
D Supporting research and related activities

The Commission's supporting research program encompasses a range of activities to promote greater community awareness about the productivity performance of the economy and of Australian industry, factors affecting industry performance, assistance and regulation affecting industry, and related matters. This appendix provides brief summaries of Commission research reports, conference proceedings, research submissions made to other review bodies, and staff research and working papers. It also lists the presentations given by the Chairman, Commissioners and staff to conferences, parliamentary committees, and industry and community groups in 1998-99.

Commission research papers

Aspects of structural change in Australia

December 1998

This paper provided information about structural change in Australia since the early 1970s. It examined the direction and extent of structural change and the extent and nature of adjustment among Australia's regions and identified some key developments in the labour market.

Australia has seen extensive changes in its industry composition, employment and investment over the past few decades. Consistent with the trend in many other countries, the services sector's share of output and employment has expanded considerably, while manufacturing's share has declined at a somewhat greater rate than in most other OECD countries.

Australia's rate of structural change since 1970 has been higher than the average of a selection of 15 OECD countries. It has, however, been less than that of some countries in our region, including New Zealand and many of our Asian trading partners.

Pressures for structural change have had differential effects across regional Australia. In general, rates of structural change in employment have been higher and more varied amongst non-metropolitan regions — particularly for those with a strong reliance on mining activities. The Commission found considerable diversity in the growth rates of population, employment and income across Australia's regions, irrespective of whether they had experienced relatively low or high rates of structural change. An important implication is that high rates of structural change need not mean low employment growth or employment decline.

The last three decades saw significant changes in Australia's labour market. Job growth did not keep up with increases in the supply of labour, resulting in considerable increases in unemployment and underemployment. Different patterns of growth across the economy have affected the demand for particular skills with the young, the old, the unskilled and those from non-English speaking backgrounds affected the most.

Commission submissions to other review bodies

Productivity Commission Submission to the Review of the NSW *Rural Assistance Act 1989*

September 1998

The Commission's submission responded to a request from the NSW Review Group for information and comment on issues pertaining to its review of the Rural Assistance Act, which provides authority for the delivery of a small range of special-purpose State programs affording assistance to agriculture.

The Commission found that the rationales for the assistance programs delivered under the Act were not always clear. In addition, there was little evidence to justify assistance on the grounds that rural adjustment is impeded by barriers to entry or exit, a lack of capital, or a need to compensate producers for additional costs that they may bear as a consequence of other government reforms. However, in some circumstances, government may have a role to play in information provision and in promoting better environmental or welfare outcomes.

The Commission also had some in-principle reservations about the effectiveness of existing State programs. One concern was that some elements may act simply to transfer income to selected farms and rural activities without having any real effects on rural industry investment and activity levels. Another concern was that some

components may unintentionally reduce the efficiency of the sector and its capacity to cope with seasonal and market fluctuations.

To improve the framework for future management of rural assistance in NSW, the Commission suggested that consideration be given to:

- introducing a revised rural assistance legislative instrument which, in assessing the efficacy of rural assistance, makes the predominant consideration the interest of the community as a whole rather than the benefits to particular rural businesses or activities;
- establishing detailed program design principles to guide the delivery of individual programs within an economy-wide framework; and
- instituting review functions to monitor the relevance and effectiveness of rural assistance policy and programs in New South Wales.

Productivity Commission Submission to the Tasmanian Dairy Industry Review

November 1998

As part of its commitments under the Competition Principles Agreement, the Tasmanian Government initiated a review of the State's regulatory arrangements for the dairy industry. Included amongst those regulations were arrangements which fixed the price paid to farmers for drinking milk and associated controls on supply that prevented competition among farmers from undercutting the regulated price.

In the light of its earlier submissions to dairy reviews in other States and Territories, the Tasmanian Dairy Industry Review Group wrote to the Commission requesting it to make a submission on the arrangements in Tasmania.

In responding to this request, the Commission did not seek to replicate its submissions to previous reviews. Rather, it simply drew out matters raised in those submissions on the benefits and costs of farm-gate dairy regulations which were relevant to the Tasmanian review. As requested by the Review Group, the submission also provided estimates of assistance to the Tasmanian dairy industry.

Productivity Commission Submission to the Review of Price Controls on Telstra

March 1999

This submission to Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts review of price controls drew on insights from recent Commission work, including its international benchmarking of Australian telecommunications services.

