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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 2015, the general patient safety net threshold was \$1,453.90. When patients and/or their families reached this amount, they could apply for a Safety Net Concession Card and pay only \$6.10 per prescription for the rest of the calendar year. The concessional safety net threshold was \$366.00. 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 20(a) on page 28 and Table 20(b) on page 32, because of a past problem in data supplied by the Department of Human Services 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 later years' numbers.

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**July 2014 to June 2015**

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## Summary of Pharmaceutical Benefits processing, year ending 30 June 2015

Government Pharmaceutical Benefits expenditure on accrual accounting basis for the year ending 30 June 2015 totalled \$9,072.1 million, compared with \$9,148.5 million for the previous year. This is a 0.8 per cent decrease. 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 0.8 per cent to a total of 211.4 million, compared to 209.8 million for the previous year.

Government expenditure amounted to 82.7 per cent of the total cost of PBS prescriptions. The remainder was patient contributions that amounted to \$1,484.6 million, down from \$1,545.1 million in the previous twelve-month period.

The majority of government expenditure on PBS prescriptions was directed towards concessional cardholders (\$5,486.2 million, 77.4% of the total). This is compared to concessional expenditure of \$5,708.0 million in the previous period (78.1% of the total).

The average dispensed price per prescription of PBS medicines decreased to \$40.52 for the year ending June 2015 (\$42.20 for the year ending June 2014). The average government cost of these scripts was \$33.48 for the same period (\$34.82 to June 2014).

The three drugs with the highest cost to government were *Adalimumab* (\$313.0 million), *Rosuvastatin* (\$215.9 million) and *Fluticasone+Salmeterol* (\$177.2 million). The PBS drugs most frequently dispensed were *Atorvastatin*, followed by *Rosuvastatin* and *Esomeprazole*. See Table 9(b) for details.

**Table 1(a): Pharmaceutical Benefits Expenditure on accrual accounting basis, year ending: Jun 2015**  
(these figures represent the total spent on the PBS in the 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years)

Category	Year ending Jun 2014		Year ending Jun 2015		Change	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Concessional	5,598,989,906	61.2	5,383,326,663	59.3	-215,663,243	-3.9
General	1,515,681,550	16.6	1,505,698,622	16.6	-9,982,928	-0.7
Highly Specialised Drugs	1,099,529,036	12.0	1,209,370,339	13.3	109,841,302	10.0
Drs Bag	19,123,955	0.2	17,261,555	0.2	-1,862,400	-9.7
Section 100	905,215,572	9.9	946,047,646	10.4	40,832,074	4.5
Safety Net Cards	9,987,841	0.1	10,421,579	0.1	433,738	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,148,527,860</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,072,126,403</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-76,401,456</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
<b>Total including revenue</b>	<b>8,807,157,229</b>		<b>8,498,906,852</b>		<b>-308,250,377</b>	<b>-3.5</b>

**Table 1(b): PBS Section 85 Prescription Volume and Government Cost (on cash accounting basis), year ending: Jun 2015**

Volume Category	Year ending Jun 2014		Year ending Jun 2015		Change	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Concessional non Safety Net	145,340,393	69.3	147,976,410	70.0	2,636,017	1.8
Concessional Safety Net	42,009,011	20.0	44,277,681	20.9	2,268,670	5.4
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>187,349,404</i>	<i>89.3</i>	<i>192,254,091</i>	<i>90.9</i>	<i>4,904,687</i>	<i>2.6</i>
General non Safety Net	18,050,307	8.6	15,268,972	7.2	-2,781,335	-15.4
General Safety Net	4,052,529	1.9	3,544,806	1.7	-507,723	-12.5
<i>Total General</i>	<i>22,102,836</i>	<i>10.5</i>	<i>18,813,778</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>-3,289,058</i>	<i>-14.9</i>
Drs Bag	363,763	0.2	380,376	0.2	16,613	4.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>209,816,003</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>211,448,245</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,632,242</b>	<b>0.8</b>
Under Co-payment	72,322,451		79,031,195		6,708,744	9.3
<b>Govt Cost</b>						
Category	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Concessional non Safety Net	4,319,414,670	59.1	4,105,783,416	58.0	-213,631,254	-4.9
Concessional Safety Net	1,388,583,542	19.0	1,380,416,617	19.5	-8,166,926	-0.6
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>5,707,998,212</i>	<i>78.1</i>	<i>5,486,200,033</i>	<i>77.4</i>	<i>-221,798,180</i>	<i>-3.9</i>
General non Safety Net	1,429,860,300	19.6	1,451,887,780	20.5	22,027,480	1.5
General Safety Net	154,692,449	2.1	129,275,577	1.8	-25,416,872	-16.4
<i>Total General</i>	<i>1,584,552,749</i>	<i>21.7</i>	<i>1,581,163,358</i>	<i>22.3</i>	<i>-3,389,391</i>	<i>-0.2</i>
Drs Bag	16,009,408	0.2	16,340,036	0.2	330,628	2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,308,560,369</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,083,703,427</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-224,856,943</b>	<b>-3.1</b>

**Table 1(c): RPBS Section 85 Prescription Volume and Government Cost (on cash accounting basis), year ending: Jun 2015**

Volume	Year ending Jun 2014		Year ending Jun 2015		Change	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,338,253</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,650,038</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-688,215</b>	<b>-5.6</b>
<b>Govt Cost</b>						
Total	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>362,383,328</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>328,563,995</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-33,819,333</b>	<b>-9.3</b>

**Table 2: PBS Prescription Volume, Government Cost and Patient Contributions, year ending:  
Jun 2015 - Section 85 Only**

Category	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Patient Payments \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
Concessional non Safety Net	147,976,410	4,105,783,416	895,165,751	5,000,949,167	33.80
Concessional Safety Net	44,277,681	1,380,416,617	0	1,380,416,617	31.18
<i>Total Concessional</i>	<i>192,254,091</i>	<i>5,486,200,033</i>	<i>895,165,751</i>	<i>6,381,365,784</i>	<i>33.19</i>
General non Safety Net	15,268,972	1,451,887,780	568,213,014	2,020,100,795	132.30
General Safety Net	3,544,806	129,275,577	21,269,001	150,544,578	42.47
<i>Total General</i>	<i>18,813,778</i>	<i>1,581,163,358</i>	<i>589,482,015</i>	<i>2,170,645,373</i>	<i>115.38</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>211,067,869</b>	<b>7,067,363,390</b>	<b>1,484,647,766</b>	<b>8,552,011,157</b>	<b>40.52</b>
Drs Bag	380,376	16,340,036	0	16,340,036	42.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>211,448,245</b>	<b>7,083,703,427</b>	<b>1,484,647,766</b>	<b>8,568,351,193</b>	<b>40.52</b>

**Table 2(a): PBS Prescription Volume and Govt Cost by monthly summary (excl. Drs Bag), year ending:  
Jun 2015 - Section 85 Only**

Month	Subsidised volume	Under co-payment volume	Govt Cost \$	Patient Payments \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
<b>2013</b>						
JUL	14,404,412	5,205,777	498,566,470	121,901,130	620,467,600	43.07
AUG	14,773,562	5,052,129	510,891,845	116,350,417	627,242,262	42.46
SEP	14,814,875	5,221,934	521,133,993	111,028,895	632,162,888	42.67
OCT	12,741,365	4,446,703	453,312,502	90,715,360	544,027,862	42.70
NOV	12,715,318	4,224,428	452,494,579	84,907,258	537,401,837	42.26
DEC	13,407,544	4,309,049	485,033,763	83,797,076	568,830,839	42.43
<b>2014</b>						
JAN	14,456,576	4,363,295	520,716,647	83,030,418	603,747,065	41.76
FEB	9,351,659	3,219,357	335,620,525	65,254,999	400,875,524	42.87
MAR	28,874,428	9,454,021	1,005,780,988	198,418,512	1,204,199,500	41.70
APR	33,551,043	11,511,565	1,149,236,040	251,712,042	1,400,948,082	41.76
MAY	21,771,887	8,316,212	736,901,904	185,353,663	922,255,566	42.36
JUN	18,589,571	6,997,981	622,861,705	152,584,971	775,446,676	41.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>209,452,240</b>	<b>72,322,451</b>	<b>7,292,550,961</b>	<b>1,545,054,740</b>	<b>8,837,605,701</b>	<b>42.19</b>
<b>2014</b>						
JUL	14,993,943	5,886,412	504,784,950	118,959,325	623,744,275	41.60
AUG	17,286,307	6,522,203	589,498,773	128,040,918	717,539,691	41.51
SEP	15,208,449	5,759,048	523,835,531	105,733,399	629,568,930	41.40
OCT	15,101,420	5,591,087	521,856,825	98,935,556	620,792,381	41.11
NOV	17,023,058	5,956,825	576,451,668	101,387,764	677,839,432	39.82
DEC	14,792,596	5,157,300	505,330,824	82,242,086	587,572,910	39.72
<b>2015</b>						
JAN	17,053,050	5,303,545	582,998,690	85,724,529	668,723,220	39.21
FEB	22,251,124	7,806,339	752,067,132	141,762,796	893,829,927	40.17
MAR	17,028,419	6,727,219	567,359,441	137,389,125	704,748,565	41.39
APR	13,377,984	5,116,124	439,147,251	110,267,080	549,414,332	41.07
MAY	27,340,455	10,845,472	878,592,137	221,395,995	1,099,988,132	40.23
JUN	19,611,064	8,359,621	625,440,169	152,809,193	778,249,362	39.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>211,067,869</b>	<b>79,031,195</b>	<b>7,067,363,390</b>	<b>1,484,647,766</b>	<b>8,552,011,157</b>	<b>40.52</b>

Table 3: PBS processing by State (excl. Drs Bag), year ending: Jun 2015 - Section 85 Only

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Volume</b>									
Concess NSN	49,745,689	38,311,484	28,849,091	12,370,574	12,437,422	4,239,283	505,785	1,517,082	147,976,410
Concess SN	15,481,002	11,266,298	8,706,185	3,756,888	3,348,423	1,280,613	67,678	370,594	44,277,681
General NSN	4,910,355	3,707,984	3,055,635	1,055,862	1,788,275	324,660	104,831	321,370	15,268,972
General SN	1,229,910	855,288	670,671	255,257	374,234	67,527	12,208	79,711	3,544,806
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,366,956</b>	<b>54,141,054</b>	<b>41,281,582</b>	<b>17,438,581</b>	<b>17,948,354</b>	<b>5,912,083</b>	<b>690,502</b>	<b>2,288,757</b>	<b>211,067,869</b>
<b>Govt Cost \$</b>									
Concess NSN	1,426,628,178	1,028,826,380	789,537,485	332,382,564	349,347,608	119,937,988	13,665,667	45,457,545	4,105,783,416
Concess SN	488,103,640	343,860,618	270,735,231	116,465,467	106,121,373	40,674,433	1,989,671	12,466,185	1,380,416,617
General NSN	464,172,443	369,369,259	262,882,481	99,019,002	183,223,010	32,207,027	9,327,401	31,687,157	1,451,887,780
General SN	44,661,249	30,899,371	23,702,475	9,464,193	14,566,224	2,575,076	406,744	3,000,245	129,275,577
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,423,565,510</b>	<b>1,772,955,629</b>	<b>1,346,857,672</b>	<b>557,331,226</b>	<b>653,258,215</b>	<b>195,394,524</b>	<b>25,389,482</b>	<b>92,611,132</b>	<b>7,067,363,390</b>
<b>Total Cost \$</b>									
Concess NSN	1,727,503,759	1,260,613,393	964,074,475	407,227,889	424,573,925	145,598,041	16,722,716	54,634,970	5,000,949,167
Concess SN	488,103,640	343,860,618	270,735,231	116,465,467	106,121,373	40,674,433	1,989,671	12,466,185	1,380,416,617
General NSN	646,853,476	507,392,995	376,605,359	138,317,330	249,763,307	44,291,864	13,227,481	43,648,983	2,020,100,795
General SN	52,039,414	36,032,491	27,726,790	10,996,113	16,811,027	2,980,204	479,969	3,478,570	150,544,578
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,914,500,290</b>	<b>2,147,899,497</b>	<b>1,639,141,856</b>	<b>673,006,798</b>	<b>797,269,632</b>	<b>233,544,541</b>	<b>32,419,837</b>	<b>114,228,707</b>	<b>8,552,011,156</b>
<b>Ave Prices \$</b>									
Concess NSN	34.73	32.90	33.42	32.92	34.14	34.34	33.06	36.01	33.80
Concess SN	31.53	30.52	31.10	31.00	31.69	31.76	29.40	33.64	31.18
General NSN	131.73	136.84	123.25	131.00	139.67	136.43	126.18	135.82	132.30
General SN	42.31	42.13	41.34	43.08	44.92	44.13	39.32	43.64	42.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>40.84</b>	<b>39.67</b>	<b>39.71</b>	<b>38.59</b>	<b>44.42</b>	<b>39.50</b>	<b>46.95</b>	<b>49.91</b>	<b>40.52</b>
Population ('000) <sup>(a)</sup>	7,565.5	5,886.4	4,750.5	1,691.5	2,581.3	515.2	244.3	387.6	23,625.6
Volume per capita	9.4	9.2	8.7	10.3	7.0	11.5	2.8	5.9	8.9
Govt cost per capita	320.3	301.2	283.5	329.5	253.1	379.3	103.9	238.9	299.1
% Population	32.0	24.9	20.1	7.2	10.9	2.2	1.0	1.6	100
% Volume	33.8	25.7	19.6	8.3	8.5	2.8	0.3	1.1	100
% Govt Cost	34.3	25.1	19.1	7.9	9.2	2.8	0.4	1.3	100
% Total Cost	34.1	25.1	19.2	7.9	9.3	2.7	0.4	1.3	100

(a) Population 31 December 2014, Source: ABS Publication 3101.0

SN: Safety Net

NSN: Non Safety Net

**Table 4(a): PBS processing (excl. Drs Bag) years ending: Jun 2012 to end Jun 2015 - Section 85 Only**

Year	Subsidised Prescription Volume	Under co-payment Prescription Volume	Government Cost \$
Year ending Jun 12	194,548,705	n.a.	7,528,204,119
Year ending Jun 13	196,953,259	62,019,470	7,069,490,924
Year ending Jun 14	209,452,240	72,322,451	7,292,550,961
Year ending Jun 15	211,067,869	79,031,195	7,067,363,390
<i>Change</i>	1,615,629	6,708,744	-225,187,571
<i>%</i>	0.77	9.28	-3.09

