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ECONOMIC INDICATORS, QUEENSLAND, MAY 1992

MAIN FEATURES

- The current account deficit increased from a revised figure of \$264m in February 1992 to \$1,022m in March 1992. This deterioration was partly due to a greater increase in imports (9.4 per cent) than in exports (1.8 per cent) for this period.
- The Brisbane Consumer Price Index for all groups increased 0.2 per cent from the December quarter 1991 to the March quarter 1992 and by 1.7 per cent over the year to March 1992.
- The unemployment rate for persons in Queensland in April 1992 fell to 10.4 per cent, continuing a decrease from the March 1992 rate of 10.9 per cent and the April 1991 rate of 11.2 per cent. The level of part-time employment has increased by 6.3 per cent over the year to April 1992 and the level of full-time employment has increased by 1.1 per cent over the same time period.
- A fall in interest rates on new housing loans along with decreases in the construction costs of new houses has contributed to a substantial increase (31.6 per cent) in the number of housing approvals over the year to March 1992. Increases in housing finance for owner occupation has followed this trend with an increase of 21.9 per cent from January 1992 to February 1992 and an increase of 48.9 per cent over the year to February 1992.
- The number of dwelling units approved in Queensland (in trend estimate terms) decreased only marginally from February 1992 to March 1992, although over the year to March 1992 approvals have increased 21.0 per cent.
- Over the year to February 1992, the total amount committed by banks for commercial finance purposes increased by 43.1 per cent; the value of personal finance commitments increased 7.0 per cent; the value of retail trade (trend) increased 5.3 per cent and the number of short-term overseas arrivals increased by 26.6 per cent.
- The recent monthly movement in Queensland (January 1992 to February 1992) for the corresponding indicators showed increases for commercial finance (8.0 per cent); personal finance (1.9 per cent); retail trade (trend) (0.4 per cent) but a decrease in overseas arrivals (14.4 per cent).

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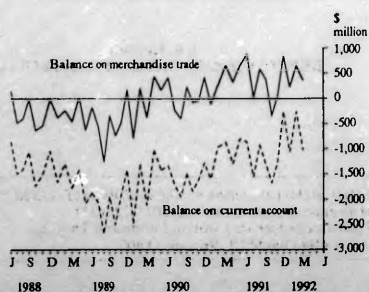
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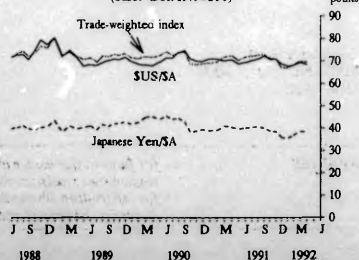
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				One period ago	Two periods ago	Three periods ago		
1992								
Balance of payments, Australia								%
Exports	\$m	March	4,712	4,630	4,340	4,666	4,326	+8.9
Imports	\$m	March	4,349	3,975	4,105	3,819	3,663	+18.7
Balance on merchandise trade	\$m	March	363	655	235	847	663	"
Balance on goods and services	\$m	March	250	800	155	740	553	"
Net income and unrequited transfers	\$m	March	-1,272	-1,064	-1,210	-997	-1,348	"
Balance on current account	\$m	March	-1,022	-264	-1,055	-257	-795	"
Trade and foreign investment								
Foreign trade, Queensland								
Imports	\$m	March	499.3	395.0	474.0	485.1	371.1	+34.5
Exports	\$m	February	853.6	854.3	880.1	923.8	771.4	+10.7
1991								
Foreign investment in Australia								
Official	\$m	Dec. qtr	2,453	2,427	479	2,172	-1,700	"
Non-official	\$m	Dec. qtr	2,585	1,139	4,450	6,062	4,040	-36.0
1992								
Export Price Index: All groups (Base: 1989-90 = 100)	Index No.	February	90.5	90.6	88.9	87.4	95.2	-4.9
Import Price Index: All groups (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0) (a)	Index No.	February	104.4	104.4	102.8	102.0	n.a.	n.a.
1991								
National accounts: Main aggregates, Australia, percentage changes (current prices, seasonally adjusted)								
Final consumption expenditure								
Private	%	Dec. qtr	1.2	1.6	0.9	0.3	1.6	"
Government	%	Dec. qtr	-0.2	4.5	-1.3	2.1	0.4	"
Gross fixed capital expenditure	%	Dec. qtr	-0.6	-2.5	-1.6	-6.3	-1.0	"
Exports of goods and services	%	Dec. qtr	-0.2	3.2	1.8	0.2	5.7	"
Imports of goods and services	%	Dec. qtr	3.3	1.4	-0.5	-1.5	-0.7	"
Gross farm product	%	Dec. qtr	-3.3	-1.6	-4.4	-3.6	-2.1	"
Gross non-farm product	%	Dec. qtr	0.7	1.7	-1.3	-0.8	1.0	"
Gross domestic product	%	Dec. qtr	0.5	1.6	-1.4	-0.9	1.0	"
1992								
Exchange rate levels at end of period (b)								
\$US/\$A		April	0.7593	0.7684	0.7546	0.7498	0.7817	-2.9
Yen/\$A		April	101.45	102.30	97.51	94.23	107.35	-5.5
Trade-weighted index of value of \$A (Base: May 1970 = 100.0)		April	57.9	58.3	56.8	55.8	60.2	-3.8

