

ECONOMIC INDICATORS, QUEENSLAND, FEBRUARY 1990

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MAIN FEATURES

Employment and Unemployment (Page 4)

In trend estimate terms, the number of persons employed in Queensland increased by 6.4 per cent to 1,326,200 over the year to January 1990. The unemployment rate for January 1990 was 6.8 per cent, slightly below the 6.9 per cent recorded since July 1989.

Dwelling Units Approved (Page 6)

The number of dwelling units approved in Queensland, in trend estimate terms, decreased by 0.5 per cent between November 1989 and December 1989 and by 26.3 per cent between December 1988 and December 1989.

Price Index of Materials Used in House Building (Page 6)

The Price Index of Materials Used in House Building for Brisbane increased by 8.6 per cent between November 1988 and November 1989. The increase between October and November 1989 was 0.7 per cent.

Tourist Accommodation (Page 7)

Room nights sold for licensed hotels, motels etc. with facilities decreased by 20.9 per cent to 1.80 million in

September quarter 1989 compared with 2.28 million in September quarter 1988.

Despite domestic travel disruption caused by the airlines/pilots dispute (which commenced in the latter part of August and continued throughout September 1989), total Queensland room night sales in hotels and motels were only 1.7 per cent lower in August 1989 and 1.4 per cent lower in September 1989 than might have been anticipated. This was based on July 1989 room night sales and using 1987 monthly movements as a seasonal precedent.

New Motor Vehicle Registrations (Page 7)

Total new motor vehicle registrations in Queensland, in trend estimate terms, decreased by 1.2 per cent between November 1989 and December 1989 but increased by 0.6 per cent between December 1988 and December 1989.

Consumer Price Index (Page 7)

The Consumer Price Index for Brisbane increased by 7.7 per cent between December quarter 1988 and December quarter 1989. The increase between September quarter and December quarter 1989 was 1.7 per cent.

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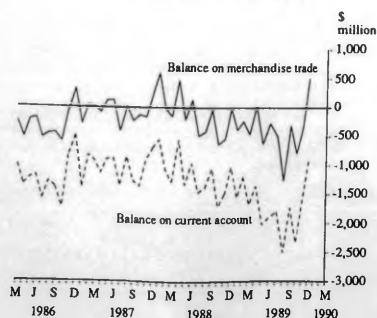
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AGGREGATE INDICATORS

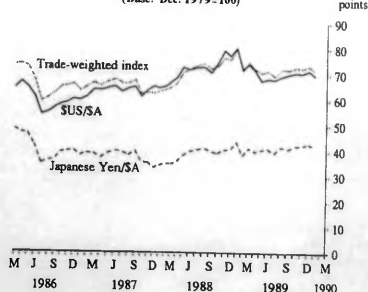
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1989								
Balance of payments, Australia							%	
Exports	\$m	December	4,155	4,187	3,938	4,006	3,686	+12.7
Imports	\$m	December	3,653	4,552	4,729	4,321	3,708	-1.5
Balance on merchandise trade	\$m	December	502	-365	-791	-315	-22	"
Balance on goods and services	\$m	December	159	-705	-1,246	-781	-126	"
Net income and unrequited transfers	\$m	December	-1,067	-898	-1,089	-948	-897	"
Balance on current account	\$m	December	-908	-1,603	-2,335	-1,729	-1,023	"
Trade and foreign investment								
Foreign trade, Queensland (a)								
Exports	\$m	October	1,049.2	921.4	918.0	897.5	839.8	+24.9
Imports	\$m	December	334.4	377.6	343.2	393.6	292.0	+14.5
Foreign investment in Australia								
Official	\$m	June qtr	-2,112	933	2,201	-220	-131	"
Non-official	\$m	June qtr	5,946	8,491	3,535	7,335	7,195	"
Export Price Index: All groups (Base: 1974-75 = 100)	Index No.	November	292	297	297	299	276	+5.8
Import Price Index: All groups (Base: 1981-82 = 100.0)	Index No.	Sept. qtr	159.5	156.2	147.9	149.9	152.5	+4.6
National accounts: Main aggregates, Australia, percentage changes (current prices, seasonally adjusted)								
Final consumption expenditure								
Private	%	Sept. qtr	2.2	3.1	3.8	2.8	2.4	"
Government	%	Sept. qtr	2.0	5.4	1.2	1.9	2.8	"
Gross fixed capital expenditure	%	Sept. qtr	1.6	4.1	3.7	9.7	2.9	"
Exports of goods and services	%	Sept. qtr	2.5	7.0	1.8	1.5	1.4	"
Imports of goods and services	%	Sept. qtr	1.9	8.0	5.7	8.3	1.9	"
Gross farm product	%	Sept. qtr	20.8	-5.9	-2.1	-3.8	15.6	"
Gross non-farm product	%	Sept. qtr	1.1	2.8	4.9	3.9	1.4	"
Gross domestic product	%	Sept. qtr	1.8	2.4	4.6	3.6	2.0	"
1990								
Exchange rate levels at end of period (b)								
\$/US\$A	January	0.7708	0.7927	0.7815	0.7831	0.8890	-13.3	
Yen/\$A	January	111.10	113.61	111.78	111.58	114.93	-3.3	
Trade-weighted index of value of \$A (Base: May 1970 = 100.0)	January	59.4	61.1	60.4	60.7	66.7	-10.9	

(a) From January 1988, foreign trade data are based on the Harmonised Commodity Description Coding System, not the Standard International Trade Classification (Revision 2), as previously. (b) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. -- Not applicable.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, AUSTRALIA



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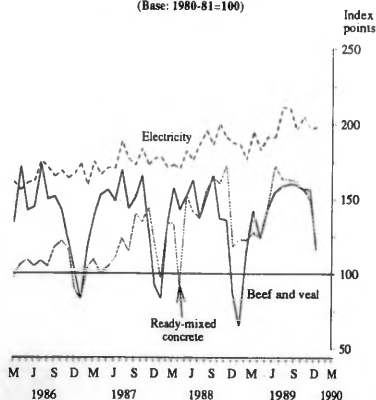


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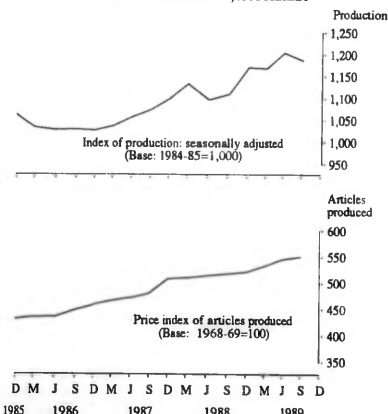
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%								
Selected production statistics, Queensland								
Black coal (saleable) (a)	'000 tonnes	Sept. qtr	17,885	19,301	16,767	19,655	18,394	-2.8
Beef and veal	'000 tonnes	December	42.2	56.7	56.8	57.8	31.7	+33.0
Wheaten flour	tonnes	December	14,480	16,901	15,194	15,904	14,592	-0.8
Electricity generated	m kWh	December	2,212.2	2,202.9	2,286.7	2,190.2	2,093.3	+5.7
Clay bricks	'000	December	23,442	29,578	31,693	21,774	28,147	-16.7
Ready-mixed concrete	'000 cu m	December	286.9	354.8	371.8	384.6	280.7	+2.2
Log timber processed	'000 cu m	Sept. qtr	437.5	401.0	360.7	402.8	404.0	+8.3
Quarterly index of manufacturing production, Australia (Base: 1984-85 = 1,000)								
Food, beverages and tobacco	Index No.	Sept. qtr	1,174	1,101	1,127	1,228	1,089	+7.8
Chemicals, petroleum and coal products	Index No.	Sept. qtr	1,111	1,161	1,106	1,134	1,112	-0.1
Basic metal products	Index No.	Sept. qtr	1,233	1,152	1,081	1,103	1,050	+17.4
Transport equipment	Index No.	Sept. qtr	1,068	1,158	879	1,123	1,001	+6.7
All groups	Index No.	Sept. qtr	1,229	1,197	1,088	1,218	1,151	+6.8
Price indexes of articles produced by manufacturing industry, Australia (Base: 1968-69 = 100.0)								
Food, beverages and tobacco	Index No.	November	518.8	517.0	511.9	510.9	479.9	+8.1
Chemicals, petroleum and coal products	Index No.	November	532.0	521.1	517.9	523.6	487.8	+9.1
Basic metal products	Index No.	November	542.1	547.4	549.0	545.1	512.2	+5.8
Transport equipment	Index No.	November	590.9	586.9	587.2	583.7	558.2	+5.9
All groups	Index No.	November	556.6	553.2	550.7	549.0	520.3	+7.0
Price indexes of materials used in manufacturing industry, Australia (Base: 1984-85 = 100.0)								
Imported	Index No.	November	120.0	119.9	120.1	121.5	114.5	+4.8
Home produced	Index No.	November	116.9	116.7	116.4	117.9	106.3	+10.0
All materials	Index No.	November	118.0	117.8	117.7	119.2	109.1	+8.2

