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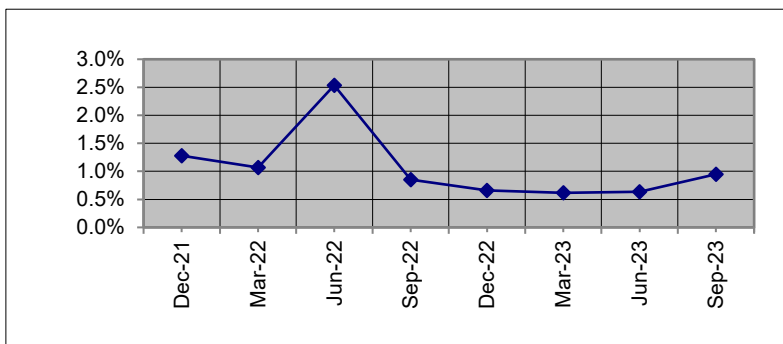
SUMMARY TREND TREATMENT POPULATION STATISTICS

TREATMENT POPULATION BY QUARTER

TABLE: TOTAL AND % CHANGE BY QUARTER

Quarter	Tpop	% Change
Sep-21	263,165	
Dec-21	266,523	1.28%
Mar-22	269,376	1.07%
Jun-22	276,205	2.54%
Sep-22	278,554	0.85%
Dec-22	280,387	0.66%
Mar-23	282,115	0.62%
Jun-23	283,907	0.64%
Sep-23	286,591	0.95%

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE

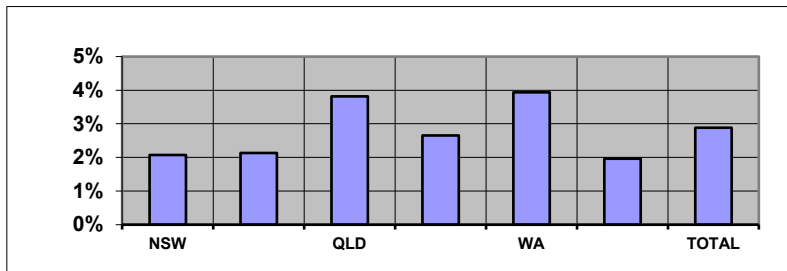


TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE: SEPT 22 and SEPT 23

TABLE: TOTAL AND % CHANGE

	Sep-22	Sep-23	% Change
NSW	85,010	86,776	2.08%
VIC	42,263	43,163	2.13%
QLD	88,877	92,268	3.82%
SA	26,453	27,155	2.65%
WA	27,077	28,142	3.93%
TAS	7,081	7,220	1.96%
TOTAL	278,554	286,591	2.89%

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE



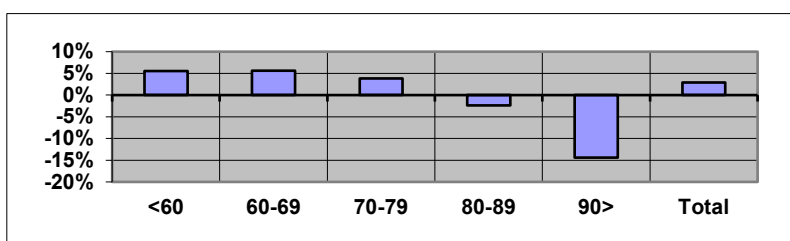
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TREATMENT POPULATION BY AGE GROUP: SEPT 22 and SEPT 23

TABLE: TOTAL AND % CHANGE

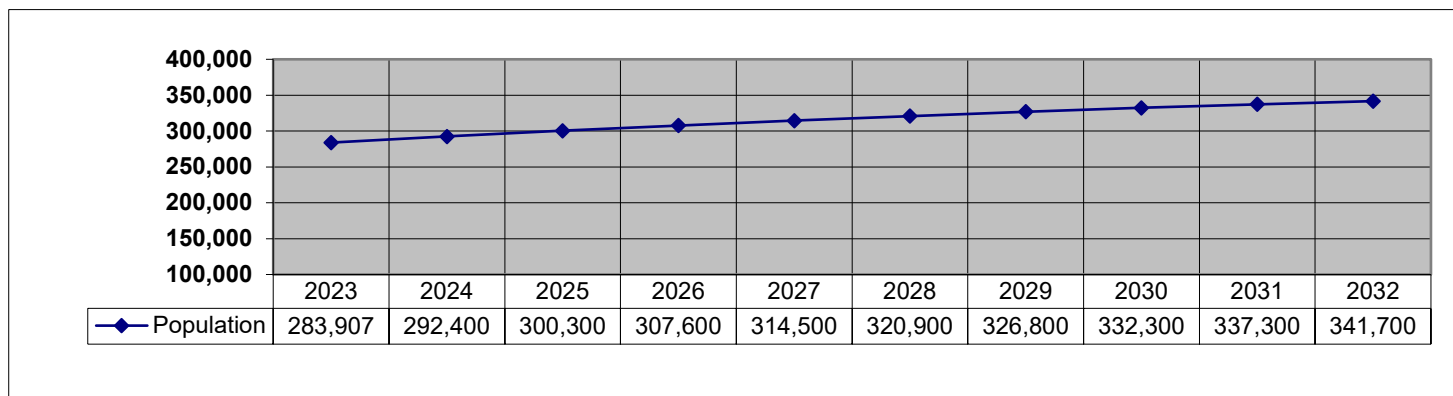
	Sep-22	Sep-23	% Change
<60	139,197	146,957	5.57%
60-69	34,979	36,939	5.60%
70-79	58,219	60,433	3.80%
80-89	22,895	22,354	-2.36%
90>	23,259	19,906	-14.42%
Total	278,554	286,591	2.89%

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE



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TREATMENT POPULATION PROJECTIONS AS AT 30 JUNE



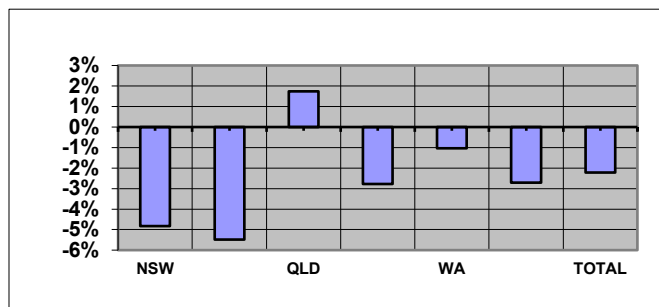
SUMMARY TREND (Continuation)
TREATMENT POPULATION STATISTICS

NUMBER OF GOLD CARDS BY STATE: SEPT 22 and SEPT 23

TABLE: TOTAL AND % CHANGE

	Sep-22	Sep-23	% Change
NSW	31,788	30,253	-4.83%
VIC	18,272	17,271	-5.48%
QLD	33,087	33,662	1.74%
SA	8,745	8,502	-2.78%
WA	10,436	10,328	-1.03%
TAS	3,205	3,118	-2.71%
TOTAL	106,232	103,878	-2.22%

