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State Estimates of Actual and Expected New Fixed Capital Expenditure by Private Enterprises in Selected Industries (5646.0) (quarterly)

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The Labour Force, Victoria (6201.2) (monthly)

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Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Darwin (6407.0) (monthly)

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Indicator	Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year %
			One period	Two periods	Three periods		
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (a)	\$m	Sep qr 85	1,208.3	1,193.9	874.0	1,054.8	88.4 28.8
Manufacturing	\$m	Sep qr 85	443.8	352.1	249.1	204.2	247.8 78.1
Finance	\$m	Sep qr 85	481.7	559.0	355.2	424.0	391.0 23.2
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES							
Persons in labour force - (b)	'000	Apr 86	1,892.4	2,008.3	1,984.9	1,929.8	1,880.0 5.4
Employed persons	"	Apr 86	1,857.1	1,869.1	1,840.7	1,809.8	1,752.1 4.0
Unemployed persons	"	Apr 86	135.4	140.2	144.2	128.6	127.8 -1.7
Overtime worked per employee	hours	Feb 86	1.64	1.58	1.37	1.48	1.51 -4.6
Job vacancies	'000	Feb 86	17.0	15.1	17.5	16.8	14.4 18.1
Average weekly earnings -							
Males	\$	Nov 85	421.30	407.10	398.50	387.20	365.90 9.2
Females	"	Nov 85	283.80	279.10	278.30	273.60	268.60 5.7
Indexes of weekly award rates (June 1978=100) -							
Wage earners -							
Adult males	indices	Mar 86	220.0	220.0	220.0	220.0	208.8 6.4
Adult females	"	Mar 86	217.0	217.0	217.0	217.0	203.6 8.8
Wage and salary earners -							
Adult males	"	Mar 86	217.9	217.9	217.9	217.9	204.6 8.5
Adult females	"	Mar 86	218.4	218.4	218.4	218.4	202.9 6.7
PRICES							
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980=100) -							
Food	indices	Mar qr 86	147.2	144.2	141.8	138.8	135.3 8.8
Clothing	"	Mar qr 86	138.1	137.9	132.8	131.1	127.4 8.4
Housing	"	Mar qr 86	164.8	161.8	158.0	154.8	150.7 9.4
Household equipment & operation	"	Mar qr 86	152.3	149.2	144.9	142.1	139.4 9.3
Transportation	"	Mar qr 86	153.8	148.5	147.4	144.8	137.5 11.9
Tobacco & alcohol	"	Mar qr 86	185.1	160.7	158.4	154.1	151.6 8.9
Health & personal care	"	Mar qr 86	142.4	139.4	134.7	132.9	129.6 -4.7
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	"	Mar qr 86	134.1	129.3	127.1	124.3	120.8 11.0
All groups	"	Mar qr 86	151.8	147.8	145.3	142.4	138.3 9.8
Price Indexes of Materials Used in Building, Melbourne, All groups							
House building (1956=100)	indices	Feb 86	507.0	501.2	500.4	498.6	468.3 8.3
Other than house building (1979=100)	"	Feb 86	167.4	165.6	164.8	163.7	153.2 9.3
BUILDING							
Approvals -							
New houses	No.	Mar 86	1,987	2,298	2,195	2,416	2,808 -29.2
New other dwellings	"	Mar 86	366	626	321	482	733 -50.1
Value of all building	\$m	Mar 86	267.3	337.4	294.6	330.0	351.0 -23.8
Commencements -							
New houses	No.	Dec qr 85	8,210	8,180	7,950	8,730	8,460 -3.0
Value of new houses	\$m	Dec qr 85	498.8	472.9	476.4	400.0	456.5 8.8
New other dwellings	No.	Dec qr 85	1,704	1,710	1,768	1,888	1,781 -4.3
Value of new other dwellings	\$m	Dec qr 85	49.2	64.7	71.5	91.8	63.3 9.3
Value of non-residential building	"	Dec qr 85	366.1	439.3	391.6	368.4	323.7 13.1
Work done in period	"	Dec qr 85	993.5	1,141.4	1,009.2	929.9	903.4 10.0
RETAIL SALES (excl motor vehicles, etc)	\$m	Feb 86	1,053.9	1,110.0	1,331.3	1,199.3	955.3 10.3
PRODUCTION							
Manufacturing -							
Clay bricks	million	Feb 86	37	24	33	39	39 -5.1
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu m	Feb 86	261	187	194	267	255 2.4
Plastics & synthetic resins	tonnes	Feb 86	56,519	46,575	45,073	53,920	47,178 19.6
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq m	Feb 86	2,469	1,395	2,904	3,264	7,977 -10.3
Cars & station wagons	'000	Feb 86	16.7	3.3	14.8	19.0	18.9 -11.4
Wool yarn	tonnes	Feb 86	1,475	855	1,133	1,458	1,411 4.5
Woven fabric -Wool (incl blanketing)	'000 sq m	Feb 86	401	231	244	405	446 -10.1
Man-made fibres	"	Feb 86	7,205	2,421	7,438	7,435	6,796 6.0
Mining -							
Crude oil	'000 cu m	Jan 86	2,510	2,447	2,403	2,464	2,311 8.6
Brown coal	'000 tonnes	Jan 86	3,951	3,845	3,133	2,930	2,947 20.5
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS							
Cars & station wagons	No.	Mar 86	8,970	9,585	10,112	10,134	11,470 -23.1
Other motor vehicles (incl motor cycles)	"	Mar 86	2,315	2,763	2,768	2,350	3,592 -35.6
BANKS							
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Mar 86	15,298	15,335	14,751	14,927	13,698 10.1
Major trading -							
Deposits	"	Feb 86	12,201	12,001	12,260	12,122	10,301 18.4
Advances	"	Feb 86	10,836	10,582	10,820	10,406	8,745 60.7
Debits to customers' accounts (c)	"	Feb 86	23,219	20,544	25,156	27,122	20,668 12.3
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION							
Secured commitments to individuals -							
Savings banks	"	Feb 86	252.0	292.2	279.1	326.3	281.2 -10.4
Trading banks	"	Feb 86	177.2	213.7	193.9	219.8	178.3 -4.4
Permanent building societies	"	Feb 86	29.3	26.1	28.5	31.5	26.7 8.7
Other lenders	"	Feb 86	20.4	23.9	28.0	38.3	57.7 -84.6
Other lenders	"	Feb 86	25.1	27.5	28.7	35.6	18.5 25.7
OVERSEAS TRADE							
Imports	"	Mar 86	928.3	902.5	1,148.7	972.4	1,040.1 -10.7
Exports (excl re-exports)	"	Feb 86	569.5	661.1	597.9	714.8	437.6 30.1

(a) By private enterprises. (b) Labour force figures from January 1985 have adjusted to allow comparison with published data from April 1986. (c) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne.