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BUILDING STATISTICS : NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATSSEPTEMBER QUARTER, 1961 (PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES)

Preliminary estimates of the number of new houses and flats commenced, completed and under construction during the quarter ended 30th September, 1961, are shown in the following tables together with comparisons for previous periods. Table 1 shows numbers of new houses, Table 2 numbers of flats and Table 3 numbers of new houses and flats combined.

The estimated totals shown for the quarter ended 30th September, 1961 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, which will be published about the end of December, 1961.

In Tables 2 and 3, 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 omitted.

Further particulars regarding definitions used, sources of information and the scope of these statistics are shown in the Quarterly Bulletins of Building Statistics.

TABLE 1 : NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES : AUSTRALIA (a)

(Including Owner-Built Houses)

Period	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
<u>COMMENCED</u>							
<u>Quarter ended</u>							
31st March	17,517	16,933	16,472	16,772	18,469	19,659	16,859
30th June	18,462	16,041	17,183	18,381	19,072	20,749	17,141
30th September	19,218	16,379	17,900	19,697	19,482	21,111	(a) 19,103
31st December	17,775	16,412	16,214	17,265	19,400	19,059	
<u>Total : Year</u>	72,972	65,765	67,769	72,115	76,423	80,578	
<u>COMPLETED</u>							
<u>Quarter ended</u>							
31st March	18,073	17,407	15,072	16,836	18,315	19,043	18,671
30th June	20,855	18,768	16,526	18,470	20,345	21,137	18,780
30th September	19,301	16,698	16,785	19,391	20,357	21,217	(a) 18,077
31st December	20,060	17,244	19,088	20,746	21,093	22,107	
<u>Total : Year</u>	78,289	70,117	67,471	75,443	80,110	83,504	
<u>UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD</u>							
<u>As at -</u>							
31st March	60,445	55,187	52,656	51,490	48,380	45,155	39,799
30th June	58,047	52,444	53,313	51,401	47,107	44,767	38,162
30th September	57,957	52,122	54,428	51,707	46,232	44,661	(a) 39,188
31st December	55,669	51,285	51,554	48,226	44,539	41,613	

(a) Preliminary estimate, subject to revision.



TABLE 2 : NUMBER OF NEW FLATS : AUSTRALIA

Period	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
<u>COMMENCED</u>							
<u>Quarter ended</u>							
31st March	596	536	653	1,114	1,881	2,910	3,277
30th June	802	619	1,300	1,112	1,886	4,208	2,048
30th September	637	476	1,020	1,900	2,436	4,527	(a) 2,455
31st December	861	582	834	1,517	2,500	4,867	
<u>Total : Year</u>	2,896	2,213	3,807	5,643	8,703	16,512	
<u>COMPLETED</u>							
<u>Quarter ended</u>							
31st March	494	699	490	791	1,098	1,909	3,368
30th June	523	924	869	914	1,484	2,626	3,567
30th September	639	666	744	1,139	1,786	2,817	(a) 3,437
31st December	706	871	957	1,640	2,070	3,938	
<u>Total : Year</u>	2,362	3,160	3,060	4,484	6,438	11,290	
<u>UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD</u>							
<u>As at -</u>							
31st March	2,542	2,796	2,132	3,028	4,655	7,128	11,258
30th June	2,819	2,491	2,556	3,222	5,052	8,710	9,739
30th September	2,814	2,299	2,832	3,995	5,700	10,420	(a) 8,757
31st December	2,963	1,972	2,710	3,872	6,130	11,349	

(a) Tentative estimate, subject to revision.

TABLE 3 : NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS : AUSTRALIA (a)

(Including Owner-Built Houses)

Period	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
<u>COMMENCED</u>							
<u>Quarter ended</u>							
31st March	18,113	17,469	17,125	17,886	20,350	22,569	20,136
30th June	19,264	16,660	18,483	19,493	20,958	24,957	19,189
30th September	19,855	16,855	18,920	21,597	21,918	25,638	(a) 21,558
31st December	18,636	16,994	17,048	18,782	21,900	23,926	
<u>Total : Year</u>	75,868	67,978	71,576	77,758	85,126	97,090	
<u>COMPLETED</u>							
<u>Quarter ended</u>							
31st March	18,567	18,106	15,562	17,627	19,413	20,952	22,039
30th June	21,378	19,692	17,395	19,384	21,829	23,763	22,347
30th September	19,940	17,364	17,529	20,530	22,143	24,034	(a) 21,514
31st December	20,766	18,115	20,045	22,386	23,163	26,045	
<u>Total : Year</u>	80,651	73,277	70,531	79,927	86,548	94,794	
<u>UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD</u>							
<u>As at -</u>							
31st March	62,987	57,983	54,788	54,518	53,035	52,283	51,057
30th June	60,866	54,935	55,869	54,623	52,159	53,477	47,901
30th September	60,771	54,421	57,260	55,702	51,932	55,081	(a) 47,945
31st December	58,632	53,257	54,264	52,098	50,669	52,962	

(a) Preliminary estimate, subject to revision.