**Table 4(b): PBS processing (incl. Drs Bag) year ending: Jun 2015 - Section 85 Only**

	Year ending Jun 14	Year ending Jun 15	Change	%
<b>Highest volume drug: Atorvastatin</b>				
Prescription Volume	8,912,377	7,745,167	-1,167,210	-13.10
UCP Prescription Volume	1,362,258	2,790,301	1,428,043	104.83
Government Cost (\$)	279,187,250	123,324,909	-155,862,341	-55.83
<b>Highest Govt cost drug: Adalimumab</b>				
Prescription Volume	153,818	176,657	22,839	14.85
UCP Prescription Volume	0	0	0	0.00
Government Cost (\$)	272,717,486	312,975,495	40,258,009	14.76
<b>Highest volume ATC Level 2: AGENTS ACTING ON THE RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM</b>				
Prescription Volume	23,528,515	23,651,887	123,372	0.52
UCP Prescription Volume	11,762,386	12,031,164	268,778	2.29
Government Cost (\$)	366,990,367	328,489,329	-38,501,038	-10.49
<b>Highest Government cost ATC Level 2: IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS</b>				
Prescription Volume	820,097	896,794	76,697	9.35
UCP Prescription Volume	9,808	11,018	1,210	12.34
Government Cost (\$)	743,663,075	860,049,731	116,386,657	15.65
<b>Greatest increase in Govt. cost ATC Level 2: IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS</b>				
Prescription Volume	820,097	896,794	76,697	9.35
UCP Prescription Volume	9,808	11,018	1,210	12.34
Government Cost (\$)	743,663,075	860,049,731	116,386,657	15.65

Table 5: ATC main group comparison (incl Drs bag), year ending: Jun 2015 - Section 85 Only

ATC Group Level 1	Year ending - Jun 2014				Year ending - Jun 2015			
	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Number	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
ALIMENTARY TRACT AND METABOLISM	30,578,925	1,035,381,553	1,253,349,360	40.99	31,402,783	961,717,105	1,184,744,217	37.73
BLOOD AND BLOOD FORMING ORGANS	8,918,466	273,331,521	335,741,018	37.65	9,358,836	326,123,637	395,009,675	42.21
CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM	68,730,016	1,495,363,660	1,985,124,293	28.88	66,799,515	1,200,014,322	1,621,164,296	24.27
DERMATOLOGICALS	3,059,192	67,723,434	98,544,711	32.21	3,066,942	64,915,248	95,366,185	31.09
GENITO URINARY SYSTEM AND SEX HORMONES	3,180,226	123,833,463	149,056,457	46.87	3,333,441	134,627,382	161,676,299	48.50
SYSTEMIC HORMONAL PREPARATIONS, EXCL. SEX HORMONES	3,320,417	63,609,530	81,910,815	24.67	3,473,861	63,603,576	82,802,709	23.84
ANTIINFECTIVES FOR SYSTEMIC USE	13,773,672	248,082,028	335,843,490	24.38	14,191,943	186,565,533	277,439,144	19.55
ANTINEOPLASTIC AND IMMUNOMODULATING AGENTS	2,078,723	1,320,266,779	1,356,658,120	652.64	2,190,905	1,497,055,775	1,535,963,403	701.06
MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM	8,508,749	262,800,424	314,497,302	36.96	8,170,772	267,640,316	317,568,781	38.87
NERVOUS SYSTEM	46,890,499	1,417,634,199	1,762,435,846	37.59	48,553,254	1,341,096,905	1,678,445,632	34.57
ANTIPARASITIC PRODUCTS, INSECTICIDES AND REPELLENTS	104,575	1,775,199	2,387,522	22.83	97,138	1,805,003	2,418,396	24.90
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	11,580,359	478,956,058	602,274,493	52.01	11,827,684	479,966,805	605,074,934	51.16
SENSORY ORGANS	8,369,076	443,774,269	493,475,532	58.96	8,259,554	469,874,482	515,621,353	62.43
VARIOUS	563,652	73,307,246	78,719,213	139.66	562,216	85,554,133	91,007,106	161.87
Not otherwise classified	159,456	2,721,007	3,596,939	22.56	159,401	3,143,206	4,049,063	25.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>209,816,003</b>	<b>7,308,560,369</b>	<b>8,853,615,109</b>	<b>42.20</b>	<b>211,448,245</b>	<b>7,083,703,427</b>	<b>8,568,351,193</b>	<b>40.52</b>

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Change, years ending:	Jun 2014 to Jun 2015				Jun 2014 to Jun 2015			
		Change			Percentage Change			
ALIMENTARY TRACT AND METABOLISM	823,858	-73,664,448	-68,605,143	-3.26	2.69	-7.11	-5.47	-7.95
BLOOD AND BLOOD FORMING ORGANS	440,370	52,792,116	59,268,657	4.56	4.94	19.31	17.65	12.12
CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM	-1,930,501	-295,349,337	-363,959,997	-4.61	-2.81	-19.75	-18.33	-15.97
DERMATOLOGICALS	7,750	-2,808,186	-3,178,526	-1.12	0.25	-4.15	-3.23	-3.47
GENITO URINARY SYSTEM AND SEX HORMONES	153,215	10,793,919	12,619,842	1.63	4.82	8.72	8.47	3.48
SYSTEMIC HORMONAL PREPARATIONS, EXCL. SEX HORMONES	153,444	-5,954	891,894	-0.83	4.62	-0.01	1.09	-3.38
ANTIINFECTIVES FOR SYSTEMIC USE	418,271	-61,516,496	-58,404,346	-4.83	3.04	-24.80	-17.39	-19.83
ANTINEOPLASTIC AND IMMUNOMODULATING AGENTS	112,182	176,788,996	179,305,283	48.42	5.40	13.39	13.22	7.42
MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM	-337,977	4,839,892	3,071,479	1.90	-3.97	1.84	0.98	5.15
NERVOUS SYSTEM	1,662,755	-76,537,295	-83,990,214	-3.02	3.55	-5.40	-4.77	-8.03
ANTIPARASITIC PRODUCTS, INSECTICIDES AND REPELLENTS	-7,437	29,804	30,874	2.07	-7.11	1.68	1.29	9.05
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	247,325	1,010,746	2,800,442	-0.85	2.14	0.21	0.46	-1.64
SENSORY ORGANS	-109,522	26,100,213	22,145,821	3.46	-1.31	5.88	4.49	5.87
VARIOUS	-1,436	12,246,887	12,287,893	22.21	-0.25	16.71	15.61	15.91
Not otherwise classified	-55	422,199	452,124	2.84	-0.03	15.52	12.57	12.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,632,242</b>	<b>-224,856,943</b>	<b>-285,263,916</b>	<b>-1.67</b>	<b>0.78</b>	<b>-3.08</b>	<b>-3.22</b>	<b>-3.97</b>

**Table 6: PBS Prescription Volume, Government Cost and Average Government Cost/Script (excl. Drs Bag), year ending: Jun 2012 to end Jun 2015 - 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 12	194,548,705	26,060,056	21,239,413	4,820,643	168,488,649	130,441,952	38,046,697
Year ending Jun 13	196,953,259	23,694,635	19,323,589	4,371,046	173,258,624	133,646,630	39,611,994
Year ending Jun 14	209,452,240	22,102,836	18,050,307	4,052,529	187,349,404	145,340,393	42,009,011
Year ending Jun 15	211,067,869	18,813,778	15,268,972	3,544,806	192,254,091	147,976,410	44,277,681
<i>Change (Jun 14 - Jun 15)</i>	1,615,629	-3,289,058	-2,781,335	-507,723	4,904,687	2,636,017	2,268,670
<i>% Change (Jun 14 - Jun 15)</i>	0.77%	-14.88%	-15.41%	-12.53%	2.62%	1.81%	5.40%
<b>Government Cost \$</b>							
Year ending Jun 12	7,528,204,119	1,661,940,288	1,453,773,280	208,167,009	5,866,263,831	4,476,104,435	1,390,159,396
Year ending Jun 13	7,069,490,924	1,508,867,945	1,339,654,102	169,213,844	5,560,622,979	4,209,086,581	1,351,536,398
Year ending Jun 14	7,292,550,961	1,584,552,749	1,429,860,300	154,692,449	5,707,998,212	4,319,414,670	1,388,583,542
Year ending Jun 15	7,067,363,390	1,581,163,358	1,451,887,780	129,275,577	5,486,200,033	4,105,783,416	1,380,416,617
<i>Change (Jun 14 - Jun 15)</i>	-225,187,571	-3,389,391	22,027,480	-25,416,872	-221,798,180	-213,631,254	-8,166,926
<i>% Change (Jun 14 - Jun 15)</i>	-3.09%	-0.21%	1.54%	-16.43%	-3.89%	-4.95%	-0.59%
<b>Average Govt Cost/Script \$</b>							
Year ending Jun 12	38.70	63.77	68.45	43.18	34.82	34.31	36.54
Year ending Jun 13	35.89	63.68	69.33	38.71	32.09	31.49	34.12
Year ending Jun 14	34.82	71.69	79.22	38.17	30.47	29.72	33.05
Year ending Jun 15	33.48	84.04	95.09	36.47	28.54	27.75	31.18
<i>Change (Jun 14 - Jun 15)</i>	-1.33	12.35	15.87	-1.70	-1.93	-1.97	-1.88
<i>% Change (Jun 14 - Jun 15)</i>	-3.83%	17.23%	20.04%	-4.46%	-6.34%	-6.64%	-5.68%

**Table 7(a): Significant drug groups (incl Drs bag) by highest Government cost, year end: Jun 2014 to year end: Jun 2015 - Section 85 Only**

ATC Group Level 2	Year ending Jun 2014				Year ending Jun 2015			
	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS	820,097	743,663,075	760,469,334	927.29	896,794	860,049,731	878,925,896	980.08
LIPID MODIFYING AGENTS	24,978,107	872,648,621	1,135,168,605	45.45	23,077,992	629,984,614	824,062,682	35.71
DRUGS USED IN DIABETES	8,614,293	511,318,111	578,856,946	67.20	9,052,105	496,641,873	572,506,055	63.25
DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	11,393,573	475,770,046	598,175,244	52.50	11,632,079	476,736,740	600,875,164	51.66
ANALGESICS	18,666,546	433,141,002	535,893,744	28.71	20,361,391	473,420,992	588,827,123	28.92
OPHTHALMOLOGICALS	7,760,073	440,865,044	487,710,124	62.85	7,601,713	466,586,348	509,193,150	66.98
ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS	420,398	292,243,145	298,386,810	709.77	452,076	355,113,015	361,995,387	800.74
AGENTS ACTING ON THE RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	23,528,515	366,990,367	490,629,814	20.85	23,651,887	328,489,329	454,621,070	19.22
PSYCHOLEPTICS	8,333,070	413,359,608	466,665,659	56.00	8,151,122	325,951,958	376,487,747	46.19
ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	7,966,328	259,582,621	315,746,731	39.64	8,328,417	292,878,211	354,347,782	42.55
DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	16,781,964	353,745,220	466,678,555	27.81	17,040,959	283,662,500	392,447,882	23.03
PSYCHOANALEPTICS	16,007,537	325,264,391	470,299,152	29.38	15,979,134	266,546,853	392,499,822	24.56
ENDOCRINE THERAPY	757,427	204,322,425	215,950,939	285.11	776,993	217,648,357	229,336,835	295.16
DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES	3,050,279	184,944,997	210,363,981	68.97	2,753,943	198,162,810	222,048,211	80.63
OTHER NERVOUS SYSTEM DRUGS	609,929	78,450,224	90,529,576	148.43	637,484	109,811,214	122,407,249	192.02
ANTIBACTERIALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	12,918,676	102,838,626	170,546,181	13.20	13,324,884	101,498,426	171,749,762	12.89
ANTIDIARRHEALS, INTESTINAL ANTIINFLAMMATORY/ANTI	935,887	83,164,033	97,196,105	103.85	953,533	92,517,326	107,343,819	112.57

Change, years ending:	Jun 2014 to Jun 2015				Jun 2014 to Jun 2015			
	Change	Change	Change	Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change
IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS	76,697	116,386,657	118,456,562	52.78	9.35	15.65	15.58	5.69
LIPID MODIFYING AGENTS	-1,900,115	-242,664,008	-311,105,923	-9.74	-7.61	-27.81	-27.41	-21.43
DRUGS USED IN DIABETES	437,812	-14,676,238	-6,350,891	-3.95	5.08	-2.87	-1.10	-5.88
DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	238,506	966,694	2,699,920	-0.84	2.09	0.20	0.45	-1.61
ANALGESICS	1,694,845	40,279,991	52,933,378	0.21	9.08	9.30	9.88	0.73
OPHTHALMOLOGICALS	-158,360	25,721,303	21,483,026	4.14	-2.04	5.83	4.40	6.58
ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS	31,678	62,869,869	63,608,577	90.97	7.54	21.51	21.32	12.82
AGENTS ACTING ON THE RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	123,372	-38,501,038	-36,008,744	-1.63	0.52	-10.49	-7.34	-7.82
PSYCHOLEPTICS	-181,948	-87,407,651	-90,177,913	-9.81	-2.18	-21.15	-19.32	-17.52
ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	362,089	33,295,590	38,601,050	2.91	4.55	12.83	12.23	7.35
DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	258,995	-70,082,719	-74,230,673	-4.78	1.54	-19.81	-15.91	-17.18
PSYCHOANALEPTICS	-28,403	-58,717,538	-77,799,329	-4.82	-0.18	-18.05	-16.54	-16.39
ENDOCRINE THERAPY	19,566	13,325,931	13,385,896	10.05	2.58	6.52	6.20	3.52
DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES	-296,336	13,217,813	11,684,230	11.66	-9.72	7.15	5.55	16.91
OTHER NERVOUS SYSTEM DRUGS	27,555	31,360,989	31,877,673	43.59	4.52	39.98	35.21	29.37
ANTIBACTERIALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	406,208	-1,340,200	1,203,581	-0.31	3.14	-1.30	0.71	-2.36
ANTIDIARRHEALS, INTESTINAL ANTIINFLAMMATORY/ANTI	17,646	9,353,293	10,147,713	8.72	1.89	11.25	10.44	8.40

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 2014 to year end: Jun 2015 - Section 85 Only**

