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Most of the original and all of the seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

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POPULATION AND VITAL

POPULATION (a)
(*000 persons)

As at 30 June —	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1971	4,679.4	3,520.4	1,881.4	1,185.3	1,043.1	390.2	91.9	145.6	12,937.2
1972	4,746.9	3,577.4	1,932.5	1,202.4	1,070.9	392.2	96.6	158.0	13,177.0
1973	4,793.4	3,628.4	1,987.5	1,217.9	1,089.8	395.7	99.7	168.2	13,380.4
1974	4,839.4	3,676.8	2,046.1	1,236.2	1,117.4	399.3	104.4	179.6	13,599.1
1975	4,884.5	3,719.1	2,084.0	1,252.1	1,146.7	404.7	89.4	190.9	13,771.4
1976	4,914.3	3,746.0	2,111.7	1,261.6	1,169.8	407.4	101.4	205.3	13,915.5
1977	4,956.7	3,782.3	2,135.7	1,276.8	1,197.1	410.6	105.5	208.2	14,073.0

(a) Revised. See NOTE at the bottom of this page.

MEAN POPULATION (a)
(*000 persons)

Calendar Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1971	4,679.4	3,519.9	1,883.0	1,185.8	1,042.3	390.2	92.2	145.1	12,937.9
1972	4,747.4	3,577.3	1,933.4	1,202.2	1,070.7	392.4	96.4	157.4	13,177.2
1973	4,793.3	3,627.4	1,988.9	1,218.3	1,090.6	395.4	99.8	168.2	13,382.3
1974	4,842.2	3,676.8	2,044.5	1,236.3	1,118.0	399.6	101.9	178.9	13,598.2
1975	4,885.3	3,718.6	2,084.7	1,252.8	1,146.9	404.5	90.3	191.0	13,774.1
1976	4,913.9	3,747.5	2,110.7	1,261.9	1,170.3	407.5	101.7	203.2	13,916.8
<i>Financial year</i>									
1971-72	4,717.8	3,549.2	1,906.5	1,194.7	1,058.2	391.6	94.4	151.5	13,063.9
1972-73	4,771.4	3,603.4	1,961.2	1,210.0	1,080.4	394.0	98.1	162.9	13,281.2
1973-74	4,816.4	3,651.4	2,017.3	1,226.7	1,103.4	397.3	102.1	173.6	13,488.2
1974-75	4,867.6	3,700.9	2,067.1	1,246.6	1,133.6	402.1	93.0	184.5	13,695.7
1975-76	4,898.2	3,752.6	2,098.6	1,256.5	1,158.2	406.2	97.8	198.2	13,846.2
1976-77	4,935.5	3,764.4	2,122.3	1,268.8	1,183.3	409.1	103.8	206.1	13,991.4

(a) Revised. See NOTE below. For the method of calculation see *Population and Vital Statistics (Preliminary)* (3211.0) June Quarter 1977.

VITAL AND POPULATION STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA

Period	Marriage registrations	Birth registrations	Death registrations	Components of population growth			Population at end of period ('000)
				Natural increase (a)	Net migration (b)	Total increase (c) ('000)	
1973-74	113,115	243,658	110,179	133,479	82,926	218.7	13,599.1
1974-75	107,056	239,794	114,501	125,293	44,675	172.3	13,771.4
1975-76	103,922	231,135	110,610	120,525	21,229	144.1	(d)13,915.5
1976-77	111,727	225,840	111,494	114,346	43,103	157.5	14,073.0
1975-76 —							
Mar. qtr	28,491	58,227	24,972	33,255	2,983	36.9	13,886.1
June qtr	76,567	57,279	28,059	29,220	-419	29.5	(d)13,915.5
1976-77 —							
Sept. qtr	23,119	57,186	33,423	23,763	7,232	31.0	13,946.5
Dec. qtr	30,957	55,118	26,208	28,910	15,780	44.7	13,991.2
Mar. qtr	29,924	55,896	25,354	30,542	13,167	43.7	14,034.9
June qtr	26,887	57,640	26,509	31,131	6,924	38.1	14,073.0
1977-78 —							
Sept. qtr p	20,890	58,254	31,031	27,223	12,460	39.7	14,112.6

(a) Excess of births registered over deaths registered. (b) Excess of recorded overseas arrivals over recorded overseas departures, excluding short term (less than one year) movement. Minus sign (-) denotes an excess of departures over arrivals. (c) Increase consists of natural increase, net migration and adjustment in the light of Census results. (d) Census results adjusted for underenumeration.

NOTE. Population estimates shown above for dates prior to 30 June 1976 incorporate revisions following the completion of an examination of evidence for underenumeration in the 1971 and 1976 Censuses. An explanation of the basis for these revised estimates is given in *Population and Vital Statistics (Preliminary)*, (3211.0) for the June quarter 1977.

OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES (a)

Permanent movement — persons arriving with the stated intention of settling permanently in Australia, and Australian residents departing with the stated intention of residing permanently abroad.

Long-term movement — arrival of visitors and temporary departure of residents with the stated intention of staying (in Australia or abroad respectively) for twelve months or more and the departure of visitors and return of Australian residents who have stayed (in Australia or abroad respectively) for twelve months or more.

Short-term movement — all other overseas arrivals and departures.

These statistics exclude crew members, transit passengers passing through Australia who are not cleared for entry and passengers on short pleasure cruises commencing and finishing in Australia on ships not then engaged in regular voyages.

ARRIVALS

Period	Short-term movement								Excess of arrivals over departures	
	Permanent movement		Long-term movement		Overseas visitors arriving		Total arrivals		Permanent and long-term	Total
	Settlers arriving	Australian residents returning	Overseas visitors arriving	Australian residents returning	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted		
1974-75	89,147	60,239	23,615	815,930	519,549	..	1,508,480	..	44,675	38,706
1975-76	52,748	60,225	21,687	931,725	529,656	..	1,596,040	..	21,229	20,239
1976-77	70,916	59,193	26,133	963,730	540,395	..	1,660,366	..	43,138	56,347
1976-77 —										
Aug.	4,750	5,128	1,892	88,277	44,134	44,206	144,181	140,745	1,863	-10,854
Sept.	4,468	4,737	1,891	113,465	36,053	44,577	160,613	143,457	3,495	51,580
Oct.	6,107	5,546	1,793	97,464	46,815	44,496	157,725	142,704	5,907	50,475
Nov.	6,075	5,102	1,590	65,603	53,683	45,852	132,053	135,303	3,741	17,637
Dec.	7,662	9,536	1,775	53,602	67,371	44,451	139,947	136,965	6,169	-49,765
Jan.	6,205	5,846	3,545	155,433	48,605	45,596	219,634	142,118	2,802	56,940
Feb.	6,583	4,133	3,640	70,739	48,393	45,632	133,487	136,480	6,777	30,681
Mar.	6,557	4,067	2,343	57,211	50,641	47,545	120,819	137,457	3,588	-15,630
Apr.	6,372	3,529	2,107	56,629	41,684	47,596	110,321	138,197	3,114	-27,878
May	6,279	3,565	1,992	67,825	36,205	41,549	115,865	127,341	2,009	-30,636
June	5,259	3,284	1,921	66,833	31,690	46,555	108,988	139,180	1,801	-16,876
1977-78 —										
July	6,028	4,645	2,079	77,797	40,832	49,384	131,382	153,128	4,121	3,845
Aug.	4,867	4,664	2,136	85,765	42,763	43,600	140,196	136,837	2,935	-14,496
Sept.	5,670	4,454	2,184	117,081	37,471	46,135	166,861	149,800	5,493	57,598

DEPARTURES

Period	Short-term movement								Total departures	
	Permanent movement		Long-term movement		Australian residents departing		Overseas visitors departing		Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted
	Former settlers departing	Other residents departing	Australian residents departing	Overseas visitors departing	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	Overseas visitors departing	Number recorded		
1974-75	20,184	11,361	72,397	24,386	824,890	..	516,557	1,469,774	..	..
1975-76	17,150	10,277	64,475	21,528	951,290	..	511,062	1,575,781	..	..
1976-77	15,447	9,141	68,792	19,724	965,659	..	525,256	1,604,019	..	..
1976-77 —										
Aug.	1,456	803	6,001	1,647	103,609	81,600	41,518	155,035	137,500	
Sept.	1,161	676	4,495	1,269	62,877	82,966	38,556	109,033	134,315	
Oct.	1,333	705	4,215	1,286	60,692	83,665	39,020	107,250	131,180	
Nov.	1,266	650	5,122	1,989	58,819	81,526	46,571	114,416	130,512	
Dec.	1,632	926	6,729	3,518	134,847	81,125	42,060	189,712	138,110	
Jan.	1,228	987	8,705	1,874	81,163	83,734	68,737	162,694	137,700	
Feb.	827	635	5,017	1,099	47,722	75,342	47,507	102,807	122,006	
Mar.	1,278	737	5,968	1,396	76,232	72,700	50,839	136,450	131,409	
Apr.	1,249	739	5,594	1,313	81,897	76,695	47,407	138,199	135,260	
May	1,465	819	5,999	1,544	95,386	77,940	41,289	146,501	127,460	
June	1,173	679	5,391	1,420	85,410	83,857	31,791	125,864	138,495	
1977-78 —										
July	1,283	702	5,086	1,561	84,368	90,055	34,537	127,537	149,504	
Aug.	1,280	702	5,216	1,534	103,360	83,635	42,600	154,692	137,200	
Sept.	1,018	632	4,113	1,142	62,972	81,261	39,386	109,263	134,112	

(a) Changes in definitions which date from 1 January 1974 are described in *Overseas Arrivals and Departures*, March 1974 (3402.0).

NOTE: Minus sign (-) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER (a), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Month	Employed (b)			Unemployed (b)		Total labour force (b)			Civilian population aged 15 and over (a) ('000)
	Agrt- cultures ('000)	Other industries ('000)	Total ('000)	Number ('000)	Per cent of labour force (c) %	Number ('000)	Per cent of pop- ulation (d) %	Not in labour force (b) ('000)	
MALES									
1976: Aug. (e)	282.4	3,485.0	3,767.4	144.2	3.7	3,913.6	80.0	978.6	4,892.2
Nov.	284.4	3,426.0	3,710.4	144.2	3.6	3,954.6	80.2	974.1	4,928.7
1977: Feb.	288.6	3,522.0	3,810.6	173.6	4.3	4,014.2	81.0	944.2	4,958.4
May	285.1	3,539.4	3,824.5	170.1	4.3	3,994.6	80.6	933.8	4,958.4
Aug.	281.4	3,525.4	3,806.9	176.6	4.4	3,982.5	79.8	1,006.6	4,989.1
Nov. (f)	292.7	3,507.7	3,800.3	170.9	4.3	3,971.2	79.2	1,040.1	5,011.4
MARRIED WOMEN									
1976: Aug. (e)	62.4	1,216.2	1,278.6	51.9	3.9	1,330.5	40.7	1,942.3	3,272.8
Nov.	58.4	1,251.1	1,309.5	42.2	3.1	1,351.7	41.0	1,942.6	3,294.3
1977: Feb.	60.7	1,246.9	1,307.7	67.6	4.9	1,375.2	41.4	1,944.5	3,319.7
May	61.7	1,266.1	1,327.7	61.6	4.4	1,389.3	41.9	1,926.8	3,315.1
Aug.	68.0	1,258.1	1,323.1	63.6	4.6	1,386.8	41.8	1,932.0	3,318.7
Nov. (f)	70.2	1,248.6	1,318.8	54.4	4.0	1,373.2	41.5	1,937.0	3,310.2
ALL FEMALES									
1976: Aug. (e)	72.2	1,908.0	1,980.2	118.0	5.6	2,098.2	42.0	2,897.9	4,996.1
Nov.	67.1	1,952.1	2,019.2	110.4	5.2	2,129.6	42.2	2,912.2	5,041.7
1977: Feb.	73.0	1,959.6	2,032.7	161.1	7.3	2,193.8	43.2	2,880.8	5,074.6
May	73.2	1,984.2	2,057.3	144.0	6.5	2,203.4	43.4	2,877.9	5,081.3
Aug.	78.3	1,932.6	2,060.9	146.8	6.6	2,207.6	43.1	2,911.0	5,118.7
Nov. (f)	82.6	1,981.9	2,064.5	143.4	6.5	2,208.0	42.9	2,933.8	5,141.8
PERSONS									
1976: Aug. (e)	354.6	5,393.0	5,747.6	264.1	4.4	6,011.8	60.8	3,876.5	9,888.3
Nov.	351.8	5,478.1	5,829.9	254.6	4.2	6,084.2	61.0	3,886.2	9,970.4
1977: Feb.	361.6	5,311.6	5,673.2	334.8	5.4	6,208.0	61.9	3,825.0	10,033.0
May	358.3	5,325.6	5,683.8	314.2	5.1	6,198.0	61.7	3,841.7	10,039.7
Aug.	359.7	5,408.1	5,767.8	322.4	5.2	6,190.2	61.2	3,917.6	10,107.8
Nov. (f)	375.3	5,489.6	5,864.9	314.3	5.1	6,179.2	60.9	3,973.9	10,153.1

(a) The estimates relate to all persons aged 15 years and over, except members of the permanent armed forces and certain diplomatic personnel customarily excluded from census and estimated populations. (b) For definitions see explanatory notes given in the most recent issue of *The Labour Force* (6203.0). (c) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (d) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group (labour force participation rate). (e) Affected by industrial disputes. (f) The sample size was reduced for the November 1977 survey. Consequently the standard errors for estimates from that survey are larger than usual. For further details see the explanatory notes in *The Labour Force* (Preliminary) November 1977 (6202.0).

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES: AUSTRALIA (a) ('000)
(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	Total civilian employees						Private/Government (b)			
	Males			Females			Private		Government	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
1973 - June	(c)2,985.2	(c)2,980.3	1,617.7	1,615.5	(c)4,602.9	(c)4,595.8	(c)3,315.0	(c)3,313.5	1,287.9	1,282.3
1974 - June	3,068.2	3,061.9	1,738.3	1,735.0	4,806.5	4,799.6	3,470.1	3,466.6	1,336.4	1,329.3
1975 - June	(c)3,043.5	(c)3,033.8	1,709.2	1,704.8	(c)4,732.7	(c)4,738.6	3,316.7	(c)3,310.5	1,436.9	1,428.1
1976 - June	3,006.2	2,994.7	1,732.9	1,728.1	4,739.1	4,722.8	3,305.8	3,299.3	1,433.2	1,423.5
1976-77 -										
Sept.	2,990.3	2,997.1	1,737.7	1,736.2	4,728.0	4,733.3	3,294.7	3,299.0	1,433.3	1,434.3
Oct.	2,987.6	2,994.3	1,744.6	1,739.1	4,732.1	4,735.4	3,299.5	3,296.1	1,432.6	1,437.3
Nov.	(c)2,990.3	(c)2,992.7	1,733.0	1,742.2	(c)4,743.5	(c)4,734.9	(c)3,307.6	(c)3,293.1	1,435.9	1,441.8
Dec.	2,985.0	2,990.4	1,737.8	1,743.8	4,722.9	4,736.2	3,296.1	3,293.9	1,426.8	1,440.3
Jan.	2,981.5	2,993.6	1,732.5	1,730.8	4,704.0	4,744.1	3,275.3	3,297.7	1,428.7	1,446.7
Feb.	2,991.2	2,991.9	1,741.1	1,746.9	4,732.3	4,738.8	3,284.6	3,291.2	1,447.7	1,447.6
Mar.	2,994.7	2,988.3	1,749.7	1,746.3	4,744.4	4,734.6	3,288.9	3,284.1	1,455.5	1,450.5
Apr.	2,987.7	2,980.9	1,750.9	1,745.0	4,738.6	4,725.9	3,278.9	3,272.7	1,459.8	1,453.2
May	2,983.2	2,970.2	1,749.3	1,743.2	4,732.5	4,713.4	3,270.3	3,261.1	1,462.3	1,452.3
June	2,979.2	2,966.8	1,747.1	1,741.9	4,726.2	4,708.7	3,262.5	3,255.4	1,463.8	1,453.3
1977-78 -										
July	2,968.9	2,968.0	1,748.9	1,746.0	4,717.8	4,714.0	3,251.0	3,255.6	1,466.8	1,458.4
Aug.	2,964.5	2,969.2	1,752.5	1,752.8	4,717.0	4,722.0	3,246.5	3,253.0	1,470.5	1,467.0
Sept. (c)	2,955.3	2,961.8	1,756.8	1,754.9	4,712.1	4,716.7	3,241.2	3,245.1	1,470.8	1,471.6
Oct. (c)	2,954.4	2,960.8	1,762.5	1,756.8	4,716.8	4,717.6	3,241.8	3,238.0	1,475.1	1,479.6

(a) The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1971 population census and other relevant sources. For the period subsequent to the census the employment data are obtained from three main sources, namely (i) current payroll tax returns, (ii) current returns from Government bodies, and (iii) some other current returns of employment (e.g. for hospitals); the balance, i.e. unrecorded private employment, is estimated. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked with the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. At June 1971 recorded employment obtained from the foregoing sources accounted for about 90 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered, as determined by the census. The estimates shown are based on the Australian Standard Industrial Classification. For further details on these series see *Employment and Unemployment* (6213.0) published monthly. (b) Estimates for private and government have been revised back to June 1971 following the reclassification to government of certain hospitals and marketing bodies previously classified to private. For further details see July 1977 issue of *Employment and Unemployment* (6213.0). (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA : INDUSTRY (a) ('000)
(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	Manu- facturing	Con- struction	Whole- sale and retail trade	Trans- port and storage	Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	Public admini- stration and defence (b)	Com- munity services	Entertain- ment, recreation, hotels and personal services (c)	Other Indus- tries (d)	Total
MALES										
1973 - June	(e)940.1	381.5	536.6	211.2	193.2	138.0	241.0	100.2	243.4	(e)2,985.2
1974 - June	960.5	385.7	522.8	218.4	202.8	143.0	232.5	105.1	247.4	3,068.2
1975 - June	895.8	(e)393.3	549.1	218.8	198.3	184.0	268.7	110.9	284.6	(e)3,043.5
1976 - June	888.7	352.7	558.3	214.6	197.3	155.3	280.1	111.3	249.9	3,006.2
1976-77 -										
Sept.	882.6	346.8	556.8	213.5	196.6	152.6	281.2	110.8	249.4	2,990.2
Oct.	882.6	345.1	557.0	213.1	196.1	152.1	281.3	111.2	249.1	2,987.6
Nov.	(e)879.9	345.4	559.4	214.8	196.5	152.0	281.7	111.7	249.6	(e)2,990.5
Dec.	876.2	342.1	560.3	215.8	196.4	151.9	280.6	112.0	249.7	2,985.0
Jan.	875.9	340.6	557.8	214.6	196.4	151.8	282.5	111.6	250.2	2,981.5
Feb.	878.7	343.1	557.9	213.8	197.5	152.1	287.0	111.1	250.0	2,991.2
Mar.	878.6	343.4	558.1	213.1	198.0	152.4	288.9	111.7	280.4	2,994.7
Apr.	874.2	342.8	556.7	212.5	197.2	152.5	290.3	110.9	280.6	2,987.7
May	870.5	342.1	555.7	212.2	197.5	152.9	290.6	111.0	280.7	2,983.2
1977-78 -	866.0	342.9	554.9	212.2	197.4	152.9	291.4	110.7	281.0	2,979.2
July	859.8	340.9	553.3	211.7	196.7	152.5	292.3	110.2	281.4	2,968.9
Aug.	858.4	338.7	551.9	211.2	196.4	152.8	293.3	110.5	281.4	2,964.5
Sept.	(e)855.9	336.3	550.7	211.0	196.0	152.9	293.0	110.9	(e)248.6	(e)2,955.3
Oct.	(e)853.5	336.0	550.4	211.1	195.3	152.9	293.5	111.0	250.5	(e)2,954.4
FEMALES										
1973 - June	347.3	17.9	388.7	33.9	171.9	67.9	397.4	150.3	42.4	1,617.7
1974 - June	370.9	19.1	416.3	36.9	185.0	76.0	428.4	160.5	45.1	1,738.3
1975 - June	309.0	18.2	406.7	36.7	181.2	89.5	458.7	163.6	45.7	1,709.2
1976 - June	308.2	18.2	410.1	36.2	183.0	90.2	480.9	161.0	45.2	1,732.9
1976-77 -										
Sept.	304.1	18.3	411.3	36.3	184.6	91.7	484.6	161.7	45.1	1,737.7
Oct.	304.7	18.4	414.7	36.4	185.0	91.2	486.0	163.0	45.2	1,744.6
Nov.	300.5	18.4	419.2	36.8	185.6	91.9	488.0	163.7	45.1	1,753.0
Dec.	304.4	18.3	420.1	37.0	185.7	90.8	477.5	162.4	45.6	1,737.8
Jan.	296.7	18.2	410.1	36.7	186.0	90.6	477.4	161.2	45.7	1,722.5
Feb.	298.4	18.2	411.2	36.5	187.1	91.7	492.3	160.6	45.1	1,741.1
Mar.	298.9	18.2	412.2	36.6	187.8	92.5	497.1	161.2	45.0	1,749.7
Apr.	295.0	18.1	414.4	36.8	187.6	92.8	499.7	161.3	45.1	1,750.9
May	291.9	18.1	413.7	37.0	188.0	93.4	500.4	161.5	45.3	1,749.3
June	290.2	18.1	414.0	37.1	187.6	93.3	501.1	160.6	45.0	1,747.1
1977-78 -										
July	288.5	18.0	413.9	37.0	187.7	94.4	503.9	160.1	45.5	1,748.9
Aug.	289.1	18.1	413.4	37.0	187.5	95.3	506.8	160.0	45.5	1,752.5
Sept.	289.2	17.9	414.4	37.1	187.6	94.8	508.6	161.8	45.4	(e)1,756.8
Oct.	289.2	18.0	417.2	37.3	187.8	94.7	510.2	162.6	45.5	1,762.5
PERSONS										
1973 - June	(e)1,287.4	399.4	928.4	245.1	365.1	205.9	638.3	250.4	285.9	(e)4,602.9
1974 - June	1,331.4	404.7	959.2	253.3	387.9	219.0	681.0	265.7	292.4	4,806.5
1975 - June	1,204.8	(e)411.5	955.7	253.5	379.5	243.5	727.4	274.5	300.3	(e)4,752.7
1976 - June	1,196.9	370.9	968.4	250.8	380.3	243.5	761.0	272.3	295.0	4,739.1
1976-77 -										
Sept.	1,186.7	365.2	968.1	249.8	381.1	244.3	765.8	272.6	294.5	4,728.0
Oct.	1,187.3	365.0	971.7	249.6	381.0	243.3	767.3	274.2	294.2	4,732.1
Nov.	(e)1,184.4	363.8	978.6	251.5	382.1	243.9	769.8	275.4	294.1	(e)4,743.5
Dec.	1,176.7	360.4	980.3	252.8	382.1	242.7	758.1	274.4	295.3	4,722.9
Jan.	1,172.5	358.8	967.4	251.3	382.8	242.4	760.0	272.9	295.9	4,704.0
Feb.	1,177.1	361.3	969.1	250.4	384.5	243.8	779.3	271.7	295.1	4,732.3
Mar.	1,177.5	361.6	970.3	249.7	385.9	244.9	786.0	272.9	295.5	4,744.4
Apr.	1,169.2	360.9	971.2	249.3	384.9	245.3	790.0	272.2	295.8	4,738.6
May	1,162.3	360.2	969.4	249.2	385.5	246.4	791.0	272.4	296.1	4,732.5
June	1,156.2	361.0	968.9	249.3	385.0	246.1	792.4	271.3	296.0	4,726.2
1977-78 -										
July	1,148.4	358.9	967.2	248.6	384.4	246.9	796.2	270.3	296.9	4,717.8
Aug.	1,147.4	358.8	965.2	248.2	383.8	248.1	800.1	270.6	296.7	4,717.0
Sept.	(e)1,145.1	354.2	965.1	248.1	383.6	247.6	801.6	272.7	(e)294.0	(e)4,712.1
Oct.	(e)1,142.7	354.0	967.6	248.3	383.1	247.7	803.7	273.6	296.0	(e)4,716.8

(e) See footnote (a) on page 4. (b) Excludes permanent defence forces. (c) Excludes private households employing staff. (d) Includes forestry, fishing and hunting; mining; electricity, gas and water; and communication. (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES: STATES (a) ('000)

(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.(b)	Australia
MALES									
1973 - June	(c)1,104.5	(c)819.9	398.9	270.5	233.8	87.9	25.1	44.8	(c)2,985.2
1974 - June	1,123.7	842.9	415.2	278.4	243.0	89.6	26.8	48.5	3,068.2
1975 - June	1,102.3	(c)832.9	414.4	278.3	247.9	90.7	24.5	52.4	(c)3,043.5
1976 - June	1,076.5	827.7	410.6	278.5	248.4	88.2	24.9	51.4	3,006.2
1976-77 -									
Sept.	1,068.5	822.7	409.7	277.3	248.7	88.1	24.7	50.5	2,990.2
Oct.	1,065.8	822.4	409.5	277.6	249.0	88.2	24.6	50.4	2,987.6
Nov.	(c)1,065.5	823.9	407.9	279.0	250.8	88.6	24.4	50.5	(c)2,990.5
Dec.	1,064.0	825.7	403.4	278.7	250.4	89.2	23.8	49.9	2,985.0
Jan.	1,062.8	826.0	401.9	277.8	250.6	88.8	23.6	50.0	2,981.5
Feb.	1,064.7	827.8	404.8	278.2	252.9	89.1	23.6	50.1	2,991.2
Mar.	1,065.3	827.6	405.6	278.9	254.2	89.5	23.4	50.3	2,994.7
Apr.	1,062.6	822.7	407.0	277.3	255.1	89.4	23.4	50.2	2,987.7
May	1,060.8	821.2	407.3	276.8	254.2	89.2	23.6	50.3	2,983.2
June	1,058.8	818.8	409.7	275.5	253.8	88.7	23.7	50.2	2,979.2
1977-78 -									
July	1,056.3	814.3	408.0	274.3	253.8	88.1	23.9	50.2	2,968.9
Aug.	1,055.7	812.5	407.5	273.1	253.7	88.1	23.8	50.2	2,964.5
Sept.	1,054.2	(c)807.0	407.6	271.6	253.3	87.8	23.6	50.2	(c)2,955.3
Oct.	1,054.8	(c)807.3	406.0	271.4	253.7	87.4	23.5	50.1	(c)2,954.4
FEMALES									
1973 - June	604.0	470.5	194.2	145.9	123.1	41.3	11.5	27.3	1,617.7
1974 - June	643.9	502.2	210.0	161.0	132.3	44.1	13.3	31.5	1,738.3
1975 - June	625.2	487.3	210.3	159.5	133.1	46.6	11.7	35.4	1,709.2
1976 - June	623.3	495.1	216.1	166.5	136.7	46.8	12.6	35.8	1,732.9
1976-77 -									
Sept.	624.3	494.9	217.4	166.7	139.2	47.3	12.6	35.3	1,737.7
Oct.	626.1	496.7	217.7	168.5	140.2	47.7	12.7	35.1	1,744.6
Nov.	629.0	498.4	217.9	170.4	141.5	47.9	12.6	35.3	1,753.0
Dec.	622.4	498.8	216.1	166.5	138.2	48.3	12.5	34.9	1,737.8
Jan.	613.8	494.9	215.7	164.6	138.2	48.0	12.5	34.8	1,722.5
Feb.	622.4	497.0	216.1	167.9	141.7	48.2	12.7	35.1	1,741.1
Mar.	624.7	498.4	216.6	170.3	142.7	48.6	12.8	35.6	1,749.7
Apr.	625.2	498.0	216.8	170.0	143.5	48.7	12.9	35.8	1,750.9
May	624.2	497.6	217.4	169.3	143.3	48.6	13.1	35.9	1,749.3
June	624.4	495.4	218.0	168.8	142.9	48.4	13.2	35.8	1,747.1
1977-78 -									
July	624.4	495.1	218.8	169.3	143.5	48.5	13.3	36.1	1,748.9
Aug.	625.5	496.5	219.1	169.1	144.4	48.6	13.1	36.2	1,752.5
Sept.	627.2	(c)497.0	221.0	168.3	145.2	48.8	13.1	36.1	(c)1,756.8
Oct.	629.8	498.6	221.1	168.7	146.2	48.8	13.0	36.2	1,762.5
PERSONS									
1973 - June	(c)1,708.5	(c)1,290.3	593.1	416.5	356.8	129.2	36.6	72.0	(c)4,602.9
1974 - June	1,767.7	1,345.2	625.3	439.4	375.3	133.7	40.1	80.0	4,806.5
1975 - June	1,727.5	(c)1,320.3	624.6	437.8	381.0	137.3	36.2	87.9	(c)4,752.7
1976 - June	1,699.8	1,322.8	626.7	445.0	385.2	135.0	37.5	87.1	4,739.1
1976-77 -									
Sept.	1,692.8	1,317.7	627.1	444.0	387.9	135.4	37.4	85.8	4,728.0
Oct.	1,691.9	1,319.1	627.2	446.1	389.2	135.9	37.2	85.5	4,732.1
Nov.	(c)1,694.5	1,322.3	625.7	449.4	392.2	136.5	37.1	85.8	(c)4,745.5
Dec.	1,686.4	1,324.5	619.5	445.2	388.6	137.5	36.2	84.9	4,722.8
Jan.	1,676.6	1,320.8	617.6	442.3	388.8	136.8	36.2	84.7	4,704.0
Feb.	1,687.1	1,324.8	620.9	446.1	394.6	137.4	36.2	85.3	4,732.3
Mar.	1,690.0	1,326.0	622.3	449.1	396.9	138.1	36.2	85.9	4,744.4
Apr.	1,687.8	1,320.7	623.9	447.3	398.6	138.1	36.3	86.0	4,738.6
May	1,684.9	1,318.7	624.7	446.0	397.5	137.8	36.7	86.1	4,732.5
June	1,683.3	1,314.2	627.7	444.3	396.7	137.1	36.9	86.0	4,726.2
1977-78 -									
July	1,680.7	1,309.4	626.8	443.5	397.3	136.6	37.1	86.3	4,717.8
Aug.	1,681.2	1,309.0	626.6	442.1	398.1	136.7	36.9	86.4	4,717.0
Sept.	1,681.4	(c)1,304.0	628.6	439.9	398.5	136.7	36.8	86.3	(c)4,712.1
Oct.	1,684.6	(c)1,305.9	627.1	440.2	400.0	136.2	36.6	86.3	(c)4,716.8

