

Table 19: PBS Special Patient Contributions, 2013-14 to 2015-16.

Section 85 only.

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Number of brands listed on the PBS ^(a)	4,486	5,002	4,993
Number of brands with a premium ^(a)	274	282	314
% of brands with a premium	6.1%	5.6%	6.3%
Average brand premium	\$2.71	\$2.80	\$2.95
Weighted average brand premium ^(b)	\$2.58	\$2.58	\$2.48
Brand premium range	\$0.43 to \$11.41	\$0.37 to \$14.37	\$0.19 to \$14.20
Prescriptions (millions) dispensed with a brand premium ^(c)	13.1 m	16.3 m	18.0 m
Prescriptions (millions) dispensed at the benchmark level ^{(c)(d)}	64.4 m	72.0 m	78.7 m
% of prescriptions dispensed at benchmark level	83%	82%	81%

Notes:

(a) A brand is defined as a unique combination of 'brand name' and 'form and strength'.

These counts were taken as at June of the financial year.

(b) Weighted average brand premium is calculated by:

scripts x premium = total premium value

total premium value / total scripts = weighted average brand premium

(c) Subsidised (over co-payment) scripts only.

(d) Includes only items where at least one brand is listed with a premium.