

**Table 18: Special Patient Contributions, 2011-12 to 2013-14**

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Number of brands listed on the PBS(a)	>4,200	>4,500	>4,700
Number of brands with a premium(a)	283	287	284
Average brand premium	\$2.84	\$2.86	\$2.97
Weighted average brand premium(b)	\$2.48	\$2.41	\$2.49
Brand premium range	\$0.44 to \$13.59	\$0.44 to \$13.59	\$0.48 to \$11.41
Prescriptions dispensed with a brand premium(c)	14.7m	13.2m	13.0m
Prescriptions dispensed at the benchmark level(c)	53.4m	53.9m	56.7m
	78%	80%	81%

(a) A brand is defined as a unique combination of 'brand name' and 'form and strength'.

(b) Weighted average brand premium is calculated by:

scripts x premium = total premium value

total premium value / total scripts = weighted average brand premium

(c) Figures only include those scripts which are subsidised by government. General scripts that fall under the co-payment are not included.