

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA

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BUILDING APPROVALS, AUSTRALIA : APRIL, 1961

1. Statistics of building approvals have been compiled from (a) permits issued by local government authorities in the areas subject to building control by these authorities, and (b) contracts let or work commenced and day labour projects authorized by governmental authorities. They relate only to approvals for buildings, as distinct from the construction of roads, bridges, railways, earth works, water storage etc. Values shown represent the estimated cost when completed (excluding cost of land) of new buildings and alterations and additions to existing buildings. Additions of £5,000 and over are included with new buildings in all States, except New South Wales, where they are included in "alterations and additions". Building is classified as "Private" or "Government" according to ownership.

2. During April, 1961, approvals were granted for the construction of 5,371 new houses and flats. This was 2,647 less than in April, 1960, and 2,725 less than in April, 1959. The total number of individual living units approved for the three months ended 30th April, 1961, was 17,668, showing a decrease of 9,580 (35.2 per cent.) on the number approved during the same three months of 1960. The value of new houses and flats approved during April, 1961, was £17.7 million which was £6.7 million less than in April, 1960.

3. New buildings, other than houses and flats, valued at £9.9 million were approved during April, 1961. Total of all buildings approved during April, 1961 was £33.2 million which was £14.2 million less than the total value for April, 1960. The value of building approvals for private owners accounted for 80.6 per cent. of all approvals during April, 1961.

4. The following tables show further details of building approvals for April, 1961, in comparison with details for earlier months.

Period	Private			Government			Total		
	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61
<u>NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED : AUSTRALIA</u>									
(Individual Living Units)									
July	7,282	7,225	8,106	1,796	1,143	1,285	9,078	8,368	9,391
August	6,299	7,072	9,170	828	803	1,226	7,127	7,875	10,396
September	7,200	7,550	8,448	1,394	879	972	8,594	8,429	9,420
October	6,853	7,403	8,187	1,234	1,548	2,382	8,087	8,951	10,569
November	6,193	7,753	7,376	936	1,225	1,286	7,129	8,978	8,662
December	5,280	6,135	5,299	1,170	1,257	1,355	6,450	7,392	6,654
January	5,250	5,806	4,812	710	777	788	5,960	6,583	5,600
February	5,948	7,260	5,084	866	1,153	872	6,814	8,413	5,956
March	5,825	9,725	*5,107	965	1,092	1,234	6,790	10,817	*6,341
April	6,867	7,314	4,552	1,229	704	819	8,096	8,018	5,371
Three months ended April:	18,640	24,299	14,743	3,060	2,949	2,925	21,700	27,248	17,668
May	6,051	9,541		1,490	863		7,541	10,404	
June	6,646	8,256		1,657	1,343		8,303	9,599	

VALUE OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED : AUSTRALIA

(£'000)									
July	22,145	21,959	26,112	4,612	3,156	3,185	26,757	25,115	29,297
August	19,220	22,013	30,494	2,131	2,294	3,326	21,351	24,307	33,820
September	21,593	23,336	26,972	3,757	2,255	2,821	25,350	25,591	29,793
October	20,345	22,339	27,099	3,025	4,333	5,993	23,370	26,672	33,092
November	18,680	23,811	23,904	2,336	3,519	3,531	21,016	27,330	27,435
December	15,549	18,429	18,103	3,171	3,721	3,612	18,720	22,150	21,715
January	15,666	18,138	15,738	2,110	2,129	2,298	17,776	20,267	18,036
February	17,981	22,438	16,936	2,499	3,312	2,547	20,480	25,750	19,483
March	17,875	29,968	*17,172	2,458	3,078	3,067	20,333	33,406	*20,239
April	20,863	22,540	15,422	3,232	1,878	2,288	24,095	24,418	17,710
Three months ended April:	56,719	74,946	49,530	8,189	8,268	7,902	64,908	83,214	57,432
May	18,321	30,620		4,190	2,647		22,511	33,267	
June	21,053	27,382		4,736	4,046		25,789	31,428	

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* Revised.

