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BUILDING STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA : NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS
JUNE QUARTER 1970 (PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES)

Preliminary estimates of the number of new houses and flats commenced, completed and under construction during the quarter ended 30 June 1970 are shown in the following tables together with comparisons for previous periods and seasonally adjusted figures. Also shown are the latest available statistics of the number of new houses and flats approved. These figures were previously published on 27 July 1970. in the monthly statement Building Approvals : Australia (Reference No. 3.2).

The estimated totals shown for the quarter ended 30 June 1970 have been based on returns obtained from most large builders and a substantial proportion of small builders and owner-builders. Figures for this quarter should be regarded as tentative only and will be revised when final figures are published in greater detail in the Quarterly Bulletin of Building Statistics (Reference No. 3.6), which will be published about the end of September 1970.

The numbers of flats shown relate to individual new flats constructed as separate living units. Only new flats are included, i.e. flats obtained by the conversion of existing buildings are excluded.

Further particulars regarding definitions used, sources of information and the scope of these statistics are shown in the Quarterly Bulletin of Building Statistics and the monthly statement Building Approvals : Australia. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these, and other series, are given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1969" (Reference No. 1.10) issued on 29 June 1970.

TABLE 1. - NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS : AUSTRALIA

		Approved		Commenced		Completed		Under construction at end of period
		Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total
Original								
June	1968	35,064	31,679	32,603	28,879	30,818	26,645	60,070
September	"	38,589	35,006	34,062	30,620	31,916	27,903	62,028
December	"	36,474	32,386	34,520	30,793	34,909	31,426	61,546
March	1969	33,745	29,667	33,932	29,835	29,431	26,403	65,937
June	"	39,633	34,668	36,788	32,518	34,431	30,230	68,180
September	"	42,439	37,648	38,651	r33,641	34,870	31,106	71,555
December	"	41,766	36,416	r36,493	r31,371	r38,823	r34,477	r68,658
March	1970	r34,818	r31,575	r35,903	r32,214	r31,761	r28,262	r72,543
June	"	36,850	32,425	p33,238	p29,276	p35,365	p30,679	p70,206
Seasonally adjusted								
June	1968	34,219	31,173	32,203	28,567	30,541	26,664	..
September	"	35,901	32,426	32,535	29,234	31,610	27,659	..
December	"	36,381	32,737	35,364	31,792	32,100	28,732	..
March	1969	37,825	32,713	35,210	30,693	32,972	29,215	..
June	"	38,688	34,132	36,285	32,146	34,133	30,457	..
September	"	39,510	34,888	r36,972	r32,095	34,474	30,793	..
December	"	41,666	36,934	r37,336	r32,387	r35,676	r31,492	..
March	1970	r40,943	r36,285	r37,273	r33,177	r35,665	r31,361	..
June	"	34,502	30,606	p32,761	p28,931	p35,064	p30,898	..

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TABLE 2. - NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES : STATES AND TERRITORIES

