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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDICATORS

In the Contents page numbers of series containing seasonally adjusted indicators are marked with asterisks.

Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely: 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, e.g. Easter and Australia Day.

Most of the original and all of the seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

POPULATION AND VITAL

POPULATION (a)
('000 persons)

As at 31 Dec.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1972	4,771.9	3,604.1	1,962.2	1,209.5	1,080.9	394.0	98.2	163.1	13,283.9
1973	4,816.0	3,651.5	2,019.4	1,227.2	1,103.2	397.2	101.8	174.1	13,490.6
1974	4,878.7	3,706.1	2,074.0	1,253.6	1,137.8	402.5	(b) 72.1	184.7	13,709.5
1975	4,895.8	3,730.3	2,102.2	1,257.3	1,159.0	406.6	97.8	200.4	13,849.3
1976	4,933.0	3,764.9	2,121.6	1,268.8	1,183.7	409.3	103.9	206.2	13,991.2
1977	4,979.3	3,799.4	2,155.1	1,283.8	1,211.1	412.1	110.0	212.7	14,163.5

(a) Revised. See NOTE at the bottom of this page. (b) Decrease due to the effect of Cyclone "Tracy" on Darwin population.

MEAN POPULATION (a)
('000 persons)

Calendar Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1972	4,747.4	3,577.3	1,933.4	1,202.2	1,070.7	392.4	96.4	157.4	13,177.2
1973	4,793.3	3,627.4	1,988.9	1,218.3	1,090.6	395.8	99.8	168.2	13,382.3
1974	4,841.3	3,676.5	2,044.0	1,235.6	1,117.7	399.6	104.6	178.9	13,598.2
1975	4,885.3	3,718.6	2,084.7	1,252.8	1,146.9	404.5	90.3	191.0	13,774.1
1976	4,913.9	3,747.5	2,110.7	1,261.9	1,170.3	407.5	101.7	203.2	13,916.8
1977	4,956.6	3,782.0	2,137.0	1,276.7	1,197.0	410.6	106.4	208.8	14,075.1

Financial year

1971-72	4,717.8	3,549.2	1,906.5	1,194.7	1,058.2	391.6	94.4	151.5	13,063.9
1972-73	4,771.4	3,603.7	1,961.2	1,210.0	1,080.4	394.0	98.1	162.9	13,281.2
1973-74	4,816.4	3,651.4	2,017.3	1,226.7	1,103.4	397.3	102.1	173.6	13,488.2
1974-75	4,865.9	3,700.3	2,066.3	1,245.1	1,133.1	402.1	98.5	184.4	13,695.7
1975-76	4,898.2	3,732.6	2,098.6	1,256.5	1,158.2	406.2	97.8	198.3	13,846.2
1976-77	4,933.5	3,764.4	2,122.8	1,268.8	1,183.3	409.1	103.8	206.1	13,991.8

(a) Revised. See NOTE below. For the method of calculation see *Population and Vital Statistics* (3212.0) June quarter 1977.

VITAL AND POPULATION STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA

Period	Marriage registrations	Birth registrations	Death registrations	Components of population growth			Population at end of period ('000)
				Natural increase (a)	Net migration (b)	Total increase (c) ('000)	
1975	103,973	233,012	109,021	123,991	13,513	139.8	13,849.3
1976	109,973	227,810	112,662	115,148	25,576	141.9	13,991.2
1977	104,918	226,291	108,795	117,496	54,780	172.3	14,163.5
1976-77 -							
Dec. qtr	30,996	55,118	26,208	28,910	15,780	44.7	13,991.2
Mar. qtr	29,914	57,012	25,354	31,658	13,167	44.8	14,036.0
June qtr	26,861	57,638	26,509	31,129	6,924	38.1	14,074.1
1977-78 -							
Sept. qtr	20,372	58,075	31,118	26,957	12,460	39.4	14,113.5
Dec. qtr	27,771	53,566	25,814	27,752	22,229	50.0	14,163.5
Mar. qtr p	27,907	54,964	23,984	30,980	18,509	49.5	14,212.9

(a) Excess of births registered over deaths registered. (b) Excess of recorded overseas arrivals over recorded overseas departures, excluding short term (less than one year) movement. Minus sign (-) denotes an excess of departures over arrivals. (c) Increase consists of natural increase, net migration and adjustment in the light of Census results. (d) Census result adjusted for underenumeration.

NOTE. Population estimates shown above for dates prior to 30 June 1976 incorporate revisions following the completion of an examination of evidence for underenumeration in the 1971 and 1976 Censuses. An explanation of the basis for these revised estimates is given in *Population and Vital Statistics* (3212.0) for the June quarter 1977.

OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES (a)

Permanent movement — persons arriving with the stated intention of settling permanently in Australia, and Australian residents departing with the stated intention of residing permanently abroad.

Long-term movement — arrival of visitors and temporary departure of residents with the stated intention of staying in Australia or abroad respectively for twelve months or more, and the departure of visitors and return of Australian residents who have stayed in Australia or abroad respectively for twelve months or more.

Short-term movement — all other overseas arrivals and departures.

These statistics exclude crew members, transit passengers passing through Australia who are not cleared for entry and passengers on short pleasure cruises commencing and finishing in Australia on ships not then engaged in regular voyages.

ARRIVALS

Short-term movement										Excess of arrivals over departures
Period	Permanent movement	Long-term movement		Overseas visitors arriving		Total arrivals		Permanent and long-term	Total	
	Settlers arriving	Australian residents returning	Overseas visitors arriving	Australian residents returning	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted		
1974-75	89,147	60,239	23,615	815,930	519,549	..	1,508,480	..	38,706	
1975-76	52,748	60,224	21,687	931,725	529,656	..	1,596,040	..	20,259	
1976-77	70,916	59,193	26,133	963,729	540,394	..	1,660,366	..	56,347	
1976-77										
Apr.	6,372	3,529	2,107	56,629	41,684	47,596	110,321	138,701	3,114	
May	6,279	3,565	1,92	67,825	36,205	41,549	115,865	126,906	2,009	
June	5,259	3,284	1,921	66,833	31,690	46,555	108,988	139,832	1,801	
1977-78										
July	6,028	4,645	2,079	77,797	40,832	49,384	131,382	153,140	4,121	
Aug.	4,867	4,664	2,136	85,765	42,763	43,598	140,196	137,343	2,935	
Sept.	5,670	4,454	2,184	117,081	37,471	46,135	166,961	147,092	5,403	
Oct.	6,900	4,934	1,905	90,928	45,875	43,539	150,542	135,303	6,952	
Nov.	5,951	5,278	1,830	74,420	65,095	55,980	152,574	157,234	6,580	
Dec.	8,969	9,300	1,791	53,014	74,026	48,297	147,101	142,500	8,696	
Jan.	6,283	5,407	3,760	143,192	49,898	46,619	208,540	137,068	4,920	
Feb.	5,665	4,071	3,337	69,770	51,883	48,923	134,727	138,691	4,837	
Mar.	6,084	4,020	2,821	60,901	54,978	51,078	128,804	141,120	4,030	
Apr.	5,389	3,430	2,197	62,831	41,876	46,339	115,723	150,611	2,264	
May	5,973	3,609	2,030	83,008	41,369	48,568	135,989	148,968	2,287	

DEPARTURES

Period	Short-term movement								
	Permanent movement		Long-term movement		Australian residents departing		Overseas visitors departing		
	Former settlers departing	Other residents departing	Australian residents departing	Overseas visitors departing	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	Total departures		
							Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	
1974-75	20,184	11,361	72,397	24,386	824,890	..	516,557	1,469,774	..
1975-76	17,150	10,277	64,475	21,528	951,290	..	511,062	1,575,781	..
1976-77	15,447	9,141	68,792	19,724	965,659	..	525,256	1,604,019	..
1976-77									
Apr.	1,249	739	5,594	1,313	81,897	76,695	47,407	138,199	135,260
May	1,465	819	5,999	1,544	95,386	77,940	41,289	146,501	127,460
June	1,173	679	5,391	1,420	85,410	83,857	31,791	125,864	138,495
1977-78									
July	1,283	702	5,086	1,561	84,368	90,055	34,537	127,537	149,504
Aug.	1,280	702	5,216	1,534	103,360	83,636	42,600	154,692	137,200
Sept.	1,018	632	4,113	1,142	62,972	81,262	39,386	109,263	134,113
Oct.	1,071	623	3,865	1,228	65,540	91,557	40,857	113,183	135,659
Nov.	918	555	3,507	1,500	59,195	82,328	50,194	115,868	136,101
Dec.	1,381	781	5,630	3,572	128,008	75,186	45,800	185,173	131,959
Jan.	941	835	7,001	1,753	74,417	77,021	72,954	157,900	135,234
Feb.	886	654	5,212	1,484	57,084	90,949	58,044	123,164	146,964
Mar.	1,154	672	5,657	1,412	75,589	72,057	53,959	114,742	133,549
Apr.	1,368	1,079	5,141	1,165	88,281	84,118	43,780	134,413	140,570
May	1,466	1,100	5,213	1,544	111,096	94,325	44,760	165,180	145,468

(a) Changes in definitions which date from 1 January 1974 are described in *Overseas Arrivals and Departures*, March 1974 (3440.0).

NOTE: Minus sign (-) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER (a), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY SEX AND OVER (a), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS										
Month	Employed (a)	Unemployed (a)		Total	Labour force (a)	Not in labour force (a)	Civilian population aged 15 years and over (a)	Unemployment rate (b)	Participation rate (c)	
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work							
					'000	per cent				
MALES										
1977 : Aug.	3,866.8	168.5	21.6	190.1	4,056.9	1,024.9	5,081.8	4.7	79.8	
Nov.	3,867.3	165.1	18.0	183.1	4,050.4	1,055.7	5,106.1	4.5	79.3	
1978 : June	3,860.0	205.4	11.3	216.7	4,076.7	1,091.0	5,167.7	5.3	78.9	
July	3,848.2	202.4	8.7	211.1	4,059.3	1,114.7	5,174.1	5.2	78.5	
Aug.	3,832.6	206.9	14.2	221.2	4,053.8	1,125.0	5,178.8	5.5	78.3	
Sept.	3,840.9	204.7	13.4	218.1	4,059.0	1,126.9	5,186.0	5.4	78.3	
MARRIED WOMEN										
1977 : Aug.	1,374.5	42.0	34.7	76.8	1,451.2	1,953.5	3,404.7	5.3	42.6	
Nov.	1,368.9	34.4	33.4	67.7	1,436.6	1,963.7	3,400.3	4.7	42.3	
1978 : June	1,345.4	46.0	34.5	80.5	1,425.9	1,977.6	3,403.5	5.6	41.9	
July	1,368.7	44.1	28.2	72.4	1,441.1	1,967.8	3,408.9	5.0	42.3	
Aug.	1,359.4	46.5	30.3	77.2	1,436.6	1,978.2	3,414.8	5.4	42.1	
Sept.	1,358.9	40.5	29.9	70.8	1,429.3	1,979.2	3,408.5	4.9	41.9	
ALL FEMALES										
1977 : Aug.	2,128.6	114.8	54.4	169.2	2,297.8	2,904.3	5,202.1	7.1	44.2	
Nov.	2,128.2	112.4	51.4	163.7	2,291.9	2,935.3	5,227.2	7.1	43.8	
1978 : June	2,131.9	125.2	50.5	175.6	2,307.5	2,987.6	5,295.1	7.6	43.6	
July	2,149.8	123.0	43.9	166.9	2,316.8	2,984.8	5,301.6	7.2	43.7	
Aug.	2,136.8	125.1	48.7	173.8	2,310.6	2,997.2	5,307.8	7.5	43.5	
Sept.	2,144.1	120.1	46.3	166.4	2,310.5	3,003.4	5,313.9	7.2	43.5	
PERSONS										
1977 : Aug.	5,995.4	283.3	76.0	359.3	6,354.7	3,929.2	10,283.9	5.7	61.8	
Nov.	5,995.4	277.4	69.4	346.8	6,342.2	3,991.0	10,333.2	5.5	61.4	
1978 : June	5,991.9	330.5	61.8	392.3	6,384.2	4,078.6	10,462.8	6.1	61.0	
July	5,991.9	325.4	52.6	378.0	6,376.1	4,099.6	10,475.7	5.9	60.9	
Aug.	5,969.4	332.1	62.9	395.0	6,364.4	4,122.2	10,486.6	6.2	60.7	
Sept.	5,985.1	324.8	59.7	384.5	6,369.6	4,103.3	10,499.9	6.0	60.7	

(a) The estimates relate to all persons aged 15 years and over, except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, non-Australians holidaying in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces in Australia. For definitions see explanatory notes in *The Labour Force* (6201.0). (b) The number unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (c) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES: AUSTRALIA (a) ('000) (Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	Total civilian employees				Private Government			
	Males		Females		Private		Government	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)
1975 - June	(c)3,043.5	(c)3,035.4	1,709.2	1,706.1	(c)4,752.7	(c)4,741.5	(c)3,315.7	(c)3,312.5
1976 - June	3,006.1	2,997.0	1,733.0	1,730.1	4,739.1	4,727.1	3,305.9	3,302.2
1977 - June	2,979.2	2,969.6	1,747.1	1,744.5	4,726.2	4,714.1	3,262.5	3,258.9
1977-78 -								
July	2,968.9	2,967.6	1,748.8	1,747.4	4,717.7	4,715.0	3,251.0	3,255.9
Aug.	2,964.5	2,968.4	1,752.5	1,752.7	4,717.0	4,721.1	3,246.5	3,254.0
Sept. (c)	2,955.3	2,961.9	1,756.8	1,754.6	4,712.1	4,716.5	3,241.3	3,245.3
Oct. (c)	2,954.4	2,960.9	1,762.5	1,756.6	4,716.9	4,717.5	3,241.9	3,239.2
Nov.	2,959.6	2,964.4	1,770.1	1,760.1	4,729.7	4,723.5	3,251.9	3,240.6
Dec.	2,960.3	2,966.3	1,763.5	1,769.3	4,723.7	4,725.6	3,251.9	3,248.1
Jan.	2,954.6	2,966.2	1,748.0	1,773.5	4,702.6	4,719.7	3,226.1	3,245.9
Feb.	2,962.6	2,961.9	1,761.9	1,766.7	4,724.6	4,728.6	3,233.7	3,238.0
Mar.	2,959.6	2,952.4	1,764.3	1,760.6	4,724.0	4,713.0	3,229.5	3,223.7
Apr. r	2,956.0	2,948.9	1,767.1	1,761.5	4,723.1	4,710.4	3,225.2	3,218.8
May r	2,951.9	2,940.3	1,768.0	1,768.7	4,719.9	4,709.0	3,221.4	3,214.3
June r	(c)2,943.8	(c)2,933.9	1,769.6	1,766.9	(c)4,713.4	(c)4,700.8	(c)3,214.9	(c)3,211.3
1978-79 -								
July	2,939.6	2,937.8	1,772.2	1,770.5	4,711.8	4,708.2	3,211.4	3,215.9
Aug.	2,935.9	2,939.7	1,772.0	1,772.0	4,707.9	4,711.7	3,208.1	3,215.9

(a) The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1971 population census and other relevant sources. For the period subsequent to the census the employment data are obtained from three main sources, namely (i) current payroll tax returns, (ii) current returns from Government bodies, and (iii) some other current returns of employment (e.g. for hospitals); the balance, i.e. unrecorded private employment, is estimated. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked with the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. At June 1971 recorded employment obtained from the foregoing sources accounted for about 90 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered, as determined by the census. The estimates shown are based on the Australian Standard Industrial Classification. For further details on these series see *Employment and Unemployment* (6213.0) published monthly. (b) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators*, 1978 (1308.0). (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

The estimates shown above are being revised as it has become apparent that the benchmarks used for the series, which have been obtained mainly from population censuses, are substantially understated. In the meantime the series provides a reasonable indication of current month-to-month movements. For more detail see *Civilian Employees* (6213.0).

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA: INDUSTRY (a) ('000)
(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	Manu- facturing	Con- struction	Whole- sale and retail trade	Trans- port and storage	Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	Public admin- istration and defence (b)	Com- munity services	Entertain- ment, recreation, hotels and personal services (c)	Other Indus- tries (d)	Total
MALES										
1974 - July	950.5	283.9	547.2	217.9	201.1	143.9	253.5	105.1	248.4	3,051.5
1975 - July	893.8	385.0	548.1	218.1	197.3	154.3	269.2	110.5	253.7	3,029.8
1976 - July	886.9	351.3	556.4	214.9	197.2	153.2	280.1	110.8	249.7	3,000.4
1977-78 -										
July	859.8	340.9	583.3	211.7	196.7	152.5	292.3	110.2	251.4	2,968.9
Aug.	858.4	338.7	551.9	213.2	196.4	152.8	293.3	110.5	251.4	2,964.5
Sept.	(c)855.9	336.3	550.7	211.0	196.0	152.9	293.0	110.9	(c)248.6	(c)2,955.3
Oct.	(c)853.5	336.0	550.4	211.1	195.3	152.9	293.5	111.0	250.5	(c)2,954.3
Nov.	854.0	335.9	552.5	213.2	194.9	153.0	293.8	111.7	250.6	2,959.6
Dec.	849.9	334.8	554.4	214.8	195.8	153.0	292.8	112.8	251.9	2,960.1
Jan.	848.8	333.0	550.9	212.2	196.0	153.7	295.5	112.4	252.1	2,954.6
Feb.	852.4	336.9	549.6	211.2	196.6	153.8	298.3	111.5	252.3	2,962.6
March	850.1	336.3	549.3	210.7	196.6	153.9	299.3	111.4	251.8	2,959.6
Apr.	847.6	336.0	548.1	210.4	196.4	154.0	300.7	111.5	251.4	2,956.0
May	844.7	335.9	547.5	210.1	196.6	154.1	301.2	111.0	250.9	2,951.9
June	841.3	334.4	546.5	209.6	196.2	154.4	301.9	110.7	(c)248.6	(c)2,943.8
1978-79 -										
July	839.7	332.0	544.0	209.6	196.0	154.4	302.0	110.9	250.9	2,939.6
Aug.	837.0	330.5	543.9	209.6	195.6	154.5	302.4	111.5	250.8	2,935.9
FEMALES										
1974 - July	364.4	18.8	413.6	36.9	182.7	77.6	430.5	160.1	44.9	1,729.4
1975 - July	309.2	18.2	407.7	36.7	181.0	90.4	460.3	163.4	45.6	1,712.6
1976 - July	306.0	18.4	410.5	36.3	183.3	91.6	482.2	160.2	45.1	1,733.6
1977-78 -										
July	288.5	18.0	413.9	37.0	187.7	94.4	503.9	160.1	45.5	1,748.8
Aug.	289.1	18.1	413.3	37.0	187.5	95.3	506.8	160.0	45.5	1,752.5
Sept.	289.2	17.9	414.4	37.1	187.6	94.8	508.6	161.8	45.4	(c)1,756.8
Oct.	289.2	18.0	417.2	37.3	187.8	94.7	510.2	162.6	45.5	1,762.5
Nov.	290.2	17.9	421.9	37.4	187.4	95.0	511.5	163.3	45.6	1,770.1
Dec.	286.4	18.0	425.7	37.3	188.0	95.2	503.4	163.0	46.3	1,763.5
Jan.	283.9	18.0	413.4	37.0	187.8	95.2	504.1	162.4	46.2	1,748.0
Feb.	286.2	18.0	415.2	37.1	188.5	95.9	513.5	161.6	45.9	1,761.9
Mar.	285.3	18.0	414.2	37.0	188.9	96.2	517.3	161.1	46.4	1,764.3
Apr.	283.2	18.1	416.9	36.9	188.9	96.5	519.5	161.8	46.2	1,768.1
May	283.0	18.0	417.5	37.2	189.0	96.3	520.1	161.4	46.5	1,769.2
June	282.2	18.1	419.3	37.1	189.0	96.8	521.7	160.8	46.1	1,771.0
1978-79 -										
July	282.0	18.2	417.6	37.1	188.9	97.9	523.5	160.6	46.4	1,772.2
Aug.	282.5	18.1	415.9	37.1	188.8	97.4	524.2	161.4	46.6	1,772.0
PERSONS										
1974 - July	1,314.8	402.7	960.8	254.8	383.8	221.5	684.0	265.2	293.3	4,780.9
1975 - July	1,203.0	403.1	955.8	254.8	378.3	244.7	729.5	274.0	299.3	4,742.4
1976 - July	1,192.9	369.7	966.8	251.2	380.5	244.8	762.3	271.1	294.8	4,734.0
1977-78 -										
July	1,148.3	358.9	967.2	248.5	384.4	246.9	796.2	270.3	296.9	4,717.7
Aug.	1,147.4	356.8	965.2	248.2	383.8	248.1	800.1	270.6	296.7	4,717.0
Sept.	(c)1,145.1	354.2	965.1	248.1	383.6	247.6	801.6	272.7	(c)294.0	(c)4,712.1
Oct.	(c)1,142.7	354.0	967.6	248.3	383.1	247.7	803.7	273.6	296.0	(c)4,716.9
Nov.	1,144.2	353.8	974.4	250.6	382.3	247.9	805.3	274.9	296.1	4,729.7
Dec.	1,136.4	352.8	980.1	252.1	383.8	248.2	796.1	275.9	298.3	4,723.7
Jan.	1,132.7	350.9	964.3	249.2	383.9	248.9	799.6	274.7	298.4	4,702.6
Feb.	1,138.6	354.9	964.7	248.3	385.1	249.7	811.7	273.1	298.5	4,724.6
Mar.	1,135.6	354.3	963.5	247.6	385.6	250.1	816.5	272.5	298.2	4,724.0
Apr.	1,130.9	354.1	965.0	247.3	385.3	250.5	820.2	273.3	297.5	4,721.1
May	1,127.7	353.9	965.3	247.3	385.6	250.4	821.3	273.4	297.3	4,721.1
June	1,123.6	352.5	965.8	246.8	385.2	251.2	823.5	271.6	(c)294.8	(c)4,714.9
1978-79 -										
July	1,121.7	350.2	966.6	246.7	384.9	252.2	825.9	271.5	297.4	4,711.8
Aug.	1,119.4	348.6	959.8	246.8	384.3	251.9	826.6	272.9	297.7	4,707.9

(a) See footnote (a) on page 4. (b) Excludes permanent defence forces. (c) Excludes private households employing staff. (d) Includes forestry, fishing and hunting; mining; electricity, gas and water; and communication. (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES: STATUS (a) ('000)

(Including defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
MALES									
1974 - July	1,117.7	837.0	412.4	277.1	242.4	89.3	27.3	48.3	3,051.5
1975 - July	1,098.4	825.6	412.9	277.7	248.0	90.5	24.8	51.9	3,029.8
1976 - July	1,073.1	825.3	411.8	277.8	248.4	88.5	24.8	50.8	3,000.4
1977-78 -									
July	1,056.3	814.3	408.0	274.3	253.8	88.1	25.9	50.2	2,968.9
Aug.	1,055.7	812.5	407.5	273.1	253.7	88.1	23.8	50.2	2,964.5
Sept.	1,054.2	(c)807.0	407.6	271.6	253.3	87.8	23.6	50.2	(c)2,955.3
Oct.	1,054.8	(c)807.3	406.0	271.4	253.7	87.4	23.5	50.1	(c)2,954.3
Nov.	1,056.3	811.1	403.7	272.0	255.0	87.9	23.2	50.4	2,959.6
Dec.	1,057.8	814.9	398.4	272.5	254.7	88.4	23.2	50.4	2,960.3
Jan.	1,055.2	814.7	396.7	271.2	254.8	88.3	23.2	50.4	2,954.6
Feb.	1,060.1	815.3	398.2	271.2	255.9	88.3	23.1	50.7	2,962.6
Mar.	1,059.7	813.5	398.8	269.8	256.1	88.1	23.0	50.5	2,959.6
Apr.	1,058.6	810.5	399.9	269.2	255.5	87.7	23.2	50.8	2,956.0
May	1,058.8	808.7	400.4	267.5	254.8	87.8	23.3	50.7	2,951.9
June	1,057.2	805.7	(c)399.8	266.0	253.5	87.7	23.5	50.4	(c)2,943.8
1978-79 -									
July	1,055.6	803.6	400.7	265.3	252.9	87.5	23.5	50.4	(c)2,939.6
Aug.	1,053.0	801.9	402.2	264.4	253.3	87.2	23.8	50.1	2,935.9
FEMALES									
1974 - July	640.1	498.5	209.8	160.4	132.1	43.6	13.6	31.5	1,729.4
1975 - July	624.7	488.8	210.7	160.3	133.7	46.8	11.9	35.8	1,712.6
1976 - July	623.0	495.3	216.9	166.0	137.2	47.1	12.6	35.4	1,733.6
1977-78 -									
July	624.4	495.1	218.8	169.3	143.5	48.5	13.3	36.1	1,748.8
Aug.	625.5	496.5	219.1	169.1	144.4	48.6	13.1	36.2	1,752.5
Sept.	627.2	(c)497.0	221.0	168.4	145.2	48.8	13.1	36.1	(c)1,756.8
Oct.	629.8	498.6	221.1	168.8	146.2	48.8	13.0	36.2	1,762.5
Nov.	632.0	500.7	220.9	171.1	147.0	49.3	13.0	36.1	1,770.1
Dec.	630.3	502.4	218.4	169.2	144.8	49.3	13.1	36.0	1,763.5
Jan.	619.5	500.3	218.3	167.0	144.8	49.3	13.0	35.9	1,748.0
Feb.	626.6	501.5	219.1	169.8	146.5	49.4	13.0	36.1	1,761.9
Mar.	627.5	501.3	218.8	169.9	148.0	49.5	13.1	36.1	1,764.3
Apr.	627.3	502.3	220.7	169.7	148.7	49.6	13.2	36.6	1,768.1
May	629.1	501.6	221.4	168.7	148.6	49.5	13.4	36.8	1,769.2
June	629.9	501.8	222.0	168.5	149.1	49.5	13.5	36.8	1,771.6
1978-79 -									
July	(c)630.4	500.5	222.7	169.7	149.2	49.3	13.5	36.9	(c)1,772.2
Aug.	629.4	499.4	223.3	169.8	149.9	49.3	13.5	36.6	1,772.0
PERSONS									
1974 - July	1,757.8	1,335.5	622.1	437.5	374.5	132.8	40.9	79.8	4,780.9
1975 - July	1,723.1	1,314.4	623.7	438.0	381.7	137.3	36.8	87.7	4,742.4
1976 - July	1,696.1	1,320.6	628.7	443.8	385.6	135.6	37.4	86.3	4,734.0
1977-78 -									
July	1,680.7	1,309.4	626.8	443.5	397.3	136.6	37.1	86.3	4,717.7
Aug.	1,681.2	1,309.0	626.6	442.1	398.1	136.7	36.9	86.4	4,717.0
Sept.	1,681.4	(c)1,304.0	628.6	439.9	398.5	136.6	36.8	86.3	(c)4,712.1
Oct.	1,684.6	(c)1,305.9	627.1	440.2	400.0	136.2	36.6	86.3	(c)4,716.9
Nov.	1,688.3	1,311.8	624.6	443.2	402.0	137.2	36.2	86.5	4,729.7
Dec.	1,688.1	1,311.4	616.8	441.7	399.5	137.7	36.3	86.4	4,723.7
Jan.	1,674.7	1,315.0	615.1	438.2	399.6	137.6	36.2	86.3	4,702.6
Feb.	1,686.7	1,316.7	617.3	441.0	402.4	137.7	36.1	86.7	4,724.6
Mar.	1,687.2	1,314.9	617.6	439.7	404.2	137.6	36.1	86.6	4,724.0
Apr.	1,685.8	1,312.8	620.6	439.0	404.7	137.3	36.5	87.5	4,724.1
May	1,687.9	1,310.3	621.8	436.2	403.5	137.2	36.7	87.5	4,721.1
June	1,687.2	1,307.5	(c)621.8	434.4	402.6	137.3	36.9	87.2	(c)4,714.9
1978-79 -									
July	(c)1,686.0	1,304.1	623.3	435.1	402.2	136.8	36.9	87.2	(c)4,711.8
Aug.	1,682.4	1,301.3	625.5	434.2	403.2	136.5	37.3	86.7	4,707.9

(a) See footnote (a) on page 4. (b) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations)

								Australia			
Month (a)		N.S.W. and A.C.T.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Males	Females	Persons
1974 - Sept.		42,708	33,411	17,784	9,608	11,306	4,937	1,205	77,353	43,606	120,959
1975 - Sept.		97,509	67,344	36,171	19,552	16,731	7,135	1,652	163,993	82,101	246,094
1976 - Sept.		117,599	60,585	36,800	18,675	19,507	9,127	2,012	177,911	86,394	264,305
1977-78 -											
Aug.		137,130	79,289	47,923	29,299	26,595	9,740	4,002	225,621	108,357	333,978
Sept.		133,640	77,568	47,712	30,155	25,749	9,416	3,972	223,122	105,090	328,212
Oct.		133,087	119,002	48,143	30,663	26,135	9,334	3,971	261,829	108,506	370,335
Nov.		138,502	87,508	57,618	32,350	27,334	9,857	3,788	240,408	116,549	356,957
Dec.		154,694	99,286	65,716	36,832	30,964	12,621	3,972	270,109	133,976	404,085
Jan.		170,815	106,372	74,484	41,205	35,236	12,807	4,381	295,090	150,210	445,300
Feb.		163,036	103,370	71,957	39,896	35,571	12,879	4,547	281,848	149,408	431,256
Mar.		154,427	98,051	68,665	39,190	33,364	12,651	4,246	268,362	141,632	409,994
Apr.		149,979	97,425	65,523	40,227	33,433	11,680	4,267	265,180	137,354	402,534
May		144,942	94,839	62,796	40,455	32,728	11,999	4,404	261,755	130,408	392,163
June		144,101	95,172	63,181	40,491	34,443	11,944	4,510	265,232	128,610	393,842
1978-79 -											
July		143,588	95,149	61,549	41,102	35,669	12,020	4,301	268,230	125,148	393,378
Aug.		140,712	94,959	58,767	42,367	35,008	12,081	4,722	266,395	122,221	388,616
Sept.		136,710	93,689	58,542	42,724	34,172	12,495	4,329	262,255	120,406	382,661

(a) Comprises all persons who were still registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (C.E.S.) at the Friday nearest the end of the month and who claimed when registering that they were not employed, and who were seeking full-time employment, i.e. 35 hours or more per week. They include persons referred to employers but whose employment was still unconfirmed, and persons who had recently obtained employment without notifying the C.E.S. All recipients of unemployment benefit are included.