(a) Compiled monthly on a base of 1989-90 = 100.0 and not comparable with previous quarterly figures. (b) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. .. not applicable
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BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, AUSTRALIA



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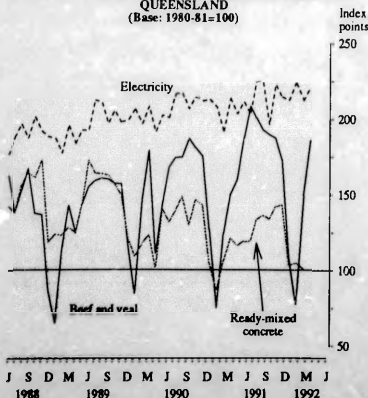


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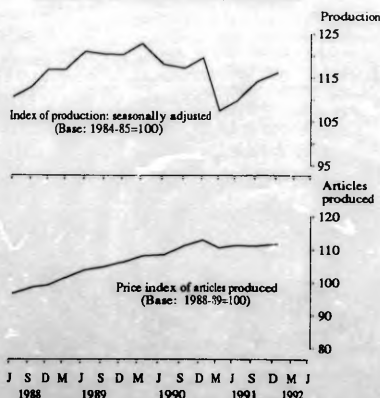
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1992								
Selected production statistics, <i>Queensland</i>								
Beef and veal	'000 tonnes	March	67.2	54.0	28.0	39.2	54.1	+24.2
Electricity generated	m kWh	March	2,467.3	2,363.2	2,492.6	2,362.5	2,376.2	+3.8
Clay bricks	'000	March	26,651	22,605	15,663	20,348	22,013	+21.1
Wheaten flour	tonnes	March	16,534	15,354	17,339	16,792	15,224	+8.6
Ready-mixed concrete	'000 cu m	February	237.6	248.2	244.7	338.6	251.5	-5.5
1991								
Log timber processed	'000 cu m	Sept. qtr	393.0	412.3	352.1	371.5	393.0	—
Black coal (saleable) (a)	'000 tonnes	Dec. qtr	20,023	20,956	21,016	16,818	19,134	+4.6
Quarterly index of manufacturing production, <i>Australia</i> (Base: 1984-85 = 100.0) (b)								
Food, beverages and tobacco	Index No.	Dec. qtr	132.7	122.1	118.1	128.1	136.9	-3.1
Chemicals, petroleum and coal products	Index No.	Dec. qtr	118.9	121.0	120.4	110.8	115.5	+2.9
Basic metal products	Index No.	Dec. qtr	101.8	108.7	102.2	99.8	102.5	-0.7
Transport equipment	Index No.	Dec. qtr	77.9	78.8	80.5	67.1	85.1	-8.5
Total manufacturing	Index No.	Dec. qtr	116.1	114.1	109.6	107.5	119.5	-2.8
1992								
Price indexes of articles produced by manufacturing industry, <i>Australia</i> (Base: 1988-89 = 100.0)								
Food, beverages and tobacco	Index No.	February	113.0	112.7	112.3	111.6	109.4	+3.3
Basic metal products	Index No.	February	99.4	99.7	99.6	99.5	104.3	-4.7
Transport equipment	Index No.	February	112.6	113.2	112.9	112.5	110.5	+1.9
Other machinery and equipment	Index No.	February	106.8	106.7	106.9	107.1	107.6	-0.7
All groups	Index No.	February	111.6	111.6	111.7	111.5	111.3	+0.3
Price indexes of materials used in manufacturing industry, <i>Australia</i> (Base: 1984-85 = 100.0)								
Imported	Index No.	February	124.7	124.5	123.7	123.1	124.8	-0.1
Home produced	Index No.	February	118.9	119.0	119.9	119.2	119.8	-0.8
All materials	Index No.	February	120.9	120.9	121.2	120.6	121.5	-0.5