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE

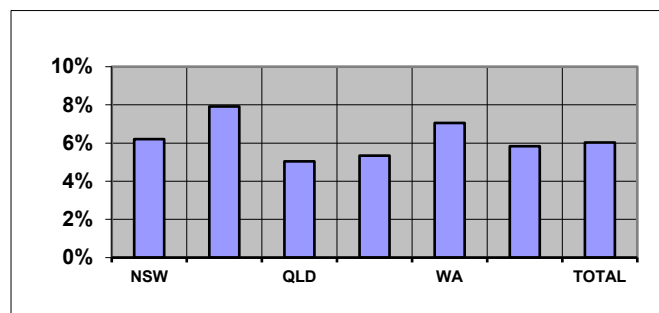


NUMBER OF WHITE CARDS BY STATE: SEPT 22 and SEPT 23

TABLE: TOTAL AND % CHANGE

	Sep-22	Sep-23	% Change
NSW	53,222	56,523	6.20%
VIC	23,991	25,892	7.92%
QLD	55,790	58,606	5.05%
SA	17,708	18,653	5.34%
WA	16,641	17,814	7.05%
TAS	3,876	4,102	5.83%
TOTAL	172,322	182,713	6.03%

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE

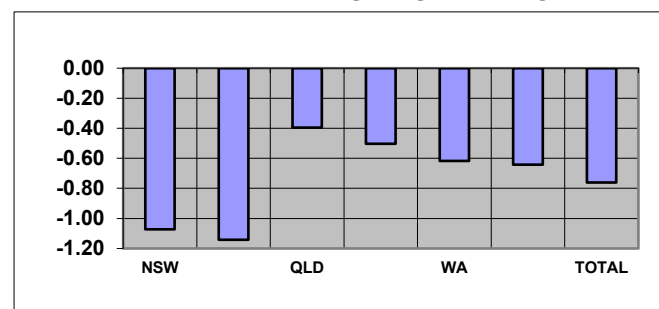


AVERAGE AGE BY STATE: SEPT 22 and SEPT 23

TABLE: AVERAGE AGE CHANGE

	Sep-22	Sep-23	Yrs Change
NSW	58.17	57.09	-1.07
VIC	62.14	61.00	-1.14
QLD	56.37	55.97	-0.40
SA	55.25	54.74	-0.50
WA	59.38	58.76	-0.62
TAS	62.72	62.08	-0.64
TOTAL	58.16	57.40	-0.76

CHART: AVERAGE AGE CHANGE

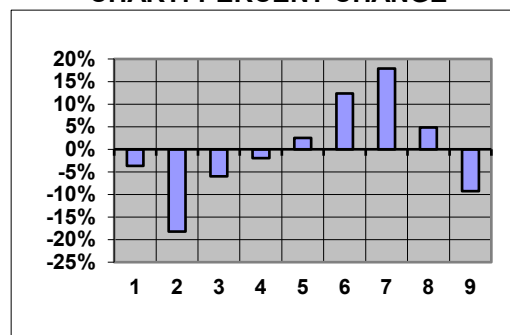


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TABLE: TREATMENT POPULATION BY CONFLICT (TOTAL)

Conflict	Sep-22	Sep-23	% Change
1. First World War	27	26	-3.70%
2. Second World War	28,472	23,283	-18.22%
3. Korea, Malaya & FESR	13,829	13,004	-5.97%
4. Vietnam	44,590	43,733	-1.92%
5. Gulf War	1,370	1,404	2.48%
6. East Timor, Afghanistan & Iraq	25,249	28,377	12.39%
7. Peacekeeping & Other Operations	13,182	15,537	17.87%
8. No Operational Service	164,807	172,744	4.82%
9. British Commonwealth & Allied	2,292	2,080	-9.25%

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE



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Definition

The "treatment population" consists of veterans and dependants who have been issued a Gold or White card entitling them to medical and other treatment at Department expense under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*, the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Defence-related Claims) Act 1988*, the *Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests and British Commonwealth Occupation Force (Treatment) Act 2006* or the *Treatment Benefits (Special Access) Act 2019*.

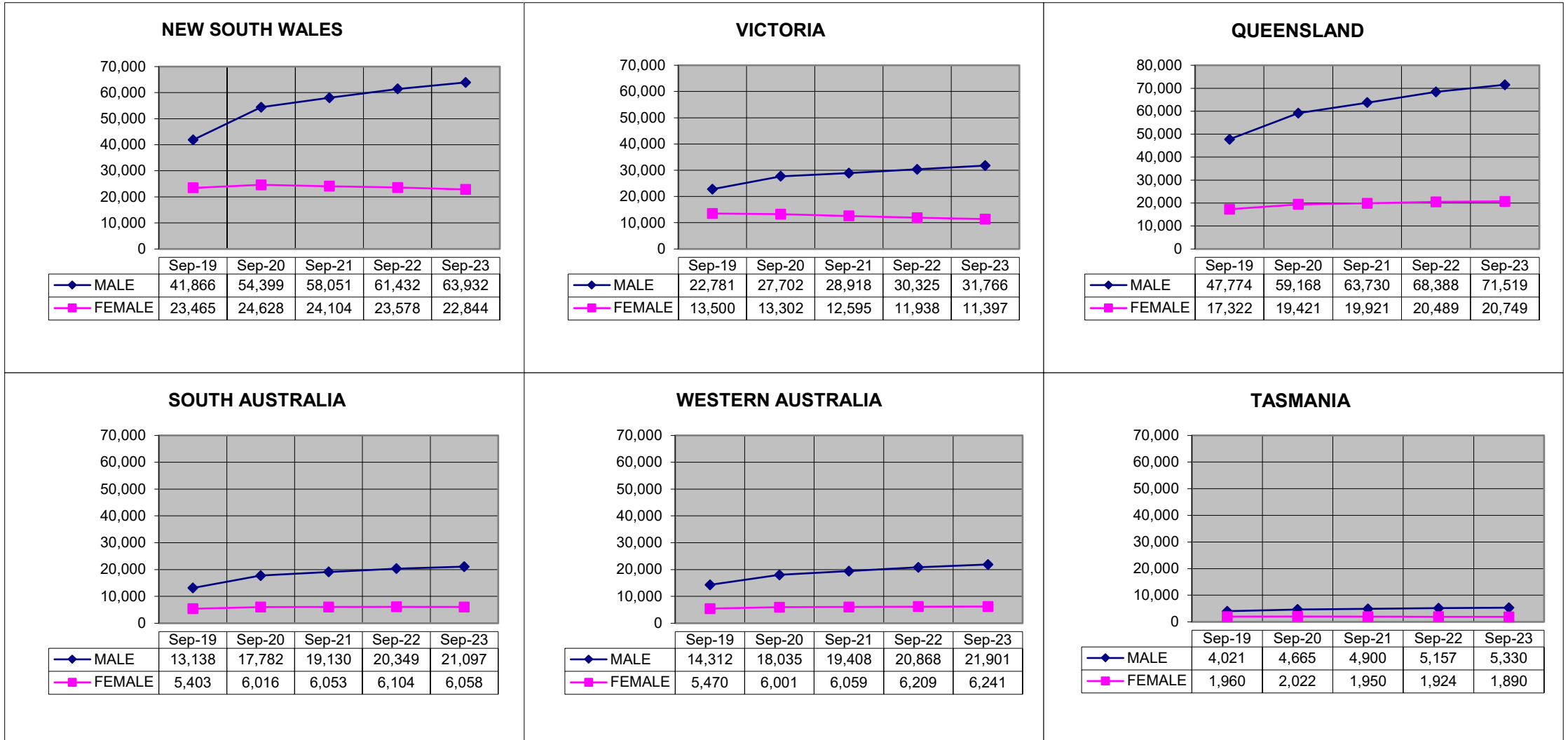
Revisions

From September 2013 table 5 reports card holders by the legislation under which treatment expenses are paid.

