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PROVISIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS – FEBRUARY 2017

Provisional numbers show that visitor arrivals for February 2017 totaled 43,876, a decrease of 1.1% compared to a year earlier.

There were decreases in the number of visitors from China [down 2,052 or 33.5% to 4,071]; Pacific Islands [down 290 or 5.8% to 4,712]; Rest of Asia [down 182 or 10.8% to 1,505]; Continental Europe [down 152 or 6.2% to 2,295]; Australia [down 102 or 0.6% to 15,603]; Other Countries [down 31 or 8.1% to 350] and the United Kingdom [down 9 or 0.7% to 1,325].

However, increases were recorded in the number of visitors from the following countries; the United States of America [1,301 or 30.7% to 5,538]; New Zealand [669 or 12.0% to 6,228]; Japan [247 or 52.2% to 720]; South Korea [130 or 25.8% to 633] and Canada [2 or 0.2% to 896].

Visitors arriving for holiday purposes accounted for 66.6% of total arrivals, 9.8% came to visit their friends or relatives, 6.6% came for business purposes, while 17.0% visited Fiji for other reasons.

Table 1 below presents actual numbers and the 2017 and 2016 comparisons of visitor arrivals for the month of February, six months to February and 12 months to February 2017.

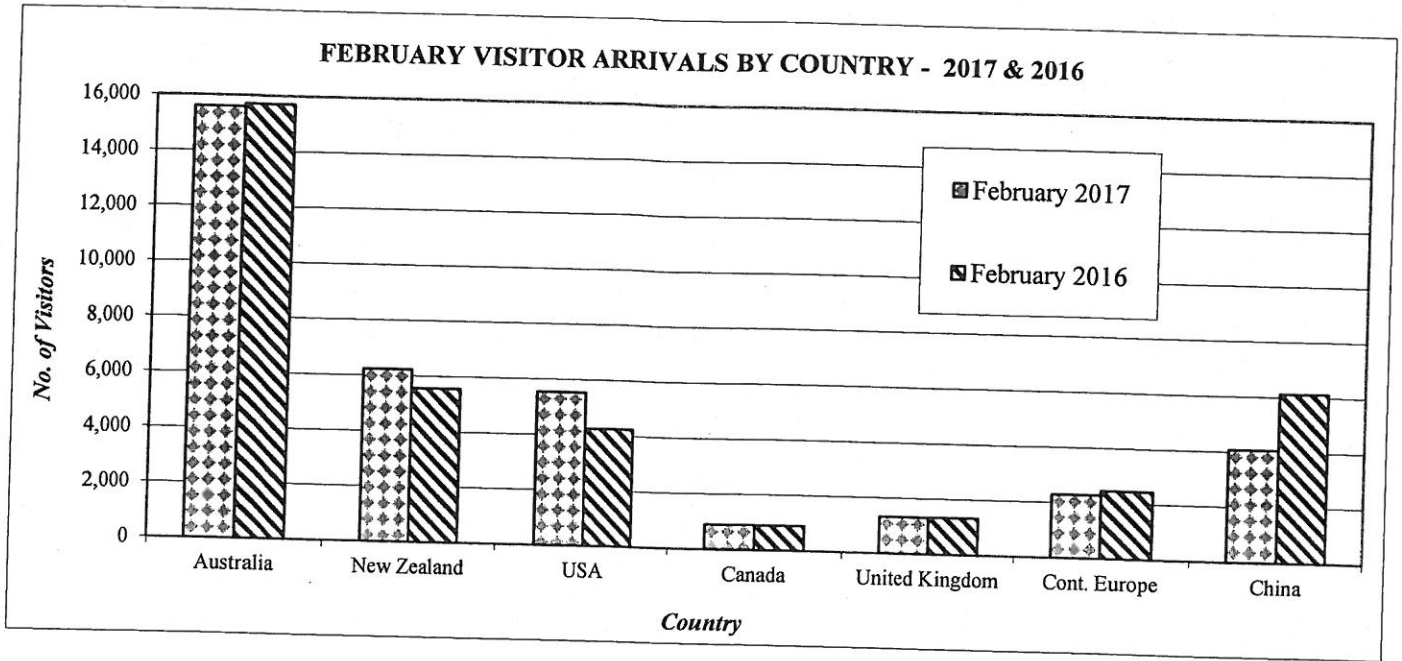
Table 1

	FEBRUARY			6 MONTHS TO FEBRUARY					12 MONTHS TO FEBRUARY		
	2017	2016	% CHANGE	2017	% TO TOTAL	2016	% TO TOTAL	% CHANGE	2017	2016	% CHANGE
ARRIVALS											
Australia	15,603	15,705	-0.6	181,377	46.6	180,910	49.1	0.3	361,259	369,632	-2.3
New Zealand	6,228	5,559	12.0	72,717	18.7	61,271	16.6	18.7	165,759	141,141	17.4
USA	5,538	4,237	30.7	33,621	8.6	30,822	8.4	9.1	71,942	68,158	5.6
Canada	896	894	0.2	5,816	1.5	5,439	1.5	6.9	11,826	11,700	1.1