(a) Source: Queensland Coal Board. Periods vary. March and September quarters, 12 weeks; June and December quarters, 14 weeks. (b) Data contained in this series have been substantially revised from those published previously. Data for manufacturers' sales, which are the basis of the indexes, have been revised as a result of sample revision and coverage adjustment. — nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

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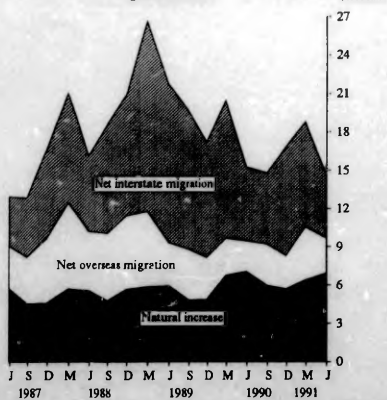


POPULATION, VITAL AND LABOUR STATISTICS, QUEENSLAND

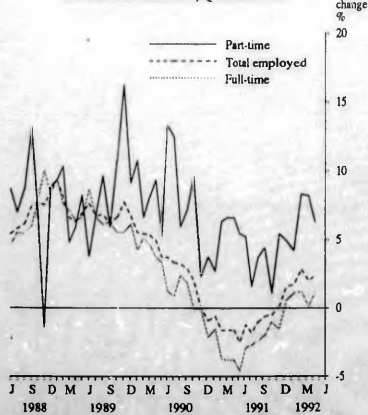
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1991								
Estimated resident population at end of period	'000	June qtr	2,972.0	2,957.3	2,938.5	2,921.6	2,906.8	+2.2
Population increase during period								
Natural increase	No.	June qtr	6,950	6,417	5,719	5,995	7,068	-1.7
Net estimated interstate migration	No.	June qtr	5,060	8,242	8,548	5,592	5,805	-12.8
Net estimated overseas migration	No.	June qtr	2,731	4,135	2,607	3,230	2,375	+15.0
Total	No.	June qtr	14,741	18,794	16,874	14,817	15,248	-3.3
1992								
Short-term overseas movement								
Arrivals	'000	February	74.6	87.1	82.7	76.1	59.2	+26.0
Departures	'000	February	72.3	76.9	83.5	78.8	55.7	+29.7
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	'000	April	2,343.1	2,337.7	2,332.5	2,327.2	2,286.7	+2.5
Persons in the labour force	'000	April	1,486.7	1,488.5	1,495.3	1,466.9	1,465.6	+1.4
Employed persons	'000	April	1,311.8	1,326.8	1,324.7	1,305.1	1,301.2	+2.4
Full-time	'000	April	692.3	689.8	692.3	694.1	679.0	+2.0
Males	'000	April	316.0	311.5	317.7	327.9	317.9	-0.6
Part-time	'000	April	79.2	81.8	79.0	71.0	80.6	-1.7
Males	'000	April	244.2	243.8	235.8	212.0	223.7	+9.2
Females	'000	April	154.9	161.7	170.6	161.9	164.3	-5.7
Unemployed persons	'000	April	92.4	95.5	97.0	101.8	95.5	-3.2
Males	'000	April	62.5	66.2	73.6	60.0	68.9	-9.3
Females	'000	April						
Unemployment rate								
Males	%	April	10.7	11.0	11.2	11.7	11.2	..
Females	%	April	10.0	10.6	11.7	10.0	11.3	..
Persons	%	April	10.4	10.9	11.4	11.0	11.2	..
Persons aged 15 to 19 years	%	April	19.2	22.1	23.2	24.5	23.0	..