Of particular relevance was the Commission's finding that those overseas countries which have provided the greatest latitude for rebalancing prices were among the countries with the lowest overall telecommunications prices — some 20 to 40 per cent below Australian prices in the case of the better performing countries. Rebalancing refers to changes to the prices for each service, such as local and long-distance charges, to more closely reflect their cost of provision.

Information on the ratio of long-distance to local service charges across countries supports the view that there may be scope for significant rebalancing of prices in Australia. A failure to rebalance charges to reflect costs can result in deterring new competitors entering some markets and inefficient and uneconomic entry in others, to the detriment of consumers overall.

Given the important role of the telecommunications regulatory environment in determining outcomes, the Commission drew attention to the need for:

- a clear statement of the problem regulation is intended to address;
- an examination of alternatives to retail price regulation to achieve the specified regulatory objectives; and
- an assessment of the efficiency and equity effects of price control regulation and alternatives.

Productivity Commission Submission to the Victorian Dairy Industry Review

April 1999

Following its submissions to dairy reviews in New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania and the ACT, the Commission made a submission to the review of Victoria's dairy industry regulations.

As in the case of its submission to the Tasmanian review, the Commission did not seek to replicate previous work. Rather, it simply drew out matters raised in previous submissions which were relevant to the Victorian review. The submission also provided estimates of assistance to the Victorian dairy industry.

Conference/workshop proceedings

Microeconomic reform and productivity growth

Workshop Proceedings, July 1998

The Australian National University and the Industry Commission jointly held a workshop on microeconomic reform and productivity growth on 26 and 27 February 1998. The workshop brought together participants with wide-ranging theoretical and policy-advising expertise to examine the nexus between microeconomic reform and productivity performance. The volume of proceedings contains the papers presented at the workshop, discussants' comments on those papers and a summary of the discussion at each session.

Important questions addressed at the workshop included:

- How well can productivity be measured?
- How does microeconomic reform improve productivity and growth?
- How important is microeconomic reform relative to other drivers of productivity improvement?
- What microeconomic policies provide the greatest leverage for growth?
- How should we assess the costs of productivity improvement and how can adjustment issues best be handled?

The dialogue stimulated by the workshop is part of a wider process to address these questions and, ultimately, to provide information which will help governments improve the management of ongoing reform.

Industry competitiveness, trade and the environment

Workshop Papers, March 1999

On 27 November 1998 the Commission held a workshop in its Melbourne office to bring together researchers and policy advisors in the fields of environment and trade

to discuss their current work. The particular focus of the workshop was on the linkages between trade and environmental issues. The workshop featured nine papers from invited speakers, and these papers and an overview paper were published.

The invited papers covered:

- the political economy of Article XX of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade;
- a trade negotiator's perspective of the links between trade and environmental policies;
- trade and the environment in sustainable development;
- the role of the WTO in influencing the international environment agenda;
- Multilateral Environment Agreements and the WTO;
- some implications of the Shrimp-Turtle Decision;
- implications for gains from trade of changes in methods of support overseas;
- implications for trade and the environment of the biotechnology action agenda; and
- the incorporation of risk assessment in trade policy.

Staff research papers

Note: The views expressed in staff papers do not necessarily reflect the views of the Productivity Commission.

APEC early voluntary sectoral liberalisation

Philippa Dee, Alexis Hardin and Michael Schuele, July 1998

This paper examined selected early voluntary sectoral liberalisation (EVSL) initiatives first nominated by APEC members in November 1997. It found that, while some of the sectoral nominations are likely to lead to real income gains for a majority of APEC members, some more narrow nominations could generate significant economic losses.

Some of the nominations for APEC EVSL were sectors with low or moderate protection, at the upstream end of the processing chain. Other nominations had much broader coverage.

There is a danger that partial liberalisation could move resources further away from the pattern that would apply in a world free of protection, and lead to economic welfare losses. This is particularly likely where relatively lowly protected upstream sectors are liberalised, while more highly protected downstream processing sectors remain protected. The paper examined a range of modifications to the food sector liberalisation proposal which could eliminate such problems.

The paper suggested guidelines which could be adopted if the EVSL process is to avoid possible economic losses associated with second-best sectoral approaches to liberalisation.