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
APPROVED									
1967-68	29,351	22,318	13,452	5,867	11,919	3,309	807	1,964	88,987
1968-69	32,328	24,326	14,299	7,786	14,479	2,694	857	2,898	99,667
1969-70	31,642	25,588	15,113	8,010	13,965	2,657	1,506	3,169	101,650
Quarter ended -									
March 1969	7,483	5,240	3,642	1,498	3,504	629	346	894	23,236
June "	8,375	6,411	3,465	2,653	3,890	659	239	616	26,308
Sept. "	8,581	6,871	4,315	1,867	4,262	660	265	794	27,615
Dec. "	7,662	6,859	3,743	2,302	3,442	657	595	745	26,005
March 1970	7,323	5,424	3,785	1,764	3,374	594	214	771	23,249
June "	8,076	6,434	3,270	2,077	2,887	746	432	859	24,781
COMMENCED									
1967-68	26,205	21,908	13,288	6,752	11,472	3,142	763	2,389	85,919
1968-69	30,370	23,580	14,180	7,212	13,848	2,580	923	2,871	95,564
1969-70p	29,911	24,692	14,434	7,930	12,969	2,692	816	3,088	96,532
Quarter ended -									
March 1969	7,696	5,543	3,647	1,733	3,226	647	175	835	23,502
June "	7,807	6,146	3,658	1,811	3,817	645	266	615	24,765
Sept. "	7,707	6,645	3,846	2,072	3,858	844	201	717	25,890
Dec. " r	7,684	6,140	3,536	1,899	3,166	545	179	707	23,856
March 1970 r	7,393	5,978	3,651	1,924	3,298	665	255	919	24,004
June " p	7,127	5,929	3,401	2,035	2,647	637	181	745	22,702
COMPLETED									
1967-68	27,270	21,592	13,098	7,444	9,858	3,331	699	2,464	85,756
1968-69	28,794	22,731	14,268	6,954	12,840	2,704	740	2,515	91,546
1969-70p	29,334	24,722	14,661	7,478	13,849	2,865	986	3,146	97,041
Quarter ended -									
March 1969	6,695	4,734	3,298	1,446	3,164	580	88	625	20,630
June "	7,552	6,076	3,824	1,881	3,500	626	287	682	24,428
Sept. "	7,403	6,087	3,770	1,792	3,465	805	217	666	24,205
Dec. " r	7,845	7,132	3,849	2,107	3,909	914	271	823	26,850
March 1970 r	6,506	5,359	3,297	1,619	3,338	510	267	532	21,748
June " p	7,500	6,144	3,745	1,900	2,157	620	211	825	24,238
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD									
1967-68	11,499	10,713	3,650	3,151	5,123	1,538	621	1,201	37,496
1968-69	13,075	11,290	3,562	3,366	6,104	1,372	804	1,547	41,120
1969-70p	13,097	11,050	3,335	3,735	5,173	1,160	623	1,500	39,673
Quarter ended -									
March 1969	12,820	11,296	3,728	3,449	5,791	1,362	825	1,617	40,888
June "	13,075	11,290	3,562	3,366	6,104	1,372	804	1,547	41,120
Sept. "	13,223	11,802	3,638	3,636	6,479	1,403	788	1,606	42,575
Dec. " r	12,812	10,753	3,325	3,393	5,730	1,018	696	1,490	39,217
March 1970 r	13,617	11,340	3,679	3,660	5,663	1,159	663	1,580	41,361
June " p	13,097	11,050	3,335	3,735	5,173	1,160	623	1,500	39,673

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TABLE 3. - NUMBER OF NEW FLATS : STATES AND TERRITORIES

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
APPROVED									
1967-68	18,058	16,182	2,859	1,852	3,200	425	529	36	43,141
1968-69	22,230	14,073	2,488	2,591	6,192	438	483	299	48,794
1969-70	23,317	14,781	2,807	4,496	6,672	781	1,028	401	54,283
Quarter ended --									
March 1969	5,453	1,973	539	679	1,609	67	104	85	10,509
June "	6,276	3,546	564	859	1,767	144	135	54	13,345
Sept. "	6,325	4,130	566	952	2,397	267	235	12	14,884
Dec. "	6,718	4,301	743	1,147	2,021	176	588	67	15,761
March 1970	5,159	2,791	617	1,210	1,491	116	80	105	11,569
June "	5,115	3,559	881	1,187	763	222	125	217	12,069
COMMENCED									
1967-68	14,369	14,399	2,997	1,561	3,172	367	305	28	37,198
1968-69	18,416	14,117	2,586	2,100	5,366	364	488	301	43,738
1969-70p	21,389	13,397	2,424	3,493	5,786	654	329	281	47,753
Quarter ended --									
March 1969	4,741	2,970	626	472	1,453	38	55	75	10,430
June "	5,054	3,499	543	669	1,868	106	206	78	12,023
Sept. "	5,900	3,687	518	789	1,496	298	70	3	12,761
Dec. " r	5,181	3,660	569	958	1,959	142	150	18	12,637
March 1970 r	5,531	3,165	669	854	1,241	121	47	191	11,819
June " p	4,777	2,885	668	892	1,090	93	62	69	10,536
COMPLETED									
1967-68	14,108	12,686	3,181	1,373	2,392	292	211	171	34,414
1968-69	16,362	13,775	2,863	1,741	3,491	366	469	74	39,141
1969-70p	18,345	13,827	2,420	2,608	5,444	460	417	257	43,778
Quarter ended --									
March 1969	4,084	2,703	514	353	936	71	122	18	8,801
June "	3,742	3,916	710	509	893	114	93	24	10,003
Sept. "	4,038	3,808	686	579	1,223	102	93	136	10,665
Dec. " r	5,131	3,784	600	667	1,497	145	136	13	11,973
March 1970 r	4,690	2,753	504	619	1,266	71	54	54	10,013
June " p	4,486	3,482	630	743	1,456	142	134	54	11,127
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD									
1967-68	8,630	8,914	1,173	798	2,369	254	398	38	22,574
1968-69	10,684	9,158	896	1,155	4,237	246	417	267	27,060
1969-70p	13,420	8,589	900	2,057	4,577	417	286	287	30,533
Quarter ended --									
March 1969	9,372	9,586	1,063	993	3,266	254	304	211	25,049
June "	10,684	9,158	896	1,155	4,237	246	417	267	27,060
Sept. "	12,447	8,968	728	1,361	4,510	442	390	134	28,980
Dec. " r	12,383	8,786	697	1,631	4,970	439	396	139	29,441
March 1970 r	13,225	9,148	862	1,908	4,943	466	358	272	31,182
June " p	13,420	8,589	900	2,057	4,577	417	286	287	30,533

