

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.