Considerable changes have been made to table 6 and so it is no longer comparable to historical reports. Prior to September 2013, table 6 grouped clients by conflict using DVA file number. This resulted in veterans from recent conflicts being counted in a single group (Defence/Peace Keeping). From September 2013, clients are now counted under each conflict or operation in which they are known to have served. This change has made it possible to report figures for conflicts such as East Timor, Afghanistan and Iraq. Merchant mariners from the second world war are now included in the count of all former servicemen and women from World War II. Veterans from the Far East Strategic Reserve (FESR) are now included with those who served in Korea or Malaya.

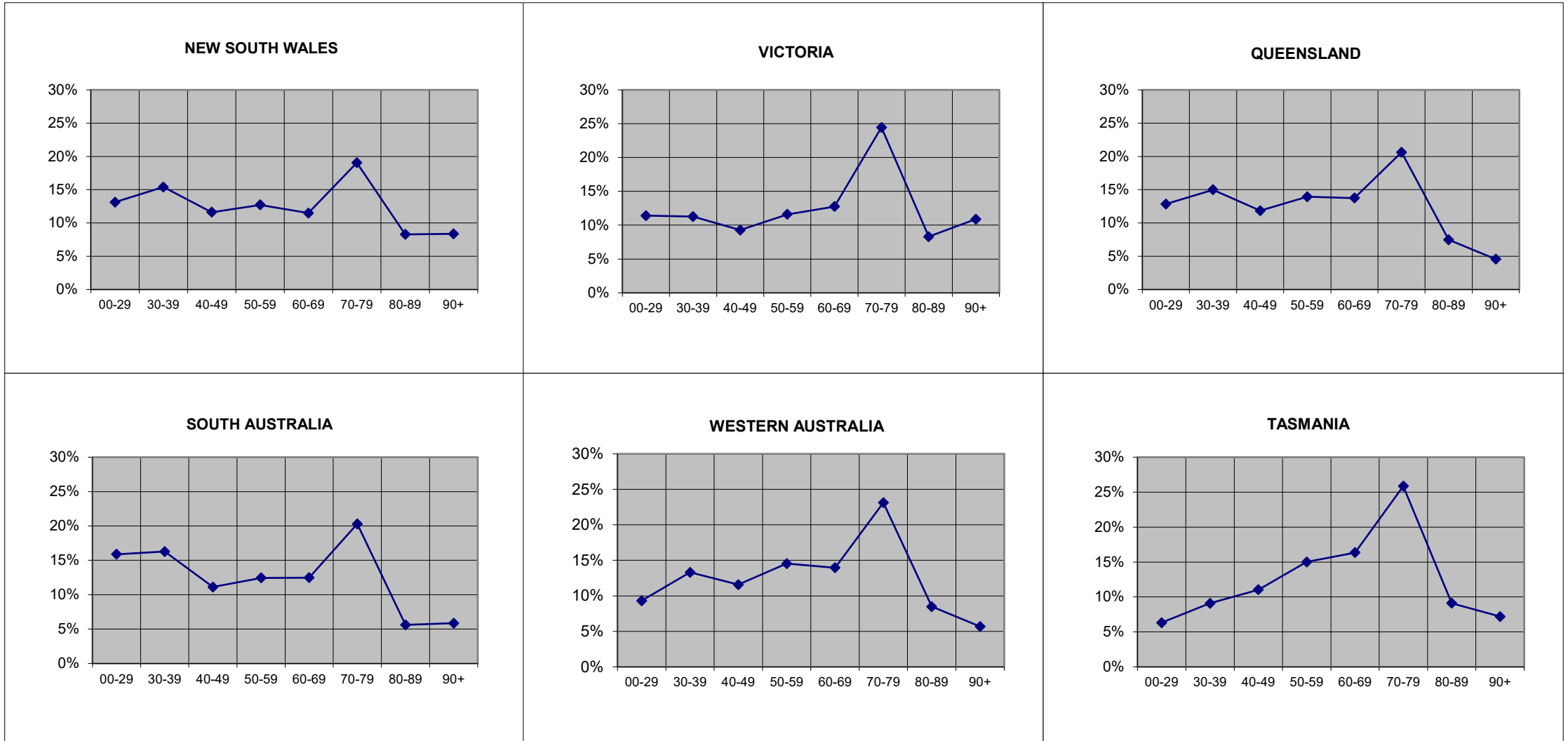
Veterans with service in more than one of the specified conflict groups are counted under each relevant conflict. For this reason, individual conflicts can not be summed. Net totals for multiple conflicts can be requested by emailing 'statistical.services@dva.gov.au'.

GRAPH 1: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE AND SEX FROM SEPT 2019 - SEPT 2023



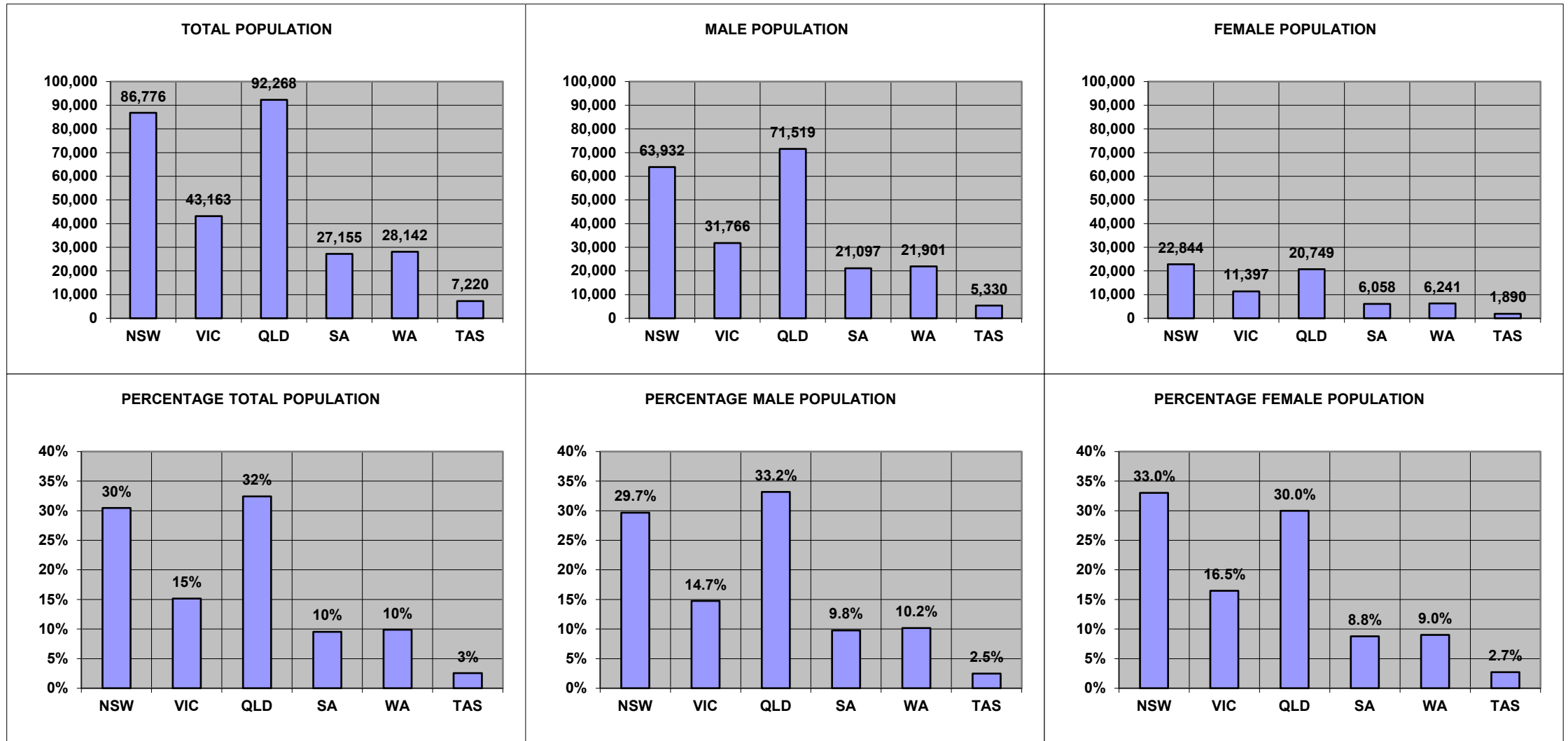
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GRAPH 2: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 29 Sept 2023