United Kingdom	1,325	1,334	-0.7	7,844	2.0	7,877	2.1	-0.4	16,768	16,569	1.2
Cont. Europe	2,295	2,447	-6.2	15,840	4.1	15,572	4.2	1.7	31,880	31,245	2.0
Japan	720	473	52.2	3,265	0.8	3,069	0.8	6.4	6,441	6,356	1.3
China	4,071	6,123	-33.5	25,262	6.5	23,710	6.4	6.5	49,259	43,134	14.2
South Korea	633	503	25.8	4,346	1.1	3,752	1.0	15.8	8,300	6,921	19.9
Rest of Asia	1,505	1,687	-10.8	10,293	2.6	7,956	2.2	29.4	20,909	14,658	42.6
Pacific Islands	4,712	5,002	-5.8	26,757	6.9	25,746	7.0	3.9	50,325	49,661	1.3
Others	350	381	-8.1	2,241	0.6	2,460	0.7	-8.9	4,379	5,352	-18.2
TOTAL VISITORS	43,876	44,345	-1.1	389,379	100.0	368,584	100.0	5.6	799,047	764,527	4.5

Note: Visitor statistics are released monthly using data sourced from the Immigration System. The number of tables released is currently due to limitations in the new system which came on line in April 2013.

Figure 1 below is a graphical comparison of Visitor Arrivals by Country for February 2017 and 2016.

Figure 1



In the moving twelve monthly numbers ending February 2017, the total number of visitors to Fiji increased by 4.5% compared with the same period in 2016. Visitors from Rest of Asia increased by [42.6%]; South Korea [19.9%]; New Zealand [17.4%]; China [14.2%]; the United States of America [5.6%]; Continental Europe [2.0%]; both Japan and Pacific Islands [1.3%]; the United Kingdom [1.2%] and Canada [1.1%].

Decreases were recorded for visitors from Other Countries [18.2%] and Australia [2.3%].

The moving six monthly numbers ending February 2017, showed that visitor arrivals increased by 5.6% over the corresponding period in 2016, up from 368,584 to 389,379.

A graphical comparison of visitor arrivals by country during a six month period to February 2017 is provided in Figure 2 below. The twelve monthly comparisons are provided in Figure 3.