ATC Group Level 2	Year ending Jun 2014				Year ending Jun 2015			
	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
AGENTS ACTING ON THE RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	23,528,515	366,990,367	490,629,814	20.85	23,651,887	328,489,329	454,621,070	19.22
LIPID MODIFYING AGENTS	24,978,107	872,648,621	1,135,168,605	45.45	23,077,992	629,984,614	824,062,682	35.71
ANALGESICS	18,666,546	433,141,002	535,893,744	28.71	20,361,391	473,420,992	588,827,123	28.92
DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	16,781,964	353,745,220	466,678,555	27.81	17,040,959	283,662,500	392,447,882	23.03
PSYCHOANALEPTICS	16,007,537	325,264,391	470,299,152	29.38	15,979,134	266,546,853	392,499,822	24.56
ANTIBACTERIALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	12,918,676	102,838,626	170,546,181	13.20	13,324,884	101,498,426	171,749,762	12.89
DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	11,393,573	475,770,046	598,175,244	52.50	11,632,079	476,736,740	600,875,164	51.66
DRUGS USED IN DIABETES	8,614,293	511,318,111	578,856,946	67.20	9,052,105	496,641,873	572,506,055	63.25
ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	7,966,328	259,582,621	315,746,731	39.64	8,328,417	292,878,211	354,347,782	42.55
PSYCHOLEPTICS	8,333,070	413,359,608	466,665,659	56.00	8,151,122	325,951,958	376,487,747	46.19
OPHTHALMOLOGICALS	7,760,073	440,865,044	487,710,124	62.85	7,601,713	466,586,348	509,193,150	66.98
CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS	6,921,585	61,823,497	93,999,734	13.58	6,744,266	53,668,003	85,284,499	12.65
BETA BLOCKING AGENTS	6,353,192	86,749,002	123,764,157	19.48	6,293,199	73,401,680	106,803,292	16.97
ANTIINFLAMMATORY AND ANTIRHEUMATIC PRODUCTS	4,170,078	65,457,331	85,445,510	20.49	4,118,639	57,394,896	77,310,237	18.77
CARDIAC THERAPY	3,164,996	60,895,947	78,866,657	24.92	3,165,437	63,619,153	82,652,882	26.11
DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES	3,050,279	184,944,997	210,363,981	68.97	2,753,943	198,162,810	222,048,211	80.63
DIURETICS	2,326,068	20,241,194	30,004,119	12.90	2,359,260	20,540,110	30,483,066	12.92

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Change, years ending:	Jun 2014 to Jun 2015				Jun 2014 to Jun 2015			
	Change	Change	Change	Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change	Percentage Change
AGENTS ACTING ON THE RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	123,372	-38,501,038	-36,008,744	-1.63	0.52	-10.49	-7.34	-7.82
LIPID MODIFYING AGENTS	-1,900,115	-242,664,008	-311,105,923	-9.74	-7.61	-27.81	-27.41	-21.43
ANALGESICS	1,694,845	40,279,991	52,933,378	0.21	9.08	9.30	9.88	0.73
DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	258,995	-70,082,719	-74,230,673	-4.78	1.54	-19.81	-15.91	-17.18
PSYCHOANALEPTICS	-28,403	-58,717,538	-77,799,329	-4.82	-0.18	-18.05	-16.54	-16.39
ANTIBACTERIALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	406,208	-1,340,200	1,203,581	-0.31	3.14	-1.30	0.71	-2.36
DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	238,506	966,694	2,699,920	-0.84	2.09	0.20	0.45	-1.61
DRUGS USED IN DIABETES	437,812	-14,676,238	-6,350,891	-3.95	5.08	-2.87	-1.10	-5.88
ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	362,089	33,295,590	38,601,050	2.91	4.55	12.83	12.23	7.35
PSYCHOLEPTICS	-181,948	-87,407,651	-90,177,913	-9.81	-2.18	-21.15	-19.32	-17.52
OPHTHALMOLOGICALS	-158,360	25,721,303	21,483,026	4.14	-2.04	5.83	4.40	6.58
CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS	-177,319	-8,155,494	-8,715,235	-0.94	-2.56	-13.19	-9.27	-6.89
BETA BLOCKING AGENTS	-59,993	-13,347,322	-16,960,865	-2.51	-0.94	-15.39	-13.70	-12.88
ANTIINFLAMMATORY AND ANTIRHEUMATIC PRODUCTS	-51,439	-8,062,434	-8,135,273	-1.72	-1.23	-12.32	-9.52	-8.39
CARDIAC THERAPY	441	2,723,206	3,786,225	1.19	0.01	4.47	4.80	4.79
DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES	-296,336	13,217,813	11,684,230	11.66	-9.72	7.15	5.55	16.91
DIURETICS	33,192	298,917	478,947	0.02	1.43	1.48	1.60	0.17

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 2014 to year end: Jun 2015 - Section 85 Only**

Rank	Drug	Year ending Jun 2014				Year ending Jun 2015				Change	
		Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Govt Cost \$	%
1	Pregabalin	1,603,355	71,343,720	88,883,547	55.44	2,524,437	113,891,329	140,515,043	55.66	42,547,608	59.64
2	Rivaroxaban	406,640	33,170,738	38,450,656	94.56	917,572	75,547,405	87,117,140	94.94	42,376,668	127.75
3	Adalimumab	153,818	272,717,486	276,360,731	1796.67	176,657	312,975,495	317,299,681	1,796.13	40,258,009	14.76
4	Denosumab	169,093	58,516,718	60,377,805	357.07	287,554	93,771,494	96,892,489	336.95	35,254,776	60.25
5	Dimethyl Fumarate	7,483	12,117,195	12,301,227	1643.89	24,463	43,485,489	44,090,951	1,802.35	31,368,294	258.87
6	Dabrafenib	1,373	12,007,289	12,034,241	8764.92	4,705	41,160,124	41,249,662	8,767.20	29,152,835	242.79
7	Everolimus	2,683	3,835,066	3,874,213	1443.99	8,913	30,646,235	30,782,095	3,453.62	26,811,170	699.11
8	Apixaban	66,958	6,682,645	7,399,922	110.52	326,062	29,574,090	32,943,136	101.03	22,891,445	342.55
9	Aflibercept	97,941	152,683,617	153,737,594	1569.70	111,892	174,926,122	176,174,586	1,574.51	22,242,504	14.57
10	Fingolimod	50,914	116,603,422	117,808,297	2313.87	60,431	138,351,319	139,821,110	2,313.73	21,747,897	18.65
11	Oxycodone + Naloxone	717,141	28,962,831	34,019,971	47.44	1,239,599	48,457,067	57,006,295	45.99	19,494,235	67.31
12	Iron	106	26,277	29,064	274.19	67,435	18,740,502	20,220,463	299.85	18,714,226	71220.04
13	Enzalutamide	0	0	0	0.00	3,834	14,253,871	14,295,209	3,728.54	14,253,871	New
14	Golimumab	32,671	57,346,733	58,104,771	1778.48	40,347	70,767,683	71,724,025	1,777.68	13,420,949	23.40
15	Ustekinumab	6,496	40,396,845	40,575,336	6246.20	8,627	53,376,183	53,620,150	6,215.39	12,979,338	32.13
16	Abiraterone	8,383	30,330,422	30,412,276	3627.85	11,652	42,254,947	42,361,323	3,635.54	11,924,525	39.32
17	Dabigatran	173,883	14,968,357	16,676,431	95.91	307,228	26,517,425	29,511,270	96.06	11,549,068	77.16
18	Insulin Glargine	325,853	133,915,261	138,449,168	424.88	350,874	144,073,270	148,970,806	424.57	10,158,009	7.59
19	Teriflunomide	2,361	4,314,026	4,366,913	1849.60	7,831	14,303,231	14,472,034	1,848.04	9,989,205	231.55
20	Etanercept	87,882	154,192,858	156,044,850	1775.62	93,424	163,911,143	165,927,364	1,776.07	9,718,285	6.30
21	Paliperidone	150,161	48,611,154	50,151,929	333.99	176,034	57,962,568	59,761,111	339.49	9,351,414	19.24
22	Ranibizumab	96,523	148,455,573	149,405,480	1547.87	102,395	157,805,723	158,845,494	1,551.30	9,350,150	6.30
23	Ticagrelor	85,839	11,091,490	12,717,290	148.15	145,422	18,862,953	21,594,219	148.49	7,771,463	70.07
24	Atorvastatin (&) Ezetimibe	12,849	1,000,584	1,223,427	95.22	122,860	8,524,835	10,575,440	86.08	7,524,251	751.99
25	Dasatinib	5,937	30,126,595	30,255,969	5096.17	7,286	37,185,745	37,352,595	5,126.63	7,059,150	23.43
26	Pazopanib	3,252	14,223,323	14,272,042	4388.70	4,654	20,483,635	20,555,125	4,416.66	6,260,312	44.01
27	Abatacept	17,045	29,598,247	29,885,125	1753.31	20,495	35,607,094	35,943,146	1,753.75	6,008,847	20.30
28	Amino Acid Formula With Vitamins And Minerals	720	2,333,313	2,342,407	3253.34	2,126	8,092,451	8,117,114	3,818.02	5,759,138	246.82
29	Mesalazine	265,895	65,038,131	71,490,104	268.87	285,506	70,633,666	77,752,456	272.33	5,595,535	8.60
30	Dapagliflozin	14,385	1,034,187	1,298,301	90.25	123,918	6,254,152	8,457,924	68.25	5,219,965	504.74
31	Glycopyrronium	4,794	305,824	352,433	73.52	92,912	5,453,399	6,261,494	67.39	5,147,575	1683.18
32	Perindopril + Amlodipine	1,044,909	25,320,207	36,940,004	35.35	1,251,142	30,253,051	44,291,906	35.40	4,932,844	19.48
33	Certolizumab Pegol	10,996	18,573,719	18,783,981	1708.26	13,771	23,240,070	23,516,516	1,707.68	4,666,352	25.12
34	Budesonide + Eformoterol	1,710,547	87,495,065	116,429,457	68.07	1,784,712	92,119,296	122,718,580	68.76	4,624,231	5.29
35	Aripiprazole	171,952	36,346,023	38,326,999	222.89	193,431	40,891,063	43,157,343	223.11	4,545,040	12.50

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**Table 8(b): Significant Drugs (incl Drs Bag)-Sorted by highest volume change, year end: Jun 2014 to year end: Jun 2015 - Section 85 Only**

Rank	Drug	Year ending Jun 2014				Year ending Jun 2015				Change	
		Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$	Volume	%
1	Pregabalin	1,603,355	71,343,720	88,883,547	55.44	2,524,437	113,891,329	140,515,043	55.66	921,082	57.45
2	Oxycodone + Naloxone	717,141	28,962,831	34,019,971	47.44	1,239,599	48,457,067	57,006,295	45.99	522,458	72.85
3	Rivaroxaban	406,640	33,170,738	38,450,656	94.56	917,572	75,547,405	87,117,140	94.94	510,932	125.65
4	Pantoprazole	4,094,219	45,932,933	64,965,765	15.87	4,372,336	36,669,441	57,172,989	13.08	278,117	6.79
5	Apixaban	66,958	6,682,645	7,399,922	110.52	326,062	29,574,090	32,943,136	101.03	259,104	386.96
6	Perindopril + Amlodipine	1,044,909	25,320,207	36,940,004	35.35	1,251,142	30,253,051	44,291,906	35.40	206,233	19.74
7	Esomeprazole	6,932,449	201,734,847	265,260,640	38.26	7,119,400	174,511,496	235,077,247	33.02	186,951	2.70
8	Paracetamol	6,040,540	69,531,310	94,554,945	15.65	6,216,154	68,766,946	94,594,285	15.22	175,614	2.91
9	Sitagliptin + Metformin	640,994	47,303,750	57,426,616	89.59	813,291	38,177,534	51,184,841	62.94	172,297	26.88
10	Amoxicillin + Clavulanic Acid	2,068,583	12,005,054	22,377,191	10.82	2,237,233	11,864,217	23,221,230	10.38	168,650	8.15
11	Dabigatran	173,883	14,968,357	16,676,431	95.91	307,228	26,517,425	29,511,270	96.06	133,345	76.69
12	Mirtazapine	1,379,320	20,681,149	27,459,629	19.91	1,501,699	15,946,659	23,140,722	15.41	122,379	8.87
13	Dutasteride + Tamsulosin	329,437	10,131,219	11,657,798	35.39	451,634	13,937,047	16,038,954	35.51	122,197	37.09
14	Denosumab	169,093	58,516,718	60,377,805	357.07	287,554	93,771,494	96,892,489	336.95	118,461	70.06
15	Tapentadol	211	5,061	6,754	32.01	110,984	3,383,726	4,313,396	38.87	110,773	52499.05
16	Telmisartan + Amlodipine	340,460	6,717,052	8,486,073	24.93	451,154	8,407,174	10,777,946	23.89	110,694	32.51
17	Atorvastatin (&) Ezetimibe	12,849	1,000,584	1,223,427	95.22	122,860	8,524,835	10,575,440	86.08	110,011	856.18
18	Dapagliflozin	14,385	1,034,187	1,298,301	90.25	123,918	6,254,152	8,457,924	68.25	109,533	761.44
19	Escitalopram	1,490,674	16,336,673	23,928,681	16.05	1,598,615	12,296,920	20,491,415	12.82	107,941	7.24
20	Desvenlafaxine	1,810,218	53,431,087	90,969,281	50.25	1,910,482	56,854,781	95,143,879	49.80	100,264	5.54
21	Glycopyrronium	4,794	305,824	352,433	73.52	92,912	5,453,399	6,261,494	67.39	88,118	1838.09
22	Fenofibrate	903,569	24,117,484	37,079,577	41.04	990,341	26,448,484	40,697,255	41.09	86,772	9.60
23	Macrogol-3350 + Sodium Chloride + Bicarbonate	1,050,154	18,120,148	22,398,549	21.33	1,133,334	19,294,629	23,940,127	21.12	83,180	7.92
24	Olmesartan Medoxomil	451,796	7,105,675	9,446,124	20.91	527,493	8,198,576	10,966,631	20.79	75,697	16.75
25	Prednisolone	1,141,619	5,345,923	10,413,264	9.12	1,215,861	5,802,073	11,275,330	9.27	74,242	6.50
26	Budesonide + Eformoterol	1,710,547	87,495,065	116,429,457	68.07	1,784,712	92,119,296	122,718,580	68.76	74,165	4.34
27	Tramadol	1,864,352	16,304,513	24,472,578	13.13	1,934,439	15,237,318	23,741,771	12.27	70,087	3.76
28	Iron	106	26,277	29,064	274.19	67,435	18,740,502	20,220,463	299.85	67,329	63517.92
29	Doxycycline	852,878	3,725,128	7,782,230	9.12	917,018	3,704,783	8,090,474	8.82	64,140	7.52
30	Sertraline	1,777,574	15,336,053	24,139,626	13.58	1,841,541	10,322,164	19,535,401	10.61	63,967	3.60
31	Ticagrelor	85,839	11,091,490	12,717,290	148.15	145,422	18,862,953	21,594,219	148.49	59,583	69.41
32	Cephalexin	2,745,920	11,516,256	25,282,283	9.21	2,805,318	11,137,992	25,351,104	9.04	59,398	2.16
33	Buprenorphine	1,288,119	59,577,004	67,488,346	52.39	1,347,461	62,536,255	70,808,418	52.55	59,342	4.61
34	Salbutamol	2,921,958	30,397,538	43,232,320	14.80	2,980,176	30,870,324	43,983,091	14.76	58,218	1.99
35	Framycetin Sulfate + Gramicidin + Dexamethasone	160,873	721,658	1,557,119	9.68	218,448	1,099,926	2,241,527	10.26	57,575	35.79

