

Table 15(a): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2010-11

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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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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	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
2010-11	21,032,398	4,943,233		25,975,631	125,446,923	36,381,986	161,828,909	187,804,540	337,715	188,142,255

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.