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Appendix 1 Examples of One-Column and Two-Column Width Tables and Figures

Note the use of upper and lower case.

Table A1 The Green Paper Growth and Unemployment Projections

	<i>Base growth</i>	<i>High growth</i>
Unemployment rate 1992–93 (%)	11.0	11.0
Real GDP growth, average (% per annum)	3.5	4.75
Labour productivity (% per annum)	1.0	1.75
Labour force growth (% per annum)	1.9	2.25
Unemployment rate 2000–01 (%)	7.0	5.0

Source: Committee on Employment Opportunities (1993, p. 52).

Table A2 GDP Growth Rates for Selected Asian and OECD Economies
(% per annum)

<i>Nation</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>1993</i>	<i>1994^a</i>	<i>1995^a</i>
Asia				
South Korea	5.0	5.6	7.0	7.0
Taiwan	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.5
OECD				
United States	2.6	3.0	4.0	3.0
Germany	2.1	-1.3	1.8	2.6
France	1.2	-0.9	1.8	2.9
Italy	0.7	-0.7	1.5	2.6
OECD average	1.7	1.2	2.6	2.9

Note: (a) This figure is an estimate.

Source: OECD (1994, p. 119, Table A4).

Table A3 Contributions to Industry Productivity Growth

<i>Industry</i>		<i>Share of components in normalised MFP change^a (1995–1998)</i>							
		<i>ANZSIC</i>	<i>Within- firm</i>	<i>Between- firm</i>	<i>Pure share change</i>	<i>Entry</i>	<i>Exit</i>	<i>MFP change</i>	<i>Net entry effect^b</i>
Manufacturing	C								
Food, beverage and tobacco	21	0.821	0.295	-0.365	-0.010	0.259	1.000	0.248	
Textiles, clothing, footwear and leather	22	-0.809	0.207	-0.532	0.002	0.132	-1.000	0.134	
Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated product	25	-0.891	0.155	-0.283	-0.007	0.027	-1.000	0.020	
Non-metallic mineral product manufacturing	26	-0.378	0.201	-0.952	-0.005	0.134	-1.000	0.129	
Construction	E								
General construction	41	-0.750	0.397	-1.516	0.008	0.861	-1.000	0.868	
Construction trade services	42	0.531	0.306	0.049	0.117	-0.003	1.000	0.114	
Personal and other services	Q								
Personal services	95	0.848	0.116	0.011	0.041	-0.017	1.000	0.024	

Notes: (a) The MFP change indicator is normalised to one for each industry. The within-firm, between-firm, pure share change, entry and exit effects sum to one.

(b) The net entry effect sums the entry and exit components in the 'Entry' and 'Exit' columns.

Table A4 Data Descriptions and Sources

Variable	Description	Source
Time since last WVA appeal	The number of months since the last appeal to account for possible donor fatigue.	WVA
Number affected	The log of the number of people directly affected by a disaster or emergency.	EM-DAT
News articles	The log of the number of news articles in <i>The Australian</i> newspaper for a three-week period, covering the period one week before to two weeks after the appeal being launched by WVA.	<i>The Australian</i>
Region	Continent in which the emergency or disaster occurred.	

Figure A1 Capital Inflow and the Price of Assets

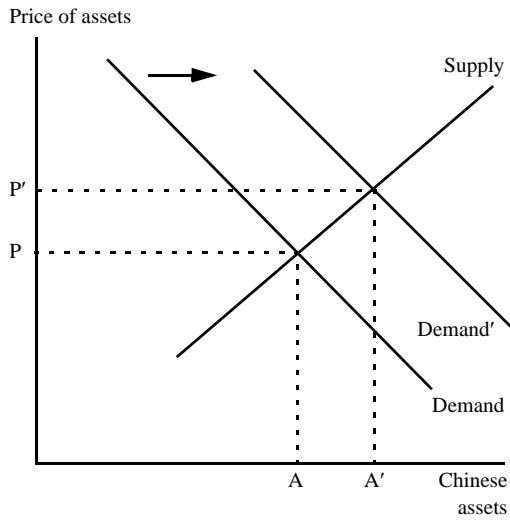
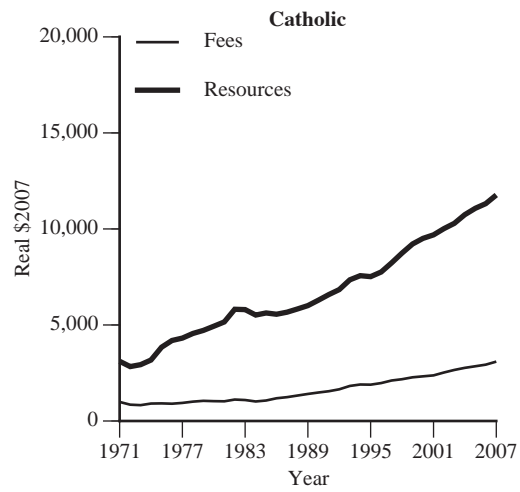
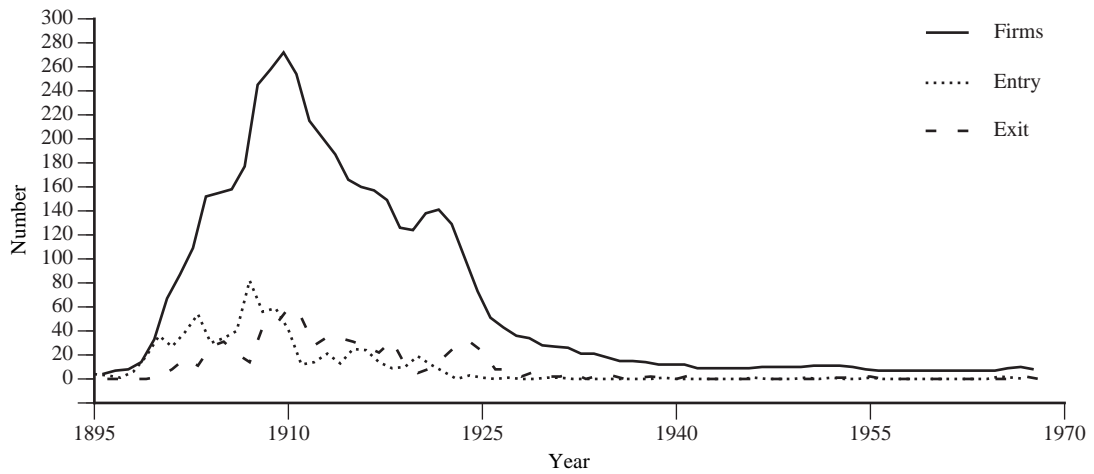


Figure A2 Real Secondary School Fees and Per-Capita Resources (Fees Plus Government Grants), 1971–2007



Sources: Education Ministers Council, *National Report on Schooling*, 1989–2007; Schools Commission, *Triennial Report*, 1971–1988.

Figure A3 US Automobile Manufacturers: Firms, Entry and Exit



Note: The data are for calendar years, unlike previous figures.

Source: Derived by the author based on Smith (1968, pp. 191–267).