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In the Contents, page one, page numbers of series containing seasonally adjusted indicators are marked with asterisks.

Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (Catalogue No. 1308.0. Previously Ref. No. 1.10). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

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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 (r)	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 (r)	4,793.4	3,628.4	1,987.3	1,217.9	1,089.8	395.7	99.7	168.2	13,380.4
1974 (r)	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 (r)	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	203.3	13,915.5
1977 p	4,955.0	3,781.5	2,138.6	1,277.2	1,197.0	410.7	105.5	208.5	14,074.0

(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	4,769.4	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	395.8	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	2,067.5	1,246.6	1,133.6	402.1	93.0	184.5	13,695.7
1975-76	4,898.2	3,732.6	2,098.6	1,256.5	1,158.2	406.2	97.8	198.2	13,846.2
1976-77	4,933.2	3,764.1	2,123.2	1,269.0	1,183.3	409.1	103.8	206.0	13,991.8

(a) Revised. See NOTE below. For the method of calculation see *Population and Vital Statistics (Preliminary)* Catalogue No. 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	(r)13,599.1
1974-75	107,056	239,794	114,501	125,293	44,675	172.3	(r)13,771.4
1975-76	103,922	231,135	110,610	120,525	21,229	144.1	(d)13,915.5
1976-77 p	111,725	227,002	111,614	115,388	43,107	158.5	14,074.0
<i>1975-76 -</i>							
Dec. qtr	27,572	56,827	26,481	30,346	12,106	43.1	(r)13,849.3
Mar. qtr	28,491	58,227	24,972	33,255	2,983	36.9	(r)13,886.1
June qtr	26,567	57,279	28,059	29,220	-419	29.5	(d)13,915.5
<i>1976-77 -</i>							
Sept. qtr	23,919	57,186	33,423	23,763	7,232	31.0	13,946.5
Dec. qtr	30,997	55,118	26,208	28,910	15,780	44.7	13,991.2
Mar. qtr p	29,945	56,972	25,473	31,499	13,167	44.7	14,035.9
June qtr p	26,864	57,726	26,510	31,216	6,928	38.1	14,074.0

(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)*, Catalogue No. 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	
	Settlers arriving	Australian residents returning	Overseas visitors arriving	Australian residents returning	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted
1974-75	89,147	60,339	23,615	815,930	519,549	..	1,508,480	..
1975-76	52,748	60,225	21,687	931,725	529,656	..	1,596,040	..
1976-77	70,916	59,193	26,133	963,730	540,395	..	1,660,366	..
1975-76 — June	3,720	3,617	1,794	60,999	30,073	43,638	100,203	128,544
1976-77 —								
July	4,599	4,721	1,644	70,647	35,121	43,249	116,732	136,245
Aug.	4,750	5,128	1,892	88,277	44,134	44,206	144,181	140,745
Sept.	4,468	4,737	1,891	113,465	36,053	44,577	160,613	143,457
Oct.	6,107	5,546	1,793	97,464	46,815	44,496	157,725	142,704
Nov.	6,075	5,102	1,590	65,603	33,683	45,852	132,053	135,303
Dec.	7,662	9,536	1,775	53,602	67,371	44,451	139,547	136,965
Jan.	6,205	5,846	3,545	155,433	48,605	45,396	219,634	142,118
Feb.	6,583	4,133	3,640	70,739	48,393	45,632	133,487	136,480
Mar.	6,537	4,067	2,343	57,211	50,641	47,545	120,819	137,457
Apr.	6,372	3,529	2,107	56,629	41,684	47,596	110,321	138,197
May	6,279	3,565	1,992	67,825	36,205	41,349	115,865	127,341
June	5,259	3,284	1,921	66,933	31,690	46,555	108,988	139,180
July p	6,028	4,645	2,079	77,797	40,832	49,384	131,382	153,128

DEPARTURES

Period	Short-term movement						Total departures	
	Permanent movement		Long-term movement		Australian residents departing		Overseas visitors departing	
	Former settlers departing	Other residents departing	Australian residents departing	Overseas visitors departing	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted
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
1975-76 — June	1,295	702	5,171	1,418	81,994	79,904	28,359	118,939
1976-77 —								
July	1,379	785	5,555	1,371	77,006	83,062	29,962	116,057
Aug.	1,456	803	6,001	1,647	103,609	81,600	41,518	155,035
Sept.	1,161	576	4,495	1,269	62,877	82,966	38,556	109,033
Oct.	1,333	705	4,215	1,286	60,692	83,665	39,020	107,250
Nov.	1,266	650	5,122	1,989	58,819	81,526	46,571	114,416
Dec.	1,632	926	6,729	3,518	134,847	81,125	42,060	189,712
Jan.	1,228	987	8,705	1,874	81,163	83,734	68,737	162,694
Feb.	827	635	5,017	1,099	47,722	75,342	47,507	102,807
Mar.	1,278	739	5,968	1,396	76,232	72,700	50,839	136,450
Apr.	1,249	739	5,594	1,313	81,897	76,695	47,407	138,199
May	1,465	819	5,999	1,544	95,386	77,940	41,259	146,501
June	1,173	679	5,391	1,420	85,410	83,837	31,791	125,864
July p	1,283	703	5,086	1,561	84,411	90,101	34,545	127,588

(a) Changes in definitions which date from 1 January 1974 are described in *Overseas Arrivals and Departures*, March 1974 (Catalogue No. 3402.0. Previously Ref. No. 4.1).

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)
	Agriculture ('000)	Other industries ('000)	Total ('000)	Number ('000)	Per cent of labour force (c) %	Number ('000)	Per cent of population (d) %	Not in labour force (b) ('000)	
MALES									
1976 : May	284.2	3,543.9	3,828.1	132.4	3.3	3,960.5	81.0	930.1	4,890.6
Aug. (a)	282.4	3,485.0	3,767.4	146.2	3.7	3,913.6	80.0	978.6	4,892.2
Nov.	284.4	3,526.5	3,810.4	144.2	3.6	3,954.6	80.2	974.1	4,928.7
1977 : Feb.	288.6	3,552.0	3,840.6	173.6	4.3	4,014.2	81.0	944.2	4,988.4
May	285.1	3,539.4	3,824.5	170.1	4.3	3,994.6	80.6	963.8	4,958.4
Aug.	281.4	3,523.4	3,806.9	175.6	4.4	3,982.5	79.8	1,006.6	4,989.1
MARRIED WOMEN									
1976 : May	57.1	1,230.7	1,287.8	50.9	3.8	1,338.8	41.0	1,924.4	3,263.2
Aug. (a)	62.4	1,216.2	1,278.6	81.9	3.9	1,360.5	40.7	1,942.3	3,278.8
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	1,928.8	3,318.1
Aug.	65.0	1,258.1	1,323.1	65.6	4.6	1,388.8	41.8	1,932.0	3,318.7
ALL FEMALES									
1976 : May	67.8	1,944.7	2,012.5	118.1	5.4	2,127.6	42.7	2,851.2	4,978.8
Aug. (a)	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	1,986.2	2,059.3	144.0	6.8	2,203.4	43.4	2,877.9	5,081.3
Aug.	78.3	1,982.6	2,060.9	146.8	6.6	2,207.6	43.1	2,911.0	5,118.7
PERSONS									
1976 : May	352.0	5,488.6	5,840.6	247.6	4.1	6,088.1	61.7	3,781.3	9,869.4
Aug. (a)	354.6	5,393.0	5,747.6	264.1	4.4	6,011.8	60.8	3,876.5	9,888.3
Nov.	351.5	5,478.1	5,829.6	254.6	4.2	6,084.2	61.0	3,886.2	9,970.4
1977 : Feb.	361.6	5,511.6	5,873.2	334.8	5.4	6,208.0	61.9	3,825.0	10,033.0
May	358.3	5,525.6	5,883.9	314.2	5.1	6,198.0	61.7	3,841.7	10,039.7
Aug.	359.7	5,508.1	5,867.8	322.4	5.2	6,190.2	61.2	3,917.6	10,107.8

(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* (Catalogue No. 6213.0, Previously Ref. No. 6.20). (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.

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
1973 - June	(c)1,853.2	(c)2,980.3	1,617.7	1,615.3	(c)4,602.9	(c)3,318.0	(c)3,312.3	1,287.9
1974 - June	3,068.2	3,061.9	1,738.3	1,738.0	4,806.5	4,795.6	3,470.1	3,466.6
1975 - June	(c)3,043.8	(c)3,033.8	1,709.2	1,704.8	(c)4,782.7	(c)4,738.6	3,315.7	(c)3,310.5
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
1976-77 -								
Sept.	2,990.2	2,997.1	1,737.7	1,736.2	4,728.0	4,733.3	3,294.7	3,299.0
Oct.	2,987.6	2,994.3	1,744.6	1,739.1	4,732.1	4,733.4	3,299.5	3,296.1
Nov.	(c)2,990.5	(c)2,992.7	1,753.0	1,742.2	(c)4,743.5	(c)4,734.9	(c)3,307.6	(c)3,293.1
Dec.	2,985.0	2,990.4	1,737.8	1,743.8	4,722.9	4,734.2	3,293.9	3,293.9
Jan.	2,981.5	2,993.6	1,722.5	1,740.8	4,704.0	4,744.4	3,275.3	3,297.7
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
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
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
May	2,983.2	2,970.1	1,749.3	1,743.2	4,732.5	4,713.4	3,270.3	3,261.1
June	2,979.2	2,966.8	1,747.1	1,741.9	4,726.2	4,708.7	3,262.5	3,259.4
1977-78 -								
July	2,968.9	2,968.0	1,748.9	1,746.0	4,717.8	4,714.0	3,251.0	3,253.6
Aug.	2,964.5	2,969.2	1,752.5	1,752.8	4,717.0	4,722.0	3,246.5	3,255.0
Sept. (c)	2,955.3	2,961.8	1,756.8	1,754.9	4,712.1	4,716.7	3,241.2	3,248.1

(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* (Catalogue No. 6213.0, Previously Ref. No. 6.4) 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* (Catalogue No. 6213.0, Previously Ref. No. 6.4). (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