Design principles for small business programs and regulations

Ralph Lattimore, Alan Madge, Barbara Martin and James Mills, August 1998

This paper is one of a series focusing on small business issues. It was intended to provide a guide to the rationales for, and the design, implementation and evaluation of small business programs and regulations.

The paper:

- examined various definitions of small business and provided a statistical snapshot of the sector in Australia;
- looked at the broad types of policy measures that governments use to assist small business, both in Australia and overseas;
- evaluated various arguments for different types of government intervention for small business;
- discussed the factors that should be considered in attempting to maximise the effectiveness and cost efficiency of small business programs;
- reviewed some of the policy design lessons provided by a number of important existing small business programs funded by the Commonwealth Government;
- reviewed empirical estimates of the costs of business taxation and regulations for small firms; and
- examined best practice regulatory guidelines and the extent to which regulations should be tailored to small business.

Youth wages and employment

Anne Daly, Duc Nguyen-Hong, Damien Eldridge, Owen Gabbitas and Paulene McCalman, October 1998

The purpose of the study was to examine the determinants of youth employment in order to shed light on the possible implications of abolishing junior rates of pay in State and Federal awards.

The paper used cross-sectional econometric techniques to isolate the influence of wages from that of other factors affecting youth employment using data from the Australian Workplace Industrial Relations Survey 1995. It also analysed trends in teenage employment over the last three decades and reviewed previous Australian and international studies on the impact of wages on youth employment.

The paper found a significant negative relationship between youth employment and youth wages in Australia. The best estimates suggested that a 1 per cent increase in youth wages would lead to a decrease in youth employment of between 2 and 5 per cent in industries employing a relatively high proportion of youth. Data limitations made it difficult to make a reliable assessment of the effect on adult employment.

Thus, to the extent that replacing State and Federal awards with non-discriminatory alternatives would lead to an increase in youth wages, the results suggested that there would be a more than proportionate reduction in youth employment.

Australia's restrictions on trade in financial services

Greg McGuire, November 1998

This paper identified and classified government regulation affecting financial services in Australia which potentially may restrict trade in financial services. The paper also quantified the restrictiveness of these measures.

The paper used a framework similar to the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) schedule for financial services to classify restrictions, but provided a more comprehensive and detailed listing of measures than the GATS. The paper identified 165 measures applying to financial services, compared with 38 restrictions listed in Australia's GATS schedule. The study included measures not listed by Australia under the WTO financial services agreement and measures usually excluded from the coverage of the agreement, many of which are necessary to maintain the efficiency and stability of the financial services sector.

The paper found Australia's trade in banking, insurance and securities services very liberal when measured against eight Asian economies — Hong Kong, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and India. In terms of openness, Australia ranked second behind Hong Kong in banking and securities services and third behind Hong Kong and Singapore for insurance services.

Trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights

John Revesz, May 1999

This paper analysed intellectual property rights issues from both domestic and international perspectives. The main focus of attention was the agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) which was introduced in 1995 and is administered by the WTO.

The paper analysed the economic implications of TRIPS for Australia. Issues examined included the proposed Innovation Patent for low level inventions, changes to the copyright protection of databases, cablecasting, digital transmissions and computer software, changes to designs legislation, the prohibition of parallel importing and current TRIPS negotiations on biotechnology and geographical indications. The paper also presented statistical estimates of the intellectual property cost content of Australian production and trade.

The paper found that, given the strong international orientation of intellectual property rights protection, Australia's best approach from an economic perspective generally seems to be to provide protection which complies with the minimum protection standards required by TRIPS, but does not exceed those standards. Providing protection above the minimum standards might hamper competition in the domestic market and provide additional income to foreign intellectual property rights holders at the expense of Australian consumers. Without reciprocal agreements with Australia's major trading partners, providing protection above the minimum international standards usually does not help our exporters. On the other hand, compliance below the minimum standards might incur political and trade retaliation and disciplinary action by the WTO.

The paper was prepared as an input to the Commonwealth Government's legislative review of intellectual property rights which commenced in June 1999.