(a) Source: Queensland Coal Board. Periods vary: March quarter and September quarter, 12 weeks; June quarters, 14 weeks; December quarter 1988, 15 weeks.

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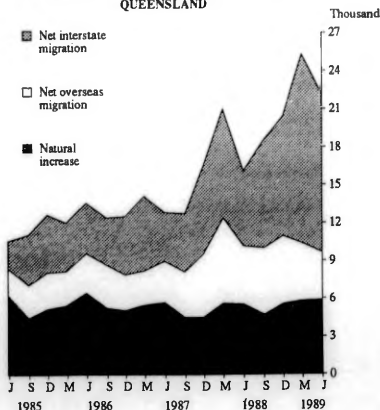


POPULATION, VITAL AND LABOUR STATISTICS, QUEENSLAND

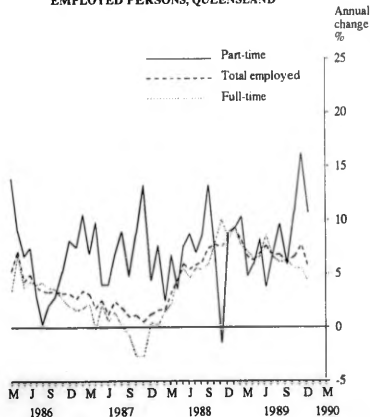
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1989								
Estimated resident population at end of period	'000	June qtr	2,830.2	2,808.1	2,782.8	2,762.3	2,743.8	+3.2
Population increase during period								
Natural increase	No.	June qtr	5,909	5,858	5,628	4,759	5,573	+6.0
Net estimated interstate migration	No.	June qtr	12,453	14,897	9,455	8,539	5,946	+109.4
Net estimated overseas migration	No.	June qtr	3,768	4,550	5,354	5,263	4,600	-18.1
Total	No.	June qtr	22,130	25,305	20,437	18,561	16,119	+37.3
Short-term overseas movement								
Arrivals	'000	November	55.2	60.3	60.6	62.6	53.9	+2.5
Departures	'000	November	55.1	51.5	62.7	69.2	61.1	-9.8
1990								
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	'000	January	2,214.6	2,209.4	2,202.8	2,196.3	2,136.8	+3.6
Persons in the labour force	'000	January	1,395.2	1,434.6	1,408.7	1,396.8	1,335.0	+4.5
Employed persons	'000	January	1,291.0	1,337.3	1,323.3	1,305.7	1,224.2	+5.5
Full-time								
Males	'000	January	710.4	729.8	713.2	718.9	696.6	+2.0
Females	'000	January	316.2	324.5	317.0	310.6	288.6	+9.6
Part-time								
Males	'000	January	65.5	63.4	71.3	63.2	50.7	+29.2
Females	'000	January	199.0	219.6	221.8	213.0	188.2	+5.7
Unemployed persons	'000	January	104.1	97.3	85.5	91.1	110.8	-6.0
Males	'000	January	60.3	50.6	44.6	45.1	61.5	-2.0
Females	'000	January	43.8	46.7	40.9	46.0	49.3	-11.2
Unemployment rate								
Males	%	January	7.2	6.0	5.4	5.4	7.6	..
Females	%	January	7.8	7.9	7.1	8.1	9.4	..
Persons	%	January	7.5	6.8	6.1	6.5	8.3	..
1989								
Persons aged 15 to 19 years	%	December	17.5	13.7	14.0	16.3	18.2	..

.. Not applicable.