VACANCIES REGISTERED WITH COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations)

										Australia			
Month (a)	V.S.W. and A.C.T.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Adults		Juniors (c)		Total	
								Season-		Season-		Season-	
								Original	adjusted (b)	Original	adjusted (b)	Original	adjusted (b)
1974 - Sept.	18,825	13,207	3,605	3,386	2,468	1,113	649	31,334	30,812	9,919	12,775	41,253	43,591
1975 - Sept.	9,097	8,358	2,554	2,149	2,325	917	607	21,681	21,490	4,326	5,592	26,007	27,082
1976 - Sept.	8,171	8,130	1,985	1,919	1,936	780	447	19,066	19,024	4,302	5,541	23,368	24,565
1977-78													
Aug.	7,041	6,661	2,114	1,482	1,972	864	241	15,844	16,219	4,531	6,749	20,375	22,968
Sept.	6,802	6,609	1,932	1,422	1,959	924	230	14,982	14,996	4,896	6,393	19,878	21,389
Oct.	7,856	6,713	2,026	1,306	2,129	804	265	15,723	15,777	5,376	5,595	21,099	21,372
Nov.	7,619	6,377	1,740	1,442	1,928	834	316	14,129	15,081	6,127	4,468	20,256	19,549
Dec.	8,631	5,684	1,569	1,182	1,635	991	271	12,208	14,658	7,755	4,249	19,963	18,907
Jan.	11,008	7,188	1,825	1,642	1,909	1,033	263	15,474	13,745	9,394	5,580	24,868	19,325
Feb.	8,371	7,260	1,875	1,661	1,947	911	232	15,589	13,592	6,668	5,447	22,257	19,039
Mar.	6,963	6,255	2,034	1,501	1,622	882	266	14,030	13,169	5,493	5,568	19,523	19,737
Apr.	6,809	5,845	1,983	1,450	1,449	771	261	13,045	12,734	5,523	7,596	18,568	20,330
May	6,611	5,683	2,034	1,290	1,303	727	256	12,923	12,711	4,981	7,461	17,904	20,172
June	6,383	5,291	2,208	1,234	1,296	613	178	12,463	13,187	4,740	7,896	17,203	21,083
1978-79													
July	7,102	5,531	2,359	1,086	1,304	688	230	13,113	14,114	5,187	8,334	18,300	22,448
Aug.	7,693	5,305	1,935	982	1,289	616	235	13,040	13,328	5,015	7,484	18,055	20,812
Sept.	8,278	5,478	2,183	1,118	1,339	599	187	13,825	13,915	5,357	6,985	19,182	20,900

(a) Vacancies notified in the C.E.S., which were still unfilled at the Friday nearest the end of the month and which employers claimed could be filled if labour were supplied immediately or within the following month. Vacancies for full-time, part-time, permanent, temporary, and seasonal positions are included. (b) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1978* (1308.0). (c) Juniors comprise all persons under 21 years of age, including school-leavers.

NOTE: Sample surveys were conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in March each year from 1974 to 1978 to obtain information on the level and composition of job vacancies. To reduce to a minimum the delay in collection of data and publication of the results a quarterly telephone survey in respect of vacancies was commenced in May 1977. These surveys were conducted in May, August and November 1977 and in February and May 1978. As part of the measures necessary to bring the activities of the ABS within the resources available to it, the surveys of job vacancies were then terminated. For a number of reasons the estimates obtained from these surveys differ substantially from the numbers of vacancies registered with the C.E.S. at those dates. For example, the survey estimate of total vacancies at May 1978 was 32,200 while the C.E.S. figure was 17,904. Results of the surveys and reasons why the survey estimates differ from C.E.S. statistics were published in *Job Vacancies, May 1978* (6231.0).

PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
(Source: Department of Social Security)

Date	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Qld	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1976 July 2	83,361	43,638	26,494	13,148	14,554	7,228	129,788	58,635	188,423
1977 July 29	112,186	54,982	34,340	24,533	19,790	7,978	176,414	77,395	253,809
1978 June 30	104,708	67,632	43,796	34,578	25,620	9,757	203,328	82,763	286,091
1977-78 -									
Aug. 26	111,505	57,256	33,710	25,268	19,207	7,917	179,604	75,259	254,863
Sept. 23	106,696	54,669	33,500	25,890	20,713	8,083	177,668	71,883	249,551
Oct. 21	105,277	61,425	33,354	25,732	19,499	8,037	182,162	71,162	253,324
Dec. 2	95,170	60,372	33,709	25,321	16,581	7,179	172,028	66,304	238,332
Dec. 30	105,021	57,626	39,146	28,043	18,777	7,610	185,211	71,012	256,223
Jan. 27	108,165	64,795	39,924	28,540	19,228	9,244	192,871	77,025	269,896
Feb. 24	117,917	69,245	47,732	31,744	22,240	9,577	206,991	91,464	298,455
Mar. 24	109,000	64,693	45,953	31,519	20,293	8,785	192,350	87,893	280,243
Apr. 21	109,856	66,479	43,865	32,577	21,412	9,119	195,981	87,327	283,308
June 2	101,653	65,121	42,102	33,125	21,000	9,383	190,786	81,598	272,384
June 30	104,708	67,632	43,796	34,578	25,620	9,757	203,328	82,763	286,091
July 28	108,288	67,182	42,697	35,351	27,430	9,770	208,432	82,286	290,718
Aug. 25	105,017	65,969	41,263	36,390	26,850	9,935	205,831	79,593	285,424
Sept. 22	103,276	67,744	41,029	37,103	25,284	10,206	206,174	78,468	284,642

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

PERSONS RECEIVING SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA
(Source: Department of Social Security)

Date	Sickness	Special	
		Ordinary	Migrant (a)
1976 July 2	30,468	7,224	209
1977 July 29	35,102	9,315	169
1978 June 30	35,168	10,964	1,013
1977-78 -			
Aug. 26	35,929	9,481	176
Sept. 23	35,665	9,179	210
Oct. 21	35,647	9,492	247
Dec. 2	36,980	9,609	551
Dec. 30	31,915	8,912	564
Jan. 27	33,684	9,958	508
Feb. 24	34,670	10,083	540
Mar. 24	32,396	10,014	446
Apr. 21	35,285	10,825	539
June 2	33,748	10,538	914
June 30	35,168	10,964	1,013
July 28	34,801	11,537	542
Aug. 25	35,094	11,649	664
Sept. 22	34,684	11,971	557

(a) In Australian Government centres or hostels awaiting their first placement in employment in Australia.

INTERNAL TRADE

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES (a) (\$ million)

Retail sales figures in the table below relate principally to sales to the final consumer of new and used goods for personal and household purposes. The series covers retail sales by all establishments included in the Australian Standard Industrial Classification subdivision 48 except motor establishments, bread and milk vendors, footwear repairers and household electrical appliance repairers. The following establishments are also included: cafes and restaurants, licensed hotels, motels and wine saloons, licensed clubs and hardressers. The estimates are obtained from a survey based on the 1973-74 Census of Retail Establishments, for further explanation see *Retail Sales of Goods* (8503.0) June quarter 1978.

Commodity groups													
Period	Groceries (b)	Butchers' meat	Other food (c)	Beer, wine and spirits	Clothing and drapery	Footwear	Hardware (d)	Electrical goods (e)	Furniture	Chemists' goods	News-papers, books and stationery	Other goods (f)	Total (excl. motor vehicles, etc.)
ORIGINAL													
1975-76	3,156.7	1,114.0	1,857.3	2,534.9	2,925.9	453.3	768.4	1,742.9	1,088.5	1,053.5	686.3	1,663.5	19,045.2
1976-77	3,711.5	1,269.4	2,082.1	2,840.6	3,241.3	508.1	838.2	1,929.9	1,211.3	1,138.1	773.2	1,832.1	21,375.8
1977-78	4,273.4	1,417.9	2,331.1	3,123.7	3,584.2	573.0	959.6	1,888.0	1,294.6	1,232.0	861.2	2,036.3	23,575.0
1976-77 - Mar. qtr	899.8	306.1	514.5	710.8	677.3	112.7	186.4	418.8	267.5	264.0	199.7	416.8	4,974.4
1976-77 - June qtr	964.8	337.9	532.4	699.6	880.6	140.8	194.1	452.1	298.6	282.3	188.2	430.9	5,402.3
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	998.4	343.0	545.4	715.2	825.9	130.9	206.7	447.6	321.4	294.6	194.9	462.1	5,486.1
1977-78 - Dec. qtr	1,127.8	361.4	609.6	860.0	1,019.9	153.5	314.2	553.8	362.2	341.2	247.5	619.7	6,570.8
1977-78 - Mar. qtr	1,041.2	344.1	584.9	789.1	744.2	124.8	214.1	412.1	278.8	287.6	211.7	467.6	5,500.2
1977-78 - June qtr	1,106.0	369.4	591.2	759.4	994.2	163.8	224.6	474.5	332.2	308.6	207.1	486.9	6,017.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
1976-77 - Mar. qtr	942.9	321.7	525.9	710.2	819.6	129.7	213.4	473.5	305.9	285.2	196.5	460.6	5,394.8
1976-77 - June qtr	982.0	335.4	542.6	742.6	826.7	134.0	214.3	464.7	306.8	293.9	201.4	469.9	5,513.8
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	1,005.3	337.0	556.0	758.1	857.5	136.2	226.5	461.7	311.5	299.6	206.5	484.5	5,642.8
1977-78 - Dec. qtr	1,053.8	352.9	576.7	771.8	889.9	136.7	239.7	474.5	323.5	301.9	224.4	504.4	5,832.9
1977-78 - Mar. qtr	1,085.5	361.7	590.7	788.3	903.3	144.6	245.9	467.2	322.4	311.8	209.0	518.8	5,959.4
1977-78 - June qtr	1,131.9	365.4	607.5	809.5	932.8	156.2	246.9	484.3	338.4	318.5	219.7	530.2	6,145.7
MONTHLY ESTIMATES													
Total (excluding motor vehicles, etc.)													
Period	Original			Seasonally adjusted			Period	Original			Seasonally adjusted		
1977-78 - July	1,776.9			1,865.9			1977-78 - Feb.	1,765.3			1,995.0		
1977-78 - Aug.	1,841.6			1,870.8			1977-78 - Mar.	1,948.1			1,988.7		
1977-78 - Sept.	1,867.6			1,900.6			1977-78 - Apr.	1,911.8			2,022.2		
1977-78 - Oct.	1,906.9			1,928.5			1977-78 - May	2,120.4			2,059.7		
1977-78 - Nov.	2,018.0			1,942.8			1977-78 - June	1,985.7			2,038.1		
1977-78 - Dec.	2,645.9			1,971.3			1978-79 - July p	1,948.0			2,063.0		
1977-78 - Jan.	1,786.8			1,956.4			1978-79 - August p	2,059.0			2,084.0		

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. Series based on 1973-74 Retail Census. (b) Includes bacon, butter, etc. (c) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (d) Excludes basic building materials, builders' hardware and supplies such as tools of trade, paint, etc. (e) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (f) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., sporting goods, etc., but excludes grain and produce and business machines.

NOTE: Figures from June quarter 1977 are subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new businesses.

INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES (\$ million)

The following statistics cover all types of schemes which relate primarily to the financing of retail sales of consumer goods and in which repayment is made by regular predetermined instalments. Types of schemes covered include hire purchase, time payment, budget account and personal loans relating to financing of retail sales of goods.

Amount financed during period (excluding hiring charges, interest, insurance, etc.)			Cash collections and other liquidations of balances during period	Balances outstanding at end of period (including hiring charges, etc.)
Period	Motor vehicles, etc	Household and personal goods	Total	
FINANCE COMPANIES				
1977-78: July	99.4	26.3	125.7	160.7
Aug.	108.0	24.9	132.8	168.2
Sept.	105.5	25.9	131.4	163.6
Oct.	95.2	29.4	124.6	158.7
Nov.	101.4	30.9	132.3	163.9
Dec.	95.2	32.3	127.6	154.6
Jan.	95.5	19.0	114.6	153.8
Feb.	93.5	21.6	115.2	171.8
Mar.	101.0	22.3	123.3	172.6
Apr.	98.0	24.0	122.0	167.0
May	109.6	29.0	138.6	183.4
June	102.0	26.8	128.8	172.4
1978-79: July	101.0	24.4	125.3	178.1
August	110.7	25.3	136.0	183.9
States, August 1978 -				
N.S.W.	37.1	10.8	47.9	58.6
Vic.	24.7	5.3	30.0	43.3
Qld	17.5	4.1	21.6	30.9
S.A.	10.4	1.5	11.9	(a)19.5
W.A.	12.8	2.4	15.2	19.2
Tas.	4.7	0.5	5.2	8.0
N.T.	1.0	0.1	1.1	(b)
A.C.T.	2.5	0.6	3.1	4.5
OTHER BUSINESSES				
1977-78: July		22.0	22.0	23.8
Aug.	0.1	21.1	21.2	23.4
Sept.	0.1	19.0	19.1	22.2
Oct.	—	19.1	19.1	21.8
Nov.	—	21.9	21.9	22.2
Dec.	0.1	26.3	26.4	21.4
Jan.	—	15.3	15.3	21.1
Feb.	—	15.3	15.3	21.6
Mar.	—	16.4	16.5	20.4
Apr.	—	18.3	18.4	20.9
May	—	19.0	19.0	22.4
June	—	16.7	16.8	22.4
1978-79: July		18.4	18.4	21.8
August		17.6	17.6	20.5
States, August 1978 -				
N.S.W.	—	4.7	4.7	5.5
Vic.	—	6.3	6.3	6.9
Qld	—	1.9	1.9	2.3
S.A.	—	2.5	2.5	(a)3.2
W.A.	—	1.8	1.8	2.0
Tas.	—	0.4	0.4	0.5
N.T.	—	—	—	(b)
A.C.T.	—	—	—	0.1
ALL BUSINESSES				
1977-78: July	99.4	48.3	147.7	184.5
Aug.	108.0	46.0	154.0	191.6
Sept.	105.6	44.9	150.5	185.8
Oct.	95.2	48.5	143.7	180.5
Nov.	101.4	52.8	154.2	186.1
Dec.	95.3	58.6	153.9	176.0
Jan.	95.6	34.3	129.9	174.9
Feb.	93.6	36.9	130.5	193.5
Mar.	101.0	38.8	139.8	192.9
Apr.	98.0	42.3	140.4	187.9
May	109.6	48.0	157.6	205.8
June	102.0	43.5	145.5	194.7
1978-79: July	101.0	42.7	143.7	199.9
August	110.7	42.9	153.6	204.4
States, August 1978 -				
N.S.W.	37.1	15.5	52.6	64.1
Vic.	24.7	11.6	36.3	50.2
Qld	17.5	6.0	23.5	33.2
S.A.	10.4	4.0	14.4	(a)22.7
W.A.	12.8	4.2	17.1	21.3
Tas.	4.7	0.9	5.6	8.5
N.T.	1.0	0.1	1.1	(b)
A.C.T.	2.5	0.6	3.1	4.5

(a) Includes Northern Territory. (b) Not available separately for publication, included in South Australia.

OVERSEAS TRADE

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASS
(£ million)

Producers' materials for use in																
Period	Manufacturing															
	Building and construction		Rural industries		Motor vehicle assembly		Other		Total		Fuels and lubricants		Auxiliary aids to production		Munitions and war stores	
	Class I.A	Class I.B	Class I.C(5)	Class I.C(1-4)	Class I.	Class II.	Class III.	Class VII.								
1975-76	249.4	3.1	87.2	1.1	515.1	6.3	2,441.6	29.9	3,293.4	40.4	282.6	3.5	156.1	1.9	68.5	0.8
1976-77	342.8	3.3	94.1	0.9	636.7	6.2	3,166.3	30.7	4,240.0	41.0	337.4	3.3	86.3	0.8	116.4	1.1
1977-78 p	316.2	2.9	115.9	1.0	582.5	5.3	3,498.4	31.6	4,513.0	40.7	346.5	3.1	99.5	0.9	89.7	0.8
1976-77 -																
May	27.1	2.8	11.4	1.2	61.5	6.4	321.5	33.2	421.4	43.5	23.5	2.4	7.7	0.8	11.7	1.2
June	32.5	3.5	8.8	0.9	54.8	5.9	274.2	29.5	370.3	39.8	25.7	2.8	7.2	0.8	30.5	3.3
1977-78 p -																
July	25.7	2.8	6.6	0.7	51.4	5.5	312.0	33.4	395.7	42.4	27.2	2.9	7.7	0.8	4.2	0.5
Aug.	27.2	2.7	14.1	1.4	58.5	5.8	293.1	29.2	393.0	39.1	22.1	2.2	7.1	0.7	4.7	0.5
Sept.	23.1	2.7	7.0	0.8	45.4	5.2	279.2	32.1	354.8	40.7	26.2	3.0	6.5	0.7	5.1	0.6
Oct.	27.9	3.1	8.7	1.0	39.9	4.4	305.4	33.4	382.0	41.8	36.2	4.0	7.1	0.8	7.8	0.9
Nov.	26.4	2.8	7.5	0.8	45.5	4.8	288.7	30.6	368.1	39.0	46.0	4.9	8.1	0.9	4.9	0.5
Dec.	19.7	2.6	3.5	0.5	37.0	4.9	231.7	30.8	291.9	38.8	17.6	2.3	8.6	1.1	6.5	0.9
Jan.	29.4	3.0	11.9	1.2	48.9	5.0	324.9	33.2	415.2	42.5	48.9	5.0	11.6	1.2	6.8	0.7
Feb.	25.2	3.0	11.9	1.4	41.8	4.9	271.0	32.0	350.0	41.4	18.8	2.2	8.3	1.0	6.9	0.8
Mar.	27.3	2.9	9.8	1.0	49.9	5.2	287.9	30.2	374.9	39.4	37.6	3.9	9.2	1.0	12.6	1.3
Apr.	23.7	2.7	12.9	1.4	45.5	5.1	294.8	33.1	376.9	42.3	21.1	2.4	9.4	1.1	8.7	1.0
May	30.7	3.0	13.0	1.3	61.0	6.0	311.8	30.8	416.3	41.1	28.4	2.8	8.6	0.8	14.6	1.4
June	29.8	3.0	8.9	0.9	57.7	5.9	297.8	30.3	394.2	40.1	16.5	1.7	7.2	0.7	6.8	0.7
Capital equipment																
Period	Transport equipment										Finished consumer goods				Total imports	
	Producers' equipment	Complete road vehicles and assembled chassis		Railway equipment, vessels and civil aircraft		Food beverages and tobacco		Clothing and accessories		All other	Total	Total imports of merchandise	Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)		
		Class IV.	Class V.B	V.A.C.D	VI.A.B.C	Class VI.D	Class VI.E-J	Class VI.								
1975-76	1,685.4	20.7	502.9	6.2	114.1	1.4	287.7	3.5	243.2	3.0	1,524.0	18.7	2,054.8	25.2	8,158	8,240
1976-77	2,086.5	20.2	700.9	6.8	132.5	1.3	449.9	4.4	307.4	3.0	1,872.7	18.1	2,630.1	25.5	10,330	10,411
1977-78 p	2,366.8	21.4	698.0	6.3	249.6	2.3	512.8	4.6	346.9	3.1	1,856.7	16.8	2,716.5	24.5	11,080	11,167
1976-77 -																
May	199.6	20.6	63.0	6.5	13.5	1.4	41.0	4.2	18.1	1.9	169.0	17.5	228.1	23.6	968.4	976
June	199.1	21.4	64.6	6.9	9.3	1.0	46.1	5.0	21.0	2.3	156.0	16.8	223.1	24.0	929.8	939
1977-78 p -																
July	184.5	19.8	64.3	6.9	14.6	1.6	49.1	5.3	30.0	3.2	155.9	16.7	235.0	25.2	933.2	940
Aug.	209.2	20.8	64.2	6.4	20.9	2.1	60.2	6.0	37.5	3.7	185.1	18.4	282.8	28.2	1,004.1	1,011
Sept.	172.5	19.8	53.7	6.2	15.4	1.8	48.3	5.5	26.9	3.1	161.8	18.6	237.0	27.2	871.1	877
Oct.	190.9	20.9	45.6	5.0	28.9	3.2	36.5	4.0	21.3	2.3	157.0	17.2	214.9	23.5	913.3	921
Nov.	208.4	22.1	56.9	6.0	13.2	1.4	41.1	4.4	22.6	2.4	173.3	18.4	236.9	25.1	942.7	951
Dec.	171.1	22.7	56.5	7.5	14.5	1.9	32.9	4.4	23.4	3.1	129.2	17.2	185.5	24.7	752.3	758
Jan.	197.2	20.2	56.1	5.7	12.1	1.2	46.1	4.7	39.0	4.0	144.4	14.8	229.5	23.5	977.4	986
Feb.	189.0	22.3	41.1	4.9	9.2	1.1	40.2	4.7	46.2	5.5	136.9	16.2	233.2	26.4	846.4	854
Mar.	205.7	21.6	67.8	7.1	21.5	2.3	38.9	4.1	33.7	3.5	150.2	15.8	222.8	23.4	952.1	965
Apr.	190.1	21.3	57.5	6.5	30.7	3.4	36.1	4.0	21.5	2.4	139.4	15.6	196.9	22.1	891.4	897
May	228.7	22.6	61.3	6.0	27.4	2.7	42.6	4.2	21.4	2.1	164.2	16.2	238.2	22.5	1,013.6	1,020
June	219.4	22.3	73.1	7.4	41.3	4.2	41.0	4.2	23.2	2.4	159.4	16.2	223.7	22.8	982.2	988

(a) Seasonally adjusted figures from 1976-77 are derived from the values of total imports on the new basis of valuation.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES
(\$ million)

Period	Meats	Dairy produce	Wheat and flour	Dried, fresh and pre-served fruit	Sugar	Coal, coke and briquettes	Ores and concentrates	
							Non-ferrous	Iron
1975-76	667.9	189.5	961.5	96.1	569.9	1,069.8	526.6	771.0
1976-77	884.8	189.3	893.4	98.9	637.5	1,291.5	645.1	901.7
1977-78 p	1,118.8	187.8	1,035.5	115.3	536.7	1,465.2	613.3	920.9
1976-77 -								
May	99.6	17.0	79.6	14.1	39.0	119.5	57.4	80.4
June	94.3	16.9	77.2	13.2	28.4	108.1	71.3	68.1
1977-78 p -								
July	93.3	14.7	91.6	10.3	56.3	98.5	46.5	75.2
August	91.0	12.3	79.0	12.7	68.9	140.4	50.4	86.8
September	80.6	13.9	94.6	11.7	68.7	108.5	50.5	93.3
October	92.2	13.2	61.5	6.7	63.6	137.1	63.2	83.7
November	95.9	19.0	107.9	7.9	77.6	130.0	52.2	73.9
December	76.1	18.5	87.8	3.3	49.3	98.2	39.9	76.2
January	79.4	20.9	79.1	6.3	54.2	101.5	58.5	79.0
February	108.5	16.0	95.2	4.5	1.8	134.5	51.8	68.4
March	95.9	16.8	78.1	8.0	18.2	119.7	30.0	66.5
April	102.2	13.0	87.8	10.1	18.3	144.1	50.1	72.6
May	108.4	14.6	106.8	15.3	26.7	127.5	51.4	63.4
June	95.1	14.6	66.2	18.4	33.1	125.2	68.8	82.0
Period	Road motor vehicles	Wool		Total exports of merchandise	Total exports			
		Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original	Seasonally adjusted		
1975-76	95.1	961.9	..	9,399.7	9,640	..		
1976-77	91.7	1,477.1	..	11,483.9	11,646	..		
1977-78 p	90.8	1,183.0	..	12,028.4	12,245	..		
1976-77 -								
May	8.9	109.3	105.6	1,019.0	1,029	1,007		
June	9.3	92.9	91.8	968.7	979	944		
1977-78 p -								
July	8.4	84.2	83.7	955.9	980	996		
August	10.7	56.8	57.2	1,051.8	1,088	1,022		
September	10.0	62.8	88.1	990.9	1,011	974		
October	7.0	52.8	73.7	953.8	966	974		
November	6.0	110.9	113.3	1,097.3	1,115	1,071		
December	8.8	131.2	133.1	976.4	993	1,025		
January	5.0	138.5	105.1	993.8	1,013	1,043		
February	5.5	96.6	82.1	938.6	953	1,017		
March	5.6	103.7	102.9	940.4	952	1,008		
April	6.3	126.7	124.4	998.9	1,010	1,036		
May	8.4	112.5	106.0	1,022.1	1,042	993		
June	9.2	106.2	107.1	1,108.5	1,123	1,081		

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES (a)
(\$ million)

Period	Meat and meat preparations	Cereals and cereal preparations	Sugar, sugar preparations and honey	Other (dairy produce, fruit, etc.)	Wool and sheepskins	Metaliferous ores and metal scrap	Coal, coke and briquettes	Metals, metal manufactures, machinery, transport equipment	All exports of merchandise	
									Other exports	Seasonally adjusted
1974-75	444	1,460	661	399	816	1,202	733	1,551	1,275	8,541
1975-76	604	1,459	665	482	1,025	1,169	671	1,439	1,273	8,787
1976-77	727	1,533	841	545	1,190	1,219	766	1,501	1,395	9,717
1976-77 -										
Dec. qtr	168	321	284	130	322	303	191	398	340	2,457
Mar. qtr	169	382	142	127	316	269	184	341	309	2,239
June qtr	201	406	125	137	238	315	211	362	372	2,367
1977-78 p -										
Sept. qtr	202	460	263	112	163	317	197	431	350	2,494
Dec. qtr	201	461	313	110	226	300	202	411	365	2,589
Mar. qtr	198	467	131	114	257	277	190	361	359	2,354

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES (a)
(\$ million)

Period	Food, beverages and tobacco	Fuels	Basic materials	Chemicals (incl. plastics)	Textiles, fabrics etc.	Metals, metal manufactures, machinery, transport equipment	Other imports	All imports of merchandise	
								Original	Seasonally adjusted
1974-75 (b)	377	724	433	786	436	3,565	1,639	7,961	..
1975-76 (b)	328	665	397	655	531	3,082	1,533	7,191	..
1976-77	372	757	423	776	531	3,439	1,728	8,026	..
1976-77 -									
Dec. qtr	98	152	114	194	136	842	442	1,978	1,970
Mar. qtr	99	186	100	187	129	920	445	2,066	2,096
June qtr	86	191	105	202	128	863	405	1,980	2,040
1977-78 p -									
Sept. qtr	93	191	104	195	129	804	417	1,933	1,858
Dec. qtr	78	189	92	191	128	742	381	1,802	1,800
Mar. qtr	92	224	97	205	126	738	430	1,912	1,938

(a) Estimates of Exports and Imports of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices were presented for the first time in Catalogue No. 5421.0 of 11 August 1978. These estimates replace the previously published series based on average 1966-67 prices. (b) Prior to September quarter 1976, the recorded value of imports was the higher of actual selling price or current domestic value (in the country of export). Since then a system of valuation based on the Brussels Definition of Value has been used. It has been estimated that if the previous basis of valuation had continued, the current price values of total imports would have been about 2% higher than the recorded values on the new basis. The estimates at average 1966-67 prices would be affected to a much lesser degree.