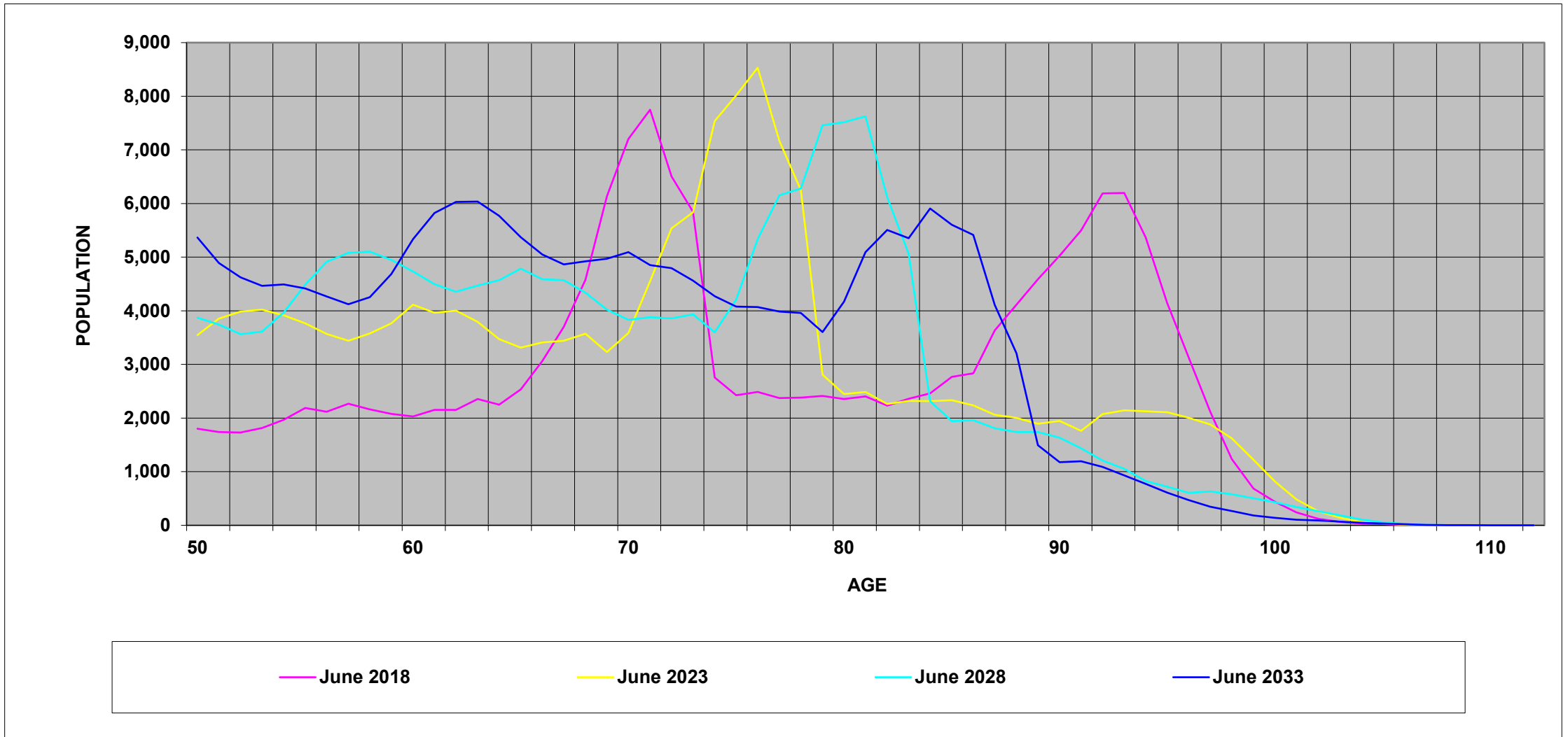
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GRAPH 3: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE AND SEX, AS AT 29 Sept 2023



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**GRAPH 4: TOTAL TREATMENT POPULATION BY AGE TREND FROM June 2018 TO JUNE 2033
DATA AS AT JUNE 2023**



GRAPH 5: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE AND CARD HOLDER, AS AT 29 Sept 2023



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TABLE 1 : TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 29 Sept 2023

	UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
NEW SOUTH WALES	9,021	10,933	7,837	8,593	8,288	14,958	6,468	6,873	72,971
	12.4%	15.0%	10.7%	11.8%	11.4%	20.5%	8.9%	9.4%	100.0%
VICTORIA	4,927	4,869	4,008	5,007	5,506	10,557	3,587	4,702	43,163
	11.4%	11.3%	9.3%	11.6%	12.8%	24.5%	8.3%	10.9%	100.0%
QUEENSLAND	11,840	13,828	10,939	12,852	12,682	19,036	6,895	4,196	92,268
	12.8%	15.0%	11.9%	13.9%	13.7%	20.6%	7.5%	4.5%	100.0%
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	2,466	2,784	2,114	2,542	2,934	5,158	1,439	1,563	21,000
	11.7%	13.3%	10.1%	12.1%	14.0%	24.6%	6.9%	7.4%	100.0%
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	2,619	3,747	3,260	4,090	3,930	6,508	2,389	1,599	28,142
	9.3%	13.3%	11.6%	14.5%	14.0%	23.1%	8.5%	5.7%	100.0%
TASMANIA	457	657	797	1,084	1,180	1,867	658	520	7,220
	6.3%	9.1%	11.0%	15.0%	16.3%	25.9%	9.1%	7.2%	100.0%
NORTHERN TERRITORY	1,848	1,639	905	838	455	356	86	28	6,155
	30.0%	26.6%	14.7%	13.6%	7.4%	5.8%	1.4%	0.5%	100.0%
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	2,369	2,428	2,242	2,440	1,673	1,569	712	371	13,805
	17.2%	17.6%	16.2%	17.7%	12.1%	11.4%	5.2%	2.7%	100.0%
OVERSEAS	41	245	305	386	291	424	120	54	1,867
	2.2%	13.1%	16.3%	20.7%	15.6%	22.7%	6.4%	2.9%	100.0%
TOTAL	35,588	41,130	32,407	37,832	36,939	60,433	22,354	19,906	286,591
	12.4%	14.4%	11.3%	13.2%	12.9%	21.1%	7.8%	6.9%	100.0%

Unknown ages included in total but not reported separately.