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

Month	Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale and retail trade	Transport and storage	Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	Public administration and defence (b)	Community services	Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services (c)	Other Industries (d)	Total
MALES										
1972 - June	(a)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	552.8	218.4	202.8	143.0	252.5	105.1	247.4	3,068.2
1975 - June	895.8	(e)393.3	549.1	218.8	198.3	134.0	268.7	110.9	254.6	(a)3,043.5
1976 - June	888.7	382.7	558.3	214.6	197.3	153.3	280.1	111.3	249.9	3,066.3
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	346.1	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	249.0	(e)2,990.5
Dec.	876.2	342.1	560.3	215.8	196.6	151.9	280.6	112.0	249.7	2,985.0
Jan.	875.9	340.6	557.4	214.5	196.8	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	250.4	2,994.7
Apr.	874.2	342.8	556.7	212.5	197.2	152.5	290.3	110.9	250.6	2,987.7
May	870.5	342.1	555.7	212.3	197.5	152.9	290.6	111.0	250.7	2,985.2
June	866.0	342.9	554.9	212.2	197.4	152.9	291.4	110.7	251.0	2,979.2
1977-78 -										
July	859.8	340.9	553.3	211.7	196.7	152.5	292.3	110.7	251.4	2,968.9
Aug.	858.4	338.7	551.9	211.2	196.4	152.8	293.3	110.5	251.4	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
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	18.1	418.3	34.9	188.0	76.0	428.4	160.3	45.1	1,738.3
1975 - June	309.0	18.2	406.7	34.7	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	1,727.7
Oct.	304.7	18.4	414.7	36.4	185.0	91.2	486.0	162.0	45.2	1,744.6
Nov.	304.5	18.4	419.2	36.8	185.6	91.5	488.0	163.7	45.1	1,753.0
Dec.	300.4	18.3	420.1	37.0	185.8	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	161.3	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	161.3	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	290.3	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	93.3	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
PERSONS										
1973 - June	(e)1,287.4	399.4	925.4	245.1	365.1	205.9	638.3	230.4	285.9	(e)4,602.9
1974 - June	1,331.4	404.7	969.2	255.3	387.9	219.0	681.0	265.7	292.4	4,806.5
1975 - June	1,204.8	(e)411.5	955.7	255.5	379.5	243.5	727.4	274.5	300.3	(e)4,782.7
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	363.5	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	251.8	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	293.3	4,737.8
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	244.4	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	966.2	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

(a) 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	(a)1,105.2	(c)819.9	398.9	270.5	233.8	87.9	25.1	44.8	(c)2,985.2
1974 - June	1,143.7	842.9	415.2	278.4	243.0	89.6	26.8	48.5	3,068.2
1975 - June	1,103.3	(c)832.9	414.4	278.3	247.9	90.7	24.5	52.4	(c)3,043.5
1976 - June	1,076.3	827.7	410.6	278.5	246.4	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	50.8	2,990.2
Oct.	1,068.8	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	821.7	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	821.1	407.3	276.8	254.2	89.2	23.6	50.3	2,983.7
June	1,058.8	818.8	409.7	275.5	253.6	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.	1,058.7	812.8	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
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	44.2	13.3	31.6	1,738.3
1975 - June	625.3	487.3	210.3	159.5	133.1	46.6	11.7	36.4	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	36.3	1,737.7
Oct.	625.1	496.7	217.7	168.5	140.2	47.7	12.7	36.1	1,744.6
Nov.	629.0	498.4	217.9	170.4	141.8	47.9	12.6	36.3	1,753.0
Dec.	622.4	498.8	216.1	166.5	138.2	48.3	12.5	36.9	1,737.8
Jan.	613.8	494.9	216.7	164.6	138.2	48.0	12.5	34.8	1,732.9
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	143.8	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	1,752.3
Sept.	627.2	(c)497.0	221.0	168.3	145.2	48.8	13.1	36.1	(c)1,756.8
PERSONS									
1973 - June	(c)1,708.5	(c)1,290.3	593.1	416.3	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	1,906.5
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	443.0	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)4,743.5
Dec.	1,686.4	1,324.5	619.5	445.2	388.6	137.5	36.2	84.9	4,722.9
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.	1,681.5	(c)1,304.0	628.6	439.9	398.5	136.7	36.8	86.3	(c)4,712.1

(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 -										
Sept.	11,129	60,585	36,800	18,675	19,507	9,127	2,012	177,911	86,394	264,305
Oct.	11,154	60,978	36,446	19,037	18,962	8,901	2,104	175,926	86,064	261,990
Nov.	11,917	64,435	39,578	19,647	18,734	8,542	1,985	181,969	90,549	272,518
Dec.	11,879	78,266	49,202	25,070	25,978	10,198	2,041	218,507	108,727	327,234
Jan.	150,009	82,633	55,147	26,856	26,335	10,695	2,452	235,912	118,677	354,589
Feb.	150,453	77,263	54,697	25,856	25,806	10,044	2,849	224,044	122,624	346,668
Mar.	141,790	72,721	51,195	24,484	24,170	8,685	3,504	208,315	118,234	326,549
Apr.	139,911	75,223	49,484	25,516	23,451	7,975	3,629	209,791	114,598	324,389
May	138,869	72,838	48,474	25,917	23,524	8,116	3,445	208,937	112,246	321,183
June	140,937	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

(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	
								Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
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 -													
Sept.	8,171	8,130	1,985	1,919	1,936	780	447	19,066	18,345	4,302	5,564	23,368	24,409
Oct.	8,629	8,135	2,137	1,956	2,147	891	491	18,728	18,436	5,658	5,966	24,386	24,422
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	1,323	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	15,546	3,935	5,542	19,894	21,078
June	6,405	6,816	1,911	1,063	1,760	947	227	15,332	16,156	3,797	6,086	19,129	22,442
1977-78 -													
July	6,557	6,772	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

(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 numbers of vacancies registered with the C.E.S. at those dates. For example, the survey estimate of total vacancies at August 1977 was 41,000 while the C.E.S. figure was 20,375. Results of the surveys and reasons why the survey estimates differ from C.E.S. statistics were published in *Job Vacancies, August 1977* (Catalogue No. 6231.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.69).

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	57,599	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 -									
Sept. 24	92,499	40,901	26,000	14,689	14,264	7,511	139,201	56,663	195,864
Oct. 22	91,168	41,202	25,459	14,858	14,228	7,210	137,682	56,443	194,125
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	64,795	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

(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 -			
Sept. 24	32,302	7,494	85
Oct. 22	33,585	7,780	64
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

(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* (Catalogue No. 8303.0. Previously Ref. No. 11.4) June quarter 1977.

Commodity groups													
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	632.9	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	1,033.8	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	1,192.2	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	300.9	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	344.8	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	519.3	715.9	677.9	112.2	186.2	422.5	264.7	262.4	202.4	418.1	4,985.6
June qtr	939.1	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.)							Total (excluding motor vehicles, etc.)						
Period	Original		Seasonally adjusted		Period	Original		Seasonally adjusted					
1976-77 -					1976-77 -								
Sept.	1,678.3		1,729.0		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 -								
Dec.	2,424.0		1,806.2		July p	1,801.0		1,878.0					
Jan.	1,631.9		1,766.3		Aug. p	1,866.0		1,902.0					
Feb.	1,592.8		1,805.5		Sept. p	1,885.0		1,919.0					
Mar.	1,760.9		1,815.3		Oct. p	1,915.0		1,930.0					
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 home 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 : Aug.	98.0	26.7	124.7	148.8	2,329.0
Sept.	101.3	26.9	128.2	149.6	2,362.3
Oct.	98.7	32.0	130.7	146.9	2,401.2
Nov.	102.6	33.1	135.8	155.9	2,438.1
Dec.	107.5	37.1	144.7	147.9	2,491.7
Jan.	91.2	20.0	111.2	134.1	2,520.9
Feb.	96.1	22.3	118.4	154.9	2,541.6
Mar.	109.1	26.0	135.1	177.2	2,555.1
Apr.	92.5	25.6	118.1	146.4	2,577.9
May	105.7	30.0	135.7	169.0	2,602.8
June	106.9	28.0	134.9	163.1	2,636.6
1977-78 : July	101.0	26.4	127.5	157.5	2,661.4
Aug.	109.5	25.1	134.7	169.9	2,685.5
Sept.	107.1	26.1	133.2	165.6	2,710.1
States, September 1977 -					
N.S.W.	34.8	12.1	46.6	58.4	938.6
Vic.	25.0	5.1	30.2	35.5	594.9
Qld.	16.6	4.8	21.5	28.0	470.0
S.A.	10.8	1.2	12.0	(a) 17.1	(a) 273.9
W.A.	11.7	1.7	13.4	15.6	268.3
Tas.	5.0	0.4	5.4	7.1	100.6
N.T.	1.0	0.1	1.1	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	2.5	0.6	3.1	3.9	67.0
OTHER BUSINESSES					
1976-77 : Aug.	5.6	20.7	21.3	23.9	173.6
Sept.	5.6	20.2	20.8	23.8	172.5
Oct.	6.6	21.7	22.3	22.9	173.6
Nov.	5.6	22.4	23.0	23.4	175.3
Dec.	5.7	29.3	30.0	23.7	183.9
Jan.	5.2	16.5	16.7	22.0	180.5
Feb.	6.1	18.3	18.4	26.2	174.5
Mar.	6.1	20.5	20.6	27.0	170.0
Apr.	6.1	19.3	19.4	24.9	166.2
May	6.1	21.4	21.5	26.1	163.8
June	6.1	21.4	21.5	25.6	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
States, September 1977 -					
N.S.W.	..	4.4	4.4	5.7	47.8
Vic.	..	7.1	7.1	7.8	49.1
Qld.	..	2.2	2.2	2.8	18.5
S.A.	..	2.9	3.0	(a) 3.5	(a) 28.0
W.A.	0.1	1.8	1.8	2.1	15.3
Tas.	..	0.5	0.5	0.6	3.6
N.T.	..	..	..	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	..	..	..	..	0.2
ALL BUSINESSES					
1976-77 : Aug.	98.6	47.4	146.0	172.6	2,502.5
Sept.	101.9	47.0	149.0	173.4	2,534.8
Oct.	99.3	53.8	153.1	169.7	2,574.8
Nov.	103.2	55.6	158.8	179.4	2,613.4
Dec.	108.2	66.4	174.7	171.7	2,675.6
Jan.	91.4	36.5	127.9	156.1	2,701.4
Feb.	96.2	40.6	136.8	181.1	2,716.1
Mar.	109.2	46.5	155.7	204.1	2,725.1
Apr.	92.6	44.9	137.5	171.3	2,764.0
May	105.8	51.4	157.2	196.1	2,766.6
June	107.0	49.5	156.4	188.7	2,798.4
1977-78 : July	101.1	48.4	149.5	181.3	2,822.2
Aug.	109.6	46.2	155.8	193.3	2,844.1
Sept.	107.2	45.0	152.2	187.8	2,869.6
States, September 1977 -					
N.S.W.	34.5	16.5	51.0	64.1	983.4
Vic.	25.0	12.2	37.3	43.2	643.9
Qld.	16.6	7.0	23.7	30.5	485.5
S.A.	10.8	4.8	15.0	(a) 20.6	(a) 301.8
W.A.	11.8	3.4	15.2	17.7	283.6
Tas.	5.0	0.9	5.8	7.6	104.2
N.T.	1.0	0.1	1.1	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	2.5	0.6	3.1	4.0	67.2