(a) See footnote (a) on page 4. (b) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations)

Month (b)	N.S.W. (c)	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia		
								Males	Females	Persons
1974 - June	28,957	21,258	9,537	7,128	7,782	3,310	855	47,478	31,349	78,827
1975 - June	94,595	70,360	37,491	19,119	17,003	6,190	1,217	154,536	91,439	245,975
1976 - June	111,127	66,118	38,586	17,593	21,103	8,986	1,738	172,988	92,263	265,251
1976-77 -										
Nov.	119,197	64,435	39,978	19,647	18,734	8,542	1,985	181,969	90,549	272,518
Dec.	138,779	78,266	49,202	25,070	23,978	10,198	2,041	218,807	108,727	327,534
Jan.	150,669	82,633	55,147	26,658	26,335	10,695	2,452	235,912	118,677	354,589
Feb.	150,453	77,263	54,697	25,856	25,506	10,044	2,849	224,044	122,624	346,668
Mar.	141,790	72,721	51,195	24,484	24,470	8,685	3,504	208,315	118,234	326,549
Apr.	139,911	73,223	49,484	25,516	23,451	7,975	3,629	208,791	114,398	323,189
May	138,869	72,838	48,474	25,917	23,524	8,116	3,445	208,937	112,246	321,183
June	140,957	77,613	48,582	27,590	25,573	8,786	3,692	217,642	115,151	332,793
1977-78 -										
July	139,688	78,713	49,819	29,134	26,588	9,505	3,944	223,856	113,535	337,391
Aug.	137,130	79,289	47,923	29,299	26,595	9,740	4,002	225,621	108,357	333,978
Sept.	133,640	77,568	47,712	30,155	25,749	9,416	3,972	223,122	105,090	328,212
Oct.	133,087	119,002	48,143	30,663	26,135	9,334	3,971	261,829	108,506	370,335
Nov.	138,502	87,508	57,618	32,350	27,334	9,857	3,788	240,408	116,549	356,957
Dec.	154,694	99,286	65,716	36,832	30,964	12,621	3,972	270,109	133,976	404,085

(a) Persons who claimed, when registering with the Commonwealth Employment Service, that they were not employed and who were recorded as unemployed. Includes those referred to employers and those who may have obtained employment without notifying the C.E.S. Includes also persons receiving unemployment benefit. (b) Generally at Friday nearest end of month. (c) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

VACANCIES REGISTERED WITH COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations)

Month (b)	N.S.W. (c)	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia					
								Adults		Juniors (d)		Total	
								Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original
1974 - June	23,160	23,561	6,180	4,231	3,302	1,078	668	48,128	51,428	14,052	22,101	62,180	73,529
1975 - June	8,984	7,868	2,484	2,381	2,346	823	631	21,622	23,024	3,895	6,185	25,517	29,209
1976 - June	5,950	7,187	1,605	1,749	1,626	654	423	16,735	17,670	2,459	3,934	19,194	21,604
1976-77 -													
Nov.	10,129	7,735	1,950	1,917	2,238	1,013	517	17,533	18,784	7,966	5,816	25,499	24,600
Dec.	12,719	7,022	1,778	1,658	2,014	891	462	15,239	18,407	11,305	6,196	26,544	24,603
Jan.	11,267	10,584	2,001	1,996	3,125	1,081	334	20,428	18,246	9,960	6,286	30,388	24,532
Feb.	10,446	9,907	1,966	2,051	3,007	1,252	241	20,885	18,407	7,985	6,546	28,870	24,953
Mar.	7,609	8,145	1,906	1,678	2,616	1,293	221	18,491	17,360	4,977	5,883	23,468	23,243
Apr.	6,742	7,534	1,929	1,310	2,295	922	276	16,632	16,094	4,376	5,813	21,008	21,907
May	6,771	6,977	1,791	1,165	1,995	918	277	15,959	15,536	3,935	5,542	19,894	19,078
June	6,405	6,816	1,911	1,063	1,760	947	227	15,332	16,156	3,797	6,086	19,129	22,242
1977-78 -													
July	6,557	6,792	1,749	1,125	1,771	840	252	15,055	16,359	4,031	6,374	19,086	22,733
Aug.	7,041	6,661	2,114	1,482	1,972	864	241	15,844	16,360	4,531	6,755	20,375	23,115
Sept.	6,802	6,609	1,932	1,422	1,959	924	230	14,982	14,838	4,896	6,416	19,878	21,254
Oct.	7,856	6,713	2,026	1,306	2,129	804	265	15,723	15,576	5,376	5,740	21,099	21,316
Nov.	7,619	6,777	1,740	1,442	1,928	834	316	14,129	15,135	6,127	4,427	20,256	19,562
Dec.	8,631	5,684	1,569	1,182	1,635	991	271	12,208	14,745	7,755	4,212	19,963	18,957

(a) Vacancies which employers claimed were available immediately or would be available by the end of the following calendar month. (b) At Friday nearest end of month. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Juniors comprise all persons under 21 years of age, including school leavers.

NOTE: Sample surveys have been conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in March each year since 1974 to obtain information on the level and composition of job vacancies. To reduce to a minimum the delay in collection of data and publication of the results a quarterly telephone survey in respect of vacancies was commenced in May 1977. These surveys will be conducted in February, May, August and November each year. For a number of reasons the estimates obtained from these surveys differ substantially from the number of vacancies registered with the C.E.S. at those dates. For example, the survey estimate of total vacancies at November 1977 was 36,400 while the C.E.S. figure was 19,562. Results of the surveys and reasons why the survey estimates differ from C.E.S. statistics were published in *Job Vacancies, November 1977* (6231.0).

PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
(Source : Department of Social Security)

Date	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Qld	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1975 June 28	57,595	45,624	27,682	14,393	11,011	4,439	108,024	52,724	160,748
1976 July 2	83,361	43,638	26,494	13,148	14,554	7,228	129,788	58,635	188,423
1977 July 29	112,186	54,982	34,340	24,533	19,790	7,978	176,414	77,395	253,809
1976-77 -									
Nov. 19	90,670	41,089	25,272	15,154	13,628	7,053	136,957	55,909	192,866
Dec. 31	99,446	45,212	30,629	17,811	15,548	7,009	153,661	61,994	215,655
Jan. 28	104,943	48,137	33,572	18,346	17,020	7,397	165,210	64,205	229,415
Feb. 25	112,702	49,002	37,022	20,816	18,349	7,501	169,684	75,708	245,392
Mar. 25	111,456	45,840	36,086	19,619	16,456	6,926	159,692	76,691	236,383
Apr. 22	108,018	43,583	34,274	19,391	n.a.	6,575	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
May 20	110,492	n.a.	34,350	n.a.	16,489	6,554	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1977-78 -									
July 1	111,703	n.a.	33,592	23,494	18,942	7,078	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July 29	112,186	54,982	34,340	24,533	19,790	7,978	176,414	77,395	253,809
Aug. 26	111,505	57,256	33,710	25,268	19,207	7,917	179,604	75,259	254,863
Sept. 23	106,696	54,669	33,500	25,890	20,713	8,083	177,668	71,883	249,551
Oct. 21	105,277	61,425	33,354	25,732	19,499	8,037	182,162	71,162	253,324
Dec. 2	95,170	60,372	33,709	25,321	16,581	7,179	172,028	66,304	238,332

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

PERSONS RECEIVING SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA
(Source : Department of Social Security)

Date	Sickness	Special	
		Ordinary	Migrant (a)
1975 June 28	25,478	5,552	49
1976 July 2	30,468	7,224	209
1977 July 29	35,102	9,315	169
1976-77 -			
Nov. 19	33,762	7,814	60
Dec. 31	30,417	7,435	44
Jan. 28	31,728	8,247	72
Feb. 25	32,180	8,136	156
Mar. 25	32,836	8,521	244
Apr. 22	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
May 20	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1977-78 -			
July 1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July 29	35,102	9,315	169
Aug. 26	35,929	9,481	176
Sept. 23	35,665	9,179	210
Oct. 21	35,647	9,492	247
Dec. 2	36,980	9,609	551

(a) In Australian Government centres or hostels awaiting their first placement in employment in Australia.

INTERNAL TRADE

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES (a) (\$ million)

Retail sales figures in the table below relate principally to sales to the final consumer of new and used goods for personal and household purposes. The series covers retail sales by all establishments included in the Australian Standard Industrial Classification subdivision 48 except motor establishments, bread and milk vendors, footwear repairers and household electrical appliance repairers. The following establishments are also included: cafes and restaurants, licensed hotels, motels and wine saloons, licensed clubs and hairdressers. The estimates are obtained from a survey based on the 1973-74 Census of Retail Establishments. For further explanation see *Retail Sales of Goods* (8503.0) June quarter 1977.

Commodity groups													Total (excl. motor vehicles, etc.)
Period	Groceries (b)	Butchers' meat	Other food (c)	Beer, wine and spirits	Clothing and drapery	Footwear	Hardware (d)	Electrical goods (e)	Furniture	Chemists' goods	Newspapers, books and stationery	Other goods (f)	Total (excl. motor vehicles, etc.)
ORIGINAL													
1974-75	2,647.7	1,040.8	1,633.4	2,075.5	2,589.7	395.6	652.9	1,360.1	925.4	893.7	587.3	1,413.2	16,215.3
1975-76	3,145.8	1,107.3	1,844.8	2,525.4	2,897.1	448.9	758.4	1,724.2	1,067.5	1,043.8	679.0	1,640.2	18,882.4
1976-77	3,701.6	1,268.2	2,092.4	2,853.6	3,234.3	505.3	834.8	1,935.6	1,192.3	1,130.6	778.2	1,829.1	21,356.0
1975-76 - Mar. qtr	772.8	272.2	464.7	649.7	604.4	99.9	169.1	385.2	238.7	250.6	176.6	380.1	4,464.0
June qtr	818.7	284.8	479.0	632.1	804.5	121.7	178.4	442.8	270.8	262.1	165.2	393.5	4,853.6
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	866.4	301.9	488.2	650.3	753.9	115.2	179.3	476.7	294.7	270.3	172.9	412.6	4,982.4
Dec. qtr	978.5	322.8	549.8	782.8	921.5	137.7	275.0	577.4	337.7	317.5	212.4	566.2	5,979.3
Mar. qtr	897.6	306.2	519.5	715.9	677.9	112.2	186.2	422.5	264.7	262.4	202.4	418.1	4,985.6
June qtr	959.1	337.3	534.9	704.6	881.0	140.2	194.3	459.0	295.2	280.4	190.5	432.2	5,408.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
1975-76 - Mar. qtr	796.0	280.3	467.9	637.7	723.9	114.8	189.8	423.9	270.5	265.5	171.4	415.1	4,750.2
June qtr	833.0	281.8	489.1	672.5	756.6	116.1	196.7	459.6	277.3	273.1	176.5	428.1	4,958.2
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	871.7	297.2	496.6	691.5	777.8	118.1	196.5	496.8	284.1	277.3	185.2	433.5	5,120.8
Dec. qtr	919.2	317.4	518.4	706.3	804.8	123.6	210.5	491.4	303.8	279.3	190.5	461.8	5,329.5
Mar. qtr	936.7	320.9	531.0	709.8	819.8	129.7	212.0	470.4	302.6	282.7	199.9	462.2	5,375.8
June qtr	975.6	333.6	546.2	749.7	828.4	133.8	214.2	475.9	302.4	292.2	203.5	470.2	5,525.0
MONTHLY ESTIMATES													
Total (excluding motor vehicles, etc.)													
Period	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Period	Original	Seasonally adjusted								
1976-77 - Sept.	1,678.3	1,729.0	1976-77 - May	1,871.2	1,861.6								
Oct.	1,726.8	1,719.9	June	1,788.7	1,865.6								
Nov.	1,828.5	1,765.1	1977-78 - July p	1,801.0	1,878.0								
Dec.	2,424.0	1,806.2	Aug. p	1,866.0	1,902.0								
Jan.	1,631.9	1,766.3	Sept. p	1,885.0	1,919.0								
Feb.	1,592.8	1,805.5	Oct. p	1,915.0	1,930.0								
Mar.	1,760.9	1,815.5	Nov. p	2,023.0	1,954.0								
Apr.	1,748.8	1,796.8											

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. Series based on 1973-74 Retail Census. (b) Includes bacon, butter, etc. (c) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (d) Excludes basic building materials, builders' hardware and supplies such as tools of trade, paint, etc. (e) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (f) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., sporting goods, etc., but excludes grain and produce and business machines.

NOTE. Figures from September quarter 1975 are subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new businesses.

INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES (\$ million)

The following statistics cover all types of schemes which relate primarily to the financing of retail sales of consumer goods and in which repayment is made by regular predetermined instalments. Types of schemes covered include hire purchase, time payment, budget account and personal loans relating to financing of retail sales of goods.

Period	Amount financed during period (excluding hiring charges, interest, insurance, etc.)			Cash collections and other liquidations of balances during period	Balances outstanding at end of period (including hiring charges, etc.)
	Motor vehicles, etc	Household and personal goods	Total		
FINANCE COMPANIES					
1976-77: Oct.	96.4	31.8	128.2	144.0	2,356.3
Nov.	100.2	32.7	133.0	153.3	2,391.3
Dec.	105.4	36.7	142.1	145.3	2,443.8
Jan.	89.5	19.8	109.3	131.7	2,472.2
Feb.	94.3	21.9	116.2	152.1	2,492.2
Mar.	106.8	25.7	132.6	173.9	2,504.9
Apr.	90.7	25.3	116.0	144.0	2,526.7
May	103.7	29.6	133.3	165.8	2,550.8
June	103.1	27.6	132.7	160.2	2,583.9
1977-78: July	99.0	26.2	125.2	184.4	2,618.3
Aug.	107.4	24.7	132.1	166.8	2,629.7
Sept.	105.0	25.8	130.8	162.4	2,656.2
Oct.	94.5	29.3	123.8	163.0	2,672.8
States, October 1977 -					
N.S.W.	30.7	15.0	45.7	47.6	928.7
Vic.	20.9	5.7	26.5	34.6	558.8
Qld	14.6	4.7	19.3	26.8	472.5
S.A.	9.2	1.2	10.3	(a)16.0	(a)268.4
W.A.	11.8	1.6	13.4	16.6	274.9
Tas.	4.0	0.4	4.4	6.8	99.4
N.T.	0.9	0.1	1.0	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	2.4	0.7	3.1	4.7	70.2
OTHER BUSINESSES					
1976-77: Oct.	0.6	21.7	22.3	21.9	173.6
Nov.	0.6	22.4	23.0	23.4	175.3
Dec.	0.7	29.3	30.0	23.7	183.9
Jan.	0.2	16.5	16.7	22.0	180.5
Feb.	0.1	18.3	18.4	24.2	174.5
Mar.	0.1	20.5	20.6	27.0	170.0
Apr.	0.1	19.3	19.4	24.9	166.2
May	0.1	21.4	21.5	26.1	163.8
June	0.1	21.4	21.5	26.6	161.8
1977-78: July	..	22.0	22.0	23.8	160.8
Aug.	0.1	21.1	21.2	23.4	160.7
Sept.	0.1	19.0	19.1	22.2	159.5
Oct.	..	19.1	19.1	21.8	158.4
States, October 1977 -					
N.S.W.	..	5.3	5.3	6.2	47.3
Vic.	..	6.7	6.7	7.5	48.7
Qld	..	2.1	2.1	2.3	15.5
S.A.	..	2.9	2.9	(a)3.3	(a)28.0
W.A.	..	1.7	1.7	2.0	15.2
Tas.	..	0.4	0.4	0.5	3.6
N.T.	..	..	..	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	..	..	..	..	0.2
ALL BUSINESSES					
1976-77: Oct.	97.0	53.5	150.5	166.9	2,529.9
Nov.	100.8	58.2	159.0	176.8	2,566.6
Dec.	106.1	66.1	172.1	169.0	2,627.7
Jan.	89.7	36.2	126.0	153.7	2,652.7
Feb.	94.4	40.2	134.6	178.4	2,666.6
Mar.	106.9	46.2	153.2	200.9	2,674.9
Apr.	90.3	44.6	135.4	168.9	2,692.8
May	103.8	51.0	154.8	191.9	2,714.6
June	103.2	49.0	154.2	185.7	2,745.8
1977-78: July	99.0	48.2	147.2	178.2	2,769.0
Aug.	107.5	45.8	153.3	190.1	2,790.3
Sept.	105.1	44.8	149.9	184.6	2,815.6
Oct.	94.5	48.4	142.9	184.8	2,831.1
States, October 1977 -					
N.S.W.	30.7	20.3	51.0	63.7	976.0
Vic.	20.9	12.3	33.2	42.1	607.4
Qld	14.6	6.8	21.4	29.0	488.0
S.A.	9.2	4.1	13.3	(a)18.3	(a)206.3
W.A.	11.8	3.3	15.1	18.7	290.1
Tas.	4.0	0.8	4.8	7.3	102.9
N.T.	0.9	0.1	1.0	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	2.4	0.7	3.1	4.7	70.3

(a) Includes Northern Territory. (b) Not available separately for publication; included in South Australia.

OVERSEAS TRADE

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASS
(\$ million)

Producers' materials for use in -																
Period	Manufacturing															
	Building and construction		Rural industries		Motor vehicle assembly (a) (b)		Other (c)		Total (c)		Fuels and lubricants (d)		Auxiliary aids to production (e)		Munitions and war stores	
					Class LC(5)		Class LC(1-4)		Class L		Class II		Class III		Class VII	
	Class I.A	Class I.B				%		%		%		%		%		%
1974-75	239.0	3.0	115.2	1.4	413.5	5.2	2,511.7	31.6	3,279.4	41.2	234.3	2.9	156.2	2.0	47.3	0.6
1975-76	249.4	3.1	87.2	1.1	515.1	6.3	2,441.6	29.9	3,293.4	40.4	282.6	3.5	156.1	1.9	68.5	0.8
1976-77 p	342.6	3.3	88.0	0.9	636.7	6.2	3,166.4	30.7	4,233.7	41.0	341.2	3.3	86.3	0.8	116.4	1.1
1976-77 (f) p -																
Sept.	24.9	3.3	8.7	1.2	46.3	6.2	241.6	32.4	321.8	43.2	17.7	2.4	6.3	0.8	4.8	0.6
Oct.	25.1	3.3	6.7	0.9	42.2	5.6	235.8	31.2	309.9	41.0	18.6	2.5	6.0	0.8	4.0	0.5
Nov.	30.7	3.5	4.9	0.6	50.5	5.8	270.0	31.0	356.3	40.9	23.3	2.7	7.6	0.9	9.8	1.1
Dec.	29.9	3.9	4.5	0.6	44.5	5.8	217.5	28.4	296.7	38.7	21.6	2.8	6.9	0.9	11.3	1.5
Jan.	32.6	3.7	8.3	0.9	48.2	5.5	256.0	29.1	345.3	39.3	32.2	3.7	6.4	0.7	10.8	1.2
Feb.	27.3	3.0	14.4	1.6	56.8	6.2	266.9	29.3	365.5	40.2	39.0	4.3	8.3	0.9	5.7	0.6
Mar.	34.2	3.5	3.6	0.4	54.3	5.6	277.9	28.6	372.4	38.4	41.9	4.1	7.5	0.8	10.2	1.1
Apr.	29.9	3.4	6.8	0.8	56.0	6.4	268.9	30.6	361.9	41.1	37.3	4.2	6.7	0.8	6.4	0.7
May	27.1	2.8	9.7	1.0	61.5	6.4	321.6	33.2	421.5	43.5	25.1	2.4	7.6	0.8	11.7	1.2
June	32.3	3.5	8.6	0.9	54.8	5.9	273.8	29.5	369.5	39.8	25.7	2.8	7.2	0.8	30.5	3.3
1977-78 p -																
July	26.5	2.8	6.6	0.7	51.7	5.5	312.3	33.5	397.0	42.6	27.2	2.9	7.6	0.8	4.2	0.5
Aug.	27.6	2.7	14.1	1.4	58.5	5.8	293.7	29.3	393.9	39.2	22.1	2.2	7.1	0.7	4.7	0.5
Sept.	24.0	2.8	7.0	0.8	45.4	5.2	279.9	32.1	356.6	40.9	26.2	3.0	6.5	0.7	5.1	0.6
Oct.	29.2	3.2	8.7	1.0	39.9	4.4	306.5	33.5	384.4	42.1	36.2	4.0	7.1	0.8	7.8	0.9
Nov.	27.8	3.0	7.5	0.8	45.5	4.8	284.5	30.3	365.3	38.9	47.0	5.0	8.2	0.9	4.9	0.5

Capital equipment

Period	Transport equipment										Finished consumer goods				Total imports	
	Producers' equipment	Complete road vehicles and assembled chassis (g)	Railway equipment, vessels and civil aircraft Class V.A,C,D	Food beverages and tobacco Class V.I.A,B,C	Clothing and accessories Class V.LD	All other (h) Class V.I.E-J	Total (h) Class V.L	Total imports of merchandise	Original	Seasonally adjusted (i)						
	Class IV	Class V.B	Class V.A,C,D	Class V.I.A,B,C	Class V.LD	Class V.I.E-J	Class V.L									
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1974-75	1,674.8	21.0	526.5	6.6	144.4	1.8	280.5	3.5	233.0	2.9	1,384.2	17.4	1,897.7	23.8	7,961	8,080
1975-76	1,685.4	20.7	502.9	6.2	114.1	1.4	287.7	3.5	243.2	3.0	1,524.0	18.7	2,054.8	25.2	8,158	8,240
1976-77 p	2,087.0	20.2	701.1	6.8	132.5	1.3	450.0	4.4	307.4	3.0	1,873.5	18.1	2,630.9	25.5	10,329	10,410
1976-77 (f) p -																
Sept.	139.9	18.8	43.0	5.8	7.2	1.0	30.1	4.0	24.5	3.3	149.7	20.1	204.3	27.4	744.7	750
Oct.	148.6	19.6	52.9	7.0	11.9	1.6	31.5	4.2	19.0	2.5	154.2	20.4	204.7	27.1	756.4	761
Nov.	165.9	19.0	62.0	7.1	15.1	1.7	38.2	4.4	20.4	2.3	172.4	19.8	231.1	26.5	870.9	879
Dec.	146.2	19.0	61.4	8.0	16.5	2.2	41.0	5.4	21.6	2.8	143.4	18.7	206.0	26.9	766.4	778
Jan.	194.0	22.1	58.8	6.7	8.6	1.0	32.2	3.7	33.9	3.9	156.4	17.8	222.6	25.3	878.6	884
Feb.	183.8	20.2	56.0	6.2	8.3	0.9	45.5	5.0	42.5	4.7	155.2	17.1	215.2	26.7	909.7	917
Mar.	200.3	20.6	74.3	7.7	14.0	1.4	41.0	4.2	36.5	3.8	174.0	17.9	251.6	25.9	971.0	976
Apr.	186.0	21.1	62.6	7.1	8.0	0.9	40.9	4.7	20.3	2.3	150.2	17.1	211.5	24.0	880.0	886
May	199.7	20.6	63.0	6.5	13.5	1.4	41.0	4.2	18.1	1.9	168.6	17.4	227.8	23.5	968.1	976
June	159.1	21.4	64.7	7.0	9.3	1.0	46.1	5.0	21.0	2.3	156.1	16.8	223.2	24.0	929.2	939
1977-78 p -																
July	183.8	19.7	64.0	6.9	14.6	1.6	49.0	5.3	30.0	3.2	155.4	16.7	234.5	25.1	933.0	940
Aug.	208.6	20.8	64.2	6.4	20.9	2.1	60.2	6.0	37.5	3.7	184.5	18.4	282.2	28.1	1,037.7	1,011
Sept.	172.1	19.8	53.7	6.2	15.4	1.8	48.4	5.6	26.9	3.1	160.5	18.4	235.8	27.1	871.2	877
Oct.	190.4	20.8	45.6	5.0	28.9	3.2	37.2	4.1	21.4	2.3	155.0	17.0	213.6	23.4	914.0	922
Nov.	207.3	22.1	56.9	6.1	13.2	1.4	41.2	4.4	22.5	2.4	171.7	18.3	235.4	25.1	938.2	947

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts, completely knocked-down vehicles and components for the assembly of motor vehicles. (c) Excludes a percentage of piece-goods to be sold by retail, and paper to be used solely for wrapping, which are recorded in Classes V.L-E and I.II respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in Class I.C(1-4). (e) Includes a percentage of paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Figures from July 1976 are not comparable with previous months because of the change in the basis of valuation of imports to the internationally recognised Brussels Definition of Value. (g) Completely knocked-down vehicle components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts are recorded in Class I.C(4). (h) Includes a percentage of piece-goods to be sold by retail, see note (c) above. (i) Seasonally adjusted figures from 1976-77 are derived from the values of total imports on the new basis of valuation.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES
(\$ million)

