	0
<b>AUST</b>	4922	4951	4992	5037	5084	5137	53

Source: Medicare Australia (RPC015)

Table 14(a): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2009-10

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 2009-10

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 2009-10

	GENERAL				CONCESSIONAL			TOTAL SCRIPTS	Drs Bag	TOTAL- ALL SCRIPTS
	NSN	S/NET 1	S/NET 2	TOTAL	NSN	S/NET	TOTAL			
2002/03	20,694,131	5,188,492		25,882,623	101,459,056	31,177,491	132,636,547	158,519,170	437,516	158,956,686
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
2009-10	21,226,750	4,763,435		25,990,185	122,832,364	34,756,644	157,589,008	183,579,193	332,344	183,911,537

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 2009-10

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 2009-10

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
<b>Note</b>	-Free Pensioner category removed from 1 Nov 90, \$2.50 copayment and free safety net introduced for all Concessionals					<b>Safety Net</b>	-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 2009-10

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										

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Table 14(b): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2009-10

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	747,049,026	169,693,390		916,742,416	2,741,874,040	907,119,434	3,648,993,474	4,565,735,890	477,352,298	5,043,088,188	
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	
2009/10	1,339,182,210	199,599,002		1,538,781,212	4,220,391,341	1,259,719,602	5,480,110,943	7,018,892,155	1,232,700,000	8,251,592,155	
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
2002/03	470,306,937	18,698,099		489,005,036	370,426,183	-	370,426,183	859,431,219	5,425,167,109	477,352,298	5,902,519,407
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
2009/10	701,961,714	25,253,391		727,215,106	656,949,638		656,949,638	1,384,164,743	8,403,056,898	1,232,700,000	9,635,756,898
<b>Doctor's Bag - \$ - (included in miscellaneous from 90/91)</b>											
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										
2009/10	13,571,776										

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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.

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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.

## PBS INFORMATION LINE REPORT, 2009-2010

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 2009 - June 2010, the information line received **22,552** calls.

<b>Conclusion</b>	<b>Number of calls</b>	<b>%</b>
Satisfied	22,494	99.74
Dissatisfied	44	0.20
Abusive	14	0.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,552</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### Breakdown of calls by month:

<b>Month</b>	<b>Number of calls</b>	<b>%</b>
July 2009	2,525	11.20
August 2009	2,058	9.13
September 2009	2,222	9.85
October 2009	1,681	7.45
November 2009	1,924	8.53
December 2009	1,555	6.90
January 2010	1,948	8.64
February 2010	1,826	8.10
March 2010	1,806	8.01
April 2010	1,514	6.71
May 2010	1,716	7.61
June 2010	1,777	7.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,552</b>	<b>100.01</b>

### Breakdown of calls by issue:

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Number of calls</b>	<b>%</b>
Pharmacy Item	12,457	55.24
Safety Net Issue	11,974	53.10

## Breakdown of calls: Pharmacy item issue

Pharmacy Item Issue	Number of calls	%
Centrelink Conc. Card	2423	19.45
Cost of Item to Patient	1237	9.93
Authority Scripts	1106	8.88
Availability	781	6.27
Refund - Medicare	751	6.03
Other	740	5.94
Schedule	699	5.61
Prescriber/Dispenser Number	480	3.85
Claims/Processing	462	3.71
Eligibility for the PBS	417	3.35
Doctors Bag	362	2.91
C'th Seniors Health Card	348	2.79
Private Scripts (non-PBS)	218	1.75
Cost of Item to Gov't	215	1.73
Taking Medicines Overseas	179	1.44
Brand Price Premium	171	1.37
Prescription Rules	168	1.35
Restricted items	121	0.97
Section 100 items	118	0.95
Deletion of Item	117	0.94
Prescription Shopping	116	0.93
Regulation 24	116	0.93
RPBS enquiry	87	0.70
Repeats (Reg 25)	81	0.65
SN20DR	78	0.63
Recip Health Care Agreements	72	0.58
Patient Contribution	68	0.55
HMR/DMMR	66	0.53
Brand Substitution	62	0.50
Flu Vaccine	59	0.47
Internet Query	59	0.47
PBAC	55	0.44
Generic Medicines	48	0.39
Public Hospitals and the PBS	45	0.36
PBS Statistics	38	0.31
Private Hospitals and the PBS	35	0.28
Extemp Prepared Item	33	0.26

Special Access Scheme	33	0.26
Schedule 8 Drugs	29	0.23
Therapeutic Group Premium	25	0.20
Patient Co-payment increase	21	0.17
IME	20	0.16
Hospital Reforms	18	0.14
Be Wise Brochure	14	0.11
Full Cost on Labels	14	0.11
Withdrawal of Printed Schedule	13	0.10
Schedule Mailing List	12	0.10
Special Patient Contribution	11	0.09
Budget 08	6	0.05
Athsma Awareness Campaign	3	0.02
Closing the Gap	2	0.02
Lipitor - TPG Removal	2	0.02
Herceptin - Info Provided	1	0.01
Herceptin - Refer to Department	1	0.01
Integrated Best Practice	1	0.01
2007 PBS Reforms	0	0.00
Herceptin - Refer to Website	0	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,457</b>	<b>100</b>

#### Breakdown of calls: Safety net issue

Safety Net Issue	Number of calls	%
Thresholds	2226	18.60%
General SN Query	1780	14.87%
Recording Prescriptions	1438	12.01%
Refund - Medicare Australia	1302	10.87%
Eligibility	1201	10.03%
Recordable Value	812	6.78%
Families/Dependants	718	6.00%
Stationery	700	5.85%
SN Processing (Medicare Australia)	462	3.86%
Period	398	3.32%
Joint Safety Net	253	2.11%
Cross-Overs	232	1.94%
Lost Card/Supplementary Card	215	1.80%
Change of Status	191	1.60%
CombSafetyNet(separated couples)	46	0.38%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,974</b>	<b>100%</b>

## NATIONAL DIABETES SERVICES SCHEME (NDSS)

The National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS) is administered on behalf of the Australian Government by Diabetes Australia 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 increased by 8.35 percent in 2009-2010 compared with a decrease of 3.37 percent for 2008-09.

The reduction in registrants in 2008-09 was due to a number of data cleansing activities conducted by Diabetes Australia Ltd. In particular, data associated with Gestational Diabetes registrants was 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	289,940	5.23%	577,567	-7.19%	867,507	-3.37%
2009-10	303,768	7.69%	653,570	8.65%	957,338	8.35%

The chart on the following page shows the NDSS expenditure from 1992-1993 to 2009-10.

The Australian Government expenditure on the NDSS for the 2009-10 financial year was \$154.3 million, an increase of \$26.9 million over the previous financial year.

# NATIONAL DIABETES SERVICES SCHEME Expenditure

