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BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA, MARCH, 1962

1. Statistics of building approvals have been compiled from (a) permits issued by local government authorities in the areas subject to building control by these authorities, and (b) contracts let or work commenced and day labour projects authorized by governmental authorities. They relate only to approvals for buildings, as distinct from the construction of roads, bridges, railways, earth works, water storage, etc. Values shown represent the estimated cost when completed (excluding cost of land) of new buildings and alterations and additions to existing buildings. Additions of £5,000 and over are included with new buildings in all States, except New South Wales, where they are included in "alterations and additions". Building is classified as "Private" or "Government" according to ownership.

2. For purposes of comparison, it should be borne in mind that the volume of building approvals is affected from month to month by the number of large projects such as blocks of flats and multi-storey office buildings approved in particular months and also by the administrative arrangements of local government and semi-governmental authorities.

3. During March, 1962, approvals were granted for the construction of 7,486 new houses and flats valued at £24,741,000. The total number of individual living units approved for the three months ended 31st March, 1962, was 19,317 valued at £64,096,000 compared with 17,910 units valued at £57,802,000 for the three months ended 31st March, 1961. New buildings, other than houses and flats, valued at £21,581,000 and alterations and additions valued at £7,948,000 were approved during March, 1962. The total value of all building approved during March, 1962, was £54,270,000 which was £10,686,000 more than the total value for March, 1961, and £5,672,000 less than March, 1960

4. The following tables show further details of building approvals for March, 1962 in comparison with details for earlier months.

TABLE 1. - BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA

Period	Private			Government			Total		
	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
<u>NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED : AUSTRALIA</u>									
<u>(Individual Living Units)</u>									
July	7,225	8,106	5,818	1,143	1,285	1,197	8,368	9,391	7,015
August	7,072	9,170	6,950	803	1,226	775	7,875	10,396	7,725
September	7,550	8,448	5,540	879	* 987	1,483	8,429	*9,435	7,023
October	7,403	8,187	6,066	1,548	2,382	1,099	8,951	10,569	7,165
November	7,753	7,376	6,394	1,225	1,286	1,014	8,978	8,662	7,408
December	6,135	5,299	4,397	1,257	1,355	1,531	7,392	6,654	5,928
January	5,806	4,812	4,842	777	788	517	6,583	5,600	5,359
February	7,260	5,084	5,551	1,153	* 885	921	8,413	*5,969	6,472
March	9,725	5,107	6,474	1,092	1,234	1,012	10,817	6,341	7,486
Three months ended March	22,791	15,003	16,867	3,022	*2,907	2,450	25,813	*17,910	19,317
April	7,314	4,552		704	819		8,018	5,371	
May	9,541	5,850		863	1,316		10,404	7,166	
June	8,256	5,363		1,343	2,699		9,599	8,062	
Year ended 30th June	91,040	77,354		12,787	*16,262		103,827	*93,616	

VALUE OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED : AUSTRALIA
(£'000)

July	21,959	26,112	19,498	3,156	3,185	3,323	25,115	29,297	22,821
August	22,013	30,494	23,891	2,294	3,326	2,362	24,307	33,820	26,253
September	23,336	26,972	18,732	2,255	*2,870	4,369	25,591	*29,842	23,101
October	22,339	27,099	20,615	4,333	5,993	3,143	26,672	33,092	23,758
November	23,811	23,904	21,485	3,519	3,531	3,045	27,330	27,435	24,530
December	18,429	18,103	14,721	3,721	3,612	4,319	22,150	21,715	19,040
January	18,138	15,738	16,360	2,129	2,298	1,604	20,267	18,036	17,964
February	22,438	16,936	18,855	3,312	*2,591	2,536	25,750	*19,527	21,391
March	29,968	17,172	21,070	3,078	3,067	2,871	33,046	20,239	24,741
Three months ended March	70,544	49,846	57,085	8,519	*7,956	7,011	79,063	*57,802	64,096
April	22,540	15,422		1,878	2,288		24,418	17,710	
May	30,620	19,667		2,647	3,815		33,267	23,482	
June	27,382	18,270		4,046	7,928		31,428	26,198	
Year ended 30th June	282,973	255,889		36,368	*44,504		319,341	*300,393	