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**Table 9(a): Highest Govt Cost PBS Drugs (incl Drs Bag) by Generic Name, year end: Jun 2015 - Section 85 Only**  
 (total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank	Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	Adalimumab	176,657	312,975,495	317,299,681	1796.13
2	Rosuvastatin	7,188,406	215,922,081	286,829,026	39.90
3	Fluticasone + Salmeterol	3,196,183	177,152,532	225,787,850	70.64
4	Aflibercept	111,892	174,926,122	176,174,586	1574.51
5	Esomeprazole	7,119,400	174,511,496	235,077,247	33.02
6	Etanercept	93,424	163,911,143	165,927,364	1776.07
7	Ranibizumab	102,395	157,805,723	158,845,494	1551.30
8	Insulin Glargine	350,874	144,073,270	148,970,806	424.57
9	Fingolimod	60,431	138,351,319	139,821,110	2313.73
10	Atorvastatin	7,745,167	123,324,909	164,388,531	21.22
11	Tiotropium	1,930,690	116,762,420	131,888,188	68.31
12	Pregabalin	2,524,437	113,891,329	140,515,043	55.66
13	Imatinib	26,230	99,590,438	100,093,080	3815.98
14	Denosumab	287,554	93,771,494	96,892,489	336.95
15	Budesonide + Eformoterol	1,784,712	92,119,296	122,718,580	68.76
16	Ezetimibe + Simvastatin	1,004,633	91,452,040	105,344,718	104.86
17	Rivaroxaban	917,572	75,547,405	87,117,140	94.94
18	Quetiapine	949,692	73,438,522	82,946,219	87.34
19	Ezetimibe	1,255,277	73,016,402	89,602,068	71.38
20	Golimumab	40,347	70,767,683	71,724,025	1777.68
21	Mesalazine	285,506	70,633,666	77,752,456	272.33
22	Paracetamol	6,216,154	68,766,946	94,594,285	15.22
23	Oxycodone	2,531,993	65,890,539	79,866,939	31.54
24	Olanzapine	1,001,475	65,129,816	73,109,649	73.00
25	Buprenorphine	1,347,461	62,536,255	70,808,418	52.55
26	Amlodipine + Atorvastatin	1,150,791	61,517,347	78,869,434	68.53
27	Insulin Aspart	249,473	58,706,774	63,006,411	252.56
28	Paliperidone	176,034	57,962,568	59,761,111	339.49
29	Goserelin	67,759	57,374,628	58,372,518	861.47
30	Desvenlafaxine	1,910,482	56,854,781	95,143,879	49.80
31	Ustekinumab	8,627	53,376,183	53,620,150	6215.39
32	Insulin Aspart + Insulin Aspart Protamine	200,841	49,976,230	52,205,637	259.94
33	Oxycodone + Naloxone	1,239,599	48,457,067	57,006,295	45.99
34	Risperidone	615,176	46,909,369	50,917,236	82.77
35	Dimethyl Fumarate	24,463	43,485,489	44,090,951	1802.35
36	Enoxaparin Sodium	425,578	43,449,461	51,079,723	120.02
37	Abiraterone	11,652	42,254,947	42,361,323	3635.54
38	Varenicline	346,527	42,026,658	50,270,191	145.07
39	Leuprorelin	33,735	41,601,482	41,926,357	1242.81
40	Dabrafenib	4,705	41,160,124	41,249,662	8767.20
41	Aripiprazole	193,431	40,891,063	43,157,343	223.11
42	Sitagliptin + Metformin	813,291	38,177,534	51,184,841	62.94
43	Dasatinib	7,286	37,185,745	37,352,595	5126.63
44	Pantoprazole	4,372,336	36,669,441	57,172,989	13.08
45	Abatacept	20,495	35,607,094	35,943,146	1753.75
46	Venlafaxine	1,795,746	34,901,669	47,398,789	26.40
47	Fentanyl	621,375	34,419,923	38,169,716	61.43
48	Irbesartan	2,949,040	34,156,041	48,637,040	16.49
49	Irbesartan + Hydrochlorothiazide	2,083,415	34,129,554	44,472,620	21.35
50	Perindopril	3,953,333	33,620,543	53,305,119	13.48

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**Table 9(b): Highest Volume PBS Drugs (incl Drs Bag) by Generic Name, year ending: Jun 2015 - Section 85 Only**  
 (total for all forms and strengths for each drug)

Rank Drug	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1 Atorvastatin	7,745,167	123,324,909	164,388,531	21.22
2 Rosuvastatin	7,188,406	215,922,081	286,829,026	39.90
3 Esomeprazole	7,119,400	174,511,496	235,077,247	33.02
4 Paracetamol	6,216,154	68,766,946	94,594,285	15.22
5 Pantoprazole	4,372,336	36,669,441	57,172,989	13.08
6 Perindopril	3,953,333	33,620,543	53,305,119	13.48
7 Metformin	3,585,439	28,351,972	44,198,975	12.33
8 Fluticasone + Salmeterol	3,196,183	177,152,532	225,787,850	70.64
9 Salbutamol	2,980,176	30,870,324	43,983,091	14.76
10 Irbesartan	2,949,040	34,156,041	48,637,040	16.49
11 Cephalexin	2,805,318	11,137,992	25,351,104	9.04
12 Simvastatin	2,717,607	17,317,767	30,176,918	11.10
13 Atenolol	2,710,217	10,122,956	22,983,876	8.48
14 Oxycodone	2,531,993	65,890,539	79,866,939	31.54
15 Pregabalin	2,524,437	113,891,329	140,515,043	55.66
16 Amoxicillin	2,439,780	8,810,985	22,096,753	9.06
17 Paracetamol + Codeine	2,333,453	11,352,915	22,524,703	9.65
18 Ramipril	2,280,895	14,358,697	25,395,657	11.13
19 Amlodipine	2,264,965	9,878,347	20,703,988	9.14
20 Amoxicillin + Clavulanic Acid	2,237,233	11,864,217	23,221,230	10.38
21 Warfarin	2,227,445	19,967,100	29,386,333	13.19
22 Irbesartan + Hydrochlorothiazide	2,083,415	34,129,554	44,472,620	21.35
23 Candesartan	2,063,438	27,971,033	38,245,194	18.53
24 Telmisartan	2,022,286	28,338,775	38,627,844	19.10
25 Rabeprazole	1,985,431	28,838,893	38,352,784	19.32
26 Clopidogrel	1,982,048	29,609,832	38,302,490	19.32
27 Tramadol	1,934,439	15,237,318	23,741,771	12.27
28 Omeprazole	1,931,174	21,930,939	31,040,350	16.07
29 Tiotropium	1,930,690	116,762,420	131,888,188	68.31
30 Desvenlafaxine	1,910,482	56,854,781	95,143,879	49.80
31 Sertraline	1,841,541	10,322,164	19,535,401	10.61
32 Diazepam	1,807,837	5,712,319	14,588,414	8.07
33 Venlafaxine	1,795,746	34,901,669	47,398,789	26.40
34 Budesonide + Eformoterol	1,784,712	92,119,296	122,718,580	68.76
35 Lercanidipine	1,728,967	11,739,855	19,751,364	11.42
36 Metoprolol Tartrate	1,647,626	8,580,354	15,992,262	9.71
37 Escitalopram	1,598,615	12,296,920	20,491,415	12.82
38 Temazepam	1,568,308	5,141,396	12,118,570	7.73
39 Meloxicam	1,519,673	14,105,281	21,266,660	13.99
40 Mirtazapine	1,501,699	15,946,659	23,140,722	15.41
41 Frusemide	1,464,449	6,618,414	12,366,325	8.44
42 Amitriptyline	1,441,159	8,063,123	14,567,779	10.11
43 Gliclazide	1,438,781	15,048,206	21,112,727	14.67
44 Buprenorphine	1,347,461	62,536,255	70,808,418	52.55
45 Ezetimibe	1,255,277	73,016,402	89,602,068	71.38
46 Perindopril + Amlodipine	1,251,142	30,253,051	44,291,906	35.40
47 Oxycodone + Naloxone	1,239,599	48,457,067	57,006,295	45.99
48 Prednisolone	1,215,861	5,802,073	11,275,330	9.27
49 Latanoprost	1,155,349	27,506,520	32,770,714	28.36
50 Amlodipine + Atorvastatin	1,150,791	61,517,347	78,869,434	68.53

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**Table 10(a): Highest Government Cost Drug (incl Drs Bag) by PBS Item, year ending: Jun 2015 - Section 85 Only**

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	02168D Afibercept	Solution for intravitreal injection 4 mg in 100 microlitre	111,892	174,926,122	176,174,586	1574.51
2	09039R Insulin Glargine	Injections (human analogue), cartridges, 100 units per	350,874	144,073,270	148,970,806	424.57
3	05262Y Fingolimod	Capsule 500 micrograms (as hydrochloride)	60,431	138,351,319	139,821,110	2313.73
4	08626B Tiotropium	Capsule containing powder for oral inhalation 18 micro	1,930,690	116,762,420	131,888,188	68.31
5	08519J Fluticasone + Salmeterol	Pressurised inhalation containing fluticasone propione	1,511,833	96,051,518	117,093,896	77.45
6	08601Q Esomeprazole	Tablet (enteric coated) 40 mg (as magnesium trihydra	3,430,181	94,407,769	135,992,616	39.65
7	01382R Ranibizumab	Solution for intravitreal injection 2.3 mg in 0.23 mL	60,322	92,720,825	93,317,438	1546.99
8	09100Y Adalimumab	Injection 40 mg in 0.8 mL pre-filled pen	43,616	76,487,486	77,373,677	1773.97
9	08600P Esomeprazole	Tablet (enteric coated) 20 mg (as magnesium trihydra	3,464,214	73,661,860	90,455,883	26.11
10	08757X Ezetimibe	Tablet 10 mg	1,255,277	73,016,402	89,602,068	71.38
11	09043Y Rosuvastatin	Tablet 10 mg (as calcium)	2,663,649	71,079,289	93,603,756	35.14
12	05457F Denosumab	Injection 60 mg in 1 mL pre-filled syringe	237,342	67,868,274	70,224,208	295.88
13	10138N Ranibizumab	Solution for intravitreal injection 1.65 mg in 0.165 mL	42,073	65,084,898	65,528,056	1557.48
14	08814X Paracetamol	Tablet 665 mg (modified release)	4,984,388	59,262,282	80,206,587	16.09
15	08435Y Insulin Aspart	Injections (human analogue), cartridges, 100 units per	236,183	56,859,924	60,893,140	257.82
16	09460X Etanercept	Injection 50 mg in 1 mL single use auto-injector, 4	31,106	54,597,493	55,225,250	1775.39
17	09114Q Imatinib	Tablet 400 mg (as mesylate)	13,476	53,264,045	53,522,240	3971.67
18	02268J Rivaroxaban	Tablet 20 mg	641,843	51,799,986	60,752,573	94.65
19	08093Y Goserelin	Subcutaneous implant (long acting) 10.8 mg (as acetate	46,180	50,761,723	51,212,753	1108.98
20	08609D Insulin Aspart + Insulin Aspart Protamine	Injections (human analogue), cartridges, 30 units-70 u	200,841	49,976,230	52,205,637	259.94
21	08215J Atorvastatin	Tablet 40 mg (as calcium)	2,735,723	49,170,584	62,480,071	22.84
22	08625Y Budesonide + Eformoterol	Powder for oral inhalation in breath actuated device c	1,140,114	46,854,693	67,344,600	59.07
23	02335X Pregabalin	Capsule 75 mg	1,215,403	45,336,282	59,865,167	49.26
24	02698B Abiraterone	Tablet containing abiraterone acetate 250 mg	11,652	42,254,947	42,361,323	3635.54
25	02966D Dimethyl Fumarate	Capsule (modified release) 240 mg	22,773	42,245,087	42,809,072	1879.82
26	09305R Ustekinumab	Injection 45 mg in 0.5 mL	6,693	41,892,806	42,080,441	6287.23
27	09044B Rosuvastatin	Tablet 20 mg (as calcium)	1,238,559	41,414,023	57,315,269	46.28
28	08881K Ezetimibe + Simvastatin	Tablet 10 mg-40 mg	450,801	39,899,292	45,918,329	101.86
29	09191R Adalimumab	Injection 40 mg in 0.8 mL pre-filled pen	22,693	39,650,986	40,282,420	1775.10
30	08882L Ezetimibe + Simvastatin	Tablet 10 mg-80 mg	381,419	38,771,573	43,984,897	115.32
31	02355Y Pregabalin	Capsule 150 mg	630,903	37,328,544	44,826,506	71.05
32	08432T Fluticasone + Salmeterol	Powder for oral inhalation in breath actuated device c	572,245	37,021,808	44,746,168	78.19
33	08750M Budesonide + Eformoterol	Powder for oral inhalation in breath actuated device c	487,993	36,750,187	43,984,727	90.13
34	09367B Desvenlafaxine	Tablet (extended release) 100 mg (as succinate)	974,742	34,760,400	54,448,974	55.86
35	09090K Etanercept	Injections 50 mg in 1 mL single use pre-filled syringes	18,847	33,171,871	33,504,928	1777.73
36	09104E Adalimumab	Injection 40 mg in 0.8 mL pre-filled pen	18,611	32,506,365	33,021,104	1774.28
37	08214H Atorvastatin	Tablet 20 mg (as calcium)	2,354,469	31,068,554	42,791,832	18.17
38	09045C Rosuvastatin	Tablet 40 mg (as calcium)	647,384	30,306,299	39,739,355	61.38
39	08633J Levonorgestrel	Intrauterine drug delivery system 52 mg	126,354	29,854,966	33,568,266	265.67
40	08008L Pantoprazole	Tablet (enteric coated) 40 mg (as sodium sesquihydra	3,419,703	29,656,104	45,566,271	13.32
41	01221G Abatacept	Injection 125 mg in 1 mL single dose pre-filled syringe	16,978	29,502,045	29,777,384	1753.88
42	09102C Adalimumab	Injection 40 mg in 0.8 mL pre-filled pen	16,764	29,299,391	29,742,215	1774.17
43	08187X Olanzapine	Tablet 10 mg	339,944	29,100,678	32,153,302	94.58
44	08741C Adalimumab	Injection 40 mg in 0.8 mL pre-filled syringe	16,155	28,364,865	28,665,619	1774.41
45	08431R Fluticasone + Salmeterol	Powder for oral inhalation in breath actuated device c	655,998	27,624,738	38,658,655	58.93
46	08243W Latanoprost	Eye drops 50 micrograms per mL, 2.5 mL	1,139,296	27,131,692	32,316,645	28.37
47	08508T Rabeprazole	Tablet containing rabeprazole sodium 20 mg (enteric c	1,753,438	25,765,897	34,152,501	19.48
48	08521L Atorvastatin	Tablet 80 mg (as calcium)	1,094,430	25,430,179	33,524,372	30.63
49	09156X Duloxetine	Capsule 60 mg (as hydrochloride)	834,118	24,985,612	34,337,504	41.17
50	05110Y Denosumab	Injection 120 mg in 1.7 mL	48,006	24,761,983	25,492,984	531.04