TABLE 2: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE, CARD AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 29 Sept 2023

		UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
NEW SOUTH WALES	GOLD	241	869	931	1,301	2,282	10,668	5,035	6,531	27,858
	WHITE	8,780	10,064	6,906	7,292	6,006	4,290	1,433	342	45,113
	TOTAL	9,021	10,933	7,837	8,593	8,288	14,958	6,468	6,873	72,971
VICTORIA	GOLD	97	415	484	785	1,341	7,072	2,633	4,444	17,271
	WHITE	4,830	4,454	3,524	4,222	4,165	3,485	954	258	25,892
	TOTAL	4,927	4,869	4,008	5,007	5,506	10,557	3,587	4,702	43,163
QUEENSLAND	GOLD	564	1,935	2,040	2,821	4,057	12,999	5,322	3,924	33,662
	WHITE	11,276	11,893	8,899	10,031	8,625	6,037	1,573	272	58,606
	TOTAL	11,840	13,828	10,939	12,852	12,682	19,036	6,895	4,196	92,268
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	GOLD	74	224	226	370	725	3,695	1,119	1,464	7,897
	WHITE	2,392	2,560	1,888	2,172	2,209	1,463	320	99	13,103
	TOTAL	2,466	2,784	2,114	2,542	2,934	5,158	1,439	1,563	21,000
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	GOLD	112	326	405	675	1,042	4,475	1,835	1,458	10,328
	WHITE	2,507	3,421	2,855	3,415	2,888	2,033	554	141	17,814
	TOTAL	2,619	3,747	3,260	4,090	3,930	6,508	2,389	1,599	28,142
TASMANIA	GOLD	15	63	108	216	360	1,329	529	498	3,118
	WHITE	442	594	689	868	820	538	129	22	4,102
	TOTAL	457	657	797	1,084	1,180	1,867	658	520	7,220
NORTHERN TERRITORY	GOLD	14	51	59	74	83	235	64	25	605
	WHITE	1,834	1,588	846	764	372	121	22	3	5,550
	TOTAL	1,848	1,639	905	838	455	356	86	28	6,155
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	GOLD	37	83	94	169	183	918	563	347	2,395
	WHITE	2,332	2,345	2,148	2,271	1,490	651	149	24	11,410
	TOTAL	2,369	2,428	2,242	2,440	1,673	1,569	712	371	13,805
OVERSEAS	GOLD	13	36	72	79	97	308	94	45	744
	WHITE	28	209	233	307	194	116	26	9	1,123
	TOTAL	41	245	305	386	291	424	120	54	1,867
TOTAL	GOLD	1,167	4,002	4,419	6,490	10,170	41,699	17,194	18,736	103,878
	WHITE	34,421	37,128	27,988	31,342	26,769	18,734	5,160	1,170	182,713
	TOTAL	35,588	41,130	32,407	37,832	36,939	60,433	22,354	19,906	286,591

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TABLE 3: AVERAGE AGE OF THE TREATMENT POPULATION BY CARD AND STATE, AS AT 29 Sept 2023

CARD	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	OS	TOTAL
GOLD	76.99	77.94	70.75	75.73	74.14	74.99	65.06	74.37	67.88	74.49
WHITE	46.96	49.70	47.48	48.52	49.85	52.27	38.45	44.97	52.89	47.68
TOTAL	58.42	61.00	55.97	58.75	58.76	62.08	41.07	50.07	58.86	57.40

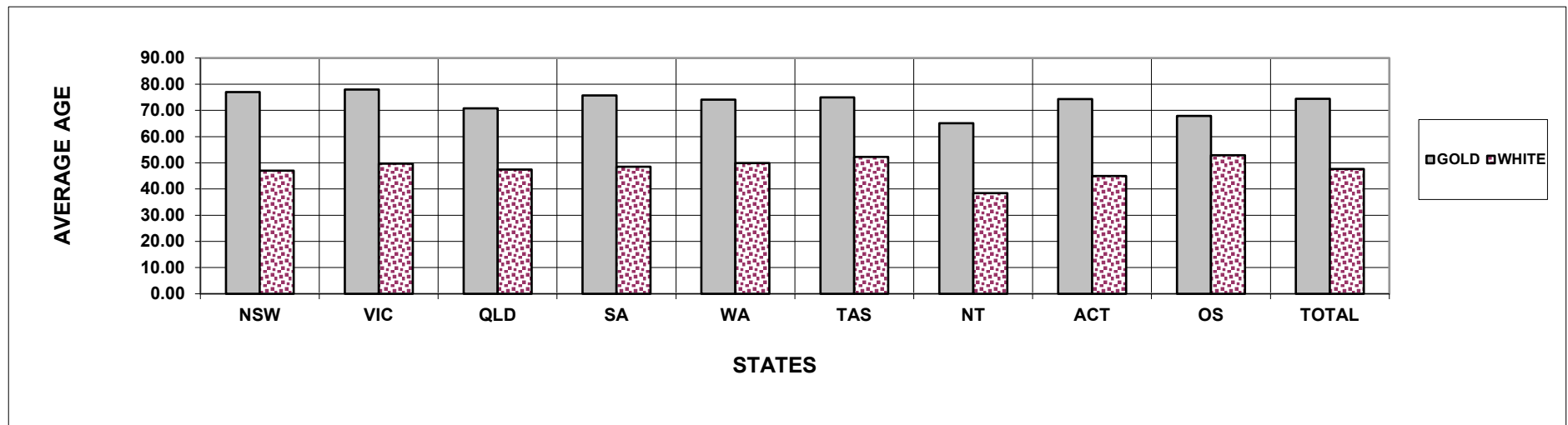


TABLE 4: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE, SEX AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 29 Sept 2023
GOLD AND WHITE CARDS

		UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
NEW SOUTH WALES	MALE	6,716	9,023	6,551	7,182	6,878	12,443	3,398	1,330	53,521
	FEMALE	2,305	1,910	1,286	1,411	1,410	2,515	3,070	5,543	19,450
	TOTAL	9,021	10,933	7,837	8,593	8,288	14,958	6,468	6,873	72,971
VICTORIA	MALE	3,864	4,096	3,333	4,109	4,502	8,975	1,997	890	31,766
	FEMALE	1,063	773	675	898	1,004	1,582	1,590	3,812	11,397
	TOTAL	4,927	4,869	4,008	5,007	5,506	10,557	3,587	4,702	43,163
QUEENSLAND	MALE	9,000	11,388	9,022	10,472	10,536	15,843	4,254	1,004	71,519
	FEMALE	2,840	2,440	1,917	2,380	2,146	3,193	2,641	3,192	20,749
	TOTAL	11,840	13,828	10,939	12,852	12,682	19,036	6,895	4,196	92,268
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	MALE	1,946	2,303	1,776	2,113	2,440	4,343	863	333	16,117
	FEMALE	520	481	338	429	494	815	576	1,230	4,883
	TOTAL	2,466	2,784	2,114	2,542	2,934	5,158	1,439	1,563	21,000
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	MALE	1,923	3,045	2,698	3,378	3,279	5,593	1,521	464	21,901
	FEMALE	696	702	562	712	651	915	868	1,135	6,241
	TOTAL	2,619	3,747	3,260	4,090	3,930	6,508	2,389	1,599	28,142
TASMANIA	MALE	378	537	618	832	943	1,572	353	97	5,330
	FEMALE	79	120	179	252	237	295	305	423	1,890
	TOTAL	457	657	797	1,084	1,180	1,867	658	520	7,220
NORTHERN TERRITORY	MALE	1,412	1,321	775	722	384	297	57	12	4,980
	FEMALE	436	318	130	116	71	59	29	16	1,175
	TOTAL	1,848	1,639	905	838	455	356	86	28	6,155
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	MALE	1,696	1,876	1,675	1,884	1,353	1,316	491	120	10,411
	FEMALE	673	552	567	556	320	253	221	251	3,394
	TOTAL	2,369	2,428	2,242	2,440	1,673	1,569	712	371	13,805
OVERSEAS	MALE	26	199	256	319	241	364	63	19	1,488
	FEMALE	15	46	49	67	50	60	57	35	379
	TOTAL	41	245	305	386	291	424	120	54	1,867
TOTAL	MALE	26,961	33,788	26,704	31,011	30,556	50,746	12,997	4,269	217,033
	FEMALE	8,627	7,342	5,703	6,821	6,383	9,687	9,357	15,637	69,558
	TOTAL	35,588	41,130	32,407	37,832	36,939	60,433	22,354	19,906	286,591

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TABLE 4: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE, SEX AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 29 Sept 2023**GOLD CARD**

		UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
NEW SOUTH WALES	MALE	150	745	803	1,051	1,566	8,437	2,034	1,038	15,824
	FEMALE	91	124	128	250	716	2,231	3,001	5,493	12,034
	TOTAL	241	869	931	1,301	2,282	10,668	5,035	6,531	27,858
VICTORIA	MALE	65	344	418	636	894	5,688	1,069	669	9,783
	FEMALE	32	71	66	149	447	1,384	1,564	3,775	7,488
	TOTAL	97	415	484	785	1,341	7,072	2,633	4,444	17,271
QUEENSLAND	MALE	380	1,676	1,743	2,276	3,135	10,420	2,789	763	23,182
	FEMALE	184	259	297	545	922	2,579	2,533	3,161	10,480
	TOTAL	564	1,935	2,040	2,821	4,057	12,999	5,322	3,924	33,662
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	MALE	50	197	197	297	493	2,991	549	239	5,013
	FEMALE	24	27	29	73	232	704	570	1,225	2,884
	TOTAL	74	224	226	370	725	3,695	1,119	1,464	7,897
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	MALE	69	265	331	548	750	3,728	1,013	344	7,048
	FEMALE	43	61	74	127	292	747	822	1,114	3,280
	TOTAL	112	326	405	675	1,042	4,475	1,835	1,458	10,328
TASMANIA	MALE	10	50	84	166	256	1,081	231	77	1,955
	FEMALE	5	13	24	50	104	248	298	421	1,163
	TOTAL	15	63	108	216	360	1,329	529	498	3,118
NORTHERN TERRITORY	MALE	11	47	54	57	56	190	37	9	461
	FEMALE	3	4	5	17	27	45	27	16	144
	TOTAL	14	51	59	74	83	235	64	25	605
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	MALE	22	65	65	130	119	744	352	99	1,596
	FEMALE	15	18	29	39	64	174	211	248	799
	TOTAL	37	83	94	169	183	918	563	347	2,395
OVERSEAS	MALE	7	27	50	43	57	251	37	10	482
	FEMALE	6	9	22	36	40	57	57	35	262
	TOTAL	13	36	72	79	97	308	94	45	744
TOTAL	MALE	764	3,416	3,745	5,204	7,326	33,530	8,111	3,248	65,344
	FEMALE	403	586	674	1,286	2,844	8,169	9,083	15,488	38,534
	TOTAL	1,167	4,002	4,419	6,490	10,170	41,699	17,194	18,736	103,878

Unknown ages included in total but not reported separately.

TABLE 4: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE, SEX AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 29 Sept 2023**WHITE CARD**

		UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
NEW SOUTH WALES	MALE	6,566	8,278	5,748	6,131	5,312	4,006	1,364	292	37,697
	FEMALE	2,214	1,786	1,158	1,161	694	284	69	50	7,416
	TOTAL	8,780	10,064	6,906	7,292	6,006	4,290	1,433	342	45,113
VICTORIA	MALE	3,799	3,752	2,915	3,473	3,608	3,287	928	221	21,983
	FEMALE	1,031	702	609	749	557	198	26	37	3,909
	TOTAL	4,830	4,454	3,524	4,222	4,165	3,485	954	258	25,892
QUEENSLAND	MALE	8,620	9,712	7,279	8,196	7,401	5,423	1,465	241	48,337
	FEMALE	2,656	2,181	1,620	1,835	1,224	614	108	31	10,269
	TOTAL	11,276	11,893	8,899	10,031	8,625	6,037	1,573	272	58,606
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	MALE	1,896	2,106	1,579	1,816	1,947	1,352	314	94	11,104
	FEMALE	496	454	309	356	262	111	6	5	1,999
	TOTAL	2,392	2,560	1,888	2,172	2,209	1,463	320	99	13,103
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	MALE	1,854	2,780	2,367	2,830	2,529	1,865	508	120	14,853
	FEMALE	653	641	488	585	359	168	46	21	2,961
	TOTAL	2,507	3,421	2,855	3,415	2,888	2,033	554	141	17,814
TASMANIA	MALE	368	487	534	666	687	491	122	20	3,375
	FEMALE	74	107	155	202	133	47	7	2	727
	TOTAL	442	594	689	868	820	538	129	22	4,102
NORTHERN TERRITORY	MALE	1,401	1,274	721	665	328	107	20	3	4,519
	FEMALE	433	314	125	99	44	14	2	0	1,031
	TOTAL	1,834	1,588	846	764	372	121	22	3	5,550
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	MALE	1,674	1,811	1,610	1,754	1,234	572	139	21	8,815
	FEMALE	658	534	538	517	256	79	10	3	2,595
	TOTAL	2,332	2,345	2,148	2,271	1,490	651	149	24	11,410
OVERSEAS	MALE	19	172	206	276	184	113	26	9	1,006
	FEMALE	9	37	27	31	10	3	0	0	117
	TOTAL	28	209	233	307	194	116	26	9	1,123
TOTAL	MALE	26,197	30,372	22,959	25,807	23,230	17,216	4,886	1,021	151,689
	FEMALE	8,224	6,756	5,029	5,535	3,539	1,518	274	149	31,024
	TOTAL	34,421	37,128	27,988	31,342	26,769	18,734	5,160	1,170	182,713

Unknown ages included in total but not reported separately.