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EMPLOYED PERSONS, QUEENSLAND



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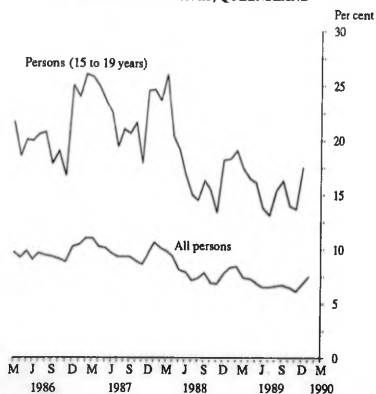
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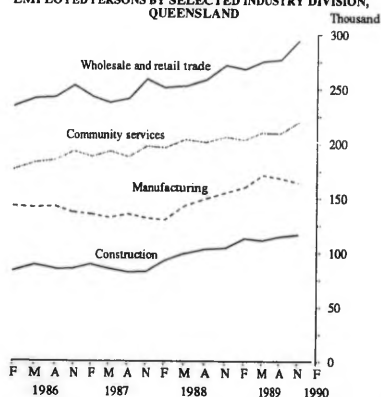
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Participation rate: Persons	%	January	63.0	64.9	64.0	63.6	62.5	..
Males	%	January	76.2	77.1	75.9	76.0	76.4	..
Females	%	January	50.0	53.0	52.2	51.4	48.8	..
1989								
Industry of employed persons (a)								
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	'000	November	93.9	91.0	94.1	90.4	85.5	+9.8
Mining	'000	November	27.3	27.2	23.6	24.6	20.3	+34.5
Manufacturing	'000	November	164.2	168.5	171.4	160.1	155.2	+5.8
Electricity, gas and water	'000	November	14.9	14.0	16.4	15.1	12.1	+23.1
Construction	'000	November	116.7	115.0	111.4	113.2	104.4	+11.8
Wholesale and retail trade	'000	November	294.8	277.0	275.6	268.4	272.1	+8.3
Transport and storage	'000	November	75.9	77.7	76.3	76.8	79.7	-4.8
Communication	'000	November	23.8	23.5	21.3	20.0	22.1	+7.7
Finance, property and business services	'000	November	127.2	128.4	128.7	124.4	120.7	+5.4
Public administration and defence	'000	November	42.7	44.1	50.4	46.4	47.7	-10.5
Community services	'000	November	219.5	209.4	210.2	203.7	206.4	+6.3
Recreation, personal and other services	'000	November	122.3	105.4	103.4	99.1	102.2	+19.7
Total	'000	November	1,323.3	1,281.2	1,282.7	1,242.2	1,228.5	+7.7
Employed wage and salary earners								
Private	'000	September	694.0	694.7	684.8	683.0	636.9	+9.0
Government	'000	September	252.2	256.2	256.5	255.4	(b) 258.0	-2.2
Commonwealth	'000	September	48.9	49.0	49.3	49.9	(b) 57.5	-15.0
State	'000	September	175.3	179.2	179.2	177.5	173.8	+0.9
Local	'000	September	28.0	28.0	27.9	28.1	26.8	+4.5
Job vacancies (a)	'000	November	9.3	9.6	10.4	10.0	8.0	+16.3
Overtime, average hours per employee (a)	No.	November	1.41	1.47	1.53	1.35	1.45	-2.8
Industrial disputes: Working days lost	'000	October	19.7	10.4	10.7	4.0	11.3	+74.3

(a) Figures collected in a quarterly survey conducted in February, May, August and November. (b) Including temporary Australian Electoral Commission employees.
.. Not applicable.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, QUEENSLAND