(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										Fuels and lubricants (d)	Auxiliary aids to production (e)	Munitions and war stores			
	Building and construction	Rural industries	Motor vehicle assembly (a) (b)		Other (c)	Total (c)	Class I.	Class II.	Class III.	Class VII.						
			Class I.A	Class I.B												Class I.C(5)
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
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 —																
Aug.	26.6	3.1	6.3	0.8	64.3	7.6	260.1	30.6	357.5	42.1	18.1	2.1	6.7	0.8	5.9	0.7
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	26.4	2.8	6.2	0.7	47.6	5.1	311.3	33.5	391.4	42.1	27.2	2.9	7.4	0.8	7.0	0.8
August	27.4	2.7	13.8	1.4	53.8	5.4	292.8	29.3	387.8	38.8	22.1	2.2	6.8	0.7	6.8	0.7
September	24.0	2.7	6.5	0.7	40.4	4.6	279.4	32.0	350.4	40.2	27.1	3.1	6.4	0.7	6.5	0.7
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 (h)	Food beverages and tobacco (i)	Clothing and accessories	All other (h)	Total (h)	Total imports of merchandise	Original	Seasonally adjusted (i)						
											Class IV.	Class V.B	V.A,C,D	V.I.A,B,C	Class VI.D	Class VI.E-J
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
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 —																
Aug.	170.7	20.1	57.2	6.7	8.6	1.0	34.0	4.0	27.7	3.2	163.8	19.3	225.6	26.5	850.1	855
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	243.2	26.7	909.7	917
Mar.	200.3	20.6	74.5	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	168.5	17.4	227.8	23.5	968.1	976
June	199.1	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	183.7	19.8	62.2	6.7	11.8	1.3	49.0	5.3	29.8	3.2	159.0	17.1	237.8	25.6	928.6	940
August	207.6	20.7	64.2	6.4	18.9	1.9	60.2	6.0	37.5	3.7	188.8	18.9	286.5	28.6	1,000.6	1,011
September	172.7	19.8	53.7	6.2	14.0	1.6	48.4	5.5	26.9	3.1	166.1	19.0	241.3	27.7	872.0	878

(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 Class VI.E-J and III 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(5). (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 products	Wheat and flour	Dried, fresh and preserved 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 --								
July	64.8	20.3	76.7	9.5	78.6	99.8	69.3	77.0
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	45.0	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	93.4	14.7	91.6	10.2	56.3	97.7	49.0	75.2
August	91.1	12.5	78.7	12.7	68.9	138.4	51.1	86.8
September	80.8	13.9	94.6	11.7	68.7	108.2	51.2	93.3
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 --								
July	8.7	114.7	107.2	974.2	1,000	1,010		
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	84.3	82.3	946.2	970	997		
August	10.0	56.8	56.2	1,047.8	1,078	1,047		
September	9.9	62.8	91.0	995.0	1,011	958		

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 sheep skins	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 -											
Mar. qtr	123	154	17	67	259	229	59	172	190	1,270	1,291
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	1,355
June qtr	171	179	23	86	191	248	77	190	216	1,381	1,356

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 -									
Mar. qtr (a)	61	39	66	103	113	510	302	1,194	1,231
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

(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 value 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 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 (Catalogue No. 6401.0. Previously Ref. No. 9.1).

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	263.8	104.1	220.0
1975-76 - June qtr	186.6	214.4	233.9	186.5	211.2	225.8	156.9	..	202.4
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	192.3	218.1	241.1	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	168.7	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 (Catalogue No. 6411.0. Previously Ref. No. 9.13) 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 manufactures components, for transport equipment and machinery	Other manufactured materials (b)	Food, live animals and tobacco	Crude materials (excl. fuels)	Electricity gas and fuels			
Value weight (%)	6.67	5.21	3.76	45.87	20.66	15.83	27.16	72.84	100.00
1974-75	149.9	148.7	137.4	132.4	149.3	179.5	181.5	131.6	146.1
1975-76	149.4	179.6	148.4	132.5	163.0	229.0	202.9	142.0	188.6
1976-77 p	160.3	211.6	164.5	154.9	191.5	284.0	233.2	163.1	212.2
1976-77 -									
July	151.6	192.0	152.9	142.9	184.7	241.0	212.0	155.4	170.8
Aug.	152.7	192.4	153.7	150.8	182.7	239.9	213.3	159.3	174.0
Sept.	152.0	194.5	154.0	153.5	180.1	239.6	213.9	160.1	174.7
Oct.	151.6	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	154.8	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	156.1	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	168.5	200.7	268.6	251.5	171.1	192.9
May	167.7	229.0	175.3	165.2	200.3	269.7	252.6	170.9	193.1
June	168.1	231.7	176.0	168.7	196.1	268.7	253.7	171.5	193.9
1977-78 -									
July p	168.2	233.4	179.5	169.5	195.7	268.5	253.7	172.3	194.4
Aug. p	169.0	234.8	181.6	166.9	195.0	281.3	255.3	173.0	195.3

(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 (Catalogue No. 6412.0. Previously Ref. No. 9.14) of 26 October 1976. Index numbers for special groupings are published in monthly issues of this bulletin.

(Base: Year 1968-69 = 100.0)

Selected net sub-division indexes (c)									
	All Manu- facturing Industry Index (b)	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)	Other industrial machinery and equipment and household appliances (33)
Period									
1974-75	158.1	153.0	161.3	190.0	158.3	151.9	183.2	151.2	158.9
1975-76	177.8	165.3	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 -									
July	188.1	170.7	198.0	237.2	195.8	192.3	235.2	188.0	191.0
Aug.	189.7	173.0	204.0	237.3	196.8	192.0	236.4	188.7	192.8
Sept.	190.5	174.2	205.0	237.4	198.0	191.0	237.5	190.8	193.7
Oct.	191.3	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	201.6	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 p	206.7	189.8	217.7	259.6	210.9	209.7	257.8	203.9	209.5
August p	207.6	189.8	219.4	260.5	212.4	210.2	261.0	205.0	209.9

(a) For a full description of Division U, '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 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	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 -							
Sept.	226.6	218.3	237.0	243.9	223.3	230.2	226.3
Oct.	228.1	218.8	237.8	245.3	225.7	230.9	227.5
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	230.8	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. p	249.7	234.9	260.5	267.0	249.5	252.7	248.0
Oct. p	251.2	235.7	261.5	268.3	251.4	254.4	249.2

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	183.5	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 -												
Sept.	213.5	249.7	224.5	244.7	254.6	203.2	221.2	198.1	179.7	176.1	204.4	226.3
Oct.	214.0	253.7	226.6	245.6	255.7	202.9	223.0	195.1	180.3	177.4	206.9	227.5
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. p	232.3	279.9	241.9	271.6	282.7	215.7	234.6	206.8	191.0	189.2	225.7	248.0
Oct. p	237.7	281.0	243.6	272.1	283.8	218.3	236.0	210.8	191.4	189.4	226.7	249.2

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 -							
Sept.	214.8	228.5	235.0	228.7	227.9	229.2	223.9
Oct.	215.9	229.8	236.1	229.5	230.2	230.3	225.1
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. p	234.7	249.2	256.2	249.2	253.4	249.6	244.7
Oct. p	236.2	250.0	257.1	250.2	254.6	250.8	245.8

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	Aluminium 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 -												
Sept.	211.0	238.9	219.8	236.1	244.3	209.0	193.6	250.9	199.1	193.1	216.6	223.9
Oct.	211.5	241.7	222.4	236.9	246.1	210.0	187.5	252.4	200.9	191.4	219.3	225.1
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. p	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. p	232.3	263.2	239.2	259.9	268.4	230.2	195.9	261.7	218.3	210.5	242.2	245.8

(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 products	Cereals	Dried and canned fruits	Sugar	Hides and tallow	Meats and coal (a)	Gold	All groups (b)
1974-75	121	132	127	256	176	378	141	263	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 -										
July	(c) 140	156	114	235	154	341	175	316	317	195
Aug.	144	149	114	225	154	322	178	309	272	192
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

(a) Comprises 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.

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 (Djakarta)	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	163.2	254.3	153.2	166.9	140.8	160.9	292.2	199.8	188.4	164.6
1976 -											
Mar. qtr.	176.7	158.6	225.9	149.8	161.1	139.0	158.3	277.5	185.0	182.0	159.1
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	269.3	154.3	168.6	141.2	162.5	299.4	202.2	189.8	165.8
Dec. qtr.	196.3	167.6	302.9	156.6	172.9	142.0	165.9	306.1	215.1	194.3	169.6
1977 -											
Mar. qtr.	200.7	170.9	312.7	159.9	175.6	144.4	168.8	311.7	225.2	198.9	170.8
June qtr.	205.5	173.7		163.7	181.0	146.8	172.3		233.8	204.2	175.8
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	196.2	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 -											
Mar. qtr.	179.8	158.0	205.3	247.3	124.9	166.7	156.6	147.1	204.4	143.7	144.5
June qtr.	187.8	162.4	208.6		122.7	172.0	160.5	146.8	211.9	148.5	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

(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
End of -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Rates	Index Nos (Base: Year 1954 = 100)
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 -								
July	130.65	128.63	133.61	126.78	126.01	128.76	129.76	459.5
Aug.	133.26	131.21	136.10	129.35	129.22	131.33	132.38	468.7
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.	136.01	134.09	139.12	132.19	132.29	134.14	135.23	478.8
Dec.	136.04	134.10	139.14	132.20	132.29	134.14	135.25	478.9
Jan.	136.14	134.10	139.14	132.24	132.33	134.14	135.30	479.1
Feb.	136.13	134.10	139.14	132.24	132.26	134.14	135.37	480.0
Mar.	141.92	139.81	144.88	137.96	138.04	139.88	141.04	499.4
Apr.	141.99	139.85	144.91	137.96	139.72	139.93	141.20	500.0
May	144.70	142.45	147.63	140.53	141.95	142.50	143.83	509.3
June	144.69	142.45	147.63	140.62	141.96	142.50	143.83	509.3
1977-78 -								
July	144.70	142.45	147.63	140.63	141.99	142.50	143.84	509.3
Aug.	147.49	145.22	150.53	143.38	143.93	145.27	146.58	519.0
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 -								
July	120.48	120.70	122.04	120.28	116.22	116.94	120.40	604.8
Aug.	123.02	123.29	124.39	122.79	119.73	119.52	122.99	617.8
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	127.49	125.48	122.60	122.15	125.74	631.6
Dec.	125.72	125.98	127.49	125.55	122.64	122.15	125.74	631.6
Jan.	125.72	125.98	127.49	125.55	123.38	122.15	125.78	631.8
Feb.	125.72	125.98	127.50	125.55	127.46	122.15	126.00	632.9
Mar.	131.45	131.70	133.20	131.39	128.88	127.85	131.50	660.5
Apr.	131.45	131.70	133.20	131.39	129.25	127.85	131.52	660.6
May	133.94	134.18	135.70	133.84	131.38	130.28	133.99	673.0
June	133.94	134.18	135.70	133.86	131.38	130.28	133.99	673.0
1977-78 -								
July	133.94	134.18	135.70	133.86	131.66	130.28	134.00	673.1
Aug.	136.61	136.54	138.41	136.53	133.95	132.90	136.65	686.4
WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK (b) AUGUST 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* (Catalogue No. 6312.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.16).