Figure 2

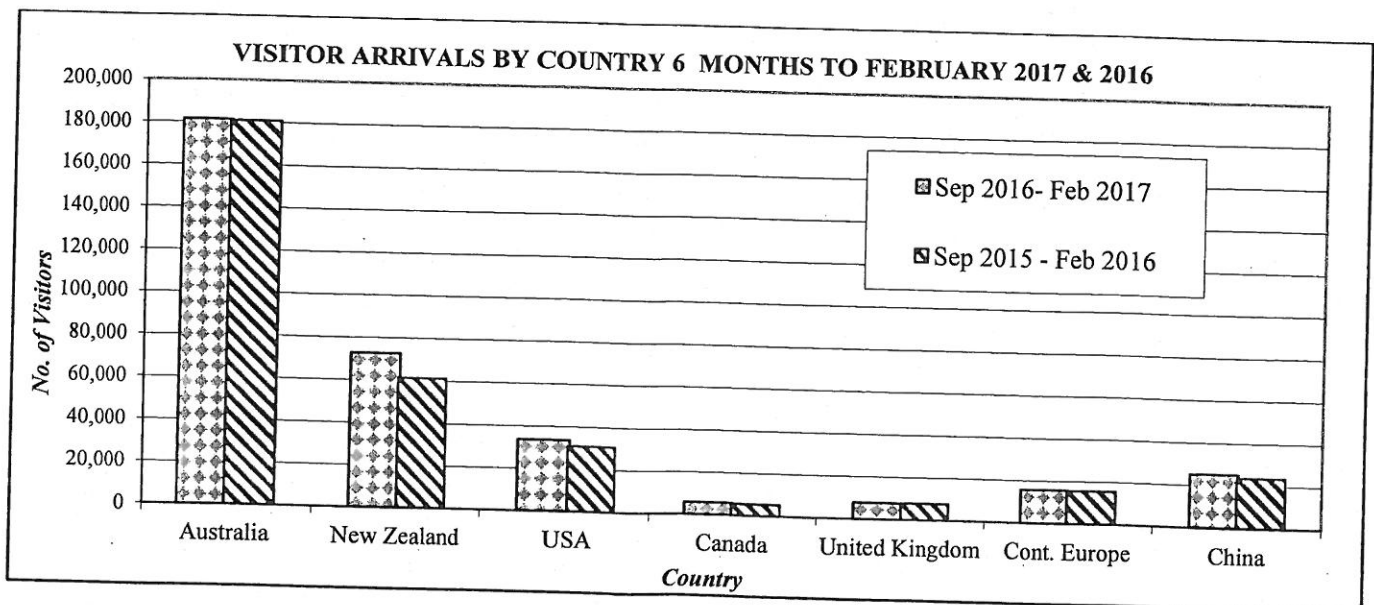
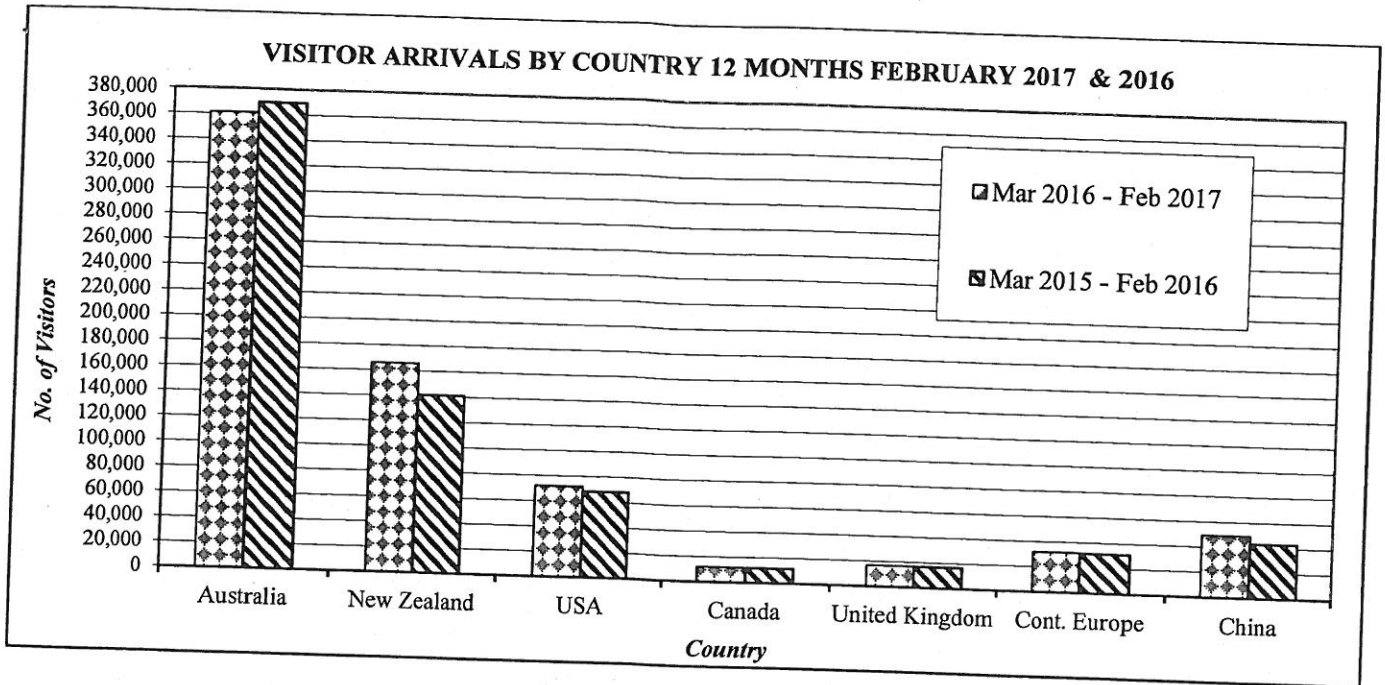