PRICES AND WAGES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index has been compiled for periods from September quarter 1948. The composition of groups and the group structure of the index has been altered with the introduction of the ninth Consumer Price Index series as from September quarter 1976. A description of the index is contained in the booklet "A guide to Consumer Price Index".

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted)

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transport- ation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (a)	Recreation (b)	All groups
1975-76	180.2	201.0	221.1	178.3	203.8	211.1	151.6	--	193.3
1976-77	201.2	232.5	251.8	196.3	221.9	229.8	265.8	104.1	220.0
1977-78	223.2	257.4	274.6	212.6	240.1	240.0	318.3	113.4	241.0
1976-77 -									
Mar. qtr	203.4	235.6	255.0	198.9	225.0	230.3	301.3	105.8	224.3
June qtr	209.4	244.1	261.6	203.5	228.7	233.4	304.9	108.8	229.6
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	217.4	248.2	266.7	206.4	232.3	236.0	307.1	110.1	234.1
Dec. qtr	222.1	256.5	273.2	211.7	239.2	239.2	311.0	112.6	239.6
Mar. qtr	223.5	259.3	276.9	213.8	243.0	241.9	317.8	114.9	242.7
June qtr	229.8	265.6	281.7	218.3	245.9	242.8	337.3	116.0	247.7

(a) Base: December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (b) Base: September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS
(Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Weighted average of seven capital cities
1975-76	193.3	199.0	189.5	190.9	190.5	189.6	190.0	187.3	193.3
1976-77	220.0	223.4	216.6	218.0	220.1	219.4	217.7	212.9	219.9
1977-78	241.0	243.2	238.2	238.4	241.8	243.1	239.1	232.3	240.9
1976-77 -									
Mar. qtr	224.3	227.4	221.0	222.5	224.7	224.0	221.4	216.5	224.2
June qtr	229.6	232.3	227.0	226.6	230.1	229.3	226.7	220.3	229.4
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	234.1	236.0	231.6	231.3	235.6	234.9	232.0	234.8	233.9
Dec. qtr	239.6	241.8	236.6	236.3	241.0	242.5	238.1	231.9	239.5
Mar. qtr	242.7	245.1	239.2	240.6	243.1	245.3	240.8	234.2	242.5
June qtr	247.7	249.8	245.2	245.2	247.6	249.8	245.5	238.1	247.6

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) GROUP INDEX NUMBERS

A detailed description of the index is contained in the initial bulletin (6411.0) of 4 July 1975.

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)

Manufacture materials (imported) (b)									
Period	Chemicals	Metal manu- factures, components, for trans- port equip- ment and machinery	Other manu- factured materials (b)	Other materials (imported and home produced) (c)			Total imported materials	Total home produced materials	All groups
				Food, live animals and tobacco	Crude materials (excl. fuels)	Electricity, gas and fuels			
Value weight (%)	6.67	5.21	5.76	45.87	20.66	13.83	27.16	72.84	100.00
1975-76	149.4	179.6	148.4	132.5	163.0	229.0	202.9	142.0	158.6
1976-77	160.3	211.6	164.5	154.9	191.7	254.8	233.2	163.2	182.2
1977-78	170.7	246.6	185.1	166.6	199.4	290.6	257.0	176.8	198.6
1976-77 - June	168.1	231.7	176.0	168.7	196.7	268.7	253.7	171.7	194.0
1977-78 -									
July	168.2	233.4	179.5	166.9	195.9	268.8	253.7	170.8	193.3
Aug.	169.0	234.8	181.6	164.2	195.3	281.6	255.3	171.4	194.2
Sept.	169.2	237.0	182.8	160.6	196.2	292.4	255.9	172.4	195.1
Oct.	168.4	238.1	183.7	156.1	200.2	293.6	255.7	170.5	193.7
Nov.	168.6	240.8	183.2	152.4	197.6	292.9	255.4	167.6	191.4
Dec.	169.9	241.8	184.1	159.0	198.1	291.2	255.1	171.9	194.5
Jan.	170.0	252.8	185.1	162.5	200.1	294.7	256.8	175.7	197.7
Feb.	172.7	253.5	185.4	170.1	200.4	294.3	257.9	180.3	201.4
Mar.	174.0	254.1	187.6	168.4	199.5	294.0	258.6	179.0	200.7
Apr.	173.6	255.5	188.2	173.7	200.9	296.1	259.5	183.0	203.8
May	172.7	257.9	189.1	174.3	202.6	297.5	260.0	184.2	204.8
June p	172.5	259.7	191.2	190.9	203.9	294.5	259.7	194.7	212.4
1978-79 - July p	173.9	263.5	191.8	197.6	203.9	303.8	260.6	201.1	217.2

(a) The index is on a net basis and relates in concept only to materials that enter Australian manufacturing industry from other sectors of the Australian economy or from overseas. (b) Excluding the manufactured imported crude materials listed in footnote (c). (c) Includes imported fuel oil and the following manufactured imported crude materials: synthetic rubber, hardwood, softwood, woodpulp, synthetic fibre, vegetable oils.

PRICE INDEXES OF ARTICLES PRODUCED BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) DIVISION AND SUB-DIVISION INDEX NUMBERS

A detailed description of the indexes is contained in the initial bulletin (6412.0) of 26 October 1976. Index numbers for special groupings are published in monthly issues of this bulletin.

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)

Period	All Manufacturing Index (b)	Net sub-division indexes (c)												Other industrial machinery and equip- ment and house- hold appliances (33)	Miscellan- eous manu- facturing products (34)
		Food, beverages and tobacco (21-22)	Textiles (23)	Clothing and footwear (24)	Wood, wood products and furniture (25)	Paper, paper products and printing (26)	Chemical, petroleum and coal products (27)	Glass, clay and other non- metallic mineral products (28)	Basic metal products (29)	Fabricated metal products (31)	Transport equip- ment (32)				
1975-76	177.8	163.5	159.7	185.2	219.9	196.3	168.2	183.2	174.0	217.1	175.8	179.2	159.0		
1976-77	196.9	180.0	178.6	208.1	246.8	212.8	182.4	202.5	200.6	244.9	195.0	194.3	176.0		
1977-78	213.8	195.6	193.3	225.2	264.0	231.7	200.7	219.8	213.9	268.7	211.6	215.3	192.4		
1977-78 -															
July	206.7	189.3	188.2	217.7	259.4	221.2	189.9	210.9	209.7	257.8	203.9	209.5	186.9		
Aug.	207.6	189.4	191.6	219.4	260.1	222.3	190.7	212.6	210.2	261.0	205.3	210.1	187.8		
Sept.	209.4	190.3	192.2	223.7	261.1	225.4	195.6	214.8	210.5	263.3	206.3	210.9	188.7		
Oct.	210.9	191.8	192.6	224.0	261.6	228.4	200.1	215.8	211.5	264.4	208.0	211.4	189.1		
Nov.	211.6	191.3	193.3	224.3	262.5	230.2	200.4	218.4	214.2	266.6	208.7	212.7	190.9		
Dec.	212.4	192.0	193.1	224.3	262.7	231.1	200.6	218.8	215.3	268.3	210.6	214.5	191.6		
Jan.	213.8	194.1	193.7	224.9	263.0	233.3	202.5	221.4	215.3	269.1	211.4	216.5	192.1		
Feb.	215.6	197.1	193.7	227.3	263.6	236.5	203.3	222.6	214.4	270.0	213.8	217.4	193.3		
Mar.	217.1	199.2	194.3	228.4	265.0	236.8	204.8	223.8	214.9	274.1	214.1	218.4	195.9		
Apr.	218.8	201.7	194.7	228.7	267.7	237.9	206.6	225.3	215.4	274.9	217.8	219.5	196.9		
May	220.0	204.5	195.7	229.3	270.1	238.6	206.4	226.1	216.6	276.3	218.9	220.2	197.2		
June	221.6	206.8	196.8	230.6	271.0	239.0	207.0	227.1	219.6	278.1	219.9	221.9	197.8		
1978-79 -															
July p	223.3	208.9	198.4	233.5	271.5	239.3	207.7	227.1	220.0	279.0	222.2	223.2	199.0		
August p	224.3	208.3	199.4	235.3	272.5	239.9	209.9	227.5	221.2	281.1	223.5	224.9	200.1		

(a) For a full description of Division C, 'Manufacturing' and the selected sub-divisions see Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), Preliminary Edition, 1969. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division. (c) These indexes are on a 'net sub-division' basis. ASIC sub-division codes are shown in brackets at the head of the columns.

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING

A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973. The separate city indexes shown below measure price movements within each city individually. They do not compare price levels as between cities.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

(Base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1975-76	211.1	200.1	218.4	222.5	201.9	209.2	208.1
1976-77	234.5	223.6	243.2	250.7	229.8	235.1	232.9
1977-78	254.0	238.6	265.1	270.7	253.4	256.7	252.0
1977-78 -							
Aug.	247.6	234.7	259.7	266.4	249.1	251.5	247.0
Sept.	249.7	234.9	260.5	267.0	249.5	252.7	248.0
Oct.	251.2	235.7	261.5	268.3	251.4	254.4	249.2
Nov.	251.3	236.8	262.0	268.5	252.4	255.3	249.8
Dec.	252.7	237.8	263.5	269.8	252.9	256.1	251.0
Jan.	253.8	238.6	265.0	270.9	253.6	256.7	251.9
Feb.	255.7	240.4	268.6	272.0	254.5	258.0	253.7
Mar.	256.6	241.6	269.1	273.3	257.2	260.9	255.1
Apr.	259.8	242.6	270.3	274.3	257.5	261.3	256.7
May	260.9	243.1	271.3	276.9	257.9	262.2	257.6
June	261.9	243.7	272.0	278.1	259.0	263.2	258.5
1978-79 -							
July	263.0	243.3	273.7	280.3	258.6	264.0	259.0
Aug. p	265.4	244.4	274.6	279.7	260.0	265.4	260.2
Sept. p	265.4	244.9	275.1	279.7	261.8	265.5	260.9

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

(Base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, doors and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
Value weight (%)	5.73	8.10	12.85	36.16	5.86	7.20	3.74	1.63	5.13	5.64	7.96	100.00
1975-76	195.1	227.0	205.1	226.2	229.3	187.1	201.5	183.5	165.9	167.7	187.9	208.1
1976-77	217.8	258.9	227.8	254.1	263.2	207.9	224.3	201.8	181.9	178.8	210.7	232.9
1977-78	239.0	284.6	245.8	275.0	287.7	220.1	239.1	215.5	193.3	191.9	230.4	252.0
1977-78 -												
Aug.	231.4	278.9	238.8	271.8	280.3	215.1	233.9	207.4	188.8	186.2	225.4	247.0
Sept.	232.3	279.9	241.9	271.6	282.7	215.5	234.6	206.8	191.0	189.2	225.7	248.0
Oct.	237.7	281.0	243.6	272.1	283.8	218.3	236.0	211.0	191.6	189.4	226.7	249.2
Nov.	237.9	282.4	244.3	272.4	286.1	218.5	236.7	215.5	191.6	189.4	227.0	249.8
Dec.	238.3	282.6	244.9	273.2	289.5	218.9	240.3	217.1	192.5	191.5	228.8	251.0
Jan.	240.5	283.9	246.6	273.7	290.0	220.4	241.3	219.0	192.5	193.0	229.7	251.9
Feb.	242.5	285.8	247.5	276.1	290.7	221.2	242.4	218.1	194.8	193.4	233.8	253.7
Mar.	243.5	287.9	248.4	277.9	291.2	221.7	242.8	217.9	195.7	195.3	234.9	255.1
Apr.	244.4	291.5	251.5	279.5	292.2	223.9	243.1	218.8	195.6	195.4	235.8	256.7
May	245.7	291.8	251.9	280.7	293.3	224.9	243.1	221.4	197.4	195.6	236.1	257.6
June	246.3	292.4	252.4	281.0	296.0	226.8	243.0	224.3	198.6	197.1	237.1	258.5
1978-79 -												
July	243.9	292.4	253.8	281.4	297.7	226.8	243.4	224.5	199.1	197.3	239.9	259.0
Aug. p	241.7	293.6	254.1	283.1	299.5	229.3	243.2	227.4	200.3	197.8	242.0	260.2
Sept. p	240.9	296.9	254.1	283.8	300.1	230.8	236.8	228.5	200.8	200.1	243.9	260.9

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973. The separate city indexes shown below measure price movements within each city individually. They do not compare price levels as between cities.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1975-76	199.0	209.4	216.3	210.4	208.3	210.4	206.2
1976-77	221.5	234.8	241.2	234.3	235.4	234.8	230.3
1977-78	239.9	254.4	260.9	254.2	258.3	253.7	249.7
1977-78 -							
Aug.	233.3	248.3	254.4	247.7	252.0	247.6	243.3
Sept.	234.7	249.2	256.2	249.2	253.4	249.6	244.7
Oct.	236.2	250.0	257.1	250.2	254.6	250.8	245.8
Nov.	237.3	252.7	259.3	252.3	256.9	252.6	247.7
Dec.	239.3	254.3	260.6	253.8	258.1	253.9	249.4
Jan.	240.7	255.7	262.1	255.2	259.3	254.7	250.7
Feb.	242.0	256.5	263.2	256.3	259.7	255.5	251.8
Mar.	243.2	257.7	264.1	257.8	261.4	256.4	252.9
Apr.	245.1	259.0	264.9	259.1	263.1	257.6	254.6
May	245.9	260.1	266.6	260.9	265.1	259.3	255.7
June	248.3	262.1	268.8	262.6	266.9	260.7	257.8
1978-79 -							
July	249.8	261.4	269.8	263.0	267.6	261.9	258.5
Aug. p	250.6	262.0	270.8	263.1	269.3	262.9	259.4
Sept. p	251.8	262.3	271.4	262.8	269.8	263.5	259.9

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscellaneous materials	Electrical installation materials (a)	Mechanical services components	All groups
Value weight (%)	10.41	3.64	5.28	11.90	30.58	6.01	2.59	1.19	7.09	8.61	12.70	100.00
1975-76	193.0	220.0	202.7	219.3	223.4	193.6	173.3	232.1	186.8	177.4	201.3	206.2
1976-77	215.6	244.7	224.0	243.6	251.7	213.7	195.0	251.2	204.2	199.6	225.4	230.3
1977-78	235.3	268.4	241.0	263.2	273.4	230.8	198.1	263.7	221.9	215.3	247.2	249.7
1977-78 -												
Aug.	227.4	260.5	234.5	258.5	267.2	223.3	194.8	258.8	216.3	209.0	239.5	243.3
Sept.	227.7	262.7	238.2	259.0	268.5	228.2	194.3	261.0	217.2	209.1	241.3	244.7
Oct.	232.3	263.2	239.2	259.9	268.4	230.2	195.9	261.7	218.3	210.5	242.2	245.8
Nov.	234.1	265.9	239.7	260.1	272.0	230.6	195.9	261.8	218.7	212.3	244.5	247.7
Dec.	234.6	266.7	239.9	261.5	274.1	231.5	196.6	265.0	222.0	215.3	245.8	249.4
Jan.	237.3	269.8	242.1	262.1	274.7	232.0	198.1	265.2	222.9	217.7	247.7	250.7
Feb.	239.6	271.4	243.1	264.6	275.6	232.0	197.8	265.8	224.4	216.8	248.6	251.8
Mar.	240.7	273.5	243.6	266.1	276.6	232.3	198.0	266.5	225.8	219.8	254.2	254.6
Apr.	241.4	276.9	245.6	268.7	277.3	232.5	200.8	266.9	226.7	219.8	255.0	255.7
May	242.2	275.3	246.4	269.8	278.7	236.2	201.9	267.0	227.3	221.6	255.0	257.8
June	242.8	276.8	247.2	271.0	282.2	237.5	205.9	267.0	227.9	225.0	256.6	258.5
1978-79 -												
July	240.5	277.2	248.3	271.2	283.7	238.0	203.9	267.2	230.9	224.8	258.2	258.5
Aug. p	239.1	277.6	249.1	272.3	284.6	239.7	205.9	266.8	229.5	226.8	260.2	259.4
Sept. p	239.4	277.6	249.3	273.0	285.1	239.6	208.9	254.2	230.8	228.4	261.5	259.9

(a) The Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials is used as the indicator for this group.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS (Base : Year 1959-60 = 100)

Figures since June 1969 have been compiled on a basis which incorporates a re-weighting (on a 1969-70 basis) of the items contained in the previous series and the inclusion of some additional items.

Period	Wool	Meats	Dairy produce	Cereals	Dried and canned fruits	Sugar	Hides and tallow	Metals and coal (a)	Gold	All groups (b)
1975-76	127	150	122	240	162	335	151	286	359	187
1976-77	164	169	128	219	184	314	203	330	370	206
1977-78	168	212	147	196	237	273	224	340	372	213
1976-77 - June	167	191	141	206	241	313	245	341	415	214
1977-78 - July	(c) 167	188	143	199	240	300	241	343	412	212
Aug.	162	187	144	192	242	293	236	342	422	210
Sept.	164	189	147	189	242	295	228	340	433	210
Oct.	169	195	147	186	241	287	223	340	460	211
Nov.	169	194	147	187	242	267	206	336	462	208
Dec.	167	199	147	191	244	254	201	345	457	209
Jan.	166	210	147	187	246	239	209	346	488	210
Feb.	170	224	148	192	241	239	212	339	500	212
Mar.	170	227	148	197	241	267	225	339	515	214
Apr.	169	237	148	205	221	271	230	336	496	215
May	170	246	148	206	223	280	235	335	496	218
June	173	243	147	216	223	285	244	337	522	222
1978-79 - July	(c) 173	243	150	216	221	288	257	341	525	222

(a) Comprises coal, iron and steel, copper, zinc, lead and silver. Does not include iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands, which however have been included in the "All groups" index from July 1969 on. (b) As from 1969-70 "All groups" includes the following items, in addition to the specified groups: iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands. (c) Nominal.

CONSUMER (RETAIL) PRICE INDEXES, VARIOUS COUNTRIES

(Base of each index: Year 1970 = 100.0)

(Source: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the Statistical Office of the United Nations)

The index numbers show fluctuations in prices in each country and do not measure relative price levels as between countries.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the various countries. A short dash on each side of an index number (e.g., -107.6-) indicates that the two series have been linked at that period.

Period	Australia (a)	Belgium (b)	Brazil (Sao Paulo) (c)	Canada	France	Federal Republic of Germany	India	Indonesia (Jakarta)	Italy	Japan	Netherlands
1975	162.8	149.5	187.9	142.5	152.8	134.7	174.5	243.8	171.1	172.4	151.3
1976	184.9	163.2	254.3	153.2	166.9	140.8	160.9	292.2	199.8	188.4	164.6
1977	207.6	174.8	357.3	165.4	183.2	146.3	174.5	324.4	236.6	203.6	175.6
1977 - Mar. qtr	200.7	170.9	312.7	159.9	175.6	144.6	168.3	311.7	225.2	198.9	170.8
June qtr	205.5	173.7	349.0	163.7	181.0	146.5	172.3	319.3	233.8	204.2	175.8
Sept. qtr	209.5	176.3	370.6	167.3	185.3	146.9	178.1	329.0	239.7	204.8	176.9
Dec. qtr	214.5	178.3	397.0	170.9	188.8	147.2	179.3	337.8	247.7	206.5	178.8
1978 - Mar. qtr	217.2	180.6	n.y.a.	174.0	191.8	149.1	175.0	n.y.a.	254.2	207.4	-179.3-
June qtr	221.7	181.4	n.y.a.	178.3	197.3	150.5	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	263.2	211.6	181.9
Period	New Zealand	Norway	Pakistan (Karachi) (d)	Philippines (e)	Singapore (f)	South Africa (g)	Sweden	Switzerland	United Kingdom	United States of America	Malaysia (Peninsular) (h)
1975	162.4	149.5	198.2	166.9	125.5	156.7	146.6	144.8	184.4	138.6	142.2
1976	189.9	163.2	212.4	182.3	123.1	174.1	161.7	147.3	214.9	146.6	145.9
1977	217.4	178.0	233.9	200.3	127.0	193.8	180.1	149.2	249.0	156.1	152.8
1977 - Mar. qtr	204.1	172.1	230.9	192.6	125.4	185.8	171.2	148.5	238.2	152.1	150.9
June qtr	214.0	176.9	230.8	196.9	124.9	191.2	177.8	148.8	248.8	155.3	150.8
Sept. qtr	221.6	180.7	235.9	204.2	128.4	197.0	183.8	149.5	252.7	157.6	153.7
Dec. qtr	229.4	182.3	238.2	207.7	129.3	201.1	187.7	-149.9-	255.7	159.3	155.9
1978 - Mar. qtr	234.2	187.6	241.5	210.7	131.8	205.5	194.5	150.2	260.8	-162.0-	157.4
June qtr	n.y.a.	189.2	243.5	n.y.a.	131.8	n.y.a.	197.2	150.8	267.9	166.2	n.y.a.

(a) Consumer Price Index converted to base: 1970 = 100.0. (b) Rent is not included. (c) Beginning 1972, base: 1972 = 100.0. (d) Prior to 1972: Karachi only; industrial workers. Beginning 1972: base: 1971 = 100.0. (e) Base: 1972 = 100.0. Prior to 1976: Manila only. (f) Beginning 1974, new series, base: 1973 = 100.0. (g) White population. (h) Formerly known as West Malaysia.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK							Australia	
End of —	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Rates	Index Nos (Base: Year 1954 = 100)
WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE (a)								
Adult Males \$								
June —								
1974	95.63	95.60	96.89	93.49	90.46	95.39	95.24	337.2
1975	113.31	112.73	115.83	111.01	106.35	112.59	112.78	399.3
1976	130.51	128.59	133.61	126.77	125.89	128.75	129.68	459.2
1976-77 —								
June	155.96	142.47	147.63	140.64	141.99	142.50	143.95	509.7
1977-78 —								
July	144.97	142.47	147.63	140.67	142.14	142.50	143.97	509.8
Aug.	147.77	145.30	150.53	143.42	144.20	145.44	146.74	519.6
Sept.	147.74	145.30	150.53	143.41	145.77	145.44	146.84	519.9
Oct.	147.74	145.32	150.54	143.42	145.81	145.44	146.85	520.0
Nov.	147.75	145.33	150.54	143.42	145.82	145.44	146.85	520.0
Dec.	140.91	147.45	152.76	145.55	147.88	147.56	149.00	527.6
Jan.	149.92	147.45	152.76	145.55	147.99	147.56	149.01	527.6
Feb.	152.19	149.62	155.03	147.72	149.89	149.72	151.22	535.4
Mar.	152.20	149.62	155.07	147.73	149.89	149.72	151.22	535.5
Apr.	152.14	149.63	155.07	147.70	149.92	149.72	151.20	535.4
May	152.13	149.63	155.07	147.70	149.92	149.72	151.20	535.4
June	154.00	151.53	157.05	149.55	151.31	151.62	153.06	542.0
July	154.01	151.53	157.05	149.55	151.31	151.62	153.06	542.0
Adult Females \$								
June —								
1974	82.78	80.84	76.96	78.00	75.41	76.30	80.65	405.1
1975	105.22	104.98	102.88	99.42	98.29	101.04	104.02	522.5
1976	120.48	120.70	122.04	120.28	115.34	116.94	120.36	604.6
1976-77 —								
June	134.01	134.26	135.94	134.20	131.85	130.28	134.12	673.7
1977-78 —								
July	134.01	134.26	135.94	134.20	132.20	130.28	134.13	673.8
Aug.	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.87	134.55	132.90	136.79	687.1
Sept.	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.87	134.55	132.90	136.79	687.1
Oct.	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.87	134.83	132.90	136.81	687.2
Nov.	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.87	134.83	132.90	136.81	687.2
Dec.	138.72	138.97	140.74	138.91	136.64	134.91	138.84	697.4
Jan.	138.72	138.97	140.74	138.91	137.29	134.91	138.87	697.4
Feb.	140.78	141.04	142.84	140.98	139.10	136.93	140.93	707.9
Mar.	140.78	141.04	142.84	140.98	139.10	136.93	140.93	707.9
Apr.	140.78	141.04	142.84	140.98	139.37	136.93	140.94	708.0
May	140.78	141.04	142.84	140.98	139.43	136.93	140.94	708.0
June	142.59	142.85	144.69	142.81	141.03	138.73	142.75	717.0
July	142.59	142.85	144.69	142.81	141.03	138.73	142.75	717.0
WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK (b) JULY 1978								
Adult males	39.71	39.90	39.82	39.90	39.78	39.87	39.80	99.61
Adult females	39.53	39.81	39.70	39.77	39.78	39.63	39.67	100.00

(a) For a full weeks work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and collective agreements. The wage rates for adult males exclude rural industry. The wage rates for adult females exclude rural industry: mining and quarrying and building and construction. Rates shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms indicative of trends. They do not measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States. Figures for the last twelve months are subject to revision. (b) The hours for adult males exclude rural industry; and shipping and stevedoring. The hours for adult females exclude rural industry: mining and quarrying; and building and construction.