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

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

**Table 10(b): Highest Volume Drug (incl Drs Bag) by PBS Item, year ending: Jun 2015 - Section 85 Only**

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	08814X Paracetamol	Tablet 665 mg (modified release)	4,984,388	59,262,282	80,206,587	16.09
2	08600P Esomeprazole	Tablet (enteric coated) 20 mg (as	3,464,214	73,661,860	90,455,883	26.11
3	08601Q Esomeprazole	Tablet (enteric coated) 40 mg (as	3,430,181	94,407,769	135,992,616	39.65
4	08008L Pantoprazole	Tablet (enteric coated) 40 mg (as	3,419,703	29,656,104	45,566,271	13.32
5	08215J Atorvastatin	Tablet 40 mg (as calcium)	2,735,723	49,170,584	62,480,071	22.84
6	01081X Atenolol	Tablet 50 mg	2,709,819	10,115,211	22,973,672	8.48
7	09043Y Rosuvastatin	Tablet 10 mg (as calcium)	2,663,649	71,079,289	93,603,756	35.14
8	08288F Salbutamol	Pressurised inhalation 100 microg	2,499,447	23,902,146	35,112,989	14.05
9	08214H Atorvastatin	Tablet 20 mg (as calcium)	2,354,469	31,068,554	42,791,832	18.17
10	03119E Cephalexin	Capsule 500 mg (anhydrous)	2,321,228	8,921,915	20,514,034	8.84
11	08626B Tiotropium	Capsule containing powder for or:	1,930,690	116,762,420	131,888,188	68.31
12	08508T Rabeprazole	Tablet containing rabeprazole soc	1,753,438	25,765,897	34,152,501	19.48
13	08254K Amoxicillin + Clavulanic Acid	Tablet containing 875 mg amoxyc	1,749,754	9,382,171	18,087,644	10.34
14	08358X Clopidogrel	Tablet 75 mg (as hydrogen sulfat	1,607,115	24,040,045	31,090,850	19.35
15	03162K Diazepam	Tablet 5 mg	1,587,659	4,845,398	12,711,185	8.01
16	02089Y Temazepam	Tablet 10 mg	1,539,325	4,999,837	11,862,992	7.71
17	08519J Fluticasone + Salmeterol	Pressurised inhalation containing	1,511,833	96,051,518	117,093,896	77.45
18	01889K Amoxicillin	Capsule 500 mg (as trihydrate)	1,435,028	4,732,566	12,255,275	8.54
19	01215Y Paracetamol + Codeine	Tablet containing codeine phosph	1,408,745	3,766,772	10,804,856	7.67
20	02622B Oxycodone	Tablet containing oxycodone hyd	1,399,744	13,250,044	19,556,871	13.97
21	02751T Amlodipine	Tablet 5 mg (as besylate)	1,378,260	5,226,524	11,851,988	8.60
22	01324Q Metoprolol Tartrate	Tablet containing metoprolol tartr	1,326,118	6,673,212	12,650,191	9.54
23	08248D Irbesartan	Tablet 300 mg	1,311,546	20,856,530	27,206,773	20.74
24	08757X Ezetimibe	Tablet 10 mg	1,255,277	73,016,402	89,602,068	71.38
25	09044B Rosuvastatin	Tablet 20 mg (as calcium)	1,238,559	41,414,023	57,315,269	46.28
26	02335X Pregabalin	Capsule 75 mg	1,215,403	45,336,282	59,865,167	49.26
27	08405J Irbesartan + Hydrochlorothiazide	Tablet 300 mg-12.5 mg	1,203,574	21,171,234	27,129,865	22.54
28	08173E Simvastatin	Tablet 40 mg	1,157,996	8,046,182	13,495,330	11.65
29	09042X Rosuvastatin	Tablet 5 mg (as calcium)	1,141,375	23,144,695	28,959,031	25.37
30	08625Y Budesonide + Eformoterol	Powder for oral inhalation in brea	1,140,114	46,854,693	67,344,600	59.07
31	08243W Latanoprost	Eye drops 50 micrograms per mL	1,139,296	27,131,692	32,316,645	28.37
32	08247C Irbesartan	Tablet 150 mg	1,119,137	9,809,609	15,394,578	13.76
33	08213G Atorvastatin	Tablet 10 mg (as calcium)	1,118,275	10,580,535	16,173,710	14.46
34	08612G Macrogol-3350 + Sodium Chloride + Bicart	Sachets containing powder for or:	1,118,264	18,897,245	23,474,821	20.99
35	09302N Gliclazide	Tablet 60 mg (modified release)	1,113,409	11,978,467	16,711,420	15.01
36	02412Y Frusemide	Tablet 40 mg	1,098,579	4,883,692	9,131,498	8.31
37	08521L Atorvastatin	Tablet 80 mg (as calcium)	1,094,430	25,430,179	33,524,372	30.63
38	08355R Telmisartan	Tablet 40 mg	1,070,709	8,691,990	14,186,969	13.25
39	09110L Omeprazole	Tablet 20 mg (as magnesium)	1,016,755	12,420,889	17,202,801	16.92
40	09367B Desvenlafaxine	Tablet (extended release) 100 mc	974,742	34,760,400	54,448,974	55.86
41	08302Y Venlafaxine	Capsule (modified release) 150 m	966,934	21,373,629	28,853,460	29.84
42	08356T Telmisartan	Tablet 80 mg	947,639	19,579,820	24,352,980	25.70
43	09435N Metformin	Tablet (extended release) contain	928,542	7,768,806	11,907,228	12.82
44	02237R Sertraline	Tablet 100 mg (as hydrochloride)	918,224	5,358,158	9,966,615	10.85
45	09366Y Desvenlafaxine	Tablet (extended release) 50 mg	907,388	21,330,927	39,555,074	43.59
46	08534E Lercanidipine	Tablet containing lercanidipine hy	896,624	5,084,289	9,276,749	10.35
47	02752W Amlodipine	Tablet 10 mg (as besylate)	886,080	4,643,066	8,840,623	9.98
48	08440F Celecoxib	Capsule 200 mg	874,466	22,825,417	27,102,576	30.99
49	08785J Paracetamol + Codeine	Tablet containing codeine phosph	871,024	7,479,142	11,308,341	12.98
50	09023X Fenofibrate	Tablet 145 mg	863,666	23,116,213	36,302,459	42.03

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

**Table 11: Highest volume PBS Drugs (incl Drs Bag) by ATC Group Level 2, year end: Jun 2015 - Section 85 Only**  
(Includes subsidised and under co-payment scripts)

<b>Rank</b>	<b>ATC Group Level 2</b>	<b>Subsidised Scripts</b>	<b>Under co-payment Scripts</b>	<b>Total Scripts</b>
1	Agents Acting On The Renin-Angiotensin System	23,651,887	12,031,164	35,683,051
2	Antibacterials For Systemic Use	13,324,884	15,682,035	29,006,919
3	Lipid Modifying Agents	23,077,992	5,424,388	28,502,380
4	Analgesics	20,361,391	4,778,145	25,139,536
5	Psychoanaleptics	15,979,134	8,898,678	24,877,812
6	Drugs For Acid Related Disorders	17,040,959	5,405,576	22,446,535
7	Drugs For Obstructive Airway Diseases	11,632,079	1,248,165	12,880,244
8	Drugs Used In Diabetes	9,052,105	2,146,944	11,199,049
9	Psycholeptics	8,151,122	1,673,447	9,824,569
10	Antithrombotic Agents	8,328,417	1,031,748	9,360,165
11	Ophthalmologicals	7,601,713	1,540,919	9,142,632
12	Calcium Channel Blockers	6,744,266	2,202,617	8,946,883
13	Beta Blocking Agents	6,293,199	1,918,424	8,211,623
14	Antiinflammatory And Antirheumatic Products	4,118,639	2,964,966	7,083,605
15	Sex Hormones And Modulators Of The Genital System	2,255,893	3,238,078	5,493,971
16	Corticosteroids For Systemic Use	2,247,361	1,730,000	3,977,361
17	Corticosteroids, Dermatological Preparations	2,288,120	1,423,969	3,712,089
18	Cardiac Therapy	3,165,437	389,337	3,554,774
19	Diuretics	2,359,260	465,781	2,825,041
20	Drugs For Treatment Of Bone Diseases	2,753,943	25,497	2,779,440
21	Antiepileptics	2,335,448	314,274	2,649,722
22	Antihypertensives	1,505,436	412,379	1,917,815
23	Thyroid Therapy	1,046,391	782,985	1,829,376
24	Drugs For Constipation	1,701,536	100,192	1,801,728
25	Antigout Preparations	1,132,057	661,375	1,793,432
26	Drugs For Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders	946,279	498,761	1,445,040
27	Antiemetics And Antinauseants	930,544	373,968	1,304,512
28	Anti-Parkinson Drugs	1,084,969	63,823	1,148,792
29	Otologicals	622,418	509,653	1,132,071
30	Urologicals	904,285	170,782	1,075,067
31	Antianemic Preparations	934,114	137,877	1,071,991
32	Antidiarrheals, Intestinal Antiinflammatory/Anti-infective Agents	953,533	103,762	1,057,295
33	Immunosuppressants	896,794	11,018	907,812
34	Endocrine Therapy	776,993	43,423	820,416
35	Antivirals For Systemic Use	755,067	5,281	760,348
36	Other Nervous System Drugs	637,484	1,697	639,181
37	Antineoplastic Agents	452,076	61,877	513,953
38	Diagnostic Agents	386,688	235	386,923
39	Anti-Acne Preparations	306,934	50,619	357,553
40	Mineral Supplements	284,473	52,506	336,979
41	Stomatological Preparations	220,512	76,734	297,246
42	Antipsoriatics	263,332	11,163	274,495
43	Cough And Cold Preparations	171,639	75,252	246,891
44	Missing Item Code	159,400	48,395	207,795
45	Muscle Relaxants	166,133	35,251	201,384
46	Other Gynecologicals	173,263	11,389	184,652
47	Antifungals For Dermatological Use	123,338	29,462	152,800
48	Vitamins	118,895	26,762	145,657
49	Digestives, Incl. Enzymes	119,797	73	119,870
50	Ectoparasiticides, Incl. Scabicides, Insecticides And Repellents	83,078	14,488	97,566

**Table 12: Highest volume PBS Drugs (incl Drs Bag) by Generic name, year end: Jun 2015 - Section 85 Only**  
(Includes subsidised and under co-payment scripts)

Rank	Drug	Subsidised Scripts	Under co-payment Scripts	Total Scripts
1	Atorvastatin	7,745,167	2,790,301	10,535,468
2	Rosuvastatin	7,188,406	1,707,344	8,895,750
3	Esomeprazole	7,119,400	1,656,660	8,776,060
4	Paracetamol	6,216,154	380,090	6,596,244
5	Amoxicillin	2,439,780	3,646,009	6,085,789
6	Perindopril	3,953,333	2,118,417	6,071,750
7	Pantoprazole	4,372,336	1,693,033	6,065,369
8	Cephalexin	2,805,318	2,835,242	5,640,560
9	Metformin	3,585,439	1,580,331	5,165,770
10	Amoxicillin + Clavulanic Acid	2,237,233	2,876,955	5,114,188
11	Irbesartan	2,949,040	1,332,019	4,281,059
12	Paracetamol + Codeine	2,333,453	1,532,238	3,865,691
13	Salbutamol	2,980,176	766,413	3,746,589
14	Atenolol	2,710,217	989,877	3,700,094
15	Sertraline	1,841,541	1,740,206	3,581,747
16	Oxycodone	2,531,993	1,039,103	3,571,096
17	Simvastatin	2,717,607	688,690	3,406,297
18	Escitalopram	1,598,615	1,786,201	3,384,816
19	Ramipril	2,280,895	1,070,158	3,351,053
20	Telmisartan	2,022,286	1,235,492	3,257,778
21	Fluticasone + Salmeterol	3,196,183	27	3,196,210
22	Amlodipine	2,264,965	880,991	3,145,956
23	Candesartan	2,063,438	1,045,063	3,108,501
24	Irbesartan + Hydrochlorothiazide	2,083,415	940,408	3,023,823
25	Rabeprazole	1,985,431	899,157	2,884,588
26	Venlafaxine	1,795,746	1,074,777	2,870,523
27	Warfarin	2,227,445	538,559	2,766,004
28	Tramadol	1,934,439	768,830	2,703,269
29	Omeprazole	1,931,174	700,408	2,631,582
30	Pregabalin	2,524,437	101,862	2,626,299
31	Diazepam	1,807,837	674,018	2,481,855
32	Meloxicam	1,519,673	915,456	2,435,129
33	Clopidogrel	1,982,048	355,758	2,337,806
34	Lercanidipine	1,728,967	537,349	2,266,316
35	Ethinylloestradiol + Levonorgestrel	498,619	1,699,630	2,198,249
36	Metoprolol Tartrate	1,647,626	489,161	2,136,787
37	Temazepam	1,568,308	562,931	2,131,239
38	Prednisolone	1,215,861	859,143	2,075,004
39	Amitriptyline	1,441,159	622,057	2,063,216
40	Desvenlafaxine	1,910,482	100,170	2,010,652
41	Mirtazapine	1,501,699	487,014	1,988,713
42	Doxycycline	917,018	1,058,794	1,975,812
43	Tiotropium	1,930,690	72	1,930,762
44	Roxithromycin	898,130	1,003,340	1,901,470
45	Gliclazide	1,438,781	444,182	1,882,963
46	Budesonide + Eformoterol	1,784,712	1,111	1,785,823
47	Citalopram	1,001,630	746,348	1,747,978
48	Perindopril + Amlodipine	1,251,142	459,736	1,710,878
49	Telmisartan + Hydrochlorothiazide	1,103,439	601,596	1,705,035
50	Thyroxine	947,315	732,137	1,679,452