Period	Meats	Dairy produce	Wheat and flour	Dried, fresh and pre- served fruit	Sugar	Coal, coke and briquettes	Ores and concentrates	
							Non- ferrous	Iron
1974-75	443.8	157.4	1,078.6	91.2	644.6	733.4	421.8	706.5
1975-76	667.9	189.5	961.5	96.1	569.9	1,069.8	526.6	771.0
1976-77 p	884.8	189.3	893.4	98.9	637.5	1,381.6	645.1	901.7
1976-77 p -								
Aug.	77.3	15.4	106.4	8.8	69.9	94.1	40.7	81.1
Sept.	69.9	14.8	73.3	7.8	87.0	102.7	53.0	72.3
Oct.	65.2	15.1	74.8	10.4	71.9	94.7	50.3	78.6
Nov.	65.3	14.7	83.1	7.4	72.9	129.1	61.8	71.3
Dec.	52.1	13.4	47.5	4.0	41.8	91.9	51.4	58.5
Jan.	68.9	15.6	68.9	4.5	42.0	133.0	46.1	84.9
Feb.	64.7	13.9	68.6	3.6	28.2	89.5	45.0	97.4
Mar.	85.6	19.4	50.2	6.7	31.9	94.3	41.2	62.9
Apr.	78.2	12.8	85.7	9.0	46.0	226.8	57.3	69.2
May	99.6	17.0	79.6	14.1	39.0	118.4	57.4	80.4
June	94.3	16.9	77.2	13.2	28.4	107.3	71.5	68.1
1977-78 p -								
July	93.3	14.7	91.6	10.3	56.3	98.5	46.5	75.2
August	91.0	12.3	79.0	12.7	68.9	139.8	50.4	86.8
September	80.6	13.9	94.6	11.7	68.7	108.2	50.5	93.3
October	92.2	13.2	61.5	6.7	63.6	134.3	63.2	83.7
November	95.9	19.0	107.9	7.9	77.6	132.3	52.2	74.6

Period	Road motor vehicles	Wool		Total exports of merchandise	Total exports	
		Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original	Seasonally adjusted
1974-75	136.7	753.5	..	8,540.6	8,726	..
1975-76	95.1	961.9	..	9,399.7	9,640	..
1976-77 p	91.7	1,477.1	..	11,573.7	11,647	..
1976-77 p -						
Aug.	9.6	112.7	115.5	967.3	986	974
Sept.	7.0	111.1	156.7	980.4	999	950
Oct.	7.4	105.4	137.9	901.3	916	875
Nov.	7.2	135.6	154.1	990.1	1,000	1,032
Dec.	6.4	137.7	134.3	848.9	862	863
Jan.	5.6	156.1	129.7	975.3	984	1,036
Feb.	4.6	142.4	122.5	903.1	913	966
Mar.	8.2	136.9	119.7	943.6	958	1,008
Apr.	9.0	122.4	130.2	1,103.6	1,023	1,041
May	8.9	109.3	105.0	1,017.8	1,028	995
June	9.0	92.9	87.0	968.1	979	928
1977-78 p -						
July	8.4	84.2	82.3	955.8	981	1,008
August	10.7	56.8	56.2	1,051.2	1,086	1,055
September	10.0	62.8	91.0	989.2	1,009	956
October	7.0	52.8	70.4	951.0	961	925
November	6.0	110.9	120.8	1,098.2	1,114	1,114

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT AVERAGE 1966-67 PRICES
(*\$ million*)

Period	Meat and meat preparations	Cereal grains and cereal preparations	Sugar, sugar preparations and honey	Other (dairy produce, fruit, etc.)	Wool and sheepskins	Metaliferous ores and metal scrap	Coal, coke and briquettes	Metals, metal manufactures, machinery, transport equipment	Other exports	All exports of merchandise	
										Original	Seasonally adjusted
1974-75	380	646	124	249	653	976	267	842	761	4,898	..
1975-76	506	646	124	294	819	927	246	773	793	5,128	..
1976-77	601	681	157	325	952	976	279	797	857	5,625	..
1975-76 - June qtr	134	200	30	80	185	243	73	200	204	1,349	1,325
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	156	189	54	88	250	267	66	215	229	1,514	1,503
Dec. qtr	135	142	53	77	257	240	69	208	216	1,397	1,414
Mar. qtr	139	171	27	75	253	221	67	185	195	1,333	1,353
June qtr	171	179	23	86	191	248	77	190	216	1,381	1,356
1977-78 p - Sept. qtr	172	200	48	71	129	257	69	216	239	1,401	1,388

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT AVERAGE 1966-67 PRICES
(*\$ million*)

Period	Food, beverages and tobacco	Fuels	Basic materials	Chemicals (incl. plastics)	Textiles, fabrics etc.	Metals, metal manufactures, machinery, transport equipment	Other imports	All imports of merchandise	
								Original	Seasonally adjusted
1974-75 (a)	251	156	243	496	332	2,446	1,175	5,099	..
1975-76 (a)	234	148	248	408	451	2,105	1,140	4,734	..
1976-77	269	167	256	491	473	2,354	1,277	5,287	..
1975-76 - June qtr (a)	56	35	63	120	112	551	288	1,225	1,270
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	65	48	62	123	119	556	325	1,298	1,246
Dec. qtr	73	33	70	124	123	575	334	1,332	1,302
Mar. qtr	70	43	60	119	112	626	329	1,359	1,403
June qtr	61	43	63	125	119	597	289	1,297	1,345
1977-78 p - Sept. qtr	77	41	65	121	120	549	322	1,296	1,241

(a) Prior to September quarter 1976, the recorded value of imports was the higher of actual selling price or current domestic value (in the country of export). Since then a system of valuation based on the Brussels Definition of Value has been used. It has been estimated that if the previous basis of valuation had continued, the current price values of total imports would have been about 2% higher than the recorded values on the new basis. The estimates at average 1966-67 prices would be affected to a much lesser degree.

PRICES AND WAGES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index has been compiled for periods from September quarter 1948. The composition of groups and the group structure of the index has been altered with the introduction of the ninth Consumer Price Index series as from September quarter 1976. A brief description of the latest link is contained in the Appendix to the December quarter 1976 *Consumer Price Index* bulletin (6401.0).

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted)

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transport- ation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (a)	Recreation (b)	All groups
1974-75	164.0	173.0	187.4	153.8	173.0	170.4	186.5	..	171.1
1975-76	180.2	201.0	221.1	178.3	203.8	211.1	151.6	..	193.3
1976-77	201.2	232.5	251.8	196.3	221.9	229.8	265.8	104.1	220.0
1975-76 - June qtr	186.6	211.1	..	186.5	211.2	225.8	156.9	..	202.4
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	192.3	218.1	..	189.9	215.2	226.1	161.5	100.0	206.9
Dec. qtr	199.6	232.1	249.4	193.0	218.6	229.2	295.4	101.6	219.3
Mar. qtr	203.4	235.6	255.0	198.9	225.0	230.3	301.3	105.8	224.3
June qtr	209.4	244.1	261.6	203.5	228.7	233.4	304.9	108.8	229.6
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	217.4	248.2	266.7	206.4	232.3	236.0	307.1	110.1	234.1

(a) Base: December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (b) Base: September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS
(Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Weighted average of seven capital cities
1974-75	171.1	176.1	167.9	162.7	169.7	166.1	166.7	164.9	171.0
1975-76	193.3	199.0	189.5	190.9	190.5	189.6	190.0	187.3	193.3
1976-77	220.0	223.4	216.6	218.0	220.1	219.4	217.7	212.9	219.9
1975-76 - June qtr	202.4	207.6	198.3	200.1	200.4	200.4	200.6	197.7	202.4
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	206.9	211.1	203.2	205.1	205.5	205.4	205.5	201.9	206.8
Dec. qtr	219.3	222.8	215.3	217.8	220.0	219.0	217.2	213.0	219.2
Mar. qtr	224.3	227.4	221.0	222.5	224.7	224.0	221.4	216.5	224.2
June qtr	229.6	232.3	227.0	226.6	230.1	229.3	226.7	220.3	229.4
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	234.1	236.0	231.6	231.3	235.6	234.9	232.0	224.8	233.9

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) GROUP INDEX NUMBERS

A detailed description of the index is contained in the initial bulletin (6411.0) of 4 July 1975.

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)

Period	Manufactured materials (imported) (b)				Other materials (imported and home produced) (c)				Total imported materials	Total home produced materials	All groups
	Chemicals	Metal manu- factures components, for trans- port equip- ment and machinery	Other manu- factured materials (b)	Food, live animals and to tobacco	Crude materials (excl. fuels)	Electricity gas and fuels					
Value weight (%)	6.67	5.21	5.76	45.87	20.66	15.83	27.16	72.84	100.00		
1974-75	141.9	148.7	137.4	132.4	149.3	179.5	181.5	131.6	145.1		
1975-76	149.4	179.6	148.4	132.5	163.0	229.0	202.9	142.0	158.6		
1976-77 p	160.3	211.6	164.5	154.9	191.5	254.8	233.2	163.1	182.2		
1976-77 -											
Sept.	152.0	194.5	154.0	153.5	180.1	239.6	213.9	160.1	174.7		
Oct.	151.5	192.4	154.8	152.1	182.7	241.0	214.4	159.9	174.7		
Nov.	151.3	194.8	154.6	144.9	181.4	241.2	215.4	154.6	171.3		
Dec.	164.9	211.9	162.1	147.1	195.1	252.5	233.1	159.0	179.1		
Jan.	164.3	221.4	169.5	152.0	196.3	258.2	239.7	162.4	183.4		
Feb.	165.6	224.5	171.6	155.1	198.2	269.0	247.7	164.8	187.3		
Mar.	167.6	226.9	174.2	161.4	199.9	268.0	250.9	168.3	190.8		
Apr.	166.6	227.5	174.7	165.5	200.7	268.6	251.5	171.1	192.9		
May	167.7	229.0	175.5	165.2	200.3	269.7	252.6	170.9	193.1		
June	168.1	231.7	176.0	168.7	195.1	268.7	253.7	171.5	193.9		
1977-78 -											
July	168.2	233.4	179.5	169.5	195.4	268.8	253.7	172.3	194.4		
Aug.	169.0	234.8	181.6	166.9	194.8	281.6	255.3	172.9	195.3		
Sept. p	169.2	237.0	182.8	163.3	197.6	292.4	255.9	173.9	196.2		
Oct. p	168.4	238.1	183.7	158.8	198.1	293.6	255.7	171.6	194.5		

(a) The index is on a net basis and relates in concept only to materials that enter Australian manufacturing industry from other sectors of the Australian economy or from overseas. (b) Excluding the manufactured imported crude materials listed in footnote (c). (c) Includes imported fuel oil and the following manufactured imported crude materials: synthetic rubber, hardwood, softwood, woodpulp, synthetic fibre, vegetable oils.

PRICE INDEXES OF ARTICLES PRODUCED BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) DIVISION AND SUB-DIVISION INDEX NUMBERS

A detailed description of the indexes is contained in the initial bulletin (6412.0) of 26 October 1976. Index numbers for special groupings are published in monthly issues of this bulletin.

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)

Period	All Manufacturing Industry Index (b)	Selected net sub-division indexes (c)							Other industrial machinery and equipment and household appliances (33)
		Food beverages and tobacco (21-22)	Clothing and footwear (24)	Wood, wood products and furniture (25)	Glass, clay and other non-metallic mineral products (28)	Basic metal products (29)	Fabricated metal products (31)	Transport equipment (32)	
1974-75	158.1	153.0	161.3	190.0	158.3	151.9	183.2	151.2	158.9
1975-76	177.8	163.5	185.2	219.9	183.2	174.0	217.1	175.8	179.2
1976-77	196.9	180.0	208.1	246.8	202.5	200.6	244.9	195.0	199.4
1976-77 --									
Sept.	190.5	174.2	205.0	237.4	198.0	191.0	237.5	190.8	193.7
Oct.	191.5	175.1	205.3	240.0	199.4	192.7	240.5	191.8	193.9
Nov.	192.9	175.3	206.2	244.0	201.3	195.0	243.0	192.2	194.6
Dec.	195.6	178.6	206.2	245.2	201.8	201.6	245.4	194.6	196.4
Jan.	198.0	180.7	207.1	248.7	203.0	203.2	246.1	195.6	200.3
Feb.	200.4	183.6	210.5	251.6	205.9	205.2	248.0	196.3	203.0
Mar.	202.4	186.1	212.5	252.0	206.3	208.4	249.5	199.3	204.9
Apr.	204.0	187.5	213.3	254.0	206.9	209.0	251.4	200.2	206.8
May	204.3	187.5	213.9	256.6	206.9	209.3	251.8	200.6	207.2
June	205.0	187.9	214.9	257.8	208.1	207.4	254.3	202.3	208.5
1977-78 --									
July	206.7	189.3	217.7	259.4	210.9	209.7	257.8	203.9	209.5
Aug.	207.6	189.4	219.4	260.1	212.6	210.2	261.0	205.3	210.1
Sept. p	209.2	190.3	221.4	261.1	214.8	210.5	263.3	206.3	210.9
Oct. p	210.7	191.8	221.7	261.6	215.8	211.1	264.4	208.0	211.4

(a) For a full description of Division C, 'Manufacturing' and the selected sub-divisions see Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), Preliminary Edition, 1969. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division. (c) Indexes for the remaining sub-divisions of Manufacturing Division are in process of development. The indexes are on a 'net sub-division' basis. ASIC sub-division codes are shown in brackets at the head of the columns.

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING

A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Reports* No. 58, 1973. The separate city indexes shown below measure price movements within each city individually. They do not compare price levels as between cities.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1974-75	189.4	178.4	187.0	195.4	172.4	179.1	183.4
1975-76	211.1	200.1	218.5	222.5	201.9	209.2	208.1
1976-77	234.5	223.6	243.5	250.7	229.8	235.1	232.9
1976-77 -							
Nov.	230.2	219.4	240.3	246.4	226.7	231.7	228.9
Dec.	231.9	221.7	241.0	247.7	227.4	234.0	230.5
Jan.	236.1	224.7	242.0	250.1	229.1	235.4	233.5
Feb.	240.0	227.2	248.4	254.5	230.9	239.1	236.8
Mar.	242.0	228.4	249.7	256.2	237.3	239.8	239.2
Apr.	242.6	230.6	251.2	259.5	237.7	240.8	240.6
May	241.2	230.6	251.3	260.0	238.5	241.2	240.3
June	244.3	231.9	253.3	260.4	241.9	244.1	242.6
1977-78 -							
July	247.2	233.4	257.7	262.7	245.3	248.3	245.2
Aug.	247.6	234.7	259.7	266.4	249.1	251.5	247.0
Sept.	249.7	234.9	260.5	267.0	249.5	252.7	248.0
Oct.	251.2	235.7	261.5	268.3	251.4	254.4	249.2
Nov. p	251.3	236.8	262.0	268.5	252.4	255.3	249.8
Dec. p	252.7	237.8	263.5	269.8	252.9	256.1	251.0

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Concrete mix cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
Value weight (%)	5.73	8.10	12.85	36.16	5.86	7.20	3.74	1.63	5.13	5.64	7.96	100.00
1974-75	165.7	193.1	180.3	203.5	192.1	170.3	174.5	168.3	146.4	147.8	161.5	183.4
1975-76	195.1	227.0	205.1	226.2	229.3	187.1	201.5	183.3	165.9	167.7	187.9	208.1
1976-77	217.8	258.9	227.8	254.1	263.2	207.9	224.3	201.8	181.9	178.8	210.7	232.9
1976-77 -												
Nov.	216.7	256.7	227.0	247.1	261.7	202.5	223.3	194.0	180.5	177.7	207.7	228.9
Dec.	216.5	259.1	227.3	249.1	264.1	205.8	223.4	199.1	181.0	177.9	209.0	230.5
Jan.	219.0	260.6	228.2	254.7	264.9	208.7	223.3	200.9	182.3	178.0	210.3	233.5
Feb.	222.2	263.3	229.4	260.6	267.2	210.9	227.2	203.5	183.4	180.8	211.2	236.8
Mar.	222.1	265.0	231.7	263.5	269.4	212.5	228.1	204.6	184.1	181.2	217.8	239.2
Apr.	222.4	265.5	233.0	265.5	270.6	215.0	228.4	208.9	184.4	181.3	219.0	240.6
May	222.3	265.6	230.0	265.9	271.0	214.3	228.5	208.0	184.8	181.3	218.9	240.3
June	223.8	269.9	234.9	267.9	273.0	215.2	229.3	208.0	185.8	182.2	220.4	242.6
1977-78 -												
July	227.2	276.5	237.3	269.8	276.5	215.9	232.4	208.1	188.9	185.9	224.1	245.2
Aug.	231.4	278.9	238.8	271.8	280.3	215.1	233.9	207.4	188.8	186.2	225.4	247.0
Sept.	232.3	279.9	241.9	271.6	282.7	215.5	234.6	206.8	191.0	189.2	225.7	248.0
Oct.	237.7	281.0	243.6	272.1	283.8	218.3	236.0	211.0	191.6	189.4	226.7	249.2
Nov. p	237.9	282.4	244.3	272.4	286.1	218.5	236.7	215.5	191.6	189.4	227.0	249.8
Dec. p	238.3	282.6	244.9	273.2	289.5	218.9	240.5	217.1	192.5	191.5	228.8	251.0

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973. The separate city indexes shown below measure price movements within each city individually. They do not compare price levels as between cities.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

(Base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1974-75	176.0	180.6	186.6	181.0	176.7	179.3	179.2
1975-76	199.0	209.4	216.3	210.4	208.3	210.4	206.2
1976-77	221.5	234.8	241.2	234.3	235.4	234.8	230.3
1976-77 -							
Nov.	218.0	231.2	238.4	230.9	232.0	231.7	226.9
Dec.	220.0	234.1	240.7	233.3	234.3	234.6	229.3
Jan.	221.9	235.5	241.9	234.8	235.8	235.4	230.8
Feb.	225.0	237.9	244.2	237.0	237.7	237.3	233.4
Mar.	227.1	239.5	246.0	238.5	242.2	239.1	235.5
Apr.	228.8	242.5	247.8	240.9	243.7	241.2	237.6
May	228.7	242.4	247.9	241.1	244.1	241.9	237.6
June	230.0	243.8	249.3	242.2	245.0	243.4	238.9
1977-78 -							
July	232.4	246.7	253.1	245.3	248.7	245.7	241.9
Aug.	233.3	248.3	254.4	247.7	252.0	247.6	243.3
Sept.	234.7	249.2	256.2	249.2	253.4	249.6	244.7
Oct.	236.2	250.0	257.1	250.2	254.6	250.8	245.8
Nov. p	237.3	252.7	259.3	252.3	256.9	252.6	247.7
Dec. p	239.3	254.3	260.6	253.8	258.1	253.9	249.4

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

(Base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Concrete mix cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Alum-inum products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscellaneous materials	Electrical installation materials (a)	Mechanical services components	All groups
Value weight (%)	10.41	3.64	5.28	11.90	30.58	6.01	2.59	1.19	7.09	8.61	12.70	100.00
1974-75	164.6	183.9	179.4	194.7	189.2	169.2	162.7	197.7	163.4	157.4	181.3	179.2
1975-76	193.0	220.0	202.7	219.3	223.4	193.6	173.3	232.1	186.8	177.4	201.3	206.2
1976-77	215.6	244.7	224.0	243.6	251.7	213.7	195.0	251.2	204.2	199.6	225.4	230.3
1976-77 -												
Nov.	214.4	243.6	222.4	237.7	250.1	210.7	183.6	252.2	202.1	191.3	220.3	226.9
Dec.	214.2	244.6	223.3	239.7	252.0	212.3	190.3	251.7	203.0	195.7	226.6	229.3
Jan.	217.3	245.2	224.8	243.1	252.7	212.9	192.8	251.2	203.8	198.6	227.3	230.8
Feb.	220.4	246.2	225.8	248.6	254.2	216.1	198.2	251.7	205.2	202.7	229.4	233.4
Mar.	220.5	247.6	227.8	251.2	256.1	218.2	201.2	252.3	209.2	206.6	231.1	235.5
Apr.	220.4	249.5	229.2	253.5	258.7	220.6	203.2	252.8	210.5	209.9	233.9	237.6
May	220.2	249.8	226.8	253.6	259.3	220.7	199.5	252.8	210.7	208.1	235.1	237.6
June	221.3	252.6	230.9	255.2	260.6	221.5	197.8	253.1	211.8	207.9	236.5	238.9
1977-78 -												
July	223.9	258.0	232.3	257.5	265.0	222.9	197.1	257.3	215.0	209.7	239.0	241.9
Aug.	227.4	260.5	234.5	258.5	267.2	223.3	194.8	258.8	216.3	209.0	239.5	243.3
Sept.	227.7	262.7	238.2	259.0	268.5	228.2	194.3	261.0	217.2	209.1	241.3	244.7
Oct.	232.3	263.2	239.2	259.9	268.4	230.2	195.9	261.7	218.3	210.5	242.2	245.8
Nov. p	234.1	265.9	239.7	260.1	272.0	230.6	195.9	261.8	218.7	212.3	244.5	247.7
Dec. p	234.6	266.7	239.9	261.5	274.1	231.5	196.6	265.3	222.0	215.3	245.8	249.4

(a) The Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials is used as the indicator for this group.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS (Base: Year 1959-60 = 100)

Figures since June 1969 have been compiled on a basis which incorporates a re-weighting (on a 1969-70 basis) of the items contained in the previous series and the inclusion of some additional items.

Period	Wool	Meats	Dairy produce	Cereals	Dried and canned fruits	Sugar	Hides and tallow	Metals and coal (a)	Gold	All groups (b)
1974-75	121	132	127	256	176	378	141	243	391	181
1975-76	127	150	122	240	162	335	151	286	359	187
1976-77	164	169	128	219	184	314	203	330	370	206
1976-77 -										
Sept.	147	147	119	224	154	316	185	307	289	192
Oct.	157	144	122	223	152	310	187	305	303	194
Nov.	154	144	122	220	153	300	186	308	330	194
Dec.	180	167	130	219	171	310	194	345	414	213
Jan.	182	174	132	219	167	299	201	338	395	212
Feb.	178	180	133	216	189	304	207	339	409	213
Mar.	174	183	135	209	188	317	214	346	434	213
Apr.	171	196	135	216	240	317	219	354	437	219
May	169	195	141	221	241	324	246	351	430	219
June	167	191	141	206	241	313	245	341	415	214
1977-78 -										
July	(c) 167	188	143	199	240	300	241	343	412	212
Aug.	162	187	144	192	242	293	236	342	422	210
Sept.	164	189	147	189	242	(d) 295	237	340	433	210
Oct.	169	192	147	186	241	(d) 287	221	336	460	210

(a) Composite coal, iron and steel, copper, zinc, lead and silver. Does not include iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands, which however have been included in the "All groups" index from July 1969 on. (b) As from 1969-70 "All groups" includes the following items, in addition to the specified groups: iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands. (c) Nominal. (d) Incorporate contract prices which may be subject to revision.

CONSUMER (RETAIL) PRICE INDEXES, VARIOUS COUNTRIES

(Base of each index: Year 1970 = 100.0)

(Source: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the Statistical Office of the United Nations)

The index numbers show fluctuations in prices in each country and do not measure relative price levels as between countries.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the various countries. A short dash on each side of an index number (e.g. -107.6-) indicates that the two series have been linked at that period.

Period	Australia (a)	Belgium (b)	Brazil (Sao Paulo) (c)	Canada	France	Federal Republic of Germany	India	Indonesia (Jakarta)	Italy	Japan	Netherlands
1974	141.5	132.6	144.3	128.6	136.3	127.1	165.2	204.8	146.3	154.1	137.3
1975	162.8	149.5	187.9	142.5	152.2	134.7	174.5	243.8	171.1	172.4	151.3
1976	184.9	163.1	254.3	153.2	166.9	140.8	160.9	292.2	199.8	188.4	164.6
1976 -											
June qtr	181.2	161.9	245.0	152.1	164.8	141.1	157.6	285.9	196.7	187.7	164.3
Sept. qtr	185.2	164.9	263.3	154.3	168.6	141.2	162.5	299.4	202.2	189.8	165.5
Dec. qtr	196.3	157.6	282.9	156.6	172.9	142.0	165.9	306.1	215.1	194.5	169.6
1977 -											
Mar. qtr	200.7	170.9	312.7	159.9	175.6	144.6	168.3	311.7	225.2	198.9	170.8
June qtr	205.5	173.7		163.7	181.0	146.5	172.3		233.8	204.2	175.8
Sept. qtr	209.5	176.3		167.3	185.3	146.9				204.8	176.9
Period	New Zealand	Norway	Pakistan (Karachi) (d)	Philippines (Manila)	Singapore (e)	South Africa (f)	Sweden	Switzerland	United Kingdom	United States of America	Malaysia (Peninsular) (g)
1974	141.8	-133.9-	164.0	214.7	122.3	138.1	133.5	135.7	148.4	127.0	136.0
1975	162.6	149.5	198.2	234.6	125.5	156.7	146.6	144.8	184.4	138.6	142.2
1976	190.2	163.2	212.4		123.1	174.1	161.7	147.3	214.9	146.6	145.9
1976 -											
June qtr	187.8	162.4	208.6		122.7	172.0	160.5	146.8	211.9	145.5	144.9
Sept. qtr	193.7	165.6	213.5		122.2	177.1	162.8	147.3	216.8	147.8	146.4
Dec. qtr	199.1	166.7	222.3		122.6	180.8	166.8	147.9	226.8	149.4	147.6
1977 -											
Mar. qtr	204.3	172.1	230.9		125.4	185.8	171.2	148.5	238.2	152.1	150.9
June qtr	214.1	176.9	230.8		124.9	191.2	177.8	148.8	248.8	155.3	150.8
Sept. qtr	221.7	180.7	235.9		128.4		183.8	149.5	252.7	157.6	

(a) Consumer Price Index converted to base: 1970 = 100.0. (b) Rent is not included. (c) Beginning 1972, base: 1972 = 100.0. (d) Prior to 1972: Karachi only; industrial workers. Beginning 1972; base: 1971 = 100.0. (e) Beginning 1974, new series, base: 1973 = 100.0. (f) White population. (g) Formerly known as West Malaysia.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK

Australia								Index Nos (Base: Year 1954 = 100)
End of —	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Rates	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE (\$) (a)								
Adult Males								
June —								
1974	95.63	95.60	96.89	93.49	90.46	95.39	95.24	337.2
1975	113.31	112.73	115.83	111.01	106.35	112.59	112.78	399.3
1976	130.51	128.59	133.61	126.77	125.89	128.75	129.68	459.2
1976-77 —								
Sept.	133.29	131.25	136.10	129.38	129.34	131.33	132.41	468.9
Oct.	133.27	131.25	136.10	129.38	129.44	131.33	132.41	468.8
Nov.	136.10	134.09	139.12	132.19	132.29	134.14	135.27	479.0
Dec.	136.14	134.10	139.14	132.20	132.29	134.14	135.27	479.0
Jan.	136.23	134.10	139.14	132.24	132.33	134.14	135.34	479.2
Feb.	136.23	134.10	139.14	132.24	136.26	134.14	135.60	480.1
Mar.	142.01	139.81	144.89	137.96	138.04	139.88	141.08	499.5
Apr.	142.08	139.85	144.91	137.96	139.72	139.93	141.24	500.1
May	144.80	142.46	147.63	140.53	141.97	142.50	143.88	509.4
June	144.79	142.46	147.63	140.63	141.97	142.50	143.88	509.5
1977-78 —								
July	144.80	142.46	147.63	140.65	142.00	142.50	143.89	509.5
Aug.	147.60	145.26	150.53	143.40	143.96	145.35	146.64	519.2
Sept.	147.57	145.27	150.53	143.39	145.54	145.35	146.74	519.6
Oct.	147.56	145.27	150.54	143.39	145.57	145.35	146.74	519.6
Adult Females								
June —								
1974	82.78	80.84	76.96	78.00	75.41	76.30	80.65	405.1
1975	105.22	104.98	102.88	99.42	98.29	101.04	104.02	522.5
1976	120.48	120.70	122.04	120.28	115.34	116.94	120.36	604.6
1976-77 —								
Sept.	123.02	123.29	124.39	122.79	119.76	119.52	122.99	617.8
Oct.	123.02	123.29	124.39	122.79	120.14	119.52	123.01	617.9
Nov.	125.72	125.98	127.52	125.55	122.60	122.15	125.74	631.6
Dec.	125.72	125.98	127.52	125.62	122.64	122.15	125.75	631.7
Jan.	125.72	125.98	127.52	125.62	123.38	122.15	125.79	631.9
Feb.	125.72	125.98	127.53	125.62	127.46	122.15	126.00	632.9
Mar.	131.45	131.70	133.23	131.46	128.88	127.85	131.51	660.6
Apr.	131.45	131.70	133.23	131.46	129.25	127.85	131.53	660.7
May	133.94	134.18	135.73	133.91	131.38	130.28	133.99	673.1
June	133.94	134.18	135.73	133.93	131.38	130.28	134.00	673.1
1977-78 —								
July	133.94	134.18	135.73	133.93	131.66	130.28	134.01	673.1
Aug.	136.61	136.84	138.45	136.60	133.98	132.90	136.66	686.5
Sept.	136.61	136.84	138.45	136.60	133.98	132.90	136.66	686.5
Oct.	136.61	136.84	138.45	136.60	134.27	132.90	136.68	686.6
WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK (b) SEPTEMBER 1977								
Adult males	39.74	39.92	39.84	39.92	39.80	39.89	39.83	99.67
Adult females	39.53	39.81	39.70	39.77	39.78	39.63	39.67	100.00

(a) For a full weeks work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and collective agreements. The wage rates for adult males exclude rural industry. The wage rates for adult females exclude rural industry; mining and quarrying and building and construction. Rates shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms indicative of trends. They do not measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States. Figures for the last twelve months are subject to revision. (b) The hours for adult males exclude rural industry; and shipping and stevedoring. The hours for adult females exclude rural industry; mining and quarrying; and building and construction.