TABLE 1. - (continued) - BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA

Period	Private			Government			Total		
	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
VALUE OF OTHER NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED : AUSTRALIA (£'000)									
July	10,253	12,668	8,720	4,264	9,698	5,393	14,517	22,366	14,113
August	10,929	13,448	14,745	3,539	4,385	6,193	14,468	17,833	20,938
September	10,727	12,631	12,156	9,345	11,846	11,201	20,072	24,477	23,357
October	18,012	12,981	7,888	6,332	6,216	11,496	24,344	19,197	19,384
November	11,851	20,306	15,142	5,761	6,983	7,650	17,612	27,289	22,792
December	8,083	12,410	9,854	6,097	4,651	6,881	14,180	17,061	16,735
January	8,377	8,356	8,295	2,328	2,468	6,548	10,705	10,824	14,843
February	7,689	9,376	11,693	4,512	5,617	6,115	12,201	14,993	17,808
March	11,568	9,772	12,268	6,588	7,033	9,313	18,156	16,805	21,581
Three months ended March	27,634	27,504	32,256	13,428	15,118	21,976	41,062	42,622	54,232
April	8,913	6,459		7,542	3,391		16,455	9,850	
May	14,970	15,710		4,853	7,400		19,823	23,110	
June	13,642	9,241		6,914	10,303		20,556	19,544	
Year ended 30th June	135,014	143,358		68,075	79,991		203,089	223,349	

VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS APPROVED : AUSTRALIA

(£'000)									
July	5,448	6,519	5,568	982	693	1,189	6,430	7,212	6,757
August	5,530	6,568	6,774	1,066	900	648	6,596	7,468	7,422
September	5,900	6,424	6,277	2,067	577	484	7,967	7,001	6,761
October	5,600	6,480	6,124	881	753	467	6,481	7,233	6,591
November	5,570	6,096	6,530	843	525	356	6,413	6,621	6,886
December	6,052	4,987	4,020	984	479	202	7,036	5,466	4,222
January	4,805	4,781	4,682	528	919	1,148	5,333	5,700	5,830
February	4,956	5,607	5,178	602	1,251	457	5,558	6,858	5,635
March	7,574	5,766	7,041	1,166	774	907	8,740	6,540	7,948
Three months ended March	17,335	16,154	16,901	2,296	2,944	2,512	19,631	19,098	19,413
April	5,829	4,890		693	759		6,522	5,649	
May	6,685	5,855		808	604		7,493	6,459	
June	5,978	5,059		737	1,134		6,715	6,193	
Year ended 30th June	69,927	69,032		11,357	9,368		81,284	78,400	

TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED : AUSTRALIA

(£'000)									
July	37,660	45,299	33,786	8,402	13,576	9,905	46,062	58,875	43,691
August	38,472	50,510	45,410	6,899	8,611	9,203	45,371	59,121	54,613
September	39,963	46,027	37,165	13,667	*15,293	16,054	53,630	*61,320	53,219
October	45,951	46,560	34,627	11,546	12,962	15,106	57,497	59,522	49,733
November	41,232	50,306	43,157	10,123	11,039	11,051	51,355	61,345	54,208
December	32,564	35,500	28,595	10,802	8,742	11,402	43,366	44,242	39,997
January	31,320	28,875	29,337	4,985	5,685	9,300	36,305	34,560	38,637
February	35,083	31,919	35,726	8,426	*9,459	9,108	43,509	*41,378	44,834
March	49,110	32,710	41,179	10,832	10,874	13,091	59,942	43,584	54,270
Three months ended March	115,513	93,504	106,242	24,243	*26,018	31,499	139,756	*119,522	137,741
April	37,282	26,771		10,113	6,438		47,395	33,209	
May	52,275	41,232		8,308	11,819		60,583	53,051	
June	47,002	32,570		11,697	19,365		58,699	51,935	
Year ended 30th June	487,914	468,279		115,800	*133,863		603,714	*602,142	

* Revised.