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* (Catalogue No. 6302.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.13).

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* (Catalogue No. 1308.0. Previously Ref. No. 1.10).

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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	191.10	184.50	179.50	190.80	181.30	216.80	237.70	190.70
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	212.70	231.00	183.80
June qtr	201.80	200.40	192.30	187.40	198.20	185.50	225.60	245.80	198.70
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	202.60	189.60	190.60	197.10	185.00	226.30	243.70	198.10

(a) Particulars of wages 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 66 per cent. For further details on the separate State ratios see *Average Weekly Earnings* (Catalogue No. 6302.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.18). (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. Estimates prior to 1974-75 are not available.

BUILDING, ETC.

SUMMARY OF BUILDING APPROVED : ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

New dwellings								
Period	Private			Government		Total		
	Number ('000)			Number ('000)	Value (\$m)	Number ('000)		
	Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)	Value (\$m)			Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)	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 -								
Aug.	11.4	11.2	279.6	0.8	16.2	12.2	12.5	295.8
Sept.	12.4	11.4	304.4	1.6	34.9	14.0	13.0	339.2
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
Other building (a)								
Period	Alterations and additions to dwellings (c)	Original		Seasonally adjusted (b)		Total building approved		Value (\$ million)
		Private	Total	Total	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)		
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 -								
Aug.	20.2	79.8	123.2	144.5	439.2	475.5		
Sept.	22.3	100.0	181.7	193.9	543.3	518.4		
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		

(a) Includes other building (new plus alterations and additions) valued at \$10,000 and over. (b) Account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors but additionally of 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying number of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc., in the month) and the influence of Easter which may in successive years affect figures for different months. (c) 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 September 1977 was \$28.6.

BUILDING JOBS APPROVED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	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 -									
Aug.	3.04	3.25	2.11	1.48	1.57	0.38	0.12	0.27	12.22
Sept.	3.76	3.36	2.73	1.67	1.66	0.44	0.16	0.23	14.01
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	9.89
May	3.00	2.97	2.25	0.94	1.70	0.38	0.20	0.15	11.59
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
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	3,258.8
1976-77	890.1	962.0	613.0	356.0	469.0	110.5	52.3	87.8	3,540.9
1976-77 -									
Aug.	70.8	83.5	50.0	33.0	36.6	9.4	3.7	8.8	295.8
Sept.	85.2	87.3	62.2	39.8	39.9	11.1	6.2	7.6	339.2
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
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 -									
Aug.	8.3	6.4	1.2	1.4	1.3	0.3	0.5	0.8	20.2
Sept.	7.7	6.9	1.7	1.5	1.4	0.3	2.1	0.8	22.3
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	0.5	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

(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	26.3	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 -									
Aug.	28.8	43.4	19.6	10.5	12.1	4.5	2.7	1.3	123.2
Sept.	59.0	45.7	33.6	13.7	14.5	5.3	4.1	5.8	181.7
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	7.6	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
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	1,355.4	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 -									
Aug.	107.9	133.4	71.0	44.9	70.0	14.2	6.9	11.0	439.2
Sept.	151.9	140.0	97.5	54.9	55.8	16.7	12.4	14.2	543.3
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	39.0	52.0	14.0	15.6	20.0	509.8

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMMENCED : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of new dwellings ('000)				Value (\$ million)				
	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total	New dwellings	Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building
							Private	Total	
ORIGINAL									
1974-75	86.5	31.6	99.1	118.1	2,227.3	101.8	915.4	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	7.8	31.0	34.1	796.0	56.4	236.2	422.3	1,274.7
June qtr	28.7	7.6	33.5	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	55.8	267.7	532.2	1,496.1
June qtr	26.1	7.8	30.1	33.9	906.0	70.5	377.5	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	1,578.5
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	1,483.4
June qtr	24.9	7.4	28.9	32.5	866.7		377.5	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

Period	Number of new dwellings ('000)				Value (\$ million)			
	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total	New dwellings	Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building	Total building
ORIGINAL								
1974-75	97.0	44.1	125.7	141.1	2,454.2	92.1	1,154.6	1,784.5
1975-76	99.9	32.1	112.3	132.0	2,799.3	169.7	1,249.6	2,266.6
1976-77	110.4	34.4	129.6	144.8	3,635.1	252.5	1,336.4	2,446.5
1975-76 -								
Mar. qtr	22.5	6.9	26.0	29.4	639.7	42.9	252.8	564.1
June qtr	27.4	9.2	31.1	36.7	818.7	50.1	330.3	578.5
1976-77 -								
Sept. qtr	28.6	8.7	33.1	37.3	882.2	60.9	324.0	585.0
Dec. qtr	30.1	8.9	35.2	39.1	977.2	65.2	329.1	601.0
Mar. qtr	24.5	7.6	29.2	32.1	824.8	57.3	335.3	586.1
June qtr	27.2	9.1	32.1	36.4	950.9	69.2	348.1	674.5

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

1975-76 -								
Mar. qtr	25.2	7.7	28.5	33.0	716.6		288.8	576.2
June qtr	27.1	8.9	31.0	36.0	811.2		331.5	611.7
1976-77 -						na.		
Sept. qtr	28.5	8.8	33.1	37.3	878.0		332.4	602.3
Dec. qtr	27.6	8.2	32.4	35.8	893.1		285.0	544.8
Mar. qtr	27.4	8.5	32.1	36.0	924.0		383.5	598.1
June qtr	26.9	8.8	31.9	35.7	941.8		348.8	713.4

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	556.4	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 -				na.			
Sept. qtr	744.3	165.8	911.8		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, MARCH 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				
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	136.5	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	1,257.3	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	630.8	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	39.5	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.	819.9	906.0	850.5	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	453.4
Vic.	108.7	179.9	73.5	121.4	407.9	755.7	103.3	158.9	187.6	383.6
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	37.4	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	20.7	52.3
A.C.T.	8.3	25.2	13.4	39.6	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	133.4	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	338.5	409.3	1,050.3	1,444.3	371.4	445.6	508.6	718.2
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	138.3	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	169.3	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	1,263.3	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.

ASIC Sub-division									
Manufacturing									
Quarter	Mining	Food beverages and tobacco	Textiles, clothing and footwear	Paper, paper products, printing and publishing	Chemicals petroleum and coal products	Basic metal products	Transport equipment	Fabricated metal products (a)	Other (b)
	(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
June	193.7	104.5	13.0	31.2	55.8	78.6	26.6	69.7	75.8
1976-77 -									
Sept.	119.7	92.3	11.3	24.3	45.9	64.9	35.9	52.3	64.1
Dec.	120.9	103.1	15.5	30.7	58.2	79.9	45.5	61.9	79.2
Mar.	108.5	86.6	8.2	30.4	51.7	55.6	34.1	52.4	66.5
June	140.5	123.5	11.6	35.7	63.6	63.6	54.1	66.0	77.9
1977-78 -									
Sept. (p)	150.7	113.5	12.0	31.5	61.5	87.3	50.2	60.4	81.8
									488.2

ASIC Sub-division									
Non-manufacturing					Type of asset				
Quarter	Electricity, gas and water	Wholesale and retail trade	Transport	All other (c)	Total new capital expenditure (d)		New buildings and structures (e)		Other new capital equipment (f)
					Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
	(36,37)	(46-48)	(31-55)	(56,61-63, 91-93)	(11-37,46-91-93)	(63,91-93)			
1975-76 -									
Mar.	6.8	147.9	83.2	428.9	1,136.0	1,316.2	360.4	431.2	775.6
June	8.9	217.4	92.8	874.2	1,800.2	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	426.2	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	1,622.5	1,527.5	484.8	465.7	1,136.1
1977-78 -									
Sept. (p)	6.6	283.3	69.1	620.1	1,618.0	1,628.8	515.8	512.3	1,102.2
									1,110.9

(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 air development (e.g. construction of shafts in underground mines, preparation of mining and quarrying sites for open-cut extraction or mine development 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.

Increase in book value of stocks for selected ASIC sub-divisions						Less stock valuation adjustment (b)	Increase in stocks after stock valuation adjustment (b)
Quarter	Mining	Manufacturing	Wholesale trade	Retail trade (a)	Total		
	(11-16)	(21-34)	(46,47)	(36,37,48,92)	(11-37,46-48,92)		
1975-76 -							
June	+27	+269	+152	+106	+554	+444	+110
1976-77 -							
Sept. (c)	+18	+289	+68	+296	+648	+303	+345
Dec.	+22	+158	+266	+114	+559	+430	+129
Mar.	+26	+451	+189	+140	+806	+477	+329
June (p)	+3	+423	+198	+149	+773	+269	+504

(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 the 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	217,604	390,947	467,586	9,096	81,030	21,084	92,672	17,479	948,792	362,769	384,823
1976-77	211,262	415,332	474,733	10,329	80,833	25,469	95,602	15,388	1,048,228	380,679	420,160
1976-77 —											
July	18,778	36,886	41,440	970	22,149	6,246	25,061	1,087	93,814	32,211	35,541
Aug.	18,298	38,537	43,030	837				1,378	101,132	31,704	36,711
Sept.	17,000	38,974	43,572	773				1,352	81,447	37,248	35,903
Oct.	17,098	34,684	39,906	839				1,261	81,129	31,013	35,817
Nov.	17,372	37,093	44,848	820	19,837	6,249	23,823	1,062	87,001	31,850	36,717
Dec.	16,771	26,775	30,967	902				1,241	98,764	41,577	41,504
Jan.	16,224	22,066	25,245	900				964	88,047	21,224	27,841
Feb.	15,674	31,443	39,269	731				1,199	83,194	29,641	30,206
Mar.	18,259	38,743	46,591	889	18,825	6,245	24,940	1,399	99,307	35,145	37,482
Apr.	18,000	31,608	35,390	832				1,200	773,754	26,298	30,350
May	18,929	38,258	41,468	900				1,188	79,953	27,328	33,225
June	18,859	40,245	43,007	916				1,929	80,686	35,440	38,863
1977-78 —											
July	19,489	39,097	44,521	822				2,312	91,914	26,172	37,816
Aug.	21,204	42,726	51,238	813				1,731			