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COMPONENTS OF POPULATION INCREASE, QUEENSLAND



EMPLOYED PERSONS, QUEENSLAND



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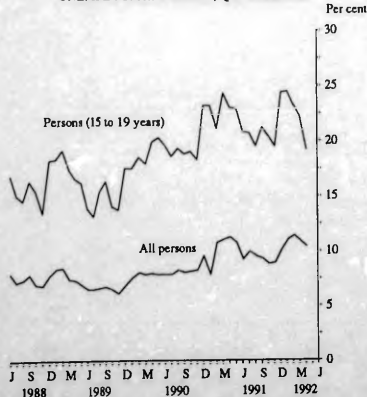
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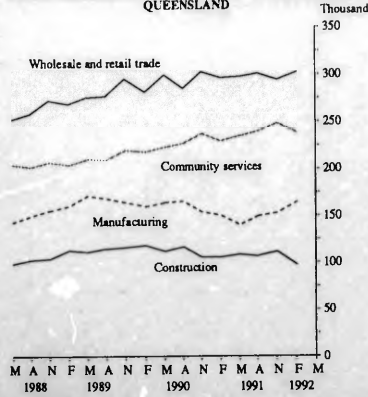
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Labour participation rate								
Males	%	April	74.4	74.9	75.1	75.2	75.5	"
Females	%	April	52.7	52.7	53.3	51.1	52.9	"
Persons	%	April	63.5	63.7	64.1	63.0	64.1	"
Industry of employed persons (a)								
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	'000	February	85.0	90.1	81.1	81.3	80.8	+5.2
Mining	'000	February	22.7	21.3	22.0	23.0	25.3	-10.3
Manufacturing	'000	February	164.5	152.7	149.5	140.3	150.4	+9.4
Electricity, gas and water	'000	February	15.3	13.1	14.1	11.7	10.2	+50.0
Construction	'000	February	97.2	111.5	106.9	108.9	106.1	-8.4
Wholesale and retail trade	'000	February	302.1	294.0	300.5	297.2	296.0	+2.1
Transport and storage	'000	February	66.9	74.3	79.4	75.5	73.8	-9.3
Communication	'000	February	23.6	21.1	22.2	17.8	19.4	+21.6
Finance, property and business services	'000	February	136.9	129.3	134.0	142.5	139.0	-1.5
Public administration and defence	'000	February	54.8	51.3	50.2	54.3	51.3	+6.8
Community services	'000	February	238.5	248.7	239.7	234.8	229.2	+4.1
Recreation, personal and other services	'000	February	117.3	116.4	108.7	110.6	107.0	+9.6
Total	'000	February	1,324.7	1,323.9	1,308.2	1,297.7	1,288.4	+2.8
Employed wage and salary earners								
Private	'000	September	631.5	628.0	632.2	630.2	649.2	-2.7
Government	'000	September	271.3	266.4	266.0	267.4	266.1	+2.0
Commonwealth	'000	September	48.6	49.0	49.0	48.7	50.3	-3.4
State	'000	September	192.5	188.4	188.0	189.1	186.7	+3.1
Local	'000	September	30.3	29.0	29.1	29.6	29.0	+4.5
Job vacancies (a)	'000	February	5.3	4.9	4.6	4.4	6.2	-14.5
Overtime, average hours per employee (a)	No.	February	1.08	1.07	1.03	1.10	0.94	+14.9
Industrial disputes: Working days lost	'000	January	0.4	0.8	6.8	2.2	2.3	-82.6

(a) Figures collected in a quarterly survey conducted in February, May, August and November. - not applicable