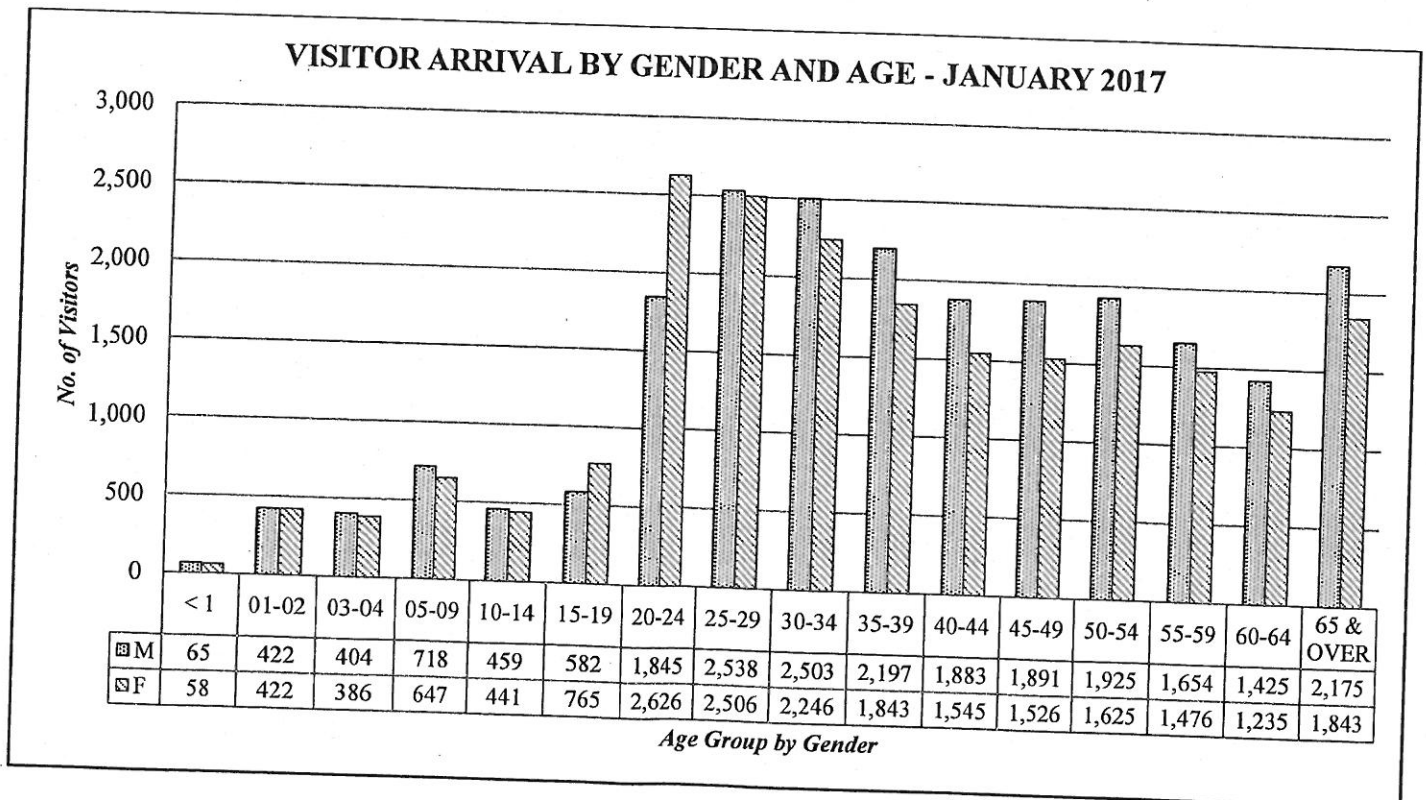
Figure 3



The majority of visitors to Fiji in February 2017 were in the age range 25-64 (68.4%), which accounts for the vast majority of the working age population. Children aged 14 and below accounted for 9.1% of the February visitor arrivals; 13.3% were youths aged 15-24 with the remaining 9.2% comprising those in the predominantly retirement age group of 65 and over.

Figure 4 below shows a significant gender differential in the age groups 20-24, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54 and 65+;

Figure 4



Visitors by Occupation

The top 5 Occupational Groups for visitors engaged in gainful employment in their home countries are as follows;