(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						Refined metals (a)					
	Black coal		Brown coal	Crude oil	Natural gas	Alumina (b)	Aluminium (b)	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Tin	Gold
	Original	Seasonally adjusted										
	'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	4,360	5,073	222,876	178,451	170,508	243,209	5,973	10,744
1975-76	69,466	..	29,210	23,891	5,388	5,618	220,027	164,279	168,183	204,534	5,386	12,829
1976-77	73,678	..	31,028	24,555	6,365	6,474	236,943	154,104	165,582	258,564	5,373	11,127
1976-77 —												
July	6,859	6,138	2,709	2,217	575	549	19,875	12,658	18,006	23,602	533	940
Aug.	5,165	5,875	2,852	2,173	578	571	20,218	13,301	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.	7,618	6,249	2,603	1,765	473	482	19,483	11,309	14,583	21,104	496	976
Dec.	4,807	5,199	2,260	1,983	470	605	20,058	11,806	15,205	20,940	405	768
Jan.	3,715	6,294	1,976	2,097	411	563	19,833	8,450	13,754	20,806	161	740
Feb.	6,724	6,549	2,040	1,897	463	514	18,015	13,381	13,292	17,558	393	842
Mar.	7,149	6,600	2,549	2,167	514	557	20,154	14,728	13,888	19,390	570	629
Apr.	5,497	6,331	2,671	1,834	521	531	19,769	11,587	8,652	22,100	394	1,081
May	7,206	6,259	2,716	2,214	601	529	20,201	13,113	1,820	20,628	588	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		10,714	18,550	22,021	422	1,591	
Aug.	6,630	7,433	2,752	2,196	651		13,301	17,892	21,307	378	1,415	

(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 issue through mains (a)		Total electricity generated		Pig iron		Iron ore pellets (b)	Raw steel (c)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original	Seasonally adjusted
	millions 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 -									
July	22,132	18,445	7,601	6,636	675	661	780	695	668
Aug.	22,470	18,980	7,581	6,811	629	612	784	634	618
Sept.	20,870	19,479	7,090	6,876	605	601	663	631	627
Oct.	20,077	19,633	6,841	6,879	571	549	822	635	600
Nov.	17,384	18,604	6,408	6,741	495	508	736	554	531
Dec.	16,574	19,335	6,435	6,869	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	7,119	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

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	..	340,556	..	2,042	..	229,428	3,468
1976-77p -								
July	494	478	27,101	27,104	176	166	20,563	305
Aug.	478	471	28,518	27,176	183	168	20,270	298
Sept.	462	442	25,535	25,881	181	167	21,781	318
Oct.	501	477	29,073	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	163	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

(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**

Period	Building materials - continued				Building fittings			Floor coverings (a)		Household appliances	
	Portland cement		Plaster sheets (non-acoustic)	Plaster of paris	Baths C.I.P.E. and other	Wash basins earthenware	Sinks stainless steel	Floor coverings (a)		Electric blankets (including mattress overlays) (b)	Electric propeller type fans (complete) (c)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted						Original	Seasonally 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	239,683	34,582	..	599,117	499,210
1976-77 p -											
July	470	435	4,254		15,105	25,859	24,944	3,235	3,063	18,999	27,508
Aug.	439	422	4,212	104.3	15,899	21,476	24,767	3,071	2,903	19,838	31,251
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	2,642	2,432	80,674	29,649
June	429	428	4,790		16,251	26,583	19,290	2,607	2,657	70,970	31,316
1977-78 p -											
July	461	429	4,096		16,168	24,927	21,225	2,542	2,462	37,568	22,901
Aug.	430	421	4,960	100.5	16,621	27,093	22,098	3,244	2,955	31,171	36,599
Sept.	430	405	4,249		14,124	24,697	20,544	3,246	2,809	38,292	41,632

Household appliances - continued

Period	Domestic cooking stoves			Domestic refrigerators		Domestic clothes washing machines		Hot water fugs and kettles
	Solid fuel	Gas (d) upright or elevated	Electric (e)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
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 --								
July	615	9,477	32,687	24,809	24,410	30,430	27,261	53,050
Aug.	314	9,062	31,236	26,430	24,977	29,886	27,123	53,799
Sept.	349	10,985	28,570	28,159	23,483	27,325	22,340	65,826
Oct.	341	9,237	30,231	26,509	24,084	28,337	25,966	66,684
Nov.	333	10,835	29,092	25,367	21,483	30,463	26,426	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	24,730	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

(a) Excludes underfeils and underlays. (b) Excludes heating 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-broilers and other ranges.

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

Household appliances - continued											
Period	Radio 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.
1974-75p	284,718	..	465,401	..	73,466	4,083	..	415	..	374,230	..
1975-76p	80,212	..	531,806	..	52,600	3,765	..	317	..	358,790	..
1976-77p	33,846	..	525,202	..	64,938	2,922	..	315	..	291,596	..
1976-77p -											
July	5,915	5,444	44,652	40,758	4,932	280	269	28.5	27.1	25,881	25,104
Aug.	3,286	3,129	47,158	42,928	5,345	298	270	33.3	28.5	26,288	21,858
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.	1,939	2,578	37,260	41,697	3,012	185	224	22.7	26.1	12,520	17,117
May	1,248	1,249	38,923	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
1977-78p -											
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	6,406	269	244	24.3	21.3	23,969	16,005

Dairy products (factory production)												
Period	Whole milk for all purposes		Processed full cream milk products			Meat (carcass weight)					Dressed weight of poultry slaughtered (f)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Butter (d)	Cheese (e)	Beef and veal	Total				Seasonally adjusted		
						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	
1974-75	6,496.8	..	161,274	98,630	626.6	1,547.0	257.8	269.3	175.1	2,249.2	..	
1975-76	6,248.2	..	147,635	112,617	630.8	1,840.4	325.5	262.2	173.8	2,602.0	..	
1976-77p	5,740.5	..	118,092	103,607	733.9	1,933.4	306.2	242.3	184.6	2,668.4	..	
1976-77p -												
July	294.7	440.7	3,807	4,671	39.0	171.6	23.6	22.0	16.1	233.2	223.1	
Aug.	436.5	452.2	8,160	7,854	60.0	157.8	21.9	21.0	16.0	216.8	220.0	
Sept.	573.9	467.4	12,498	10,464	82.3	160.7	25.2	22.3	15.9	224.1	210.7	
Oct.	739.9	494.7	17,364	13,152	115.0	148.4	25.7	22.5	14.6	211.2	200.5	
Nov.	763.7	493.0	19,599	13,992	90.3	140.0	29.3	24.3	15.9	209.5	205.6	
Dec.	718.4	490.1	17,236	13,235	101.8	136.8	31.2	20.2	16.5	204.6	209.9	
Jan.	594.5	490.5	13,610	11,636	71.4	138.0	29.5	18.5	12.5	198.4	234.4	
Feb.	442.8	493.9	8,645	8,751	57.2	163.6	32.8	19.1	13.5	229.0	244.5	
Mar.	409.4	510.6	7,884	7,190	48.7	183.1	28.6	19.9	16.3	248.9	232.7	
Apr.	308.5	481.1	4,720	5,438	31.9	163.9	22.4	17.4	14.5	218.1	236.7	
May	242.2	444.4	2,678	3,888	19.0	180.9	20.0	17.6	15.6	234.1	227.5	
June	216.0	417.8	1,893	3,335	17.3	190.6	15.2	17.4	17.3	240.5	227.0	
1977-78p -												
July	259.4	388.2	3,127	3,988	31.7	187.2	15.1	19.2	17.1	238.7	234.5	
Aug.	390.4	399.3	7,691	7,189	55.9	184.7	17.0	21.6	17.5	240.8	233.1	
Sept.	542.5	441.8	13,339	11,498	75.3	189.3	20.9	25.2	16.3	251.8	236.1	
Oct.						181.1	27.4	26.9	16.3	251.7	246.0	

(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

Period	Chemicals and allied products											
	Wheaten flour	Refined sugar (a)	Beer (b)		Tobacco and cigarettes		Sulphuric acid (100%)		Paints			
			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 -												
July	98	55.3	140	159	1,909	1,589	108	138	120	16.44	7.32	418
Aug.	98	61.6	147	137	2,534	2,352	106	120	164	17.70	7.39	454
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	153	3,084	2,776	104	120	162	22.56	7.42	356
Sept.	96	..	165	159	2,346	2,474	142	144	277	18.59	7.73	351
Period	Motor vehicles (e)								Pneumatic tyres-motor cycle, car, truck, aero, etc. (g)			
	Cars and station wagons		Utilities and panel vans		Trucks and truck-type vehicles		Total motor vehicles (f)		'000			
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Utilities Original	Panel vans Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original		Seasonally adjusted		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.			
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	361,272	..	24,902	26,031	..	33,294	..	452,483	..	7,839		
1976-77p -												
July	32,752	31,103	1,819	2,324	3,902	2,950	2,713	40,002	38,263	704		
Aug.	32,645	36,702	2,219	2,286	4,066	3,121	3,122	40,403	37,553	822		
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	2,813	43,551	39,261	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	659		
Apr.	25,963	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			

(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)		Percentage of total received by brokers (b)	Scoured and carbonised wool (c)	Yarns (d)				
	Total receipts				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	626.9	76.0	72.3	20,735	..	19,209	..	1,456	
1976-77p -									
July	45.0	71.5		2,090	1,914	1,808	1,680	129	
Aug.	76.3	75.9	17.71	2,013	1,760	1,793	1,612	139	
Sept.	93.5	80.2		1,964	1,777	1,854	1,631	212	
Oct.	85.2	74.5		2,073	1,879	1,776	1,658	153	
Nov.	85.3	76.6	17.71	1,909	1,795	1,812	1,678	118	
Dec.	56.1	75.0		1,433	1,803	1,394	1,695	110	
Jan.	30.2	74.3		669	1,632	655	1,500	60	
Feb.	36.6	76.5	19.73	1,701	1,771	1,604	1,566	111	
Mar.	38.0	76.7		1,844	1,635	1,732	1,487	104	
Apr.	29.5	75.6		1,461	1,547	1,344	1,481	149	
May	28.4	75.6	17.17	1,700	1,521	1,711	1,560	109	
June	22.9	75.3		1,878	1,701	1,723	1,602	61	
1977-78p -									
July	37.2	74.4	14.4	2,058	1,894	1,827	1,756	150	
Aug.	72.8	78.0		2,177	1,788	1,859	1,568	122	
Sept.	72.7	77.4		2,294	2,066	1,606	1,464	105	

Textiles									
Woven cloth (d) (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	
1973-74p	50,092	..	12,306	..	23,075	..	114,537	..	1,692
1974-75p	41,364	..	7,308	..	16,237	..	84,831	..	1,472
1975-76p	46,661	..	8,009	..	16,725	..	97,763	..	1,581
1976-77p -									
July	3,601	3,218	598	618	1,658	1,519	7,440	6,456	139
Aug.	3,641	3,334	521	545	1,464	1,354	8,216	7,376	138
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	155
Sept.	3,779	3,105	560	560	1,333	1,161	10,593	9,255	112