NOTE. For further information regarding these statistics reference should be made to the monthly bulletin *Wage Rates* (6312.0).

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (a)
(Revised Series)

Original Series. Estimates of average weekly earnings are made each quarter in respect of both full-time and part-time civilian wage and salary earners in all industries combined. The earnings figures used in the calculation of the averages comprise award and over-award wages and salaries, the earnings of employees not covered by awards, overtime earnings, etc., and includes payments made retrospectively or in advance during the quarter. Particulars of employment and wages and salaries are derived from payroll tax returns and from direct returns from government and other bodies. For a more detailed explanation of the methods used, see *Average Weekly Earnings* (6302.0).

Seasonally adjusted series. Quarterly estimates are affected by seasonal influences. For example special payments, including prepayments for holiday periods tend to raise the December quarter and to depress the March quarter averages. In addition, figures for all quarters are affected by the varying incidence of pay-days in successive quarters. Allowance for the varying incidence of pay-days and for seasonal factors has been made in calculating the seasonally adjusted estimates. It should also be noted that seasonal adjustment factors were estimated from a series adjusted to allow for the effects of major awards and determinations of Federal and State industrial authorities. The effects of these awards and determinations are retained in the seasonally adjusted data. A detailed description of the methods of seasonal adjustment is given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0).

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Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (b)	A.C.T. (b)	Aust.
ORIGINAL									
1974-75	152.10	147.80	142.50	138.60	145.60	140.20	168.50	184.30	148.30
1975-76	172.70	170.50	163.50	158.50	169.10	157.80	190.00	209.00	169.60
1976-77	193.60	191.20	184.50	179.50	190.80	181.30	216.80	237.70	190.80
1975-76 —									
Mar. qtr	168.50	165.50	158.20	154.40	164.80	151.20	185.50	208.30	165.30
June qtr	183.60	180.70	175.00	167.60	178.80	165.10	199.60	221.90	179.80
1976-77 —									
Sept. qtr	187.30	183.00	182.00	175.00	184.00	175.60	209.30	230.00	184.80
Dec. qtr	197.90	197.40	189.80	182.80	194.50	188.70	220.00	243.90	195.50
Mar. qtr	187.30	183.60	174.00	172.90	186.60	175.20	212.20	231.00	183.80
June qtr	201.80	200.80	192.30	187.40	198.20	185.50	225.60	245.80	199.00
Sept. qtr	207.30	205.10	195.60	195.90	206.10	196.50	228.70	251.10	204.20
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1975-76 —									
Mar. qtr	173.80	170.60	164.90	158.00	169.30	156.30	187.90	214.60	171.10
June qtr	183.20	182.50	174.20	168.00	177.30	165.90	199.60	216.30	178.80
1976-77 —									
Sept. qtr	187.00	182.80	183.00	173.60	182.80	177.20	208.60	233.10	184.90
Dec. qtr	190.20	187.90	179.60	177.60	189.10	178.80	213.40	238.50	187.40
Mar. qtr	194.00	191.10	184.90	177.30	193.70	184.00	215.70	240.30	192.10
June qtr	202.80	203.00	189.60	190.60	197.10	185.00	226.30	243.70	198.40
Sept. qtr	208.10	205.70	197.40	194.10	205.60	196.90	232.40	251.40	204.60

(a) Particulars of wage and salaries paid are not available for males and females separately; estimates have therefore been calculated in terms of male units, i.e. total male employees plus a proportion of female employees, the proportion being derived from the estimated ratio of female to male average earnings in each State. The ratio used in the current quarter for Australia is approximately 67 per cent. For further details on the separate State ratios see *Average Weekly Earnings* (6302.0). (b) Original series estimates have been calculated on a basis which excludes the effects of varying numbers of Australian Government pay-days in each quarter.

BUILDING, ETC.

SUMMARY OF BUILDING APPROVED : ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

New dwellings								
Private				Total				
Number ('000)				Government		Number ('000)		
Period	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Value (\$m)	Number ('000)	Value (\$m)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Value (\$m)
1974-75	101.5	..	1,891.4	19.8	354.8	121.3	..	2,246.2
1975-76	134.2	..	3,007.2	11.9	249.6	146.1	..	3,256.8
1976-77	127.3	..	3,227.8	14.1	313.1	141.4	..	3,540.9
1976-77 -								
Oct.	11.6	11.9	287.5	1.3	26.6	12.9	13.2	314.1
Nov.	12.1	11.3	299.1	1.4	30.1	13.5	12.7	329.2
Dec.	10.6	11.4	267.3	1.0	22.8	11.6	12.6	290.2
Jan.	8.5	11.5	219.1	1.3	29.6	9.8	13.0	248.8
Feb.	9.1	10.2	231.0	1.7	36.9	10.8	12.1	267.9
Mar.	9.8	8.6	254.6	0.9	20.0	10.7	9.4	274.6
Apr.	9.2	10.4	243.8	0.7	15.5	9.9	11.1	259.3
May	10.4	9.4	273.5	1.1	29.2	11.6	10.3	302.6
June	10.4	9.1	279.9	1.4	34.8	11.8	10.0	314.8
1977-78 -								
July	9.9	9.9	265.6	0.9	21.5	10.7	10.9	287.1
Aug.	10.5	10.0	279.4	0.9	19.6	11.4	11.2	299.0
Sept.	9.9	9.3	268.1	0.8	19.1	10.7	10.1	287.2
Oct.	9.7	9.8	265.6	1.3	34.3	11.0	11.0	299.9
Nov.	9.8	9.1	270.2	1.6	36.4	11.4	10.7	306.6

Period	Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building (a)			Total building approved	
		Original		Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
		Private	Total	Total		
		Value (\$ million)				
1974-75	100.8	829.8	1,786.3	..	4,133.3	..
1975-76	211.1	945.7	1,876.1	..	5,344.1	..
1976-77	250.6	1,147.9	2,095.5	..	5,887.0	..
1976-77 -						
Oct.	22.6	88.6	159.2	157.9	495.9	499.8
Nov.	22.2	87.7	183.6	178.6	535.0	510.1
Dec.	18.7	113.1	213.0	215.9	521.9	551.1
Jan.	18.6	74.3	137.5	181.2	404.9	539.8
Feb.	17.8	93.4	157.2	183.5	442.9	493.8
Mar.	20.3	100.5	208.8	191.6	503.7	469.5
Apr.	19.5	100.4	193.7	202.9	472.5	418.6
May	22.8	107.2	178.8	149.6	504.2	454.5
June	23.8	109.3	190.4	152.4	529.0	429.6
1977-78 -						
July	23.0	107.7	192.0	181.6	502.1	486.2
Aug.	26.3	109.0	199.8	234.2	525.1	554.0
Sept.	25.3	100.9	197.3	200.4	509.8	478.4
Oct.	27.7	139.7	212.1	214.5	539.7	544.5
Nov.	25.4	132.8	222.2	224.8	554.2	537.9

(a) Comprise other building (new plus alterations and additions) valued at \$10,000 and over. (b) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

NOTE. Statistics on alterations and additions to dwellings, valued at \$2,000-\$9,999 are collected but not included in the tabulations. The total value of building approved in this category in October 1977 was \$29.5m and \$30.0m in November 1977.

BUILDING JOBS APPROVED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tax	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBERS OF NEW DWELLINGS APPROVED ('000)									
1974-75	38.13	30.61	18.11	12.68	12.80	3.32	1.52	4.15	121.32
1975-76	32.13	39.40	24.61	16.82	21.39	4.44	2.79	4.54	146.11
1976-77	36.80	36.63	25.67	14.39	19.06	4.40	1.58	2.84	141.37
1976-77 -									
Oct.	3.11	3.30	2.33	1.40	1.81	0.45	0.18	0.30	12.87
Nov.	3.80	3.48	2.48	1.21	1.74	0.34	0.10	0.34	13.48
Dec.	2.96	3.14	2.09	1.12	1.60	0.33	0.11	0.24	11.57
Jan.	3.23	1.82	1.62	1.28	1.30	0.21	0.17	0.18	9.81
Feb.	2.59	3.56	1.65	0.78	1.48	0.38	0.17	0.21	10.84
Mar.	2.49	3.09	2.10	0.98	1.42	0.41	0.08	0.11	10.68
Apr.	2.60	2.41	1.92	0.97	1.46	0.34	0.11	0.08	9.99
May	3.00	2.97	2.25	0.94	1.70	0.38	0.20	0.15	11.09
June	3.16	2.64	2.24	1.38	1.64	0.38	0.08	0.32	11.85
1977-78 -									
July	3.00	2.51	2.11	0.83	1.60	0.34	0.16	0.16	10.73
Aug.	3.54	2.50	2.19	0.95	1.59	0.37	0.04	0.18	11.36
Sept.	2.76	2.48	2.43	0.94	1.26	0.33	0.22	0.24	10.67
Oct.	3.25	2.45	2.23	0.96	1.40	0.31	0.26	0.19	11.04
Nov.	3.73	2.38	2.23	0.84	1.53	0.33	0.07	0.25	11.37
VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS APPROVED (\$m)									
1974-75	683.6	590.4	334.8	214.6	220.7	61.1	43.6	97.2	2,246.2
1975-76	704.0	907.2	508.7	360.2	438.5	101.5	97.2	139.4	3,256.8
1976-77	890.1	962.0	613.0	356.0	469.0	110.5	52.3	87.8	3,540.9
1976-77 -									
Oct.	74.4	84.2	53.5	32.6	44.0	11.1	5.0	9.3	314.1
Nov.	87.0	89.1	58.1	30.3	42.1	8.7	4.1	9.8	329.2
Dec.	72.9	82.1	49.3	29.3	38.6	8.0	3.0	6.8	290.2
Jan.	78.3	50.6	38.6	32.3	32.0	5.2	6.0	5.8	248.8
Feb.	62.2	89.3	39.1	20.5	35.6	9.4	5.2	6.7	267.9
Mar.	61.9	83.9	52.3	24.8	35.6	9.9	2.5	3.8	274.6
Apr.	68.1	65.6	46.4	25.1	39.2	8.3	3.8	2.8	259.3
May	74.8	80.3	59.0	24.5	43.1	9.5	6.6	4.7	302.6
June	81.9	75.1	56.6	35.3	43.4	10.1	3.1	9.3	314.8
1977-78 -									
July	78.2	72.5	51.7	21.8	41.4	9.1	6.5	5.8	287.1
Aug.	90.7	71.5	54.7	25.4	40.4	9.0	1.4	6.0	299.0
Sept.	72.2	72.5	60.4	25.5	33.4	8.8	7.5	6.9	287.2
Oct.	91.3	70.0	54.0	25.3	37.6	7.7	8.1	5.7	299.9
Nov.	98.3	71.6	54.3	23.1	40.8	8.6	2.4	7.3	306.6
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS APPROVED (\$m) (a)									
1974-75	48.1	27.8	7.2	5.1	4.7	1.7	1.5	4.6	100.8
1975-76	77.2	53.2	11.3	12.2	10.2	2.3	35.2	9.6	211.1
1976-77	94.0	77.6	16.5	18.1	16.2	3.9	15.4	8.8	250.6
1976-77 -									
Oct.	8.9	6.8	1.6	1.4	1.2	0.4	1.4	0.9	22.6
Nov.	8.2	7.3	1.6	1.5	1.2	0.3	1.3	0.9	22.2
Dec.	6.7	6.5	0.7	1.8	1.3	0.3	1.0	0.5	18.7
Jan.	8.4	4.3	1.1	1.3	0.9	0.3	1.7	0.6	18.6
Feb.	6.7	5.5	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.3	0.7	0.7	17.8
Mar.	6.8	6.8	1.5	1.8	1.4	0.2	0.9	0.8	20.3
Apr.	7.3	6.5	1.0	1.3	1.5	0.4	0.8	0.6	19.5
May	8.3	7.4	1.9	1.5	1.8	0.4	1.0	0.6	22.8
June	9.0	6.8	1.5	2.2	1.7	0.4	1.5	0.8	23.8
1977-78 -									
July	9.6	7.2	1.3	1.3	2.1	0.3	0.5	0.7	23.0
Aug.	10.5	8.1	1.7	1.5	2.0	0.4	1.1	1.0	26.3
Sept.	8.6	7.6	1.6	1.9	2.1	0.4	2.4	0.7	25.3
Oct.	10.7	7.8	1.8	1.7	2.0	0.5	2.7	0.7	27.7
Nov.	9.3	8.6	1.5	1.8	2.3	0.5	0.8	0.6	25.4

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

BUILDING JOBS APPROVED - continued

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING APPROVED (\$m)									
1974-75	486.5	470.5	268.3	150.2	170.4	49.2	16.3	164.8	1,786.3
1975-76	554.1	512.8	370.5	99.4	182.5	54.8	41.7	60.2	1,876.1
1976-77	618.4	536.2	324.3	171.9	214.7	84.1	59.5	86.5	2,095.5
1976-77 -									
Oct.	36.9	41.9	29.6	10.0	24.2	9.8	4.6	2.2	159.2
Nov.	55.3	36.7	20.4	10.3	19.4	8.3	6.6	26.6	183.6
Dec.	87.8	41.1	24.1	19.0	20.6	4.8	2.9	12.6	213.0
Jan.	51.1	28.3	16.3	11.6	20.5	7.4	1.4	1.0	137.5
Feb.	46.1	41.0	15.6	18.4	16.3	9.5	7.5	2.7	157.2
Mar.	56.4	52.8	43.2	12.8	17.0	10.8	0.7	15.0	208.8
Apr.	45.4	56.1	26.1	36.6	14.2	6.7	3.5	5.0	193.7
May	44.5	65.1	25.8	7.4	19.4	7.0	6.8	2.5	178.8
June	50.3	43.3	42.5	10.5	21.4	5.9	12.5	4.0	190.4
1977-78 -									
July	52.4	64.8	27.4	16.3	22.4	4.2	3.6	1.0	192.0
Aug.	44.9	58.3	33.5	21.4	15.7	4.5	9.3	12.3	199.8
Sept.	41.8	48.7	55.0	12.4	16.5	4.8	5.7	12.4	197.3
Oct.	57.0	67.8	24.5	23.9	19.7	6.0	2.6	10.6	219.1
Nov.	49.7	46.7	31.6	20.7	38.3	6.8	14.5	14.0	222.2
VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING APPROVED (\$m)									
1974-75	1,218.3	1,088.7	610.4	369.9	395.9	112.1	71.4	266.6	4,133.3
1975-76	1,335.4	1,473.2	890.5	471.8	631.1	158.7	174.1	209.2	5,344.1
1976-77	1,602.5	1,575.8	953.9	546.0	700.0	198.5	127.2	183.1	5,887.0
1976-77 -									
Oct.	120.1	132.9	84.8	43.9	69.5	21.2	11.0	12.4	495.9
Nov.	150.5	133.0	80.2	42.1	62.7	17.4	12.0	37.2	535.0
Dec.	167.4	129.7	74.2	50.2	60.5	13.1	6.9	19.9	521.9
Jan.	137.8	83.1	56.0	45.2	53.4	12.9	9.2	7.5	404.9
Feb.	115.1	135.8	55.9	40.2	53.3	19.2	13.5	10.1	442.9
Mar.	125.2	143.5	96.9	39.4	54.0	21.0	4.1	19.6	503.7
Apr.	120.7	128.2	73.5	63.0	54.9	15.5	8.1	8.5	472.5
May	127.7	152.8	86.7	33.6	64.3	16.9	14.4	7.8	504.2
June	141.2	125.2	100.6	48.0	66.6	16.4	17.1	14.0	529.0
1977-78 -									
July	140.2	144.5	80.4	39.5	65.9	13.5	10.6	7.5	502.1
Aug.	146.1	137.8	89.9	48.3	58.1	13.9	11.8	19.2	525.1
Sept.	122.6	128.8	117.0	39.9	52.0	14.0	15.6	20.0	509.8
Oct.	158.6	145.6	80.3	50.9	59.3	14.3	13.4	17.0	539.7
Nov.	157.2	126.9	87.4	45.6	81.4	15.9	17.7	22.0	554.2

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMMENCED : AUSTRALIA

Value (\$ million)									
Period	Number of new dwellings ('000)				New dwellings	Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building
	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total			Private	Total	
ORIGINAL									
1974-75	88.3	31.6	99.1	118.1	2,227.3	101.8	913.4	1,834.1	4,163.1
1975-76	106.6	30.5	123.8	137.1	3,116.3	206.1	963.7	1,907.8	5,230.2
1976-77	108.8	32.9	126.4	141.7	3,665.0	266.4	1,224.0	2,253.3	6,184.6
1975-76 -									
Mar. qtr	26.6	7.5	31.0	34.1	796.0	56.4	236.2	422.3	1,274.7
June qtr	28.7	7.6	33.8	36.4	879.1	61.8	301.7	580.1	1,521.0
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	29.0	9.3	34.3	38.3	963.6	64.8	294.7	580.9	1,609.3
Dec. qtr	26.9	8.1	31.6	35.1	897.3	65.3	284.0	507.8	1,470.3
Mar. qtr	26.8	7.7	30.4	34.5	898.1	65.8	267.7	532.2	1,496.1
June qtr	26.1	7.8	30.1	33.9	906.0	70.5	277.5	632.4	1,608.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1975-76 -							(a)		
Mar. qtr	27.1	7.5	31.6	34.7	809.8		236.2	414.4	1,268.8
June qtr	27.4	7.3	32.5	34.9	841.1		301.7	539.1	1,445.5
1976-77 -						n.s.			
Sept. qtr	27.9	8.8	33.1	36.8	918.4		294.7	576.4	1,578.8
Dec. qtr	28.9	9.1	33.6	37.7	973.1		284.0	569.6	1,595.3
Mar. qtr	27.3	7.7	31.0	35.0	912.8		267.7	522.4	1,488.4
June qtr	24.9	7.4	28.9	32.5	866.7		277.5	585.0	1,526.2

(a) Series shows only insignificant seasonal pattern in recent years. Figures shown are the original figures.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMPLETED : AUSTRALIA

Number of new dwellings ('000)					Value (\$ million)				
Period	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total	New dwellings	Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building
							Private	Total	
ORIGINAL									
1974-75	97.0	44.1	125.7	141.1	2,454.2	92.1	1,154.6	1,784.5	4,330.8
1975-76	99.9	32.1	112.3	132.0	2,799.3	169.7	1,249.6	2,266.6	5,235.7
1976-77	110.4	34.4	129.6	144.8	3,635.1	252.5	1,336.4	2,446.5	6,334.1
1975-76 -									
Mar. qtr	22.5	6.9	26.0	29.4	639.7	42.9	252.8	564.1	1,246.7
June qtr	27.4	9.2	31.1	36.7	818.7	50.1	330.3	578.5	1,447.4
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	28.6	8.7	33.1	37.3	882.2	60.9	324.0	585.0	1,528.0
Dec. qtr	30.1	8.9	35.2	39.1	977.2	65.2	329.1	601.0	1,643.4
Mar. qtr	24.5	7.6	29.2	32.1	824.8	57.3	335.3	586.1	1,468.2
June qtr	27.2	9.1	32.1	36.4	950.9	69.2	348.1	674.5	1,694.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1975-76 -									
Mar. qtr	25.2	7.7	28.5	33.0	716.6		288.8	576.2	1,343.4
June qtr	27.1	8.9	31.0	36.0	811.2		331.5	611.7	1,483.3
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	28.5	8.8	33.1	37.3	878.0		332.4	602.3	1,539.4
Dec. qtr	27.6	8.2	32.4	35.8	893.1		285.0	544.8	1,489.9
Mar. qtr	27.4	8.5	32.1	36.0	924.0		383.5	598.1	1,581.0
June qtr	26.9	8.8	31.9	35.7	941.8		348.8	713.4	1,736.6
VALUE OF WORK DONE : AUSTRALIA \$ million									
Period	New dwellings			Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building		
	Houses	Other dwellings	Total		Private	Total			
ORIGINAL									
1974-75	1,844.3	551.2	2,395.5	99.1	1,291.9	2,218.7	4,713.1		
1975-76	2,480.3	563.1	3,043.4	190.7	1,214.3	2,348.5	5,582.6		
1976-77	3,040.8	676.4	3,717.2	263.3	1,343.9	2,464.9	6,445.5		
1975-76 -									
Mar. qtr	608.4	136.2	744.6	49.1	281.4	539.5	1,333.2		
June qtr	720.4	152.3	872.7	57.1	332.3	619.6	1,549.3		
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	776.2	173.8	950.0	63.8	335.7	620.6	1,634.5		
Dec. qtr	773.7	173.7	947.4	67.8	335.4	622.1	1,637.2		
Mar. qtr	718.1	153.7	871.9	62.1	312.9	564.4	1,498.3		
June qtr	772.7	175.3	948.0	69.7	359.9	657.8	1,675.5		
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1975-76 -									
Mar. qtr	652.9	145.7	797.5		306.6	582.4	1,431.3		
June qtr	707.7	152.7	859.9		327.6	618.3	1,534.9		
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	744.3	165.8	911.8	n.a.	316.3	588.0	1,562.4		
Dec. qtr	767.8	170.0	937.8		333.4	612.1	1,615.5		
Mar. qtr	770.5	164.4	933.9		340.7	609.1	1,607.9		
June qtr	759.4	175.9	934.3		354.6	656.9	1,660.4		

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING, JUNE QUARTER 1977

State or Territory	Commenced		Completed		Under construction		Value of work done during period		Value of work yet to be done	
	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total
NUMBER OF NEW DWELLINGS ('000)										
N.S.W.	8.42	8.97	8.06	9.11	15.26	18.38				
Vic.	7.95	8.95	8.69	9.68	21.24	23.48				
Qld	5.17	5.53	5.36	5.75	6.47	7.37				
S.A.	2.27	2.91	3.00	3.57	5.17	7.16				
W.A.	4.99	5.48	5.39	5.88	7.12	7.80				
Tas.	0.62	0.92	0.74	1.02	2.22	2.65	- not applicable -			
N.T.	0.33	0.67	0.17	0.57	0.54	1.24				
A.C.T.	0.38	0.43	0.65	0.79	1.35	2.01				
Aust.	30.11	33.85	32.05	36.35	59.37	70.09				
VALUE OF NEW HOUSES (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	188.3	193.3	170.1	180.5	293.2	315.1	180.3	189.6	153.9	164.3
Vic.	196.7	215.4	199.3	213.4	487.4	527.1	204.7	219.6	246.8	266.2
Qld	105.1	113.3	109.7	117.1	122.6	141.6	109.1	118.2	61.6	70.1
S.A.	55.4	66.3	70.3	79.6	110.8	140.9	64.0	73.0	55.7	69.0
W.A.	103.7	111.7	100.8	108.5	146.7	156.5	103.1	110.7	73.2	78.0
Tas.	13.7	18.0	16.7	22.0	43.2	49.1	16.0	20.7	21.9	24.9
N.T.	7.9	18.9	6.1	21.5	16.2	37.3	7.2	22.5	8.1	16.2
A.C.T.	9.9	11.1	18.4	21.2	37.0	46.3	14.7	18.5	19.1	22.7
Aust.	680.9	747.9	691.6	763.7	1,257.2	1,413.8	699.3	772.7	640.2	711.5
VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	221.0	231.8	202.3	223.2	399.6	462.0	214.5	232.9	215.2	249.3
Vic.	232.8	253.6	246.7	269.6	604.8	650.8	248.0	266.6	302.7	324.4
Qld	129.6	138.1	132.1	140.3	171.6	191.9	132.8	142.7	84.4	93.4
S.A.	63.8	78.1	83.2	95.9	149.1	192.9	76.6	89.4	76.6	95.3
W.A.	133.3	144.8	137.0	148.3	199.3	215.2	132.3	143.0	101.8	109.6
Tas.	16.8	22.9	20.6	26.2	59.5	67.9	19.7	25.7	30.7	35.0
N.T.	10.5	23.7	6.5	22.7	19.4	44.0	8.2	24.5	10.2	20.0
A.C.T.	12.0	13.1	22.1	24.9	47.0	63.0	18.8	23.3	23.7	29.6
Aust.	819.8	906.0	850.3	950.9	1,650.2	1,887.8	850.9	948.0	845.3	956.4
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	28.5	28.6	25.2	25.4	30.7	30.7	27.5	27.6	14.7	14.7
Vic.	20.9	20.9	18.3	18.3	37.5	37.5	20.2	20.2	18.3	18.3
Qld	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.8	1.8	1.8	3.7	3.7	0.8	0.8
S.A.	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5	5.1	5.1	4.4	4.5	2.6	2.6
W.A.	5.4	5.4	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.0	5.1	2.7	2.7
Tas.	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
N.T.	3.2	5.3	5.1	9.5	9.0	11.4	4.1	6.2	4.4	5.3
A.C.T.	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.8	3.2	3.2	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.5
Aust.	68.2	70.5	64.6	69.2	93.6	96.1	67.4	69.7	45.5	46.5
VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	119.3	193.2	121.7	247.2	438.8	972.6	110.5	188.9	171.0	455.4
Vic.	108.7	179.9	73.5	121.4	407.9	755.7	103.3	158.9	187.6	385.6
Qld	55.3	90.8	74.1	117.6	183.4	450.8	57.5	110.8	76.5	184.8
S.A.	37.5	55.9	23.0	52.4	84.9	216.7	28.5	57.4	43.9	99.1
W.A.	37.5	55.3	30.3	46.9	61.0	218.8	32.2	65.5	31.2	114.7
Tas.	6.1	23.9	7.1	14.2	22.1	85.7	7.8	18.9	9.5	48.8
N.T.	4.8	8.1	5.0	15.1	17.6	128.3	6.3	17.8	8.7	52.3
A.C.T.	8.3	25.2	13.4	59.6	59.2	284.3	13.8	39.5	20.9	152.3
Aust.	377.5	632.4	348.1	674.5	1,275.0	3,112.9	359.9	657.8	549.3	1,492.9
TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	368.8	453.6	349.2	495.7	869.0	1,465.3	352.5	449.4	400.9	719.4
Vic.	362.5	454.4	336.5	409.3	1,050.3	1,444.3	371.4	445.6	508.6	728.2
Qld	188.4	232.3	210.0	261.7	356.8	644.5	194.1	257.2	161.6	278.9
S.A.	105.7	138.5	110.7	152.7	239.2	414.7	109.5	151.3	123.1	197.0
W.A.	176.2	205.6	172.5	200.4	265.4	439.2	169.5	213.6	135.7	227.0
Tas.	23.5	47.4	28.4	41.1	82.7	153.7	28.1	45.2	40.8	84.4
N.T.	18.5	37.1	16.6	47.3	46.0	183.7	18.6	48.6	23.3	77.5
A.C.T.	21.9	40.0	37.3	86.3	109.4	350.5	34.4	64.6	46.1	183.3
Aust.	1,265.5	1,608.9	1,253.3	1,694.5	3,018.8	5,095.7	1,278.1	1,675.5	1,440.0	2,495.8

NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES, ASIC SUB-DIVISION AND TYPE OF ASSET (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in expenditure by private enterprises, on new fixed tangible assets. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *Gross fixed capital expenditure* in the table on page 36 of this publication as a result of the different methods of compilation of the two sets of statistics.

