

NOT The Activities Report

After twenty-three years, AIPO's *Activities Report* is undergoing a transformation.

A new glossy up-market, more forward-looking, altogether sexier replacement is now being developed in Corporate Strategy Business Unit.

While that might be happening, people are still asking for the boring stuff on which forward planning is built—*The Industrial Property Statistics*.

So, here they are in that most excellent publication, the widely circulated AIPO Staff Gazette!

We hope that fairly soon they'll also be put on AIPO's Internet Home Page, which is simulated on the LAN (for those privileged to have a PC on their desks).

**To help you remember not to forget where to look them up—
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Industrial Property Statistics 1995-96

Table 1: Analysis of patent application activity

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Provisional applications	6 302	6 428	6 843	7 331	6 801
Complete applications for standard patents	9 106	8 059	7 530	6 878	6 645
Complete applications for petty patents	309	389	413	389	339
International applications designating Australia	11 500	13 860	16 812	21 576	26 058
Total applications	27 217	28 736	31 598	36 174	39 843
Applications lapsed	7 490	7 497	7 540	7 855	8 238
Applications withdrawn	155	115	86	88	76

Table 2: Proceedings under the Patents Act

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Provisional applications filed	6 302	6 428	6 843	7 331	6 801
Complete specifications for applications for standard patents filed ¹	9 106	8 059	7 530	6 878	6 645
after a provisional application	1 078	1 127	1 111	1 018	1 064
Complete specifications for applications for petty patents filed ²	309	389	413	389	339
after a provisional application ³	43	98	110	111	117
Directions to request examination	13 598	12 229	11 625	11 659	8 718
Requests for examination	14 091	13 006	12 076	12 561	11 511
First reports issued	14 792	13 932	12 494	10 633	10 341
Complete specifications accepted	13 285	12 749	11 705	9 767	8 968
Standard patents sealed	14 108	13 265	11 525	9 690	9 185
Petty patents sealed	186	182	330	261	228
Continuation fee payments	9 621	8 060	7 363	7 333	8 871
Standard patents renewed	63 847	63 792	62 680	65 815	67 910
Standard patents ceased	8 624	8 202	12 527	12 192	9 572
Assignments registered	922	1 082	991	946	1 077
Licences and Mortgages registered	6	30	23	34	22

1 Includes 'complete after provisionals' and complete specifications associated with provisional applications.

2 Includes petty patent specifications lodged under the *Patents Act 1952*.

3 Under the *Patents Act 1952*, which was in force until 29 April 1991, an application accompanied by a provisional specification could only be lodged in respect of an application for a standard patent. Under the *Patents Act 1990*, in force from 30 April, 1991, a complete application associated with a provisional application may be for a standard patent or a petty patent.

Table 3: Proceedings under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
International applications received by the Patent Office as a Receiving Office	637	691	733	846	895
Designations of Australia in respect of the above international applications	567	636	644	773	818
International search reports established by the Patent Office as an International Searching Authority					
for Australian applicants	622	716	649	816	914
for other applicants ¹		15	111	110	108
International-type search reports established	143	147	193	243	270
International preliminary examination reports established by the Patent Office as an International Preliminary Examining Authority	489	642	610	700	858
Total designations of Australia in respect of international applications	11 500	13 860	16 812	21 576	26 058
Applications designating Australia withdrawn	5 050	6 510	7 763	9 374	11 901
Total elections of Australia in respect of international applications	8 272	9 552	12 514	15 646	18 440
International applications designating Australia and entering national phase	4 164	5 059	5 590	6 735	7 724
International applications designating Australia on which national phase action has not commenced	15 726	18 073	21 614	27 010	33 428

¹ All reports for non-Australian applicants were for residents of New Zealand.

Table 4: Subject matter of patents sealed in 1995–96

<i>IPC¹</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Standard patents</i>	<i>Petty patents</i>
A0	Agriculture	254	9
A2	Foodstuffs, tobacco	174	
A4	Personal and domestic objects	187	20
A6	Health, amusement	1359	24
B0	Separating, mixing	398	8
B2	Shaping	354	13
B3	Presses, paper articles, layered products	64	2
B4	Printing	104	7
B6	Transporting	623	32
C0	Inorganic and organic chemistry	1804	3
C1	Fuels, oils, biochemistry	640	1
C2	Metallurgy	146	
C3	Crystal growth	2	
D0	Textiles, flexible material	122	2
D2	Paper	88	
E0	Building	339	40
E2	Mining	106	2
F0	Engines, pumps	133	7
F1	Engineering in general	261	10
F2	Lighting, heating	183	9
F4	Weapons, blasting	25	
G0	Instruments	900	22
G1	Musical instruments, acoustics, information storage	93	2
G2	Nucleonics	5	
H0	Electricity	821	15
	Total	9 185	228