**Table 13: Highest volume PBS Drugs (incl Drs Bag) by PBS Item, year end: Jun 2015 - Section 85 Only**  
(Includes subsidised and under co-payment scripts)

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Subsidised Scripts	Under co-payment Scripts	Total Scripts
1	08814X Paracetamol	Tablet 665 mg (modified release)	4,984,388	261,168	5,245,556
2	08600P Esomeprazole	Tablet (enteric coated) 20 mg (as magnesium tr	3,464,214	1,575,061	5,039,275
3	08008L Pantoprazole	Tablet (enteric coated) 40 mg (as sodium sesqu	3,419,703	1,226,949	4,646,652
4	03119E Cephalexin	Capsule 500 mg (anhydrous)	2,321,228	2,247,884	4,569,112
5	08254K Amoxicillin + Clavulanic Acid	Tablet containing 875 mg amoxicillin (as trihydr	1,749,754	2,137,315	3,887,069
6	08215J Atorvastatin	Tablet 40 mg (as calcium)	2,735,723	1,022,635	3,758,358
7	01081X Atenolol	Tablet 50 mg	2,709,819	989,649	3,699,468
8	09043Y Rosuvastatin	Tablet 10 mg (as calcium)	2,663,649	835,268	3,498,917
9	08601Q Esomeprazole	Tablet (enteric coated) 40 mg (as magnesium tr	3,430,181	18,788	3,448,969
10	01889K Amoxicillin	Capsule 500 mg (as trihydrate)	1,435,028	1,893,562	3,328,590
11	08214H Atorvastatin	Tablet 20 mg (as calcium)	2,354,469	924,628	3,279,097
12	08288F Salbutamol	Pressurised inhalation 100 micrograms (as sulf	2,499,447	700,906	3,200,353
13	01215Y Paracetamol + Codeine	Tablet containing codeine phosphate 30 mg witt	1,408,745	1,226,983	2,635,728
14	08508T Rabeprazole	Tablet containing rabeprazole sodium 20 mg (er	1,753,438	785,524	2,538,962
15	02622B Oxycodone	Tablet containing oxycodone hydrochloride 5 mc	1,399,744	855,350	2,255,094
16	03162K Diazepam	Tablet 5 mg	1,587,659	550,946	2,138,605
17	02089Y Temazepam	Tablet 10 mg	1,539,325	559,756	2,099,081
18	08626B Tiotropium	Capsule containing powder for oral inhalation 18	1,930,690	72	1,930,762
19	08358X Clopidogrel	Tablet 75 mg (as hydrogen sulfate)	1,607,115	290,617	1,897,732
20	02751T Amlodipine	Tablet 5 mg (as besylate)	1,378,260	503,161	1,881,421
21	08248D Irbesartan	Tablet 300 mg	1,311,546	554,268	1,865,814
22	08355R Telmisartan	Tablet 40 mg	1,070,709	708,624	1,779,333
23	02237R Sertraline	Tablet 100 mg (as hydrochloride)	918,224	850,653	1,768,877
24	01394J Ethinyloestradiol + Levonorgestrel	Pack containing 21 tablets 150 micrograms-30 r	398,455	1,363,634	1,762,089
25	08405J Irbesartan + Hydrochlorothiazide	Tablet 300 mg-12.5 mg	1,203,574	532,737	1,736,311
26	01324Q Metoprolol Tartrate	Tablet containing metoprolol tartrate 50 mg	1,326,118	399,298	1,725,416
27	09042X Rosuvastatin	Tablet 5 mg (as calcium)	1,141,375	567,350	1,708,725
28	08700X Escitalopram	Tablet 10 mg (as oxalate)	790,218	917,840	1,708,058
29	02236Q Sertraline	Tablet 50 mg (as hydrochloride)	859,539	836,540	1,696,079
30	08247C Irbesartan	Tablet 150 mg	1,119,137	567,755	1,686,892
31	08701Y Escitalopram	Tablet 20 mg (as oxalate)	782,840	839,976	1,622,816
32	08213G Atorvastatin	Tablet 10 mg (as calcium)	1,118,275	422,401	1,540,676
33	08519J Fluticasone + Salmeterol	Pressurised inhalation containing fluticasone pr	1,511,833	7	1,511,840
34	09302N Gliclazide	Tablet 60 mg (modified release)	1,113,409	369,818	1,483,227
35	08356T Telmisartan	Tablet 80 mg	947,639	526,307	1,473,946
36	08173E Simvastatin	Tablet 40 mg	1,157,996	296,737	1,454,733
37	08302Y Venlafaxine	Capsule (modified release) 150 mg (as hydroch	966,934	464,526	1,431,460
38	09110L Omeprazole	Tablet 20 mg (as magnesium)	1,016,755	389,972	1,406,727
39	03051N Perindopril	Tablet containing perindopril erbumine 4 mg	787,982	593,727	1,381,709
40	08220P Citalopram	Tablet 20 mg (as hydrobromide)	775,148	599,126	1,374,274
41	08243W Latanoprost	Eye drops 50 micrograms per mL, 2.5 mL	1,139,296	216,168	1,355,464
42	09435N Metformin	Tablet (extended release) containing metformin	928,542	419,841	1,348,383
43	08521L Atorvastatin	Tablet 80 mg (as calcium)	1,094,430	252,872	1,347,302
44	09044B Rosuvastatin	Tablet 20 mg (as calcium)	1,238,559	98,063	1,336,622
45	08440F Celecoxib	Capsule 200 mg	874,466	452,274	1,326,740
46	03439B Metformin	Tablet (extended release) containing metformin	838,974	474,517	1,313,491
47	02752W Amlodipine	Tablet 10 mg (as besylate)	886,080	377,782	1,263,862
48	09007C Perindopril	Tablet containing perindopril arginine 5 mg	860,695	396,322	1,257,017
49	08757X Ezetimibe	Tablet 10 mg	1,255,277	44	1,255,321
50	08301X Venlafaxine	Capsule (modified release) 75 mg (as hydrochl	728,098	522,812	1,250,910

Please note: In the previous version of this table, there was an issue with the item codes not matching the drug name. This has been corrected.

**Table 14:PBS processing by Formulary (excl Drs Bag), year ending Jun 2014 to year ending Jun 2015 - Section 85 Only**

Formulary (a)	Year ending Jun 14		Year ending Jun 15	
	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Volume	Govt Cost \$
F1	35,454,636	3,343,635,246	34,803,340	3,719,322,612
F2	161,935,850	3,305,657,894	163,775,537	2,696,709,319
Combination Drugs	12,149,364	655,343,047	12,586,859	663,324,761
Extemporaneously prepared	276,153	3,924,182	282,509	4,346,734
<b>Total</b>	<b>209,816,003</b>	<b>7,308,560,369</b>	<b>211,448,245</b>	<b>7,083,703,427</b>

(a) The *National Health Act 1953* provides that listed drugs be assigned to formularies identified as F1 or F2. Generally F1 is intended for single brand drugs and F2 for drugs that have multiple brands, or are in a therapeutic group with other drugs with multiple brands. Drugs on F2 are subject to the provisions of the Act relating to statutory price reductions, price disclosure and guarantee of supply. Allocation to F1 or F2 is determined by legislative instrument. Single brand combination drugs are not included in either the F1 or F2 formulary.

**Table15(a): Top 20 Responsible Persons by Total Cost, year ending: Jun 2015 - Section 85 only**

Rank	Manufacturer	Script Volume	Govt Cost (\$)	Total Cost (\$)	Derived Ex-Manufacturer Sales (\$)
1	Pfizer	15,402,669	655,062,383	806,528,047	602,241,863
2	AstraZeneca	15,207,259	559,921,958	710,446,412	509,534,484
3	Novartis Pharmaceuticals	3,343,104	607,250,275	637,129,769	560,592,891
4	Apotex	27,565,683	371,357,296	527,624,560	279,281,564
5	Alphapharm	30,207,592	355,313,024	518,832,527	255,726,083
6	Merck Sharp & Dohme	8,576,609	373,770,953	458,493,830	337,573,885
7	sanofi-aventis	11,563,580	385,861,422	458,473,149	327,275,694
8	GlaxoSmithKline	9,774,461	337,086,835	417,063,911	301,475,899
9	Bayer	2,351,144	339,281,808	364,798,202	309,487,578
10	Janssen-Cilag	2,653,833	340,402,179	362,020,073	308,904,315
11	AbbVie	202,985	353,862,830	358,438,072	329,682,187
12	Aspen Pharmacare	19,275,168	227,753,120	331,055,208	161,700,692
13	Boehringer Ingelheim	6,628,607	237,316,062	280,574,880	197,425,524
14	Sandoz	10,818,362	147,929,275	211,484,689	113,358,871
15	Mundipharma	4,077,517	180,389,310	207,408,643	139,457,035
16	Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals	1,066,976	158,642,909	169,714,562	140,363,504
17	Bristol-Myers Squibb	928,359	153,839,772	162,596,804	139,638,419
18	Servier Laboratories	5,355,071	80,500,628	115,075,257	64,376,048
19	Eli Lilly	1,360,210	92,050,826	107,037,540	82,890,039
20	Amgen	308,825	102,026,254	105,326,481	90,806,488
	Others	34,780,231	1,024,084,309	1,258,228,577	867,450,267
	Total	211,448,245	7,083,703,427	8,568,351,193	6,119,243,330

Note: Includes branded and unbranded scripts and Doctor's bag scripts. 'Others' contains scripts written for Extemporaneously-prepared items and where the manufacturer is unknown.

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

\* Includes Abbott Australasia.

**Table15(b): Top 20 Responsible Persons by Market Share (Scripts), year ending: Jun 15 - Section 85 only**

Rank	Manufacturer	Script Volume	Govt Cost (\$)	Total Cost (\$)	% of Total Scripts	Derived Ex-Manufacturer Sales (\$)
1	Alphapharm	30,207,592	355,313,024	518,832,527	14.29%	255,726,083
2	Apotex	27,565,683	371,357,296	527,624,560	13.04%	279,281,564
3	Aspen Pharmacare	19,275,168	227,753,120	331,055,208	9.12%	161,700,692
4	Pfizer	15,402,669	655,062,383	806,528,047	7.28%	602,241,863
5	AstraZeneca	15,207,259	559,921,958	710,446,412	7.19%	509,534,484
6	sanofi-aventis	11,563,580	385,861,422	458,473,149	5.47%	327,275,694
7	Sandoz	10,818,362	147,929,275	211,484,689	5.12%	113,358,871
8	GlaxoSmithKline	9,774,461	337,086,835	417,063,911	4.62%	301,475,899
9	Merck Sharp & Dohme	8,576,609	373,770,953	458,493,830	4.06%	337,573,885
10	Boehringer Ingelheim	6,628,607	237,316,062	280,574,880	3.13%	197,425,524
11	Servier Laboratories	5,355,071	80,500,628	115,075,257	2.53%	64,376,048
12	Fawns and McAllan	4,528,518	44,639,690	65,862,629	2.14%	28,614,563
13	Mundipharma	4,077,517	180,389,310	207,408,643	1.93%	139,457,035
14	Ascent Pharma	3,782,532	62,512,624	85,339,517	1.79%	49,050,734
15	Novartis Pharmaceuticals	3,343,104	607,250,275	637,129,769	1.58%	560,592,891
16	Janssen-Cilag	2,653,833	340,402,179	362,020,073	1.26%	308,904,315
17	Alcon Laboratories	2,391,419	38,064,122	50,495,047	1.13%	28,073,660
18	Bayer	2,351,144	339,281,808	364,798,202	1.11%	309,487,578
19	Abbott	2,155,656	57,276,478	72,083,451	1.02%	47,788,025
20	Ranbaxy	2,051,547	41,708,964	55,829,325	0.97%	34,306,230
	Total Top 20	187,710,331	5,443,398,405	6,736,619,124	88.77%	4,656,245,637
	Others	23,737,914	1,640,305,022	1,831,732,068	11.23%	1,462,997,693
	Total	211,448,245	7,083,703,427	8,568,351,193	100.00%	6,119,243,330

Note: Includes branded and unbranded scripts and Doctor's bag scripts. 'Others' contains scripts written for Extemporaneously-prepared items and where the manufacturer is unknown.

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

\* Includes Abbott Australasia.

**Table 16: PBS Other - Summary of direct payments and advances**

**Expenditure Year ending June 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 - \$ millions**

	2011/12 \$ m	2012/13 \$ m	2013/14 \$ m	2014/15 \$ m
Highly specialised drugs	939.6	1,013.3	1,099.5	1,209.4
Safety net card issue fees	9.1	9.6	10.0	10.4
Drs Bag items	13.4	15.3	19.1	17.3
Opiate Dependence Treatment Program	39.7	42.6	47.2	43.8
Special Authority Program	78.2	83.1	96.6	101.3
Chemotherapy	222.5	478.9	585.9	608.6
Aboriginal health services (GST exclusive)	48.6	41.3	43.1	40.6
Botulinum Toxin Program (incl. Dysport)	14.8	16.3	19.3	28.1
Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Program	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
In vitro fertilisation	79.2	82.9	85.5	91.8
Human growth hormones	27.9	28.6	26.9	31.3
Continuing Medication Program	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,473.7</b>	<b>1,812.6</b>	<b>2,033.9</b>	<b>2,183.1</b>

HSD and Chemotherapy data for 2012-13 may not be comparable to previously published data due to changes in data collection procedures and drug allocation processes. Where there have been changes, data for previous years has also been revised to present a consistent time series. The revised data reflects current definitions of Section 100 programs as published on [pbs.gov.au](http://pbs.gov.au).

Note: Expenditure figures refer to payments made through Department of Human Services and directly from the Department of Health.