The new economy? A new look at Australia's productivity performance

Dean Parham, May 1999

This paper reported on developments in ABS estimation of Australia's productivity performance and analysed the implications of an acceleration in productivity growth for growth in output and living standards. The main findings in the paper were:

- Australia's productivity performance is now at an all-time high. Productivity growth is faster now than in the so-called 'Golden Age' of growth around the 1960s.
 - ABS estimates show that multifactor productivity growth accelerated to an average 2.4 per cent a year between 1993-94 and 1997-98, compared with a long-term average of 1.4 per cent a year.
 - Growth in trend multifactor productivity accelerated to 2.5 per cent a year over the two years to 1997-98.
 - Strong productivity growth has been sustained well beyond the period that could be associated with recovery from the early 1990s recession.
- The productivity acceleration over recent years has not come from a reduction in labour usage. In fact, the growth in hours worked over recent years is high by historical standards.
- The Australian economy appears to have taken a new growth path in the 1990s that has opened up possibilities for faster growth and more rapid improvements in living standards. Australia's growth experience in the 1990s is unique in the 33 years of evidence available. It is also rare, if not unique, among high-income countries in the 1990s.
 - As a result of the productivity growth acceleration, output per hour worked is now 15 per cent higher than it would have been had Australia continued on the old growth path. Put another way, the growth that would have taken 13 years on the old path has been achieved in six years.

Impacts of competition enhancing air services agreements: a network modelling approach

Tendai Gregan and Martin Johnson, June 1999

This technical paper documents the modelling work carried out for the Productivity Commission's inquiry into international air services. This work involved building a network model to analyse the impacts of different airline agreements, though the

model might be used as a basis for analysing a number of other issues in networked markets.

The paper:

- reviewed recent literature regarding the passenger aviation industry;
- presented a general theory of the airline network problem, a price-setting behavioural model and its numerical solution algorithm;
- specified a model for the Australia–Asia air travel market;
- modelled Ansett’s entry into Asian markets — the model suggested that Ansett’s entry had reduced airfares, increased passenger flows to Australia and increased Australian and foreign net economic welfare; and
- examined the impact of altering current Air Services Agreements by creating an open club of countries, in which club member airlines could fly as they wish between each others’ countries.

Staff working papers

Staff working papers are available on request but are not for quotation without the permission of the authors.

Labour market research: towards an agenda

Meredith Baker and Lynne Williams, September 1998

Minimum wages: a review of the literature

Johanna Travis and Lynne Williams, October 1998

Competitive neutrality complaints mechanisms by jurisdiction

Stewart Plain, CCNCO Draft information paper, December 1998

Feedback on international benchmarking of the Australian waterfront

Angelina Garces, January 1999

Table D.1: Speeches and presentations by the Chairman, Commissioners and staff, 1998-99

<i>Organisation/event</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Date</i>
Gary Banks, Chairman:		
Academic Board, University of Adelaide, Adelaide	Review of Higher Education Report: Learning for Life	July 1998
CEDA Public Education Forum, Brisbane	Why have a Productivity Commission?	Aug 1998
Victorian Economic Society Forum, Melbourne	Human capital and microeconomic reform	Sept 1998
Electricity Supply Association of Australia, Melbourne	Towards best practice regulation: the national 'standard'	Feb 1999
Productivity Commission/Melbourne Institute Conference: Policy Implications of the Ageing of Australia's Population, Melbourne	Opening address	March 1999
CEDA Trustees, Melbourne	Microeconomic reform: beauty or the beast?	March 1999
Senate Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Canberra (Chairman & staff)	Briefing on activities of the Office of Regulation Review, particularly monitoring compliance with the Government's Regulation Impact Statement requirements	March 1999
Australian Institute of Criminology/Australian Institute for Gambling Research: Second National Gambling Regulation Conference, Sydney	The Commission's inquiry into gambling	May 1999
Productivity Commission Workshop: Structural Adjustment – Exploring the Policy Issues, Canberra	Opening address	May 1999
House of Representatives Committee on Transport, Communications and the Arts, Canberra (Chairman, Associate Commissioner Derek Scrafton & staff)	Briefing on the Commission's inquiry on progress with rail reform and its international telecommunications benchmarking study	June 1999
Senate Select Committee on the Socio-Economic Consequences of the National Competition Policy and the Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport, Canberra (Chairman & staff)	Joint briefing on the Commission's inquiry on the impact of competition policy reforms on rural and regional Australia	June 1999
Commissioners:		
CEDA, Melbourne (Richard Snape)	International air services	July 1998
ACCI Annual Conference, Melbourne (Judith Sloan)	Consolidating and progressing reform	July 1998