(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 1976 published on a quarterly basis. (d) Includes mixtures predominantly of the fibre named. (e) Over 12 inches 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.	'000 doz.	'000 pairs		
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	847	4,071	2,486	2,382	3,930	26,428
1976-77p —									
July	179	549	71.7	82.9	345	257	198	303	2,428
Aug.	182	518	74.2	82.0	347	292	215	332	2,431
Sept.	190	550	72.8	79.6	378	311	237	333	2,305
Oct.	205	639	72.5	68.9	385	290	219	360	2,384
Nov.	186	634	78.2	66.5	348	246	221	376	2,416
Dec.	134	491	62.2	53.9	328	177	195	412	1,746
Jan.	75	209	19.6	35.4	139	70	55	145	1,141
Feb.	156	455	56.5	68.5	366	174	206	356	2,261
Mar.	167	510	65.2	89.6	445	184	249	361	2,596
Apr.	119	442	47.3	74.5	326	146	186	288	2,136
May	142	490	62.1	77.0	332	165	204	334	2,243
June	144	545	59.7	66.5	331	174	199	332	2,340
1977-78p —									
July	153	536	60.9	58.5	308	226	219	297	2,282
Aug.	178	451	80.4	57.0	356	274	250	339	2,622
Sept.	150	446							2,550

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	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
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	4,604	464	206,590	57,281	69,140	51,620
1976-77p —										
July	18,646	23,853	1,119	154	416	39.1	16,951	5,422	5,778	5,367
Aug.	25,121	21,538	1,214	162	502	40.3	17,868	5,442	5,850	4,408
Sept.	45,875	29,255	1,093	178	380	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	17,438	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	5,601	6,839	4,368
Aug.	32,112	27,766	1,216	135	382	45.7	17,850	5,036	7,248	4,405
Sept.	26,138	16,625				40.1	17,935	4,889	6,517	3,643

(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 motor 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 --								
Sept.	37,836	36,697	11,247	11,045	49,083	47,742	4,517	53,600
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	49,964	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	11,589	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. p	34,009	33,011	10,568	10,444	44,577	43,455	3,766	48,343

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

RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

Period	Government railways				Shipping (a)					
	Goods and livestock				Overseas cargo					
	Net		Passenger journeys	Gross earnings	Shipped from Australasian ports		Discharged at Australasian ports		Interstate cargo shipped	
	Tonnes consigned	tonne- kilometres			Tonnes	Cubic metres	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	30,809.3	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.	8,566	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.			30.4	76.8	13,637	130	1,360	517	2,382	166
Mar.			25.0	84.0	12,621	192	1,727	584	2,384	197
Apr.			24.9		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	596.1	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 - July	53.7	49.8	37.5	3,713	287	361	167	17.2
Aug.	55.3	56.0	38.2	3,730	303	371	156	17.5
Sept.	54.7	54.1	36.4	3,748	415	354	143	17.7
Oct.	52.1	53.2	35.1	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	18.4
Jan.	53.2	48.0	39.0	3,809	338	304	131	18.6
Feb.	57.4	56.7	37.4	3,828	331	377	164	18.9
Mar.	61.4	61.3	40.8	3,849	516	374	156	19.1
Apr.	50.6	50.9	34.7	3,865	404	387	146	19.4
May	62.9	62.1	41.1	3,885	408	474	177	19.6
June	60.9	61.7	39.5	3,907	506	446	206	19.6
1977-78 - July	58.3	58.1	39.8	3,926	472	455	203	19.8

(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)

Period	CURRENT ACCOUNT						Balance of current account				
	Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.	Balance of trade	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
1975-76	7,410	7,924	1,486	1,253	336	319	226	2,083	1,546	701	428
1976-77	11,400	10,346	1,054	1,518	355	280	181	2,491	1,659	703	421
1975-76 - June qtr	2,636	2,124	512	314	80	84	49	591	416	169	105
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	2,854	2,398	456	342	82	62	41	600	400	175	102
Dec. qtr	2,804	2,408	396	390	90	75	45	581	426	164	90
Mar. qtr	2,799	2,794	5	391	90	70	47	609	375	172	108
June qtr	2,939	2,746	193	395	94	73	44	701	438	192	121
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	3,044	2,822	222	404	82	70	46	663	440	218	108

CAPITAL ITEMS

Period	Capital inflow						Monetary movements			
	Government		Private		Non official monetary sector transactions	Balance item	Net apparent capital inflow	Change in official reserve assets	Other transactions	Net official monetary movements
	Securities	Other	Trade credits	Other						
1974-75	21	-35	-70	752	51	-228	471	-460	-4	-464
1975-76	46	-184	106	583	-23	-450	77	-1,053	32	-1,020
1976-77	347	-231	294	1,201	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	Components of gross domestic product										
	Gross domestic product at factor cost										
	Gross national expenditure	Plus Exports of goods and services	Less Imports of goods and services	Gross domestic product			Wages, salaries and supplements	Gross operating surplus			
				Farm	Non-farm	Total		Trading enterprises		Financial enterprises, etc. (b)	Indirect taxes less subsidies
								Companies	Other		
ORIGINAL											
1974-75	60,208	9,926	9,986	3,612	56,836	60,148	35,439	6,809	11,942	-657	6,615
1975-76	70,371	10,888	10,434	3,670	67,155	70,825	40,739	7,920	13,886	-237	8,517
1976-77	81,716	13,100	13,287	4,136	77,423	81,559	46,025	9,782	16,539	-503	9,688
1975-76 - June qtr	18,070	2,999	2,820	392	17,851	18,249	10,737	2,248	2,945	-66	2,385
1976-77 - June qtr	19,450	3,242	3,100	841	18,151	19,592	11,112	2,397	3,958	-149	2,274
Sept. qtr	21,958	3,244	3,080	1,634	20,488	22,122	11,979	2,891	5,050	-122	2,324
Dec. qtr	19,774	3,236	3,510	1,163	18,337	19,900	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 - June qtr	21,715	3,494	3,593	901	20,715	21,616	12,260	2,532	4,500	-119	2,443
Sept. qtr											
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 - June qtr	19,416	3,264	2,976	999	18,705	19,704	11,156	2,365	3,939	-136	2,380
Sept. qtr	19,979	3,151	3,049	1,010	19,701	20,081	11,343	2,406	4,111	-108	2,329
Dec. qtr	21,096	3,297	3,634	1,081	19,678	20,759	11,609	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 - June qtr	21,666	3,515	3,447	1,068	20,666	21,734	12,313	2,498	4,473	-106	2,556
Sept. qtr											

(a) For concepts see Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure (Catalogue No. 5206.0. Previously Ref. No. 7.5). (b) Financial enterprises less imputed bank service charge.

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

Period	Gross fixed capital expenditure											
	Private										Statistical discrepancy	Gross national expenditure
	Final consumption expenditure	Government	Dwellings	Other building and construction	All other	Total private	Public enterprises	General government	Increase in stocks			
Period	Private	Government	Dwellings	Other building and construction	All other	Total private	Public enterprises	General government	Increase in stocks			
ORIGINAL												
1974-75	35,200	9,143	2,456	1,978	4,309	8,745	2,834	2,829	670	789	60,208	
1975-76	41,649	11,307	3,339	2,032	5,085	10,326	3,155	3,477	-230	687	70,371	
1976-77	47,734	13,211	4,041	1,983	6,040	12,064	3,553	3,693	1,364	97	81,716	
1975-76 - June qtr	10,982	3,207	944	510	1,517	2,971	977	1,000	-592	-475	18,070	
1976-77 - June qtr	11,242	3,123	1,028	513	1,309	2,850	788	778	142	527	19,450	
Sept. qtr	12,548	3,380	1,036	520	1,645	3,201	910	942	738	239	21,958	
Dec. qtr	11,539	3,114	965	430	1,412	2,807	814	778	395	327	19,774	
Mar. qtr	12,405	3,595	1,012	520	1,674	3,206	1,041	1,195	89	-995	20,536	
1977-78 - June qtr	12,708	3,486	995	579	1,588	3,162	964	830	26	539	21,715	
Sept. qtr												
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1975-76 - June qtr	11,003	3,050	937	492	1,405	2,834	907	845	97	74	18,810	
1976-77 - June qtr	11,364	3,201	995	514	1,338	2,344	841	877	82	207	19,416	
Sept. qtr	11,849	3,220	1,031	462	1,560	3,053	868	872	132	-15	19,979	
Dec. qtr	12,997	3,370	1,010	513	1,597	3,120	866	917	374	352	21,096	
Mar. qtr	12,427	3,420	1,005	502	1,549	3,056	968	1,009	778	-375	21,280	
1977-78 - June qtr	12,848	3,875	963	580	1,620	3,163	1,031	935	-46	160	21,666	
Sept. qtr												

(a) For concepts see Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure (Catalogue No. 5206.0. Previously Ref. No. 7.5).

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	467	33,470	5,793	6,462	32,802	2,820	29,983
1975-76	21,565	4,140	4,875	3,030	-143	341	33,747	5,962	6,110	33,599	3,028	30,571
1976-77	22,096	4,350	5,037	2,958	622	85	35,149	6,469	6,867	34,781	3,102	31,649
1975-76 -												
Mar. qtr	5,112	978	1,113	620	69	140	8,032	1,518	1,528	8,022	714	7,308
June qtr	5,425	1,112	1,338	859	-265	-201	8,267	1,350	1,614	8,203	482	7,721
1976-77 -												
Sept. qtr	5,430	1,049	1,234	666	63	256	8,699	1,678	1,704	8,673	665	8,008
Dec. qtr	5,907	1,118	1,365	768	346	110	9,615	1,649	1,708	9,556	1,121	8,435
Mar. qtr	5,248	1,025	1,158	646	182	135	8,391	1,666	1,757	8,200	827	7,373
June qtr	5,514	1,158	1,280	878	31	-416	8,444	1,576	1,698	8,322	489	7,833
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1975-76 -												
Mar. qtr	5,337	1,048	1,232	692	72	146	8,528	1,513	1,584	8,457	769	7,688
June qtr	5,410	1,051	1,270	761	43	92	8,627	1,560	1,633	8,554	768	7,786
1976-77 -												
Sept. qtr	5,483	1,085	1,235	730	96	86	8,695	1,700	1,640	8,754	767	7,986
Dec. qtr	5,601	1,090	1,311	725	85	-46	8,765	1,625	1,690	8,700	761	7,938
Mar. qtr	5,505	1,099	1,281	719	81	182	8,867	1,562	1,822	8,606	788	7,819
June qtr	5,501	1,095	1,213	774	361	-133	8,812	1,588	1,726	8,674	789	7,886

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (Catalogue No. 5206.0. Previously Ref. No. 7.3).