TABLE 5: TREATMENT POPULATION BY ACT, CARD TYPE, SEX AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 29 Sept 2023

			UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
VEA	GOLD	MALE	106	6	648	3,179	6,408	33,367	7,907	3,082	54,703
		FEMALE	106	24	169	930	2,722	8,135	9,042	15,486	36,615
		TOTAL	212	30	817	4,109	9,130	41,502	16,949	18,568	91,318
	WHITE	MALE	23,037	21,357	17,147	21,672	20,600	16,009	4,445	974	125,242
		FEMALE	7,169	4,967	3,728	4,722	3,195	1,448	265	148	25,642
		TOTAL	30,206	26,324	20,875	26,394	23,795	17,457	4,710	1,122	150,884
TOTAL		MALE	23,143	21,363	17,795	24,851	27,008	49,376	12,352	4,056	179,945
		FEMALE	7,275	4,991	3,897	5,652	5,917	9,583	9,307	15,634	62,257
		TOTAL	30,418	26,354	21,692	30,503	32,925	58,959	21,659	19,690	242,202
MRCA	GOLD	MALE	658	3,410	3,097	2,024	903	137	3	0	10,232
		FEMALE	297	562	505	356	122	17	0	0	1,859
		TOTAL	955	3,972	3,602	2,380	1,025	154	3	0	12,091
	WHITE	MALE	3,160	8,983	5,265	3,526	2,227	303	2	0	23,466
		FEMALE	1,055	1,778	1,114	644	260	21	0	0	4,872
		TOTAL	4,215	10,761	6,379	4,170	2,487	324	2	0	28,338
TOTAL		MALE	3,818	12,393	8,362	5,550	3,130	440	5	0	33,698
		FEMALE	1,352	2,340	1,619	1,000	382	38	0	0	6,731
		TOTAL	5,170	14,733	9,981	6,550	3,512	478	5	0	40,429
DRCA	WHITE	MALE	0	32	547	609	403	904	439	47	2,981
		FEMALE	0	11	187	169	84	49	9	1	510
		TOTAL	0	43	734	778	487	953	448	48	3,491
BNT/BCOF	GOLD	MALE	0	0	0	1	15	19	171	162	368
		FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
		TOTAL	0	0	0	1	15	20	171	162	369
SEATO	GOLD	MALE	0	0	0	0	0	7	30	4	41
		FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	16	41	2	59
		TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	23	71	6	100

Note:

This table shows the Act liable to pay for all eligible treatment. Where a client has treatment eligibility under multiple Acts, all treatment costs are paid under a single Act.

VEA - Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

MRCA - Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004

DRCA - Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Defence-related Claims) Act 1988

BNT/BCOF - Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests and British Commonwealth Occupation Force (Treatment) Act 2006

SEATO - Treatment Benefits (Special Access) Act 2019

TABLE 6: TREATMENT POPULATION BY CONFLICT, CARD AND SEX, AS AT 29 Sept 2023

	Sex	Card	CONFLICTS - AUSTRALIAN FORCES											Total
			First World War	Second World War	Korea, Malaya & FESR	Vietnam	Gulf War	East Timor	Afghanistan	Iraq	Other Operations	Peace-keeping Forces	No Operational Service	
Veterans	Male	Gold	0	1,729	7,149	33,686	644	4,809	5,140	2,650	3,737	1,545	14,758	64,953
		White	0	257	193	223	627	5,756	10,211	5,350	7,740	1,419	129,268	149,716
		Total	0	1,986	7,342	33,909	1,271	10,565	15,351	8,000	11,477	2,964	144,026	214,669
	Female	Gold	0	101	13	117	42	319	440	231	327	68	1,665	2,857
		White	0	96	43	328	30	533	1,107	544	996	161	28,146	30,938
		Total	0	197	56	445	72	852	1,547	775	1,323	229	29,811	33,795
Total	Gold	0	1,830	7,162	33,803	686	5,128	5,580	2,881	4,064	1,613	16,423	67,810	
	White	0	353	236	551	657	6,289	11,318	5,894	8,736	1,580	157,414	180,654	
	Total	0	2,183	7,398	34,354	1,343	11,417	16,898	8,775	12,800	3,193	173,837	248,464	
Dependants	Male	Gold	5	98	13	42	11	46	60	27	32	5	99	391
		White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Total	5	98	13	42	11	46	60	27	32	5	99	391
	Female	Gold	21	21,002	5,593	9,337	50	156	167	72	151	162	1,769	35,677
		White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Total	21	21,002	5,593	9,337	50	156	167	72	151	162	1,769	35,677
Total	Gold	26	21,100	5,606	9,379	61	202	227	99	183	167	1,868	36,068	
	White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	26	21,100	5,606	9,379	61	202	227	99	183	167	1,868	36,068	
Total			26	23,283	13,004	43,733	1,404	11,619	17,125	8,874	12,983	3,360	175,705	284,532
			British Commonwealth and Allied veterans with a White card											2,059
Grand Total														286,591

Notes:

- (1) For veterans, the conflict categories have been derived from a combination of the conflict(s) to which any accepted disabilities have been attributed, the conflict from which the veteran has Qualifying Service (QS) or the conflict(s) listed in the veterans' service details (where known by DVA). Where none of these are known, DVA File Number is used.
- (2) For dependants the conflict categories have been derived from a combination of the conflict(s) to which any accepted disabilities for the deceased veteran have been attributed or the conflict(s) listed in the deceased veterans' service details (where known by DVA). Where neither of these are known, DVA File Number is used.
- (3) Veterans and dependants of veterans who have served in multiple conflicts are counted once under each relevant conflict group. For this reason the reported numbers for each conflict must not be summed.

**TABLE 7: PRISONERS OF WAR, BY POW COUNTRY AND STATE
WITH A GOLD CARD, AS AT 29 Sept 2023**

	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	OS	AUS
EUROPE										8
JAPAN	Due to the low number of prisoners of war the breakdown by state is no longer published.									4
KOREA										2
TOTAL										14

**TABLE 8: DVA TREATMENT POPULATION COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIAN POPULATION
BY AGE GROUP OVER 64 AND SEX, AS AT 29 Sept 2023**

Age Groups	Males			Females			Persons		
	Total Population ¹	Treatment Population	% of Total Population	Total Population ¹	Treatment Population	% of Total Population	Total Population ¹	Treatment Population	% of Total Population
65-69	627,284	13,978	2.2%	675,581	3,268	0.5%	1,302,865	17,246	1.3%
70-74	551,464	21,630	3.9%	593,726	4,652	0.8%	1,145,190	26,282	2.3%
75-79	418,660	29,116	7.0%	454,165	5,035	1.1%	872,825	34,151	3.9%
80-84	260,279	7,541	2.9%	305,216	4,333	1.4%	565,495	11,874	2.1%
85 & over	215,816	9,725	4.5%	331,360	20,661	6.2%	547,176	30,386	5.6%
65 & over	2,073,503	81,990	4.0%	2,360,048	37,949	1.6%	4,433,551	119,939	2.7%
70 & over	1,446,219	68,012	4.7%	1,684,467	34,681	2.1%	3,130,686	102,693	3.3%
75 & over	894,755	46,382	5.2%	1,090,741	30,029	2.8%	1,985,496	76,411	3.8%
80 & over	476,095	17,266	3.6%	636,576	24,994	3.9%	1,112,671	42,260	3.8%
85 & over	215,816	9,725	4.5%	331,360	20,661	6.2%	547,176	30,386	5.6%

Source:

ABS - Quarterly Population Estimates (ERP), National, State and Territory Population - March 2022

