COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS, CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA

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MAJOR TRADING BANKS STATISTICS
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT MAY 1972

Reference No. 5.3

Tables 1 and 2 of this statement have been prepared from returns submitted under the Banking Act 1959-1967 and show the average of selected liabilities and assets within Australia (including Papua New Guinea and Other External Territories) of the Major Trading Banks as at the close of business on Wednesdays in May 1972. The figures are preliminary and subject to revision when the statement of Average Liabilities and Assets is published in the Commonwealth Gazette. Totals for April 1972 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 average 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 more detailed description of these items see the monthly bulletin "Banking Statistics" (Reference No. 5.2).

3. This statement includes seasonally adjusted totals of deposits and advances, and liquid assets and Commonwealth Government securities - see footnotes to Tables 1 and 2. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators" (Reference No. 1.10) and in Appendix A to the monthly bulletin of "Banking Statistics", January 1972.

4. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

TABLE 1. - LIABILITIES WITHIN AUSTRALIA

($ million)

	Deposits (a)				Balances due to other banks (b)	Bills payable and all other liabilities to public	Total liabilities
	Fixed	Current: Bearing interest	Current: Not bearing interest	Total (a)			
Commonwealth Trading Bank	893.0	89.6	728.4	1,710.9	16.5	28.1	1,755.5
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	673.4	63.6	863.5	1,600.6	139.0	103.8	1,843.4
The Bank of Adelaide	47.7	5.4	58.6	111.7	5.9	4.8	122.4
Bank of New South Wales	856.0	104.9	949.2	1,910.0	89.2	48.2	2,047.4
The Commercial Bank of Australia	332.0	28.1	342.7	702.8	20.0	57.7	780.5
The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	297.7	36.9	331.9	666.5	38.6	39.2	744.3
The National Bank of Australasia	493.1	59.8	515.0	1,067.9	50.3	67.7	1,185.8
Total, May 1972	3,593.0	388.3	3,789.2	7,770.4	359.3	349.5	8,479.3
Total, April 1972	3,675.8	400.1	3,922.3	7,998.1	363.7	347.6	8,709.4

(a) Seasonally adjusted total deposits, April 1972 - $7,860.4 million; May 1972 - $7,800.8 million

(b) Includes short-term loans from the Reserve Bank and amounts owing in respect of loans refinanced by the Australian Resources Development Bank.

TABLE 2. - ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA

($ million)

	Liquid assets and Commonwealth Government securities (a)				Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans, advances and bills discounted (b)	All other assets (c)	Total assets
	Cash and cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government securities		Total (a)					
		Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other securities						
Commonwealth Trading Bank	36.1	32.3	424.2	492.6	4.6	125.1	1,063.2	122.6	1,808.0
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	38.3	54.9	318.7	411.9	21.3	117.8	1,073.7	197.1	1,821.8
The Bank of Adelaide	3.9	1.6	21.3	26.8	2.3	8.3	74.6	49.2	161.2
Bank of New South Wales	41.1	65.4	440.0	546.5	36.8	139.3	1,309.9	157.8	2,190.3
The Commercial Bank of Australia	13.8	10.7	132.1	156.6	9.7	50.9	474.7	112.6	804.4
The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	17.8	12.6	98.4	128.8	34.8	48.5	453.4	81.6	747.1
The National Bank of Australasia	24.4	41.0	195.5	260.9	12.4	77.3	723.8	158.4	1,232.8
Total, May 1972	175.3	218.4	1,630.2	2,023.9	121.8	567.2	5,173.2	879.4	8,765.6
Total, April 1972	195.2	390.0	1,672.8	2,257.9	168.0	565.3	5,057.5	925.4	8,974.1

	Original		Seasonally adjusted	
	April $m	May $m	April $m	May $m
(a) Total liquid assets and Cwlth Govt securities	2,257.9	2,023.9	2,156.7	2,130.6
(b) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. Total loans comprise:				
Temporary advances to woolbuyers	103.3	118.3	Not available	
Term loans outstanding	690.2	703.9		
Farm development loans outstanding	99.1	102.5		
Other	4,164.9	4,248.5	4,140.9	4,184.7
Total loans, advances etc.	5,057.5	5,173.2	5,008.0	5,099.3
(c) Includes accounts with Reserve Bank:				
Term loan fund account	73.3	59.0	Not available	
Farm development loan fund account	44.5	42.0		

TABLE 3. - NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS AND OVERDRAFT LIMITS

Source : Reserve Bank of Australia

($ million)

	April 1972	May 1972
New and increased lending commitments (a)	75.0	75.8
Overdraft limits (b)	6,584.0	6,716.0

(a) Weekly average for period ended second Wednesday in the month; excludes temporary advances to woolbuyers, but includes commitments for some operations of the Australian Wool Commission and commitments to pastoral finance companies for financing advances to growers under the Wool Prices Averaging Plan.

(b) As at second Wednesday in the month; excludes temporary advances to woolbuyers, term loans and farm development loans.

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