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TABLE 4. - NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS : STATES AND TERRITORIES

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
APPROVED									
1967-68	47,409	38,500	16,311	7,719	15,119	3,734	1,336	2,000	132,128
1968-69	54,558	38,399	16,787	10,377	20,671	3,132	1,340	3,197	148,461
1969-70	54,959	40,369	17,920	12,506	20,637	3,438	2,534	3,570	155,933
Quarter ended -									
March 1969	12,936	7,213	4,181	2,177	5,113	696	450	979	33,745
June "	14,651	9,957	4,029	3,512	5,657	803	374	670	39,653
Sept. "	14,906	11,001	4,881	2,819	6,659	927	500	806	42,499
Dec. "	14,380	11,160	4,486	3,449	5,463	833	1,183	812	41,766
March 1970	12,482	8,215	4,402	2,974	4,865	710	294	876	34,818
June "	13,191	9,993	4,151	3,264	3,650	968	557	1,076	36,850
COMMENCED									
1967-68	40,574	36,307	16,285	8,313	14,644	3,509	1,068	2,417	123,117
1968-69	48,786	37,697	16,766	9,312	19,214	2,944	1,411	3,172	139,302
1969-70p	51,300	38,089	16,858	11,423	18,755	3,346	1,145	3,369	144,285
Quarter ended -									
March 1969	12,437	8,513	4,273	2,205	4,679	685	230	910	33,932
June "	12,861	9,645	4,201	2,480	5,685	751	472	693	36,788
Sept. "	13,607	10,332	4,364	2,861	5,354	1,142	271	720	38,651
Dec. " r	12,865	9,800	4,105	2,857	5,125	687	329	725	36,493
March 1970 r	12,924	9,143	4,320	2,778	4,539	787	302	1,110	35,903
June " p	11,904	8,814	4,069	2,927	3,737	730	243	814	33,238
COMPLETED									
1967-68	41,378	34,278	16,279	8,817	12,250	3,623	910	2,635	120,170
1968-69	45,156	36,506	17,131	8,695	16,331	3,070	1,209	2,589	130,687
1969-70p	47,679	38,549	17,081	10,086	19,293	3,325	1,403	3,403	140,819
Quarter ended -									
March 1969	10,779	7,437	3,812	1,799	4,100	651	210	643	29,431
June "	11,294	9,994	4,534	2,390	4,393	740	380	706	34,431
Sept. "	11,441	9,895	4,456	2,371	4,688	907	310	802	34,870
Dec. " r	12,976	10,916	4,449	2,774	5,406	1,059	407	836	38,823
March 1970 r	11,196	8,112	3,801	2,238	4,606	581	341	886	31,761
June " p	12,066	9,626	4,375	2,703	4,593	778	345	879	35,365
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD									
1967-68	20,129	19,627	4,823	3,949	7,492	1,792	1,019	1,239	60,070
1968-69	23,759	20,448	4,458	4,521	10,341	1,618	1,221	1,814	68,180
1969-70p	26,517	19,639	4,235	5,792	9,750	1,577	909	1,787	70,206
Quarter ended -									
March 1969	22,192	20,882	4,791	4,442	9,057	1,616	1,129	1,828	65,937
June "	23,759	20,448	4,458	4,521	10,341	1,618	1,221	1,814	68,180
Sept. "	25,670	20,770	4,366	4,997	10,989	1,845	1,178	1,740	71,555
Dec. " r	25,195	19,539	4,022	5,024	10,700	1,457	1,092	1,629	68,658
March 1970 r	26,842	20,488	4,541	5,568	10,606	1,625	1,021	1,852	72,543
June " p	26,517	19,639	4,235	5,792	9,750	1,577	909	1,787	70,206