Table 17(a): Safety Net Card Issues - Persons Covered, 2009 to 2014

<b>MONTHLY COMPARISON 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014</b>													
<b>No of people (cumulative each Month)</b>		<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUN</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEP</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>
General Safety Net	<b>2009</b>	2	33	299	1,770	7,873	22,948	50,061	86,523	132,673	184,346	238,039	313,156
	<b>2010</b>	0	23	281	1,784	8,399	24,062	51,538	89,020	134,981	183,904	237,868	312,736
	<b>2011</b>	2	28	232	1,370	7,645	22,218	47,299	83,989	127,952	174,862	226,258	298,519
	<b>2012</b>	3	30	223	1,257	6,561	18,432	40,424	72,995	108,154	152,704	199,512	264,807
	<b>2013</b>	11	45	208	1,107	5,823	15,600	35,749	63,034	95,012	135,150	175,282	236,942
	<b>2014</b>	2	16	139	846	4,552	12,711	28,785	50,241	78,227	112,025	144,334	197,660
Concessional Safety Net	<b>2009</b>	20	331	3,618	23,612	91,645	222,193	399,197	586,348	785,818	975,537	1,150,231	1,366,825
	<b>2010</b>	14	271	3,647	22,595	93,650	225,213	406,808	606,628	807,300	994,906	1,177,148	1,400,218
	<b>2011</b>	13	307	3,463	19,445	95,885	231,227	410,453	621,889	825,698	1,018,881	1,203,783	1,430,779
	<b>2012</b>	21	342	3,501	22,207	103,733	241,158	432,266	648,030	841,310	1,050,790	1,238,208	1,457,538
	<b>2013</b>	19	332	3,072	23,438	109,989	242,719	447,258	660,734	862,593	1,074,825	1,254,453	1,490,953
	<b>2014</b>	23	314	3,861	23,232	109,657	255,357	466,457	672,010	890,547	1,104,875	1,280,230	1,526,245
#Supplementary	<b>2009</b>	0	31	288	2,127	8,032	19,104	33,661	49,108	64,118	78,069	90,558	103,445
	<b>2010</b>	0	20	272	2,239	9,399	22,408	39,240	57,376	76,072	92,323	106,952	123,252
	<b>2011</b>	0	18	313	2,274	11,144	26,289	46,110	68,475	89,754	109,243	126,896	145,031
	<b>2012</b>	0	42	438	2,962	13,825	31,405	55,151	81,655	103,734	127,464	147,349	168,577
	<b>2013</b>	6	62	466	3,647	16,094	35,223	64,878	94,319	121,281	147,220	168,753	193,444
	<b>2014</b>	2	42	558	3,630	18,829	41,656	74,411	105,377	137,360	167,295	189,984	217,718
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2009</b>	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
	<b>2010</b>	14	314	4,200	26,618	111,448	271,683	497,586	753,024	1,018,353	1,271,133	1,521,968	1,836,206
	<b>2011</b>	15	353	4,008	23,089	114,674	279,734	503,862	774,353	1,043,404	1,302,986	1,556,937	1,874,329
	<b>2012</b>	24	414	4,162	26,426	124,119	290,995	527,841	802,680	1,053,198	1,330,958	1,585,069	1,890,922
	<b>2013</b>	36	439	3,746	28,192	131,906	293,542	547,885	818,087	1,078,886	1,357,195	1,598,488	1,921,339
	<b>2014</b>	27	372	4,558	27,708	133,038	309,724	569,653	827,628	1,106,134	1,384,195	1,614,548	1,941,623

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

Source: Department of Human Services (RSN003)

Table 17(b): Safety Net Card Issues - Number of Cards, 2009 to 2014

MONTHLY COMPARISON 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014													
No of cards (cumulative per month)		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
General Safety Net	2009	1	14	146	876	3,884	11,267	24,514	42,415	65,119	90,688	117,526	155,816
	2010	0	13	144	887	4,154	11,876	25,377	43,882	66,649	91,044	118,099	156,605
	2011	1	12	116	680	3,777	10,916	23,321	41,487	63,211	86,645	112,576	149,941
	2012	2	16	105	618	3,234	9,013	19,910	36,015	53,420	75,765	99,404	133,130
	2013	6	27	102	528	2,879	7,700	17,655	31,201	47,045	67,257	87,675	119,463
	2014	1	9	68	404	2,201	6,224	14,191	24,842	38,870	55,981	72,522	100,316
Concessional Safety Net	2009	10	164	1,833	12,241	48,556	120,409	221,033	331,015	452,113	570,791	683,085	826,944
	2010	8	130	1,822	11,585	49,597	122,207	226,023	343,811	465,869	583,431	700,455	848,872
	2011	7	140	1,672	9,933	50,992	125,877	228,019	353,145	477,637	599,093	718,589	870,086
	2012	12	161	1,713	11,430	55,451	131,837	241,713	370,015	488,708	621,585	743,616	890,881
	2013	11	165	1,519	12,163	59,199	133,042	251,167	378,590	503,012	638,285	755,847	915,189
	2014	12	147	1,878	12,061	58,903	140,470	262,697	385,582	520,369	657,399	772,631	939,146
#Supplementary	2009	0	14	136	1,010	3,868	9,195	16,187	23,590	30,719	37,277	43,099	49,128
	2010	0	8	129	1,052	4,500	10,786	18,905	27,563	36,418	44,096	50,990	58,627
	2011	0	9	141	1,080	5,363	12,674	22,248	32,951	43,113	52,412	60,718	69,181
	2012	0	21	199	1,396	6,663	15,140	26,609	39,344	49,899	61,244	70,629	80,601
	2013	3	28	207	1,728	7,717	16,963	31,287	45,456	58,414	70,807	81,019	92,643
	2014	1	18	253	1,728	9,070	20,092	35,924	50,852	66,130	80,421	91,168	104,250
<b>TOTAL</b>	2009	11	192	2,115	14,127	56,308	140,871	261,734	397,020	547,951	698,756	843,710	1,031,888
	2010	8	151	2,095	13,524	58,251	144,869	270,305	415,256	568,936	718,571	869,544	1,064,104
	2011	8	161	1,929	11,693	60,132	149,467	273,588	427,583	583,961	738,150	891,883	1,089,208
	2012	14	198	2,017	13,444	65,348	155,990	288,232	445,374	592,027	758,594	913,649	1,104,612
	2013	20	220	1,828	14,419	69,795	157,705	300,109	455,247	608,471	776,349	924,541	1,127,295
	2014	14	174	2,199	14,193	70,174	166,786	312,812	461,276	625,369	793,801	936,321	1,143,712
# SAFETY NET CARDS ISSUED DUE TO REMOTE FAMILY MEMBERS OR ON LOSS OF THE ORIGINAL CARD													

Source: Department of Human Services (RSN002)

**Table 18: Pharmacies and Friendly Societies, 30 June 2010 to 2015**

<b>APPROVED PHARMACIES AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES</b>							<b>Approved Doctors</b>
- as at 30 June 2010 - 2015							
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>NSW</b>	1739	1741	1772	1802	1818	1827	8
<b>VIC</b>	1194	1222	1243	1261	1282	1296	1
<b>QLD</b>	1028	1062	1066	1076	1088	1099	4
<b>SA</b>	418	423	426	436	438	438	1
<b>WA</b>	525	534	550	564	574	585	5
<b>TAS</b>	139	140	144	148	148	149	3
<b>NT</b>	30	31	32	33	33	34	0
<b>ACT</b>	64	65	69	73	73	75	0
<b>AUST</b>	5137	5218	5302	5393	5454	5503	22

Source: Department of Human Services (RPC015)

**Table 19: Special Patient Contributions, 2012-13 to 2014-15**

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Number of brands listed on the PBS(a)	>4,500	>4,700	>5,300
Number of brands with a premium(a)	287	284	288
Average brand premium	\$2.86	\$2.97	\$3.10
Weighted average brand premium(b)	\$2.41	\$2.49	\$2.51
Brand premium range	\$0.44 to \$13.59	\$0.48 to \$11.41	\$0.43 to \$14.37
Prescriptions dispensed with a brand premium(c)	13.2m	13.0m	16.2m
Prescriptions dispensed at the benchmark level(c)	53.9m	56.7m	64.2m
	80%	81%	80%

(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.

**Table 20(a): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2014-15**

<b>PRESCRIPTIONS</b>							
	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>PENSIONER</b>	<b>CONC</b>	<b>S/NET</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Drs Bag</b>	<b>TOTAL - ALL SCRIPTS</b>
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 20(a): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2014-15

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 SCRIPTS	Drs Bag	TOTAL- ALL SCRIPTS
	NSN	S/NET 1	S/NET 2	TOTAL	NSN	S/NET	TOTAL			
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 20(a): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2014-15**

<b>PRESCRIPTIONS</b>										
	<b>GENERAL</b>				<b>CONCESSIONAL</b>			<b>TOTAL SCRIPTS</b>	<b>Drs Bag</b>	<b>TOTAL- ALL SCRIPTS</b>
	<b>NSN</b>	<b>S/NET 1</b>	<b>S/NET 2</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>NSN</b>	<b>S/NET</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>			
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
2011-12	21,239,413	4,820,643		26,060,056	130,441,952	38,046,697	168,488,649	194,548,705	324,424	194,873,129
2012-13	19,323,589	4,371,046		23,694,635	133,646,630	39,611,994	173,258,624	196,953,259	352,123	197,305,382
2013-14	18,050,307	4,052,529		22,102,836	145,340,393	42,009,011	187,349,404	209,452,240	363,763	209,816,003
2014-15	15,268,972	3,544,806		18,813,778	147,976,410	44,277,681	192,254,091	211,067,869	380,376	211,448,245

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 20(b): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2014-15**

YEAR	GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE - \$-		PENS	SAFETY NET	SUB TOTAL	HOSP & MISC	TOTAL GOVT COST	PATIENT CONTRIBUTION		TOTAL	TOTAL COST SCRIPTS	TOTAL with S.100 & Misc
	GEN	CONC						GEN	CON			
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 20(b): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2014-15

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 20(b): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2014-15**

<b>GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE - \$-</b>											
	<b>GENERAL-NSN</b>	<b>GEN S/Net 1</b>	<b>GEN S/Net 2</b>	<b>TOTAL GEN</b>	<b>CONC - NSN</b>	<b>CONC S/Net</b>	<b>TOTAL CONC</b>	<b>TOTAL FOR PBS</b>	<b>MISC and SECT 100</b>	<b>TOTAL GOVT EXP</b>	
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	
<b>PATIENT CONTRIBUTION - \$-</b>											
	<b>GENERAL-NSN</b>	<b>GEN S/Net 1</b>	<b>GEN S/Net 2</b>	<b>TOTAL GEN</b>	<b>CONC - NSN</b>	<b>CONC S/Net</b>	<b>TOTAL CONC</b>	<b>TOTAL FOR PBS</b>	<b>TOTAL COST TOTAL FOR SCRIPTS</b>	<b>MISC and SECT 100</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
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
<b>DOCTOR'S BAG - \$ - (included in miscellaneous from 90/91)</b>											
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 Department of Human Services (DHS) processing where available  
 -miscellaneous and section 100 expenditure sourced from Department of Health and DHS payments

Table 20(b): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2014-15

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	1,232,400,000	8,251,292,155	
2010-11	1,412,781,352	211,944,918		1,624,726,270	4,367,739,898	1,330,682,636	5,698,422,533	7,323,148,803	1,335,500,000	8,658,648,803	
2011-12	1,453,773,280	208,167,009		1,661,940,288	4,476,104,435	1,390,159,396	5,866,263,831	7,528,204,119	1,473,700,000	9,001,904,119	
2012-13	1,339,654,102	169,213,844		1,508,867,945	4,209,086,581	1,351,536,398	5,560,622,979	7,069,490,924	1,812,600,000	8,882,090,924	
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	1,232,400,000	9,635,456,898
2010-11	707,968,006	26,706,262		734,674,267	689,108,592	-	689,108,592	1,423,782,860	8,746,931,663	1,335,500,000	10,082,431,663
2011-12	735,994,339	27,003,502		762,997,841	742,139,779	-	742,139,779	1,505,137,620	9,033,341,739	1,473,700,000	10,507,041,739
2012-13	689,036,554	25,352,649		714,389,203	781,002,893	-	781,002,893	1,495,392,096	8,564,883,021	1,812,600,000	10,377,483,021
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										
2009/10	13,571,776										
2010-11	14,228,520										
2011-12	12,974,506										
2012-13	14,755,085										

note- from 91/92 all figures are sourced from Department of Human Services (DHS) processing where available  
-miscellaneous and section 100 expenditure sourced from Department of Health and DHS 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.

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

Table 20(b): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2014-15

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	
2013-14	1,429,860,300	154,692,449		1,584,552,749	4,319,414,670	1,388,583,542	5,707,998,212	7,292,550,961	2,033,900,000	9,326,450,961	
2014-15	1,451,887,780	129,275,577		1,581,163,358	4,105,783,416	1,380,416,617	5,486,200,033	7,067,363,390	2,183,100,000	9,250,463,390	
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
2013-14	656,913,329	23,915,012		680,828,341	864,226,399	-	864,226,399	1,545,054,740	8,837,605,701	2,033,900,000	10,871,505,701
2014-15	568,213,014	21,269,001		589,482,015	895,165,751	-	895,165,751	1,484,647,766	8,552,011,157	2,183,100,000	10,735,111,157
<b>Doctor's Bag - \$ - (included in miscellaneous from 90/91)</b>											
2013-14	16,009,408										
2014-15	16,340,036										
note- from 91/92 all figures are sourced from Department of Human Services (DHS) processing where available -miscellaneous and section 100 expenditure sourced from Department of Health and DHS payments											

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## PBS INFORMATION LINE REPORT, 2014-2015

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, and to other Government Departments and agencies.

During the period 1st July 2014 – 30th June 2015, the information line received **8,836** calls.