TABLE 9: TREATMENT POPULATION TRENDS - ACTUAL AND PROJECTIONS AS AT 30 JUNE

	ACTUALS					2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023										
CARD															
Gold	122,536	117,072	112,146	107,665	104,148	101,000	98,700	97,200	96,100	95,500	95,200	95,200	95,300	95,600	95,900
White	84,624	133,539	151,019	168,540	179,759	191,300	201,500	210,400	218,300	225,300	231,600	237,000	241,900	246,100	249,900
GENDER															
Male	139,720	178,878	191,963	205,180	214,206	223,200	231,300	238,500	245,000	250,700	255,800	260,300	264,200	267,500	270,500
Female	67,440	71,733	71,202	71,025	69,701	69,200	68,900	69,100	69,500	70,100	71,000	72,000	73,100	74,200	75,300
AVERAGE AGE															
Male	62.3	58.1	57.0	56.0	55.6	55.4	55.3	55.2	55.2	55.2	55.2	55.3	55.3	55.3	55.2
Female	78.6	73.2	70.5	67.7	65.6	63.6	61.9	60.5	59.4	58.5	57.8	57.4	57.0	56.8	56.6
STATE															
NSW	63,754	77,912	81,343	84,562	86,076	88,100	89,900	91,500	93,100	94,500	95,800	97,000	98,100	99,000	99,900
Vic	35,903	40,774	41,253	42,029	42,753	43,500	44,200	44,800	45,400	46,000	46,500	47,000	47,400	47,800	48,100
Qld	62,988	76,964	82,270	87,809	91,301	94,700	98,000	101,000	103,900	106,500	108,900	111,200	113,200	115,000	116,700
SA	17,938	23,258	24,829	26,156	26,923	27,800	28,600	29,400	30,100	30,700	31,400	31,900	32,500	33,000	33,400
WA	19,278	23,546	25,059	26,807	27,834	29,000	30,000	31,000	31,900	32,800	33,600	34,400	35,100	35,700	36,300
Tas	7,299	8,157	8,411	8,842	9,020	9,300	9,600	9,900	10,100	10,400	10,600	10,800	11,000	11,200	11,400
Total	207,160	250,611	263,165	276,205	283,907	292,400	300,300	307,600	314,500	320,900	326,800	332,300	337,300	341,700	345,800

- Notes:**
- (1) State figures are by state of residence with ACT and NT included in NSW and SA respectively. Overseas residents included in Tasmania.
 - (2) Projected client numbers may not add exactly to totals due to rounding.
 - (3) Figures to June 2022 are actual.

TABLE 9: TREATMENT POPULATION TRENDS - ACTUAL AND PROJECTIONS AS AT 30 JUNE 2023 (Continuation)

	ACTUALS					PROJECTIONS									
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033
GOLD AND WHITE CARDS															
AGE GROUP															
<55	55,492	92,105	105,436	118,838	126,602	134,000	140,300	145,500	150,100	154,400	158,700	162,800	166,700	170,200	173,200
55-59	12,508	15,980	16,674	17,532	18,110	19,300	20,700	22,400	23,800	24,500	24,500	23,700	22,800	22,000	21,700
60-64	12,135	14,778	16,294	17,789	19,349	20,500	21,100	21,500	22,000	22,600	23,800	25,300	27,000	28,400	29,000
65-69	17,254	17,924	16,908	16,668	16,968	17,800	18,600	19,800	20,900	22,300	23,300	23,800	24,100	24,600	25,200
70-74	34,402	35,591	34,012	30,552	27,050	23,500	21,800	20,100	19,100	19,100	19,800	20,500	21,500	22,400	23,600
75-79	12,459	16,624	21,254	27,049	32,774	37,400	37,200	36,000	33,000	29,400	25,700	23,500	21,400	20,000	19,700
80-84	11,584	12,149	12,179	12,109	11,833	12,000	15,300	19,300	24,300	28,600	32,200	32,100	31,300	29,000	26,000
85-89	14,702	12,765	11,445	10,986	10,520	10,300	10,000	9,700	9,500	9,200	9,100	11,300	13,900	17,100	19,800
90+	36,624	32,695	28,963	24,682	20,701	17,600	15,200	13,200	11,700	10,600	9,800	9,100	8,600	8,100	7,500
Total	207,160	250,611	263,165	276,205	283,907	292,300	300,200	307,600	314,500	320,900	326,800	332,200	337,300	341,700	345,800
GOLD CARD															
AGE GROUP															
<55	6,533	7,673	8,840	10,163	12,004	13,400	15,000	16,600	18,200	19,800	21,500	23,200	24,800	26,400	27,800
55-59	2,911	3,061	3,108	3,174	3,307	3,600	3,800	4,200	4,500	4,800	4,800	4,900	4,800	4,800	5,100
60-64	4,056	4,081	4,215	4,264	4,513	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,700	4,700	5,000	5,400	5,800	6,200	6,400
65-69	9,620	7,722	6,545	5,931	5,591	5,600	5,500	5,600	5,700	5,900	6,000	6,100	6,100	6,300	6,300
70-74	30,126	28,484	25,273	20,585	16,037	12,100	9,800	8,400	7,500	7,000	6,900	6,800	7,000	7,100	7,500
75-79	10,702	13,896	17,517	21,953	25,877	28,600	27,000	24,200	20,100	16,200	12,700	10,600	9,100	8,100	7,500
80-84	10,047	9,722	9,578	9,530	9,393	9,500	12,200	15,200	18,900	21,900	24,000	22,900	20,900	17,800	14,800
85-89	13,868	11,404	9,585	8,673	7,869	7,500	7,200	7,000	6,900	6,800	6,900	8,800	10,800	13,300	15,200
90+	34,673	31,029	27,485	23,392	19,557	16,300	13,600	11,400	9,700	8,300	7,300	6,600	6,000	5,600	5,300
Total	122,536	117,072	112,146	107,665	104,148	101,000	98,700	97,200	96,100	95,500	95,200	95,200	95,300	95,600	95,900
WHITE CARD															
AGE GROUP															
<55	48,959	84,432	96,596	108,675	114,598	120,600	125,200	128,900	132,000	134,600	137,200	139,700	141,900	143,800	145,400
55-59	9,597	12,919	13,566	14,358	14,803	15,700	16,900	18,200	19,300	19,700	19,600	18,900	18,000	17,200	16,700
60-64	8,079	10,697	12,079	13,525	14,836	15,900	16,600	16,900	17,300	17,900	18,700	19,900	21,200	22,200	22,500
65-69	7,634	10,202	10,363	10,737	11,377	12,200	13,200	14,200	15,300	16,400	17,200	17,700	18,000	18,300	18,900
70-74	4,276	7,107	8,739	9,967	11,013	11,500	12,000	11,700	11,600	12,100	12,900	13,700	14,500	15,300	16,100
75-79	1,757	2,728	3,737	5,096	6,897	8,800	10,200	11,800	12,900	13,200	13,000	12,900	12,200	11,800	12,200
80-84	1,537	2,427	2,601	2,579	2,440	2,500	3,100	4,100	5,400	6,700	8,200	9,200	10,400	11,200	11,200
85-89	834	1,361	1,860	2,313	2,651	2,800	2,800	2,700	2,600	2,400	2,200	2,500	3,000	3,800	4,700
90+	1,951	1,666	1,478	1,290	1,144	1,300	1,500	1,800	2,100	2,300	2,400	2,600	2,600	2,500	2,200
Total	84,624	133,539	151,019	168,540	179,759	191,300	201,500	210,400	218,300	225,300	231,600	237,000	241,900	246,100	249,900