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For many years *Population Flows* has been DIMIA's foremost statistical publication. It contains, amongst other things, detailed information on population, permanent migration and temporary movements into and out of Australia. Yet many readers have expressed interest in a summarised document which provides quick and easy access to the most sought after information. The result is *Immigration, Population and Citizenship Digest*, a pocket-sized summary of *Population Flows*.

One of the many highlights of 2002 was the arrival of Australia's six millionth migrant since World War II. This, along with the results of our latest Population Census, highlights Australia's cultural diversity, one of our most important attributes.

People from around 200 countries have migrated to Australia. Around 23 per cent of Australia's population were born overseas, while an additional 20 per cent of our population were born in Australia but had at least one parent born overseas. More than 200 languages are spoken in Australia. The diverse composition of our population contributes greatly to the dynamic and innovative nature of Australian society.

I welcome the introduction of an annual *Immigration, Population and Citizenship Digest* publication, which will provide easier access to the facts underlying immigration policies.

Philip Ruddock
Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and
Indigenous Affairs
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There are many steps for new arrivals on their settlement journey - steps towards achieving personal, social and economic goals, and to becoming members of the Australian family through the acquisition of Australian citizenship.

This publication shows how that journey, taken by migrants and refugees from 200 different countries, is supported by the Australian Government, and how Australia's social unity is ensured in the process.

It outlines the very broad range of settlement services and programs provided by the government, backed up by multicultural and citizenship programs, which form the 'glue' which binds our society and creates a participative and cohesive Australia.

The settlement package includes English language tuition, interpreting and translating assistance, counselling and referral services, and targeted programs for refugees and humanitarian entrants. There are special initiatives to encourage the take-up of Australian citizenship. Multicultural programs, about and for all Australians, foster community harmony and cohesion by encouraging all members of our community to express and share their individual cultural heritage within an overriding commitment to Australia and its basic structures and principles.

These services and programs are crucial contributors to the success of an individual's own migration experience and help to make Australia's diverse community the very best place to live.

Gary Hardgrave
Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
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