Industrial Relations Society of Queensland Congress, Surfers Paradise (Judith Sloan)	Work arrangements compared: coal, stevedoring and meat processing	Sept 1998
Economic Society of Australia Conference of Economists, Sydney (Richard Snape)	What form of trade agreement: GATT or Air Services?	Sept 1998
Productivity Commission Workshop on Industry Competitiveness, Trade and The Environment, Melbourne (Richard Snape)	Some implications of the Shrimp-Turtle Decision	Nov 1998
International Management Resources Conference: Rail Reform, Melbourne (Helen Owens)	Progress in rail reform	Feb 1999
Aged Care Australia National Policy Conference, Canberra (Mike Woods)	Session Chair	March 1999
Second Australasian Emissions Trading Industry Forum, Sydney (Neil Byron)	Kyoto forests – prospective providers of carbon sequestration services?	March 1999
NHMRC/Dept of Health and Aged Care, Health and Economics Workshop, Canberra (Helen Owens)	Role of competitive markets in Australia's health system	March 1999
Fenner Conference on Science, Policy and the Environment, Canberra (Neil Byron)	Going beyond the rhetoric: developing Australia sustainably	May 1999
NSW Mines Safety Legislative Reform Seminar, Sydney (John Cosgrove)	Black coal industry report – impact of safety legislation on mine safety	May 1999
Contribution of Research Evidence to Health Policy Conference, Sydney (Helen Owens)	Managed competition – the policy context: some thoughts	May 1999
Environmental Services & Land Use Change Conference: Bridging the Gap between Policy & Research in SE Asia, Chiang Mai University, Thailand (Neil Byron)	Summary of policy options for control of fires and haze in SE Asia	May/ June 1999
House of Representatives Standing Committees on Economics, Finance and Public Administration & Primary Industries and Regional Services, Canberra (John Cosgrove, Judith Sloan, Associate Commissioner Ray Braithwaite & staff)	Joint briefing on the Commission's inquiry on the impact of competition policy reforms on rural and regional Australia	June 1999
Joint Select Committee on the Retailing Sector, Canberra (John Cosgrove, Judith Sloan, Associate Commissioner Ray Braithwaite & staff)	Briefing on the Commission's inquiry on the impact of competition policy reforms on rural and regional Australia	June 1999
Economic Society of Victoria, Melbourne, (Judith Sloan)	National Competition Policy: Effect on Rural and Regional Australia	June 1999

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Staff:		
Department of Finance and Administration, Canberra (Simon Corden)	Performance measurement as a performance enhancement tool	July 1998
Industry Economics Conference 1998, Canberra (Peter Cribbett)	A comparison of institutional arrangements for road provision	July 1998
Australia's Social Policy Outlook: A Strategic Conversation, Canberra (Lynne Williams)	Round-table discussion on social policy	July 1998
ANU Lecture, Canberra (Paul Gretton)	Analysis of the contribution of productivity to growth	July 1998
Asia-Pacific Economic Review & Economic Modelling Bureau of Australia Conference, Canberra (Philippa Dee)	Discussant	Aug 1998
NT Government officials, Darwin (Jeff Byrne)	Report on government services and related research	Sept 1998
NSW Branch Economic Society Seminar: Unscrambling Telecommunications Policy, Canberra (Philippa Dee)	Telecommunications economics and policy issues	Sept 1998
Centre of Policy Studies Seminar, Melbourne (Tendai Gregan & Martin Johnson)	Aviation network modelling for the International Air Services Inquiry	Sept 1998
Australian Institute of Judicial Administrators Conference, Melbourne (Lawrence McDonald)	Evaluating performance of courts and tribunals: a whole of justice approach	Sept 1998
First Annual Institute of Judicial Administrators and Tribunals Conference, Melbourne (Lawrence McDonald)	Using comparative performance measurement to drive improvement in the justice system	Sept 1998
Small Enterprise Association of Australia and New Zealand Conference, Burnie (Ralph Lattimore)	Tax treatment of small business	Sept 1998
Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies Seminar, Canberra (Philippa Dee)	APEC early voluntary sectoral liberalisation	Sept 1998
Australasian Evaluation Society Conference, Melbourne (Simon Corden)	Interjurisdictional comparisons of performance	Oct 1998
Seminar for South Australian Government officials, Adelaide (Simon Corden)	Performance measurement as a performance enhancement tool	Oct 1998
NSW Country Meat Association Convention, Ballina (Lynne Williams)	Work arrangements in the Australian meat processing industry	Oct 1998

