

## Further Information/Related Publications

### Migration to Australia and Comparisons with the United States: Who Benefits?

#### *Objectives of the Study:*

The study investigates the impact of immigration on income distribution in Australia, and whether this impact varies according to the size and skill level of immigration into Australia.

The study draws upon work undertaken by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs of the relative economic and budgetary impact of immigration; the impact on income inequality and poverty and the social impacts and implications of high and low skill immigration. The study also compares the Australian experience with that of the US.

#### *Researcher(s):*

Professor Ross Garnaut with Rana Ganguly and Jongsoon Kang, Australian National University

#### *Availability:*

The report was released in May 2003 and is available from DIMIA's Publications web site.

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### The Impact of Permanent Migrants on the Commonwealth Budget

#### *Objectives of the Study:*

This project refines and improves the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs' existing model for estimating the impact of permanent migrants on the Commonwealth Budget. The model was revised as follows:

- Adjust the population age profile to allow for ageing, and integrate this throughout the model;
- Expand the age profile so that it covers 5 year cohorts or single year where appropriate in lieu of the current age brackets of 15-44 and 45-64;
- Review and expand unit cost information to reflect greater detail in age brackets where possible;
- Update all unit cost information to 2000-2001; and
- Incorporate retirement from the labour force in revenue estimates and benefit calculations.

#### *Researcher(s):*

Mr Chris Richardson and Mr David Rumbens, Access Economics

#### *Availability:*

The report was released in May 2002 and is available from DIMIA's Research Publications web site [www.immi.gov.au/research/publications](http://www.immi.gov.au/research/publications).

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### The Importance of Age in Migrants' Fiscal Impact

#### *Objectives of the Study:*

This study examines the relationship between the age of permanent migrants at arrival, and their net impact over their lifetimes on the Commonwealth and State and Territory Budgets.

#### *Researcher(s):*

Mr Chris Richardson, Mr Alan Tregilgas, Mr David Rumbens, Mr Hans Baekgaard and Mr Ewen Waterman, Access Economics

#### *Availability:*

The report was released in October 2003 and is available on DIMIA's Research Publications web site [www.immi.gov.au/research/publications](http://www.immi.gov.au/research/publications).

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### The Impact of Permanent Migrants on State and Territory Budgets

#### *Objectives of the Study:*

This project studies the impact of immigration on State and Territory budgets. The study develops a financial model (based on accrual accounting where possible, and cash principles) that indicate the impact on each State and Territory Government Budget of 1,000 migrants in each State and Territory in the Family, Humanitarian and Skilled Migrant categories. The model covers years 1 to 10 after arrival.

#### *Researcher(s):*

Mr Chris Richardson and Mr Allan Tregilgas, Access Economics

#### *Availability:*

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## **The Impact of Sponsored Temporary Business Residents on the Commonwealth Budget, and The Impact of Sponsored Temporary Business Residents on Australia's Living Standards**

### *Objectives of the Study:*

This study looks at the effect of sub-class 457 visa holders on Australian living standards and estimates the effect of such visa holders on the Commonwealth Budget over ten years. It takes into account the varying duration of stay for 457 visa holders and also that some proportion of 457 visa holders apply for and are granted permanent residence.

### *Researcher(s):*

Mr Chris Richardson, Jeremy Rothfield and Mr David Rumbens, Access Economics.

### *Availability:*

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## **Impact of Temporary Business Residents on State and Territory Budgets**

### *Objectives of the Study:*

This study estimates the effect of temporary business residents (sub-class 457 visa holders) on State and Territory Budgets over ten years. It takes into account the varying duration of stay for this group and also that a proportion of sub-class 457 visa holders apply for and are granted permanent residence.

### *Researcher(s):*

Mr Chris Richardson and Mr Jeremy Rothfield, Access Economics

### *Availability:*

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## **The People of Australia**

### *Objectives of the Study:*

The project provides a publication and an internet product for each state and territory showing statistical summaries and community profiles of ethnicity indicators by Local Government Areas (LGAs), based on data from the 1996 and 2001 Census of Population and Housing. It also provides a national overview publication.

### *Researcher(s):*

Dr Robert Johnston, Census Applications Australia

### *Availability:*

The report "*The People of Australia*" (national overview) was released in September 2003 and is available on DIMIA's Research publications web site.

The report is also available in hard copy version. Accompanying this version of the publication is a CD that contains detailed statistical profiles for every LGA in Australia - showing the birthplaces, religions, language and ancestries of their local residents.

This was a joint Commonwealth-State Research Advisory Committee report.

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## **Working Holiday Maker Scheme and the Australian Labour Market**

### *Objectives of the Study:*

This project surveys and profiles WHMs in Australia and comprehensively assesses their labour market impact.

The results measure and assess the effect of WHMs on the demand for labour and review the microeconomic and aggregate demand impact of admitting WHMs into Australia for temporary periods. The study also provides a comprehensive profile of WHMs in Australia, including information and statistics on their experiences in Australia, with a particular focus on the nature and duration of employment undertaken, as well as their breadth of travel within Australia.

This was a joint project between the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) and the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

### *Researcher(s):*

Melbourne Institute of Applied Economics and Social Research, University of Melbourne

### *Availability:*

The report was released 24 September 2002 and is available from DIMIA's Research Publications web site.

