

ANNUAL REPORT ON ADMINISTRATION OF THE *Foreign Ownership of Land Register Act 1988*

This report is provided in accordance with Section 16(1) of the *Foreign Ownership of Land Register Act 1988* (Old) (the Act) and covers registry operations for the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003.

All foreigners, as defined in the Act, are required to notify the Registrar of the Foreign Ownership of Land Register of any acquisition or disposal of land or an interest in land. Notifications given in compliance with these requirements are maintained in the register. Foreign ownership of land in the State is monitored to the extent of the notifications received.

Registry statistics compiled from notifications of acquisition and disposal and the validated data reveal that, as at 30 June 2003, foreign owned interests in land totalled 1,673,245 hectares, and represented 0.96% of the State's land area.

There are 127 countries of origin recorded in the database.

Information held in the register is accessible through Department of Natural Resources and Mines service centres. Revenue generated from searches conducted and reports provided during the year totalled \$16,545.32.



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1. Annual value of acquisitions

2000/01		2001/02		2002/03	
Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)	Country	Value (A\$)
NZ	77,541,952	Malaysia	216,332,999	UK	120,980,443
Singapore	75,429,148	Japan	127,909,413	Japan	53,619,425
UK	67,341,543	UK	112,051,027	Singapore	46,551,932
Netherlands	55,820,000	FRG	76,735,900	NZ	40,894,816
USA	42,772,875	NZ	50,182,320	USA	30,795,008
Japan	33,733,863	Singapore	24,801,361	Hong Kong	25,378,140
Others	140,649,048	Others	170,130,528	Others	157,269,156
Total	493,288,429	Total	778,143,548	Total	475,488,920

Table 1 shows the six countries with the highest recorded annual value of acquisitions for each of the three years prior to 30 June 2003.

2. Land areas owned by nationality.*

2000/01		2001/02		2002/03	
Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)	Country	Area (ha)
USA	490,233	UK	293,558	Japan	544,608
Netherlands	230,263	USA	266,918	United Kingdom	375,376
UK	227,580	Japan	230,007	United States	252,206
Japan	103,263	PNG	208,534	FRG	112,552
Canada	96,622	FRG	113,282	Canada	96,829
France	70,590	Canada	96,627	Netherlands	75,545
Others	235,458	Others	306,218	Others	216,129
Total	1,454,009	Total	1,515,144	Total	1,673,245

Table 2 shows the six foreign nationalities with the highest recorded land ownership by area for each of the three years to 30 June 2003.

*Approximate areas only.

3. Land parcels owned by nationality.

2000/01		2001/02		2002/03	
Country	Number	Country	Number	Country	Number
Japan	4,552	Japan	4,210	UK	4220
UK	4,278	UK	3,556	Japan	3152
NZ	3,542	NZ	3,284	NZ	2807
USA	3,086	USA	2,942	USA	2168
Singapore	2,878	Singapore	2,588	Singapore	2071
FRG	1,407	Hong Kong	1,330	FRG	1198
Others	8,067	Others	8,166	Others	7,888
Total	27,810	Total	26,076	Total	23504

Table 3 shows the six foreign nationalities with the highest recorded ownership of land parcels for each of the three years to 30 June 2003.

Code	Country
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany
NZ	New Zealand
PNG	Papua New Guinea
UK	United Kingdom
USA	United States of America