NOTE. For further information regarding these statistics reference should be made to the monthly bulletin *Wage Rates* (6312.0).

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (a)

Original Series. Estimates of average weekly earnings are made each quarter in respect of both full-time and part-time civilian wage and salary earners in all industries combined. The earnings figures used in the calculation of the averages comprise award and over-award wages and salaries, the earnings of employees not covered by awards, overtime earnings, etc., and includes payments made retrospectively or in advance during the quarter. Particulars of employment and wages and salaries are derived from payroll tax returns and from direct returns from government and other bodies. For a more detailed explanation of the methods used, see *Average Weekly Earnings* (6302.0).

Seasonally adjusted series. Quarterly estimates are affected by seasonal influences. For example special payments, including prepayments for holiday periods tend to raise the December quarter and to depress the March quarter averages. In addition, figures for all quarters are affected by the varying incidence of pay-days in successive quarters. Allowance for the varying incidence of pay-days and for seasonal factors has been made in calculating the seasonally adjusted estimates. It should also be noted that seasonal adjustment factors were estimated from a series adjusted to allow for the effects of major awards and determinations of Federal and State industrial authorities. The effects of these awards and determinations are retained in the seasonally adjusted data. A detailed description of the methods of seasonal adjustment is given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0).

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Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (b)	A.C.T. (b)	Aust.
ORIGINAL									
1975-76	172.70	170.50	163.50	158.50	169.10	157.80	190.00	209.00	169.60
1976-77	193.60	191.10	184.50	179.50	190.80	181.20	216.70	237.70	190.70
1977-78	212.80	209.20	202.20	197.90	209.20	199.00	241.70	259.10	209.30
1976-77 -									
Mar. qtr	187.30	183.50	174.00	172.80	186.50	175.10	212.40	231.00	183.80
June qtr	201.80	200.40	192.30	187.40	198.20	185.50	224.70	245.80	198.70
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	207.30	202.50	195.60	195.90	206.10	195.90	227.00	251.10	204.10
Dec. qtr	217.10	211.90	206.80	199.40	211.10	204.80	247.00	263.10	212.50
Mar. qtr	209.80	204.80	195.30	190.20	205.70	194.00	238.30	255.10	205.10
June qtr	216.90	217.50	211.20	205.90	213.90	201.10	254.40	256.90	215.50
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1976-77 -									
Mar. qtr	192.70	191.30	184.70	177.90	192.90	183.70	216.60	240.30	191.70
June qtr	203.00	200.80	190.00	190.40	197.10	186.60	225.80	244.20	198.30
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	208.50	204.10	196.30	194.30	205.80	195.20	230.60	250.90	204.40
Dec. qtr	210.00	201.90	198.10	193.50	206.40	195.90	237.90	258.70	205.00
Mar. qtr	215.60	213.40	205.30	196.80	212.20	201.90	243.50	259.30	213.00
June qtr	217.40	218.10	210.60	207.30	212.50	204.20	254.70	266.50	215.00

(a) Particulars of wages and salaries paid are not available for males and females separately: estimates have therefore been calculated in terms of male units, i.e. total male employees plus a proportion of female employees, the proportion being derived from the estimated ratio of female to male average earnings in each State. The ratio used in the current quarter for Australia is approximately 67 per cent. For further details on the separate State ratios see *Average Weekly Earnings* (6302.0). (b) Original series estimates have been calculated on a basis which excludes the effects of varying numbers of Australian Government pay-days in each quarter.

BUILDING, ETC.

SUMMARY OF BUILDING APPROVED : ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

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New dwellings								
Period	Private			Government		Total		
	Number ('000)			Number ('000)	Value (\$m)	Number ('000)		
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Value (\$m)			Original	Seasonally adjusted	Value (\$m)
1975-76	134.2	..	3,007.2	11.9	249.6	146.1	..	3,256.8
1976-77	127.3	..	3,227.8	14.1	313.1	141.4	..	3,540.9
1977-78	110.8	..	3,040.2	12.9	310.1	123.8	..	3,350.3
1977-78 -								
July	9.9	9.8	265.6	0.9	21.5	10.7	10.8	287.1
Aug.	10.5	9.8	279.4	0.9	19.6	11.4	10.9	299.0
Sept.	9.9	9.3	268.1	0.8	19.1	10.7	10.3	287.2
Oct.	9.7	9.7	265.6	1.3	34.3	11.0	10.9	299.9
Nov.	9.8	9.3	270.2	1.6	36.4	11.4	10.6	306.6
Dec.	8.5	9.4	233.7	1.4	33.3	9.9	10.8	267.1
Jan.	7.3	9.2	200.4	0.5	12.2	7.8	10.2	212.7
Feb.	8.0	9.0	219.3	0.8	18.3	8.7	9.8	237.6
Mar.	9.2	9.2	249.6	0.9	21.1	10.1	10.2	270.7
Apr.	8.8	8.8	244.3	1.3	29.6	10.0	10.1	273.9
May	9.7	8.7	271.9	1.3	31.8	11.1	9.6	303.7
June	9.7	8.9	272.1	1.4	32.8	11.0	10.0	304.9
1978-79 -								
July	8.7	8.5	248.7	0.6	15.1	9.4	9.2	263.8
Aug.	9.7	8.9	277.4	0.7	15.0	10.4	10.0	292.4
Other building (a)								
Period	Alterations and additions to dwellings (b)	Original		Seasonally adjusted	Total building		Value (\$ million)	
		Private	Total		Original	Seasonally adjusted		
1975-76	211.1	945.7	1,931.7	..	5,399.6	..	..	
1976-77	250.6	1,147.9	2,210.5	..	6,002.0	..	..	
1977-78	292.1	1,392.5	2,494.1	..	6,136.6	..	..	
1977-78 -								
July	23.0	107.7	192.0	186.4	502.1	486.3		
Aug.	26.3	110.1	200.9	225.6	526.2	532.2		
Sept.	25.3	100.9	197.3	204.0	509.8	497.4		
Oct.	27.7	139.7	214.7	210.1	542.3	528.7		
Nov.	25.4	130.2	222.2	220.9	554.2	529.4		
Dec.	21.5	108.7	204.4	209.9	493.0	535.8		
Jan.	20.3	84.2	174.2	215.4	407.2	512.2		
Feb.	20.7	107.2	176.6	209.0	434.9	495.0		
Mar.	24.0	116.8	205.6	217.9	500.2	536.5		
Apr.	25.1	119.6	219.9	212.6	518.9	520.6		
May	26.9	149.9	231.7	187.8	562.3	476.9		
June	25.9	117.4	254.8	204.7	585.5	502.2		
1978-79 -								
July	23.8	114.9	181.0	177.0	468.6	445.4		
Aug.	28.8	146.9	251.9	279.3	573.1	591.7		

(a) Comprises other building (new plus alterations and additions) valued at \$10,000 and over. (b) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

NOTE: Statistics on alterations and additions to dwellings, valued at \$2,000. \$9,999 are collected but not included in the tabulations. The total value of building approved in this category in July 1978 was \$26.7m.

BUILDING JOBS APPROVED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBERS OF NEW DWELLINGS ('000)									
1975-76	32.13	39.40	24.61	16.82	21.39	4.44	2.79	4.54	146.11
1976-77	36.80	36.63	25.67	14.39	19.06	4.40	1.58	2.84	141.37
1977-78	37.74	28.55	24.98	9.53	15.90	3.69	1.34	2.04	123.77
1977-78 -									
July	3.00	2.51	2.11	0.82	1.60	0.34	0.16	0.16	10.73
Aug.	3.54	2.50	2.19	0.95	1.59	0.37	0.04	0.18	11.36
Sept.	2.76	2.48	2.43	0.94	1.26	0.33	0.22	0.24	10.67
Oct.	3.25	2.45	2.23	0.96	1.40	0.31	0.26	0.19	11.04
Nov.	3.73	2.38	2.23	0.84	1.53	0.33	0.07	0.25	11.37
Dec.	3.07	2.26	2.07	0.73	1.26	0.32	0.06	0.14	9.90
Jan.	2.88	1.56	1.55	0.64	0.78	0.15	0.05	0.16	7.76
Feb.	2.59	2.22	1.76	0.56	1.22	0.28	0.02	0.10	8.74
Mar.	2.84	2.48	2.32	0.76	1.19	0.31	0.07	0.11	10.06
Apr.	3.20	2.48	1.70	0.84	1.30	0.29	0.08	0.14	10.03
May	3.27	2.94	2.08	0.78	1.33	0.30	0.12	0.25	11.06
June	3.60	2.30	2.31	0.72	1.45	0.36	0.19	0.12	11.04
1978-79 -									
July	2.98	2.01	1.91	0.76	1.18	0.29	0.15	0.09	9.36
Aug.	3.45	2.16	2.15	0.69	1.29	0.30	0.12	0.24	10.39
VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS (\$m)									
1975-76	704.0	907.2	508.7	360.2	438.5	101.5	97.2	139.4	3,256.8
1976-77	890.1	962.0	613.0	356.0	469.0	110.5	52.3	87.8	3,540.9
1977-78	1,016.9	824.9	621.2	259.4	423.1	96.1	46.0	62.7	3,350.3
1977-78 -									
July	78.2	72.5	51.7	21.8	41.4	9.1	6.5	5.8	287.1
Aug.	90.7	71.5	54.7	25.4	40.4	9.0	1.4	6.0	299.0
Sept.	72.2	72.5	60.4	25.5	33.4	8.8	7.5	6.9	287.2
Oct.	91.3	70.0	54.0	25.3	37.6	7.7	8.1	5.7	299.9
Nov.	98.3	71.6	54.3	23.1	40.8	8.6	2.4	7.3	306.6
Dec.	83.6	66.5	50.7	20.0	32.1	8.3	1.9	4.0	267.1
Jan.	77.2	46.6	38.8	17.4	21.6	4.4	1.9	4.7	212.7
Feb.	69.6	63.2	43.5	15.9	34.3	6.7	0.9	3.5	237.6
Mar.	78.2	68.4	57.8	20.3	32.7	7.8	2.1	3.3	270.7
Apr.	87.4	72.0	42.5	22.7	34.7	7.6	2.8	4.2	273.9
May	90.4	83.4	53.4	21.1	35.4	8.3	4.0	7.6	303.7
June	99.6	66.6	59.3	20.8	38.7	9.6	6.5	3.7	304.9
1978-79 -									
July	84.8	60.4	49.9	21.2	32.0	7.6	4.3	3.6	263.8
Aug.	97.5	62.9	57.0	18.7	36.5	8.0	3.6	8.1	292.4
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS (\$m) (a)									
1975-76	77.2	53.2	11.3	12.2	10.2	2.3	35.2	9.6	211.1
1976-77	94.0	77.6	16.5	18.1	16.2	3.9	15.4	8.8	250.6
1977-78	116.2	88.4	17.4	20.0	24.7	4.8	12.6	7.9	292.1
1977-78 -									
July	9.6	7.2	1.3	1.3	2.1	0.3	0.5	0.7	23.0
Aug.	10.5	8.1	1.7	1.5	2.0	0.4	1.1	1.0	26.3
Sept.	8.6	7.6	1.6	1.9	2.1	0.4	2.4	0.7	25.3
Oct.	10.7	7.8	1.8	1.7	2.0	0.5	2.7	0.7	27.7
Nov.	9.3	8.6	1.5	1.8	2.3	0.5	0.8	0.6	25.4
Dec.	8.4	6.8	1.3	1.7	1.5	0.3	1.1	0.4	21.5
Jan.	9.0	5.4	1.1	1.4	1.9	0.3	0.6	0.6	20.3
Feb.	8.5	6.2	0.9	1.4	2.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	20.7
Mar.	9.6	7.1	1.3	2.0	2.1	0.4	1.0	0.5	24.0
Apr.	10.3	7.9	1.6	1.6	2.2	0.4	0.5	0.7	25.1
May	10.9	8.3	1.9	1.7	2.3	0.6	0.3	0.9	26.9
June	10.8	7.3	1.7	1.9	2.0	0.4	1.0	0.6	25.9
1978-79 -									
July	9.6	6.8	1.5	2.0	2.5	0.3	0.5	0.6	23.8
Aug.	12.4	8.2	1.8	1.9	2.8	0.5	0.2	1.1	28.8

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

BUILDING JOBS APPROVED - continued

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Asst.
VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING (\$m)									
1975-76	554.1	512.8	370.5	154.9	182.5	54.8	41.7	60.2	1,931.7
1976-77	618.4	536.2	324.3	284.8	214.7	86.1	59.5	86.5	2,210.5
1977-78	669.8	696.7	426.8	201.3	268.3	86.8	64.2	80.3	2,494.1
1977-78 -									
July	52.4	64.8	27.4	16.3	22.4	4.2	3.6	1.0	192.0
Aug.	44.9	58.3	33.5	21.4	15.7	5.6	9.3	12.3	200.9
Sept.	41.8	48.7	55.0	12.4	16.5	4.8	5.7	12.4	197.3
Oct.	57.0	67.8	24.5	23.9	19.7	8.7	2.6	10.6	214.7
Nov.	49.7	46.7	31.6	20.7	38.3	6.8	14.5	14.0	222.2
Dec.	77.3	47.0	23.0	10.4	23.5	9.8	6.2	7.4	204.6
Jan.	51.1	48.5	21.8	26.5	17.0	3.7	1.1	4.2	174.2
Feb.	52.9	54.3	28.1	8.4	24.0	6.5	3.7	1.3	176.6
Mar.	53.2	57.6	49.5	12.5	16.4	5.8	1.4	6.8	205.6
Apr.	47.7	76.9	41.9	19.5	19.5	10.3	5.0	2.7	219.9
May	60.7	40.1	59.3	17.0	34.2	11.1	9.7	4.3	231.7
June	81.2	86.2	31.2	12.3	21.1	9.7	9.7	3.5	254.8
1978-79 -									
July	45.9	69.1	26.1	16.6	16.7	2.2	1.4	3.1	181.0
Aug.	63.7	62.8	80.7	17.5	15.7	6.0	0.8	4.8	251.9

VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING (\$m)

1975-76	1,335.4	1,473.2	890.5	527.3	631.1	158.7	174.1	209.2	5,399.6
1976-77	1,602.5	1,575.8	953.9	659.0	700.0	200.6	127.2	183.1	6,002.0
1977-78	1,802.9	1,610.0	1,065.4	480.7	716.2	187.7	122.8	150.9	6,136.6
1977-78 -									
July	140.2	144.5	80.4	39.5	65.9	13.5	10.6	7.5	502.1
Aug.	146.1	137.8	89.9	48.3	58.1	15.0	11.8	19.2	526.2
Sept.	122.6	128.8	117.0	39.9	52.0	14.0	15.6	20.0	509.8
Oct.	158.9	145.6	80.3	50.9	59.3	16.9	13.4	17.0	542.3
Nov.	157.2	126.9	87.4	45.6	81.4	15.9	17.7	22.0	554.2
Dec.	169.3	120.1	75.0	32.1	57.1	18.5	9.2	11.8	493.0
Jan.	137.4	100.5	61.6	45.3	40.5	8.5	3.9	9.5	407.2
Feb.	131.0	123.8	72.5	25.7	60.8	13.5	2.5	5.2	434.9
Mar.	141.0	133.2	108.6	34.8	51.1	14.0	6.8	10.7	500.2
Apr.	145.4	156.8	86.0	43.8	56.3	18.3	4.7	7.5	518.9
May	162.1	131.9	114.5	39.8	71.9	20.0	9.3	12.7	562.3
June	191.6	160.1	92.2	35.0	61.8	19.7	17.3	7.8	585.5
1978-79 -									
July	140.3	136.3	77.5	39.8	51.1	10.1	6.2	7.2	468.6
Aug.	173.6	133.9	139.5	38.1	55.0	14.5	4.6	14.0	573.1

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMMENCED : AUSTRALIA

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMMENCED: AUSTRALIA									
Period	Number of new dwellings ('000)				Value (\$ million)				
	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total	New dwellings	Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building
							Private	Total	
ORIGINAL									
1974-75	86.5	31.6	99.1	118.1	2 227.3	101.8	915.4	1,834.1	4,163.1
1975-76	106.6	33.5	123.8	137.1	2 124.4	206.1	963.7	1,907.8	4 523.2
1976-77	108.8	32.9	126.4	141.7	3,665.0	266.4	1,224.0	2,253.3	6,184.6
1976-77 -									
Dec. qtr	26.9	8.1	31.6	35.1	897.3	65.3	284.0	507.8	1,370.3
Mar. qtr	26.8	7.7	30.4	34.5	898.1	65.8	267.7	532.2	1,496.1
June qtr	26.1	7.8	30.1	33.9	906.0	70.5	377.5	632.4	1,608.9
1977-78									
Sept. qtr	25.8	7.3	29.8	33.1	919.3	72.8	343.6	603.8	1,596.0
Dec. qtr	21.9	5.7	24.6	27.6	777.3	73.0	377.5	632.7	1,483.0
Mar. qtr	22.0	5.4	24.3	27.5	791.9	70.6	356.6	602.1	1,368.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1976-77 -							(a)		
Dec. qtr	28.5	8.8	33.4	37.3	763.9	--	284.0	557.4	1,579.7
Mar. qtr	27.1	7.9	31.2	35.2	919.4	--	267.7	541.5	1,518.4
June qtr	25.2	7.5	29.1	32.9	879.9	--	377.5	574.6	1,525.3
1977-78									
Sept. qtr	24.7	6.8	28.5	31.5	864.6	--	343.6	599.4	1,549.3
Dec. qtr	23.4	6.2	26.0	29.3	835.4	--	377.5	696.2	1,594.5
Mar. qtr	22.4	5.6	24.9	28.1	811.0	--	356.6	614.6	1,488.7

(a) Series shows only insignificant seasonal pattern in recent years. Figures shown are the original figures.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMPLETED : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of new dwellings ('000)				Value (\$ million)				
	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total	New dwellings	Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building
							Private	Total	
ORIGINAL									
1974-75	97.0	44.1	125.7	141.1	2,454.2	92.1	1,154.6	1,784.5	4,330.8
1975-76	99.9	32.1	112.3	132.0	2,808.6	169.8	1,249.6	2,266.6	5,245.0
1976-77	110.4	34.4	129.6	144.8	3,635.1	252.5	1,336.4	2,446.5	6,334.1
1976-77 -									
Dec. qtr	30.1	8.9	35.2	39.0	977.2	65.2	329.1	601.0	1,643.4
Mar. qtr	24.5	7.6	29.2	32.1	824.8	57.3	335.3	586.0	1,468.2
June qtr	27.2	9.1	32.1	36.4	950.9	69.2	348.1	674.5	1,694.5
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	26.9	7.5	30.3	34.4	927.6	69.4	355.5	641.2	1,638.1
Dec. qtr	26.8	8.4	30.8	35.2	982.7	75.2	385.1	677.3	1,735.1
Mar. qtr	21.9	6.3	25.6	28.2	799.1	66.4	366.7	600.0	1,465.6

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

1976-77 -									
Dec. qtr	27.7	8.3	32.7	36.1	900.8	..	296.4	559.2	1,511.3
Mar. qtr	27.6	8.6	32.2	36.1	927.0	..	362.7	602.7	1,581.9
June qtr	26.9	8.5	31.6	35.4	933.3	..	351.4	691.2	1,716.9
1977-78									
Sept. qtr	26.6	7.7	30.2	34.3	921.4	..	364.6	654.5	1,640.1
Dec. qtr	24.7	7.8	28.6	32.6	906.3	..	347.3	633.7	1,600.1
Mar. qtr	24.7	7.1	28.2	31.8	898.6	..	395.9	616.6	1,578.2

VALUE OF WORK DONE : AUSTRALIA
(\$ million)

Period	New dwellings			Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building
	Houses	Other dwellings	Total		Private	Total	
ORIGINAL							
1974-75	1,844.3	551.2	2,395.5	99.1	1,291.9	2,218.7	4,713.3
1975-76	2,486.6	567.1	3,053.7	190.7	1,214.3	2,348.5	5,595.0
1976-77	3,040.8	676.4	3,717.2	263.3	1,343.9	2,464.9	6,445.5
1976-77							
Dec. qtr	773.7	173.7	947.4	67.8	335.4	622.1	1,637.2
Mar. qtr	718.1	153.7	871.9	62.1	312.9	564.4	1,498.3
June qtr	772.7	175.3	948.0	69.7	359.9	657.8	1,675.5
1977-78							
Sept. qtr	788.2	168.3	956.5	72.1	375.0	668.3	1,696.9
Dec. qtr	731.0	153.5	884.6	76.0	366.8	675.0	1,635.5
Mar. qtr	669.1	140.7	809.7	68.2	346.8	605.4	1,483.3

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

1976-77 -							
Dec. qtr	770.0	170.4	940.7	..	334.2	613.2	1,617.9
Mar. qtr	771.7	166.2	936.9	..	342.2	616.9	1,618.8
June qtr	761.5	174.9	935.2	..	349.9	640.6	1,649.2
1977-78							
Sept. qtr	750.9	159.8	910.0	..	355.9	640.1	1,621.1
Dec. qtr	727.9	150.4	878.5	..	365.9	665.8	1,616.7
Mar. qtr	718.6	152.3	870.4	..	379.3	662.2	1,603.7

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING, MARCH QUARTER 1978

State or Territory	Commenced		Completed		Under construction		Value of work done during period		Value of work yet to be done	
	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total

NUMBER OF NEW DWELLINGS ('000)

N.S.W.	7.14	8.21	6.76	7.43	14.26	17.96	..	..	..	..
Vic.	5.73	6.13	6.66	7.12	17.57	18.74	..	..	..	..
Qld	5.22	5.83	4.94	5.44	6.44	7.17	..	..	..	..
S.A.	1.69	1.96	2.07	2.44	3.28	4.78	..	..	..	..
W.A.	3.31	3.74	3.88	4.20	5.51	6.14	..	..	..	..
Tas.	0.63	0.81	0.67	0.82	1.92	2.38	..	..	..	..
N.T.	0.11	0.30	0.10	0.20	0.55	1.08	..	..	..	..
A.C.T.	0.46	0.51	0.54	0.58	1.00	1.32	..	..	..	..
Aust.	24.29	27.49	25.62	28.23	50.54	59.58	..	..	..	..

VALUE OF NEW HOUSES (\$ m)

N.S.W.	180.0	188.8	159.6	165.0	312.7	334.0	172.4	179.6	161.5	173.0
Vic.	162.4	170.4	174.8	183.3	453.7	473.1	171.7	178.2	225.7	233.2
Qld	111.6	126.6	109.3	120.4	127.9	145.4	111.5	121.9	64.2	73.5
S.A.	47.6	50.9	54.7	60.8	85.1	109.5	51.2	57.1	44.4	52.8
W.A.	79.2	86.1	82.8	89.2	125.6	134.7	79.3	86.3	65.7	70.1
Tas.	16.3	18.7	15.9	17.5	40.2	45.1	16.6	18.6	20.2	22.5
N.T.	3.5	10.0	3.7	7.3	18.0	34.5	3.8	11.5	8.6	15.0
A.C.T.	12.2	13.4	15.7	16.7	25.8	28.5	15.0	15.9	12.6	13.7
Aust.	612.7	664.9	616.4	660.2	1,189.0	1,304.8	621.5	669.1	603.0	653.9

VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS (\$ m)

N.S.W.	206.2	231.2	188.2	212.0	409.8	493.9	203.9	222.9	211.2	258.1
Vic.	181.4	190.4	206.9	216.9	538.3	562.9	200.0	207.6	265.3	274.6
Qld	143.2	159.1	130.5	141.7	187.6	208.5	136.4	148.0	95.6	105.6
S.A.	52.2	58.4	64.9	73.7	104.0	140.3	57.7	66.8	55.1	68.1
W.A.	94.6	104.5	107.5	115.1	165.9	180.2	99.3	109.0	84.7	91.3
Tas.	18.9	22.2	19.5	22.4	53.5	63.0	20.1	23.5	26.3	30.7
N.T.	4.2	10.7	4.2	7.8	21.4	38.7	4.7	12.6	10.2	17.1
A.C.T.	14.2	15.4	17.4	18.4	34.4	42.7	17.3	19.3	16.9	21.2
Aust.	714.9	791.9	739.1	799.1	1,514.8	1,728.1	739.3	809.7	765.4	866.6

VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS (\$ m)

N.S.W.	24.2	24.3	22.7	22.7	34.5	34.6	23.3	23.3	16.4	16.4
Vic.	21.8	21.8	19.6	19.6	40.4	40.4	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Qld	7.7	7.9	7.6	7.7	1.6	1.7	7.6	7.7	0.8	0.8
S.A.	4.4	4.4	5.4	5.4	4.2	4.2	4.7	4.8	2.2	2.2
W.A.	7.0	7.1	6.0	6.0	6.4	6.5	7.0	7.1	2.9	3.0
Tas.	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.8	1.8	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.9
N.T.	1.0	2.2	1.9	2.2	10.9	13.3	1.5	2.5	5.4	6.3
A.C.T.	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	2.9	2.9	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.3
Aust.	69.2	70.6	65.8	66.4	102.7	105.4	66.9	68.2	49.9	50.9

VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING (\$ m)

N.S.W.	110.2	162.4	75.6	120.9	451.7	988.5	103.9	170.0	171.8	430.7
Vic.	190.5	155.6	137.4	187.4	413.6	807.3	87.5	147.3	208.3	415.2
Qld	54.3	95.5	68.5	120.7	107.4	371.0	53.2	94.5	45.9	173.9
S.A.	44.7	66.8	29.1	50.6	102.0	222.0	32.4	56.6	64.5	117.8
W.A.	37.9	67.3	38.6	70.6	106.7	271.8	47.9	77.6	53.1	136.7
Tas.	11.9	22.5	7.7	17.0	27.3	86.6	10.1	19.1	13.6	47.6
N.T.	2.6	9.5	6.2	13.5	18.6	106.5	4.1	13.7	11.1	48.6
A.C.T.	4.5	22.6	3.6	19.3	48.1	286.0	7.7	26.5	12.0	133.0
Aust.	1,356.6	1,602.1	366.7	600.0	1,275.5	3,139.6	346.8	605.4	580.3	1,503.5

TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING (\$ m)

N.S.W.	340.6	417.9	286.4	345.7	896.1	1,517.0	331.1	416.3	399.4	705.3
Vic.	1,293.6	1,367.9	363.8	423.9	992.3	1,410.6	307.5	375.0	493.6	709.8
Qld	205.3	262.5	206.6	271.0	296.5	579.2	197.2	250.2	142.3	280.3
S.A.	101.3	129.6	99.4	129.8	210.2	366.5	94.8	128.3	121.8	188.1
W.A.	139.6	178.8	152.0	191.6	279.0	458.5	154.2	193.6	140.7	231.0
Tas.	32.3	46.1	28.3	40.6	82.6	151.4	31.5	43.8	40.9	79.2
N.T.	7.8	22.4	12.3	23.6	50.9	158.4	10.2	28.7	26.7	71.9
A.C.T.	20.2	39.4	22.6	39.4	85.4	331.6	26.5	47.3	30.3	155.5
Aust.	1,140.6	1,464.6	1,171.6	1,465.6	2,892.9	4,973.1	1,153.0	1,483.3	1,395.6	2,421.0

NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES, SELECTED INDUSTRIES AND TYPE OF ASSET (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in expenditure by private enterprises on new fixed tangible assets. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *Gross fixed capital expenditure* in the table on page 36 of this publication as a result of the different methods of compilation of the two sets of statistics.