EMPLOYED PERSONS BY SELECTED INDUSTRY DIVISION, QUEENSLAND

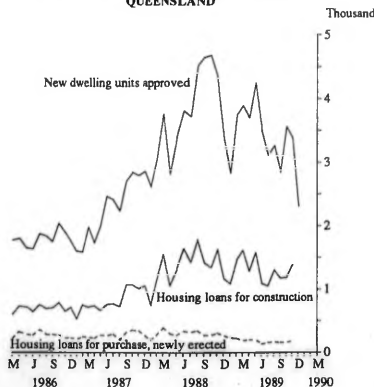


BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

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Selected building statistics, Queensland								
Dwelling units approved								
New houses	No.	December	1,737	2,027	2,427	2,017	2,164	-19.7
New other residential buildings	No.	December	566	1,360	1,129	819	1,216	-53.5
Total residential buildings	No.	December	2,303	3,387	3,556	2,836	3,380	-31.9
Total residential buildings (trend estimate)	No.	December	2,849	2,862	2,921	2,995	3,868	-26.3
Value of all building approved	\$m	December	289.3	600.8	627.1	351.5	412.1	-29.8
Dwelling units commenced								
New houses	No.	Sept. qtr	6,300	7,720	6,410	8,520	7,720	-18.4
New other residential buildings	No.	Sept. qtr	2,709	3,317	3,323	3,817	3,167	-14.5
Value of all building commenced	\$m	Sept. qtr	1,317.7	1,464.6	1,474.7	1,524.2	1,409.1	-6.5
Housing finance for owner occupation								
All banks (a)	\$m	November	192.8	154.5	142.2	159.4	277.3	-30.5
Permanent building societies	\$m	November	45.8	42.2	30.4	23.2	50.8	-9.8
Other lenders	\$m	November	45.5	45.1	41.8	46.3	21.0	+116.7
Total commitments	\$m	November	284.0	241.8	214.3	228.9	349.0	-18.6
Interest rates on new housing loans:								
Savings banks (b)	%	December	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	15.0	+13.3
Price indexes, Brisbane								
Materials used in house building (Base: 1985-86 = 100.0)								
All groups	Index No.	November	133.3	132.4	131.6	130.8	122.7	+8.6
Materials used in building other than house building (Base: 1979-80 = 100.0)								
Ready-mixed concrete	Index No.	November	218.1	216.0	213.9	208.4	194.5	+12.1
Structural steel	Index No.	November	218.3	218.2	216.5	215.6	204.5	+6.7
All groups	Index No.	November	231.9	230.5	228.7	225.2	211.9	+9.4

(a) Commencing this month the savings bank and trading bank series are combined into one 'all banks' series. This is in line with changes to the Banking Act 1959, proclaimed in October 1989 which effectively removes the distinction between savings and trading banks. In addition, all seasonally adjusted series have been issued using updated adjustment factors. (b) Predominant rate.

NEW DWELLINGS AND LOANS APPROVED, QUEENSLAND



PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS, BRISBANE

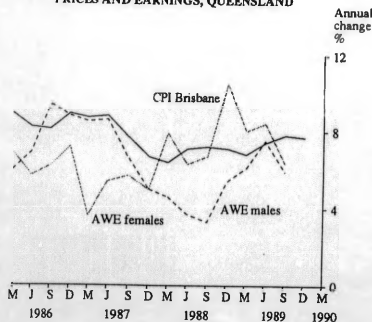


PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING

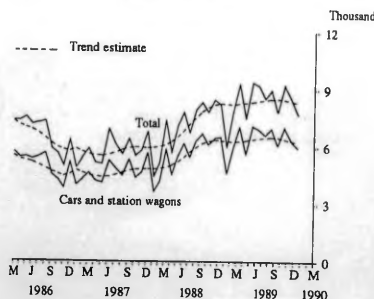
Indicator	Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Percentage change over year
			One period ago	Two periods ago	Three periods ago		
			1989				
Consumer Price Index, Brisbane (Base: 1980-81 = 100.0)							
Food	Index No.	Dec. qtr	185.8	186.8	183.8	173.9	+6.8
Housing	Index No.	Dec. qtr	202.4	195.7	186.6	179.0	+12.4
Transportation	Index No.	Dec. qtr	209.9	205.4	201.3	195.2	+7.5
All groups (a)	Index No.	Dec. qtr	197.9	194.5	191.0	183.7	+7.7
Average weekly earnings (full-time adult ordinary time), Queensland (b)							
Males	\$	August	499.90	501.80	488.70	472.10	+5.9
Females	\$	August	419.70	421.50	411.90	394.80	+6.3
Index of weekly award rates of pay, Queensland (Base: June 1985 = 100.0)							
Full-time adult employees							
Males	Index No.	November	123.7	123.6	123.4	118.9	+4.0
Females	Index No.	November	124.4	124.2	123.9	119.4	+4.2
Retail trade, Queensland							
Current prices							
Original series	\$m	November	1,195.0	1,150.8	1,167.3	1,122.3	+15.9
Trend estimate	\$m	November	1,164.7	1,161.5	1,157.0	1,150.9	+10.8
Short-term accommodation, Queensland							
Licensed hotels, motels etc. with facilities							
Rooms available	'000	Sept. qtr	35.6	35.8	34.9	33.5	+6.0
Room nights sold	'000	Sept. qtr	1,803	1,526	1,590	2,278	-20.9
Room occupancy rate	%	Sept. qtr	55.1	47.7	51.1	74.4	-
Takings from accommodation	\$m	Sept. qtr	125.3	105.8	113.8	133.0	-24.8
Self-contained units, flats and houses							
Units available	'000	Sept. qtr	15.1	14.6	14.4	14.7	+2.3
Unit nights occupied	'000	Sept. qtr	824	574	723	825	-23.1
Unit occupancy rate	%	Sept. qtr	59.9	43.8	57.1	79.5	-
Takings from accommodation	\$m	Sept. qtr	38.1	24.0	36.5	50.8	-25.0
New motor vehicle registrations, Queensland							
Cars and station wagons							
Total (c)	No.	December	5,953	6,329	7,035	6,098	-8.6
Seasonally adjusted	No.	December	7,691	8,542	9,254	7,841	-6.1
Cars and station wagons							
Total (c)	No.	December	5,760	6,254	7,222	6,053	-5.6
Trend estimate	No.	December	7,762	8,339	9,443	7,972	-2.6
Cars and station wagons							
Total (c)	No.	December	6,222	6,331	6,425	6,491	-1.8
	No.	December	8,298	8,401	8,477	8,518	+0.6