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TABLE 5. - NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES, (BY TYPE OF BUILDER) AND FLATS, BY OWNERSHIP : AUSTRALIA

TABLE 5. - NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES, 1967-1970									
Period		Private			Government				
		Houses		Total	Flats	Total	Houses	Flats	Total
Contract-built	Owner-built								
APPROVED									
1967-68		..	..	78,287	40,561	118,848	10,700	2,580	13,280
1968-69		..	..	85,837	45,890	131,727	13,830	2,904	16,734
1969-70		..	..	87,979	50,085	138,064	13,671	4,198	17,869
Quarter ended -									
March 1969		..	..	19,948	9,719	29,667	3,288	790	4,078
June "		..	..	22,059	12,609	34,668	4,249	736	4,985
Sept. "		..	..	23,898	13,750	37,648	3,717	1,134	4,851
Dec. "		..	..	22,067	14,349	36,416	3,938	1,412	5,350
March 1970		..	..	20,659	10,916	31,575	2,590	653	3,243
June "		..	..	21,355	11,070	32,425	3,426	999	4,425
COMMENCED									
1967-68		63,022	10,810	73,832	34,780	108,612	12,087	2,418	14,505
1968-69		71,416	11,139	82,555	41,211	123,766	13,009	2,527	15,536
1969-70p		71,757	11,105	82,862	43,640	126,502	13,670	4,113	17,783
Quarter ended -									
March 1969		17,542	2,663	20,205	9,630	29,835	3,297	800	4,097
June "		18,353	2,799	21,152	11,366	32,518	3,613	657	4,270
Sept. "		r19,220	r2,837	r22,057	r11,584	r33,641	3,833	1,177	5,010
Dec. " r		17,386	2,909	20,295	11,076	31,371	3,561	1,561	5,122
March 1970r		18,132	2,687	20,819	11,395	32,214	3,265	424	3,689
June " p		17,019	2,672	19,691	9,585	29,276	3,011	951	3,962
COMPLETED									
1967-68		61,690	11,052	72,742	31,847	104,589	13,014	2,567	15,581
1968-69		67,505	11,734	79,239	36,723	115,962	12,307	2,418	14,725
1969-70p		71,868	11,927	83,795	40,729	124,524	13,246	3,049	16,295
Quarter ended -									
March 1969		15,383	2,748	18,131	8,272	26,403	2,499	522	3,028
June "		18,114	2,800	20,914	9,316	30,230	3,514	687	4,201
Sept. "		18,258	2,778	21,036	10,070	31,106	3,169	595	3,764
Dec. " r		19,433	3,827	23,260	11,217	34,477	3,590	756	4,346
March 1970r		16,326	2,663	18,989	9,273	28,262	2,759	740	3,499
June " p		17,851	2,659	20,510	10,169	30,679	3,728	958	4,686
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD									
1967-68		18,224	12,025	30,249	19,819	50,068	7,247	2,755	10,002
1968-69		21,989	11,183	33,172	24,196	57,368	7,948	2,864	10,812
1969-70p		21,598	9,650	31,248	26,574	57,822	8,425	3,959	12,384
Quarter ended -									
March 1969		21,814	11,225	33,039	22,155	55,194	7,849	2,894	10,743
June "		21,989	11,183	33,172	24,196	57,368	7,948	2,864	10,812
Sept. "		22,899	11,048	33,947	25,534	59,481	8,628	3,446	12,074
Dec. " r		20,783	9,828	30,611	25,190	55,801	8,606	4,251	12,857
March 1970r		22,431	9,740	32,171	27,216	59,387	9,190	3,966	13,156
June " p		21,598	9,650	31,248	26,574	57,822	8,425	3,959	12,384

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