Quarter	ASIC Subdivision								
	Manufacturing								Total
	Mining	Food, beverages and tobacco (a)	Textiles, clothing and footwear (a)	Paper, paper products, printing and publishing (a)	Chemicals, petroleum and coal products (a)	Basic metal products (a)	Transport equipment (a)	Labour-related industrial products (a)	Other (b)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1976-77	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
Mar.	108.5	86.6	8.2	30.4	51.7	55.6	35.1	62.4	66.5
June	140.5	123.5	11.6	35.7	63.6	63.6	54.1	66.0	77.9
1977-78									
Sept.	154.2	113.6	12.4	30.0	81.7	58.2	48.3	59.0	80.1
Dec.	230.4	123.3	13.0	38.4	84.1	72.9	56.6	70.4	82.7
Mar.	174.8	121.0	9.2	28.5	70.2	53.2	45.0	71.6	86.0
June	244.7	130.2	21.9	43.5	90.1	73.1	59.4	69.7	94.5

Quarter	ASIC Subdivision					Type of asset			
	Non-manufacturing				Total new capital expenditure (d)	New buildings and structures (e)		Other new capital equipment (f)	
	Electricity, gas and water	Wholesale and retail trade	Transport	All other (g)		Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1976-77	(36,37)	(46-48)	(51-55)	(56,61-63, 91-93)	(11-37,46, 63,91-93)				
Mar.	4.7	208.7	63.7	1519.0	11,294.1	11,502.3	359.9	432.5	1,031.2
June	6.5	277.9	86.0	1612.1	11,613.6	11,523.1	476.2	457.6	1,137.4
1977-78									
Sept.	6.2	273.5	62.2	1611.8	11,591.2	11,593.2	491.9	484.0	1,099.3
Dec.	6.6	276.2	102.4	1654.4	11,811.4	11,673.6	554.3	498.4	1,257.1
Mar.	3.9	198.9	172.1	1558.5	11,504.9	11,751.4	1397.8	478.3	1,107.1
June	6.4	317.5	107.2	1801.8	2,060.0	1,943.9	517.5	497.6	1,542.5

(a) Fabricated metal products, other industrial machinery and equipment and household appliances. (b) Wood, wood products and furniture (except sheet metal), glass, clay and other non-metallic mineral products, leather, rubber and plastic products and other manufacturing, n.e.c. (c) Finance, insurance, real estate, business services, communication, entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services. (d) Includes enterprises owned to rural activity, community services and construction. (e) Includes houses, flats and home units, water and sewerage installations, lifts, heating, ventilating and similar equipment forming an integral part of buildings and structures, land and construction site development, roads, bridges, wharves, harbours, railway lines, pipelines, power and telephonic lines. Also included is the value of expenditure on mine development (e.g. construction of shafts in underground mines, preparation of mining and quarrying sites for open-cut extraction, other developmental operations undertaken primarily for commencing or extending production). (f) Includes plant, machinery, vehicles, electrical apparatus, office equipment, furniture, fixtures and fittings not forming an integral part of buildings, durable containers, special loading, etc., also includes goods imported from overseas whether previously used outside Australia or not.

INCREASE IN BOOK VALUE OF STOCKS HELD BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in investment in stocks by private enterprises. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *increase in stocks* in the table on page 36 as a result of the different methods of compilation of these two sets of statistics.

Increase in book value of stocks for selected ASIC subdivisions						Less stock valuation adjustment (b)	Increase in stocks after stock valuation adjustment (b)
Quarter	Mining	Manufacturing	Wholesale trade	Retail trade (a)	Total		
	(1) (b)	(2) (3)	(4) (5)	(6) (7) (8) (9)	(10) (11) (12) (13)		
1976-77							
Mar.	+26	+415	+189	+140	+770	+579	+191
June	+8	+332	+159	+203	+702	+337	+365
1977-78							
Sept.	+59	+243	+71	+230	+603	+368	+235
Dec.	+46	+109	+192	+12	+451	+310	+169
Mar.	+1	+151	+93	+22	+267	+292	+28
June	+36	+109	+87	+100	+332	+321	+11

(a) Includes electricity and gas, restaurants, hotels and clubs. (b) Informants are asked to report the book value of their stocks at the end of each quarter according to their normal principles of valuing stocks for balance sheet purposes. Increases in the book value of stocks between the beginning and end of a quarter will partly reflect changes in the physical quantities of all component items and partly changes in prices at which stocks are valued. A stock valuation adjustment is deducted from the increase in book value of stocks to arrive at the increase in stocks valued at the average price of the quarter.

PRODUCTION

MINE PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS

Period	Copper (a)	Lead (a)	Zinc (a)	Tin (a)	Nickel (a)	Bauxite	Iron ore	Gold (a) (b)	Mineral sands concentrates		
									Ilmenite	Rutile	Zircon
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	kg	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1975-76	217,439	395,633	481,610	9,442	81,030	21,084	92,672	17,422	948,792	362,769	384,823
1976-77	210,426	416,971	475,557	10,015	82,088	25,469	95,602	15,305	1,048,217	380,684	420,186
1977-78	210,616	414,805	483,144	11,053	n.y.a.	24,826	90,261	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
1976-77 - June	18,815	41,212	43,041	798				1,957	80,676	35,442	38,873
1977-78 - July	18,086	39,564	44,652	793				2,345	96,397	26,218	36,880
Aug.	19,676	43,228	51,193	785	24,246	6,451	26,462	1,773	99,921	25,770	39,393
Sept.	15,533	39,080	45,313	724				1,750	97,704	24,415	31,588
Oct.	17,776	37,835	41,959	954				1,677	95,255	25,535	35,493
Nov.	19,105	41,093	46,692	944	21,366	6,649	24,285	1,861	95,806	28,051	32,998
Dec.	19,519	28,852	30,153	894				2,050	81,303	21,549	27,497
Jan.	15,629	22,646	26,052	1,013				1,655	74,232	14,339	16,755
Feb.	14,492	31,710	42,299	917	n.y.a.	5,754	20,257	1,686	85,145	18,516	24,922
Mar.	17,069	33,656	37,980	1,029				2,090	94,656	28,512	31,605
Apr.	18,329	28,772	32,515	1,010				n.y.a.	110,021	20,244	26,949
May	20,052	32,243	39,187	935	n.y.a.	5,972	19,257	n.y.a.	106,255	20,007	33,145
June	17,350	36,126	45,149	1,055				n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
1978-79 - July	16,837	35,205	41,265	1,046				n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Quantities shown are metallic contents of mine products based on chemical assay. (b) Western Australian and Northern Territory gold production figures (in respect of major producers) normally relate to a four-week period ending in the calendar month indicated. However, two such periods ended in the calendar month of March 1977 for Western Australia and July 1977 for the Northern Territory.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS AND METALS

Production of Selected Minerals												
Fuel minerals												
Period	Black coal		Brown coal	Crude oil	Natural gas	Refined metals (a)						
	Original	Seasonally adjusted				Alumina (b)	Aluminium (b)	Copper (b)	Lead (b) (c)	Zinc (b)	Tin (b)	Gold (b)
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes				'000 tonnes	'000 cu m	million cu m	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1975-76	69,466	..	29,212	21,891	5,388	5,619	220,027	164,279	168,183	204,534	5,386	12,829
1976-77	75,678	..	31,028	24,555	6,365	6,474	236,943	157,452	165,582	258,564	5,373	11,127
1977-78	n.y.a.	..	n.y.a.	25,323	6,909	6,741	259,592	155,353	207,939	261,565	5,993	17,869
1976-77 June	7,517	6,772	3,015	2,146	651	492	19,760	16,233	16,539	22,800	477	1,346
1977-78 July	6,954	6,556	2,885	2,165	711	602	21,023	11,272	18,550	22,586	422	1,591
Aug.	6,630	6,951	2,752	2,196	651	580	22,112	13,859	17,892	21,856	378	1,415
Sept.	6,901	6,679	2,162	2,006	622	572	21,311	13,609	20,151	22,517	694	1,859
Oct.	7,085	6,548	1,503	2,207	543	604	21,924	10,542	17,368	22,230	524	1,500
Nov.	7,532	6,546	2,312	1,986	538	532	21,354	13,562	18,265	20,074	524	1,709
Dec.	5,329	6,367	2,681	2,071	502	584	22,121	10,990	19,588	20,223	666	1,474
Jan.	4,721	7,062	2,265	2,218	478	575	22,206	11,767	18,084	21,963	336	1,380
Feb.	6,704	6,541	2,307	1,985	488	492	20,041	12,941	14,129	19,131	469	1,451
Mar.	6,101	7,000	2,944	2,231	541	542	21,961	14,011	14,862	22,305	469	1,727
Apr.	6,596	6,561	2,628	2,014	556	553	21,523	14,652	15,336	21,963	460	1,381
May	7,599	6,415	3,045	2,102	586	574	22,496	14,845	16,180	24,197	395	1,168
June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	2,142	692	532	21,520	13,303	17,534	22,522	629	1,214
1978-79 July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	2,132	760	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	225	n.y.a.

(a) Primary origin only. (b) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources. (c) Refined lead including lead content of lead alloys from primary sources, excludes lead content of lead silver bullion produced for export.

PRODUCTION OF ENERGY, IRON AND STEEL AND BUILDING MATERIALS

Period	Heat, light and power				Iron and steel				
	Gas available for use through mains (a)		Total electricity generated		Pig iron		Iron ore pellets (b)	Raw steel (c)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original	Seasonally adjusted
	million megajoules	million megajoules	million kWh	million kWh	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes
1975-76	203.623	..	76,597	..	7,519	..	9 980	7,937	..
1976-77	231.882	..	82,522	..	6,958	..	9,761	7,473	..
1977-78	255,310	..	85,984	..	7,096	..	9,299	7,532	..
1977-78p -									
July	25,724	21,594	8,161	7,210	508	499	709	588	590
Aug.	25,177	21,270	7,777	6,909	613	586	834	619	607
Sept.	22,510	20,772	7,301	7,038	546	546	984	617	604
Oct.	19,350	18,835	6,665	6,668	564	553	952	638	602
Nov.	19,353	20,602	6,692	7,085	549	565	869	557	564
Dec.	18,255	21,393	6,715	7,232	546	530	733	594	574
Jan.	17,044	21,534	6,544	7,290	592	567	611	669	650
Feb.	18,049	21,705	6,420	7,271	597	644	607	603	663
Mar.	19,941	21,700	7,098	7,462	673	662	898	675	657
Apr.	20,603	21,957	6,866	7,312	613	638	741	573	608
May	23,417	21,802	7,676	7,245	651	636	613	706	684
June	25,888	22,247	8,070	7,337	646	685	748	694	738
1978-79 -									
July	27,472	23,169	8,555	7,541	594	585	591	627	628
Aug.	26,776	22,575	8,410	7,520	599	573	629	551	544
Iron and steel continued					Building materials				
Period	Blooms and slabs		Templates		Clay bricks		Roofing tiles (terracotta and concrete)	Sawn Aust. grown timber (d)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted			
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	million	million	'000	'000 cu. metres	
1975-76	5,566	..	282,241	..	1,834	..	218,645	3,462	
1976-77	6,028	..	340,556	..	2,042	..	229,892	3,468	
1977-78	6,517	..	333,026	..	1,895	..	202,591	3,538	
1977-78p -									
July	535	538	29,473	29,146	171	164	19,466	317	
Aug.	549	546	29,591	28,777	181	160	20,075	290	
Sept.	582	550	28,062	28,935	165	154	18,978	336	
Oct.	587	554	31,625	29,958	159	154	15,687	327	
Nov.	483	475	27,974	27,526	171	157	20,781	287	
Dec.	524	513	31,251	31,244	140	157	14,588	266	
Jan.	583	575	26,922	26,626	101	160	7,394	202	
Feb.	522	566	28,341	31,977	156	160	16,462	306	
Mar.	550	586	26,773	27,201	164	165	17,345	283	
Apr.	475	495	20,173	19,637	151	154	16,392	302	
May	547	547	26,666	26,479	171	153	19,057	316	
June	581	578	26,175	26,581	165	157	16,366	308	
1978-79 -									
July	618	622	25,406	25,251	149	145	15,765	n.y.a.	
Aug.	542	536	28,286	26,951	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	

(a) Includes natural gas. (b) Gross wet weight. (c) Includes recoveries from scrap. (d) Source: Australian Forestry and Timber Bureau. Figures are expressed in terms of green off sawn volumes.

**PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS, BUILDING FITTINGS,
FLOOR COVERINGS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES**

FLOOR COVERINGS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES										Household appliances	
Period	Building materials - continued				Building fittings			Floor coverings (a)		Electric blankets (including mattress overlays) (b)	Electric propeller type fans (complete) (c)
	Portland cement		Plaster sheets (non-acoustic)	Plaster of paris	Baths C.I.P.F. and other	Wash basins earthenware	Sinks-stainless steel	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
	Original	Seasonally adjusted									
		'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 sq.m.	'000 tonnes	No.	No.	No.	'000 sq.m.	'000 sq.m.	No.
1975-76	5,007	..	46,076	355	180,629	355,120	243,862	38,545	..	520,574	533,323
1976-77	5,039	..	50,503	387	178,694	297,278	259,683	35,004	..	599,117	499,210
1977-78	5,021	..	48,223	369	160,221	229,814	218,036	32,736	..	682,324	320,613
1977-78p -											
July	461	424	4,092	100.5	16,168	24,927	21,225	2,808	2,745	37,568	14,973
Aug.	430	421	4,960		16,621	27,093	22,098	3,419	3,110	31,171	36,624
Sept.	430	409	4,249		14,124	24,697	20,544	3,236	2,795	38,292	41,749
Oct.	432	411	3,325	94.4	11,221	16,039	16,698	2,074	1,916	56,275	23,246
Nov.	472	441	5,666		11,621	18,997	19,287	3,254	2,807	75,745	51,115
Dec.	413	422	3,544		13,323	16,863	13,396	2,524	2,821	50,233	35,555
Jan.	278	412	1,413	79.5	3,721	5,480	6,933	977	2,255	16,547	18,842
Feb.	421	442	4,411		14,549	17,821	18,790	2,816	2,822	75,780	27,343
Mar.	423	424	4,212		14,934	18,509	17,958	3,000	2,805	84,074	24,057
Apr.	421	410	3,836	94.6	14,702	14,947	20,236	2,688	2,760	75,197	15,512
May	432	409	4,816		15,022	22,764	21,080	2,961	2,610	74,835	11,665
June	408	399	3,700		14,225	21,677	19,791	2,980	3,097	66,607	19,932
1978-79 -											
July	397	371	3,625		12,549	20,256	20,096	2,968	2,934	33,894	n.p.
Aug.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	3,199	2,877	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

Household appliances - continued

Period	Domestic cooking stoves			Domestic refrigerators		Domestic clothes washing machines		Hot water jugs and kettles
	Solid fuel	Gas (d) upright or elevated	Electric (e)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
1975-76	4,184	109,608	335,570	244,490	..	354,779	..	655,371
1976-77	3,801	109,197	306,861	267,771	..	298,689	..	610,633
1977-78	3,042	96,212	287,270	266,168	..	273,620	..	617,800
1976-77p - June	426	9,556	24,750	23,200	24,067	26,327	25,188	46,264
1977-78p - July	328	8,890	25,660	22,905	23,272	25,532	23,878	41,876
Aug.	330	10,676	27,990	26,800	23,087	27,437	23,537	56,254
Sept.	311	9,673	26,658	29,590	24,326	25,810	22,230	54,847
Oct.	178	4,439	21,865	24,607	22,092	24,944	22,426	54,630
Nov.	321	10,259	29,725	27,204	22,181	26,209	21,757	65,123
Dec.	240	6,614	21,805	18,258	19,582	17,521	21,353	50,007
Jan.	(a)	2,514	10,883	12,565	20,628	10,527	20,638	17,845
Feb.	(a)	8,931	24,605	23,965	24,347	21,463	22,911	56,434
Mar.	230	8,335	25,642	20,140	19,296	21,733	21,765	55,955
Apr.	222	8,073	23,820	14,742	18,083	18,896	23,198	52,207
May	312	9,232	23,863	22,295	22,894	26,616	22,924	60,347
June	302	8,576	24,754	23,097	24,404	26,932	26,992	52,273
1978-79 - July	229	8,556	21,772	22,357	22,855	25,383	23,538	44,062

(a) Excludes underfelts and underlays. (b) Excludes heating pads. (c) Excludes fans incorporated in other equipment or used with ducting. (d) Town, liquefied petroleum and natural gas stoves and ranges. Includes wall ovens. (e) Includes fixed ranges, wall ovens, cooking tops, grill-boilers and other ranges.

**PRODUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, ELECTRIC MOTORS, ENGINES,
DAIRY PRODUCTS, MEAT, AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERED**

Household appliances - continued						Electric motors				Internal combustion engines - petrol (c)		
Period	Radios and radiograms		Television sets (a)		Room air-conditioners (b)	Under 1 hp		1 hp and over		Original	Seasonally adjusted	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted			
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	'000	'000	'000	'000	No.	No.		
1975-76	80,212	..	531,806	..	53,446	3,765	..	317	..	358,790	..	
1976-77	38,418	..	525,202	..	64,009	2,926	..	313	..	291,596	..	
1977-78	15,118	..	329,878	..	62,621	2,451	..	312	..	249,993	..	
1976-77p - June	1,699	1,824	42,833	39,649	3,371	244	228	22.0	24.7	13,860	22,985	
1977-78p - July	1,646	1,648	41,597	40,663	3,665	239	232	25.7	23.9	33,661	26,780	
Aug.	2,117	1,967	37,162	33,559	4,992	258	225	29.5	24.8	39,604	34,083	
Sept.	2,875	2,269	41,261	33,789	6,136	269	238	24.3	22.0	24,103	16,497	
Oct.	2,736	2,133	26,786	24,530	6,974	212	192	21.0	18.1	27,298	16,523	
Nov.	1,795	1,532	31,149	26,867	8,587	255	202	35.6	30.3	40,163	26,241	
Dec.	950	899	20,781	24,016	7,331	199	218	26.9	28.2	13,779	13,231	
Jan.	297	767	6,203	15,501	3,835	87	179	11.7	32.2	6,731	10,019	
Feb.	916	975	26,816	26,972	5,788	195	215	25.2	24.0	13,827	17,371	
Mar.	666	615	22,035	20,772	4,539	201	200	30.0	29.2	14,686	23,819	
Apr.	396	492	22,432	24,437	3,653	163	178	25.7	26.3	12,877	18,870	
May	351	358	26,392	25,057	3,873	169	168	29.5	29.2	9,241	18,867	
June	373	392	27,264	24,780	3,248	204	200	26.5	29.9	14,023	23,153	
1978-79p - July	450	455	26,895	26,928	3,971	232	228	27.2	25.2	16,778	13,172	
Dairy products (factory production)						Meat (carcass weight)				Total		Dressed weight of poultry slaughtered (f)
Period	Whole milk for all purposes		Butter (d)	Cheese (e)	Wholemilk used for processed milk products	Beef and veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted										
	million litres	million litres	tonnes	tonnes	million litres (g)	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	
1975-76	6,248.2	..	147,635	112,617	630.8	1,840.4	325.5	262.2	173.8	2,602.0	..	204.2
1976-77	5,773.0	..	118,092	103,667	734.0	1,987.8	303.7	245.5	185.1	2,722.1	..	218.1
1977-78	5,186.3	..	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	705.4	2,123.5	263.9	251.5	197.2	2,836.0	..	244.6
1977-78p - Aug.	392.5	405.9	7,691	9,357	61.4	187.2	17.0	21.6	17.3	243.1	234.0	19.6
Sept.	544.6	442.5	13,339	12,625	79.9	192.5	20.9	25.2	16.6	255.1	243.6	20.3
Oct.	679.4	446.6	18,849	16,027	91.4	183.9	27.3	26.9	16.2	254.3	249.3	21.2
Nov.	676.6	433.1	18,337	15,342	96.6	183.3	31.4	25.0	17.5	257.2	253.7	20.9
Dec.	624.0	428.5	14,660	13,976	85.5	146.5	29.6	20.4	16.4	212.8	237.0	20.3
Jan.	477.3	386.8	10,470	11,248	72.2	154.3	28.6	21.2	13.5	217.5	248.6	21.0
Feb.	420.6	463.9	9,106	9,100	59.3	160.2	26.2	18.1	14.8	219.3	232.9	19.8
Mar.	371.9	457.8	6,906	7,930	49.6	181.2	23.8	20.0	16.5	241.5	241.6	19.6
Apr.	278.6	444.0	4,175	5,868	31.4	165.0	15.9	18.1	15.6	214.6	219.8	20.7
May	235.6	437.9	2,702	4,293	21.0	195.2	17.9	19.3	18.5	250.9	230.2	20.9
June	224.3	452.6	2,360	4,175	19.7	185.1	10.4	16.5	17.3	229.2	215.0	20.6
1978-79p - July	295.1	458.5	3,754	5,378	42.5	174.0	10.8	16.5	16.7	218.0	210.7	20.8
Aug.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	179.6	13.7	22.4	18.0	233.7	222.4	n.y.a.
Sept.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	173.8	15.8	25.9	16.2	231.6	227.9	n.y.a.

(a) Includes combinations with radio and/or record player. (b) Includes package unit air conditioners. (c) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor, aero, etc., and marine engines. (d) Includes the butter equivalent of butter oil production. Source: Prior to July 1977, Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalisation Committee Ltd and State Departments of Agriculture. (e) As reported by Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalisation Committee Ltd and by producers not within the equalisation scheme. (f) Dressed weight of all birds (chickens, other fowls, ducks and drakes, and turkeys) including pieces and giblets. (g) Whole milk equivalent.

PRODUCTION OF FLOUR, SUGAR, BEER, TOBACCO, CHEMICALS, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TYRES

Chemicals and allied products

Period	Wheat n flour	K. food sugar (a)	Beer (b)		Tobacco and cigarettes		Sulphuric acid (100%)		Super phosphate (d)	Sulphate of ammonia	Paints	
			Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original (c)	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted			Ready mixed paints and enamels	Lacquers nitro-cellulose
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	million litres	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	'000 litres
1975-76	1,240	723.2	1,932	..	31,161	..	1,295	..	2,185	220	91.0	4,909
1976-77	1,182	732.2	1,939	..	29,846	..	1,721	..	3,137	202	89.2	4,392
1977-78	1,087	739.2	1,983	..	30,389	..	1,820	..	3,474	217	86.3	4,299
1977-78p -												
July	91	56.1	136	162	3,029	2,683	109	141	155	15.50	7.22	354
Aug.	98	60.9	151	157	3,084	2,728	104	128	162	22.56	7.42	356
Sept.	96	60.7	165	161	2,346	2,587	142	142	277	18.59	7.73	351
Oct.	84	63.1	164	161	2,275	2,177	135	139	205	18.19	6.62	287
Nov.	95	72.9	196	170	2,945	2,618	157	152	338	19.75	8.88	459
Dec.	78	67.8	199	164	2,147	2,558	158	139	315	17.47	6.87	339
Jan.	78	61.5	169	168	1,231	2,420	172	157	270	20.36	5.10	203
Feb.	89	60.2	163	173	2,999	2,849	160	153	317	15.11	7.20	409
Mar.	92	68.7	178	167	2,989	2,762	170	168	357	18.78	7.87	435
Apr.	94	60.3	156	170	2,212	2,205	189	171	416	20.36	6.43	327
May	101	55.9	166	166	2,193	2,033	177	165	377	19.58	7.84	416
June	91	51.2	138	163	2,939	2,728	147	159	283	11.17	7.11	362
1978-79p -												
July	86	n.s.a.	139	162	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	117	152	210	18.27	6.86	391
Aug.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	151	160	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	113	137	176	16.10	n.s.a.	n.s.a.

Motor vehicles (e)

Period	Cars and station wagons		Utilities and panel vans				Trucks and truck-type vehicles		Total motor vehicles (f)		Pneumatic tyres: motor cycle, car, truck, aero, etc. (g)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Panel vans	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
										No.	
1975-76	369,339	..	25,179	29,857	..	30,988	..	456,164	..	8,384	
1976-77	367,272	..	24,902	26,031	..	33,294	..	452,483	..	7,859	
1977-78	315,392	..	20,920	19,371	..	28,678	..	385,005	..	7,130	
1977-78p -											
July	27,306	27,152	1,867	2,194	3,770	2,860	2,672	34,245	34,122	653	
Aug.	29,387	26,895	1,923	2,130	3,645	2,913	2,405	36,391	32,707	679	
Sept.	28,764	24,215	1,765	1,779	2,986	2,576	2,129	34,927	29,480	654	
Oct.	13,744	12,453	1,303	1,040	2,296	1,382	1,314	17,515	15,710	405	
Nov.	33,166	28,892	2,232	2,272	3,940	2,772	2,636	40,491	35,739	650	
Dec.	23,874	27,720	1,786	1,723	4,065	1,991	2,294	29,391	34,596	278	
Jan.	10,892	32,879	751	548	4,006	943	2,454	13,142	38,197	278	
Feb.	28,540	29,352	1,953	1,703	3,770	2,453	2,540	34,683	35,890	662	
Mar.	31,090	29,755	1,856	1,724	3,455	2,472	2,471	37,242	35,915	569	
Apr.	27,450	28,676	1,784	1,281	2,937	2,404	2,446	39,094	32,492	669	
May	32,522	27,375	2,015	1,493	3,071	2,966	2,641	34,844	32,468	680	
June	28,657	26,714	1,685	1,484	2,952	2,946	2,766				
1978-79p -											
July	31,845	31,347	1,849	1,382	2,989	2,966	2,739	38,093	37,331	659	
Aug.	25,093	22,211	1,509	1,269	2,499	3,039	2,458	31,023	27,198	726	

(a) Source: Monthly figures, Department of Primary Industry. (b) Includes waste beer. (c) Source: Department of Business and Consumer Affairs. (d) Includes double and triple superphosphate and ammonium phosphate expressed in terms of single superphosphate, i.e. 22% P₂O₅ equivalent. (e) Finished and partly finished motor vehicles. (f) Includes buses and ambulances. (g) Source: Australian Tyre Manufacturers Association Limited.