Quarter	ASIC Sub-division									Total
	Mining	Food beverages and tobacco	Textiles, clothing and footwear	Paper, paper products, printing and publishing	Chemicals petroleum and coal products	Manufacturing		Fabricated metal products (a)	Other (b)	
						Basic metal products	Transport equipment			
	(11-16)	(21,22)	(23,24)	(26)	(27)	(29)	(32)	(31,33)	(25,28,34)	
1975-76 -										
Mar.	136.9	70.5	11.3	23.5	31.3	64.5	30.2	37.8	63.2	332.3
June	153.	104.5	13.0	31.2	55.8	78.6	26.6	69.7	73.8	453.2
1976-77 -										
Sept.	119.7	92.3	11.3	24.3	45.9	64.9	35.9	52.3	64.1	391.0
Dec.	120.9	103.1	15.5	30.7	58.2	79.9	45.5	61.9	79.2	474.0
Mar.	108.5	86.6	8.2	30.4	51.7	55.6	35.1	52.4	66.5	386.5
June	140.5	123.5	11.6	35.7	63.6	63.6	54.1	66.0	77.9	496.0
1977-78 -										
Sept.	154.2	113.6	12.4	30.0	81.7	58.2	48.3	59.0	80.1	483.3

Quarter	ASIC Sub-division					Type of asset			
	Non-manufacturing				Total new capital expenditure (d)	New buildings and structures (e)		Other new capital equipment (f)	
	Electricity, gas and water	Wholesale and retail trade	Transport	All other (c)		Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
					Original				
	(36,37)	(46-48)	(51-55)	(56,61-63, 91-93)	(11-37,46-63,91-93)				
1975-76 -									
Mar.	6.8	147.9	83.2	428.9	1,136.0	1,315.2	360.4	431.2	872.1
June	8.9	217.4	92.8	574.2	1,500.2	1,411.4	447.7	428.2	1,052.5
1976-77 -									
Sept.	8.5	216.5	57.2	559.0	1,351.9	1,361.4	459.7	456.6	892.2
Dec.	10.7	257.9	110.0	620.6	1,594.1	1,476.0	467.4	420.2	1,126.7
Mar.	4.7	208.7	63.7	515.1	1,287.2	1,489.1	365.6	437.4	921.6
June	6.5	277.9	88.9	613.1	1,622.9	1,527.5	486.8	465.7	1,136.1
1977-78 -									
Sept.	6.2	273.5	70.5	631.1	1,618.8	1,629.6	518.6	515.1	-1,100.2
									1,108.9

(a) Fabricated metal products, other industrial machinery and equipment and household appliances. (b) Wood, wood products and furniture (except sheet metal), glass, clay and other non-metallic mineral products, leather, rubber and plastic products and other manufacturing, n.e.c. (c) Finance, insurance, real estate, business services, communication, entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services. (d) Excludes community services and construction. (e) Includes assets such as buildings, wharves, railway and harbour construction, roads and also lifts, heating and ventilation equipment and the like forming an integral part of the structure. Also included is the value of expenditure on mine development (e.g. construction of shafts in underground mines, preparation of mining and quarrying sites for open-cut extraction other developmental operations undertaken primarily for commencing or extending production). (f) Includes vehicles, electrical apparatus, office equipment, furniture, fixtures and fittings not forming an integral part of buildings, durable containers, special tooling, etc.

INCREASE IN BOOK VALUE OF STOCKS HELD BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in investment in stocks by private enterprises. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *Increase in stocks* in the table on page 36 as a result of the different methods of compilation of these two sets of statistics.

Quarter	Increase in book value of stocks for selected ASIC sub-divisions				Less stock valuation adjustment (b)	Increase in stocks after stock valuation adjustment (b)
	Mining	Manufacturing	Wholesale trade	Retail trade (a)		
	(11-16)	(21-34)	(46,47)	(36,37,48,92)	(11-37,46-48,92)	
1976-77 -						
Sept. (c)	+15	+237	+68	+296	r+616	r+304
Dec.	+22	+125	+265	+114	r+526	r+430
Mar.	+26	r+415	+189	+140	r+770	r+475
June	+8	+332	+159	+203	+702	+270
1977-78 -						
Sept.	+67	+274	+71	+261	+673	+406
						+267

(a) Includes electricity and gas, restaurants, hotels and clubs. (b) Informants are asked to report the book value of their stocks at the end of each quarter according to their normal principles of valuing stocks for balance sheet purposes. Increases in the book value of stocks between the beginning and end of a quarter will partly reflect changes in the physical quantities of all component items and partly changes in prices at which stocks are valued. A stock valuation adjustment is deducted from the increase in book value of stocks to arrive at the increase in stocks valued at the average price of the quarter. (c) Each year the framework and the samples are revised. For reasons of comparability estimates are prepared for both the original sample and revised sample.

PRODUCTION

MINE PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS

Period	Copper (a)	Lead (a)	Zinc (a)	Tin (a)	Nickel (a)	Bauxite	Iron ore	Gold (a) (b)	Mineral sands concentrates		
									Ilmenite	Rutile	Zircon
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	kg	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1974-75	235,590	416,500	508,174	10,168	59,109	22,205	98,159	15,061	891,090	334,205	392,751
1975-76	217,439	395,633	481,610	9,442	81,030	21,084	92,672	17,422	948,792	362,769	384,823
1976-77	211,262	415,332	475,461	10,369	80,833	25,469	95,602	15,305	1,048,228	380,679	420,160
1976-77 -											
Aug.	18,298	38,557	43,030	837	22,149	6,246	25,061	1,375	101,132	31,704	36,711
Sept.	17,000	38,974	43,572	773				1,349	81,447	37,248	35,903
Oct.	17,098	34,684	39,906	839				1,264	81,129	31,013	35,817
Nov.	17,372	37,093	44,848	820	19,837	6,249	23,823	1,065	87,001	31,850	36,717
Dec.	16,771	26,775	30,967	902				1,244	98,764	41,577	41,504
Jan.	16,224	22,066	25,411	906				1,008	88,047	21,224	27,841
Feb.	13,674	31,443	39,526	756	18,825	6,245	24,940	1,243	83,194	29,641	30,206
Mar.	18,259	38,743	46,896	894				1,450	99,307	35,145	37,482
Apr.	18,000	31,608	35,390	844				1,042	73,754	26,298	30,350
May	18,929	38,258	41,468	908	20,022	6,729	21,778	1,224	79,953	27,328	33,225
June	18,859	40,245	43,007	920				1,957	80,686	35,440	38,863
1977-78 -											
July	19,489	39,097	44,521	822				2,340	91,914	26,172	37,816
Aug.	21,204	42,726	51,238	813				1,767			
Sept.	16,739	36,619	44,207	751		6,451	26,462	1,745			
Oct.	17,651	37,778	41,841	1,041				1,646			

(a) Quantities shown are metallic contents of mine products based on chemical assay. (b) Western Australian and Northern Territory gold production figures (in respect of major producers) normally relate to a four-week period ending in the calendar month indicated. However, two such periods ended in the calendar month of March 1977 for Western Australia and July 1977 for the Northern Territory.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS AND METALS

Period	Fuel minerals											
	Black coal		Brown coal	Crude oil	Natural gas	Alumina (b)	Refined metals (a)					
	Original	Seasonally adjusted					Aluminium (b)	Copper (b)	Lead (b) (c)	Zinc (b)	Tin (b)	Gold (b)
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 cu m	million cu m	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	kg
1974-75	70,142	..	27,514	23,096	14,633	5,073	222,876	178,451	170,508	243,209	5,973	10,744
1975-76	69,466	..	29,212	23,891	5,388	5,619	220,027	164,279	168,183	204,534	5,386	12,829
1976-77	75,678	..	31,028	24,555	6,365	6,474	236,943	154,104	165,582	258,564	5,373	11,127
1976-77 -												
Aug.	5,165	5,875	2,852	2,173	578	571	20,218	15,301	17,500	23,578	440	731
Sept.	6,629	6,808	2,994	2,142	575	539	19,335	13,870	15,897	23,434	695	999
Oct.	6,793	6,281	2,611	1,920	533	543	20,242	12,186	16,446	23,197	451	1,211
Nov.	6,919	5,676	2,603	1,765	473	482	19,483	11,309	14,583	21,104	496	976
Dec.	5,505	5,955	2,260	1,983	470	605	20,058	11,806	15,205	20,940	405	768
Jan.	3,715	6,294	1,936	2,097	411	563	19,833	8,490	13,754	20,806	161	740
Feb.	6,724	6,549	2,050	1,897	463	514	18,015	13,381	13,292	17,558	393	842
Mar.	7,149	6,600	2,552	2,167	514	557	20,154	14,728	13,888	19,390	570	629
Apr.	5,497	6,331	2,611	1,834	521	531	19,769	11,587	8,652	22,100	394	1,081
May	7,206	6,259	2,710	2,214	601	529	20,201	13,113	1,820	20,628	358	864
June	7,517	6,831	3,015	2,146	651	492	19,760	15,675	16,539	22,227	477	1,346
1977-78												
July	6,954	6,505	2,885	2,165	711	602	21,023	10,714	18,550	22,021	422	1,591
Aug.	6,630	7,433	2,752	2,196	651	580	22,112	13,301	17,892	21,307	378	1,415
Sept.	6,901	6,926		2,006	622	572	21,311	13,051	20,151	21,954	694	1,859
Oct.	7,085	6,558		2,207	543			12,111	17,368	21,633	524	1,500

(a) Primary origin only. (b) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources. (c) Refined lead including lead content of lead alloys from primary sources; excludes lead content of lead silver bullion produced for export.

PRODUCTION OF ENERGY, IRON AND STEEL AND BUILDING MATERIALS

Period	Heat, light and power				Iron and steel				
	Gas available for use through mains (a)		Total electricity generated		Iron and steel				
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Pig iron		Iron ore pellets (b)	Raw steel (c)	
					Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original	Seasonally adjusted
	million megajoules	million megajoules	million kWh	million kWh	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes
1974-75p	182,825	..	73,933	..	7,598	..	9,614	8,063	..
1975-76p	203,623	..	76,597	..	7,519	..	9,980	7,937	..
1976-77p	233,138	..	82,532	..	6,958	..	9,761	7,473	..
1976-77p -									
Sept.	20,870	19,479	7,084	6,870	605	601	663	631	627
Oct.	20,077	19,633	7,835	6,873	571	549	822	635	600
Nov.	17,384	18,604	6,402	6,735	495	508	736	554	531
Dec.	16,574	19,335	6,429	6,860	555	526	831	624	601
Jan.	15,244	19,191	6,176	6,907	604	588	967	679	686
Feb.	16,177	19,390	6,138	6,973	527	575	886	566	623
Mar.	18,275	19,715	6,717	6,873	580	570	815	564	549
Apr.	18,621	19,739	6,470	6,949	574	600	878	637	683
May	21,569	20,048	7,312	6,983	601	592	940	651	643
June	23,856	20,705	7,763	7,097	541	582	659	603	665
1977-78 p -									
July	25,672	21,538	8,161	7,227	508	497	709	588	571
Aug.	23,292	19,471	7,777	6,874	613	594	834	619	601
Sept.	22,093	20,766	7,300	7,066	546	540	984	617	602
Oct.	18,963	18,451	6,654	6,690	564	545	952	638	603
Nov.	18,980	20,232	6,688	7,048	549	564	869	557	543

Period	Iron and steel - continued				Building materials			
	Blooms and slabs		Tinplate		Clay bricks		Roofing tiles (terracotta and concrete)	Sawn Aust. grown timber (d)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	million	million	'000	'000 cu. metres
1974-75p	6,215	..	311,023	..	1,698	..	200,080	3,431
1975-76p	5,566	..	282,241	..	1,834	..	218,645	3,462
1976-77p	6,028	..	340,536	..	2,042	..	229,428	3,468
1976-77p -								
Sept.	462	442	25,535	25,881	181	167	21,781	318
Oct.	501	477	29,075	28,197	183	174	22,761	325
Nov.	458	435	28,977	27,762	193	179	22,850	292
Dec.	505	490	26,693	27,530	157	173	17,333	263
Jan.	483	482	29,856	29,059	108	184	8,008	195
Feb.	391	425	26,251	29,714	168	173	18,677	259
Mar.	517	520	29,932	29,629	181	165	20,454	278
Apr.	569	617	29,272	29,019	163	171	16,344	306
May	597	616	29,850	29,191	175	162	20,496	312
June	573	595	29,496	30,757	175	168	19,891	313
1977-78p -								
July	535	527	29,473	29,092	171	166	18,947	317
Aug.	549	539	29,591	28,745	181	161	19,513	290
Sept.	582	549	28,062	28,440	165	152	18,299	336
Oct.	587	560	31,625	30,977	159	153	15,304	327
Nov.	483	464	27,974	26,609	170	157		

(a) Includes natural gas. (b) Gross wet weight. (c) Includes recovery from scrap. (d) Source: Australian Forestry and Timber Bureau. Figures are expressed in terms of green off sawn volumes.

**PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS, BUILDING FITTINGS,
FLOOR COVERINGS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES**

Building materials - continued										Household appliances			
Period	Portland cement				Building fittings			Floor coverings (a)		Electric blankets (including mattress overlays) (b)	Electric propeller type fans (com- plete) (c)		
	Original	Season- ally adjusted	Plaster sheets (non- acoustic)	Plaster of paris	Baths C.I.P.E. and other	Wash basins earthen- ware	Sinks stainless steel	Original	Season- ally adjusted				
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 sq.m.	'000 tonnes	No.	No.	No.	'000 sq.m.	'000 sq.m.	No.	No.		
1974-75p	5,086	..	41,911	336	174,565	273,883	205,533	31,468	..	737,580	616,358		
1975-76p	5,007	..	46,076	355	180,629	355,120	243,862	38,545	..	520,574	533,323		
1976-77p	5,039	..	50,508	387	178,694	309,190	259,683	34,582	..	599,117	499,210		
1976-77 p -													
Sept.	432	416	5,146		17,158	27,317	25,806	3,650	3,107	39,030	72,400		
Oct.	443	412	4,392		18,321	27,723	24,535	3,222	2,924	48,709	75,476		
Nov.	436	409	4,606	105.0	14,824	26,971	28,167	3,243	2,944	54,575	67,044		
Dec.	434	425	4,642		12,460	21,769	21,251	2,593	2,785	44,527	40,542		
Jan.	282	417	1,458		3,269	13,019	6,820	1,366	3,027	20,483	19,494		
Feb.	409	436	3,977	80.6	15,837	26,025	21,505	2,901	2,920	57,824	34,693		
Mar.	410	391	5,059		18,457	32,370	23,045	3,366	2,890	85,783	46,244		
Apr.	434	442	3,427		13,594	29,986	17,373	2,687	2,976	57,705	23,593		
May	421	389	4,545	96.8	17,519	30,092	22,280	2,840	2,615	80,674	29,649		
June	429	428	4,790		16,251	26,583	19,290	2,830	2,884	70,970	31,316		
1977-78 p -													
July	461	429	4,096		16,168	24,927	21,225	2,808	2,720	37,568	22,901		
Aug.	430	421	4,960	100.5	16,621	27,093	22,098	3,419	3,114	31,171	36,599		
Sept.	430	405	4,249		14,124	24,697	20,544	3,246	2,809	38,292	41,632		
Oct.	432	406	3,328		11,221	17,092	16,698	2,056	1,887	56,275	22,900		
Nov.	472	448						3,228	2,847				
Household appliances - continued													
Period	Domestic cooking stoves			Domestic refrigerators		Domestic clothes washing machines		Hot water jugs and kettles					
	Solid fuel	Gas (d) upright or elevated	Electric (e)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted				
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.				
1974-75p	4,751	106,301	307,626	222,016	..	314,816	..	543,890					
1975-76p	4,184	109,608	335,570	240,276	..	354,779	..	655,371					
1976-77p	3,801	109,197	306,861	267,771	..	298,689	..	610,633					
1976-77p -													
Sept.	349	10,985	28,570	28,159	23,483	27,325	22,340	65,826					
Oct.	341	9,237	30,231	26,909	24,084	28,337	25,966	66,684					
Nov.	333	10,835	29,092	25,367	21,483	30,463	26,476	69,638					
Dec.	272	7,510	22,105	16,586	16,381	21,223	24,898	64,469					
Jan.	48	1,680	12,024	13,088	17,047	12,759	25,572	16,542					
Feb.	225	9,322	25,017	21,717	22,385	22,742	24,182	37,592					
Mar.	284	11,039	28,128	24,408	22,104	25,637	21,824	47,647					
Apr.	246	10,100	19,196	15,479	19,568	16,908	21,820	42,707					
May	351	10,394	23,825	21,599	25,210	26,632	25,190	46,415					
June	426	9,556	24,750	23,200	24,961	26,327	25,595	46,264					
1977-78 p -													
July	328	8,890	25,660	22,905	23,691	25,532	23,731	41,876					
Aug.	330	10,676	27,990	26,800	23,607	27,437	23,701	56,254					
Sept.	311	9,673	26,658	29,590	25,441	25,810	21,972	54,847					
Oct.	178	4,439	21,865	24,607	22,104	24,944	22,826	54,630					
Nov.				27,204	22,247	26,209	21,737						

(a) Excludes underfelts and underlays. (b) Excludes beating pads. (c) Excludes fans incorporated in other equipment or used with ducting. (d) Town, liquefied petroleum and natural gas stoves and ranges. Includes wall ovens. (e) Includes fixed ranges, wall ovens, cooking tops, grill-boilers and other ranges.

**PRODUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, ELECTRIC MOTORS, ENGINES,
DAIRY PRODUCTS, MEAT, AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERED**

Household appliances - continued													
Period	Radios and radiograms		Television sets (a)		Room air-conditioners (b)	Electric motors				Internal combustion engines - petrol (c)			
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		Under 1 hp		1 hp and over		Original	Seasonally adjusted		
						Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted				
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	'000	'000	'000	'000	No.	No.			
1974-75 p	284,718	..	465,401	..	73,466	4,083	..	415	..	374,230	..		
1975-76 p	80,212	..	531,806	..	52,600	3,765	..	317	..	358,790	..		
1976-77 p	33,846	..	525,202	..	64,938	2,922	..	315	..	291,596	..		
1976-77 p -													
Sept.	3,820	3,187	53,245	46,146	6,692	305	262	30.7	26.9	42,539	28,634		
Oct.	3,129	2,727	50,226	45,314	8,030	286	254	30.7	26.2	42,456	26,769		
Nov.	3,502	2,474	54,884	47,599	8,124	321	270	31.6	27.1	37,964	25,991		
Dec.	2,370	2,174	42,734	48,707	8,194	239	246	28.2	29.6	31,714	32,211		
Jan.	1,120	2,770	18,917	48,982	4,049	98	193	8.8	24.7	17,675	24,693		
Feb.	2,945	3,331	46,486	47,715	4,147	211	233	24.5	23.1	18,958	21,019		
Mar.	3,208	3,120	47,882	42,601	5,381	260	233	29.5	25.9	16,166	21,581		
Apr.	1,959	2,578	37,260	41,697	3,012	185	224	22.7	26.1	12,520	17,117		
May	1,248	1,249	38,925	35,195	3,579	195	195	24.4	23.8	5,575	10,671		
June	1,344	1,397	42,833	39,877	3,431	244	229	22.0	24.7	13,860	22,629		
1977-78 p -													
July	1,444	1,377	41,597	40,649	3,665	239	233	25.7	24.5	33,582	32,434		
Aug.	1,574	1,453	37,162	32,980	5,052	258	225	29.5	25.1	39,399	33,001		
Sept.	2,875	2,321	41,261	35,066	6,306	269	244	24.3	21.3	23,969	16,005		
Oct.	1,487	1,316	26,786	24,631	7,077	212	191	21.0	17.9	27,266	17,109		
Nov.	1,795	1,296	31,184	26,945		255	201	35.6	30.6	39,946	27,303		
Dairy products (factory production)													
Period	Whole milk for all purposes		Processed full cream milk products			Meat (carcass weight)					Total		Dressed weight of poultry slaughtered (f)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Butter (d)	Cheese (e)	Beef and veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat	Original	Seasonally adjusted			
million litres	million litres	tonnes	tonnes	million litres (g)	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes		
1974-75	6,496.8	..	161,274	98,630	626.6	1,547.0	257.8	269.3	175.1	2,249.2	..	189.4	
1975-76	6,248.2	..	147,635	112,617	630.8	1,840.4	325.5	262.2	173.8	2,602.0	..	204.2	
1976-77 p	5,764.6	..	118,092	103,607	734.3	1,987.8	303.7	245.5	185.1	2,722.1	..	218.1	
1976-77 p -													
Sept.	575.8	468.9	12,498	10,464	82.6	166.1	24.8	22.7	15.9	229.5	215.5	17.2	
Oct.	741.8	496.0	17,364	13,152	115.0	153.5	25.2	22.8	14.7	216.2	205.4	18.1	
Nov.	765.6	494.2	19,595	13,992	90.2	143.0	29.0	24.6	15.9	212.5	208.7	17.3	
Dec.	720.1	491.3	17,236	13,235	101.6	139.8	31.1	20.4	16.6	207.9	213.3	18.5	
Jan.	596.3	492.0	13,610	11,636	71.3	141.0	29.3	18.7	12.5	201.5	238.4	16.7	
Feb.	444.9	496.3	8,645	8,751	57.4	167.2	32.8	19.2	13.5	232.8	248.6	16.3	
Mar.	411.5	513.2	7,884	7,190	48.7	187.2	29.6	20.2	16.3	253.4	237.0	18.9	
Apr.	310.7	484.5	4,720	5,438	32.0	166.8	22.2	17.6	14.6	221.2	240.1	18.3	
May	244.6	448.8	2,678	3,888	19.2	186.4	19.9	17.8	15.6	239.6	232.7	19.9	
June	218.3	422.3	1,893	3,335	17.5	196.9	14.9	17.7	17.3	246.8	232.6	19.7	
1977-78 p -													
July	260.3	389.5	3,127	3,988	37.4	188.6	14.8	19.2	17.0	239.7	235.2	19.7	
Aug.	391.8	400.7	7,691	7,189	61.3	186.3	17.0	21.6	17.3	242.3	234.4	19.5	
Sept.	543.7	442.7	13,339	11,498	79.6	191.6	20.9	25.2	16.6	254.3	238.5	20.2	
Oct.	678.6	455.4	18,849	13,563	91.1	183.4	27.4	26.9	16.4	254.1	244.5	21.1	
Nov.						183.2	31.4	25.0	17.6	257.3	248.5		
Dec.						148.0	29.6	20.2	16.5	214.2	226.8		

(a) Includes combinations with radio and/or record player. (b) Includes package unit air conditioners. (c) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor, aero, etc., and marine engines. (d) Includes the butter equivalent of butter oil production. Source: Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalisation Committee Ltd and State Departments of Agriculture. (e) As reported by Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalisation Committee Ltd and by producers not within the equalisation scheme. (f) Dressed weight of all birds (chickens, other fowls, ducks and drakes, and turkeys) including pieces and giblets. (g) Whole milk equivalent.

PRODUCTION OF FLOUR, SUGAR, BEER, TOBACCO, CHEMICALS, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TYRES

Chemicals and allied products

Period	Exports											
	Beer (b)		Tobacco and cigarettes		Sulphuric acid (100%)		Paints					
	Wharfen flour	Refined sugar (a)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original (c)	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Super phosphate (d)	Sulphate of ammonia	Ready mixed paints and enamels	Lacquers nitro-cellulose
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	million litres	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	'000 litres
1974-75p	1,263	729.1	1,957	..	31,729	..	1,770	..	3,309	266	81.3	4,886
1975-76p	1,240	723.2	1,932	..	31,161	..	1,295	..	2,185	220	91.0	4,909
1976-77p	1,182	732.2	1,939	..	29,846	..	1,741	..	3,219	192	89.2	4,392
1976-77p -												
Sept.	108	64.8	167	161	2,457	2,648	130	135	217	18.55	7.99	410
Oct.	93	66.6	157	155	2,195	2,002	136	133	313	15.24	7.85	411
Nov.	102	65.9	180	156	2,784	2,519	147	143	251	13.93	8.63	395
Dec.	96	66.8	210	165	2,140	2,386	168	151	259	20.28	8.02	376
Jan.	81	55.3	160	167	1,330	2,753	143	132	267	18.74	4.73	170
Feb.	85	59.8	158	169	2,779	2,630	139	131	284	15.61	7.14	373
Mar.	105	65.2	168	152	3,047	2,603	143	143	322	14.75	8.74	406
Apr.	94	58.8	158	173	2,537	2,575	167	151	346	12.68	6.16	274
May	105	59.1	152	158	2,964	2,927	174	167	348	13.66	7.63	366
June	117	53.1	142	171	3,170	3,199	179	200	327	14.37	7.62	339
1977-78p -												
July	91	56.1	136	162	3,029	2,597	109	141	149	15.50	7.22	354
Aug.	98	60.9	151	155	3,084	2,776	104	120	162	22.56	7.42	356
Sept.	96	60.7	165	159	2,346	2,474	142	144	277	18.59	7.73	351
Oct.	84		164	159	2,275	2,147	135	134	205	18.19	6.62	289
Nov.	84		197	173	2,945	2,636	157	156				

Motor vehicles (e)

Period	Cars and station wagons		Utilities and panel vans		Trucks and truck-type vehicles		Total motor vehicles (f)		Pneumatic tyres—motor cycle, car, truck, aero, etc. (g)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Panel vans	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original		Seasonally adjusted
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	'000	
1974-75p	361,389	..	30,295	29,503	..	32,759	..	456,167	..	7,501
1975-76p	369,339	..	25,179	29,857	..	30,988	..	456,164	..	8,384
1976-77p	367,272	..	24,902	26,031	..	33,294	..	452,483	..	7,859
1976-77p —										
Sept.	39,380	32,043	2,810	2,968	4,658	3,741	2,998	49,032	39,882	732
Oct.	35,709	32,342	2,113	2,632	4,668	2,969	2,815	43,551	39,267	710
Nov.	38,089	33,873	2,741	3,070	5,372	3,119	3,016	47,173	42,292	720
Dec.	28,543	32,539	1,984	2,494	5,541	2,566	2,965	35,684	41,056	652
Jan.	8,100	25,394	530	771	3,944	972	2,588	10,387	33,823	251
Feb.	29,545	30,171	1,965	2,019	4,038	2,733	2,856	36,300	37,179	645
Mar.	33,671	29,374	2,596	1,962	3,998	3,107	2,883	41,377	35,903	639
Apr.	26,963	30,286	1,656	1,489	3,204	2,330	2,427	32,490	36,637	537
May	33,047	28,992	2,343	1,926	3,597	2,997	2,755	40,337	34,440	659
June	28,828	25,850	2,126	2,090	3,988	2,689	2,482	35,747	32,281	728
1977-78p —										
July	27,306	27,267	1,867	2,194	3,822	2,858	2,701	34,243	34,621	653
Aug.	29,387	27,065	1,923	2,130	3,660	2,912	2,421	36,390	32,937	679
Sept.	28,781	23,994	1,765	1,779	2,859	2,576	2,087	34,927	28,884	654
Oct.	13,744	12,205	1,303	1,040	2,304	1,382	1,311	17,515	15,558	405
Nov.	33,185	29,289			4,158	2,798	2,667			650

(a) Source: Monthly figures, Department of Primary Industry. (b) Excludes waste beer. (c) Source: Department of Business and Consumer Affairs. (d) Includes double and triple superphosphate and ammonium phosphate expressed in terms of single superphosphate, i.e. 22% P₂O₅ equivalent. (e) Finished and partly finished motor vehicles. (f) Includes buses and ambulances. (g) Source: Australian Tyre Manufacturers Association Limited.

PRODUCTION OF WOOL, YARNS AND TEXTILES

Period	Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool (a)			Yarns (d)				
	Total receipts	Percentage of total received by brokers (b)	Scoured and carbonised wool (c)	Cotton		Wool		Cellulosic fibre (including mixtures) Original
				Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
	'000 tonnes	%	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1974-75p	729.2	81.5	51.8	23,463	..	17,903	..	1,396
1975-76p	686.9	76.5	69.9	24,761	..	22,439	..	2,338
1976-77p	628.0	75.9	72.3	20,735	..	19,271	..	1,456
1976-77p -								
Aug.	76.4	75.9	17.71	2,013	1,760	1,796	1,615	139
Sept.	94.4	79.4		1,964	1,773	1,857	1,634	212
Oct.	85.4	74.4		2,073	1,879	1,778	1,660	153
Nov.	84.9	76.9	17.71	1,909	1,795	1,813	1,679	118
Dec.	56.1	75.0		1,433	1,803	1,395	1,696	110
Jan.	30.2	74.3		669	1,632	656	1,503	60
Feb.	37.6	76.4	19.73	1,701	1,771	1,605	1,567	111
Mar.	38.1	76.6		1,844	1,635	1,733	1,488	104
Apr.	29.4	75.8		1,461	1,547	1,364	1,503	149
May	28.4	75.6	17.17	1,700	1,521	1,726	1,574	109
June	22.9	75.0		1,878	1,701	1,733	1,612	61
1977-78p -								
July	37.4	74.1	14.4	2,058	1,894	1,827	1,756	150
Aug.	72.8	77.9		2,177	1,788	1,859	1,568	122
Sept.	93.8	77.3		2,294	2,066	1,606	1,464	105
Oct.	94.9	78.6		1,617	1,546	1,379	1,291	37
Nov.				2,138	1,913	2,116	1,889	

Textiles

Woven cloth (d) (e)

Woven cloth (a) (e)									
Period	Cotton (f)		Wool (g)		Cellulosic fibre		Synthetic fibre		Blankets (h)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	
1974-75p	41,364	..	7,308	..	16,237	..	84,831	..	1,472
1975-76p	46,661	..	8,004	..	16,725	..	97,847	..	2,031
1976-77p	39,496	..	6,073	..	16,595	..	97,150	..	1,581
1976-77p -									
Sept.	3,676	3,316	593	563	1,580	1,416	8,653	7,540	121
Oct.	4,221	3,488	587	540	1,567	1,390	8,464	7,955	131
Nov.	3,584	3,446	567	475	1,588	1,451	8,425	8,048	122
Dec.	2,922	3,183	475	500	1,310	1,537	7,268	9,044	92
Jan.	1,430	3,651	232	419	462	939	2,614	5,463	63
Feb.	3,278	3,397	573	507	1,423	1,599	9,157	9,482	138
Mar.	3,119	2,985	614	473	1,372	1,272	9,647	9,112	177
Apr.	2,742	2,892	439	507	1,264	1,248	7,491	8,178	151
May	3,403	3,212	461	445	1,396	1,323	9,682	9,020	165
June	3,878	3,684	415	458	1,511	1,364	10,093	8,588	145
1977-78p -									
July	3,882	3,451	454	478	1,432	1,349	8,424	7,569	152
Aug.	3,524	3,126	528	513	1,468	1,357	10,582	9,114	148
Sept.	3,779	3,105	560	560	1,333	1,161	10,593	9,255	115
Oct.	2,742	2,541	451	422	1,221	1,107	7,556	7,141	63
Nov.	3,297	3,093	646	509	1,349	1,241	10,991	10,424	

(a) Amounts of taxable wool received by brokers and dealers from wool producers. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) As from April 1974 published on a quarterly basis. (d) Includes mixtures predominantly of the fibre named. (e) Over 30 centimetres wide. (f) Excludes towels and towelling. (g) Excludes blanketing and rug material. (h) Prior to 1975-76 excludes tufted blankets.

PRODUCTION OF CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS

Clothing									
Period	Men's and youths -								
	Hosiery		Short length coats and jackets (b)		Sports trousers	Shirts, men's and boys'	Underwear		Boots, shoes and sandals (c)
	Men's	Women's full length (a)	Suit	Other			Men's and boys'	Women's and girls'	
	'000 doz. pairs	'000 doz. pairs	'000	'000			'000	'000 doz.	
1974-75p	1,727	6,763	876	754	4,416	2,281	2,461	3,667	27,074
1975-76p	2,007	6,316	825	1,148	4,344	2,861	2,125	3,647	30,017
1976-77p	1,881	6,030	742	844	4,071	2,498	2,382	3,935	26,536
1976-77p -									
Aug.	182	518	74.2	81.6	347	300	215	332	2,439
Sept.	190	550	72.8	79.1	378	313	237	333	2,316
Oct.	205	639	72.5	68.4	385	292	219	360	2,390
Nov.	186	634	78.2	65.7	348	246	221	376	2,426
Dec.	134	491	62.2	57.5	328	175	195	412	1,753
Jan.	75	209	19.6	34.9	139	71	55	145	1,146
Feb.	156	455	56.5	68.1	366	173	206	356	2,270
Mar.	167	510	65.2	89.1	445	184	249	361	2,609
Apr.	119	442	47.3	74.0	326	144	186	293	2,146
May	142	490	62.1	76.6	332	166	204	334	2,256
June	144	545	59.7	66.2	331	177	199	332	2,350
1977-78p -									
July	153	536	60.9	58.5	308	229	219	297	2,282
Aug.	178	451	80.4	57.0	356	276	250	339	2,622
Sept.	150	446	71.0	47.5	374	269	223	312	2,550
Oct.	108	324	75.9	40.3	359	269	178	313	2,247

Period	Lawn mowers petrol (rotary)		Motor spirit (d)	Aviation turbine fuel (d)	Furnace fuel (d)	Plastics and synthetic resins (e)	Newsprint	Soap	Margarine	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted							Table	Other
	No.	No.							million litres	million litres
1974-75p	298,125	..	12,508	2,124	4,656	363	196,405	59,462	30,928	55,377
1975-76p	334,857	..	12,501	2,088	4,340	407	206,227	58,154	43,211	55,899
1976-77p	307,173	..	13,056	2,115	4,601	464	206,590	57,281	69,140	51,620
1976-77p -										
Sept.	45,875	29,255	1,093	178	387	44.6	17,456	5,254	6,144	4,958
Oct.	44,287	25,101	929	169	353	38.7	18,167	5,543	6,567	4,487
Nov.	41,304	27,703	812	174	310	40.0	17,458	4,546	6,479	4,795
Dec.	36,710	35,118	1,120	211	449	35.3	13,587	4,033	5,272	3,612
Jan.	21,629	28,507	1,157	207	348	27.8	17,065	2,238	2,369	2,301
Feb.	20,369	20,476	1,099	198	392	40.7	16,375	5,531	5,001	3,370
Mar.	20,050	24,369	1,129	180	400	41.6	18,613	4,876	5,764	4,183
Apr.	14,691	19,108	1,145	174	306	35.3	17,337	3,870	5,660	4,118
May	5,301	13,209	1,185	160	360	41.7	18,069	5,131	6,815	4,785
June	13,190	30,566	1,053	149	389	42.5	17,435	5,034	7,442	5,237
1977-78p -										
July	23,382	29,759	1,096	195	287	40.3	17,876	5,600	6,839	4,368
Aug.	32,112	27,766	1,216	135	382	45.7	17,860	4,932	7,248	4,405
Sept.	26,138	16,625	1,208	195	400	40.1	17,935	4,245	6,517	3,643
Oct.	37,295	21,037	1,146	206	416	36.6	18,155	4,453	7,411	4,186
Nov.	52,744	35,404								

(a) Includes panty hose. (b) Excludes plastic coats and dust coats. (c) Includes slippers of cemented, vulcanised-moulded rubber and injection-moulded plastic construction. (d) Source: Department of National Resources. (e) Liquid resins or emulsion forms are shown in terms of dry weight of resin content.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a)

Period	Cars and station wagons		Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)		Total (excluding motor cycles)		Motor cycles	Total motor vehicles
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
1974-75	502,720	..	121,467	..	624,187	..	67,563	691,750
1975-76	454,637	..	129,726	..	584,363	..	60,017	644,380
1976-77	447,102	..	134,709	..	581,811	..	50,321	632,132
1976-77 -								
Oct.	36,988	36,639	10,953	10,688	47,941	47,327	4,788	52,729
Nov.	40,278	40,243	12,420	12,085	52,698	52,328	5,817	58,515
Dec.	46,165	47,633	12,720	13,677	58,885	61,310	5,485	64,370
Jan.	31,627	38,709	9,908	12,530	41,535	51,239	4,250	45,785
Feb.	34,513	39,063	10,532	12,463	45,045	51,526	4,026	49,071
Mar.	38,453	33,550	11,590	10,483	50,043	44,033	3,503	53,546
Apr.	29,303	30,284	8,806	9,232	38,109	39,516	3,007	41,116
May	37,645	34,040	11,319	10,164	48,964	44,204	3,264	52,228
June	40,514	39,850	13,262	12,552	53,776	52,402	3,121	56,897
1977-78 -								
July	38,123	38,250	12,174	11,583	50,297	49,833	3,239	53,536
Aug.	40,057	36,917	11,899	10,589	51,956	47,506	3,407	55,363
Sept.	34,515	34,939	10,190	10,226	44,705	45,165	3,367	48,072
Oct.	33,975	32,978	10,536	10,412	44,511	43,390	3,768	48,279
Nov. r	36,451	35,650	10,565	9,976	47,016	45,626	3,249	50,265

(a) Registrations during period. Includes Government-owned vehicles except those belonging to the defence services. Excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

Period	Government railways				Shipping (a)					
	Goods and livestock				Overseas cargo				Interstate cargo shipped	
	Net tonne-kilometres		Passenger journeys		Shipped from Australian ports		Discharged at Australian ports		Tonnes	Cubic metres
	Tonnes consigned	Net tonne-kilometres	Passenger journeys	Gross earnings	Tonnes	Cubic metres	Tonnes	Cubic metres		
	'000	million	million	\$ million	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1973-74	87,341	28,329.3	373.6	691.1	150,471	3,071	23,055	7,641	29,471	3,033
1974-75	94,798	29,791.6	340.0	809.4	164,866	2,926	21,893	8,029	28,454	3,134
1975-76	95,039	30,805.3	317.2	939.8	156,133	2,488	19,718	7,170	28,241	2,937
1975-76 -										
Mar.	8,623	2,737.9	25.9	84.9	12,112	187	1,655	679	2,383	263
Apr.	7,989	2,583.7	24.1	83.8	12,713	197	1,765	584	2,317	263
May	8,149	2,684.5	27.8	81.1	15,198	168	1,741	680	2,479	278
June	9,163	2,877.4	24.6	91.3	15,377	187	1,503	602	1,938	241
1976-77 -										
July	8,227	2,635.1	29.2	91.8	14,849	145	1,715	635	2,533	207
Aug.	8,209	2,751.9	26.0	83.2	14,918	213	1,829	771	2,830	165
Sept.	8,400	2,709.5	28.4	82.3	12,520	211	1,683	612	2,470	140
Oct.	8,366	2,633.7	24.4	81.9	15,992	214	1,720	704	2,407	172
Nov.	8,098	2,683.9	24.6	83.0	12,808	175	1,636	695	2,107	156
Dec.	7,965	2,528.5	25.0	80.7	13,307	211	1,691	697	2,184	162
Jan.	6,968	2,163.9	22.7	79.2	14,846	187	2,128	634	2,483	123
Feb.	7,689	2,433.8	30.4	76.8	13,637	130	1,360	517	2,322	166
Mar.	8,466	2,650.3	25.0	84.0	12,621	192	1,727	584	2,384	197
Apr.		2,476.2	24.9	77.6	12,471	146	1,577	495	1,988	176
May					14,583	203	1,731	620	2,391	167

(a) Part of the shipping cargo is recorded in tonnes and part in cubic metres. As the total cannot be stated accurately as either tonnes or cubic metres each is recorded and published separately.

TELEPHONE AND TELEX SERVICES

Period	Telephone subscribers' services				Telex Services			
	Effective applications during period (a)	Services connected during period	Services cancelled during period	Services in operation at end of period	Effective applications during period (a)	Services connected during period	Services cancelled during period	Services in operation at end of period
	'000	'000	'000	'000				'000
1974-75	560.3	573.5	387.7	3,539	3,360	3,375	1,469	14.8
1975-76	595.1	613.6	448.4	3,700	(b)3,986	(c)4,117	1,822	17.0
1976-77	666.5	665.7	456.9	3,907	4,610	4,538	2,015	19.6
1975-76 - June	53.6	56.8	40.9	3,700	386	400	155	17.0
1976-77 -								
Sept.	54.7	54.1	36.4	3,748	415	354	143	17.7
Oct.	52.1	53.2	35.5	3,765	415	350	170	17.9
Nov.	54.8	56.0	37.9	3,783	342	388	170	18.1
Dec.	49.4	55.9	39.1	3,800	348	382	225	18.2
Jan.	53.1	48.0	39.0	3,809	335	304	135	18.4
Feb.	57.4	56.7	37.4	3,828	351	377	164	18.6
Mar.	61.4	61.2	40.8	3,849	516	374	156	18.9
Apr.	60.6	60.9	34.7	3,865	404	357	146	19.1
May	62.9	62.1	41.1	3,885	408	474	177	19.4
June	60.9	61.7	39.5	3,907	506	446	206	19.6
1977-78 -								
July	58.3	58.1	39.5	3,926	472	455	203	19.8
Aug.	62.0	63.5	41.3	3,948	520	484	188	20.1
Sept.	61.4	61.6	40.0	3,969	437	460	178	20.4

(a) Demand for services, allowing for applications withdrawn during period. (b) From July 1975 includes in place services. (c) From July 1975 includes in place connections.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

(\$ million)

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Period	Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.	Balance of trade	Invisible credits				Invisible debits				Balance on current account
				Transportation and travel	Property income	Transfers	Other	Transportation and travel	Property income	Transfers	Other	
1974-75	8,490	7,652	838	1,153	415	429	284	1,893	1,092	627	441	-936
1975-76	9,410	7,924	1,486	1,253	336	359	226	2,083	1,546	701	428	-1,098
1976-77	11,400	10,346	1,054	1,518	355	280	181	2,491	1,639	703	421	-1,866
1975-76 - June qtr	2,636	2,124	512	314	80	84	49	591	416	169	105	-242
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	2,854	2,398	461	342	82	62	41	600	400	175	102	-290
Dec. qtr	2,804	2,408	396	390	90	75	49	581	426	164	90	-262
Mar. qtr	2,799	2,794	5	391	90	70	47	609	375	172	108	-662
June qtr	2,939	2,746	192	395	94	73	44	701	438	192	121	-652
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	3,044	2,822	223	404	82	70	46	663	440	218	108	-605

CAPITAL ITEMS

Period	Capital inflow					Monetary movements				
	Government		Private		Non official monetary sector transactions	Balancing item	Net apparent capital inflow	Change in official reserve assets	Other transactions	Net official monetary movements
	Securities	Other	Trade credit	Other						
1974-75	21	-55	-70	752	51	-228	471	-460	-4	-464
1975-76	46	-184	106	583	-25	-450	77	-1,053	32	-1,020
1976-77	347	-231	254	1,281	22	-297	1,375	-190	-301	-491
1975-76 - June qtr	163	-64	-37	222	61	-98	247	-7	12	5
1976-77 -										
Sept. qtr	226	-70	43	-2	-79	-95	22	42	-310	-268
Dec. qtr	137	-15	98	431	79	-477	254	-7	-1	-9
Mar. qtr	-7	-28	80	482	-10	280	798	127	9	136
June qtr	-8	-118	32	370	31	-6	302	-352	2	-350
1977-78 -										
Sept. qtr	482	-71	-126	152	(a)	-565	-128	-584	-149	-733

(a) Not yet available, included in the balancing item. (b) Does not include undistributed income.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)
(\$ million)

Period	Gross national expenditure	Plus Exports of goods and services	Less Imports of goods and services	Components of gross domestic product							
				Gross domestic product at factor cost							
				Gross operating surplus							
				Gross domestic product			Wages, salaries and supplements	Trading enterprises		Financial enterprises, etc. (b)	Indirect taxes less subsidies
				Farm	Non-farm	Total		Companies	Other		
ORIGINAL											
1974-75	60,209	9,926	9,986	3,612	56,537	60,149	35,439	6,809	11,942	-657	6,615
1975-76	70,372	10,888	10,434	3,670	67,155	70,825	40,739	7,920	13,886	-237	8,517
1976-77	81,718	13,100	13,257	4,136	77,424	81,560	46,053	9,782	16,539	-503	9,688
1975-76 - June qtr	18,070	2,999	2,820	392	17,857	18,249	10,737	2,248	2,945	-66	2,385
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	19,450	3,242	3,100	841	18,751	19,592	11,112	2,397	3,958	-149	2,274
Dec. qtr	21,958	3,244	3,080	1,634	20,488	22,177	11,979	2,891	5,050	-122	2,324
Mar. qtr	19,774	3,236	3,510	1,163	18,337	19,500	11,005	2,035	4,095	-106	2,471
June qtr	20,536	3,378	3,568	498	19,848	20,346	11,957	2,459	3,436	-126	2,620
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	21,715	3,494	3,593	901	20,715	21,616	12,260	2,532	4,500	-119	2,443
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED											
1975-76 - June qtr	18,810	3,015	2,867	937	18,021	18,958	10,742	2,258	3,745	-81	2,294
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	19,416	3,264	2,976	999	18,705	19,704	11,156	2,365	3,939	-136	2,380
Dec. qtr	19,979	3,151	3,049	1,010	19,071	20,081	11,343	2,406	4,111	-108	2,329
Mar. qtr	21,096	3,297	3,634	1,081	19,678	20,759	11,605	2,581	4,231	-117	2,459
June qtr	21,280	3,397	3,641	1,042	19,994	21,036	11,935	2,469	4,258	-141	2,515
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	21,666	3,515	3,447	1,068	20,666	21,734	12,313	2,498	4,473	-106	2,556

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (\$206.0). (b) Financial enterprises less imputed bank service charge.

COMPONENTS OF GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)
(\$ million)

Period	Gross fixed capital expenditure											
	Final consumption expenditure		Private					Public enterprises	General government	Increase in stocks	Strik-tional discrepancy	Gross national expenditure
	Private	Government	Dwell-ings	Other building and con-struction	All other	Total private						
ORIGINAL												
1974-75	35,200	9,143	2,456	1,978	4,309	8,743	2,834	2,829	670	789	60,209	
1975-76	41,649	11,307	3,239	2,032	5,055	10,326	3,155	3,477	-230	686	70,372	
1976-77	47,734	13,211	4,041	1,983	6,040	12,064	3,553	3,693	1,364	98	81,718	
1975-76 - June qtr	10,982	3,207	944	510	1,517	2,971	977	1,000	-592	-475	18,070	
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	11,242	3,123	1,028	513	1,309	2,830	788	778	142	527	19,450	
Dec. qtr	12,548	3,380	1,036	520	1,645	3,201	910	942	738	239	21,958	
Mar. qtr	11,539	3,114	965	430	1,412	2,807	814	778	395	327	19,774	
June qtr	12,405	3,595	1,012	520	1,674	3,206	1,041	1,195	89	-999	20,536	
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	12,708	3,486	995	579	1,588	3,162	964	830	26	540	21,715	
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1975-76 - June qtr	11,003	3,050	937	492	1,105	2,834	907	845	97	74	18,810	
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	11,364	3,201	995	514	1,335	2,844	841	877	82	207	19,416	
Dec. qtr	11,849	3,220	1,031	462	1,560	3,053	868	872	132	-13	19,979	
Mar. qtr	12,097	3,370	1,010	513	1,597	3,120	866	917	374	352	21,096	
June qtr	12,427	3,420	1,005	502	1,549	3,056	965	1,009	778	-375	21,280	
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	12,848	3,575	963	580	1,620	3,163	1,031	935	-46	160	21,666	

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (\$206.0).

VALUE OF MAIN AGGREGATES AT AVERAGE 1966-67 PRICES (a)
(\$ million)

Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross capital expenditure		Increase in stocks	Statistical discrepancy	Gross national expenditure	Plus exports of goods and services	Less imports of goods and services	Expenditure on gross domestic product	Gross farm product	Gross non-farm product
	Private	Government	Private	Public								
ORIGINAL												
1974-75	20,814	3,900	4,811	2,981	496	462	33,465	5,793	6,462	32,797	2,814	29,983
1975-76	21,491	4,139	4,875	3,030	-145	351	33,742	5,972	6,108	33,606	3,028	30,578
1976-77	22,124	4,349	5,056	2,953	650	66	35,199	6,471	6,866	34,805	3,038	31,716
1975-76 - June qtr	5,424	1,115	1,338	859	-266	-217	8,253	1,557	1,614	8,196	482	7,714
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	5,427	1,049	1,237	666	68	235	8,682	1,675	1,708	8,649	663	7,986
Dec. qtr	5,908	1,118	1,368	768	346	102	9,611	1,648	1,709	9,551	1,115	8,436
Mar. qtr	5,251	1,024	1,162	646	183	140	8,405	1,567	1,748	8,224	828	7,396
June qtr	5,538	1,159	1,289	873	53	-411	8,501	1,582	1,702	8,381	483	7,898
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	5,575	1,083	1,235	698	-1	219	8,809	1,658	1,691	8,776	676	8,100
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1975-76 - June qtr	5,409	1,054	1,270	761	43	80	8,617	1,567	1,633	8,551	768	7,783
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	5,480	1,065	1,237	730	102	36	8,650	1,697	1,644	8,703	768	7,936
Dec. qtr	5,602	1,090	1,313	725	90	-66	8,755	1,624	1,690	8,689	760	7,929
Mar. qtr	5,510	1,098	1,286	719	79	225	8,917	1,562	1,812	8,668	784	7,884
June qtr	5,526	1,096	1,223	770	380	-127	8,869	1,593	1,730	8,733	779	7,954
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	5,629	1,100	1,238	764	37	16	8,783	1,678	1,627	8,834	786	8,048

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (\$206.0).

FINANCE

NEW MONEY RAISED BY LISTED COMPANIES IN AUSTRALIA AND BY INDUSTRY GROUP (a)
(\$ million)

This table shows the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to listed companies in Australia through the types of capital specified. For definitions see *New Capital Raisings by Companies Listed on Australian Stock Exchanges* (\$628.0). Excluded are bank overdrafts, loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market or deposits accepted by banks, insurance companies, pastoral companies or building societies.