TABLE 2. - BUILDING APPROVALS, STATES

(Private and Government)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED (Individual Living Units)									
Year - 1959-60	41,811	29,065	12,462	9,328	6,447	2,732	440	1,542	103,827
1960-61	36,701	23,588	11,913	10,702	6,118	2,425	390	1,779	*93,616
1960 - February	3,107	2,261	1,003	1,165	456	221	64	136	8,413
March	4,611	3,089	1,190	927	597	238	42	123	10,817
April	3,364	2,242	1,094	606	495	174	12	31	8,018
May	4,282	2,910	1,231	796	810	263	43	69	10,404
June	3,849	2,970	1,045	762	463	274	56	180	9,599
July	3,706	2,524	1,090	1,120	581	252	35	83	9,391
August	4,051	3,153	1,326	840	607	233	19	167	10,596
September	3,835	2,366	1,158	937	606	*253	12	268	*9,435
October	3,733	2,773	1,213	1,920	606	217	26	81	10,569
November	3,267	2,182	972	1,161	567	228	9	276	8,662
December	2,560	1,738	799	762	427	208	26	134	6,654
1961 - January	2,427	1,051	828	627	333	154	73	107	5,600
February	2,830	1,261	727	462	411	*177	74	27	*5,969
March	2,667	1,495	834	671	407	179	21	67	6,341
April	2,205	1,240	869	391	440	147	49	30	5,371
May	2,928	1,693	1,177	466	498	192	34	178	7,166
June	2,492	2,112	920	1,345	635	185	12	361	8,062
July	2,968	1,630	949	603	505	217	13	130	7,015
August	3,029	2,016	996	610	558	278	30	208	7,725
September	2,613	1,668	815	1,101	554	213	12	47	7,023
October	2,836	1,883	960	487	619	219	60	101	7,165
November	2,861	1,848	865	784	684	228	45	93	7,408
December	2,204	1,616	619	591	572	211	30	85	5,928
1962 - January	2,234	1,217	684	484	426	149	42	123	5,359
February	2,121	1,857	828	675	660	183	81	67	6,472
March	2,733	1,966	973	629	722	293	67	103	7,486

VALUE OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED (£'000)

Year - 1959-60	122,132	96,708	34,638	30,043	18,454	8,527	1,676	7,163	319,341
1960-61	113,744	83,198	34,788	31,773	18,860	*8,044	1,635	8,351	*300,393
1960 - February	9,037	7,505	2,712	3,580	1,359	690	245	622	25,750
March	13,241	10,233	3,268	2,986	1,804	759	133	622	33,046
April	9,627	7,593	2,959	2,056	1,408	558	36	181	24,418
May	12,844	10,299	3,767	2,651	2,240	899	185	382	33,267
June	11,968	10,512	2,897	2,604	1,471	921	218	837	31,428
July	11,213	8,714	3,157	3,126	1,732	789	115	451	29,297
August	13,116	10,785	3,770	2,801	1,894	791	81	582	33,820
September	11,561	7,814	3,493	2,921	1,941	*821	48	1,243	*29,842
October	11,731	9,815	3,486	4,996	1,861	651	77	475	33,092
November	10,085	7,462	2,722	3,422	1,648	748	39	1,309	27,435
December	7,866	6,527	2,344	2,057	1,510	675	72	664	21,715
1961 - January	7,562	3,754	2,471	1,848	1,007	552	298	544	18,036
February	8,863	4,552	2,090	1,594	1,304	*599	367	158	*19,527
March	7,968	5,500	2,403	2,102	1,220	571	84	391	20,239
April	6,700	4,759	2,523	1,399	1,344	528	246	211	17,710
May	9,140	6,082	3,458	1,600	1,531	658	160	853	23,482
June	7,939	7,434	2,871	3,907	1,868	661	48	1,470	26,198
July	9,167	5,764	2,879	1,951	1,594	746	56	664	22,821
August	10,373	7,181	2,942	2,084	1,702	946	120	905	26,253
September	8,388	5,810	2,488	3,676	1,795	660	34	250	23,101
October	9,018	6,802	2,943	1,694	1,940	675	201	485	23,758
November	9,216	6,488	2,582	2,634	2,181	735	204	490	24,530
December	6,791	5,556	1,861	1,835	1,770	616	139	472	19,040
1962 - January	7,470	4,218	2,066	1,583	1,369	453	193	612	17,964
February	6,800	6,527	2,534	2,233	2,015	633	290	359	21,391
March	8,654	6,953	2,948	2,259	2,177	917	294	539	24,741

