

**MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS  
VICTORIA, APRIL 1989**

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*Overtime, Australia* (6330.0) (quarterly) (\$3.00)

*The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) (monthly) (\$12.00)

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*Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Darwin* (6407.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

*Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities* (6408.0) (monthly) (\$3.25)

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## MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS, VICTORIA, APRIL 1989

Indicator	Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure year ago	Change over year per cent	Latest Aust. figure	Change over year Aust. per cent	
			One period	Two periods	Three periods					
<b>LABOUR FORCE</b>										
Employed persons - full-time	'000	Mar 89	1,615.6	1,611.4	1,591.6	1,627.7	1,574.1	2.6	6,081.1	3.3
- total	'000	Mar 89	2,025.7	2,003.8	1,957.4	2,034.3	1,957.4	3.5	7,638.3	3.7
Unemployed persons looking for work - full-time	'000	Mar 89	84.8	101.5	90.8	86.3	102.2	-17.0	416.5	-15.5
- total	'000	Mar 89	117.1	135.8	122.8	121.0	139.1	-15.8	566.1	-15.0
Labour force	'000	Mar 89	2,142.8	2,139.6	2,080.3	2,155.3	2,096.5	2.2	8,184.4	-2.2
Participation rate	per cent	Mar 89	63.7	63.7	62.0	64.6	63.3	0.6	63.1	0.3
Unemployment rate	per cent	Mar 89	5.5	6.3	5.9	5.6	6.5	-16.7	6.7	-16.3
Job vacancies	'000	Feb 89	21.2	19.5	18.1	18.6	16.3	30.1	72.5	17.3
Overtime worked per employee	hours	Feb 89	1.52	1.56	1.45	1.54	1.50	1.3	1.41	5.2
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</b>										
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings - Males	\$	Nov 88	487.00	475.90	469.30	465.50	454.10	7.2	484.90	7.7
- Females	\$	Nov 88	516.60	504.40	498.30	493.90	482.80	8.2	512.70	7.4
All employees total earnings	\$	Nov 88	429.20	420.10	412.20	409.30	396.60	8.2	426.80	8.9
Males	\$	Nov 88	429.60	417.00	414.90	414.40	408.50	5.2	430.10	7.0
Females	\$	Nov 88	503.30	486.30	483.50	476.30	473.10	6.4	505.20	7.5
	\$	Nov 88	333.40	324.60	322.70	326.70	318.10	4.8	328.70	7.2
<b>CONSUMER PRICES (a)</b>										
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) -										
Food	index	Dec qr 88	182.3	179.5	174.0	167.7	164.9	10.6	177.9	9.7
Clothing	index	Dec qr 88	177.5	171.2	170.3	163.3	163.6	8.5	176.0	7.4
Housing	index	Dec qr 88	204.5	193.7	189.1	186.8	183.9	11.2	199.7	14.5
Household equipment & operation	index	Dec qr 88	181.1	178.6	176.8	174.7	173.1	4.6	181.6	6.1
Transportation	index	Dec qr 88	181.3	181.1	180.8	180.2	181.4	0.0	191.7	2.7
Tobacco & alcohol	index	Dec qr 88	201.9	201.9	199.1	195.6	190.1	6.2	206.0	5.2
Health & personal care	index	Dec qr 88	192.6	192.6	190.8	185.8	187.7	8.4	181.5	7.8
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index	Dec qr 88	163.7	161.1	160.4	158.6	157.7	7.2	161.9	8.3
All groups	index	Dec qr 88	186.2	183.0	180.4	177.1	174.5	6.7	186.2	7.7
<b>RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc)</b>										
PRODUCTION	\$m	Jan 89	1,581.3	2,330.3	1,732.4	1,636.2	1,450.1	9.0	6,157.3	11.0
Manufacturing -										
Clay bricks	million	Dec 88	30.3	42.3	36.8	37.3	34.4	-11.9	161	11.0
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu m	Dec 88	338	345	378	372	266	27.1	1,267	6.0
Plastics & synthetic resins (b)	tonnes	Dec 88	36,325	42,166	44,791	41,537	37,499	-8.1	56,339	-5.0
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq m	Dec 88	3,042	3,540	3,316	3,166	2,814	8.1	3,655	9.5
Cars & station wagons	'000	Dec 88	13.1	19.7	18.1	19.0	15.5	-15.5	23.8	-5.3
