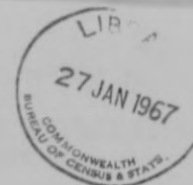


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BANKING STATISTICS - MAJOR TRADING BANKS

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - DECEMBER 1966

Tables 1 and 2 of this statement have been prepared from returns submitted under the Banking Act 1959-1965 and contain the averages of selected liabilities and assets within Australia of the Major Trading Banks as at the close of business on Wednesdays in December 1966. The figures are preliminary and subject to confirmation or amendment when the statement of Average Liabilities and Assets is published in the Commonwealth Gazette. Totals for November 1966 are included for comparative purposes.

2. Table 3 of this statement shows details for the Major Trading Banks of New and Increased Lending Commitments (weekly averages for periods ended second Wednesday) and Overdraft Limits (as at second Wednesday in the month). This information is compiled by the Reserve Bank. For a fuller description of these items see "Banking Statistics" : Monthly Bulletin No. 255 November 1966.

3. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

TABLE 1. - LIABILITIES WITHIN AUSTRALIA
(\$ million)

Bank	Deposits			Balances due to other Banks (a)	Bills Payable and all other Liabilities to Public	Total Liabilities	
	Fixed	Current					Total
		Bearing Interest	Not Bearing Interest				
Commonwealth Trading Bank	436.2	52.4	508.4	996.9	4.1	1,016.4	
Australia and New Zealand Bank	279.6	29.0	428.5	737.1	9.9	763.7	
The Bank of Adelaide	29.9	4.4	48.9	83.3	2.2	86.6	
Bank of New South Wales	481.3	88.2	692.1	1,261.6	1.2	1,285.0	
The Commercial Bank of Australia	192.3	20.3	285.1	497.7	1.5	508.0	
The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	197.9	33.0	272.8	503.7	2.0	552.9	
The English, Scottish and Australian Bank	146.9	24.0	253.8	424.7	0.4	447.5	
The National Bank of Australasia	306.1	75.7	410.9	792.7	3.8	818.0	
<u>Total : December 1966</u>	2,070.2	327.2	2,900.5	5,297.9	25.1	5,478.0	
<u>Total : November 1966</u>	2,057.9	327.1	2,832.9	5,217.9	24.0	5,392.4	

(a) Includes short-term loans from the Reserve Bank.

TABLE 2. - ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA
(\$ million)

Bank	Coin, Bullion and Notes	Cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government Securities			Loans to Authorized Dealers in the short-term money market	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank	Loans (other than those to Authorized Dealers in the short-term money market), advances and bills discounted	All Other	Total Assets
			Treasury Bills	Treasury Notes	Other Securities					
Commonwealth Trading	30.9	0.7	..	8.0	276.6	9.4	86.2			
Australia and New Zealand Bank	26.0	0.6	..	27.5	133.1	14.6	64.8	506.8	77.7	996.4
The Bank of Adelaide	4.1	0.1	12.1	0.4	7.4	409.3	63.5	739.4
Bank of New South Wales	31.5	0.2	..	7.8	339.5	11.2	110.5	54.2	17.9	96.2
The Commercial Bank of Australia	15.5	0.5	101.0	10.3	43.2	722.8	110.2	1,333.6
The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	14.1	0.7	..	9.6	92.1	4.7	44.1	286.7	49.7	507.0
The English, Scottish and Australian Bank	14.9	0.9	..	0.3	80.8	10.9	36.8	295.9	56.9	518.1
The National Bank of Australasia	26.1	0.4	..	19.5	166.9	13.9	68.7	229.1	50.5	424.2
<u>Total : December 1966</u>	163.2	4.1	..	72.8	1,202.1	75.3	461.6	447.4	91.5	834.4
<u>Total : November 1966</u>	141.9	4.5	..	66.7	1,190.9	78.7	480.0	2,930.6	484.8	5,378.1

- (a) Includes temporary advances to woolbuyers, November \$144.3 million; December \$154.4 million, term loans outstanding, November \$226.6 million; December \$229.3 million and farm development loans outstanding, November \$6.8 million; December \$8.0 million.
- (b) Includes Term Loan Fund accounts with Reserve Bank, November \$31.0 million; December \$52.6 million and Farm Development Loan Fund Accounts November \$44.3 million; December \$42.9 million.

TABLE 3. - NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS AND OVERDRAFT LIMITS (see paragraph 2 page 1)

New and Increased Lending Commitments .. November 1966 - \$29.0 million; December 1966 - \$30.5 million.
Overdraft Limits .. November 1966 - \$4,214.4 million; December 1966 - \$4,260.6 million.

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