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TABLE 2. - (continued) - BUILDING APPROVALS : STATES
(Private and Government)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
VALUE OF OTHER NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED (£'000)									
(Excluding Alterations and Additions)									
Year - 1959-60	70,670	63,936	20,474	16,691	13,312	10,173	1,965	5,868	203,089
1960-61	71,272	64,494	29,506	28,936	14,097	6,240	1,243	7,561	223,349
1960 - February	4,975	3,906	1,080	466	868	603	42	261	12,201
March	6,870	6,810	1,660	724	1,173	632	51	236	18,156
April	7,565	4,030	933	1,380	1,780	661	40	66	16,455
May	8,845	5,194	1,196	1,174	1,456	706	616	636	19,823
June	4,432	6,867	3,441	1,921	1,760	897	311	927	20,556
July	8,378	9,275	2,362	929	917	366	127	12	22,366
August	5,241	6,659	2,306	1,437	1,063	807	75	245	17,833
September	8,614	4,559	4,116	1,625	1,044	900	124	3,495	24,477
October	7,576	5,716	2,187	1,743	1,261	259	46	409	19,197
November	5,224	10,049	2,524	6,591	1,640	735	72	454	27,289
December	8,098	4,524	2,017	619	1,028	302	12	461	17,061
1961 - January	3,634	2,795	1,797	656	1,511	231	30	170	10,824
February	4,067	4,047	1,203	4,554	498	379	61	184	14,993
March	4,504	4,970	2,059	2,949	1,549	431	126	217	16,805
April	2,594	2,909	1,708	711	863	697	227	141	9,850
May	6,824	5,163	5,080	3,565	1,302	612	87	477	23,110
June	6,518	3,828	2,147	3,557	1,421	521	256	1,296	19,544
July	5,344	3,082	1,454	1,146	1,355	944	598	190	14,113
August	7,916	5,078	1,700	2,771	1,418	1,575	60	420	20,938
September	9,921	5,266	1,935	1,293	2,082	1,166	85	1,605	23,357
October	8,873	4,559	1,439	1,403	1,809	440	151	710	19,384
November	9,076	5,488	1,776	3,420	659	349	77	1,947	22,792
December	6,353	4,028	2,301	1,330	1,366	809	22	526	16,735
1962 - January	6,295	5,306	1,072	722	589	650	127	82	14,843
February	4,388	5,608	1,975	3,432	652	700	29	1,024	17,808
March	6,204	5,051	3,495	1,261	1,087	1,500	182	2,801	21,581
TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED (£'000)									
(Including Alterations and Additions)									
Year - 1959-60	233,853	179,921	65,454	53,134	34,664	19,577	3,739	13,372	603,714
1960-61	225,275	165,902	73,413	66,821	36,067	*15,270	2,580	16,414	*602,142
1960 - February	16,294	12,969	4,702	4,546	2,439	1,367	293	899	43,509
March	24,702	18,842	6,224	4,342	3,287	1,465	190	890	59,942
April	20,194	13,362	4,791	3,984	3,411	1,277	87	289	47,395
May	25,758	17,060	5,808	4,376	4,016	1,669	807	1,089	60,583
June	19,486	19,061	7,233	5,214	3,486	1,887	538	1,794	58,699
July	23,554	19,544	6,354	4,581	2,883	1,219	246	494	58,875
August	22,221	19,154	7,032	4,724	3,244	1,718	174	854	59,121
September	23,684	13,912	8,413	5,244	3,291	*1,796	174	4,806	*61,320
October	22,787	17,405	6,589	7,312	3,375	1,007	133	914	59,522
November	18,333	19,186	6,040	10,632	3,591	1,589	119	1,855	61,345
December	18,884	12,303	4,874	3,061	2,732	1,052	123	1,213	44,242
1961 - January	16,429	7,650	4,883	2,974	2,708	851	328	737	34,560
February	14,948	9,910	4,035	6,570	2,069	*1,057	428	361	*41,378
March	15,850	12,022	5,226	5,567	2,996	1,071	221	631	43,584
April	12,377	8,907	4,849	2,470	2,442	1,287	476	401	33,209
May	19,053	12,872	9,421	5,644	3,128	1,331	249	1,353	53,051
June	17,155	13,037	5,697	8,042	3,608	1,292	309	2,795	51,935
July	18,102	10,455	4,997	3,559	3,214	1,776	693	895	43,691
August	22,352	13,955	5,374	5,391	3,409	2,587	183	1,362	54,613
September	22,017	12,457	5,069	5,577	4,145	1,921	126	1,907	53,219
October	21,122	13,062	5,119	3,594	4,067	1,191	363	1,215	49,733
November	21,886	13,603	5,021	6,592	3,160	1,150	291	2,505	54,208
December	15,062	10,653	4,697	3,559	3,373	1,474	167	1,012	39,997
1962 - January	17,184	10,740	3,587	2,718	2,203	1,159	325	721	38,637
February	13,662	13,664	5,165	6,117	2,929	1,428	332	1,537	44,834
March	19,280	13,511	7,280	4,186	3,345	2,357	494	3,417	54,270

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