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CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES IN AUSTRALIA
SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1968 (PRELIMINARY)

This bulletin contains preliminary estimates of new capital expenditure by private businesses in the September quarter 1968, as well as figures for earlier periods for comparison. These preliminary estimates may be revised in a further bulletin which will be published in January 1969.

2. Seasonally adjusted estimates of new capital expenditure are shown in table 1. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1968" issued on 21 May 1968.

3. Estimates of capital expenditure are based on returns obtained from a sample of businesses subject to pay-roll tax, supplemented by returns from other businesses which are known to be undertaking capital expenditure projects involving expenditure of \$500,000 or more in a six-monthly period. Preliminary estimates are based on a large response from this sample.

4. Further information relating to the basis of the statistics is contained in the bulletin "Capital and Maintenance Expenditure by Private Businesses in Australia", ref. no. 5.6, for the June quarter 1968, issued on 25 October 1968.

TABLE 1. - NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY TYPE OF ASSET
JUNE QUARTER 1966 TO SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1968
 (\$ million)

Period	New buildings and structures (a)		Other new capital equipment (b)		Total new capital expenditure	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted (c)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (c)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (c)
1965-66						
June Qtr	154.2	147.8	304.3	284.4	458.5	434.1
1966-67						
September Qtr	141.3	137.6	291.1	296.7	432.4	435.0
December Qtr	148.4	134.6	303.1	280.9	451.5	415.5
March Qtr	122.0	147.9	245.8	282.3	367.8	426.0
June Qtr	148.8	142.4	296.7	278.1	445.5	422.7
1967-68						
September Qtr	167.1	162.5	266.7	271.3	433.8	435.5
December Qtr	191.8	174.2	331.0	306.8	522.8	481.4
March Qtr	143.0	173.8	261.2	300.2	404.2	468.9
June Qtr	172.8	165.2	338.2	317.3	511.0	484.8
1968-69						
September Qtr (d)	182.6	177.5	294.3	298.8	476.9	478.3

(a) Includes assets such as buildings, wharves, railway and harbour construction, roads and also lifts, heating and ventilation equipment and the like forming an integral part of the structure. (b) Includes all machinery and equipment including vehicles, aircraft and ships and such items as new motors, lathes, office equipment and fixtures. (c) See paragraph 2 above. (d) Subject to revision.

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TABLE 2. - NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY INDUSTRY

JUNE QUARTER 1966 TO SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1968

(\$ million)

Industry group	1965-66	1966-67				1967-68				1968-69
	June Qtr	Sept. Qtr	Dec. Qtr	March Qtr	June Qtr	Sept. Qtr	Dec. Qtr	March Qtr	June Qtr	Sept. Qtr (a)
Manufacturing -										
Extracting, refining, founding	54.7	61.2	46.6	36.0	40.2	42.2	48.5	32.8	42.1	39.4
Engineering (b)	34.6	31.2	33.5	26.4	37.3	29.3	34.2	24.2	31.9	31.2
Vehicles (c)	16.1	9.7	10.7	7.9	14.0	13.6	12.9	13.3	13.8	13.5
Chemicals (d)	41.6	41.4	36.8	24.8	23.7	26.1	33.4	26.9	43.1	38.5
Textiles and clothing	11.2	7.1	7.6	8.0	11.5	6.7	7.8	6.7	9.2	8.2
Food, drink and tobacco	35.8	32.9	38.6	27.6	37.8	35.2	44.6	28.7	38.1	33.4
Paper and printing	18.7	12.8	17.4	15.8	22.7	18.5	22.8	17.5	19.4	20.0
Other manufacturing (e)	29.4	28.5	28.2	24.6	27.6	25.5	28.5	23.8	29.8	21.4
<u>Total, manufacturing</u>	242.1	224.8	219.4	171.1	214.8	197.1	232.7	173.9	227.4	205.6
Non-manufacturing -										
Wholesale and retail trade	62.4	65.3	70.0	54.5	56.6	65.6	60.7	58.8	67.7	73.5
Mining	55.4	46.9	68.9	52.9	74.1	70.4	97.1	72.2	85.6	92.6
Transport (f)	28.7	29.6	25.8	37.4	36.7	35.7	50.8	34.2	50.9	39.1
Other non-manufacturing (g)	69.9	65.8	67.4	51.9	63.3	65.0	81.5	65.1	79.4	66.1
<u>Total, non-manufacturing</u>	216.4	207.6	232.1	196.7	230.7	236.7	290.1	230.3	283.6	271.3
All industries	458.5	432.4	451.5	367.8	445.5	433.8	522.8	404.2	511.0	476.9

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Engineering, metalworking, electrical equipment. (c) Vehicles, aircraft and ships, parts and accessories. Includes assembly and repairs. (d) Chemicals, fertilisers, paints, explosives, cosmetics and oil refining. (e) Sawmilling, furniture, plastics, leather, rubber, etc. (f) Road, rail and air transport (including government airlines), shipping and stevedoring. (g) Building, construction, banking (including government banks), insurance, other finance and property, amusement, hotels, cafes, personal services, etc.

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