PRODUCTION OF WOOL, YARNS AND TEXTILES

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Period	Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool (a)		Scoured and carbonised wool (c)	Yarns (d)					Cellulosic fibre (including mixtures) Original
	Total receipts	Percentage of total received by brokers (b)		Cotton		Wool			
				Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
'000 tonnes	%	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
1975-76	686.9	76.5	69.9	24,761	..	22,439	..	3,676	
1976-77	628.0	75.9	72.8	20,735	..	19,332	..	2,422	
1977-78	613.2	74.9	72.3	22,400	..	19,798	..	1,461	
1977-78p -									
July	37.5	73.8	14.4	2,058	1,883	1,832	1,754	202	
Aug.	73.0	77.7		2,177	1,819	1,868	1,568	182	
Sept.	94.0	77.2		2,294	2,027	1,612	1,506	179	
Oct.	95.1	78.4		1,617	1,547	1,263	1,187	89	
Nov.	85.9	77.8	18.1	2,143	1,935	2,131	1,874	152	
Dec.	49.2	73.0		1,644	2,114	1,340	1,692	129	
Jan.	26.7	76.4		721	1,872	772	1,705	64	
Feb.	32.6	74.3		1,759	1,766	1,876	1,823	85	
Mar.	38.7	68.4	18.6	1,899	1,704	1,800	1,741	80	
Apr.	30.0	68.5		1,758	1,929	1,694	1,806	101	
May	29.7	68.6		2,103	1,806	1,862	1,589	117	
June	20.9	62.1		2,227	2,007	1,753	1,671	81	
1978-79p -									
July	28.8	71.1	n.y.a.	2,178	2,104	1,804	1,738	73	
Aug.	78.5	75.0		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	
Textiles									
Woven cloth (d) (e)									
Period	Cotton (f)		Wool (g)		Cellulosic fibre		Synthetic fibre		Blankets (h)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000	
1975-76	46,661	..	8,004	..	16,725	..	97,847	..	2,031
1976-77	39,608	..	6,539	..	16,595	..	96,909	..	1,581
1977-78	36,953	..	6,524	..	15,172	..	103,578	..	1,449
1976-77p -									
June	3,889	3,655	444	488	1,511	1,332	10,098	8,426	145
1977-78p -									
July	3,849	3,375	481	498	1,432	1,297	8,481	8,057	152
Aug.	3,496	3,118	569	539	1,468	1,314	10,554	8,961	148
Sept.	3,748	3,088	560	556	1,333	1,163	10,594	9,182	115
Oct.	2,748	2,541	451	427	1,221	1,124	7,551	7,119	63
Nov.	3,311	3,103	730	579	1,349	1,202	11,001	10,194	139
Dec.	2,856	3,226	496	571	983	1,112	7,928	9,669	94
Jan.	1,257	3,193	295	569	288	1,076	3,538	9,908	50
Feb.	3,050	3,080	568	493	1,251	1,332	8,497	8,577	115
Mar.	3,109	2,881	648	550	1,321	1,229	8,481	8,364	127
Apr.	2,832	3,265	590	623	1,302	1,257	7,896	8,402	133
May	3,151	2,883	569	512	1,592	1,491	8,880	7,728	159
June	3,546	3,037	567	654	1,632	1,399	10,177	8,487	153
1978-79p -									
July	3,977	3,923	585	624	1,452	1,365	9,640	9,273	132

(a) Amounts of taxable wool received by brokers and dealers from wool producers. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) As from April 1976 published on a quarterly basis. (d) Includes mixtures predominantly of the fibre named. (e) Over 30 centimetres wide. (f) Excludes towels and towelling. (g) Excludes blanketing and rug material. (h) Prior to 1975-76 excludes tufted blankets.

PRODUCTION OF CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS

Clothing

Period	Men's and youths								Boots, shoes and sandals (c)
	Hosiery		Short length coats and jackets (b)		Sports trousers	Shirts, men's and boys'	Underwear		
	Men's	Women's full length (a)	Suit	Other			Men's and boys'	Women's and girls'	
'000 doz. pairs	'000 doz. pairs	'000	'000	'000	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 pairs		
1975-76	2,007	6,316	825	1,148	4,344	2,861	2,125	3,647	30,072
1976-77	1,881	6,030	773	892	4,071	2,501	2,382	3,945	26,576
1977-78	1,642	5,233	696	682	4,137	2,723	2,380	3,391	28,044
1976-77p - June	144	545	61.9	69.3	331	179	199	332	2,351
1977-78p - July	152	496	61.3	59.4	308	226	221	297	2,281
Aug.	177	451	81.1	57.3	356	285	251	339	2,621
Sept.	149	446	71.0	48.6	380	278	224	312	2,526
Oct.	108	370	75.9	41.1	365	278	181	313	2,227
Nov.	153	377	68.7	52.5	393	326	261	366	2,666
Dec.	123	432	58.0	38.6	306	206	199	278	1,970
Jan.	68	175	17.9	22.4	129	77	65	101	1,141
Feb.	133	491	49.8	65.1	370	206	207	287	2,409
Mar.	133	476	48.6	72.2	397	197	211	299	2,509
Apr.	133	498	49.9	86.0	378	191	170	262	2,384
May	150	477	58.7	86.7	429	223	204	283	2,631
June	164	544	54.9	52.4	323	230	186	254	2,679
1978-79p - July	155	495	58.8	58.9	321	246	184	259	2,715

Lawn mowers petrol (rotary)

Period	Lawn mowers petrol (rotary)		Motor spirit (d)	Aviation turbine fuel (d)	Furnace fuel (d)	Plastics and synthetic resins (e)	Newsprint	Soap	Margarine	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted							Table	Other
No.	No.	million litres	million litres	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	
1975-76	334,857	..	12,501	2,088	4,340	407	206,227	58,154	43,211	55,899
1976-77	307,173	..	13,056	2,115	4,604	464	206,590	57,281	69,140	51,620
1977-78	272,344	..	14,073	2,277	4,138	494	207,621	55,978	80,733	43,737
1977-78p - July	23,382	26,565	1,096	195	287	40.3	17,876	5,584	6,839	4,312
Aug.	32,112	27,679	1,216	135	382	45.6	17,860	4,919	7,248	4,281
Sept.	26,138	17,233	1,208	199	400	40.5	17,935	4,919	6,517	3,619
Oct.	37,292	20,383	1,146	206	416	36.8	18,155	4,446	7,411	4,141
Nov.	52,744	33,257	1,152	227	332	45.2	17,102	5,205	6,650	3,876
Dec.	17,469	16,310	1,225	197	338	36.6	13,870	3,973	4,733	2,617
Jan.	10,655	14,154	1,176	203	359	38.8	16,323	2,268	5,373	2,544
Feb.	19,033	21,289	1,024	195	305	43.4	16,810	5,125	7,458	3,187
Mar.	18,958	24,834	1,221	198	328	45.0	18,293	4,623	6,179	3,203
Apr.	10,919	15,768	1,119	167	281	42.2	17,932	4,747	7,670	3,686
May	8,361	22,363	1,346	187	353	44.7	18,128	5,123	6,544	3,359
June	15,278	32,697	1,144	170	356	39.7	17,337	5,046	8,110	4,911
1978-79p - July	17,236	19,419	1,246	153	397	43.6	19,117	5,334	6,091	4,083
Aug.	35,862	31,131	1,190	190	359	48.7	18,851	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Includes panty hose, (b) Excludes plastic coats and dust coats, (c) Includes slippers of cemented, vulcanised-moulded rubber and injection-moulded plastic construction, (d) Source: Department of National Resources, (e) Liquid resins or emulsion forms are shown in terms of dry weight of resin content.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a)

Period	Cars and station wagons		Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)		Total (excluding motor cycles)		Motor cycles	Total motor vehicles
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
1975-76	454,637	..	129,726	..	584,363	..	60,017	644,380
1976-77	447,102	..	134,709	..	581,811	..	50,321	632,132
1977-78	432,439	..	131,478	..	563,917	..	38,049	601,966
1977-78								
Aug.	40,057	37,097	11,899	10,837	51,956	47,934	3,467	55,423
Sept.	34,516	35,112	10,189	10,367	44,705	45,479	3,367	48,072
Oct.	31,975	33,716	10,536	10,439	44,511	44,155	3,768	48,279
Nov.	36,450	35,408	10,566	10,172	47,016	45,580	3,309	50,325
Dec.	35,177	36,530	10,295	10,872	45,472	47,402	3,102	48,574
Jan.	30,126	35,951	8,406	10,402	38,532	46,353	2,821	41,353
Feb.	33,615	36,862	9,767	11,166	43,382	48,028	3,028	46,410
Mar.	34,880	34,091	10,251	10,699	45,131	44,790	2,970	48,101
Apr.	37,108	37,830	11,223	11,109	48,331	48,939	3,135	51,466
May	40,279	35,603	12,808	11,135	53,087	46,738	3,242	56,329
June	38,133	36,889	13,364	12,455	51,497	49,344	2,601	54,098
1978-79								
July	38,175	37,444	12,194	11,546	50,369	48,990	2,776	53,145
Aug. r	44,459	40,620	10,948	10,087	55,407	50,707	3,153	58,560

(a) Registrations during period. Includes Government-owned vehicles except those belonging to the defence services. Excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

Period	Government railways				Shipping (a)					
	Goods and livestock				Overseas cargo				Interstate cargo shipped	
	Net tonnage conveyed		Passenger journeys		Shipped from Australian ports		Discharged at Australian ports		Tonnes	Cubic metres
	Tonnes	tonnes-kilometres	million	Gross earnings	Tonnes	Cubic metres	Tonnes	Cubic metres		
	'000	million	million	\$ million	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1974-75	94,798	29,791.6	340.0	809.4	164,866	2,926	21,893	8,029	28,454	3,143
1975-76	95,039	30,809.3	317.2	939.8	156,133	2,488	19,718	7,170	28,241	2,937
1976-77	99,789	32,030.0	326.9	n.y.a.	164,370	2,041	20,083	6,857	28,221	1,969
1976-77										
Apr.	7,811	2,539.0	26.0	79.7	12,550	171	1,671	596	2,000	176
May	8,641	2,857.6	29.4	87.5	14,583	203	1,731	620	2,391	167
June	9,079	2,889.6	25.9	n.y.a.	12,169	149	1,572	597	1,982	158
1977-78										
July	8,429	2,983.3	28.7	91.0	13,824	218	1,812	538	2,131	160
Aug.	8,372	2,988.6	25.6	96.1	15,147	168	1,924	603	2,649	163
Sept.	8,774	2,987.0	27.2	94.9	13,201	218	1,881	444	2,312	156
Oct.	8,557	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	15,290	200	1,812	388	2,520	184
Nov.	8,088	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13,836	204	1,743	387	2,533	155
Dec.	7,525	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	14,622	190	1,979	401	2,046	244
Jan.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12,483	147	1,599	395	2,338	185
Feb.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12,407	141	1,912	358	2,231	223
Mar.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13,306	165	1,552	401	2,252	237
Apr.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13,088	152	1,786	337	1,900	224
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	14,083	201	1,809	417	2,228	234

(a) Part of the shipping cargo is recorded in tonnes and part in cubic metres. As the total cannot be stated accurately as either tonnes or cubic metres each is recorded and published separately.

TELEPHONE AND TELEX SERVICES

Period	Telephone subscribers' services				Telex Services			
	Effective applications during period (a)	Services connected during period	Services cancelled during period	Services in operation at end of period	Effective applications during period (a)	Services connected during period	Services cancelled during period	Services in operation at end of period
	'000	'000	'000	'000				'000
1974-75	560.3	573.8	187.7	3,539	3,360	3,375	1,469	14.8
1975-76	596.1	611.6	448.4	3,700	(b)3,986	6,141.7	1,822	17.0
1976-77	666.5	668.7	456.9	3,907	4,610	4,538	2,015	19.6
1976-77 -								
May	62.9	62.2	41.1	3,885	408	474	177	19.4
June	60.9	61.7	39.5	3,907	506	446	206	19.6
1977-78 -								
July	58.3	58.1	39.5	3,926	472	455	203	19.8
Aug.	62.0	63.5	41.3	3,948	520	484	188	20.1
Sept.	61.4	61.6	40.0	3,969	437	460	178	20.4
Oct.	55.8	56.3	36.4	3,988	337	387	154	20.6
Nov.	60.2	62.0	38.5	4,012	437	426	144	20.9
Dec.	51.6	56.4	37.9	4,030	287	375	159	21.1
Jan.	60.6	56.4	43.3	4,043	473	377	155	21.3
Feb.	67.0	62.2	39.9	4,065	462	416	180	21.6
Mar.	60.2	63.2	39.4	4,089	513	477	198	21.9
Apr.	63.8	60.6	41.5	4,104	474	451	213	22.1
May	74.3	76.8	48.8	4,132	522	521	216	22.4
June	70.8	78.4	44.6	4,166	686	581	257	22.7

(a) Demand for services, allowing for applications withdrawn during period. (b) From July 1975 includes in place services. (c) From July 1975 includes in place connections.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

(\$ million)

CURRENT ACCOUNT												
Period	Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.	Balance of trade	Invisible credits				Invisible debits				Balance on current account
				Transportation and travel	Property income	Transfers	Other	Transportation and travel	Property income	Transfers	Other	
1975-76	9,408	7,924	1,484	1,271	343	359	226	2,081	1,552	701	428	1,080
1976-77	11,399	10,345	1,054	1,512	378	276	181	2,453	1,727	705	444	1,928
1977-78	12,043	11,203	839	1,652	362	378	205	2,604	1,889	808	546	2,410
1976-77 —												
Mar. qtr	2,799	2,789	10	394	88	67	47	598	399	173	112	675
June qtr	2,939	2,757	183	375	104	72	44	684	461	192	125	684
1977-78 —												
Sept. qtr	3,014	2,831	183	379	77	86	45	662	508	236	136	771
Dec. qtr	3,127	2,622	505	439	86	93	55	601	457	141	132	153
Mar. qtr	2,795	2,846	- 51	421	85	100	50	602	424	200	135	756
June qtr	3,107	2,905	202	414	114	99	54	738	500	231	143	729

CAPITAL ITEMS

Period	Capital inflow					Monetary movements				
	Government		Private		Non-official monetary sector transactions	Balancing item	Net apparent capital inflow	Change in official reserve assets	Other transactions	Net official monetary movements
	Securities	Other	Trade credit	Other						
1975-76	46	-176	104	588	-25	-478	60	-1,053	32	1,020
1976-77	371	-222	240	1,344	24	-319	1,437	190	-301	491
1977-78	1,627	-94	-243	1,181	8	-611	1,868	-474	68	542
1976-77 -										
Mar. qtr	-4	-25	80	508	-11	261	811	127	9	136
June qtr	-5	-116	21	378	34	21	333	352	2	-350
1977-78 -										
Sept. qtr	482	-65	-138	120	47	-409	36	-584	-152	736
Dec. qtr	357	-18	-143	279	-18	-377	80	-43	30	73
Mar. qtr	467	34	76	244	-21	257	1,058	187	116	302
June qtr	321	-45	-38	538	(a)	-82	694	-34	-1	-35

(a) Not yet available, included in the balancing item.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)
(\$ million)

Period	Gross national expenditure	Plus Exports of goods and services	Less Imports of goods and services	Components of gross domestic product							
				Gross domestic product at factor cost							
				Gross domestic product			Wages, salaries and supplements	Gross operating surplus			Indirect taxes less subsidies
								Trading enterprises		Financial enter-prises, etc. (b)	
				Companies	Other						
				Farm	Non-farm	Total	Com-pa-nies	Other	enter-prises, etc. (b)		
ORIGINAL											
1975-76	70,892	10,905	10,433	3,706	67,658	71,364	40,589	8,313	14,066	136	8,532
1976-77	82,622	13,092	13,243	4,192	78,279	82,471	45,773	10,016	16,937	16	9,761
1977-78	90,673	13,900	14,353	4,034	86,186	90,220	50,119	10,713	18,947	74	10,367
1976-77 -											
Mar. qtr	20,084	3,240	3,498	1,187	18,639	19,826	11,008	2,050	4,206	25	2,537
June qtr	20,771	3,359	3,565	517	20,048	20,565	11,903	2,489	3,529	-1	2,645
1977-78 -											
Sept. qtr	22,112	3,438	3,629	924	20,997	21,921	12,215	2,603	4,643	14	2,446
Dec. qtr	23,801	3,621	3,355	1,646	22,421	24,067	12,876	3,052	5,668	12	2,459
Mar. qtr	21,939	3,266	3,583	887	20,735	21,622	12,246	2,323	4,448	34	2,571
June qtr	22,819	3,576	3,786	577	22,032	22,609	12,782	2,735	4,188	14	2,890
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED											
1976-77 -											
Mar. qtr	21,191	3,321	3,580	1,091	19,841	20,932	11,550	2,519	4,334	8	2,521
June qtr	21,612	3,351	3,587	1,121	20,253	21,374	11,917	2,478	4,457	-5	2,527
1977-78 -											
Sept. qtr	21,972	3,443	3,497	998	20,920	21,918	12,254	2,601	4,504	18	2,541
Dec. qtr	21,977	3,541	3,390	1,011	21,117	22,128	12,336	2,619	4,642	30	2,501
Mar. qtr	23,203	3,350	3,664	992	21,897	22,889	12,743	2,791	4,797	16	2,542
June qtr	23,634	3,565	3,809	1,027	22,363	23,390	12,861	2,724	5,034	10	2,761

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (\$206.0). (b) Financial enterprises less imputed bank service charge.

COMPONENTS OF GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)
(\$ million)

Period	Gross fixed capital expenditure										
	Private										
	Final consumption expenditure		Dwellings	Other building and construction	All other	Total private	Public enterprises	General government	Increase in stocks	Statistical discrepancy	Gross national expenditure
	Private	Government									
ORIGINAL											
1975-76	41,912	11,361	3,218	1,967	5,055	10,240	3,288	3,387	33	671	70,892
1976-77	48,013	13,301	4,038	1,938	6,040	12,016	3,668	3,477	1,073	1,074	82,622
1977-78	53,628	15,126	3,972	2,278	6,908	13,158	4,051	3,659	225	1,276	90,673
1976-77 - Mar. qtr	11,611	3,138	965	425	1,419	2,809	853	734	214	725	20,084
June qtr	12,460	3,567	1,011	493	1,651	3,155	1,066	1,118	51	646	20,771
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	12,739	3,542	1,031	568	1,560	3,159	921	785	76	890	22,112
Dec. qtr	13,039	3,862	974	635	1,760	3,369	1,057	950	250	374	23,801
Mar. qtr	12,937	3,598	917	494	1,552	2,963	947	811	-51	734	21,939
June qtr	14,013	4,125	1,050	581	2,036	3,667	1,126	1,113	-500	-725	22,819
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED											
1976-77 - Mar. qtr	12,168	3,360	1,009	494	1,601	3,104	944	877	118	620	21,191
June qtr	12,491	3,443	1,008	481	1,531	3,020	956	941	735	26	21,612
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	12,864	3,594	996	559	1,594	3,149	978	876	-6	517	21,972
Dec. qtr	13,182	3,697	969	578	1,667	3,214	1,010	880	-342	336	21,977
Mar. qtr	13,540	3,850	958	574	1,750	3,282	1,047	970	95	419	23,203
June qtr	14,048	3,983	1,047	567	1,886	3,500	1,009	936	10	149	23,634

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (\$206.0).

VALUE OF MAIN AGGREGATES AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES (a)
(\$ million)

Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross capital expenditure		Increase in stocks	Statistical discrepancy	Gross national expenditure	Plus exports of goods and services	Less imports of goods and services	Expenditure on gross domestic product	Gross farm product	Gross non-farm product
	Private	Government	Private	Public								
ORIGINAL												
1975-76	36,274	9,871	8,822	5,818	55	629	61,469	10,064	9,232	62,301	3,889	58,412
1976-77	37,310	10,406	9,231	5,527	809	869	64,122	10,955	10,304	64,773	3,891	60,882
1977-78 p	38,173	10,982	9,244	5,555	-412	938	64,480	11,247	10,058	65,669	3,692	61,977
1976-77 -												
Mar. qtr	8,902	2,455	2,103	1,212	210	556	15,438	2,563	2,620	15,381	1,109	14,272
June qtr	9,321	2,709	2,318	1,631	-196	-482	15,301	2,655	2,551	15,405	402	15,003
1977-78 -												
Sept. qtr	9,338	2,630	2,277	1,263	28	652	16,188	2,826	2,565	16,49	803	15,646
Dec. qtr	9,999	2,800	2,387	1,470	438	271	17,365	3,072	2,374	18,064	1,707	16,356
Mar. qtr	9,128	2,608	2,068	1,251	-191	520	15,384	2,610	2,508	15,486	795	14,691
June qtr	9,708	2,944	2,512	1,571	-687	-505	15,543	2,739	2,611	15,671	387	15,284
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1976-77 -												
Mar. qtr	9,330	2,602	2,319	1,394	89	429	16,163	2,660	2,662	16,161	983	15,178
June qtr	9,312	2,602	2,217	1,411	466	156	16,164	2,685	2,594	16,255	989	15,266
1977-78 -												
Sept. qtr	9,419	2,662	2,266	1,376	38	319	16,080	2,781	2,468	16,393	931	15,462
Dec. qtr	9,498	2,723	2,285	1,386	-333	207	15,767	2,976	2,393	16,350	929	15,421
Mar. qtr	9,556	2,765	2,286	1,446	-16	269	16,306	2,715	2,548	16,473	927	15,546
June qtr	9,698	2,830	2,397	1,363	-102	221	16,407	2,769	2,658	16,518	916	15,602

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (\$206.0).

FINANCE

NEW MONEY RAISED BY LISTED COMPANIES IN AUSTRALIA AND BY INDUSTRY GROUP (a)

(\$ million)

This table shows the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to listed companies in Australia through the types of capital specified. For definitions see *New Capital Raising by Companies Listed on Australian Stock Exchanges* (5628.0). Excluded are bank overdrafts, loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market or deposits accepted by banks, insurance companies, pastoral companies or building societies.

Period	Manufacturing			Finance and property			Commerce		
	Debentures, registered notes, etc.			Debentures, registered notes, etc.			Debentures, registered notes, etc.		
	Shares		Total	Shares		Total	Shares		Total
1975-76	115.0		257.1	68.5	853.3	921.8	57.5	20.8	78.3
1976-77	181.7		329.1	212.2	939.7	1,151.9	9.5	31.3	40.8
1977-78	141.7		291.8	100.9	907.3	1,008.2	41.7	50.2	91.9
1976-77 -									
Mar. qtr	23.1		23.1	64.7	104.9	169.6	0.2	3.6	3.8
June qtr	68.4		185.7	15.8	78.5	94.3	4.7	14.8	19.5
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	41.8	8.8	100.6	31.0	292.8	323.8	0.6	12.4	13.0
Dec. qtr	46.9	19.4	66.3	10.6	275.7	286.3	7.2	(b)-1.4	5.8
Mar. qtr	5.8	40.1	45.9	52.1	82.9	135.0	9.2	27.3	36.5
June qtr	47.2	31.8	79.0	7.2	255.9	263.1	24.7	11.9	36.6
Other industries				All industries					
Period	Debentures, registered notes, etc.			Debentures, registered notes, etc.			Debentures, registered notes, etc.		
	Shares		Total	Shares		Total	Shares		Total
1975-76	91.3		78.2	169.5	332.3	1,094.4			1,426.7
1976-77	68.1		91.0	159.1	471.3	1,209.6			1,680.9
1977-78	64.1		26.6	90.7	348.4	1,134.5			1,482.9
1976-77 -									
Mar. qtr	10.4		77.6	88.0	98.4	186.2			284.5
June qtr	21.4	(b)-5.5	15.9	110.2	204.8				315.7
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	16.1	(b)-3.2	12.9	89.5	361.0				450.5
Dec. qtr	21.9	35.8	57.7	86.7	329.5				416.2
Mar. qtr	6.1	6.2	12.3	73.1	156.6				229.7
June qtr	20.0	(b)-12.2	7.8	99.1	287.4				386.5

(a) Holding companies are classified according to the predominant activity of the group. (b) Excess of repayments over receipts of new

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS (INCLUDING NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT)
(*\$ million*)

Average of weekly figures	Accounts of trading banks							Commonwealth Government securities				
	Notes on issue		Statutory Reserve Deposit	Term Loan Fund	Farm Development Loan Fund	Other deposits of trading banks	Deposits of savings banks	All Other liabilities (a)	Gold and foreign exchange	Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other	All other assets
	Held by public	Total										
June 1975	2,194.3	2,518.0	421.4	14.9	13.8	8.3	890.9	1,660.0	3,283.3	123.2	1,191.1	929.6
June 1976	2,554.9	2,920.2	840.5	11.5	15.0	12.3	1,014.1	1,019.5	2,432.8	877.6	1,451.9	1,070.8
June 1977	2,887.4	3,293.1	1,704.2	16.9	10.1	6.9	1,044.6	1,673.8	2,596.7	1,433.8	2,735.5	983.7
1977-78												
Aug.	2,973.3	3,384.5	1,369.5	7.3	2.2	5.7	1,091.5	2,228.9	2,517.8	1,822.2	2,842.9	906.6
Sept.	3,010.3	3,412.4	1,178.1	27.7	9.9	5.7	1,116.6	2,366.1	2,405.0	2,011.6	2,812.4	887.5
Oct.	3,008.0	3,423.5	1,120.1	41.8	15.1	7.1	1,155.6	2,449.7	2,622.7	2,254.6	2,602.4	733.0
Nov.	3,040.6	3,458.7	1,144.5	46.7	20.1	5.0	1,193.8	2,537.4	2,790.2	2,449.9	2,403.2	762.8
Dec. (b)	3,263.1	3,786.0	1,163.5	39.6	14.3	4.6	1,121.8	2,651.3	2,875.7	2,671.5	2,323.7	910.3
Jan.	3,147.7	3,595.4	1,176.0	32.0	9.5	15.9	1,100.1	2,620.7	2,671.7	2,978.1	1,935.0	964.8
Feb.	3,108.8	3,558.4	1,187.2	31.8	8.3	6.4	1,056.8	2,746.5	2,627.9	2,971.3	1,955.3	1,040.6
Mar.	3,193.9	3,649.2	1,204.8	29.7	7.9	5.8	1,111.3	2,960.6	2,682.3	3,211.5	2,080.9	994.5
Apr.	3,192.7	3,723.1	1,040.5	25.5	4.3	23.7	1,168.0	2,792.8	3,102.6	2,455.9	2,405.0	814.5
May	3,210.7	3,654.6	757.0	20.8	1.8	5.3	1,141.0	2,710.4	2,973.5	1,779.2	2,638.3	899.9
June	3,237.0	3,687.5	734.0	7.9	0.2	5.8	1,109.4	2,800.5	3,087.4	1,787.0	2,660.2	810.7
1978-79												
July	3,270.0	3,716.3	718.4	4.3	—	5.3	1,147.3	2,743.4	2,972.0	1,937.9	2,662.1	763.2
Aug.	n.y.a.	3,768.2	717.1	2.2	—	8.7	1,153.5	2,828.1	3,016.6	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	678.6
Sept.	n.y.a.	3,798.6	667.0	14.5	7.6	5.8	1,133.7	3,029.3	3,116.3	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	669.3