Period	Manufacturing			Finance and property			Commerce		
	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total
1974-75	84.3	368.1	452.2	18.1	421.6	439.6	36.0	89.2	125.2
1975-76	115.0	142.1	257.1	68.5	853.3	921.8	57.5	20.8	78.3
1976-77	182.4	147.4	329.8	212.2	945.7	1,157.9	9.5	31.3	40.8
1975-76 - June qtr	32.2	75.1	111.3	17.3	259.4	276.7	52.9	(b)-3.7	49.2
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	10.1	5.7	15.8	18.6	345.1	363.7	2.1	2.3	4.4
Dec. qtr	80.1	24.7	104.8	113.1	411.2	524.3	2.5	10.6	13.1
Mar. qtr	23.1	-	23.1	64.7	104.9	169.6	0.2	3.6	3.8
June qtr	69.1	117.0	186.1	15.8	84.5	100.3	4.7	14.8	19.5
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	30.7	58.8	89.5	31.0	292.8	323.8	0.6	12.7	13.3
Period	Other industries			All industries					
	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total			
1974-75	32.7	69.8	102.5	171.1	948.6	1,119.7			
1975-76	91.3	78.2	169.5	332.3	1,094.4	1,426.7			
1976-77	68.1	91.0	159.1	472.0	1,215.6	1,687.6			
1975-76 - June qtr	67.1	30.2	97.3	169.6	365.1	534.7			
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	11.0	4.2	15.2	41.0	357.3	399.2			
Dec. qtr	25.3	14.7	40.0	220.9	461.3	682.2			
Mar. qtr	10.4	77.6	88.0	98.3	186.2	284.5			
June qtr	21.4	(b)-5.5	15.9	110.9	210.8	321.7			
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	15.8	(b)-3.2	12.6	78.1	361.3	439.4			

(a) Holding companies are classified according to the predominant activity of the group. (b) Excess of repayments over receipts of new money.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS (INCLUDING NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Notes on issue		Accounts of trading banks						Commonwealth Government securities			All other assets
	Held by public	Total	Statutory Reserve Deposit	Term Loan Fund	Farm Development Loan Fund	Other deposits of trading banks	Deposits of savings banks	Other liabilities (a)	Gold and foreign exchange	Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other	
1974-75	2,061.9	2,373.9	462.2	22.9	19.8	9.7	1,056.9	1,200.3	3,110.9	146.5	1,041.4	1,094.5
1975-76	2,417.7	2,762.5	909.0	17.0	14.7	9.9	1,089.9	747.8	2,778.7	1,290.4	906.6	826.2
1976-77	2,768.3	3,171.8	1,303.6	35.5	25.3	8.4	1,213.4	1,255.3	2,612.1	1,758.3	2,189.7	715.7
1976-77 -												
Oct.	2,688.4	3,069.0	827.0	53.0	36.3	6.1	1,167.6	1,192.1	2,261.4	1,871.0	2,015.9	450.7
Nov.	2,703.6	3,098.6	933.7	48.4	32.9	7.6	1,193.0	1,138.3	2,077.4	1,923.7	2,293.2	406.6
Dec. (b)	2,867.5	3,345.0	1,037.9	42.8	31.0	10.2	1,371.5	1,507.2	2,593.4	2,330.6	2,393.4	312.5
Jan.	2,827.4	3,252.7	1,379.2	36.3	23.9	10.4	1,293.3	1,331.0	2,942.4	1,879.3	2,290.7	490.3
Feb.	2,777.5	3,192.4	1,680.1	34.6	22.4	16.0	1,343.3	1,269.0	2,985.5	1,952.2	2,173.0	721.9
Mar.	2,794.8	3,206.0	1,861.4	27.9	20.2	7.4	1,455.3	1,273.6	2,881.4	2,122.3	2,176.2	945.1
Apr.	2,887.6	3,310.5	1,879.6	23.1	18.4	8.3	1,330.5	1,281.2	2,843.5	2,048.1	2,247.3	985.2
May	2,868.5	3,274.6	1,847.2	21.4	16.4	6.3	1,073.1	1,337.0	2,786.5	1,482.2	2,600.2	980.4
June	2,887.4	3,293.1	1,704.2	16.9	10.1	6.9	1,044.6	1,408.9	2,596.7	1,433.8	2,735.5	983.7
1977-78 -												
July	2,922.4	3,327.8	1,396.4	10.1	4.7	5.6	1,096.0	1,428.1	2,302.5	1,478.8	2,707.5	1,043.8
Aug.	2,973.3	3,384.5	1,369.5	7.3	2.2	5.7	1,091.5	1,962.5	2,517.8	1,822.2	2,842.9	906.6
Sept.	3,010.3	3,412.4	1,178.1	27.7	9.9	5.7	1,116.6	2,100.8	2,405.0	2,011.6	2,812.4	887.5
Oct.	3,008.0	3,423.5	1,120.1	41.8	15.1	7.1	1,155.6	2,185.1	2,622.7	2,254.6	2,602.4	733.0
Nov.	3,040.6	3,458.7	1,144.5	46.7	20.1	5.0	1,193.8	2,272.8	2,790.2	2,449.9	2,403.2	762.8
Dec. (b)	3,263.1	3,786.0	1,163.5	39.6	14.3	4.6	1,121.8	2,384.0	2,875.7			910.3

(a) Includes Special Reserve - I.M.F. Special Drawing Rights. Excludes capital and reserves. (b) Excludes one Wednesday.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, RURAL CREDITS DEPARTMENT : ADVANCES

Average of weekly figures	\$ million	Average of weekly figures	\$ million
1974-75	200.2	1976-77 -	
1975-76	258.5	Mar.	643.3
1976-77	350.3	Apr.	640.4
1976-77 -		May	637.6
Oct.	111.8	June	586.7
Nov.	105.7	1977-78 -	
Dec. (a)	123.1	July	516.0
Jan.	263.6	Aug.	450.5
Feb.	504.3	Sept.	402.9
		Oct.	417.3

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AUSTRALIA : ADVANCES
(\$ million)

<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Hire purchase</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Hire purchase</i>	<i>Other</i>
1974-75	63.8	262.4	1976-77 -		
1975-76	63.2	288.0	May	85.2	304.2
1976-77	77.2	303.8	June	89.7	316.0
1976-77 -			1977-78 -		
Dec. (a)	78.0	304.4	July	94.6	316.5
Jan	80.0	301.7	Aug.	94.5	317.1
Feb.	79.2	300.7	Sept.	93.8	319.7
Mar.	78.9	304.6	Oct.	94.0	318.0
Apr.	82.0	305.1	Nov.	96.1	314.8
			Dec. (a)	97.9	330.1

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Deposits				Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government securities		Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans, advances and bills discounted (c)	
	Fixed	Current	Total			Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other			Original	Seasonally adjusted
			Original	Seasonally adjusted							
1974-75	7,260	5,449	12,709	..	274.6	752.6	2,118.4	143.7	455.8	9,348	..
1975-76	8,585	6,547	15,132	..	311.5	658.2	3,079.4	120.5	895.9	10,344	..
1976-77	10,286	7,023	17,309	..	357.3	591.3	3,609.3	129.7	1,287.7	11,616	..
1976-77 -											
Nov.	10,306	6,821	17,127	17,194	349.6	440.9	3,608.6	165.0	920.7	11,787	11,897
Dec. (d)	10,396	7,312	17,708	17,339	428.0	646.8	3,711.5	205.7	1,023.2	11,741	11,904
Jan.	10,655	7,367	18,022	17,375	380.6	1,190.4	3,696.5	140.5	1,362.2	11,578	11,664
Feb.	11,024	7,489	18,514	17,654	373.6	1,462.5	3,752.4	165.9	1,659.9	11,288	11,531
Mar.	11,149	7,479	18,629	17,893	359.5	1,500.9	3,792.0	97.2	1,841.5	11,425	11,622
Apr.	10,880	7,281	18,161	17,776	375.4	854.9	3,702.5	59.6	1,860.0	11,836	11,633
May	10,456	6,945	17,401	17,628	357.4	261.9	3,369.6	125.6	1,827.8	12,013	11,778
June	10,129	7,069	17,198	17,828	358.2	37.7	3,305.8	102.5	1,685.7	12,177	11,977
1977-78 -											
July	9,831	7,001	16,832	17,559	353.2	47.2	3,246.5	100.6	1,379.9	12,364	12,186
Aug.	9,957	6,997	16,954	17,635	356.2	27.8	3,203.0	139.1	1,352.7	12,371	12,355
Sept.	10,027	7,008	17,035	17,495	349.2	73.1	3,246.9	182.0	1,163.2	12,529	12,590
Oct.	10,233	7,196	17,429	17,591	360.4	76.6	3,342.6	124.0	1,105.1	12,926	12,851
Nov.	10,351	7,377	17,728	17,794	362.6	88.3	3,352.6	211.3	1,127.5	12,964	13,085
Dec. (d)	10,288	7,572	17,860	17,549	454.0	83.0	3,423.0	151.3	1,145.9	12,970	13,153

(a) Commonwealth Trading Bank, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd, The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd, and The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. (d) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(per cent)

Average of weekly figures	Liquid assets and Commonwealth Government securities				Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans advances and bills discounted (c)	Deposits not bearing interest
	Cash and cash at Reserve Bank	Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other Commonwealth and State Government securities	Total			
1974-75	2.2	5.9	16.7	24.8	3.6	73.6	38.6
1975-76	2.1	4.4	20.4	26.8	5.9	68.4	38.5
1976-77	2.1	3.4	20.9	26.3	7.4	67.1	36.3
1976-77 -							
Nov.	2.0	2.6	21.1	25.7	5.4	68.8	35.8
Dec. (d)	2.4	3.7	21.0	27.0	5.8	66.3	37.2
Jan.	2.1	6.6	20.5	29.2	7.6	64.2	36.7
Feb.	2.0	7.9	20.3	30.2	9.0	61.0	36.3
Mar.	1.9	8.1	20.4	30.3	9.9	61.3	36.1
Apr.	2.1	4.7	20.4	27.2	10.2	65.2	35.9
May	2.1	1.5	19.4	22.9	11.5	69.0	35.7
June	2.1	0.2	19.2	21.5	9.8	70.8	36.3
1977-78 -							
July	2.1	0.3	19.3	21.7	8.2	73.5	36.9
Aug.	2.1	0.2	18.9	21.2	8.0	73.0	36.7
Sept.	2.1	0.4	19.1	21.5	6.8	73.6	36.7
Oct.	2.1	0.4	19.2	21.7	6.3	74.2	36.7
Nov.	2.1	0.5	18.9	21.5	6.4	73.1	37.2
Dec. (d)	2.5	0.5	19.2	22.2	6.4	72.6	38.2

(a) See footnote (a) page 39. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. (d) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS AND OVERDRAFT LIMITS
(Source: Reserve Bank of Australia)
(\$ million)

Weekly average for period ending second Wednesday of --	New and increased lending commitments (b)				Overdraft limits (c)		
	Term loan approvals	Farm development loan approvals	Overdraft approvals	Total approvals	Cancellations and reductions (d)	Net movement in limits	Overdraft limits outstanding (e) (end of period)
Year to July -							
1975	6.6	1.3	82.9	90.8	53.5	29.4	11,968.4
1976	6.1	2.0	95.9	104.1	66.6	29.3	13,523.3
1977	6.4	2.8	95.6	104.9	70.4	25.2	14,743.1
1976-77 -							
Nov.	5.5	3.1	108.7	117.2	75.1	33.6	14,005.7
Dec.	11.2	2.9	101.9	116.0	65.1	36.8	14,153.0
Jan.	7.5	2.9	89.4	99.9	69.5	19.9	14,252.3
Feb.	6.4	2.4	85.2	94.1	82.7	2.6	14,262.5
Mar.	7.9	3.0	89.6	100.5	72.4	17.2	14,331.3
Apr.	3.2	2.6	91.5	97.3	53.2	38.3	14,431.2
May	8.0	3.0	94.0	105.0	65.5	28.6	14,545.5
June	6.4	3.3	96.7	106.3	83.9	14.8	14,604.6
1977-78 -							
July	8.3	2.8	98.4	109.5	78.7	19.7	14,703.3
Aug.	7.1	2.8	92.8	102.7	83.2	9.6	14,741.5
Sept.	7.7	2.7	104.6	115.0	70.3	34.3	14,912.9
Oct.	6.3	2.8	116.8	125.9	70.0	46.8	15,100.2
Nov.	14.8	3.1	116.7	134.8	78.1	38.5	15,254.3
Dec.	10.6	3.6	102.5	116.7	94.8	21.9	15,363.9

(a) See footnote (a) on page 39. (b) Excludes commitments in respect of temporary advances to woolbuyers and informal arrangements entered into, mainly with other financial institutions for meeting temporary needs. Includes commitments not subject to maximum overdraft rate. (c) Excludes commitments in respect of term loans and farm development loans. (d) Derived by subtracting weekly average of change in overdraft limits outstanding from overdraft approvals. Figures are approximations only due to unavoidable differences in the basis of compilation of the two series. (e) Due to changes in reporting procedures in April 1977 and July 1977 this series is not strictly comparable on a monthly basis.

ALL TRADING BANKS (a) : SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Deposits				Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government securities		Loans to authorized dealers in the short- term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans (other than loans to authorised dealers in the short- term money market), advances and bills discounted
	Current					Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other			
	Fixed	Bearing interest	Not bearing interest	Total						
1974-75	8,004.8	682.0	5,185.8	13,872.5	291.3	780.8	2,268.0	187.1	462.2	10,629.6
1975-76	9,587.2	861.4	6,160.7	16,609.4	330.4	698.6	3,285.8	157.5	909.0	11,793.2
1976-77	11,550.4	907.7	6,660.7	19,118.8	380.6	641.1	3,852.9	165.2	1,303.6	13,328.6
1976-77 -										
Nov.	11,575.9	864.7	6,487.2	18,927.8	371.5	462.4	3,350.4	203.2	933.7	13,504.6
Dec. (c)	11,649.3	908.1	6,974.3	19,531.8	467.6	689.4	3,946.1	247.0	1,037.9	13,439.9
Jan.	11,938.8	925.7	7,021.4	19,885.9	405.9	1,278.6	3,932.5	182.8	1,379.2	13,295.1
Feb.	12,311.1	955.5	7,139.7	20,406.3	397.7	1,562.4	3,994.2	208.0	1,680.1	13,013.0
Mar.	12,451.5	935.7	7,149.0	20,536.2	382.8	1,601.3	4,037.5	121.8	1,861.4	13,185.5
Apr.	12,178.6	927.0	6,916.2	20,021.7	398.3	927.7	3,947.8	76.7	1,879.6	13,605.0
May	11,785.5	885.7	6,606.2	19,277.3	379.4	313.6	3,624.5	150.0	1,847.2	13,814.1
June	11,462.7	992.3	6,640.8	19,095.8	379.9	78.8	3,567.9	144.8	1,704.2	13,985.3
1977-78 -										
July	11,219.4	954.3	6,576.9	18,750.6	374.8	74.5	3,517.5	145.0	1,396.4	14,234.7
Aug.	11,342.7	932.7	6,586.3	18,861.7	378.2	50.5	3,483.0	178.9	1,369.5	14,263.4
Sept.	11,447.7	912.1	6,614.7	18,974.5	371.7	101.7	3,530.9	217.3	1,178.1	14,438.7
Oct.	11,743.8	946.6	6,777.5	19,468.0	384.6	114.9	3,633.3	166.0	1,120.1	14,891.1
Nov.	11,836.5	925.9	6,993.4	19,755.8	385.7	125.3	3,636.6	254.1	1,144.5	14,904.0
Dec. (c)	11,760.7	898.3	7,229.8	19,888.7	479.0	117.4	3,707.7	184.8	1,163.5	14,918.2

(a) Covers the major trading banks, and in addition Bank of New Zealand, Bank of Queensland Limited, Banque Nationale de Paris, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, State Bank of South Australia and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes one Wednesday.

ALL TRADING BANKS : DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS (a)
(Excluding debits to Australian Government Accounts at city branches in State capitals)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	N.S. W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total
1974-75	3,805.9	2,896.8	817.9	456.6	515.9	119.4	22.7	78.6	8,715.6
1975-76	4,462.0	3,808.0	1,027.4	578.0	680.0	150.2	27.8	118.1	10,851.5
1976-77	5,156.3	4,588.4	1,230.7	690.0	814.4	179.8	35.6	138.7	12,833.8
1976-77 -									
Nov.	5,219.0	4,654.7	1,210.4	713.5	787.9	185.6	33.1	137.2	12,941.5
Dec.	5,409.9	4,818.6	1,259.8	736.5	855.2	202.1	66.8	172.7	13,521.7
Jan.	4,997.5	4,476.7	1,209.0	652.1	834.0	160.5	25.3	164.5	12,519.4
Feb.	5,004.6	4,407.4	1,197.5	704.6	836.2	171.5	28.4	143.8	12,494.0
Mar.	5,362.4	4,760.4	1,204.6	725.4	855.2	185.8	29.0	134.3	13,257.0
Apr.	5,363.9	4,569.9	1,212.8	692.4	837.7	188.0	28.2	122.5	13,015.3
May	5,646.1	5,252.4	1,284.8	748.4	909.2	200.9	33.5	173.6	14,249.0
June	5,443.8	5,209.3	1,421.8	789.7	875.5	184.0	36.3	150.7	14,111.2
1977-78 -									
July	5,684.5	5,525.5	1,400.9	766.9	920.8	213.0	34.0	147.2	14,692.7
Aug.	5,437.9	4,819.2	1,260.9	716.9	880.1	181.0	31.0	120.8	13,447.8
Sept.	5,869.3	5,082.7	1,391.2	737.5	873.1	186.3	32.0	143.4	14,315.5
Oct.	5,840.1	5,372.6	1,335.0	703.0	924.6	188.0	29.7	125.4	14,518.3
Nov.	6,238.5	5,267.4	1,381.8	773.0	993.7	199.3	32.2	134.0	15,019.8
Dec.	6,550.7	5,454.6	1,477.7	811.9	1,014.9	206.7	31.4	224.7	15,872.7

(a) Includes the banks listed in footnote (a) above, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank.

SAVINGS BANKS : SELECTED ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (a)
(\$ million)

At end of -	Coin, bullion and notes	Deposits with Reserve Bank	Deposits with trading banks	Commonwealth and State Government securities (b)	Local and semi-government securities	Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	Loans, advances and bills discounted	
							Housing	Other
June 1974	27.3	1,052.7	230.3	2,940.6	2,830.3	51.9	3,672.8	513.3
June 1975	32.6	907.6	391.0	2,962.1	(c) 3,285.2	80.2	4,717.4	(c) 573.6
June 1976	40.4	1,053.8	266.2	2,824.7	3,893.6	70.1	6,049.7	695.3
1976-77 -								
Oct.	32.8	1,172.2	287.6	3,052.4	4,112.8	73.4	6,490.2	749.3
Nov.	50.4	1,216.5	256.9	3,035.6	4,195.0	50.7	6,582.8	739.2
Dec.	52.8	1,426.5	241.5	2,750.1	4,273.4	61.3	6,725.7	757.6
Jan.	38.9	1,306.9	240.0	2,913.4	4,302.7	26.7	6,769.7	708.1
Feb.	45.7	1,381.9	224.7	2,975.6	4,344.5	36.2	6,843.6	729.5
Mar.	34.1	1,434.5	165.4	2,819.1	4,346.2	31.5	7,003.8	752.9
Apr.	40.6	1,250.5	202.0	2,808.1	4,404.2	52.8	7,090.5	754.8
May	43.8	1,042.1	154.6	2,893.3	4,426.8	53.7	7,172.1	771.2
June	40.4	1,055.6	169.3	2,720.7	4,461.4	70.8	7,258.7	755.1
1977-78 -								
July	39.5	1,097.8	201.2	2,670.9	4,507.3	69.3	7,323.2	796.1
Aug.	38.9	1,077.0	195.3	2,775.7	4,533.5	60.0	7,444.4	803.1
Sept.	35.8	1,114.3	262.9	2,736.8	4,553.5	109.7	7,570.5	824.2
Oct.	40.4	1,208.2	210.0	2,857.0	4,597.3	56.0	7,639.7	869.6
Nov.	55.8	1,177.3	181.0	2,779.2	4,649.1	55.0	7,711.9	885.3

(a) Includes External Territories. (b) Includes Treasury bills and Treasury notes. (c) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedures by one bank.

SAVINGS BANKS : DEPOSITORS' BALANCES
(\$ million)

At end of -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Original (a)	Seasonally adjusted
June 1974	3,503.7	3,930.1	1,428.4	1,174.8	685.0	328.0	45.1	100.4	11,195.6	11,216.5
June 1975	3,835.9	(b) 4,668.5	1,618.2	1,394.6	779.4	382.3	71.4	118.2	(b) 12,868.5	(b) 12,891.2
June 1976	4,348.9	5,377.6	1,940.3	1,617.3	897.7	430.6	76.3	133.8	14,822.5	14,828.0
1976-77 -										
Oct.	4,571.8	5,698.6	2,056.6	1,686.0	943.5	456.0	78.6	138.0	15,629.1	15,462.4
Nov.	4,584.1	5,735.3	2,065.9	1,695.9	945.4	457.2	77.7	138.5	15,700.0	15,561.9
Dec.	4,606.0	5,810.1	2,076.5	1,719.4	948.9	457.9	76.5	138.5	15,833.8	15,757.7
Jan.	4,622.2	5,795.1	2,073.7	1,728.1	953.6	461.0	74.7	136.7	15,845.1	15,828.5
Feb.	4,678.9	5,897.0	2,101.8	1,760.5	965.1	471.5	75.5	140.0	16,090.3	16,050.2
Mar.	4,647.5	5,866.1	2,073.1	1,739.2	954.9	469.8	74.2	139.8	15,964.5	16,023.9
Apr.	4,646.3	5,856.1	2,059.1	1,728.1	945.7	467.3	73.4	137.6	15,913.6	16,174.2
May	4,698.7	5,856.9	2,094.2	1,735.3	950.0	470.0	73.2	138.5	16,016.9	16,244.0
June	4,803.2	5,977.5	2,148.7	1,780.8	960.5	477.1	74.7	142.7	16,365.3	16,389.7
1977-78 -										
July	4,828.9	6,046.2	2,175.6	1,789.4	966.2	480.3	75.5	142.7	16,574.8	16,533.4
Aug.	4,861.7	6,120.2	2,204.3	1,796.5	973.0	491.9	75.6	143.4	16,666.6	16,611.1
Sept.	4,904.2	6,201.0	2,245.5	1,811.9	994.9	497.0	76.2	145.3	16,876.0	16,743.7
Oct.	4,963.9	6,229.5	2,323.4	1,830.6	1,007.3	501.6	77.4	148.2	17,082.0	16,738.8
Nov.	4,965.2	6,224.7	2,332.4	1,838.1	1,013.3	503.8	77.1	148.6	17,103.2	16,979.3

(a) Interest added 1973-74, \$404.0m; 1974-75, \$513.9m; 1975-76, \$613.4m; 1976-77, \$715.6m. (b) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedures by one bank.

The following series of statistics cover the main types of lending by finance companies in Australia, including instalment credit for retail sales, personal loans, wholesale finance, factoring, other consumer and commercial loans, leasing and bills of exchange. Definitions of items and information on the relationship of this series with the finance companies series prior to July 1973 are contained in the annual bulletin *Finance Companies Assets, Liabilities, Income and Expenditure 1971-72 to 1975-76* (5616.0). More detailed statistics are also contained in the monthly bulletin *Finance Companies* (5614.0) and a further dissection of "amount financed" by purpose of loan for instalment credit for retail sales provided by finance companies is given in the monthly bulletin *Instalment Credit for Retail Sales* (5631.0).

FINANCE COMPANIES : AMOUNT FINANCED CLASSIFIED BY TYPE OF FINANCE AGREEMENT
(\$ million)

Other consumer and commercial loans										
Period	Instalment credit for retail sales	Personal loans (a)	Wholesale finance	Factoring	Finance for housing			Other commercial loans		
					Purchase of existing housing	Construction of housing (b)	Purchase of individual residential blocks of land	Construction other than housing	Other purposes (c)	Total amount financed
AUSTRALIA										
1974-75	1,133.3	356.7	2,143.5	183.2	179.1	304.6	90.2	299.0	1,031.8	5,721.3
1975-76	1,368.8	534.6	2,873.6	237.4	418.1	439.4	132.4	421.8	1,223.3	7,649.5
1976-77	1,519.7	660.2	3,869.2	247.1	516.2	514.3	165.1	569.5	1,430.8	9,492.4
1976-77 -										
Oct.	128.2	56.1	347.7	20.7	40.7	47.2	15.1	40.9	121.8	818.4
Nov.	133.0	64.6	337.6	22.8	42.2	47.1	14.2	44.7	120.9	827.3
Dec.	142.1	58.2	364.3	23.2	56.3	53.7	16.3	57.4	121.0	892.7
Jan.	109.3	43.0	251.4	11.8	32.4	25.5	9.7	32.3	81.5	597.0
Feb.	116.2	52.2	297.8	20.8	39.8	36.6	12.9	42.5	99.4	718.3
Mar.	132.6	59.6	365.0	25.4	45.3	39.4	13.6	44.9	108.3	834.1
Apr.	116.0	50.9	301.2	19.5	42.2	35.8	12.6	47.0	139.7	764.9
May	133.3	61.7	355.8	22.7	43.4	41.0	11.9	60.4	132.2	862.5
June	132.7	60.6	336.5	20.4	40.8	39.5	17.3	64.6	178.2	890.5
1977-78 -										
July	125.2	54.2	322.1	20.0	41.5	40.0	12.9	59.8	157.9	833.5
Aug.	132.1	58.3	346.4	26.1	44.4	40.0	13.7	55.2	139.7	855.8
Sept.	130.8	55.5	331.5	26.0	42.0	33.8	13.9	56.5	146.2	836.3
Oct.	123.8	53.6	295.4	23.5	37.4	36.6	13.4	49.8	134.3	767.8
STATES - SEPTEMBER 1977										
N.S.W.	46.0	19.9	115.3	10.0	12.9	7.6	3.2	18.8	50.8	284.6
Vic.	28.3	17.8	85.4	12.0	8.3	9.6	1.8	19.1	65.2	247.6
Qld	21.4	8.1	47.8	(d)	6.4	5.4	4.7	6.9	12.6	113.3
S.A.	11.8	(e)4.5	(e)39.4	(d)	6.6	5.6	1.8	1.6	5.2	74.3
W.A.	13.5	2.3	34.5	(d)	6.4	3.7	2.1	7.9	9.0	79.5
Tas.	5.3	1.2	8.9	..	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.2	2.5	18.6
N.T.	1.2	(e)	(e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	4.4
A.C.T.	3.3	1.6	4.2	..	0.7	1.5	0.1	2.0	0.8	14.1
STATES - OCTOBER 1977										
N.S.W.	45.7	19.5	91.9	9.2	10.4	10.9	2.6	12.4	48.3	251.1
Vic.	26.5	17.5	81.7	10.7	8.9	8.9	1.7	18.2	51.8	225.8
Qld	19.3	7.8	40.9	(d)	6.9	5.0	5.1	6.3	11.7	103.0
S.A.	10.3	(e)4.3	(e)35.9	(d)	5.1	4.9	2.0	2.0	4.9	67.7
W.A.	13.4	2.1	35.7	(d)	5.2	4.6	1.8	6.2	15.3	84.3
Tas.	4.4	1.0	8.7	..	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	1.9	16.6
N.T.	1.0	(e)	(e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	3.4
A.C.T.	3.1	1.4	4.2	..	0.4	1.8	..	4.5	0.5	15.9

(a) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost less than \$10,000 to existing dwelling units. (b) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost \$10,000 or more to existing dwelling units. (c) Includes loans for the purpose of developing tracts of land into residential blocks. (d) Not available separately; included in "wholesale finance". (e) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

FINANCE COMPANIES : BALANCES OUTSTANDING CLASSIFIED BY TYPE OF FINANCE AGREEMENT
(\$ million)

At end of —	Installment credit for retail sales	Personal loans	Wholesale finance	Factoring	Other consumer and commercial loans				Total all contracts
					Finance for housing		Other commercial loans		
					Contracts including charges	Contracts excluding charges	Contracts including charges	Contracts excluding charges	
AUSTRALIA									
1974-75	1,883.5	618.2	360.9	45.1	1,260.2	978.4	715.1	2,238.7	8,100.2
1975-76	2,210.1	824.0	589.3	51.3	1,368.9	1,021.2	946.1	2,238.3	9,249.1
1976-77	2,583.9	1,071.6	913.2	60.9	1,657.9	1,090.5	1,123.8	2,561.6	11,063.3
1976-77 —									
Oct.	2,356.4	902.4	759.7	58.4	1,479.3	1,045.8	1,005.0	2,325.4	9,932.2
Nov.	2,391.4	936.6	787.9	58.3	1,486.6	1,054.0	1,033.5	2,363.8	10,112.0
Dec.	2,443.8	958.9	804.1	59.2	1,517.7	1,058.4	1,059.9	2,374.8	10,276.9
Jan.	2,472.2	973.2	784.1	51.6	1,532.3	1,067.2	1,073.4	2,329.2	10,283.0
Feb.	2,492.2	991.8	805.0	52.7	1,555.0	1,078.2	1,057.6	2,385.8	10,418.2
Mar.	2,504.9	1,010.5	844.8	60.2	1,579.6	1,075.0	1,059.1	2,410.8	10,544.9
Apr.	2,526.7	1,027.9	871.9	62.5	1,608.4	1,083.6	1,073.5	2,496.7	10,751.2
May	2,550.8	1,047.8	895.6	62.5	1,632.8	1,086.6	1,095.6	2,554.2	10,926.0
June	2,583.9	1,071.6	913.2	60.9	1,657.9	1,090.5	1,123.8	2,561.6	11,063.3
1977-78 —									
July	2,608.3	1,088.4	926.0	59.9	1,677.5	1,088.1	1,143.8	2,470.9	11,062.8
Aug.	2,629.7	1,105.4	941.9	66.5	1,679.1	1,073.0	1,152.9	2,463.7	11,112.2
Sept.	2,656.2	1,118.2	967.9	69.6	1,689.8	1,076.5	1,163.3	2,462.5	11,204.1
Oct.	2,672.8	1,129.0	966.2	71.5	1,682.7	1,076.8	1,186.7	2,446.8	11,232.6
STATES — SEPTEMBER 1977									
N.S.W.	922.9	445.4	309.3	22.5	441.4	363.2	359.0	1,102.9	3,966.7
Vic.	554.7	362.3	262.9	38.1	332.7	313.9	276.0	837.8	2,978.3
Qld	470.0	141.9	142.1	(a)	487.0	159.9	231.3	229.3	1,861.4
S.A. (b)	268.0	88.1	93.2	(a)	245.9	110.2	100.0	57.3	962.7
W.A.	270.8	39.1	140.9	(a)	124.6	82.3	142.6	78.6	878.6
Tas.	99.4	15.0	19.6	..	3.6	14.3	30.9	8.2	191.1
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	..	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	70.3	26.4	8.8	..	54.6	32.8	24.1	148.4	365.6
STATES — OCTOBER 1977									
N.S.W.	928.7	448.1	306.5	23.9	439.6	376.3	360.1	1,074.0	3,957.1
Vic.	558.8	365.2	264.5	38.1	337.2	308.2	278.6	829.3	2,979.8
Qld	472.5	144.0	141.9	(a)	474.6	162.6	245.0	231.7	1,872.2
S.A. (b)	268.4	88.8	94.1	(a)	245.0	99.1	102.1	67.3	964.7
W.A.	274.9	40.4	139.8	(a)	127.7	83.7	146.0	85.3	897.8
Tas.	99.4	15.6	19.4	..	3.8	14.3	31.0	8.1	191.6
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	..	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	70.2	26.9	9.6	..	54.9	32.6	24.0	151.3	369.4