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, QUEENSLAND



EMPLOYED PERSONS BY SELECTED INDUSTRY DIVISION, QUEENSLAND

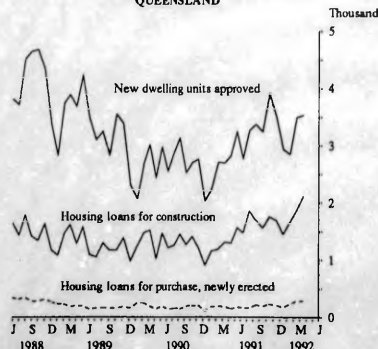


BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

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1992								
Selected building statistics, <i>Queensland</i>								
Dwelling units approved								
New houses	No.	March	2,546	2,525	2,045	2,062	1,935	+31.6
New other residential buildings	No.	March	994	971	805	876	766	+29.8
Total dwelling units	No.	March	3,540	3,496	2,850	2,938	2,701	+31.1
Total dwelling units (trend estimate)	No.	March	3,391	3,392	3,387	3,374	2,802	+21.0
Value of all building approved	\$m	March	364.2	349.2	335.0	354.1	413.0	-11.8
1991								
Dwelling units commenced								
New houses (a)	No.	Sept. qtr	6,927	6,730	4,990	5,990	5,860	+18.2
New other residential buildings	No.	Sept. qtr	2,063	1,838	2,032	1,838	2,495	-17.3
Value of all building commenced	\$m	Sept. qtr	1,184.2	1,067.1	908.4	1,122.2	1,139.9	+3.9
1992								
Housing finance for owner occupation								
All banks	\$m	February	393.0	318.3	286.9	315.9	243.8	+61.2
Permanent building societies	\$m	February	100.4	71.8	67.8	74.8	79.7	+26.0
Other lenders	\$m	February	37.6	45.5	42.5	60.3	33.1	+13.6
Total	\$m	February	531.0	435.7	397.2	451.0	356.5	+48.9
Interest rates on new housing loans:								
All banks	%	March	11.0	11.0	12.0	12.0	14.5	..
Price indexes, <i>Brisbane</i>								
Materials used in house building (Base: 1985-86 = 100.0)								
All groups	Index No.	February	145.5	144.8	144.4	143.9	143.4	+1.5
Materials used in building other than house building (Base: 1979-80 = 100.0)								
Ready-mixed concrete	Index No.	February	274.8	273.5	273.3	273.0	264.9	+3.7
Structural steel	Index No.	February	236.0	236.0	236.0	236.0	231.2	+2.1
All groups	Index No.	February	252.1	251.7	251.8	251.2	245.9	+2.5

(a) From September quarter 1991, these figures are presented as actual estimates and are no longer rounded to the nearest 10 units as in earlier periods. .. not applicable

NEW DWELLINGS AND LOANS APPROVED, QUEENSLAND



PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS, BRISBANE

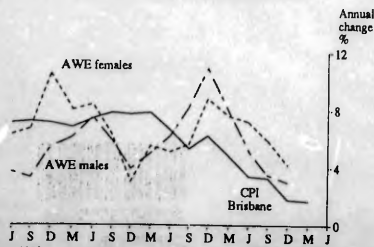


PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING

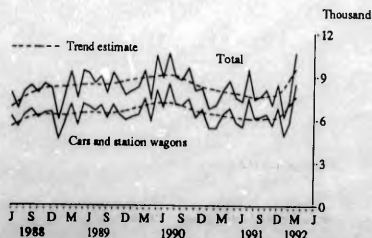
Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Percentage change over year
				One period ago	Two periods ago	Three periods ago		
1992								
Consumer Price Index, <i>Brisbane</i> (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0) (a)								
Food	Index No.	March qtr	106.3	105.4	104.5	104.9	105.9	+0.4
Housing	Index No.	March qtr	101.6	103.2	102.7	104.0	104.1	-2.4
Transportation	Index No.	March qtr	109.2	109.2	108.0	105.0	105.2	+3.8
All groups (b)	Index No.	March qtr	107.5	107.3	106.1	105.7	105.7	+1.7
Average weekly earnings (full-time adult ordinary time), <i>Queensland</i> (c)								
Males	\$	November	574.50	560.10	560.60	553.40	557.50	+3.0
Females	\$	November	480.00	469.50	475.10	467.30	460.60	+4.2
Index of weekly award rates of pay, <i>Queensland</i> (Base: June 1985 = 100.0)								
Full-time adult employees								
Males	Index No.	February	136.3	135.9	135.9	135.8	132.4	+2.9
Females	Index No.	February	137.9	137.9	137.9	137.8	133.9	+3.0
Retail trade, <i>Queensland</i>								
Current prices								
Original series	\$m	February	1,210.8	1,336.7	1,706.6	1,366.8	1,126.3	+7.5
Trend estimate	\$m	February	1,346.0	1,340.9	1,333.6	1,324.8	1,278.5	+5.3
Short-term accommodation, <i>Queensland</i>								
Licensed hotels, motels, etc. with facilities								
Rooms available	'000	Dec. qtr	38.9	38.8	39.1	39.2	39.2	-0.7
Room nights sold	'000	Dec. qtr	1,980	2,138	1,739	1,634	1,799	+10.1
Room occupancy rate	%	Dec. qtr	55.4	60.0	48.9	46.7	51.1	"
Takings from accommodation	\$m	Dec. qtr	164.1	165.4	131.9	127.2	140.7	+16.6
Self-contained units, flats and houses								
Units available	'000	Dec. qtr	15.7	15.5	15.1	15.2	15.5	+1.5
Unit nights occupied	'000	Dec. qtr	851	937	595	710	751	+13.2
Unit occupancy rate	%	Dec. qtr	58.9	65.8	43.2	52.0	52.9	"
Takings from accommodation	\$m	Dec. qtr	47.6	48.3	28.9	40.5	39.5	+20.6
New motor vehicle registrations, <i>Queensland</i>								
1992								
Cars and station wagons								
Total (d)	No.	March	8,470	5,858	4,898	6,820	6,347	+33.4
Seasonally adjusted	No.	March	10,648	7,437	6,187	8,446	7,975	+33.5
Cars and station wagons	No.	March	8,131	6,518	5,664	6,528	6,209	+31.0
Total (d)	No.	March	10,147	8,167	7,260	8,394	7,834	+29.5
Trend estimate								
Cars and station wagons	No.	March	7,591	7,040	6,538	6,163	6,267	+21.1
Total (d)	No.	March	9,552	8,879	8,260	7,783	7,974	+19.8