(a) Includes Special Reserve - I.M.I. Special Drawing Rights, capital and reserves. (b) Excludes one Wednesday.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, RURAL CREDITS DEPARTMENT : ADVANCES

<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>\$ million</i>	<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>\$ million</i>
June 1975	199.5	1977-78 -	
June 1976	208.9	Jan.	715.6
June 1977	586.7	Feb.	811.1
		Mar.	779.0
1977-78 -		Apr.	569.0
Aug.	450.5	May	524.5
Sept.	402.9	June	480.9
Oct.	417.3	1978-79 -	
Nov.	429.0	July	453.0
Dec. (a)	482.9	Aug.	398.5
		Sept.	341.5

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AUSTRALIA : ADVANCES
(\$ million)

<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Hire purchase</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Hire purchase</i>	<i>Other</i>
June 1975	63.3	281.7	1977-78 -		
June 1976	68.3	301.0	Jan.	96.9	327.7
June 1977	89.7	316.0	Feb.	93.1	325.8
1977-78 -			Mar.	89.5	330.9
Aug.	94.5	317.1	Apr.	90.7	349.5
Sept.	93.8	319.7	May	93.4	350.2
Oct.	94.0	318.0	June	95.3	362.8
Nov.	96.1	314.8	1978-79 -		
Dec. (a)	97.9	330.1	July	99.6	344.4
			Aug.	100.4	342.9
			Sept.	100.1	341.6

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Deposits				Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government securities		Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans, advances and bills discounted (c)	
	Fixed	Current	Total			Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other			Original	Seasonally adjusted
			Original	Seasonally adjusted							
June 1975	7,824	5,841	13,665	..	282.2	1,100.7	2,204.2	118.2	414.4	9,932	..
June 1976	8,705	6,680	15,385	..	325.2	169.4	3,183.5	122.7	827.5	11,017	..
June 1977	10,129	7,069	17,198	..	358.2	37.7	3,505.8	102.5	1,685.7	12,177	..
1977-78 -											
Aug.	9,957	6,997	16,954	17,529	356.2	27.8	3,203.0	139.1	1,357.7	12,373	12,373
Sept.	10,027	7,008	17,035	17,550	349.2	73.1	3,246.9	182.0	1,163.7	12,529	12,590
Oct.	10,233	7,196	17,429	17,656	360.4	76.6	3,342.6	124.0	1,105.1	12,926	12,767
Nov.	10,351	7,377	17,728	17,713	362.6	88.3	3,352.6	211.3	1,127.5	12,964	12,930
Dec. (d)	10,288	7,572	17,860	17,627	454.0	83.0	3,423.0	151.3	1,145.9	12,970	13,028
Jan.	10,417	7,639	18,056	17,452	394.4	218.4	3,741.2	176.3	1,158.8	12,857	12,920
Feb.	10,648	7,694	18,342	17,590	385.0	399.5	3,725.9	178.0	1,170.4	12,869	13,193
Mar.	11,005	7,740	18,745	17,846	390.0	478.8	3,741.9	168.5	1,188.5	13,157	13,441
Apr.	10,868	7,752	18,620	18,147	478.4	498.6	3,553.8	188.7	1,025.4	13,463	13,340
May	10,417	7,473	17,890	18,071	381.5	150.3	3,377.6	219.5	745.8	13,757	13,571
June	10,034	7,560	17,593	18,296	383.5	53.6	3,326.2	137.5	722.6	13,626	13,465
1978-79 -											
July	10,071	7,566	17,637	18,432	380.8	49.5	3,334.8	151.6	706.6	13,685	13,533
Aug.	10,683	7,572	18,255	18,870	384.3	170.1	3,404.6	216.1	705.1	13,962	13,962
Sept.	10,964	7,591	18,554	19,119	370.4	203.0	3,616.0	302.5	655.5	14,119	14,186

(a) Commonwealth Trading Bank, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd, The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd, The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd, and The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. (d) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(per cent)

Average of weekly figures	Liquid assets and Commonwealth Government securities				Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans advances and bills discounted (c)	Deposits not bearing interest
	Cash and cash at Reserve Bank	Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other Commonwealth and State Government securities	Total			
June 1975	2.1	8.1	16.1	26.3	3.0	72.7	37.8
June 1976	2.1	1.1	20.7	23.9	5.4	71.6	38.5
June 1977	2.1	0.2	19.2	21.5	9.8	70.8	36.3
1977-78							
Aug.	2.1	0.2	18.9	21.2	8.0	73.0	36.7
Sept.	2.1	0.4	19.1	21.5	6.8	73.6	36.7
Oct.	2.1	0.4	19.2	21.7	6.3	74.2	36.7
Nov.	2.1	0.5	18.9	21.5	6.4	73.1	37.2
Dec. (d)	2.5	0.5	19.2	22.2	6.4	72.6	38.2
Jan.	2.2	1.2	20.7	24.1	6.4	71.2	38.1
Feb.	2.1	2.2	20.3	24.6	6.4	70.2	37.7
Mar.	2.1	2.6	20.0	24.6	6.3	70.2	37.1
Apr.	2.6	2.7	19.1	24.3	5.5	72.3	37.2
May	2.1	0.8	18.9	21.9	4.2	76.9	37.3
June	2.2	0.3	18.9	21.4	4.1	77.5	38.0
1978-79							
July	2.2	0.3	18.9	21.4	4.0	77.6	38.0
Aug.	2.1	0.9	18.7	21.7	3.9	76.5	37.0
Sept.	2.0	1.1	19.5	22.6	3.5	76.1	36.5

(a) See footnote (a) on page 39. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. (d) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS AND OVERDRAFT LIMITS
(Source: Reserve Bank of Australia)
(\$ million)

Weekly average for period ending second Wednesday of	New and increased lending commitments (b)				Overdraft limits (c)		
	Term loan approvals	Farm development loan approvals	Overdraft approvals	Total approvals	Cancellations and reductions (d)	Net movement in limits	Overdraft limits outstanding (end of period)
Year to July -							
1975	6.6	1.3	82.9	90.8			
1976	6.1	2.0	95.9	104.1			
1977	6.4	2.8	95.7	104.9			
1977-78							
July	8.3	2.8	98.4	109.5			
Aug.	7.1	2.8	92.8	102.7	(e)	(e)	(e)
Sept.	7.8	2.7	104.4	115.0			
Oct.	6.3	2.8	116.8	125.9			
Nov.	14.8	3.3	116.7	134.8			
Dec.	10.0	3.6	102.5	116.7			
Jan.	6.4	3.1	99.6	109.6			15,680.0
Feb.	7.7	2.8	102.4	112.8			15,806.7
Mar.	5.0	4.2	113.1	125.4	70.7	31.7	15,906.2
Apr.	6.9	3.8	116.5	127.1	58.3	58.2	16,197.0
May	7.9	3.3	132.0	143.2	85.0	47.0	16,385.1
June	10.2	3.4	136.3	149.8	94.4	41.9	16,594.7
1978-79							
July	8.1	4.1	143.9	156.1	97.1	46.8	16,782.0
Aug.	7.7	4.8	131.5	144.0	92.8	38.7	16,936.7

(a) See footnote (a) on page 39. (b) Excludes commitments in respect of temporary advances to woodbuyers and informal arrangements entered into, mainly with other financial institutions for meeting temporary needs. Includes commitments not subject to maximum overdraft rate. (c) Excludes commitments in respect of term loans and farm development loans. (d) Derived by subtracting weekly average of change in overdraft limits outstanding from overdraft approvals. Figures are approximations only due to unavoidable differences in the basis of compilation of the two series. (e) Due to changes in accounting procedures data are not available on a comparable basis with subsequent months.

ALL TRADING BANKS (a) : SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(£ million)

Average of weekly figures	Deposits			Com. bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government securities		Loans to authorised dealers in the short- term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans (other than loans to authorised dealers in the short- term money market), advances and bills discounted	
	Current				Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other				
	Fixed	Bearing interest	Not bearing interest							Total
June 1975	8,635.0	842.6	5,458.1	14,935.7	299.0	1,167.8	2,358.9	167.4	421.4	11,205.0
June 1976	9,778.0	927.4	6,249.4	16,954.8	345.6	191.0	3,410.9	182.3	840.5	12,578.3
June 1977	11,464.7	990.2	6,639.4	19,094.2	380.0	78.8	3,567.9	144.8	1,704.2	14,035.1
1977-78										
Aug.	11,345.1	930.4	6,584.9	18,860.4	378.3	50.5	3,483.0	178.9	1,369.5	14,299.7
Sept.	11,448.6	910.7	6,613.5	18,972.8	371.7	101.7	3,530.9	217.3	1,178.1	14,465.9
Oct.	11,744.6	945.8	6,776.2	19,466.6	384.7	114.9	3,633.3	166.0	1,120.1	14,927.4
Nov.	11,838.0	924.5	6,991.8	19,754.3	385.8	125.3	3,636.6	254.1	1,144.5	14,955.8
Dec. (c)	11,761.8	897.1	7,228.3	19,887.2	479.0	117.4	3,707.7	184.8	1,163.5	14,969.4
Jan.	11,943.0	933.4	7,307.2	20,183.6	421.5	262.3	4,032.8	227.7	1,176.0	14,939.2
Feb.	12,204.7	970.5	7,334.8	20,510.0	410.3	452.7	4,008.8	220.3	1,187.2	14,997.9
Mar.	12,625.6	979.9	7,375.9	20,981.3	414.7	543.9	4,017.6	212.8	1,204.8	15,333.0
Apr.	12,415.4	1,023.8	7,346.4	20,785.6	506.6	570.9	3,824.4	239.1	1,040.5	15,596.4
May	11,976.7	977.3	7,081.0	20,035.0	407.1	210.0	3,653.1	260.4	757.0	15,894.8
June	11,596.0	1,045.0	7,105.3	19,746.3	409.4	97.9	3,609.1	190.9	734.0	15,777.2
1978-79										
July	11,667.3	1,055.2	7,101.9	19,824.4	405.9	92.5	3,623.2	215.2	718.4	15,874.6
Aug.	12,315.2	1,004.2	7,147.3	20,466.6	409.4	215.9	3,694.6	259.5	717.1	16,184.4
Sept.	12,652.5	983.3	7,174.4	20,810.3	396.2	246.0	3,921.1	358.9	667.0	16,359.5

(a) Covers the major trading banks, and in addition Bank of New Zealand, Bank of Queensland Limited, Banque Nationale de Paris, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, State Bank of South Australia and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes one Wednesday.

ALL TRADING BANKS : DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS (a)
(Excluding debits to Australian Government Accounts at city branches in State capitals)
(£ million)

Average of weekly figures	N.S.W.	Tas.	Qld.	S. I.	W. A.	Tas.	N. I.	A.C.T.	Total
June 1975	4,052.6	3,334.9	870.1	494.1	579.3	131.2	23.9	95.4	9,581.5
June 1976	5,079.1	4,442.3	1,209.5	676.9	756.5	173.8	32.8	152.4	12,523.2
June 1977	5,443.8	5,209.3	1,421.8	789.7	875.5	184.0	36.3	150.7	14,111.2
1977-78									
July	5,494.5	5,528.5	1,400.9	766.9	920.8	213.0	34.0	147.2	14,692.7
Aug.	5,437.9	4,819.2	1,260.9	716.9	880.1	181.0	31.0	120.8	13,447.8
Sept.	5,869.3	5,082.7	1,391.2	737.5	873.1	186.3	32.0	143.4	14,315.5
Oct.	5,840.1	5,372.6	1,335.0	703.0	924.6	188.0	29.7	125.4	14,518.3
Nov.	6,238.5	5,267.4	1,379.9	773.0	993.7	199.3	32.2	134.0	15,017.9
Dec.	6,650.7	5,454.6	1,477.7	811.9	1,014.9	206.7	31.4	224.7	15,872.7
Jan.	6,761.7	5,105.6	1,271.7	726.1	956.9	169.5	28.7	155.0	15,175.3
Feb.	6,458.9	5,485.1	1,640.7	790.6	1,062.1	180.8	28.3	146.1	15,792.5
Mar.	5,626.4	4,774.6	1,258.0	747.6	963.2	179.3	29.6	146.6	13,725.3
Apr.	6,854.9	6,052.2	1,385.5	808.8	1,027.9	216.1	33.6	200.1	16,579.3
May	6,503.3	5,785.7	1,380.2	863.8	1,023.9	208.7	31.4	160.6	15,957.3
June	7,316.5	5,552.6	1,528.1	846.8	1,079.7	190.9	35.7	246.0	16,796.3
1978-79									
July	7,767.8	6,269.3	1,587.6	871.9	1,357.7	218.6	37.2	276.7	18,386.9
Aug.	6,806.9	6,048.0	1,307.5	781.8	1,072.2	194.0	34.7	340.2	16,585.2

(a) Includes the banks listed in footnote (a) above, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank.

SAVINGS BANKS : SELECTED ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (a)
(S million)

At end of	Coin, bullion and notes	Deposits with Reserve Bank	Deposits with trading banks	Commonwealth and State Government securities (b)	Local and semi-government securities	Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	Loans, advances and bills discounted	
							Housing	Other
June 1975	32.6	907.6	391.0	2,962.1	(c)3,285.2	80.2	4,717.4	(c)573.6
June 1976	40.4	1,053.8	266.2	2,824.7	3,893.6	70.1	6,049.7	695.3
June 1977	40.4	1,055.6	169.3	2,720.7	4,461.4	70.8	7,258.7	775.1
1977-78								
July	39.5	1,097.8	201.2	2,670.9	4,507.3	69.3	7,323.2	796.1
Aug.	38.9	1,077.0	195.3	2,775.7	4,533.5	60.0	7,444.4	803.1
Sept.	35.8	1,114.3	262.9	2,736.8	4,553.5	109.7	7,570.5	824.2
Oct.	40.4	1,208.2	210.0	2,857.0	4,597.3	56.0	7,639.7	869.6
Nov.	55.8	1,177.3	181.0	2,779.2	4,649.1	55.0	7,711.9	885.3
Dec.	55.2	1,096.8	203.9	2,892.6	4,720.5	96.9	7,821.1	827.8
Jan.	51.1	1,093.6	214.4	2,954.9	4,763.3	87.4	7,875.2	835.5
Feb.	54.1	1,034.2	239.5	3,086.4	4,791.5	102.9	7,940.3	839.7
Mar.	46.0	1,158.6	183.3	2,967.3	4,840.2	49.8	8,098.9	863.9
Apr.	42.6	1,167.8	211.2	2,825.1	4,854.6	100.9	8,208.2	816.9
May	51.0	1,109.2	195.9	2,752.3	4,854.9	73.1	8,306.6	868.1
June	45.0	1,122.6	199.9	2,672.6	4,880.2	139.1	8,393.8	813.9
1978-79								
July	49.7	1,158.0	197.6	2,706.2	4,911.6	55.2	8,458.9	867.2
Aug.	36.3	1,138.3	223.1	2,704.2	4,964.6	109.2	8,533.9	942.7

(a) Includes External Territories. (b) Includes Treasury bills and Treasury notes. (c) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedures by one bank.

SAVINGS BANKS : DEPOSITORS' BALANCES
(S million)

At end of	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Original (a)	Seasonally adjusted
June 1975	3,835.9	(b)4,668.5	1,618.2	1,394.6	779.4	382.3	71.4	118.2	(b)12,868.5	(b)12,899.1
June 1976	4,348.9	5,377.6	1,940.3	1,617.2	897.7	430.6	76.3	133.8	14,822.5	14,838.1
June 1977	4,803.2	5,977.5	2,148.7	1,780.8	960.5	477.1	74.7	142.7	16,365.3	16,401.4
1977-78										
July	4,828.9	6,046.2	2,175.6	1,789.4	966.2	480.3	75.5	142.7	16,504.8	16,542.2
Aug.	4,861.7	6,120.2	2,204.3	1,796.5	973.0	491.9	75.6	143.4	16,666.6	16,635.3
Sept.	4,904.2	6,201.0	2,245.5	1,811.9	994.9	497.0	76.2	145.3	16,876.0	16,755.0
Oct.	4,963.9	6,229.5	2,323.4	1,830.6	1,007.3	501.6	77.4	148.2	17,082.0	16,866.4
Nov.	4,965.2	6,224.7	2,332.4	1,838.1	1,013.3	503.8	77.1	148.6	17,103.2	16,981.3
Dec.	4,997.7	6,283.8	2,347.4	1,870.6	1,017.0	503.7	76.9	150.8	17,247.9	17,131.7
Jan.	5,037.3	6,353.7	2,350.6	1,879.6	1,026.3	508.0	73.6	150.6	17,379.6	17,340.8
Feb.	5,079.2	6,419.4	2,364.2	1,899.6	1,034.5	520.5	72.9	152.8	17,543.1	17,515.6
Mar.	5,060.4	6,379.8	2,343.7	1,892.4	1,028.5	521.2	72.2	154.5	17,452.7	17,528.1
Apr.	5,060.8	6,365.6	2,337.9	1,880.8	1,019.8	517.9	73.4	152.4	17,408.7	17,681.3
May	5,158.0	6,423.4	2,385.1	1,897.6	1,031.5	523.7	74.2	156.2	17,649.7	17,934.0
June	5,284.6	6,552.5	2,446.5	1,945.3	1,048.5	530.5	76.4	162.0	18,046.2	18,065.3
1978-79										
July	5,310.3	6,664.3	2,463.9	1,952.4	1,051.2	539.6	78.7	161.4	18,221.7	18,268.1
Aug.	5,354.3	6,722.0	2,494.4	1,961.0	1,057.8	550.2	80.1	161.6	18,381.4	18,358.3

(a) Interest added 1974-75, \$513.9m; 1975-76, \$613.4m; 1976-77, \$715.4m; 1977-78, \$789.4m. (b) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedures by one bank.

The following series of statistics cover the main types of lending by finance companies in Australia, including instalment credit for retail sales, personal loans, wholesale finance, factoring, other consumer and commercial loans, leaving and bills of exchange. Definitions of items and information on the relationship of this series with the finance companies series prior to July 1973 are contained in the annual bulletin *Finance Companies: Assets, Liabilities, Income and Expenditure 1972-73 to 1976-77* (\$616.0). More detailed statistics are also contained in the monthly bulletin *Finance Companies* (\$614.0) and a further dissection of "amount financed" by purpose of loan for instalment credit for retail sales provided by finance companies is given in the monthly bulletin *Instalment Credit for Retail Sales* (\$631.0).

FINANCE COMPANIES: AMOUNT FINANCED CLASSIFIED BY TYPE OF FINANCE AGREEMENT
(£ million)

Other consumer and commercial loans										
Period	Instalment credit for retail sales	Personal loans (a)	Wholesale finance	Factoring	Finance for housing			Other commercial loans		Total amount financed
					Purchase of existing housing	Construction of housing (b)	Purchase of individual residential blocks of land	Construction other than housing	Other purposes (c)	
AUSTRALIA										
1975-76	1,382.6	520.8	2,873.6	237.4	418.1	439.4	132.4	421.8	1,223.3	7,649.5
1976-77	1,530.3	647.4	3,883.1	247.1	516.1	514.3	165.1	571.0	1,442.2	9,516.8
1977-78	1,516.9	689.9	4,089.1	290.1	493.3	416.7	159.8	751.4	1,785.2	10,192.4
1977-78										
July	125.7	53.1	322.6	20.0	41.8	40.2	12.9	60.1	159.7	836.0
Aug.	132.8	57.2	347.0	26.1	44.6	40.0	14.5	55.4	141.0	858.7
Sept.	131.4	54.0	332.2	26.0	42.3	33.8	13.9	56.8	146.7	837.1
Oct.	124.6	52.6	296.8	23.5	37.7	36.3	13.3	49.9	135.6	770.3
Nov.	132.3	63.1	366.6	25.9	41.4	35.1	14.4	64.7	120.3	863.9
Dec.	127.6	57.2	335.3	24.8	47.3	38.0	15.2	78.1	194.3	917.6
Jan.	114.6	46.7	241.1	14.8	31.6	25.5	10.1	63.4	141.2	688.8
Feb.	115.2	52.5	313.6	23.0	40.0	27.2	12.9	47.4	138.8	770.5
Mar.	123.3	57.0	357.3	27.3	40.4	31.2	12.7	55.6	137.6	842.5
Apr.	122.0	57.4	361.2	24.7	35.3	32.8	9.9	63.6	115.5	822.5
May	138.6	70.0	417.6	26.1	44.6	38.2	16.3	74.9	164.5	990.9
June	128.8	69.1	397.8	28.2	46.3	38.3	13.7	81.5	189.9	993.6
July	125.3	59.2	397.5	24.6	43.2	34.0	11.0	80.1	178.5	953.3
Aug.	136.0	64.2	389.9	27.9	41.2	39.9	13.0	86.1	175.9	974.2
STATS - JULY 1978										
N.S.W.	46.5	20.3	151.5	(d)	10.7	8.4	2.4	19.3	82.4	341.5
Vic.	26.7	18.4	117.0	(d)	8.7	8.4	1.0	32.0	53.3	265.6
Qld	18.8	10.0	56.4	(d)	8.6	7.9	3.9	8.5	14.5	128.5
S.A.	10.5	(e)4.7	(e)43.1	(d)	4.9	3.9	1.2	12.1	5.4	82.4
W.A.	14.5	3.0	39.2	—	8.9	3.5	2.2	7.4	19.3	98.1
Tas.	4.6	1.2	9.8	—	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.2	2.4	18.5
N.T.	0.9	(e)	(e)	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.8
A.C.T.	2.7	1.5	4.9	—	0.5	1.3	0.1	0.7	1.2	12.8
STATS - AUGUST 1978										
N.S.W.	47.9	22.8	146.9	(d)	10.8	11.6	2.9	28.2	69.6	340.7
Vic.	30.0	19.7	117.6	(d)	8.1	8.6	1.7	31.1	55.0	271.8
Qld	21.6	10.4	55.0	(d)	8.1	9.1	3.9	9.0	15.7	132.9
S.A.	11.9	(e)5.2	(e)41.4	(d)	4.6	3.6	1.3	3.2	3.5	71.8
W.A.	15.2	3.0	40.8	—	8.3	4.3	2.4	11.5	21.4	106.9
Tas.	5.2	1.5	10.2	—	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.7	19.1
N.T.	1.1	(e)	(e)	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.3
A.C.T.	3.1	1.5	5.9	—	0.6	2.4	0.4	2.7	9.1	25.7

(a) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost less than \$10,000 to existing dwelling units. (b) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost \$10,000 or more to existing dwelling units. (c) Includes loans for the purpose of developing tracts of land into residential blocks. (d) Not available separately, included in "wholesale finance". (e) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

FINANCE COMPANIES : BALANCES OUTSTANDING CLASSIFIED BY TYPE OF FINANCE AGREEMENT
(£ million)

At end of	Instalment credit for retail sales	Personal loans	Whol-sale finance	Factoring	Other consumer and commercial loans					Total all contracts
					Finance for housing		Other commercial loans			
					Contracts including charges	Contracts excluding charges	Contracts including charges	Contracts excluding charges		
AUSTRALIA										
1975-76	2,233.0	801.0	589.3	51.3	1,368.9	1,021.2	946.1	2,238.3	9,249.1	
1976-77	2,601.1	1,048.2	925.9	60.9	1,639.4	1,061.3	1,168.9	2,599.0	11,104.8	
1977-78	2,804.0	1,215.6	1,078.4	78.9	1,752.9	965.9	1,277.1	2,647.6	11,820.5	
1977-78										
July	2,620.0	1,064.6	938.1	60.1	1,658.9	1,057.8	1,190.7	2,501.8	11,091.9	
Aug.	2,646.2	1,081.8	954.0	66.5	1,660.2	1,041.4	1,200.5	2,517.9	11,168.5	
Sept.	2,667.7	1,094.0	980.1	69.6	1,670.3	1,043.0	1,210.1	2,524.4	11,259.1	
Oct.	2,689.3	1,105.6	979.3	71.5	1,671.4	1,035.6	1,220.9	2,515.6	11,289.3	
Nov.	2,715.0	1,125.8	1,008.5	72.7	1,681.9	1,023.4	1,234.4	2,599.4	11,461.1	
Dec.	2,743.2	1,137.7	1,023.5	73.4	1,699.4	1,017.0	1,240.8	2,621.6	11,556.6	
Jan.	2,758.8	1,141.2	977.4	64.6	1,697.5	1,017.8	1,239.3	2,613.8	11,510.4	
Feb.	2,754.1	1,152.1	984.6	66.1	1,700.5	1,008.3	1,237.6	2,596.8	11,500.0	
Mar.	2,761.1	1,166.5	1,011.0	75.3	1,709.4	993.3	1,236.9	2,593.1	11,546.6	
Apr.	2,772.4	1,179.2	1,030.5	76.7	1,720.5	982.9	1,239.2	2,598.8	11,600.3	
May	2,790.1	1,192.6	1,048.9	74.7	1,730.4	969.7	1,257.2	2,638.9	11,702.6	
June	2,804.0	1,215.6	1,078.4	78.9	1,752.9	965.9	1,277.1	2,647.6	11,820.5	
July	2,809.2	1,227.9	1,073.6	73.3	1,761.1	945.5	1,304.5	2,695.8	11,891.0	
Aug.	2,822.5	1,240.1	1,076.9	77.1	1,772.3	938.1	1,303.8	2,743.6	11,974.3	
STATIS - JULY 1978										
N.S.W.	988.9	487.6	384.6	(a)	435.1	302.3	392.3	1,112.2	4,103.0	
Vic.	606.1	375.2	332.1	(a)	339.2	307.8	296.5	938.3	3,195.1	
Qld	473.6	166.7	148.9	(a)	510.4	119.4	268.4	278.9	1,966.5	
S.A.	263.0	95.4	96.5	(a)	249.8	79.7	114.6	83.8	982.8	
W.A.	304.8	52.8	150.7	—	166.6	96.3	171.6	117.5	1,060.3	
Tas.	103.7	20.4	23.7	—	4.5	13.7	32.5	6.8	205.4	
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	—	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	
A.C.T.	69.1	29.8	10.4	—	55.5	26.2	28.7	158.3	378.0	
STATIS - AUGUST 1978										
N.S.W.	996.9	490.2	388.2	(a)	439.1	299.8	383.8	1,118.2	4,116.2	
Vic.	605.9	379.4	337.5	(a)	342.8	301.7	297.0	962.9	3,227.3	
Qld	475.3	169.8	145.1	(a)	516.6	123.2	267.2	278.4	1,975.6	
S.A.	262.4	96.0	98.4	(a)	247.9	76.6	114.9	83.1	979.2	
W.A.	308.5	53.7	150.3	—	166.4	96.5	175.6	133.5	1,084.6	
Tas.	104.4	21.2	23.6	—	4.8	13.6	31.4	7.0	205.9	
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	—	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	
A.C.T.	69.1	29.8	10.8	—	54.7	26.6	33.9	160.5	385.5	

(a) Not available separately; included in 'wholesale finance'. (b) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

FINANCE COMPANIES : OTHER TRANSACTIONS
(\$ million)

Period	<i>Leasing of business plant and equipment</i>		<i>Bills of exchange</i>			<i>Liquidity placements</i>	<i>Loans to non-finance companies in group</i>
	<i>Value of goods newly leased during period</i>	<i>Value of all leasing agreements at end of period</i>	<i>Amounts paid for bills acquired during period</i>	<i>Amounts received for bills disposed of during period</i>	<i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i>	<i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i>	<i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i>
AUSTRALIA							
1975-76	1,016.4	1,923.8	4,179.6	4,057.4	658.6	334.2	259.5
1976-77	1,410.0	2,737.1	5,421.3	5,309.5	718.2	272.5	302.9
1977-78	1,789.2	3,785.5	6,443.1	6,277.5	842.6	299.6	317.4
1977-78							
July	134.2	2,816.6	570.2	538.9	748.5	275.9	309.4
Aug.	135.0	2,913.9	674.7	682.8	741.1	343.4	327.9
Sep.	132.6	2,967.6	637.0	644.2	734.0	284.5	341.6
Oct.	129.1	3,036.7	593.7	575.4	752.4	344.6	290.8
Nov.	142.7	3,146.4	484.2	477.8	717.9	376.7	301.1
Dec.	147.3	3,228.4	596.1	574.8	739.3	497.0	307.5
Jan.	112.4	3,267.1	488.6	513.7	714.2	500.5	348.2
Feb.	178.8	3,333.8	469.7	456.2	727.5	499.3	332.8
Mar.	153.3	3,409.6	411.3	460.6	678.2	540.5	358.0
Apr.	147.4	3,496.1	329.4	340.5	667.2	531.4	373.2
May	185.2	3,601.6	604.5	488.8	782.8	357.8	591.7
June	241.1	3,785.5	583.7	523.8	842.6	299.6	317.4
July	185.2	3,892.2	588.3	694.3	736.7	415.6	360.3
Aug.	182.7	3,989.0	523.5	538.5	723.0	315.6	295.8
STATES - JULY 1978							
N.S.W.	59.7	1,254.5					
Vic.	54.3	1,176.9					
Qld	30.1	642.8					
S.A.	15.3	327.1					
W.A.	19.4	359.1					
Tas.	3.2	65.9					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	3.3	65.9					
STATES - AUGUST 1978							
N.S.W.	61.4	1,293.3					
Vic.	54.0	1,201.4					
Qld	29.8	656.7					
S.A.	14.4	333.8					
W.A.	17.5	371.0					
Tas.	3.1	67.6					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	2.4	65.1					

(a) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES : LOANS APPROVED DURING MONTH (\$'000)

Period	Construction of dwellings	To individuals for			Total	Alterations and additions	Other purposes
		Purchase of newly erected dwellings	Purchase of established dwellings				
AUSTRALIA							
1977-78 --							
July	21,555	26,544	107,733	155,832	2,411	8,047	
Aug.	27,280	31,549	115,042	173,871	3,602	8,211	
Sept.	23,190	28,139	114,760	166,089	3,621	5,945	
Oct.	19,449	23,999	90,556	134,004	2,997	8,338	
Nov.	19,043	26,259	98,538	143,840	2,795	6,031	
Dec.	17,939	21,804	87,226	126,969	2,461	4,194	
Jan.	17,998	18,918	82,454	119,370	2,466	2,762	
Feb.	17,324	22,536	93,788	133,648	2,632	3,314	
Mar.	17,784	20,811	92,977	131,572	2,527	3,214	
Apr.	19,275	20,237	87,085	126,597	2,258	5,613	
May	21,285	24,634	101,224	147,143	2,624	6,078	
June	21,717	23,517	92,075	137,309	2,903	5,973	
1978-79 --							
July	23,382	24,552	97,986	145,920	3,034	6,225	
Aug.	25,106	28,146	113,150	166,402	3,602	8,079	
STATES - AUGUST 1978							
N.S.W.	8,836	8,643	46,885	64,364	1,750	2,890	
Vic.	2,886	8,829	27,232	38,947	369	591	
Qld	3,633	4,579	12,732	20,944	334	1,132	
S.A.	534	906	6,658	8,098	359	375	
W.A.	8,385	3,202	15,382	26,969	457	2,908	
Tas.	532	365	2,282	3,179	148	138	
A.C.T. and N.T.	300	1,622	1,979	3,901	185	45	

PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES : SUMMARY OF MONTHLY OPERATIONS (\$'000)

Period	Loans advanced during month to individuals	Cancellations during month of loans previously approved to individuals	Loans approved but not advanced at end of month to individuals	Amount owing by borrowers at end of month	Paid-up share capital at end of month	Other borrowings by Societies at end of month	
						Unsecured	Secured
AUSTRALIA							
1977-78 -							
July	138,920	8,080	296,090	5,139,195	4,843,333	1,362,445	201,592
Aug.	157,393	8,738	308,086	5,246,376	4,928,464	1,397,377	210,437
Sept.	158,250	6,987	312,459	5,357,315	4,971,107	1,427,482	248,857
Oct.	142,299	8,285	298,876	5,448,700	4,923,787	1,454,328	267,510
Nov.	148,128	9,644	287,739	5,546,547	5,028,347	1,474,146	276,939
Dec.	156,408	8,068	252,693	5,639,154	5,133,048	1,520,924	248,237
Jan.	94,844	6,731	273,484	5,695,420	5,228,965	1,553,784	247,451
Feb.	126,209	6,535	277,109	5,775,486	5,286,513	1,580,181	250,259
Mar.	131,299	6,891	273,005	5,845,324	5,282,785	1,566,751	272,859
Apr.	124,157	6,734	270,969	5,916,720	5,306,896	1,564,730	278,772
May	147,924	6,793	266,019	5,997,256	5,409,801	1,570,233	296,995
June	138,444	6,753	261,840	6,073,941	5,483,915	1,608,314	313,859
1978-79 -							
July	132,628	6,165	271,285	6,147,397	5,610,649	1,635,883	308,351
Aug.	150,255	6,350	285,027	6,252,423	5,721,210	1,704,980	299,846
STATES - AUGUST 1978							
N.S.W.	57,830	3,479	146,169	2,512,618	3,141,042	9,830	51,658
Vic.	30,088	979	60,44	1,203,218	387,901	1,070,067	15,049
Qld	16,745	597	23,741	804,650	877,533	28,820	31,314
S.A.	8,687	307	9,228	286,499	146,478	8,707	16,834
W.A.	29,541	725	34,922	1,163,526	736,386	501,665	149,609
Tas.	2,776	35	4,203	119,198	115,400	38,804	1,226
A.C.T. and N.T.	4,588	228	6,323	162,714	116,470	47,087	34,156

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : NEW POLICIES ISSUED, PREMIUMS RECEIVED AND CLAIMS, ETC., PAID

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS: NEW POLICIES ISSUED, PREMIUMS RECEIVED AND CLAIMS PAID													
Period	New policies issued (excluding annuities) (a)						Premiums received (b)			Claims, etc., paid (c)			New loans paid over (e)
	Ordinary business		Industrial business		Superannuation business (d)		Ordinary	Industrial	Superannuation (d)	Ordinary	Industrial	Superannuation (d)	
	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured							
'000	\$m	'000	\$m	'000	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m		
1975-76	467.1	8,407.7	60.2	193.2	120.4	7,487.2	791.6	56.7	617.5	491.7	50.5	329.1	204.0
1976-77	468.8	10,167.2	51.7	186.8	117.7	8,093.1	804.3	55.9	703.5	545.0	55.6	303.5	257.8
1977-78	465.8	11,318.8	46.1	210.6	105.1	9,156.5	848.0	55.1	858.6	612.8	52.4	456.9	251.4
1976-77 -													
May	42.5	904.3	5.0	18.5	9.6	609.6	71.2	4.9	65.4	48.9	5.7	30.1	22.6
June	43.7	1,003.9	5.1	18.5	9.9	812.6	91.7	4.2	69.6	59.8	5.1	34.6	23.7
1977-78 -													
July	40.6	932.5	4.9	18.4	10.3	771.6	79.7	5.0	71.3	53.9	4.8	47.1	19.9
Aug.	45.3	1,041.0	5.2	19.4	11.3	745.2	68.1	4.8	58.8	52.3	5.6	37.7	20.4
Sept.	41.3	958.4	4.3	16.3	10.2	1,122.7	67.7	4.8	66.8	52.0	3.9	34.9	20.5
Oct.	39.6	944.7	5.0	19.8	8.6	670.3	65.4	4.3	64.5	47.2	5.2	32.3	19.8
Nov.	40.8	983.9	3.9	15.5	9.2	1,101.8	68.1	5.4	64.7	49.8	5.5	38.7	18.7
Dec.	38.0	1,085.2	2.3	9.0	9.6	982.7	66.6	7.3	65.0	46.9	4.1	40.5	22.5
Jan.	23.0	577.0	0.8	3.3	4.6	386.5	60.8	0.8	65.6	34.7	2.5	32.8	12.8
Feb.	32.4	844.3	3.4	17.8	6.9	491.8	64.4	4.6	73.8	45.3	3.6	34.3	19.3
Mar.	35.9	871.8	3.6	21.7	7.0	638.2	65.4	4.8	62.8	47.8	3.9	38.4	33.3
Apr.	39.9	922.7	3.7	21.7	8.2	640.4	68.6	4.0	106.2	48.2	3.9	33.4	20.6
May	44.8	1,051.5	5.1	27.5	9.1	715.6	79.9	4.5	79.9	61.3	4.9	44.4	21.1
June	44.2	1,105.8	3.9	20.2	10.1	829.7	93.3	4.8	79.1	73.7	4.3	42.2	22.5

(a) Relates to periods during which policies were recorded in company registers, which may be subsequent to periods in which written. (b) Includes consideration for annuities. (c) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (d) Includes investment-linked superannuation business. (e) Includes advances of premiums.

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : SELECTED ASSETS HELD IN AUSTRALIA (a) BY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES (\$ million)

(S million)									
At end of	Fixed assets	Loans (b)				Investments			
		On mortgage			Other	Govt. securities	Local and semi-govt. securities	Debentures and notes	Shares
		Housing	Other incl. rural	On policies					
June 1975 (c)	1,818.4	491.1	840.6	284.4	80.9	1,946.9	808.1	846.2	1,406.7
June 1976	2,115.3	487.1	821.8	279.5	62.7	2,108.3	861.1	936.4	1,595.1
June 1977	2,364.6	499.8	795.8	287.7	77.5	2,327.8	908.9	915.1	1,791.9
1976-77 -									
Dec.	2,300.1	494.9	808.9	277.4	65.6	2,283.6	873.5	916.5	1,711.5
Mar.	2,336.5	495.9	806.3	280.9	69.7	2,276.6	898.5	927.5	1,751.6
June	2,364.6	499.8	795.8	287.7	77.5	2,327.8	908.9	915.1	1,791.9
1977-78 -									
Sept.	2,427.1	515.0	780.1	288.7	77.7	2,416.8	954.3	922.9	1,821.2
Dec.	2,573.2	505.4	792.5	292.0	85.4	2,507.8	995.5	920.2	1,901.4
Mar.	2,642.5	505.6	787.8	294.9	103.4	2,504.8	1,043.7	934.1	1,971.1

(a) Items shown are the balances according to the companies' ledgers as at the date at which the information was supplied without adjustment for any accrued or outstanding interest or other items which had not been brought into account as at that date. (b) Includes advances of premiums. (c) Includes Papua New Guinea.

**HOUSING FINANCE : VALUE OF LOANS APPROVED TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR PURCHASE OF DWELLINGS,
BY TYPE OF LENDER - AUSTRALIA
(\$'000)**

Month	Banks		Building societies		Government			Credit unions	Insurance companies	Total
	Savings	Trading	Permanent	Term-inating	Finance companies	Housing authorities	Other			
HOUSES										
1976-77 -										
June	166,767	49,470	120,223	10,890	28,861	18,704	3,724	1,607	9,129	409,375
1977-78 -										
July	157,168	41,436	136,713	8,715	25,638	27,653	2,987	1,471	10,038	411,815
Aug.	170,841	53,352	152,740	14,832	24,661	20,805	3,989	1,450	9,652	452,322
Sept.	151,653	41,654	145,929	23,536	22,282	21,608	2,536	1,665	9,849	420,712
Oct.	156,092	45,471	117,689	30,959	24,632	21,482	3,898	1,669	11,571	413,463
Nov.	197,790	65,265	125,860	26,616	25,415	24,758	4,177	1,333	11,650	482,864
Dec.	141,583	39,230	110,439	19,386	22,095	20,923	2,765	1,003	10,075	367,499
Jan.	165,139	50,432	105,823	16,150	19,833	19,424	2,864	1,171	7,786	388,622
Feb.	171,819	60,927	118,196	18,436	22,968	21,353	3,064	2,199	11,631	430,593
Mar.	181,592	65,142	115,710	16,379	25,595	18,021	3,499	1,541	11,908	439,387
Apr.	167,375	53,559	113,978	19,346	25,035	15,297	3,184	1,631	11,437	410,842
May	198,440	62,733	130,155	20,238	29,441	17,437	4,253	2,028	13,386	478,111
June	165,698	50,390	123,745	13,278	28,402	15,854	3,732	1,946	10,562	413,607
1978-79 -										
July	165,248	52,492	129,350	8,704	27,038	14,558	2,726	3,356	12,842	416,314
OTHER DWELLINGS										
1976-77 -										
June	9,512	3,335	17,720	822	2,343	576	219	74	691	35,292
1977-78 -										
July	9,045	2,797	19,119	730	1,588	861	99	200	744	35,183
Aug.	9,879	3,685	21,131	978	1,989	719	48	226	646	39,301
Sept.	8,893	3,804	20,160	2,335	1,325	1,235	163	103	581	38,599
Oct.	8,973	3,274	16,315	1,331	1,638	714	183	158	632	33,218
Nov.	9,980	4,534	17,980	1,183	2,166	458	191	113	472	37,077
Dec.	7,579	3,012	16,530	824	2,620	804	126	271	371	32,137
Jan.	6,896	2,936	13,547	867	2,098	590	60	59	485	27,538
Feb.	11,099	4,127	15,452	1,081	1,709	722	268	263	468	35,189
Mar.	11,205	4,562	15,862	884	3,075	567	145	206	712	37,218
Apr.	9,607	3,596	12,619	937	2,942	720	130	94	763	31,408
May	11,502	5,623	16,988	1,071	2,308	868	268	224	1,005	39,857
June	9,914	3,492	13,564	936	2,578	500	169	197	2,791	34,141
1978-79 -										
July	9,866	4,982	16,432	464	2,375	730	27	288	1,034	36,198
TOTAL										
1976-77 -										
June	176,279	52,805	137,943	11,712	31,204	19,280	3,943	1,681	9,820	444,667
1977-78 -										
July	166,213	44,233	155,832	9,445	27,226	28,514	3,082	1,671	10,782	446,998
Aug.	180,720	57,037	173,871	15,810	26,650	21,524	4,037	1,676	10,298	491,623
Sept.	160,546	45,458	166,089	25,871	23,607	22,843	2,699	1,768	10,430	459,311
Oct.	165,065	48,745	134,004	32,290	26,270	22,196	4,081	1,827	12,203	446,681
Nov.	207,770	69,799	143,840	27,799	27,581	25,216	4,368	1,446	12,122	519,941
Dec.	149,162	42,242	126,969	20,210	24,715	21,727	2,891	1,274	10,446	399,636
Jan.	172,035	53,368	119,370	17,017	21,931	20,014	2,924	1,230	8,271	416,160
Feb.	182,918	65,054	133,648	19,517	24,677	22,075	3,332	2,462	12,099	465,782
Mar.	192,797	69,704	131,572	17,263	28,670	18,588	3,644	1,747	12,620	476,605
Apr.	176,982	57,155	126,597	20,283	27,977	16,017	3,314	1,725	12,200	442,250
May	209,942	68,356	147,143	21,309	31,749	18,305	4,521	2,252	14,391	517,968
June	175,612	53,882	137,309	14,214	30,980	16,354	3,901	2,143	13,353	447,748
1978-79 -										
July	175,114	57,474	145,782	9,168	29,413	15,288	2,753	3,644	13,876	452,512

SHORT TERM MONEY MARKET
SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF AUTHORISED DEALERS AND RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS
 (Source: Reserve Bank of Australia)

Asset holdings (face value)													
Month	Liabilities to clients		Commonwealth Government securities			Commercial bills	Trading Banks certificates of deposit	Interest rates on loans accepted during month				Weighted average interest rates on loans outstanding (a)	
	All Trading Banks	Other clients	Total	Treasury notes	Other			Total	At call		For fixed periods		
									Min.	Max.	Min.		Max.
	Average of weekly figures \$ million						per cent per annum						
June 1975	167.4	558.7	726.1	479.2	134.1	613.3	83.7	47.9	1.50	14.10	3.00	11.50	6.72
June 1976	182.3	636.1	818.4	53.3	696.4	749.7	129.2	61.3	2.00	14.00	4.50	9.50	8.03
June 1977	144.8	701.5	846.3	54.6	774.9	829.5	129.8	21.6	3.00	15.70	5.00	13.80	9.33
1977-78 -													
July	145.0	746.8	891.8	20.8	927.8	948.6	99.8	16.1	1.75	19.00	5.20	12.25	9.41
Aug.	178.9	773.7	952.6	10.6	935.6	946.2	136.2	18.7	2.00	18.00	4.00	13.00	9.81
Sept.	217.3	811.4	1,028.7	19.1	995.2	1,014.3	124.1	27.9	1.50	18.35	4.00	12.80	9.36
Oct.	166.0	992.3	1,158.3	30.3	1,065.1	1,095.4	113.1	19.0	1.60	17.60	2.50	12.60	8.79
Nov.	254.1	947.7	1,201.8	41.9	1,107.2	1,149.1	118.8	15.6	1.00	18.35	2.00	11.80	9.46
Dec. (b)	184.8	963.7	1,148.5	46.2	1,069.2	1,115.4	137.0	14.5	2.00	18.85	4.00	14.00	8.99
Jan.	227.7	1,071.3	1,299.0	49.2	1,141.7	1,190.9	118.5	5.2	2.50	18.45	5.60	11.60	8.65
Feb.	220.3	1,149.8	1,370.1	78.4	1,201.4	1,279.8	114.1	6.1	1.00	18.30	5.00	11.01	8.15
Mar.	212.8	1,097.1	1,309.9	52.0	1,160.0	1,212.0	111.5	7.8	2.00	17.80	2.50	10.80	7.84
Apr.	239.1	1,109.2	1,248.3	94.9	1,046.8	1,141.7	115.2	6.5	1.00	18.75	1.00	11.25	9.10
May	260.4	928.4	1,188.8	55.8	1,069.3	1,125.1	128.3	8.5	2.00	18.86	3.00	11.50	9.05
June	190.9	1,088.5	1,279.4	57.9	1,085.6	1,143.5	153.5	15.8	0.50				
1978-79 -													
July	215.2	1,090.1	1,305.3	90.7	1,095.9	1,186.6	148.8	20.6	2.00	18.95	2.10	12.10	8.91
Aug.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1,301.3	179.8	1,036.9	1,216.7	160.6	17.1	2.00	18.65	6.60	11.65	9.09

(a) To June 1975, weighted average on clients' loans outstanding on each Wednesday of the month. From July 1975, weighted average of rates paid on all days of the four or five weeks ending on the last Wednesday of the month. (b) 1 excludes one Wednesday.

OFFICIAL RESERVE ASSETS (a)
 (\$ million)

<i>End of period</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Special Drawing Rights</i>	<i>IMF gold tranche</i>	<i>Foreign exchange</i>			<i>Total (b)</i>	
				<i>U.S.</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>
June 1974	210	150	149	1 852	1 199	3 051	3 560	3 471
June 1975	238	89	156	2 352	755	3 010	3 493	3 409
June 1976	749	37	155	1 457	688	2 145	3 086	3 027
1976-77								
June	947	27	174	1 312	851	2 164	3 312	3 256
1977-78 -								
July	959	27	174	1 040	853	1 893	3 053	3 008
Aug.	985	25	175	655	861	1 517	2 701	2 729
Sept.	1 013	25	174	763	844	1 607	2 820	2 848
Oct.	1 061	25	174	874	865	1 739	3 000	3 016
Nov.	1 079	23	175	780	881	1 661	2 938	2 961
Dec.	1 076	23	177	683	919	1 603	2 879	2 891
Jan.	1 164	29	177	567	924	1 491	2 861	2 992
Feb.	1 199	135	179	481	953	1 435	2 948	2 926
Mar.	1 229	123	180	792	939	1 731	3 262	3 245
Apr.	1 180	122	179	822	925	1 747	3 229	3 207
May	1 193	120	179	730	960	1 690	3 182	3 145
June	1 225	113	179	727	982	1 708	3 225	n.y.a.
1978-79 -								
July	1 250	114	181	746	1 002	1 748	3 293	n.y.a.

(a) Up to 30 June 1974, SDR and IMF gold tranche are valued on the basis of Australia's official parity established with the IMF; subsequent figures are based on the IMF basket valuation for the SDR, which is published in terms of U.S. dollars, crossed with the representative rate for the Australian dollar in terms of the U.S. dollar. Gold is valued at the Reserve Bank buying price up to the end of January 1976; from February 1976 to end May 1976 gold is valued at the IMF official price in SDR converted to Australian dollars at the derived SDR/\$A rate; of subsequently, the basis of valuation is the average London gold price for the month, converted to Australian dollars at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. Since June 1973, the foreign currency value of all other overseas assets has been based, where applicable, on market quotations; accrued interest is normally taken into account; figures for earlier periods are on a historical cost basis. Conversion to Australian dollar equivalent is based on market rates of exchange. (b) Changes in the value of holdings of official reserve assets reflect both balance of payments transactions and valuation effects arising from changes in exchange rates.

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT SHORT-TERM DEBT AND BANK BALANCES
(\$ million)

<i>End of period</i>	<i>Treasury bills</i>	<i>Treasury notes</i>	<i>Bank balances</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>End of period</i>	<i>Treasury bills</i>	<i>Treasury notes</i>	<i>Bank balances</i>	<i>Total</i>
June --					1977-78 --				
1974	..	386.9	1,424.9	-1,038.0	Jan.	2,900.0	789.2	61.4	3,627.8
1975	..	2,076.0	765.0	1,311.0	Feb.	2,800.0	989.2	53.0	3,736.2
1976	850.0	456.5	469.4	837.1	Mar.	3,300.0	979.0	135.9	4,143.1
1977-78 --					Apr.	2,400.0	777.2	71.7	3,105.5
Aug.	1,700.0	294.6	111.2	1,883.4	May	1,600.0	460.2	94.1	1,966.1
Sept.	1,800.0	466.8	46.5	2,220.3	June	1,500.0	363.1	339.2	1,523.9
Oct.	2,300.0	446.1	103.7	2,642.4	1978-79 --				
Nov.	2,400.0	472.4	93.0	2,779.4	July	2,000.0	516.5	205.7	2,310.8
Dec.	2,900.0	560.6	127.2	3,333.4	Aug.	1,800.0	763.8	142.7	2,421.1
					Sept.	2,200.0	803.0	211.7	2,791.3

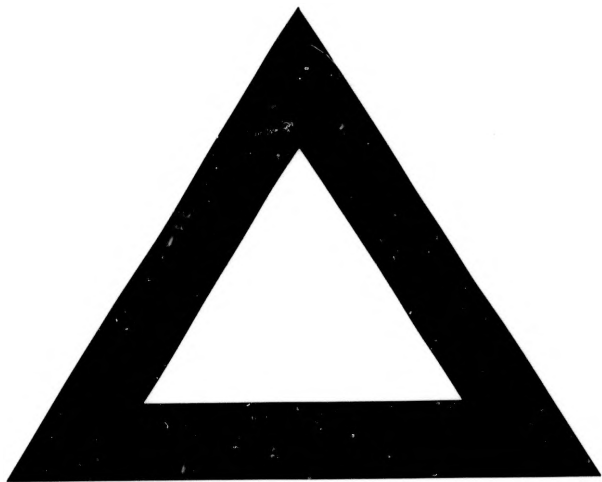
COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT AND STATE FINANCE (a): CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS

NOTE: This table is based on information published in monthly statements issued by the Commonwealth Treasury and each State Treasury.

(\$ million)

<i>Period</i>	<i>N.S.W. (b)</i>	<i>Vic (c)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Six States</i>	<i>Commonwealth Government</i>
REVENUE								
1975-76	2,909.1	2,155.8	1,349.5	1,037.0	950.9	322.1	8,724.4	19,712.3
1976-77	3,403.7	2,528.9	1,610.5	1,174.0	1,144.5	396.6	10,258.4	21,435.4
1977-78	3,801.5	2,859.8	1,816.0	1,167.2	1,311.2	444.3	11,399.9	23,452.8
1977-78 --								
July-Jan.	2,134.4	1,549.6	1,069.4	639.9	738.7	243.8	6,375.8	10,917.1
July-Feb.	2,433.2	1,765.6	1,210.1	734.0	838.0	275.4	7,256.2	12,829.9
July-Mar.	2,742.5	1,974.6	1,357.5	844.5	946.0	321.7	8,186.7	14,619.3
July-Apr.	3,036.3	2,198.2	1,497.5	933.3	1,046.2	353.4	9,065.0	17,490.3
July-May	3,365.5	2,499.5	1,654.1	1,033.6	1,147.9	383.1	10,083.7	20,926.2
July-June	3,801.5	2,859.8	1,816.0	1,167.2	1,311.2	444.3	11,399.9	23,452.8
EXPENDITURE								
1975-76	2,910.1	2,143.7	1,348.8	1,034.7	950.3	317.9	8,705.5	19,712.3
1976-77	3,404.2	2,519.8	1,611.6	1,183.2	1,141.1	395.0	10,254.9	21,435.4
1977-78	3,802.2	2,859.5	1,816.9	1,192.1	1,311.2	450.7	11,432.5	23,452.8
1977-78 --								
July-Jan.	2,052.2	1,553.4	1,011.9	667.1	707.1	261.5	6,253.3	14,588.5
July-Feb.	2,386.0	1,803.5	1,143.0	761.2	809.5	298.8	7,202.1	16,599.2
July-Mar.	2,677.4	1,996.7	1,270.2	855.7	922.4	335.3	8,057.6	18,662.6
July-Apr.	2,995.6	2,246.0	1,446.6	950.3	1,028.6	369.6	9,036.7	20,460.5
July-May	3,347.1	2,489.5	1,602.5	1,062.7	1,148.0	413.1	10,062.9	22,577.9
July-June	3,802.2	2,859.5	1,816.9	1,192.1	1,311.2	450.7	11,432.5	23,452.8

(a) Aggregates for the six States and the Commonwealth Government together, as obtained from particulars in this table, contain duplications due to State payments to the Commonwealth Government in respect of payroll tax before October 1971 and Commonwealth Government payments to the States of grants for specific and general purposes. (b) Figures for New South Wales represent combined transactions of consolidated revenue fund and trading enterprises (Public Transport Commission and Maritime Services Board) included in annual Budget papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (c) Figures for Victoria cover the Victorian Consolidated Revenue Fund excluding the Works and Services section.



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