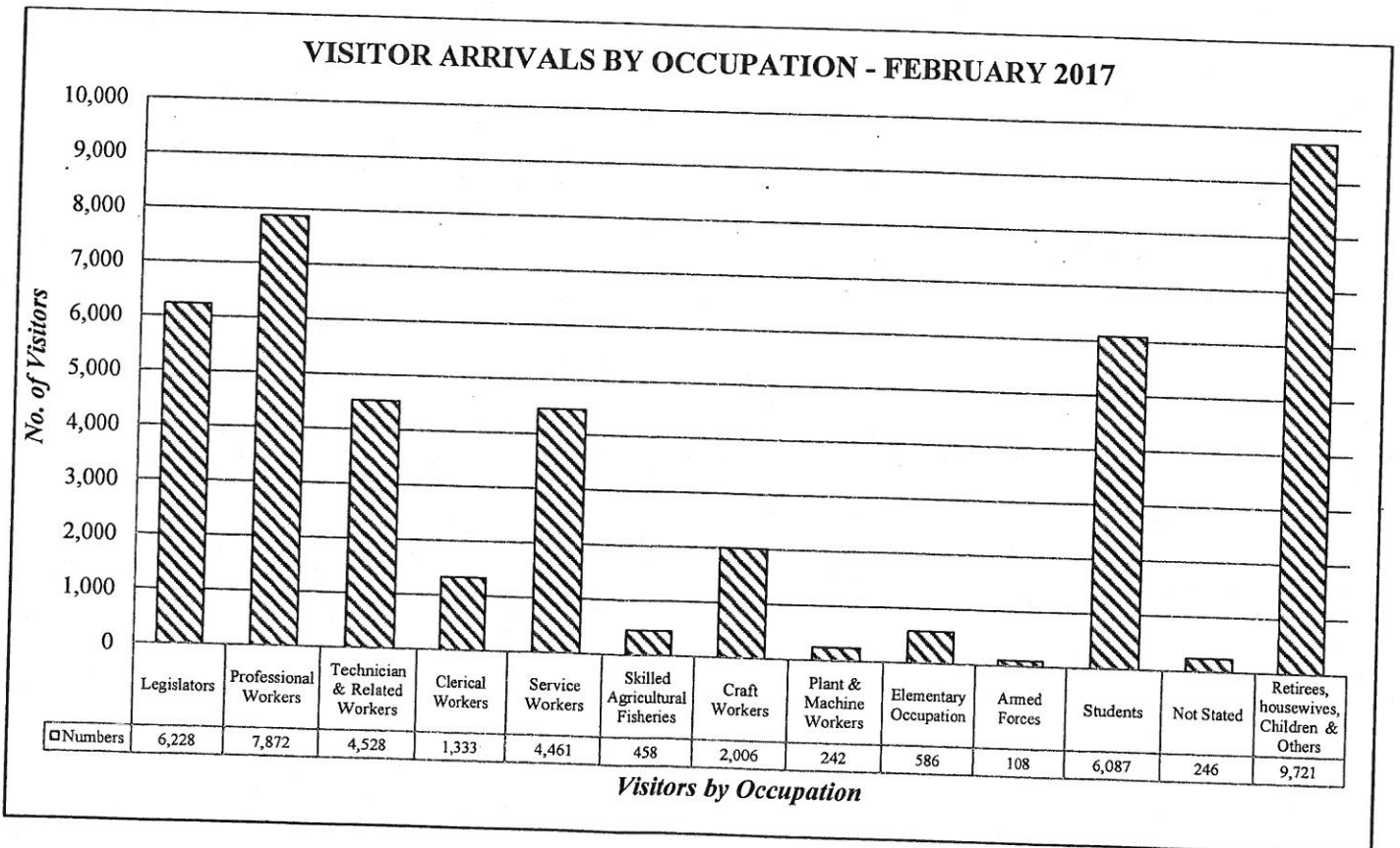
- 1) Professional Workers – 7,872
- 2) Legislators – 6,228
- 3) Technician and Related Workers – 4,528
- 4) Service Workers – 4,461
- 5) Craft Workers – 2,006

Visitors who are not in the labour force were categorised into two major groups. The categories and numbers are as follows;

- 1) Retirees, Housewives, Children & Others – 9,721
- 2) Students – 6,087

Additional details are provided in Figure 5 below;

Figure 5



More detailed information is provided in the accompanying tables.