Table 5: Proceedings under the Trade Marks Act

<i>Action</i>	<i>1991–92</i>	<i>1992–93</i>	<i>1993-94</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>
Applications lodged	22 870	24 391	27 775	31 752	34 166
First reports issued	22 692	27 664	32 394	29 914	26 828
Trade marks registered	12 416	13 820	15 147	17 137	17 845
Registration renewals	8 442	8 530	9 908	10 843	11 512
Assignments registered	5 804	6 186	6 450	5 502	6 277
Users registered	3 807	4 157	4 152	3 492	1 110²

1 Refers to the sub-section of the International Patent Classification.

2 There are no provisions for registered users under the new Trade Marks Act which came into force on 1 January 1996. The above figure of 1110 users registered in 1995-96 occurred only during the interval July-December 1995.

Table 6: Subject matter of trade marks registered in 1995–96

<i>Class*</i>	<i>Brief description</i>	<i>Number</i>
1	Adhesives, preservatives, industrial chemicals	600
2	Paints, varnishes, lacquers, dyes	240
3	Bleaching, cleaning preparations, perfumery, cosmetics	866
4	Fuels, oils, greases, tallows, waxes	134
5	Pharmaceutical products, herbicides, pesticides	1 202
6	Cast and rolled metal products	417
7	Machines, machine tools	592
8	Cutlery, side arms, hand tools, instruments	172
9	Scientific and commercial apparatus or instruments	1 581
10	Surgical, medical, dental instruments and apparatus	257
11	Lighting, heating, cooling, ventilating, water supply	488
12	Vehicles, ships, aircraft	495
13	Firearms, ammunition, explosives	28
14	Jewellery, clocks, precious metals and stones	216
15	Musical instruments	41
16	Paper and printed matter, stationery	1 127
17	Packing, stopping and insulating materials	245
18	Leather goods	221
19	Building materials, natural and artificial masonry	344
20	Furniture etc.	343
21	Domestic utensils, glassware, brushes, sponges, etc.	325
22	Rope, string, cordage, tents and tarpaulins	96
23	Yarns, threads	79
24	Piece goods, linen and textiles not included elsewhere	303
25	Clothing, including footwear and headgear	1 749
26	Haberdashery	76
27	Carpets and floor coverings	94
28	Articles for sport or amusement, armaments	616
29	Meat, fish, poultry, dairy products, edible fats, preserves	605
30	Coffee, tea, cocoa, sugar, spices, flour, cereal products	742
31	Fresh fruits and vegetables, animal products	334
32	Beer, ale, porter, mineral and aerated waters	316
33	Wines, spirits, liqueurs	347
34	Tobacco, matches, other smokers' articles	154
35	Advertising and business services	339
36	Insurance and financial services	271
37	Construction and repair services	223
38	Communication services	150
39	Transport and storage services	147
40	Material treatment services	52
41	Educational and entertainment services	426
42	Miscellaneous services not described in classes 35–41	792
	Total	17 845

* The complete description of the forty-two classes is set out in the Fourth Schedule to the Trade Marks Regulations.

Table 7: Proceedings under the Designs Act

<i>Action</i>	<i>1991-92</i>	<i>1992-93</i>	<i>1993-94</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>
Applications lodged	3 774	4 018	4 149	4 332	4 094
First reports issued	2 750	4 161	4 123	4 319	4 384
Designs registered	3 029	3 129	3 204	3 135	3 287
Registrations extended	3 961	3 755	4 059	6 695	4 324

Table 8: Subject matter of designs registered in 1995-96

<i>Class¹</i>	<i>Short description</i>	<i>Number</i>
01	Foodstuffs	31
02	Articles of clothing and haberdashery	196
03	Travel goods, cases, parasols and personal belongings, not elsewhere specified	96
04	Brushware	23
05	Textile piecegood articles, artificial and natural sheet material	75
06	Furnishing	271
07	Household goods, not elsewhere specified	214
08	Tools and hardware	355
09	Packages and containers for the transport or handling of goods	326
10	Clocks and watches and other measuring instruments, checking and signalling instruments	47
11	Articles of adornment	125
12	Means of transport or hoisting	232
13	Equipment for production or distribution of electricity	78
14	Recording, communication or information retrieval equipment	168
15	Machines, not elsewhere specified	106
16	Photographic, cinematographic and optical apparatus	26
17	Musical instruments	7
18	Printing and office machinery	10
19	Stationery and office equipment, artists' and teaching materials	73
20	Sales and advertising equipment, signs	122
21	Games, toys, tents and sports goods	249
22	Arms, pyrotechnic articles, hunting, fishing and pest killing articles	42
23	Fluid distribution equipment, sanitary, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning equipment, solid fuel	192
24	Medical and laboratory equipment	48
25	Building units and construction elements	463
26	Lighting apparatus	53
27	Tobacco and smokers' supplies	1
28	Pharmaceutical and cosmetic products, toilet articles and apparatus	50
29	Devices and equipment against fire hazards, for accident prevention and for rescue	12
30	Care and handling for animals	35
31	Machines and appliances for preparing food or drink, not elsewhere specified	19
99	Miscellaneous	19
	Total	3 764²