(a) From March quarter 1992, the CPI is calculated on a Base: 1989-90 = 100.0. (b) Including also: clothing; household equipment and operation; tobacco and alcohol; health and personal care and recreation and education. (c) The last pay period ending on or before the third Friday of the month shown. (d) Excluding motor cycles, mobile equipment and trailers. .. not applicable

PRICES AND EARNINGS, QUEENSLAND



NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED, QUEENSLAND



BANKING AND FINANCE, QUEENSLAND

Indicator	Figures for preceding three periods						Percentage change over year
	Latest period	Latest figure	One period ago	Two periods ago	Three periods ago	Figure one year ago	
	1992						%
All banks (a)							
Total deposits	\$m February	25,217	25,344	25,322	25,150	24,379	+3.4
Term deposits (b)	\$m February	11,581	11,626	11,620	11,749	11,527	+0.5
Other deposits	\$m February	13,636	13,718	13,702	13,401	12,852	+6.1
Other lending (c)	\$m February	24,205	24,051	23,826	23,515	21,855	+10.8
Building societies							
Lending operations							
Loans advanced	\$m February	111.7	77.5	92.2	90.4	71.7	+55.8
Lending commitments unused	\$m February	147.6	131.2	120.2	127.9	115.2	+28.1
Borrowing operations							
Receipts	\$m February	1,228.1	1,256.5	1,398.4	1,338.6	1,089.0	+12.8
Withdrawals	\$m February	1,227.2	1,228.6	1,355.9	1,274.4	1,077.1	+13.9
Personal finance commitments							
All banks	\$m February	192.3	179.3	193.0	185.3	170.9	+12.5
Credit cooperatives	\$m February	31.0	31.1	32.4	32.8	27.8	+11.5
Finance companies	\$m February	65.2	73.1	78.3	94.1	71.0	-8.2
Other	\$m February	4.8	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.2	+14.3
Total	\$m February	293.3	287.8	308.3	316.5	274.0	+7.0
Commercial finance commitments							
All banks	\$m February	497.6	470.2	523.5	647.2	347.7	+43.1
Finance companies	\$m February	85.0	72.5	95.9	106.4	119.1	-28.6
Money market corporations	\$m February	—	0.3	1.3	7.0	0.2	..
Other	\$m February	34.1	28.2	35.5	26.2	24.4	+39.8
Total	\$m February	616.7	571.1	656.2	786.8	491.4	+25.5
Lease finance commitments	\$m February	66.2	52.0	56.6	62.0	68.9	-3.9

(a) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. (b) Including certificates of deposit. (c) Excluding public sector securities held by banks and commercial lending through intermediaries. — nil or rounded to zero (including nil cells) .. not applicable

