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PRODUCTION STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA, MAY 1977 (PRELIMINARY)

Preliminary estimates for May 1977 for certain major indicators of production are shown below. Production statistics for May for an extensive range of commodities will be published later in the series of 8 *Production Bulletins* (Reference Nos 12.39 to 12.46).

2. Production statistics are no longer collected from single establishment manufacturing enterprises employing less than four persons or from establishments predominantly engaged in non-manufacturing activities but which may carry out in a minor way some manufacturing. The effect of these changes however on the production statistics shown in this bulletin is negligible and does not affect comparisons of production levels and movements.

3. Seasonally adjusted statistics are shown for all but two of the data items contained in this bulletin. In the seasonal adjustment, account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors, but also of "trading day" effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in the month) and the influence of Easter and Australia Day which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months.

4. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting production statistics are available on request and will be given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1977* (Reference No. 1.10) later this year.

No.	Item	Unit	Months 1976				Months 1977			
			Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
1.	Pig iron									
	Original	'000 tonnes	574	642	623	674	527	580	574	601
	Seas. adj.	" "	608	631	658	662	575	570	600	592
2.	Raw steel (a)									
	Original	" "	584	706	631	733	566	564	637	651
	Seas. adj.	" "	632	682	678	733	623	549	683	643
3.	Blooms and slabs									
	Original	" "	433	505	372	455	391	517	569	597
	Seas. adj.	" "	460	510	403	471	425	520	617	616
4.	Tinplate									
	Original	" "	20.3	24.3	26.4	28.2	26.3	29.9	29.3	29.9
	Seas. adj.	" "	21.8	24.4	26.3	28.2	29.7	29.6	29.0	29.2
5.	Gas (b)	mil. megajoules	14,990	15,975	16,770	19,819	16,177	18,275	18,683	21,569
	Original	" "	17,495	17,188	17,856	18,473	19,390	19,715	19,805	20,048
6.	Electricity	mil. kWh	5,887	6,367	6,165	6,868	6,138	6,717	6,405	7,302
	Original	" "	6,551	6,485	6,600	6,600	6,973	6,873	6,880	6,974
7.	Bricks, clay	million	156	173	161	167	168	161	160	171
	Original	" "	160	158	166	161	173	165	168	158
8.	Cement, Portland									
	Original	'000 tonnes	416	438	431	454	409	410	434	421
	Seas. adj.	" "	427	424	431	427	436	4391	442	389
9.	Particle board									
	Original	'000 cu m	40.5	48.7	40.0	41.4	39.7	50.1	38.3	44.8
	Seas. adj.	" "	40.3	44.1	38.0	37.2	39.6	45.0	36.4	40.8
10.	Plastics and synthetic resins (c)	tonne	25,976	29,267	26,996	28,240	31,671	31,968	27,813	33,491
	Original	" "					Not available			
11.	Floor coverings									
	Original	'000 sq. m	3,183	3,638	2,642	3,073	2,901	3,366	2,684	2,549
	Seas. adj.	" "	3,154	3,175	2,878	2,897	2,920	2,890	2,973	2,347
12.	Acid — Sulphuric									
	Original	'000 tonnes	135	153	161	102	139	143	167	174
	Seas. adj.	" "	124	155	146	97	131	143	151	167
13.	Nitric									
	Original	" "	10.5	12.2	11.1	6.3	11.7	17.6	10.8	15.0
	Seas. adj.	" "					Not available			
14.	Refrigerators, domestic									
	Original	'000	22.6	24.9	19.5	17.8	21.7	24.4	15.5	21.6
	Seas. adj.	" "	23.3	23.0	23.7	21.0	22.4	22.1	19.6	25.2
15.	Clothes washing machines — Domestic									
	Original	" "	31.3	37.8	24.1	28.6	22.7	25.6	16.9	26.6
	Seas. adj.	" "	32.8	33.2	29.9	27.5	24.2	21.8	21.8	25.2
16.	Radio sets (incl. radiograms)									
	Original	" "	5.5	6.2	4.4	3.2	2.7	2.8	2.0	1.1
	Seas. adj.	" "	6.2	6.0	5.5	3.4	3.0	2.7	2.6	1.1