University of Canberra Seminar, Canberra (Duc Nguyen-Hong Paulene McCalman)	Youth wages and employment	Oct 1998
IIR Conference: Performance Measures for the Public Sector, Melbourne (Simon Corden)	Ensuring that your department measures up against other world class organisations	Oct 1998
National Building and Construction Committee, Sydney (Lynne Williams)	Briefing on the building and construction industry workplace arrangements study	Nov 1998
Australasian Treasury Officers Conference, Hobart (Simon Corden)	Performance measurement — comparing States and Territories	Nov 1998
Productivity Commission/Centre for Economic Policy Research Workshop, Canberra (Lynne Williams)	New empirical work in the area of youth wages	Nov 1998
Victorian Commercial Teachers Association Comview Conference 1998, Melbourne (Martin Johnson)	Enhancing Australia's competitiveness	Nov 1998
Australasian Computer Aided Despatch and Communications Users Group, Melbourne (Simon Corden)	Developing performance indicators for emergency services	Dec 1998
1999 American Economic Association Annual Meeting, New York (Don Gunasekera)	A quantitative analysis of anti-dumping in Australia	Jan 1999
Productivity Commission/Melbourne Institute Conference: Policy Implications of the Ageing of Australia's Population, Melbourne (Patrick Laplagne, Penny Taylor and Craig de Laine)	Implications of ageing for education policy	March 1999
Second Australasian Emissions Trading Industry Forum: Investing in the Clean Development Mechanisms (CMD) & Emissions, Sydney (Don Gunasekera)	Australian capabilities in the energy sector: potential use in CDM projects	March 1999
Centre for Corporate Public Affairs: 1999 Politics and Public Policy Review, Canberra (Robert Kerr)	Public policy and government business research agenda	March 1999
AJRC/Uni of Adelaide/Productivity Commission Workshop: Impediments to Trade in Services, Canberra (Tendai GREGAN)	Modelling international air transport regulatory reform	March 1999
Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants, Bulleen, Victoria, (Kate Pearson)	Performance measurement for government funded services	April 1999
1999 National Administrative Law Forum, Canberra (Lawrence McDonald)	Measuring administrative justice	April 1999
ABS Seminar on Capital Stock and Multifactor Productivity, Canberra (Dean Parham)	Policy perspectives on the measurement of Australia's productivity performance	May 1999

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APEC Business Advisory Council 1999 Second Meeting, Tokyo (Greg McGuire)	Asia-Pacific restrictions on trade in financial services	May 1999
Master Builders Association Conference: Workplace Relations in the Building and Construction Industry, Sydney (Lynne Williams)	Work arrangements study on large capital city projects: progress to date	May 1999
Bureau of Rural Sciences Conference: Country Matters, Canberra (Don Gunasekera)	Performance monitoring of natural resource management policies	May 1999
Meeting of the Chairmen of Regional Development Boards of NSW, Sydney (Herb Plunkett)	Draft Report on the Impact of Competition Policy Reforms on Rural and Regional Australia	May 1999
Bureau of Transport Economics Transport Colloquium 1999, Canberra (Don Gunasekera)	Sustainable Development and transport policy	May 1999
APEC Study Consortium 1999 Conference, Auckland (Philippa Dee)	Issues in the application of CGE models to services trade liberalisation	May/ June 1999
Monash University Seminar, Melbourne (Lynne Williams)	Research at the Productivity Commission	June 1999
PECC Trade Policy Forum, Auckland (Michael Schuele)	Price impact of restrictions on trade in banking services	June 1999
PECC Trade Policy Forum, Auckland (Greg McGuire)	Restrictiveness of international trade in banking and maritime services	June 1999
Australasian Railway Association: 1999 Rail Infrastructure Summit, Melbourne (John Salerian)	Progress in rail reform	June 1999
Victorian Branch of the Evaluation Society, Melbourne (Simon Corden)	Developing and reporting comparative performance indicators	June 1999
Second Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis, Gl Avernoes, Denmark (George Verikios)	Modelling the effects of implementing the Uruguay Round	June 1999