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TABLE 1

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES : NUMBER OF RESIDENTS, VISITORS AND PERSONS IN TRANSIT

YEAR/MONTH	ARRIVALS		TOTAL		DEPARTURES		TOTAL		TOTAL IN TRANSIT	PASSENGER MOVEMENTS
	RESIDENT	VISITORS	RESIDENT	VISITORS	RESIDENT	VISITORS	RESIDENT	VISITORS		
2008	108,823	585,031	693,854	124,086	578,962	703,048	109,057	1,505,959		
2009	113,000	542,186	655,186	125,058	536,889	661,947	116,026	1,433,159		
2010	120,701	631,868	752,569	128,127	625,779	753,906	106,985	1,613,460		
2011	123,318	675,050	798,368	131,733	667,729	799,462	118,451	1,716,281		
2012	121,823	660,590	782,413	131,833	652,502	784,335	141,194	1,707,942		
2011	14,360	48,455	62,815	12,456	59,115	71,571	12,802	147,188		
January	9,877	37,659	47,536	9,685	36,704	46,389	12,516	106,441		
February	9,128	45,163	54,291	8,899	44,179	53,078	7,922	115,291		
March	9,870	55,158	65,028	9,976	50,442	60,418	7,850	133,296		
April	9,901	54,380	64,281	10,413	54,908	65,321	9,243	138,845		
May	9,113	61,919	71,032	9,399	55,360	64,759	7,391	143,182		
June	10,326	72,067	82,393	10,307	72,680	82,987	6,410	171,790		
July	8,716	66,040	74,756	10,879	66,171	77,050	4,536	156,342		
August	10,143	62,902	73,045	11,238	62,721	73,959	13,375	160,379		
September	9,416	59,899	69,315	9,369	61,818	71,187	9,809	150,311		
October	9,267	52,151	61,418	12,094	54,046	66,140	9,744	137,302		
November	13,201	59,257	72,458	17,018	49,585	66,603	16,853	155,914		
December	14,128	50,107	64,235	12,413	61,197	73,610	16,808	154,653		
2012	10,181	37,399	47,580	9,381	36,567	45,948	19,373	112,901		
January	8,891	48,915	57,806	8,883	46,131	55,014	11,398	124,218		
February	9,626	41,704	51,330	9,795	40,137	49,932	8,633	109,895		
March	8,986	51,735	60,721	9,174	48,950	58,124	5,089	123,934		
April	9,082	60,920	70,002	9,310	51,771	61,081	10,186	141,269		
May	9,829	69,108	78,937	10,531	73,341	83,872	5,820	168,629		
June	9,179	64,827	74,006	10,782	64,327	75,109	5,421	154,536		
July	9,501	66,379	75,880	10,545	63,412	73,957	12,318	162,155		
August	9,365	62,686	72,051	9,634	66,668	76,302	21,752	170,105		
September	9,905	52,501	62,406	13,674	53,325	66,999	9,789	139,194		
October	13,150	54,309	67,459	17,711	46,676	64,387	14,607	146,453		
2016	17,745	57,747	75,492	11,430	65,482	76,914	10,096	162,502 [p]		
January	10,842	44,345	55,187	9,148	41,469	50,617	7,607	113,411 [p]		
February	10,864	55,977	66,841	11,646	48,655	60,301	5,983	133,125 [p]		
March	11,598	58,159	69,757	12,438	55,235	67,674	5,925	143,356 [p]		
April	12,812	60,369	73,181	12,179	58,816	70,995	6,733	150,909 [p]		
May	11,419	73,112	84,531	11,618	58,590	70,208	7,140	161,879 [p]		
June	13,242	85,704	98,946	11,873	64,965	76,838	7,496	183,280 [p]		
July	12,313	76,347	88,660	13,039	76,854	89,893	5,569	184,122 [p]		
August	11,109	71,758	82,867	12,484	68,832	81,316	6,441	170,624 [p]		
September	12,226	73,595	85,821	11,797	76,295	88,092	6,412	180,325 [p]		
October	10,907	43,876	54,783	16,341	60,805	77,146	5,353	137,282 [p]		
November										