1 International Designs Classification.

2 This is the sum of the column above this number, which is more than the total of registered designs, since some registered designs are indexed in more than one class.

Table 9: Country of residence of applicants for patents¹, trade marks and designs in 1995–96

Country	Complete patent applications ²			Trade mark applications ³	Design applications	
	Standard	Petty	Total			
AU	Australia	1 302	269	1 571	20 403	2 931
AT	Austria	24		24	53	4
BE	Belgium	33		33	100	7
BR	Brazil	5		5		
CA	Canada	64		64	236	12
CN	China	5	1	6		1
DK	Denmark	8	1	9	71	1
FI	Finland	36		36	45	17
FR	France	274		274	579	35
DE	Germany	413	2	415	1 139	76
HK	Hong Kong	11		11		10
HU	Hungary	1		1		
IE	Ireland	8		8		1
IL	Israel	38		38		2
IT	Italy	89		89	417	11
JP	Japan	963	4	967	599	115
KR	Korea, Republic of	42	1	43		6
LI	Liechtenstein	17		17		
LU	Luxembourg	2		2		1
MY	Malaysia	3		3		2
NL	Netherlands	175		175	338	41
NZ	New Zealand	114	6	120		112
NO	Norway	14		14	35	4
RU	Russian Federation	1		1		2
SG	Singapore	5		5		1
ZA	South Africa	67	1	68		7
ES	Spain	30	1	31	99	2
SE	Sweden	28		28	187	27
CH	Switzerland	222		222	624	85
TW	Taiwan, Province of China	55	34	89		8
TH	Thailand	5		5		
GB	United Kingdom	264	4	268	1 421	131
US	United States of America	2 299	14	2 313	5 791	428
ZW	Zimbabwe					
	Others	28	1	29	1 957	17
	Total	6 645	339	6 984	34 166	4 094

1 International patent applications under the PCT are excluded.

2 There were 6 633 provisional applications lodged by Australian residents and 168 lodged by overseas residents. These are not included in the above figures.

3 Countries left blank (eg NZ) in the column below may be included in the large number (1 957) of trade mark applications allocated to 'other' countries of residence at the end of the column. A recalcitrant computer program has not yet been able to identify applications from residents of those countries. The further breakdown may be advised at a later date.

Table 10: Country of residence of applicants for PCT applications entering the national phase ¹ in Australia

	<i>Country</i>	<i>1991-92</i>	<i>1992-93</i>	<i>1993-94</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>
AU	Australia	354	397	414	438	513
AT	Austria	20	21	30	40	44
BE	Belgium	29	33	40	47	68
BR	Brazil	1	3	1	2	1
CA	Canada					216
CN	China	1				8
DK	Denmark	99	84	84	95	122
FI	Finland	47	88	88	132	132
FR	France	126	153	168	198	253
DE	Germany	227	246	269	348	421
HK	Hong Kong	6	4	4	8	5
HU	Hungary	15	7	11	10	
IE	Ireland	2	2	10	18	23
IL	Israel	3	5	5	18	20
IT	Italy	64	70	69	91	80
JP	Japan	238	208	268	301	351
KR	Korea, Republic of	3	12	10	16	31
LI	Liechtenstein	9	10	10	8	3
LU	Luxembourg	4	4	4	6	18
NL	Netherlands	71	77	69	137	190
NZ	New Zealand	2	5	12	63	76
NO	Norway	37	40	48	47	12
RU	Russian Federation*	15	13	8	14	45
SG	Singapore			2	3	9
ZA	South Africa			1	5	11
ES	Spain		12	16	18	22
SE	Sweden	172	179	221	277	298
CH	Switzerland		78	84	116	124
GB	United Kingdom	487	558	592	781	821
US	United States of America	1 915	2 603	2 894	3 257	3 753
	Others	16	18	37	41	54
	Total	4 164	5 059	5 590	6 735	7 724

¹ 'entering the national phase' occurs up to 31 months after application. These figures cannot be added to those in Table 9 to produce application statistics for any particular year.