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## The Impact of Long-Term Visitors on the Projection of Australia's Population

### *Objectives of the Study:*

The study investigates the impact on population projections of separating net overseas migration into net permanent migration and net long-term temporary movement, and attaches varying assumptions to these components.

It also provides a population projection model which allows the impact on future population of different assumptions regarding fertility, mortality, permanent migration and long term arrivals to be tested.

### *Researcher(s):*

Professor Peter McDonald and Dr Rebecca Kippen, Australian Centre for Population Research, Australian National University

### *Availability:*

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## Skilled Labour: Gains and Losses

### *Objectives of the Study:*

This study assesses the scale, significance, direction and determinants of the permanent and long term movement in and out of Australia of persons in selected professional occupations. The period covered is 1997-98 to 1999-2000.

In the last five years, the net gain for Australia was about 40,000 managers and administrators, 57,000 professionals and 21,000 tradespeople.

### *Researcher(s):*

Dr Bob Birrell, Centre for Population and Urban Research, Monash University

### *Availability:*

The report was released in July 2001 and is available from DIMIA's Research Publications web site. An updated version of this study is expected to be completed in the first half of 2004.

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## Dilemmas Distilled

### *Objectives of the study:*

This study was conducted by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). It examines the relationships between different levels of population and the environment and resource use in the Australian context over the next 50 years.

Three levels of population were modelled to represent high, medium and low population futures.

The theme of the report is that Australia faces choices and consequences, not only in regard to its level of population but also in relation to how the environment and resources are managed. It presents a base case of expected trends and also "breakout" scenarios in which less likely but plausible future developments in certain areas are explored. These include a potential move to a "hydrogen economy" and changes in population behaviour that could result in large energy and material savings.

### *Researcher(s):*

Dr Barney Foran and Dr Franzi Poldy, CSIRO Wildlife & Ecology

### *Availability:*

Two reports were released in November 2002. A short form of the report Dilemmas Distilled - Options to 2050 for Australia's population, technology, resources and environment is available on DIMIA's Research web site or from DIMIA's Research Section. The unabridged version is available on the CSIRO site: [www.cse.csiro.au/futuredilemmas](http://www.cse.csiro.au/futuredilemmas).

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## Settlement Experiences of New Migrants

### *Objectives of the Study:*

This project analyses data from the first waves of both Cohort 1 and Cohort 2 of the Longitudinal Survey of Immigrants to Australia to describe and compare the characteristics and experience of these two groups of recent migrants.

The project analyses LSIA2 Wave 1 data in the following fields:

- housing needs, preferences and location decisions;
- immigration choices and satisfaction with life in Australia;
- English language proficiency/English language and learning;
- details of sponsor and sponsorship;
- household expenditure;
- migration process and decisions;
- labour force;
- income and source of income;
- remittances;
- qualifications;
- support services;
- health.

The project then compares and evaluates the significant issues arising between LSIA 1 Wave 1 and LSIA 2 Wave 1.

### *Researcher(s):*

Professor Sue Richardson, Mrs Lauren Miller-Lewis, Mr Phong Ngo and Ms Diana Ilsey, National Institute of Labour Studies, Flinders University of South Australia.

### *Availability:*

Two reports were released in September 2002. A short form of the report titled Settlement Experiences of New Migrants and the unabridged version titled Life in a New Land: The Experience of Migrants in Wave 1 of LSIA1 and LSIA2 are available on DIMIA's Research web site or from DIMIA's Research Section.

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## Second Generation Australians

### *Objective(s) of the study:*

This study analyses 1996, 1991 and 1986 census data to extract information about the outcomes of second generation migrants against a group of social indicators. The results portray a comprehensive, long-term picture of second generation outcomes which provide useful information about how well Australia has settled the many migrants it has received. Fields examined include education, employment, labour market participation, occupation, home ownership and income.

### *Researcher(s):*

Professor Peter McDonald and Dr Siew-Ean Khoo, Australian Centre for Population Research, Australian National University

### *Availability:*

The report was released in May 2002 and is available at DIMIA's Publications web site or from DIMIA's Diversity Principles Section.

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## Migration: Benefiting Australia Conference Proceedings

### *Objectives:*

The *Migration: Benefiting Australia* conference held on 7-8 May 2002 examined the benefits and qualities of Australia's immigration programs and their contribution towards a sustainable population future.

The conference provided a forum for some of the most prominent Australian and overseas researchers to discuss key immigration issues including:

- The global contest for skilled migrants: Australia's "brain gain" and the implications of highly skilled and qualified Australians living and working overseas;
- Our population future - what does population ageing really mean for Australia economically and socially and what role can immigration along with other factors play in securing our future?;
- The economic and social strengths of Australia's balanced, targeted and non-discriminatory Migration Program, compared with the approaches of other countries including the USA and the UK;
- the potential social and income distribution effects of large scale unskilled immigration, compared with the impact of the current skill-focused Migration Program;
- Humanitarian flows, the international system of protection and the settlement experiences of humanitarian entrants.

### *Availability:*

The proceedings report was released in July 2002 and is available from DIMIA's Research Publications's web site or from the Research Section.

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