Conclusion	Number of calls	%
Satisfied	8,824	99.86
Dissatisfied	12	0.14
Abusive	0	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,836</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### Breakdown of calls by month:

Month	Number of calls	%
July 2014	938	10.62
August 2014	798	9.03
September 2014	692	7.83
October 2014	1,002	11.34
November 2014	729	8.25
December 2014	630	7.13
January 2015	759	8.59
February 2015	616	6.97
March 2015	618	6.99
April 2015	623	7.05
May 2015	717	8.11
June 2015	714	8.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,836</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### Breakdown of calls by issue:

Issue	Number of calls	%
Pharmacy Item	5,882	47.74
Safety Net Issue	4,695	38.11

## Breakdown of calls: Pharmacy item issue

Pharmacy Item Issue	Number of calls	%
Authority Scripts	1,311	22.29
Cost of Item to Patient	453	7.70
Availability	397	6.75
Listing Status Query	368	6.26
Other	328	5.58
Centrelink Concession Card	326	5.54
Brand Price Premium	222	3.77
Doctors Bag	209	3.55
Schedule	174	2.96
Refund – DHS Office	165	2.81
Section 100 Items	151	2.57
Prescription Rules	110	1.87
Comm Seniors Health Care Card	108	1.84
Eligibility for the PBS	108	1.84
DHS (Medicare) Query	97	1.65
PBAC	94	1.60
Prescriber/Dispenser Number	94	1.60
Claims/Processing	93	1.58
Centrelink/DVA Query	91	1.55
Private Scripts (non-PBS)	86	1.46
Cost of Item to Gov	75	1.28
Closing the Gap	61	1.04
PBS Website Enquiry	61	1.04
Taking and Sending Medicines Overseas	58	0.99
Deletion of Item	53	0.90
Restricted Items	49	0.83
Regulation 24	46	0.78
Brand Substitution	44	0.75
Prescription Shopping	40	0.68
Schedule 8 Drugs	38	0.65
PBS Statistics	37	0.63
RPBS Query	37	0.63
Repeats (Reg 25)	37	0.63
SN20DR	35	0.60
Therapeutic Group Premium	29	0.49
Generic Medicines	24	0.41
Extemporaneously Prepared Item	23	0.39
HMR/DMMR	22	0.37
Public Hospitals and the PBS	20	0.34
IME	18	0.31
Patient Contribution	18	0.31

Reciprocal Health Care Agreements	17	0.29
Special Access Scheme	15	0.26
Budget	13	0.22
Patient Co-Payment Increase	7	0.12
Flu Vaccine	6	0.10
Private Hospitals and the PBS	4	0.07
Be Wise Brochure	3	0.05
Hospital Reforms	3	0.05
Special Patient Contribution	2	0.03
Asthma Awareness Campaign	1	0.02
Withdrawal of Printed Schedule	1	0.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,882</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### Breakdown of calls: Safety net issue

Safety Net Issue	Number of calls	%
Safety Net Threshold	1,508	32.12
General SN Query	913	19.45
Refund – DHS (Medicare)	771	16.42
Recording Prescriptions	403	8.58
SN Recordable Value	194	4.13
Families/Dependants	169	3.60
SN Stationary	165	3.51
SN Processing	141	3.00
SN Eligibility	132	2.81
SN Period	91	1.94
Combined Safety Net	51	1.09
Cross-overs	41	0.87
Joint Safety Net	40	0.85
SN Change of Status	38	0.81
Lost/Supplementary Card	38	0.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,695</b>	<b>100.00</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. Diabetes Australia has administered the Scheme since its establishment in 1987 through a series of grant agreements. The Scheme is managed by the Department through the Program Services Section, Pharmaceutical Access Branch, Pharmaceutical Benefits Division.

The NDSS provides access to products and services that support the self-management of diabetes at prices subsidised by the Australian Government. The products include syringes and needles, insulin infusion pump consumables and glucose testing strips.

The growth rate of Registrants on the NDSS has fluctuated since 2011-12. These variations are due to improvements in data cleansing processes under the current 2011-16 NDSS Funding Agreement.

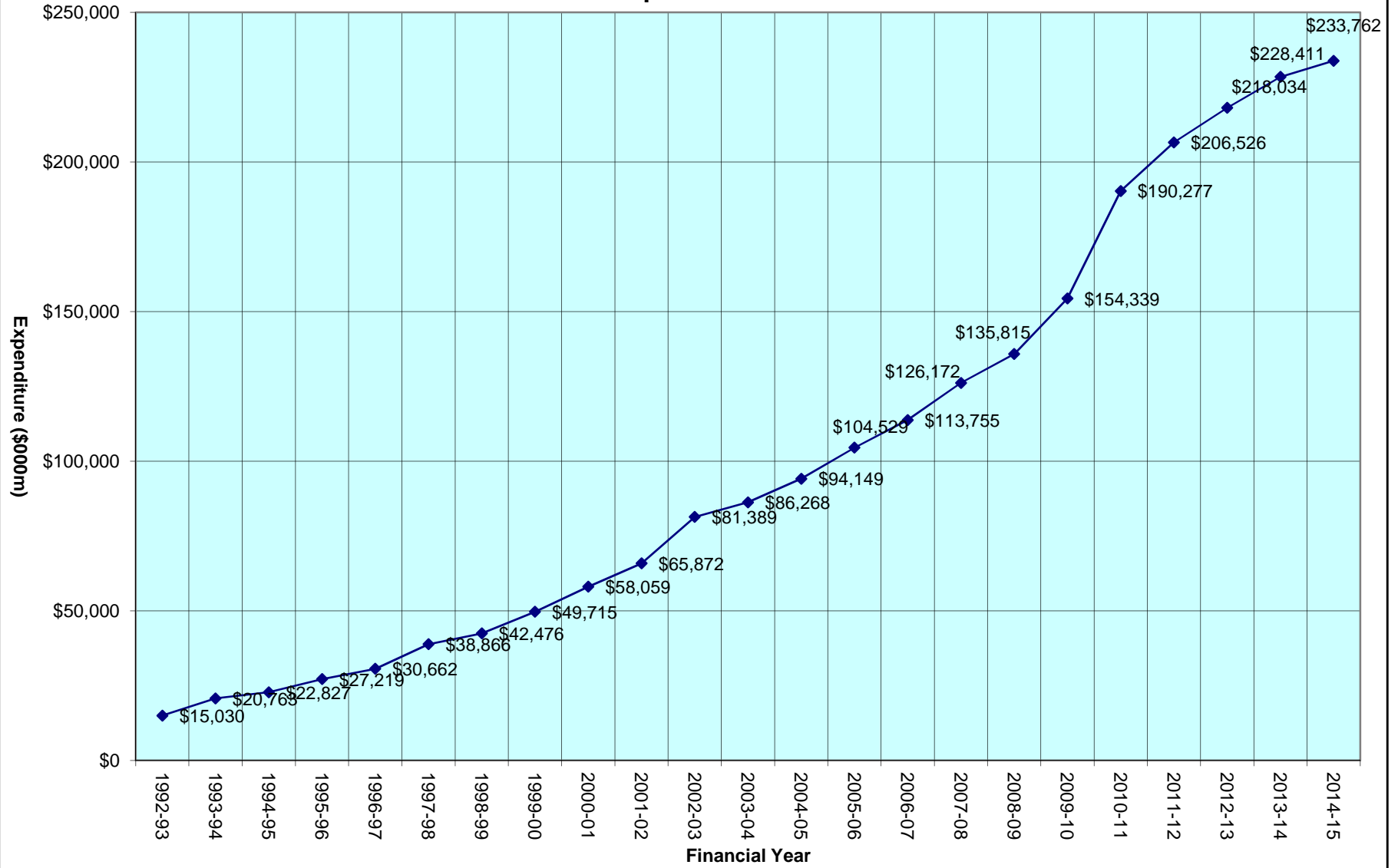
Details of registrant numbers are as follows:

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%
2010-11	329,142	8.35%	703,575	7.65%	1,032,717	7.87%
2011-12	325,360	-1.15%	712,261	12.35%	1,037,621	0.48%
2012-13	342,349	5.22%	744,511	4.53%	1,086,860	4.75%
2013-14	356,807	4.22%	776,605	4.31%	1,133,412	4.28%
2014-15	371,197	4.03%	804,983	3.65%	1,176,180	3.77%

The chart on the following page shows the NDSS expenditure from 1992-1993 to 2014-2015.

Total NDSS expenditure for the 2014-15 financial year was \$233.7 million. This includes Australia Government funding and Registrant co-payments and is an increase of \$5.3 million over the previous financial year.

# NATIONAL DIABETES SERVICES SCHEME Expenditure



## Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement Expenses Report for 2014-15

**Table 21: 2014-15 actual cost of each major component of 5CPA\***

<b>Component</b>	<b>Cost/Expense</b>
Pharmacy and wholesale remuneration	\$2,760,903,735
Professional programmes	\$157,851,970
Community Services Obligation (CSO)	\$193,392,124
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,112,147,829</b>

\*5CPA - Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement

### NOTES

1. Details on how the above figures were identified are provided in the accompanying data tables. The above summary figures should be read in conjunction with the notes provided against each data table.
2. Professional programmes and CSO figures are accrual based, as the data used to identify the amounts are based on SAP records, which is an accrual based system.
3. The pharmacy remuneration figure is on a cash basis, as the data used to identify this amount was based on the Line by Line (LBL) data set Health receives from Human Services. It was not possible to use the SAP data (accrual basis) for this component, as SAP data does not provide the breakdown between medicine cost and pharmacy remuneration cost elements, whereas the LBL does.

**Table 22: Remuneration for Community Pharmacies and Friendly Societies, 2014-15**

Pharmacy remuneration recognises the cost to the approved pharmacist for the purchase of the medicines; the administration, handling and storage costs entailed in dispensing medicines by the pharmacy (including associated infrastructure costs); and a pharmacist's specialised skills in dispensing the medicines.

Element		2014-15 expenses for PBS and RPBS
Price to Pharmacists		
	Ex-Manufacturer Price	\$6,474,674,891
	Wholesale Mark Up	\$405,656,773
	<b>sub total</b>	<b>\$6,880,331,664</b>
Administration, handling and storage costs		
	Pharmacy Mark Up#	\$613,923,871
	<b>sub total</b>	<b>\$613,923,871</b>
	<i>#known as the AHI in 6CPA</i>	
Pharmacist's specialised skills in dispensing the medicines		
	Dispensing Fee	\$1,481,888,199
	Dangerous Drug Fee	\$21,366,422
	Wastage	\$2,177,734
	Container Fee	\$256,949
	<b>sub total</b>	<b>\$1,505,689,304</b>
Other		
	Premium Free Dispensing Incentive	\$227,533,313
	Electronic Prescription Fee	\$8,064,500
	PBS Online Incentive	\$35,974
	<b>sub total</b>	<b>\$235,633,787</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,235,578,626</b>

**Summary of medicines, wholesalers, and pharmacy costs**

Medicines cost	\$6,474,674,891
Wholesale cost	\$405,656,773
Pharmacy cost	\$2,355,246,962
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,235,578,626</b>

**Notes:**

1. The above table is for PBS and RPBS prescriptions claimed by community pharmacies and friendly societies for both Section 85 and some Section 100 items. It includes Government and patient contributions. It does not include:

- \* EFC (as the calculations of the components from the Line by Line (LBL) data was not available for EFC in 2014-15. This will be available for the 2016-17 report);
- \* hospital PBS claims for s85 items (as the report's focus is for community pharmacy);
- \* some private hospital HSD claims; and
- \* most public hospital HSD claims.

Given what data is and is not included, this table may not be directly comparable to earlier tables in this publication.

2. Health's 2014-15 Annual Report lists the administered expenses for pharmaceutical benefits as \$9.072 billion. The difference between that figure and the total figure above is attributable to:

- \* the annual report does not include patient contributions;
- \* the annual report data is based on accrual figures, whilst the above data is cash basis;
- \* the annual report data does not include PFDI or EPF;
- \* the annual report is PBS only and does not include RPBS, whereas the above data includes RPBS; and
- \* the annual report captures all s85 and s100 accrued expenses (including all HSDs and EFC), while the above data captures all s85 and some s100 data for community pharmacy and friendly societies only (it excludes a number of smaller s100 programmes in 2014-15, for example growth hormone, IVF, botox, and Remote Area Aboriginal Health Services Programme).

**Table 23: Costs, from SAP, of 5CPA Professional Pharmacy Programmes for 2014-15**

Under 5CPA there were a range of professional programmes and services delivered by community pharmacy and pharmacists to support the primary health care needs of consumers. The following table details the funds spent on these programmes under 5CPA in 2014-15 by relevant categories.

<b>Programme Type</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure 2014-15</b>
Rural Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance	\$14,272,200
Rural Pharmacy Workforce	\$9,132,410
Research and Development	\$1,541,816
Medication Management services	\$101,882,379
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander programmes	\$4,393,277
Pharmacy Practice Incentive & Accreditation	\$16,738,165
Pharmacy Guild administration fees	\$5,651,723
Electronic Prescription Scanning Incentive (ePSI)	\$4,240,000
<b>Programmes Total 2014-15</b>	<b>\$157,851,970</b>

**NOTES**

1. For the programmes administration arrangements for 2014-15 (administered by the Pharmacy Guild), the total funding provided to the Pharmacy Guild was \$155, 481, 277 (accrual figure). Of this, \$5,651,723 was provided to the Pharmacy Guild for the purpose of Pharmacy Guild administration fees. This means the Pharmacy Guild administration fees was 3.63% of the total funds.
2. The difference between total funds provided to the Pharmacy Guild (see note 1) and the total funds in the above table is related to some non-Guild administered programmes (eg ERRCD), a range of programme support activities (eg evaluations, printing costs, etc), and accrual/other adjustments from 2013-14.
3. Medication Management services, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programmes, and Pharmacy Practice Incentive and Accreditation are made up of multiple elements, as per the following tables.

**Medication Management services consist of the following elements:**

Diabetes Medscheck and Medscheck	\$14,914,653
Residential Medication Management Review (RMMR)	\$14,203,044
Home Medicines Review (HMR)	\$12,506,753
Medication Continuance	\$1,970
Electronic Reporting and Recording of Controlled Drugs (ERRCD)	\$629,370
4CPA dose administration*	-\$4,500
4CPA Patient Medicines*	-\$1,000
PPI - Clinical Interventions by pharmacists	\$19,142,863
PPI - Dose Administration Aids	\$33,997,863
PPI - Staged Supply	\$6,491,363
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$101,882,379</b>

**Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander programmes consist of the following elements:**

Workforce (scholarships)	\$135,000
Workforce (traineeships)	\$151,667
Supporting s100 Remote Aboriginal Area Health Services (RAAHS)	\$3,299,443
Quality Use of Medicines Maximised for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (QUMAX)	\$807,167
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,393,277</b>

**Pharmacy Practice Incentive (PPI) & Accreditation (PPI&A) consists of the following elements:**

PPI and Accreditation	\$112,201
PPI&A Primary Health Care	\$5,541,500
PPI&A Community Services Support	\$5,541,500
PPI&A Working with Others	\$5,541,500
Funding to support accreditation & patient services	\$1,464
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,738,165</b>

\* Impairment on financial instruments - captured in note 17F (administered expenses) of Health's 2014-15 Annual Report (page 258)

## Table 24: Costs, from SAP, of 5CPA Community Services Obligation (CSO) for 2014-15

The CSO for pharmaceutical wholesalers helps to ensure there are arrangements in place for all Australians to have access to PBS medicines, via their community pharmacy, in a timely manner.

Administration of the CSO funding pool is conducted by the Australian Healthcare Associates under contract to the Department of Health.

<b>Element</b>	<b>Amount</b>
CSO funding pool	\$192,090,100
CSO admin	\$1,302,024
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$193,392,124</b>

### NOTES

The above figures do not include expenses of \$1.516 million, incurred in June 2015 but paid out of the 2015-16 allocation (due to an under-stated accrual) - referenced in the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2015-16, Table 2.2.2, page 39.