

APPENDIX 3

MATERNAL MORTALITY – INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

Numbers and rates of maternal mortality

Country	Year	Maternal deaths per 100,000 live births	Estimated number of maternal deaths, 1990	Lifetime risk of maternal death, 1990
Australia	1994	7.0*	25	1 in 4,900
Canada	1994	3.6	25	1 in 7,700
Denmark	1993	7.4	5	1 in 5,800
France	1994	11.7	110	1 in 3,100
Germany	1994	5.2	190	1 in 2,700
Greece	1994	1.9	10	1 in 5,600
Hong Kong	1994	11.2	5	1 in 9,200
Ireland	1992	5.9	5	1 in 3,800
Israel	1994	5.2	5	1 in 4,000
Italy	1994	12.4	65	1 in 5,300
Japan	1994	6.1	230	1 in 2,900
Netherlands	1994	6.1	25	1 in 4,300
New Zealand	1993	20.4	15	1 in 1,600
Norway	1993	3.4	5	1 in 7,300
Singapore	1994	6.1	5	1 in 4,900
Spain	1993	6.2	30	1 in 9,200
Sweden	1993	5.1	10	1 in 6,000
Switzerland	1994	3.6	5	1 in 8,700
UK	1992	6.7	70	1 in 5,100
USA	1993	7.5	480	1 in 3,500
Asia			323,000	1 in 65
North America			500	1 in 3,700
Europe			3,200	1 in 1,400
Oceania			1,400	1 in 26
World			585,000	1 in 60

* The underlying rate was 5.3 per 100,000 births during the period 1990-1994.

Source: *International Health – How Australia Compares* (AIHW cat. No.HSE6) 1998.

This information relates to Paragraph 4.4 of the Report.