(a) Not available separately; included in 'wholesale finance'. (b) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

FINANCE COMPANIES : OTHER TRANSACTIONS
(\$ million)

Period	Leasing of business plant and equipment		Bills of exchange			Liquidity placements	Loans to non-finance companies in group
	Value of goods newly leased during period	Value of all leasing agreements at end of period	Amounts paid for bills acquired during period	Amounts received for bills disposed of during period	Balances outstanding at end of period	Balances outstanding at end of period	Balances outstanding at end of period
AUSTRALIA							
1974-75	586.2	1,430.0	3,578.8	3,516.0	547.8	471.2	197.9
1975-76	1,016.4	1,923.8	4,179.6	4,057.4	658.6	334.2	259.5
1976-77	1,408.4	2,734.2	5,421.3	5,309.5	718.2	272.5	302.9
1976-77 -							
Sept.	105.0	2,072.6	400.8	416.4	681.5	400.0	304.2
Oct.	106.7	2,117.7	401.4	376.9	702.6	433.6	317.7
Nov.	115.9	2,189.2	381.6	335.4	749.0	455.3	328.8
Dec.	144.4	2,283.8	345.8	370.5	724.5	490.2	340.0
Jan.	95.6	2,328.9	343.3	337.0	743.4	509.4	294.5
Feb.	111.3	2,419.5	564.3	616.4	688.1	532.9	318.0
Mar.	134.3	2,480.7	666.9	726.6	630.5	494.5	338.8
Apr.	117.7	2,554.1	487.5	481.9	572.3	414.3	347.4
May	128.0	2,626.8	499.7	444.7	623.2	381.1	359.8
June	156.2	2,734.2	510.8	422.0	718.2	272.5	302.9
1977-78 -							
July	132.5	2,798.8	570.2	538.9	749.5	276.4	302.9
Aug.	134.2	2,908.4	670.3	682.8	731.7	348.2	321.4
Sept.	132.2	2,953.4	637.0	644.2	734.9	284.5	341.6
Oct.	128.3	3,012.3	593.7	575.5	753.1	344.6	284.3
STATES - SEPTEMBER 1977							
N.S.W.	41.7	905.0					
Vic.	39.0	928.1					
Qld.	22.6	517.2					
S.A. (a)	11.3	253.9					
W.A.	12.6	249.2			Not available		
Tas.	2.3	50.6					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	2.8	49.4					
STATES - OCTOBER 1977							
N.S.W.	40.7	917.5					
Vic.	38.8	947.7					
Qld.	21.8	528.4					
S.A. (a)	10.6	259.9					
W.A.	12.7	257.6			Not available		
Tas.	1.5	50.8					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	2.2	50.4					

(a) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES: LOANS APPROVED DURING MONTH (\$'000)

To individuals for						
Period	Construction of dwellings	Purchase of newly erected dwellings	Purchase of established dwellings	Total	Alterations and additions	Other purposes
AUSTRALIA						
1976-77 -						
Oct.	17,279	25,138	91,146	133,563	2,370	7,444
Nov.	17,369	30,897	101,940	150,206	3,023	4,792
Dec.	17,013	24,000	90,679	131,692	1,913	7,205
Jan.	14,911	20,183	76,189	111,283	1,821	4,018
Feb.	15,658	23,138	95,184	133,980	2,117	5,790
Mar.	21,149	24,646	103,833	149,628	2,202	8,597
Apr.	16,017	20,548	85,034	121,599	1,978	8,172
May	21,678	22,086	104,802	148,566	2,356	7,160
June	19,373	22,561	96,009	137,943	2,417	5,183
1977-78 -						
July	21,555	26,544	107,733	155,832	2,411	8,047
Aug.	27,280	31,549	115,042	173,871	3,602	8,211
Sept.	23,190	28,139	114,760	166,089	3,621	5,945
Oct.	19,449	23,999	90,556	134,004	2,997	8,338
Nov.	19,035	26,259	98,572	143,866	2,795	6,031

STATES - NOVEMBER 1977

N.S.W.	7,390	12,771	51,672	71,833	1,515	578
Vic.	2,444	6,375	20,977	29,796	297	537
Qld	658	578	1,955	3,191	86	566
S.A.	776	2,172	6,688	9,636	305	182
W.A.	7,093	3,399	13,843	24,335	450	4,003
Tas.	309	248	1,794	2,351	56	134
A.C.T. and N.T.	365	716	1,643	2,724	86	31

PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES: SUMMARY OF MONTHLY OPERATIONS (\$'000)

Period	Loans advanced during month to individuals	Cancellations during month of loans previously approved to individuals	Loans approved but not advanced at end of month to individuals	Amount owing by borrowers at end of month	Paid-up share capital at end of month	Other borrowings by Societies at end of month	
						Unsecured	Secured
AUSTRALIA							
1976-77 --							
Oct.	114,739	5,188	263,454	4,352,957	4,163,329	1,140,303	184,271
Nov.	127,298	6,812	282,573	4,436,152	4,272,038	1,165,620	191,830
Dec.	154,471	5,734	256,121	4,534,013	4,384,369	1,238,686	187,534
Jan.	87,589	5,413	276,066	4,594,606	4,475,971	1,275,864	187,261
Feb.	120,205	7,800	284,152	4,671,893	4,551,494	1,308,217	193,139
Mar.	138,122	8,411	289,449	4,761,217	4,532,958	1,303,991	213,771
Apr.	117,892	6,894	288,240	4,838,903	4,538,195	1,294,300	201,916
May	141,017	7,715	290,474	4,931,282	4,643,060	1,293,917	203,812
June	138,808	7,456	284,516	5,021,897	4,711,087	1,309,910	224,104
1977-78 --							
July	138,920	7,898	296,272	5,139,195	4,843,333	1,362,445	201,592
Aug.	157,393	8,556	308,450	5,246,376	4,928,464	1,397,377	210,437
Sept.	158,250	6,805	313,005	5,357,315	4,971,107	1,427,482	248,857
Oct.	142,299	8,103	299,604	5,448,700	4,923,787	1,450,328	267,510
Nov.	148,645	9,462	288,158	5,546,700	5,028,347	1,469,973	276,808

STATES - NOVEMBER 1977

N.S.W.	68,843	5,024	163,847	2,211,490	2,812,234	19,892	60,240
Vic.	31,261	1,517	55,268	1,041,107	302,419	900,677	14,561
Qld	5,882	400	9,087	773,850	739,626	28,848	69,648
S.A.	8,891	946	15,513	243,702	279,976	8,758	16,890
W.A.	27,908	1,238	34,795	1,019,546	689,014	441,241	83,167
Tas.	2,804	62	3,586	111,650	97,903	38,928	1,706
A.C.T. and N.T.	3,056	275	6,062	145,355	107,175	31,629	30,596

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : NEW POLICIES ISSUED, PREMIUMS RECEIVED AND CLAIMS, ETC., PAID

Period	New policies issued (excluding annuities) (a)						Premiums received (b)			Claims, etc. paid (c)			New loans paid over (e)
	Ordinary business		Industrial business		Superannuation business (d)		Ordinary	Industrial	Superannuation (d)	Ordinary	Industrial	Superannuation (d)	
	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured							
	'000	\$m	'000	\$m	'000	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1974-75	492.8	7,285.6	72.7	199.4	104.0	6,233.0	743.4	57.7	512.1	468.6	48.6	258.5	279.6
1975-76	467.3	8,383.9	60.2	192.9	120.4	7,461.1	791.6	56.7	617.5	491.7	50.5	329.2	204.0
1976-77	467.9	10,096.4	51.7	187.0	118.6	8,318.0	804.3	55.9	703.5	545.0	55.6	403.5	257.8
1976-77 -													
July	42.3	778.7	5.8	19.8	11.5	798.1	77.1	5.3	55.4	50.5	5.0	44.2	21.9
Aug.	42.7	825.3	6.5	23.5	11.3	619.5	64.7	4.8	54.0	45.7	4.9	30.2	20.7
Sept.	42.5	918.6	5.0	18.0	11.5	1,088.0	62.2	4.8	61.6	47.8	4.9	38.7	17.4
Oct.	41.2	833.9	4.4	16.8	9.6	716.7	58.4	4.1	50.0	40.1	4.9	23.2	28.7
Nov.	45.0	980.5	4.7	17.1	9.9	842.1	62.3	5.7	49.0	44.0	4.9	29.4	19.6
Dec.	40.2	1,006.9	1.7	6.2	13.2	1,105.9	63.9	7.3	51.5	45.2	3.9	34.0	23.8
Jan.	22.5	530.3	1.5	6.0	6.1	327.3	58.0	0.7	63.1	34.1	2.6	40.7	13.4
Feb.	30.9	664.6	4.0	14.2	8.2	436.4	61.4	4.2	64.1	40.6	4.2	29.7	19.3
Mar.	40.9	888.4	4.3	15.3	9.9	511.2	72.0	4.4	59.6	48.4	4.9	35.7	21.6
Apr.	33.4	760.0	3.5	13.0	7.9	450.6	61.3	5.2	60.2	39.7	4.5	32.9	25.0
May	42.5	904.4	5.0	18.4	9.6	609.7	71.3	4.9	65.4	48.9	5.7	30.1	22.6
June	43.7	1,004.7	5.1	18.6	9.9	812.4	91.7	4.5	69.6	59.9	5.1	34.6	23.7
1977-78 -													
July	40.6	932.6	4.9	18.3	10.3	771.7	79.6	5.0	71.3	53.9	4.8	47.4	19.9
Aug.	45.3	1,041.0	5.2	19.5	11.3	745.1	68.1	4.8	58.8	52.0	5.6	37.7	20.4

(a) Relates to periods during which policies were recorded in company registers, which may be subsequent to periods in which written. (b) Includes consideration for annuities. (c) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (d) Includes investment-linked superannuation business. (e) Excludes 'advances of premiums'.

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : SELECTED ASSETS HELD IN AUSTRALIA (a) BY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES
(\$ million)

At end of -	Loans (b)					Investments				
	On mortgage		Other							
	Fixed assets	Housing	Other incl. rural	On policies	Other	Govt. securities	Local and semi-govt. securities	Debentures and notes	Shares	
June 1975 (c)	1,818.4	491.1	840.6	284.4	80.9	1,946.9	808.1	846.2	1,406.7	
June 1976	2,115.3	487.1	821.8	279.5	62.7	2,108.3	861.1	936.4	1,595.1	
June 1977	2,364.6	499.8	796.6	287.7	77.5	2,327.8	909.2	915.1	1,791.9	
1975-76 -										
Mar.	2,045.3	485.3	827.5	275.8	62.2	2,108.4	848.3	883.4	1,533.0	
June	2,115.3	487.1	821.8	279.5	62.7	2,108.3	861.1	936.4	1,595.1	
1976-77 -										
Sept.	2,196.3	492.3	804.7	276.6	69.5	2,182.8	852.9	925.6	1,651.1	
Dec.	2,300.1	494.9	808.9	277.4	65.6	2,284.3	873.5	916.5	1,711.5	
Mar.	2,336.4	495.9	806.3	280.9	69.7	2,276.3	898.5	927.5	1,751.6	
June	2,364.6	499.8	796.6	287.7	77.5	2,327.8	909.2	915.1	1,791.9	

(a) Items shown are the balances according to the companies ledgers as at the date at which the information was supplied without adjustment for any accrued or outstanding interest or other items which had not been brought into account as at that date. (b) Excludes 'advances of premiums'. (c) Includes Papua New Guinea.

**HOUSING FINANCE : VALUE OF LOANS APPROVED TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR PURCHASE OF DWELLINGS,
BY TYPE OF LENDER - AUSTRALIA
(£'000)**

(\$ '000)										
Month	Banks		Building societies		Government					Total
	Savings	Trading	Per- manent	Term- lending	Finance companies	Housing authorities	Other	Credit unions	Insurance companies	
HOUSES										
1976-77 -										
Oct.	163,060	55,912	118,890	20,763	26,817	19,137	3,782	1,486	6,398	416,245
Nov.	165,402	55,051	130,695	15,635	31,605	23,305	3,309	1,537	7,719	434,258
Dec.	163,303	49,779	113,500	12,586	31,228	23,486	3,018	1,527	6,896	405,323
Jan.	136,636	44,683	97,127	7,321	25,322	18,225	1,905	1,402	5,930	338,551
Feb.	156,329	47,947	117,301	11,667	30,264	20,577	3,853	1,665	8,118	397,721
Mar.	173,034	49,205	129,931	14,985	32,874	20,591	5,000	1,697	8,993	436,310
Apr.	129,140	42,106	105,752	11,146	28,226	14,527	4,452	1,231	7,172	343,752
May	151,970	42,076	128,226	9,686	29,946	18,310	4,334	1,618	8,214	394,380
June	166,767	49,470	120,223	10,890	28,861	18,704	3,724	1,607	7,904	408,150
1977-78 -										
July	157,168	41,436	136,713	8,715	25,638	27,653	2,983	1,471	8,588	410,365
Aug.	170,841	53,352	152,740	14,832	24,661	20,805	3,989	1,450	7,952	450,622
Sept.	151,653	41,654	145,929	23,536	22,282	21,608	2,536	1,665	7,724	418,587
Oct.	156,092	45,471	117,689	30,959	24,769	21,482	3,898	1,669	8,837	410,866
Nov.	197,790	65,265	125,886	26,616	25,585	24,758	4,177	1,333	9,193	480,603
OTHER DWELLINGS										
1976-77 -										
Oct.	9,300	4,425	14,673	1,959	2,097	766	190	103	296	33,809
Nov.	9,434	4,043	19,511	1,266	1,972	761	197	86	690	37,960
Dec.	9,561	3,926	18,192	909	1,591	688	105	200	472	35,644
Jan.	7,919	3,994	14,156	425	957	444	35	62	369	28,361
Feb.	8,384	3,672	16,679	1,142	1,929	710	145	183	450	33,294
Mar.	11,065	3,634	19,697	1,317	1,947	619	283	104	614	39,280
Apr.	8,497	2,749	15,847	903	1,179	281	184	112	807	30,559
May	9,799	2,854	20,340	918	3,221	604	226	107	613	38,682
June	9,512	3,335	17,720	822	2,343	576	219	74	691	35,292
1977-78 -										
July	9,045	2,797	19,119	730	1,588	861	99	200	744	35,183
Aug.	9,879	3,685	21,131	978	1,989	719	48	226	646	39,301
Sept.	8,893	3,804	20,160	2,335	1,325	1,235	163	103	581	38,599
Oct.	8,973	3,274	16,315	1,331	1,718	714	183	158	632	33,298
Nov.	9,980	4,534	17,980	1,183	2,061	458	191	113	472	36,972
TOTAL										
1976-77 -										
Oct.	172,360	60,337	133,563	22,722	28,914	19,903	3,972	1,589	6,694	450,054
Nov.	174,836	59,094	150,206	16,901	33,577	24,066	3,506	1,623	8,409	472,218
Dec.	172,864	53,705	131,692	13,495	32,819	24,174	3,123	1,727	7,368	440,967
Jan.	144,555	48,677	111,283	7,746	26,279	18,669	1,940	1,464	6,299	366,912
Feb.	164,713	51,619	133,980	12,809	32,193	21,287	3,998	1,848	8,568	431,015
Mar.	184,099	52,839	149,628	16,302	34,821	21,210	5,283	1,801	9,607	475,590
Apr.	137,637	44,855	121,599	12,049	29,405	14,808	4,636	1,343	7,979	374,311
May	161,769	44,930	148,566	10,604	33,167	18,914	4,560	1,725	8,827	433,062
June	176,279	52,805	137,943	11,712	31,204	19,280	3,943	1,681	8,595	443,442
1977-78 -										
July	166,213	44,233	155,832	9,445	27,226	28,514	3,082	1,671	9,332	445,548
Aug.	180,720	57,037	173,871	15,810	26,650	21,524	4,037	1,676	8,598	489,923
Sept.	160,546	45,458	166,089	25,871	23,607	22,843	2,699	1,768	8,305	457,186
Oct.	165,065	48,745	134,004	32,290	26,487	22,196	4,081	1,827	9,469	444,164
Nov.	207,770	69,799	143,866	27,799	27,646	25,216	4,368	1,446	9,665	517,575

**SHORT TERM MONEY MARKET
SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF AUTHORISED DEALERS AND RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS**
(Source: Reserve Bank of Australia)

Asset holdings (face value)

Month	Liabilities to clients			Commonwealth Government securities			Trading Banks certificates of deposit	Interest rates on loans accepted during month				Weighted average interest rates on loans outstanding (a)	
	All Trading Banks	Other clients	Total	Treasury notes	Other	Total		At call		For fixed periods			
								Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.		
Average of weekly figures - \$ million			per cent per annum										
June 1974	65.4	322.0	387.4	131.2	154.7	285.9	79.2	42.2	0.50	13.00	1.00	13.00	6.82
June 1975	167.4	358.7	726.1	479.2	134.1	613.3	83.7	47.9	1.50	14.10	3.00	11.50	6.72
June 1976	182.3	636.1	818.4	53.3	696.4	749.7	129.2	61.3	2.00	14.00	4.50	9.50	8.03
1976-77 -													
Oct.	154.7	711.6	866.3	283.2	460.1	743.3	116.6	32.8	1.00	14.50	2.50	12.60	6.92
Nov.	203.2	728.6	931.8	460.1	361.9	822.0	121.0	27.7	2.00	14.00	3.00	11.00	7.33
Dec. (b)	247.0	714.0	961.0	556.0	345.8	901.8	72.5	15.7	0.10	14.75	1.50	12.50	5.84
Jan.	182.8	875.6	1,058.4	623.7	412.0	1,035.7	46.5	13.6	1.00	14.90	3.10	13.10	6.94
Feb.	208.0	847.5	1,055.5	551.3	482.9	1,034.2	70.0	12.1	1.00	16.15	1.50	11.30	7.12
Mar.	121.8	832.3	954.1	388.0	506.9	894.9	85.7	10.9	1.00	17.00	3.00	13.50	7.16
Apr.	76.7	722.9	799.6	196.8	515.1	711.9	101.6	14.0	0.50	16.85	2.00	11.50	6.96
May	150.0	640.2	790.2	129.8	580.9	710.7	124.5	18.2	0.50	17.05	2.50	12.65	8.60
June	144.8	701.5	846.3	54.6	774.9	829.5	129.8	21.6	3.00	15.30	5.00	13.80	9.33
1977-78 -													
July	145.0	746.8	891.8	20.8	927.8	948.6	99.8	16.1	1.75	19.00	5.20	12.25	9.41
Aug.	178.9	773.7	952.6	10.6	935.6	946.2	136.2	18.7	2.00	18.00	4.00	13.00	9.81
Sept.	217.3	811.4	1,028.7	19.1	995.2	1,014.3	124.1	27.9	1.50	18.35	4.00	12.80	9.36
Oct.	166.0	992.3	1,158.3	30.3	1,065.1	1,095.4	113.1	19.0	1.60	17.60	2.50	12.60	8.79
Nov.	254.1	947.7	1,201.8	41.9	1,107.2	1,149.1	118.8	15.6	1.00	18.35	2.00	11.80	9.46

(a) To June 1975, weighted average on clients' loans outstanding on each Wednesday of the month. From July 1975, weighted average of rates paid on all days of the four or five weeks ending on the last Wednesday of the month. (b) Excludes one Wednesday.

OFFICIAL RESERVE ASSETS (a)
(\$ million)

End of period	Gold	Special Drawing Rights	IMF gold tranche	Foreign exchange			Total (b)	
				US\$	Other	Total	Original	Seasonally adjusted
June 1974	210	150	149	1,852	1,199	3,051	3,560	3,483
June 1975	238	89	156	2,252	758	3,010	3,493	3,420
June 1976	749	37	155	1,457	688	2,145	3,086	3,018
1976-77 -								
Oct.	698	36	157	1,182	745	1,927	2,818	2,808
Nov.	949	43	189	1,267	891	2,159	3,340	3,346
Dec.	907	39	179	1,580	844	2,424	3,550	3,567
Jan.	913	39	177	1,844	837	2,681	3,809	3,932
Feb.	933	38	176	1,850	835	2,684	3,831	3,906
Mar.	1,009	36	175	1,680	831	2,511	3,731	3,807
Apr.	1,014	36	176	1,723	831	2,554	3,780	3,821
May	997	27	176	1,548	844	2,392	3,591	3,568
June	947	27	174	1,312	851	2,164	3,312	3,243
1977-78 -								
July	959	27	174	1,040	853	1,893	3,053	2,997
Aug.	985	25	175	655	861	1,517	2,701	2,658
Sept.	1,013	25	174	763	844	1,607	2,820	2,789
Oct.	1,061	25	174	874	865	1,739	3,000	2,992
Nov.	1,079	23	175	780	881	1,661	2,938	2,945

(a) Up to 30 June 1974, SDR and IMF gold tranche are valued on the basis of Australia's official parity established with the IMF; subsequent figures are based on the IMF basket valuation for the SDR, which is published in terms of U.S. dollars, crossed with the representative rate for the Australian dollar in terms of the U.S. dollar. Gold is valued at the Reserve Bank buying price up to the end of January 1976; from February 1976 to end May 1976 gold is valued at the IMF official price in SDR converted to Australian dollars at the derived SDR/A rate; subsequently, the basis of valuation is the average London gold price for the month, converted to Australian dollars at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. Since June 1973, the foreign currency value of all other overseas assets has been based, where applicable, on market quotations; accrued interest is normally taken into account; figures for earlier periods are on a historical cost basis. Conversion to Australian dollar equivalent is based on market rates of exchange. (b) Changes in the value of holdings of official reserve assets reflect both balance of payments transactions and valuation effects arising from changes in exchange rates.

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT SHORT-TERM DEBT AND BANK BALANCES
(\$ million)

End of period	Treasury bills	Treasury notes	Bank balances	Total	End of period	Treasury bills	Treasury notes	Bank balances	Total
June -					1976-77 -				
1973	..	424.7	944.4	- 519.7	Feb.	2,050.0	2,811.7	52.9	4,808.8
1974	..	385.9	1,424.9	-1,038.0	Mar.	2,300.0	2,028.9	87.4	4,241.3
1975	..	2,076.0	765.0	1,311.0	Apr.	1,800.0	1,165.8	164.9	2,800.9
1976	850.0	456.5	469.4	837.1	May	1,200.0	707.6	187.1	1,720.5
1976-77 -					June	1,300.0	369.6	442.0	1,227.6
Oct.	1,850.0	1,042.7	199.9	2,692.8	1977-78 -				
Nov.	2,050.0	1,266.8	171.3	3,145.5	July	1,500.0	213.3	142.0	1,571.3
Dec.	2,100.0	2,103.0	279.8	3,923.2	Aug.	1,700.0	294.6	112.0	1,882.6
Jan.	1,750.0	2,679.1	113.1	4,316.0	Sept.	1,800.0	446.8	46.5	2,220.3
					Oct.	2,300.0	446.1	103.7	2,642.4

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT AND STATE FINANCE (a): CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS

NOTE: This table is based on information published in monthly statements issued by the Commonwealth Treasury and each State Treasury

(\$ million)

Period	N.S.W. (b)	Vic. (c)	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Six States	Commonwealth Government
REVENUE								
1974-75	2,452.1	1,752.2	1,112.9	789.0	734.2	268.5	7,108.9	15,399.5
1975-76	2,909.1	2,135.8	1,349.5	1,037.0	950.9	322.1	8,724.4	19,712.3
1976-77	3,403.7	2,528.9	1,610.5	1,174.0	1,144.5	396.6	10,258.4	21,435.4
1976-77 -								
July-May	3,019.0	2,236.9	1,473.9	1,050.1	1,014.7	343.2	9,137.9	18,814.0
July-June	3,403.7	2,528.9	1,610.5	1,174.0	1,144.5	396.6	10,258.4	21,435.4
1977-78 -								
July	292.8	230.9	144.5	84.8	96.3	31.9	881.2	1,410.9
July-Aug.	582.3	470.0	288.6	167.7	196.8	58.7	1,764.2	2,819.3
July-Sept.	900.9	677.5	431.9	266.9	306.7	107.3	2,691.2	4,151.3
July-Oct.	1,186.1	898.8	577.9	352.2	407.7	136.7	3,559.4	5,522.7
EXPENDITURE								
1974-75	2,492.6	1,767.3	1,121.2	780.6	743.4	282.1	7,187.2	15,399.5
1975-76	2,910.1	2,143.7	1,348.8	1,034.7	950.3	317.9	8,705.5	19,712.3
1976-77	3,404.2	2,519.8	1,611.6	1,183.2	1,141.1	395.0	10,254.9	21,435.4
1976-77 -								
July-May	2,973.5	2,200.8	1,423.6	1,023.0	990.6	358.6	8,970.0	19,750.6
July-June	3,404.2	2,519.8	1,611.6	1,183.2	1,141.1	395.0	10,254.9	21,435.4
1977-78 -								
July	205.9	224.9	110.7	110.1	79.9	32.3	763.9	2,059.7
July-Aug.	581.7	466.3	250.1	221.7	184.1	76.1	1,780.0	4,235.3
July-Sept.	792.4	648.1	366.6	283.8	282.5	109.0	2,482.5	6,416.5
July-Oct.	1,111.1	894.5	536.3	369.1	374.5	141.6	3,427.1	8,364.0

(a) Aggregates for the six States and the Commonwealth Government together, as obtained from particulars in this table, contain duplications due to State payments to the Commonwealth Government in respect of payroll tax before October 1971 and Commonwealth Government payments to the States of grants for specific and general purposes. (b) Figures for New South Wales represent combined transactions of consolidated revenue fund and trading enterprises (Public Transport Commission and Maritime Services Board) included in annual Budget papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (c) Figures for Victoria cover the Victorian Consolidated Revenue Fund excluding the Works and Services section.