(a) Including also: clothing; household equipment and operation; tobacco and alcohol; health and personal care and recreation and education. (b) The last pay period ending on or before the third Friday of the month shown. (c) Excluding motor cycles, mobile equipment and trailers. — Not applicable.

PRICES AND EARNINGS, QUEENSLAND



NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED, QUEENSLAND

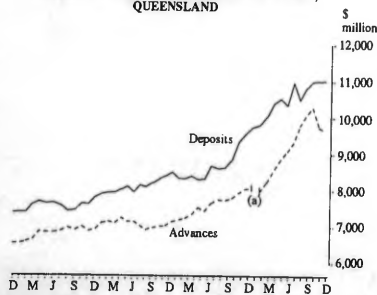


BANKING AND FINANCE, QUEENSLAND

Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Percentage change over year
				One period ago	Two periods ago	Three periods ago		
				1989				
Savings banks								%
Depositors' balances	\$m	November	10,337.8	10,131.8	9,954.7	9,807.9	8,972.4	+15.2
Depositors' balances per head of population	\$	November	3,653	3,580	3,517	3,465	3,271	+11.7
Trading banks								
Deposits	\$m	November	11,024.1	11,014.8	10,997.2	10,813.3	9,740.1	+13.2
Advances	\$m	November	9,658.7	9,744.3	10,278.5	10,070.0	8,059.8	+19.8
Building societies								
Lending operations								
Loans advanced	\$m	November	54.5	45.5	36.6	36.6	62.9	-13.4
Lending commitments unused	\$m	November	71.1	67.5	56.9	53.2	103.2	-31.1
Borrowing operations								
Receipts	\$m	November	1,238.0	1,332.3	1,156.1	1,535.2	984.5	+25.7
Withdrawals	\$m	November	1,250.5	1,304.1	1,146.6	1,507.1	985.4	+26.9
Personal finance commitments								
All banks	\$m	October	155.0	161.8	201.7	161.4	190.2	-18.5
Credit co-operatives	\$m	October	27.4	23.2	27.7	25.3	25.5	+7.5
Finance companies	\$m	October	82.5	76.1	88.2	77.1	76.6	+7.7
Other	\$m	October	0.9	0.7	1.0	1.2	0.9	—
Total	\$m	October	265.8	261.8	318.6	265.0	293.2	-9.3
Commercial finance commitments								
All banks	\$m	September	439.5	554.9	603.3	798.9	643.7	-31.7
Finance companies	\$m	September	208.1	193.7	238.0	288.8	213.0	-2.3
Money market corporations	\$m	September	7.5	30.7	37.4	27.6	51.8	-85.5
Other	\$m	September	2.5	0.6	—	—	3.0	-16.7
Total	\$m	September	657.5	779.8	878.6	1,115.3	911.5	-27.9
Lease finance commitments	\$m	October	110.0	112.8	144.5	131.1	108.2	+1.7

— Nil or less than half the final digit shown.

TRADING BANKS: DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES, QUEENSLAND



(a) Change in scope of the collection from January 1989.

SAVINGS BANK INTEREST RATE FOR NEW HOME BUYERS, AUSTRALIA