Period	Private			Government			Total		
	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61

VALUE OF OTHER NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED : AUSTRALIA

(£'000)

July	10,325	10,253	12,668	2,522	4,264	9,698	12,847	14,517	22,366
August	11,558	10,929	13,448	3,921	3,539	4,385	15,479	14,468	17,833
September	7,657	10,727	12,631	5,746	9,345	11,846	13,403	20,072	24,477
October	7,746	18,012	12,981	3,129	6,332	6,216	10,875	24,344	19,197
November	6,337	11,851	20,306	3,482	5,761	6,983	9,819	17,612	27,289
December	6,150	8,083	12,410	3,602	6,097	4,651	9,752	14,180	17,061
January	7,876	8,377	8,356	1,540	2,328	2,468	9,416	10,705	10,824
February	7,104	7,689	*11,526	4,595	4,512	3,467	11,699	12,201	*14,993
March	8,751	11,568	9,772	6,086	6,588	7,033	14,837	18,156	16,805
April	10,487	8,913	6,459	7,339	7,542	3,391	17,826	16,455	9,850
Three months ended April:	26,342	28,170	27,757	18,020	18,642	13,891	44,362	46,812	41,648
May	10,048	14,970		3,740	4,853		13,788	19,823	
June	9,628	13,642		8,333	6,914		17,261	20,556	

VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS APPROVED : AUSTRALIA

(£'000)

July	5,320	5,448	6,519	1,272	982	693	6,592	6,430	7,212
August	5,687	5,530	6,568	1,614	1,066	900	7,301	6,596	7,468
September	5,502	5,900	6,424	811	2,067	577	6,313	7,967	7,001
October	4,946	5,600	6,480	1,298	881	753	6,244	6,481	7,233
November	4,369	5,570	6,096	538	843	525	4,907	6,413	6,621
December	4,046	6,052	4,987	774	984	479	4,820	7,036	5,466
January	3,206	4,805	4,781	750	528	919	3,956	5,333	5,700
February	4,292	4,956	5,607	1,088	602	1,251	5,380	5,558	6,858
March	4,143	7,574	5,766	962	1,166	774	5,105	8,740	6,540
April	5,290	5,829	4,890	760	693	759	6,050	6,522	5,649
Three months ended April:	13,725	18,359	16,263	2,810	2,461	2,784	16,535	20,820	19,047
May	6,472	6,685		754	808		7,226	7,493	
June	5,606	5,978		1,016	737		6,622	6,715	

TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED : AUSTRALIA

(£'000)

July	37,190	37,660	45,299	8,406	8,402	13,576	46,196	46,062	58,875
August	36,465	38,472	50,510	7,666	6,899	8,611	44,131	45,371	59,121
September	34,752	39,963	46,027	10,314	13,667	15,244	45,066	53,630	61,271
October	33,037	45,951	46,560	7,452	11,546	12,962	40,489	57,497	59,522
November	29,386	41,232	50,306	6,356	10,123	11,039	35,742	51,355	61,345
December	25,745	32,564	35,500	7,547	10,802	8,742	33,292	43,366	44,242
January	26,748	31,320	28,875	4,400	4,985	5,685	31,148	36,305	34,560
February	29,377	35,083	*34,069	8,182	8,426	7,265	37,559	43,509	*41,334
March	30,769	49,110	*32,710	9,506	10,832	10,874	40,275	59,942	*43,584
April	36,640	37,282	26,771	11,331	10,113	6,438	47,971	47,395	33,209
Three months ended April:	96,786	121,475	93,550	29,019	29,371	24,577	125,805	150,846	118,127
May	34,841	52,275		8,684	8,308		43,525	60,583	
June	36,287	47,002		14,085	11,697		50,372	58,699	

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