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* (Catalogue No. 5628.0. Previously Ref. No. 5.9). 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	9.8	31.3	40.8
1975-76 - June qtr	32.2	79.1	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	84.8	100.3	4.7	14.8	19.5
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	30.7	58.8	89.5	31.0	292.6	323.8	0.6	12.7	13.3
Other industries									
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	41.9	387.2	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	184.2	284.5			
June qtr	21.4	(b)-5.6	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	Accounts of trading banks							Commonwealth Government securities				
	Notes on issue		Statutory Reserve Deposits	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		All other assets
	held by public	Total								Other	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 -												
Aug.	2,635.7	3,004.6	790.1	36.1	28.1	6.5	1,091.2	1,097.5	2,451.1	1,259.4	1,802.5	786.4
Sept.	2,676.4	3,045.4	806.5	58.0	40.6	7.5	1,103.0	1,169.2	2,344.0	1,859.9	1,709.8	562.8
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	1,158.3	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	2,347.3	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

(a) Includes Special Reserve - L.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	258.3	Jan.	263.6
1976-77	350.3	Feb.	504.3
		Mar.	645.3
1976-77 -		Apr.	640.4
Aug.	204.1	May	637.6
Sept.	123.6	June	586.7
Oct.	111.8		
Nov.	105.7	1977-78 -	
Dec. (a)	123.1	July	516.0
		Aug.	450.5

(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	Mar.	78.9	304.6
1976-77	77.2	303.8	Apr.	82.0	305.1
			May	85.2	304.2
1976-77 -			June	89.7	316.0
Oct.	71.4	297.8	1977-78 -		
Nov.	74.0	295.1	July	94.6	316.5
Dec. (a)	78.0	304.4	Aug.	94.5	317.1
Jan.	80.0	301.7	Sept.	93.8	319.7
Feb.	79.2	300.7	Oct.	94.0	318.0

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

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

<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Deposits</i>				<i>Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank</i>		<i>Commonwealth and State Government securities</i>		<i>Loans to authorized dealers in the short-term money market</i>	<i>Statutory reserve deposits in the Reserve Bank</i>	<i>Loans, advances and bills discounted (c)</i>	
	<i>Fixed</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Treasury bills and Treasury notes</i>	<i>Other</i>			<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>
			<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>								
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 -												
Sept.	9,769	6,687	16,456	16,856	321.3	162.2	3,687.2	111.5	794.5	11,369	11,426	11,426
Oct.	10,146	6,685	16,831	16,991	335.1	332.1	3,639.4	121.4	815.5	11,791	11,743	11,743
Nov.	10,306	6,821	17,127	17,194	349.6	440.9	3,608.6	165.0	920.7	11,787	11,897	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	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	11,664
Feb.	11,024	7,489	18,514	17,654	373.6	1,462.5	3,752.4	165.9	1,659.9	11,388	11,531	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	12,851

(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 Australia Ltd. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorized 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 -							
Sept.	2.0	1.0	22.4	25.3	4.8	69.1	36.3
Oct.	2.0	2.0	21.6	25.6	4.9	70.1	35.5
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

(a) See footnote (a) on 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	53.3	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 -							
Sept.	2.7	2.5	100.7	106.0	75.7	25.0	13,696.3
Oct.	4.7	2.6	97.9	105.2	62.9	35.0	13,871.4
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	65.3	28.6	14,545.5
June	6.4	3.3	98.7	108.3	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

(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 authorised 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	11,530.4	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 -										
Sept.	10,968.6	873.3	6,315.3	18,157.2	341.5	184.3	3,927.6	156.8	806.3	12,995.1
Oct.	11,385.9	867.9	6,327.4	18,581.2	355.6	347.3	3,884.1	154.7	827.0	13,480.5
Nov.	11,575.9	854.7	6,487.2	19,278.8	371.5	462.4	3,850.4	203.2	933.7	13,504.6
Dec. (c)	11,649.3	908.1	6,974.4	19,531.8	467.6	689.4	3,946.1	247.0	1,037.9	13,440.1
Jan.	11,938.8	925.7	7,021.4	19,886.0	405.9	1,278.6	3,932.5	182.8	1,379.2	13,295.3
Feb.	12,311.1	955.5	7,139.8	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	1,369.3	14,263.4
Sept.	11,447.7	912.1	6,514.7	18,974.3	371.7	101.7	3,530.9	217.3	1,178.1	14,438.7
Oct.	11,743.8	947.4	6,776.7	19,468.0	384.6	114.9	3,633.3	166.0	1,120.1	14,891.1

(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	2,898.8	817.9	456.6	515.9	119.4	22.7	78.6	8,715.6
1975-76	4,442.0	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
1977-77 -									
Sept.	5,009.5	4,223.1	1,193.9	621.2	729.4	168.4	41.1	115.8	12,102.3
Oct.	4,733.5	4,252.4	1,195.4	619.4	772.6	171.9	32.4	114.0	11,891.6
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	736.3	855.2	202.1	66.8	172.7	13,521.7
Jan.	4,997.5	4,476.7	1,209.0	632.1	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	853.2	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	1,421.0	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

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

SAVINGS BANKS : SELECTED ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (a)
(£ million)

At end of -	Coins, 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 -								
Aug.	38.8	1,082.8	285.8	2,917.9	3,972.0	121.9	6,232.9	722.4
Sept.	33.5	1,126.2	339.4	3,015.8	4,047.9	60.8	6,405.5	717.8
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	4,386.3	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	775.1
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

(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)4,661.3	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	5,211.6	1,540.3	1,617.3	897.7	430.6	76.3	133.8	14,822.5	14,828.0
1976-77 -										
Aug.	4,456.0	5,411.0	1,607.6	1,653.8	922.1	444.7	77.2	134.6	15,201.1	15,185.5
Sept.	4,536.6	5,627.1	2,017.9	1,676.0	944.4	453.4	78.6	138.9	15,501.0	15,348.1
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	15,566.9
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	2,039.1	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	470.8	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	16,363.3	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	16,304.8	16,333.4
Aug.	4,861.7	6,120.2	2,284.3	1,796.5	973.0	491.9	73.6	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

(a) Interest added 1973-74, \$404.6m; 1974-75, \$512.9m; 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* (Catalogue No. 5616.0. Previously Ref. No. 5.40). More detailed statistics are also contained in the monthly bulletin *Finance Companies* (Catalogue No. 5614.0. Previously Ref. No. 5.14) and a further description 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* (Catalogue No. 5631.0. Previously Ref. No. 5.46).

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

(£ 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	1,154.5	335.5	2,143.5	183.2	179.1	304.6	90.2	299.0	1,031.8	5,721.3
1975-76	1,394.4	508.9	2,873.6	237.4	418.1	439.4	132.4	421.8	1,223.3	7,649.5
1976-77	1,548.3	631.0	3,869.2	247.1	516.2	514.3	163.1	569.5	1,430.8	9,491.7
1976-77 -										
Aug.	124.7	48.3	299.1	20.5	47.6	47.3	13.1	40.2	91.5	732.5
Sept.	128.2	49.5	323.0	21.7	38.3	47.4	13.5	43.0	104.5	769.0
Oct.	130.7	53.5	347.7	20.7	40.7	47.2	15.1	40.9	121.8	818.3
Nov.	135.8	61.8	337.6	22.8	42.2	47.1	14.2	44.7	120.9	827.2
Dec.	144.7	55.6	364.3	23.2	56.3	53.7	16.3	57.4	121.0	892.6
Jan.	111.2	41.1	251.4	11.8	32.4	25.5	9.7	32.3	81.5	597.0
Feb.	118.4	50.0	297.8	20.8	39.8	36.6	12.9	42.5	99.4	718.2
Mar.	135.1	57.1	365.0	25.4	45.3	39.4	13.6	44.9	108.3	834.1
Apr.	118.1	48.8	301.2	19.5	42.2	35.8	12.6	47.0	139.7	764.8
May	135.7	59.2	355.8	22.7	43.4	41.0	11.9	60.4	132.2	862.4
June	134.9	58.3	336.5	20.4	40.8	39.5	17.3	64.8	178.2	890.5
1977-78 -										
July	127.5	51.7	322.1	20.0	41.5	40.0	12.9	59.8	157.9	833.4
Aug.	134.7	55.8	346.4	26.1	44.4	40.0	13.7	55.2	139.7	855.7
Sept.	133.2	53.0	328.7	26.0	41.9	33.9	13.9	56.6	145.9	839.0
STATES - AUGUST 1977										
N.S.W.	46.9	21.2	122.5	9.5	11.4	9.7	2.9	14.7	39.4	278.2
Vic.	30.2	17.0	89.0	13.0	12.1	11.2	1.7	24.1	67.6	265.9
Qld.	21.4	8.4	52.6	(d)	5.9	5.7	4.4	6.2	14.1	118.6
S.A.	11.8	(e)4.3	(e)39.3	(d)	7.8	5.5	2.3	2.7	4.8	76.8
W.A.	14.4	2.2	33.1	(d)	5.7	6.0	2.2	4.0	9.1	76.6
Tas.	5.5	1.0	10.0	..	1.0	0.6	0.1	0.3	3.3	20.6
N.T.	1.2	(e)	(e)	..	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.3	3.3	4.0
A.C.T.	3.3	1.6	3.5	..	0.6	1.3	0.1	3.2	1.3	15.0
STATES - SEPTEMBER 1977										
N.S.W.	46.6	19.2	114.2	10.0	12.9	7.6	3.2	18.8	50.8	283.3
Vic.	30.2	16.0	83.8	12.0	8.2	9.6	1.8	19.1	64.9	245.6
Qld.	21.5	8.1	47.8	(d)	6.4	5.4	4.7	6.9	12.6	113.3
S.A.	12.0	(e)4.3	(e)39.2	(d)	6.7	5.6	1.8	1.6	5.2	74.2
W.A.	13.4	2.5	34.5	(d)	6.4	3.7	2.1	7.9	9.0	79.5
Tas.	5.4	1.1	8.9	..	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.2	2.5	18.6
N.T.	1.1	(e)	(e)	..	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.2	2.5	4.3
A.C.T.	3.1	1.8	4.2	..	0.7	1.5	0.1	2.0	0.8	14.1