Yarns - Cotton	tonnes	Dec 88	707	830	794	952	797	-11.3	1,629	3.2
- Wool	tonnes	Dec 88	1,312	1,556	1,500	1,521	978	34.2	1,737	21.6
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq m	Dec 88	911	1,371	1,592	1,979	1,309	-30.4	2,395	-7.2
- Woolen (incl. worsted wool)	'000 sq m	Dec 88	399	584	561	515	460	-13.3	676	-12.8
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq m	Dec 88	6,414	7,585	7,543	7,450	6,461	-0.7	13,931	6.6
Electricity	million kwh	Dec 88	2,928	2,999	3,098	3,727	2,897	1.1	11,623	5.5
<b>OVERSEAS TRADE</b>										
Imports	\$m	Jan 89	1,328.3	1,172.3	1,430.1	1,365.2	1,017.2	30.6	4,477.2	52.8
Exports (excl. re-exports)	\$m	Jan 89	685.0	771.6	702.1	677.7	787.8	-13.0	3,482.5	0.3
<b>BUILDING</b>										
Approvals -										
New houses	No.	Feb 89	3,032	2,580	2,889	3,273	2,284	32.7	10,866	16.9
New other residential building	No.	Feb 89	92	184	187	324	356	-74.2	3,678	5.3
Value of all building	\$m	Feb 89	527.6	502.2	730.5	687.6	380.9	38.5	2,070.0	7.8
Commencements -										
New houses	No.	Dec qr 88	9,240	8,310	7,330	6,720	7,230	27.8	34,970	32.2
Value of new houses	\$m	Dec qr 88	763.9	652.0	557.0	520.2	523.1	46.0	2,680.7	54.0
New other residential buildings	No.	Dec qr 88	782	1,263	1,034	1,298	1,061	-26.3	11,398	63.6
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Dec qr 88	41.7	69.5	54.4	73.1	54.6	-23.6	660.0	92.9
Value of non-residential building	\$m	Dec qr 88	950.2	709.2	1,053.8	593.8	726.7	30.8	3,473.6	31.3
Value of all building	\$m	Dec qr 88	1,881.9	1,545.1	1,773.4	1,291.9	1,409.4	33.5	7,241.4	43.1
Work done in period	\$m	Dec qr 88	1,762.2	1,618.9	1,464.7	1,321.8	1,408.8	25.1	6,927.1	24.4
<b>PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (c)</b>										
House building (1985-86=100)	index	Jan 89	126.3	124.9	124.6	123.4	114.7	10.1	126.5	11.2
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index	Jan 89	212.1	210.9	210.2	208.1	194.0	9.3	215.7	8.7
<b>NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS</b>										
Cars & station wagons	No.	Jan 89	8,321	12,500	14,441	11,169	8,456	-1.6	38,354	29.2
Other motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles)	No.	Jan 89	6,800	10,566	12,271	9,102	7,391	-7.9	39,079	29.2
Motor cycles	No.	Jan 89	1,521	1,934	2,170	2,067	1,065	42.8	8,275	72.4
BANKS	No.	Jan 89	373	512	577	135	267	39.7	1,671	24.2
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Dec 88	23,401	22,526	21,977	22,587	20,731	12.9	67,628	17.7
Major trading -	\$m	Dec 88	6,883	6,390	6,187	5,730	5,708	20.6	22,129	15.4
Current deposits	\$m	Dec 88	8,921	9,112	8,743	7,980	7,689	16.0	33,528	16.8
Fixed deposits	\$m	Dec 88	17,401	17,108	17,034	16,301	15,110	15.2	54,365	11.8
Advances	\$m	Dec 88	39,993	35,272	35,665	34,579	35,189	13.7	191,609	39.5
Debits to customers' accounts (d)	\$m	Dec 88								
<b>HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION</b>										
Secured commitments to individuals -	\$m	Jan 89	453.6	585.2	644.2	528.9	286.5	58.3	1,651.2	46.8
Savings banks	\$m	Jan 89	340.4	449.1	483.3	396.2	210.2	61.2	1,175.4	55.5
Trading banks	\$m	Jan 89	36.1	44.4	42.4	37.0	24.2	49.2	198.2	55.9
Permanent building societies	\$m	Jan 89	45.3	61.2	75.2	67.6	33.7	34.4	190.6	63.9
Other lenders	\$m	Jan 89	31.7	30.6	33.2	28.1	18.4	72.3	86.9	37.1
<b>ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (e)</b>										
Manufacturing	\$m	Sep qr 88	1,551	1,786	1,422	1,716	1,437	7.9	6,006	10.0
Finance	\$m	Sep qr 88	545	790	596	626	591	-7.8	1,630	-4.2
New building and structures	\$m	Sep qr 88	532	486	425	541	414	25.8	1,733	34.5
Other new capital equipment	\$m	Sep qr 88	547	553	402	537	440	24.3	2,311	17.8
	\$m	Sep qr 88	1,004	1,233	1,024	1,179	997	0.7	3,695	5.7