TABLE 2

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

YEAR/MONTH	NEW ZEALAND										CONTINENTAL EUROPE					JAPAN	SOUTH KOREA			INDIA	HONG KONG	REST OF ASIA		ISLANDS	OTHERS	TOTAL
	AUSTRALIA	USA	CANADA	UNITED KINGDOM	EUROPE	CHINA	INDIA	KOREA	INDIA	KONG	REST OF ASIA	ISLANDS	OTHERS	TOTAL												
2012	337,291	106,122	56,478	13,426	17,076	29,327	7,069	4,404	26,395	2,507	1,509	13,576	38,886	6,524	660,590											
2013	340,151	108,239	55,385	13,052	17,209	28,905	7,314	4,225	23,423	2,826	780	8,992	39,450	7,755	657,706 [p]											
2014	349,217	123,968	61,924	12,457	16,782	30,585	5,888	5,676	28,333	3,057	309	9,050	39,298	6,086	692,630 [p]											
2015	367,273	138,537	67,831	11,709	16,716	31,195	6,092	6,700	40,174	3,352	658	10,371	48,570	5,657	754,835 [p]											
2016	360,370	163,836	69,628	11,780	16,712	31,916	6,274	8,071	49,083	3,987	458	16,113	49,741	4,351	792,320 [p]											
2015	25,645	6,695	3,847	847	1,340	2,787	402	561	2,383	318	46	852	3,865	637	50,225 [p]											
January	16,838	4,257	4,583	930	1,425	2,343	474	371	4,460	357	44	1,028	4,607	458	42,175 [p]											
February	25,069	5,906	5,511	1,131	1,771	2,671	586	850	2,553	316	30	703	3,435	515	51,047 [p]											
March	30,077	9,721	5,092	939	1,394	2,761	492	474	2,773	226	44	910	3,691	455	59,049 [p]											
April	30,303	10,467	5,610	1,029	1,333	2,382	399	502	3,326	336	66	725	3,592	426	60,496 [p]											
May	35,695	14,719	8,063	712	1,273	2,389	501	496	3,094	259	51	614	4,255	404	72,525 [p]											
June	34,424	21,105	7,552	1,381	1,532	2,408	555	520	3,511	190	77	878	4,849	512	79,494 [p]											
July	33,154	17,952	5,508	1,069	1,389	3,062	754	327	4,167	277	31	969	4,093	580	73,332 [p]											
August	36,913	15,559	4,739	668	1,030	2,096	665	538	4,063	180	35	1,083	3,823	444	71,836 [p]											
September	35,186	12,953	6,071	782	1,246	2,917	474	637	3,458	240	86	891	3,783	402	69,126 [p]											
October	29,109	9,354	5,619	1,084	1,298	2,734	411	781	3,136	243	58	916	4,421	415	59,579 [p]											
November	34,860	9,849	5,636	1,137	1,685	2,645	379	643	3,250	410	90	802	4,156	409	65,951 [p]											
December	29,137	7,997	4,520	874	1,284	2,733	667	650	3,680	341	38	856	4,561	409	57,747 [p]											
2016	15,705	5,559	4,237	894	1,334	2,447	473	503	6,123	373	41	1,273	5,002	381	44,345 [p]											
January	26,794	8,258	5,274	1,099	1,649	2,609	496	680	3,479	318	33	1,453	3,404	431	55,977 [p]											
February	27,190	11,342	4,538	818	1,471	2,516	373	596	3,543	229	34	1,649	3,525	335	58,159 [p]											
March	27,991	11,586	5,700	810	1,291	2,434	468	720	3,378	341	32	1,162	4,108	348	60,369 [p]											
April	32,796	16,833	8,201	762	1,355	2,355	441	646	3,573	338	7	1,462	4,026	317	73,112 [p]											
May	34,162	24,376	8,311	1,393	1,683	2,700	610	680	5,038	297	36	1,463	4,541	414	85,704 [p]											
June	30,949	20,647	6,297	1,128	1,475	3,426	788	632	4,986	317	28	1,417	3,964	293	76,347 [p]											
July	35,478	17,701	4,193	655	985	2,271	573	609	3,828	306	27	1,432	3,315	385	71,758 [p]											
August	35,804	14,732	5,952	1,138	1,284	2,896	386	761	4,377	342	46	1,395	4,194	288	73,595 [p]											
September	28,234	11,633	5,847	1,154	1,379	2,776	471	794	3,860	341	43	1,224	4,366	366	62,488 [p]											
October	36,130	13,172	6,558	1,055	1,522	2,753	528	800	3,218	444	93	1,327	4,735	384	72,719 [p]											
2017	30,128	9,251	5,533	918	1,349	2,849	587	749	5,908	353	30	1,385	5,435	468	64,943 [p]											
January	15,603	6,228	5,538	896	1,325	2,295	720	633	4,071	426	53	1,026	4,712	350	43,876 [p]											

Note :1. As from January 2011, Hong Kong and India have been excluded from, while Taiwan is included to Rest of Asia; 2. [p] provisional, [r] revised