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No.	Item	Unit	Months 1976				Months 1977			
			Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
17.	Television sets (d)									
	Original	'000	43.4	46.7	42.5	34.5	46.5	47.9	36.7	38.9
	Seas. adj.	"	44.4	43.3	44.4	32.4	47.7	42.6	41.0	35.2
18.	Electric motor - Under 1 hp									
	Original	"	323	368	284	293	211	260	185	195
	Seas. adj.	"	343	340	333	300	233	233	224	195
19.	1 hp and over									
	Original	"	31.1	31.8	25.9	24.8	24.5	29.5	22.7	24.4
	Seas. adj.	"	29.3	28.0	29.6	24.2	23.1	25.9	26.1	23.8
20.	Internal combustion engines - Petrol (e)									
	Original	"	24.6	18.6	15.9	11.1	19.0	16.2	12.5	5.6
	Seas. adj.	"	27.2	24.3	21.7	21.3	21.0	21.6	17.1	10.7
21.	Lawn mowers - Petrol-rotary type									
	Original	"	28.7	18.6	16.9	7.7	20.4	20.1	14.7	5.3
	Seas. adj.	"	28.9	22.3	22.1	19.4	20.5	24.4	19.1	13.2
22.	Motor vehicles (f) - Cars and station wagons									
	Original	"	31.7	35.9	29.5	36.0	29.5	233.7	27.0	33.1
	Seas. adj.	"	31.7	32.3	30.9	32.6	30.2	29.3	30.3	29.0
23.	Utilities and panel vans									
	Original	"	4.42	5.62	4.68	5.26	3.98	4.56	3.15	4.27
	Seas. adj.	"	4.49	4.94	4.77	4.42	4.04	4.00	3.20	3.60
24.	Trucks and truck type									
	Original	"	2.71	2.96	2.70	2.92	2.69	3.06	2.27	2.99
	Seas. adj.	"	2.78	2.78	2.76	2.66	2.81	2.84	2.36	2.75
25.	Yarn (g) - Cotton									
	Original	'000 kg	2,222	2,216	2,052	2,252	1,701	1,844	1,460	1,698
	Seas. adj.	"	2,300	1,954	2,190	2,073	1,771	1,635	1,546	1,519
26.	Wool									
	Original	"	2,081	2,310	1,755	1,842	1,701	1,854	1,448	1,542
	Seas. adj.	"	2,034	1,992	1,885	1,778	1,661	1,592	1,595	1,406
27.	Woven cloth (g) - Cotton (excl. towelling)									
	Original	'000 sq. m	4,235	4,163	3,788	4,059	3,278	3,119	2,742	3,545
	Seas. adj.	"	4,330	3,946	3,973	3,850	3,397	2,985	2,892	3,346
28.	Wool (excl. blanketing)									
	Original	"	773	876	584	702	573	614	430	455
	Seas. adj.	"	680	683	661	721	507	473	496	439
29.	Cellulosic fibre									
	Original	"	1,241	1,499	1,492	1,497	1,423	1,406	1,238	1,377
	Seas. adj.	"	1,360	1,427	1,453	1,408	1,599	1,303	1,222	1,305
30.	Synthetic fibre									
	Original	"	8,347	9,082	7,286	8,742	9,157	9,647	7,439	9,590
	Seas. adj.	"	8,605	8,614	7,784	8,230	9,482	9,112	8,121	8,934
31.	Confectionery - Chocolate base									
	Original	'000 kg	4,584	5,139	5,044	5,501	4,376	5,660	4,390	5,308
	Seas. adj.	"	4,778	4,411	4,769	4,457	4,542	4,884	4,294	4,136
32.	Other									
	Original	"	5,241	5,592	4,207	4,930	4,748	6,131	4,546	5,459
	Seas. adj.	"	5,258	5,181	4,968	5,196	4,640	5,647	5,545	5,565
33.	Beer (h)									
	Original	mil. litres	145	182	159	142	158	168	158	152
	Seas. adj.	"	156	162	166	154	169	152	172	158
34.	Tobacco and cigarettes (i)									
	Original	'000 kg	2,585	2,885	2,443	2,817	2,779	3,047	2,537	2,964
	Seas. adj.	"	2,418	2,491	2,383	2,926	2,630	2,603	2,575	2,927

(a) Includes continuous cast billets. (b) Available for use through mains. Includes natural gas. (c) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and clendering only. (d) Includes combination with radio etc. (e) Excludes marine inboard, motor car, truck, tractor and aero engines, but includes engines for outboard motors. (f) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (g) Includes mixture predominantly of the fibre named. (h) Includes ale and stout. (i) Source : Department of Business and Consumer Affairs.

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