(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 -	Instrument 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	1,922.0	579.7	360.9	45.1	1,260.2	978.4	715.1	2,238.7	8,100.2	
1975-76	2,255.2	778.8	589.3	51.3	1,368.9	1,021.2	946.1	2,238.3	9,249.0	
1976-77	2,636.6	1,018.9	913.2	60.9	1,657.8	1,090.5	1,123.8	2,561.6	11,063.3	
1976-77 -										
Aug.	2,329.0	813.1	661.6	52.8	1,439.8	1,015.8	986.7	2,292.4	9,591.2	
Sept.	2,362.3	831.2	709.4	56.2	1,459.6	1,030.9	990.9	2,290.9	9,740.6	
Oct.	2,401.2	857.5	739.6	58.4	1,479.4	1,045.8	1,065.0	2,325.4	9,932.2	
Nov.	2,438.1	889.9	787.9	58.2	1,486.6	1,054.0	1,033.5	2,363.8	10,112.0	
Dec.	2,491.7	911.0	804.1	59.2	1,517.7	1,058.4	1,059.9	2,374.8	10,276.9	
Jan.	2,520.9	924.5	784.1	51.6	1,532.3	1,067.2	1,073.4	2,329.2	10,283.0	
Feb.	2,541.6	942.3	805.0	52.7	1,555.0	1,078.2	1,057.6	2,385.8	10,418.2	
Mar.	2,555.1	960.3	844.8	60.2	1,579.6	1,075.0	1,059.1	2,410.8	10,544.9	
Apr.	2,577.9	976.7	871.9	62.5	1,608.4	1,083.6	1,073.5	2,496.7	10,751.2	
May	2,602.8	995.8	895.6	62.5	1,632.8	1,086.6	1,095.6	2,554.2	10,926.0	
June	2,636.6	1,018.9	913.2	60.9	1,657.8	1,090.5	1,123.8	2,561.6	11,063.3	
1977-78 -										
July	2,661.4	1,035.2	926.0	59.9	1,677.5	1,088.1	1,143.8	2,470.9	11,062.8	
Aug.	2,683.5	1,051.7	941.9	66.5	1,679.1	1,073.0	1,152.9	2,463.7	11,112.2	
Sept.	2,710.1	1,063.9	964.5	69.4	1,689.8	1,077.1	1,163.3	2,463.7	11,201.9	
STATES - AUGUST 1977										
N.S.W.	930.1	429.2	301.2	21.5	439.3	361.4	350.1	1,177.6	4,010.6	
Vic.	587.4	320.0	252.7	36.8	330.8	314.3	276.9	825.0	2,943.9	
Qld.	465.9	139.1	142.9	(a)	487.4	156.6	228.2	230.4	1,840.5	
S.A.(b)	270.4	80.7	88.6	(a)	240.5	112.3	99.9	57.0	949.4	
W.A.	263.6	40.3	137.3	(a)	122.3	80.5	141.6	75.6	861.3	
Tas.	99.4	13.2	19.5	..	3.6	14.1	30.2	8.3	188.2	
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	..	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	
A.C.T.	66.8	29.2	7.8	..	55.0	33.9	25.9	99.8	318.4	
STATES - SEPTEMBER 1977										
N.S.W.	935.6	432.5	308.4	22.5	441.4	363.2	359.0	1,103.1	3,965.8	
Vic.	594.9	322.1	260.5	38.1	332.7	314.0	276.0	838.8	2,977.0	
Qld.	470.0	141.9	142.1	(a)	487.0	159.9	231.3	229.3	1,861.4	
S.A.(b)	273.9	82.1	93.0	(a)	245.9	110.7	100.0	57.3	962.9	
W.A.	268.3	41.6	140.7	(a)	124.6	82.3	142.0	78.6	878.1	
Tas.	100.6	13.9	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.	67.0	29.8	8.8	..	54.6	32.8	24.1	148.4	365.6	

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

FINANCE COMPANIES : OTHER TRANSACTIONS
(£ million)

Period	<i>Leasing of business plant and equipment</i>		<i>Bills of exchange</i>			<i>Liquidity placements</i>	<i>Loans to non-finance companies in group</i>
	<i>Value of goods newly leased during period</i>	<i>Value of all leasing agreements at end of period</i>	<i>Amounts paid for bills acquired during period</i>	<i>Amounts received for bills disposed of during period</i>	<i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i>	<i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i>	<i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i>
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 -							
Aug.	92.9	2,005.8	428.3	395.5	696.8	384.3	267.8
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	2,415.3	364.3	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	737.7	348.2	321.4
Sept.	132.3	2,953.5	637.0	644.2	734.9	284.3	341.6
STATES - AUGUST 1977							
N.S.W.	42.1	902.5					
Vic.	42.2	914.1					
Qld.	22.5	504.7					
S.A. (a)	10.9	247.8					
W.A.	12.0	242.0			Not available		
Tas.	2.0	49.7					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	2.5	47.4					
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	254.0					
W.A.	12.6	249.2			Not available		
Tas.	2.3	50.6					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	2.8	49.4					

(a) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

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

Period	Construction of dwellings	To individuals for			Alterations and additions	Other purposes
		Purchase of newly erected dwellings	Purchase of established dwellings	Total		
AUSTRALIA						
1976-77 -						
Aug.	17,569	21,848	71,073	110,490	2,345	3,011
Sept.	18,192	23,014	87,242	128,448	2,520	5,591
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	1,921	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	21,676	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	114,742	166,071	3,621	5,945

STATES - SEPTEMBER 1977

N.S.W.	8,113	9,988	52,991	71,092	1,560	1,053
Vic.	3,145	6,698	23,502	33,345	571	1,468
Qld.	2,944	3,429	11,104	17,477	218	284
S.A.	769	3,083	8,461	12,313	333	102
W.A.	7,281	3,738	15,009	26,028	548	2,784
Tas.	405	261	1,941	2,607	260	171
A.C.T. and N.T.	533	942	1,734	3,209	131	83

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 -							
Aug.	93,624	4,606	229,739	4,217,783	3,942,623	1,051,910	186,535
Sept.	107,200	5,129	247,398	4,279,806	4,060,128	1,090,203	184,232
Oct.	114,735	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	187,334
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.	136,122	8,411	289,449	4,761,217	4,532,958	1,303,991	213,771
Apr.	117,892	6,894	288,240	4,831,903	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	384,516	5,021,897	4,711,087	1,309,910	224,104
1977-78 -							
July	8,920	7,898	296,272	5,139,195	4,843,333	1,362,445	201,592
Aug.	157,393	8,556	308,430	5,246,190	4,928,464	1,397,377	210,437
Sept.	158,278	6,781	312,983	5,357,142	4,971,107	1,427,452	248,857

STATES - SEPTEMBER 1977

N.S.W.	64,480	3,187	162,784	2,122,332	2,702,765	15,062	63,513
Vic.	31,379	999	58,847	995,332	294,156	888,394	14,606
Qld.	20,447	1,023	22,752	780,533	831,610	31,469	40,590
S.A.	10,264	231	14,863	229,125	271,891	8,823	16,798
W.A.	23,115	1,209	43,147	980,001	669,842	413,293	80,058
Tas.	2,864	24	4,265	108,432	97,274	38,716	899
A.C.T. and N.T.	3,729	108	6,325	141,387	103,589	31,705	32,393

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	617.3	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
1975-76 -													
May	38.7	740.0	6.8	22.7	9.5	548.4	66.5	5.3	57.5	44.0	4.7	20.5	21.4
June	44.7	861.8	5.9	19.3	11.5	816.3	104.0	4.8	63.3	53.3	4.5	31.1	22.8
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

(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			
	Fixed assets	On mortgages		On policies	Other	Govt. securities	Local and semi-govt. securities	Debentures and notes	Shares
		Housing	Other incl. rural						
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	69.3	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	1,711.3
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 secured 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)**

Month	Banks		Building societies		Government			Credit unions	Insurance companies	Total
	Savings	Trading	Permanent	Term-lending	Finance companies	Housing authorities	Other			
HOUSES										
1976-77 -										
Aug.	152,370	53,341	97,728	21,822	29,470	22,828	4,124	1,387	7,803	390,873
Sept.	172,778	62,634	112,722	29,293	27,927	23,286	3,764	1,052	7,139	440,595
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	15,633	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	14,327	4,452	1,231	7,172	343,752
May	151,970	42,076	128,226	9,686	30,086	18,310	4,334	1,618	8,214	394,520
June	166,767	49,470	120,223	10,890	28,977	18,704	3,724	1,607	7,904	408,266
1977-78 -										
July	157,168	41,436	136,713	8,715	25,662	27,653	2,983	1,471	8,588	410,389
Aug.	170,841	53,352	152,740	14,786	24,640	29,805	3,989	1,450	7,952	450,555
Sept.	151,653	41,654	145,911	23,375	22,161	21,608	2,536	1,665	7,724	418,287
OTHER DWELLINGS										
1976-77 -										
Aug.	10,906	4,656	12,762	1,815	1,896	817	260	130	562	33,804
Sept.	10,125	4,750	15,726	2,445	2,088	825	357	121	662	37,099
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	2,520	576	219	74	691	35,469
1977-78 -										
July	9,045	2,797	19,119	730	2,188	861	99	200	744	35,783
Aug.	9,879	3,685	21,131	932	1,989	719	48	226	646	39,255
Sept.	8,893	3,804	20,160	2,312	1,325	1,235	163	103	581	38,576
TOTAL										
1976-77 -										
Aug.	163,276	57,997	110,490	23,637	31,366	23,645	4,384	1,517	8,365	424,677
Sept.	182,903	67,384	128,448	31,738	30,015	24,111	4,121	1,173	7,801	477,694
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	33,307	18,914	4,560	1,725	8,827	433,202
June	176,279	52,805	137,943	11,712	31,497	19,280	3,943	1,681	8,595	443,735
1977-78 -										
July	166,213	44,233	155,832	9,445	27,850	28,514	3,082	1,671	9,332	446,172
Aug.	180,720	57,037	173,871	15,718	26,629	21,524	4,037	1,676	8,598	489,810
Sept.	160,546	45,458	166,071	25,687	23,486	22,843	2,699	1,768	8,305	456,863

SHORT TERM MONEY MARKET
SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF AUTHORIZED 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		Commercial bills		At call		For fixed periods			
				Total	Other			Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.		
													Average of weekly figures - \$ million
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	558.7	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 --													
Aug.	155.8	683.2	839.0	15.3	707.5	745.8	119.4	65.3	1.25	14.50	3.00	13.00	7.76
Sept.	156.8	720.0	876.8	93.5	733.3	752.8	128.9	49.6	1.00	13.90	2.00	11.15	7.50
Oct.	134.7	711.6	866.3	283.2	741.1	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	719.9	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	13.90	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	3.20	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

(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 -								
Aug.	649	35	154	1,423	743	2,166	3,005	2,943
Sept.	681	36	156	1,450	750	2,199	3,071	3,029
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	173	655	861	1,517	2,701	2,658
Sept.	1,013	25	174	763	844	1,607	2,820	2,789

(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 and 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	Jan.	1,750.0	2,679.1	113.1	4,316.0
1974	..	386.9	1,424.9	-1,038.0	Feb.	2,050.0	2,811.7	52.9	4,808.8
1975	..	2,076.0	765.0	1,311.0	Mar.	2,300.0	2,028.9	87.4	4,241.5
1976	850.0	456.5	469.4	837.1	Apr.	1,800.0	1,165.8	164.9	2,800.9
1976-77 -					May	1,200.0	707.6	187.1	1,720.5
Sept.	2,050.0	570.2	281.7	2,338.5	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
					Sept.	1,800.0	466.8	46.5	2,220.3

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	2,155.8	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-Apr.	2,707.2	1,959.4	1,340.4	954.3	923.0	313.7	8,198.0	16,167.0
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.	n.a.	677.5	431.9	266.9	306.7	107.3	n.a.	4,151.3
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-Apr.	2,620.0	1,993.5	1,281.5	920.2	890.1	320.6	8,025.9	17,962.4
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.	n.a.	648.1	366.6	283.8	282.5	109.0	n.a.	6,416.5

(a) Aggregate for the six States and the Commonwealth Government together, as obtained from particulars in this table, contains 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.