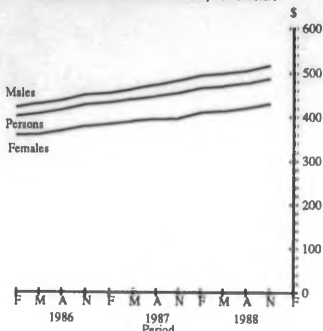
(a) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (b) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendaring only. (c) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (e) By private enterprises.

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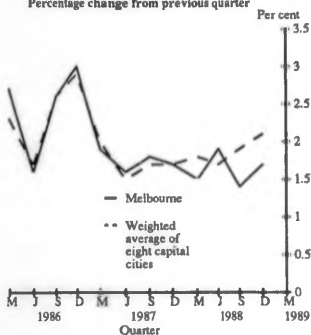


**FULL-TIME ADULT AVERAGE WEEKLY ORDINARY TIME EARNINGS, VICTORIA**

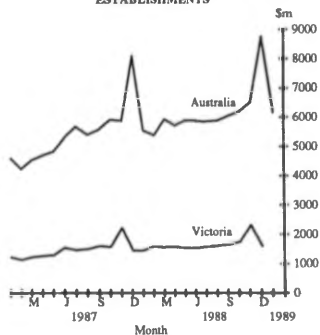
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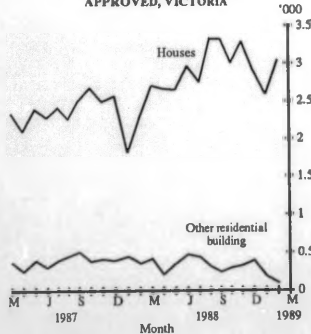
**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL GROUPS**  
Percentage change from previous quarter



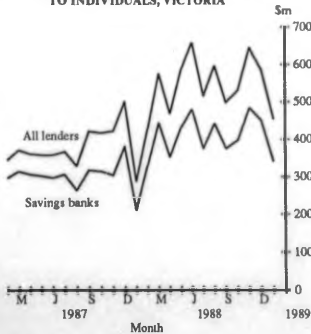
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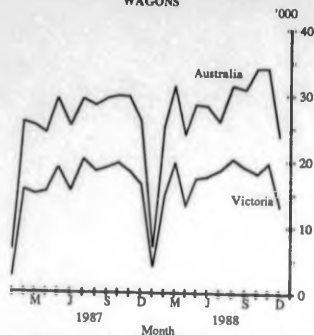
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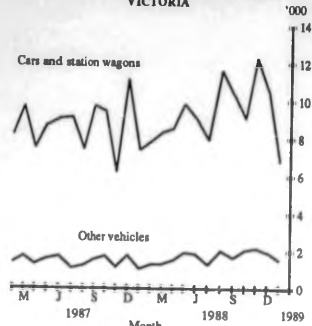
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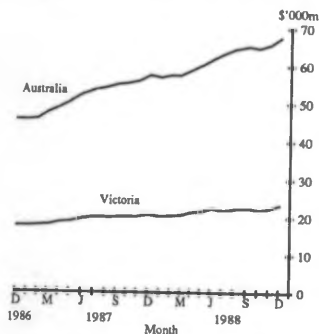
4 PRODUCTION OF CARS AND STATION WAGONS



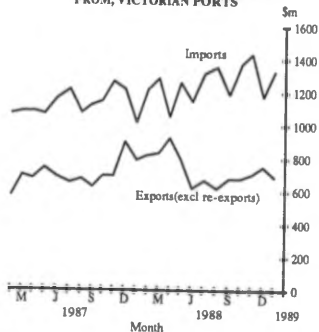
NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED, VICTORIA



SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES



VALUE OF IMPORTS INTO, AND EXPORTS FROM, VICTORIAN PORTS



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