TABLE 3

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT

PERIOD	VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT				TOTAL		
	BUSINESS	OFFICIAL CONFERENCE	HOLIDAY	VISITING FRIENDS/ RELATIVES		EDUCATION/ TRAINING	OTHERS
2012	17,843	15,379	492,556	54,850	8,051	71,911	660,590
2014	21,011	10,215	536,636	43,235	5,862	75,671	692,630 [p]
2015	25,048	12,442	594,749	46,794	6,662	69,140	754,835 [p]
2016	32,922	13,993	600,887	68,262	7,559	68,697	792,320 [p]
2015							
January	1,256	317	37,265	3,474	958	6,955	50,225 [p]
February	1,897	843	29,860	2,404	1,603	5,568	42,175 [p]
March	1,988	714	39,292	3,267	456	5,330	51,047 [p]
April	1,966	1,094	46,160	4,096	321	5,412	59,049 [p]
May	2,112	1,172	47,513	3,844	461	5,394	60,496 [p]
June	2,512	1,352	57,386	4,589	502	6,184	72,525 [p]
July	2,240	1,633	63,606	4,657	703	6,655	79,494 [p]
August	2,384	1,383	59,171	4,113	384	5,897	73,332 [p]
September	2,494	1,081	58,756	3,261	363	5,881	71,836 [p]
October	2,076	1,184	57,065	2,907	312	5,582	69,126 [p]
November	2,575	1,336	46,675	3,742	383	4,868	59,579 [p]
December	1,548	333	52,000	6,440	216	5,414	65,951 [p]
2016							
January	1,863	368	44,512	3,929	1,151	5,924	57,747 [p]
February	2,616	537	31,232	3,327	1,688	4,945	44,345 [p]
March	2,765	633	41,538	5,170	399	5,472	55,977 [p]
April	3,622	1,014	42,620	5,713	371	4,819	58,159 [p]
May	2,906	1,410	44,839	5,207	489	5,518	60,369 [p]
June	2,769	1,472	57,300	5,148	583	5,840	73,112 [p]
July	2,198	1,098	66,052	8,147	805	7,404	85,704 [p]
August	3,532	2,023	57,612	7,079	562	5,539	76,347 [p]
September	2,855	1,647	56,926	4,755	517	5,058	71,758 [p]
October	3,059	1,399	57,318	5,323	344	6,152	73,595 [p]
November	2,837	1,629	46,320	6,002	470	5,230	62,488 [p]
December	1,900	763	54,618	8,462	180	6,796	72,719 [p]
2017							
January	2,183	430	47,144	5,923	1,522	7,741	64,943 [p]
February	2,899	738	29,224	4,301	1,623	5,091	43,876 [p]

Note: 1. 2013 Data on Visitor Arrivals by Purpose of Visit is not available ; 2. [p] provisional, [r] revised

TABLE 7b

RESIDENT DEPARTURE BY FINAL DESTINATION AND BY PURPOSE OF ABSENCE - NOVEMBER 2016

COUNTRY/PURPOSE	HOLIDAY	VISITING						TOTAL
		BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT	EDUCATION/ TRAINING	FRIENDS/ RELATIVES	EMIGRATION	OTHERS		
Australia	1,812	340	341	156	1,756	70	503	4,978
% to total	36.4	6.8	6.9	3.1	35.3	1.4	10.1	100.0
New Zealand	911	232	327	114	1,353	82	637	3,656
% to total	24.9	6.3	8.9	3.1	37.0	2.2	17.4	100.0
United States of America	298	62	23	44	250	55	131	863
% to total	34.5	7.2	2.7	5.1	29.0	6.4	15.2	100.0
Canada	19	4	5	2	36	9	30	105
% to total	18.1	3.8	4.8	1.9	34.3	8.6	28.6	100.0
United Kingdom	26	11	18	4	45	1	19	124
% to total	21.0	8.9	14.5	3.2	36.3	0.8	15.3	100.0
Continental Europe	20	16	6	7	10	1	15	75
% to total	26.7	21.3	8.0	9.3	13.3	1.3	20.0	100.0
Japan	44	27	1	69	19	0	28	188
% to total	23.4	14.4	0.5	36.7	10.1	0.0	14.9	100.0
South Korea	73	15	9	23	49	3	23	195
% to total	37.4	7.7	4.6	11.8	25.1	1.5	11.8	100.0
China	149	121	13	50	108	2	49	492
% to total	30.3	24.6	2.6	10.2	22.0	0.4	10.0	100.0
Rest of Asia	449	171	60	96	161	0	70	1,007
% to total	44.6	17.0	6.0	9.5	16.0	0.0	7.0	100.0
Pacific Islands	1,826	399	215	563	697	35	489	4,224
% to total	43.2	9.4	5.1	13.3	16.5	0.8	11.6	100.0
Others	122	35	82	14	159	1	21	434
% to total	28.1	8.1	18.9	3.2	36.6	0.2	4.8	100.0
TOTAL	5,749	1,433	1,100	1,142	4,643	259	2,015	16,341
PERCENTAGE TO TOTAL	35.2	8.8	6.7	7.0	28.4	1.6	12.3	100.0