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POPULATION AND VITAL

As at 30 June -	POPULATION (a) (^{'000} persons)							
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.
1971 (b)	4,679.4	3,520.4	1,881.4	1,185.3	1,043.1	390.2	91.9	145.6
1972	4,746.9	3,577.4	1,932.5	1,202.4	1,070.9	392.2	96.6	158.0
1973	4,793.4	3,628.4	1,987.3	1,217.9	1,089.8	395.7	99.7	168.1
1974	4,839.4	3,676.8	2,046.1	1,236.2	1,117.4	399.3	104.4	179.6
1975	4,884.5	3,719.1	2,084.0	1,252.1	1,146.7	404.7	89.4	190.9
1976 (b)	4,914.3	3,746.0	2,111.7	1,261.6	1,169.8	407.4	101.4	203.3
1977	4,956.7	3,782.3	2,136.8	1,276.8	1,197.1	410.6	105.5	208.2

(a) Revised. See NOTE at the bottom of this page. (b) Census results adjusted for underenumeration.

MEAN POPULATION (a)
(^{'000} persons)

Calendar Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
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	4,841.3	3,676.5	2,044.0	1,235.6	1,117.7	399.6	104.6	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
1977 p	4,956.5	3,781.9	2,137.0	1,276.7	1,197.0	410.6	106.3	208.8	14,074.8
<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	4,865.9	3,700.3	2,066.3	1,245.1	1,133.1	402.1	98.5	184.4	13,695.7
1975-76	4,898.2	3,732.6	2,098.6	1,256.5	1,158.2	406.2	97.8	198.3	13,846.2
1976-77	4,933.5	3,764.4	2,122.8	1,268.8	1,183.3	409.1	103.8	206.1	13,991.8

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

VITAL AND POPULATION STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA

Period	Marriage registrations	Birth registrations	Death registrations	Components of population growth			Population at end of period (^{'000})
				Natural increase (a)	Net migration (b)	Total increase (c) (^{'000})	
1973-74	113,115	243,658	110,179	133,479	82,926	218.7	13,599.1
1974-75	107,056	239,794	114,501	125,293	44,673	172.3	13,771.4
1975-76	103,919	231,135	110,610	120,525	21,229	144.1	(d)13,915.5
1976-77	111,690	226,954	111,494	115,460	43,103	158.6	14,074.1
1975-76 -							
June qtr	26,567	57,279	28,059	29,220	-419	29.4	(d)13,915.5
1976-77 -							
Sept. qtr	23,919	57,186	33,423	23,763	7,232	31.0	13,946.5
Dec. qtr	30,996	55,118	26,208	28,910	15,780	44.7	13,991.2
Mar. qtr	29,914	57,012	25,354	31,658	13,167	44.8	14,036.0
June qtr	26,861	57,638	26,509	31,129	6,924	38.1	14,074.1
1977-78 -							
Sept. qtr	20,343	58,078	31,118	26,960	12,460	39.4	14,113.5
Dec. qtr p	27,773	53,528	25,839	27,689	18,756	46.4	14,159.9

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

OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES (a)

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

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

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

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

ARRIVALS

Period	Short-term movement						Excess of arrivals over departures	
	Permanent movement		Long-term movement		Overseas visitors arriving		Total arrivals	
	Settlers arriving	Australian residents returning	Overseas visitors arriving	Australian residents returning	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted
1974-75	89,147	60,239	23,615	815,930	519,549	..	1,508,480	..
1975-76	52,748	60,224	21,687	931,725	529,656	..	1,596,040	..
1976-77	70,916	59,193	26,133	963,729	540,394	..	1,660,366	..
1976-77 –								
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	53,683	45,852	132,053	135,303
Dec.	7,662	9,536	1,775	53,602	67,371	44,453	139,947	136,965
Jan.	6,205	5,846	3,545	155,433	48,605	45,596	219,634	142,118
Feb.	6,583	4,133	3,640	70,739	48,393	45,632	133,487	136,480
Mar.	6,557	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	41,549	115,865	127,341
June	5,259	3,284	1,921	66,833	31,690	46,555	108,988	139,180
1977-78 –								
July	6,028	4,645	2,079	77,797	40,832	49,384	131,382	153,128
Aug.	4,867	4,664	2,136	85,765	42,763	43,598	140,196	136,838
Sept.	5,670	4,454	2,184	117,081	37,471	46,135	166,861	149,800
Oct.	6,900	4,934	1,905	90,928	45,875	43,539	150,542	134,393
Nov.	5,951	5,278	1,830	74,420	65,095	55,980	152,574	157,502

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
1976-77 –								
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	737	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	41,289	146,501
June	1,173	679	5,391	1,420	85,410	83,857	31,791	125,864
1977-78 –								
July	1,283	702	5,086	1,561	84,368	90,055	34,537	127,537
Aug.	1,280	702	5,216	1,534	103,360	83,636	42,600	154,692
Sept.	1,018	632	4,113	1,142	62,972	81,262	39,386	109,263
Oct.	1,071	625	3,865	1,228	65,540	91,557	40,857	113,183
Nov.	918	553	3,507	1,500	59,195	82,328	50,194	115,868

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

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

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

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

Month	Employed (a)	Unemployed (a)		Total	Labour force (a)	Not in labour force (a)	Civilian population aged 15 years and over (a)	Unemployment rate (b)	Participation rate (c)
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
				— '000 —					— per cent —
MALES									
1976: Nov.	3,871.2	137.6	17.6	155.2	4,026.4	986.5	5,012.9	3.9	80.3
1977: Feb.	3,898.7	166.1	20.0	186.1	4,084.8	954.6	5,039.4	4.6	81.1
May	3,900.1	163.0	21.7	184.7	4,084.8	977.2	5,062.0	4.5	80.7
Aug.	3,873.9	168.5	21.6	190.1	4,064.0	1,017.8	5,081.8	4.7	80.0
Nov.	3,867.3	165.2	18.0	183.2	4,050.5	1,055.7	5,106.2	4.5	79.3
1978: Feb.	3,857.4	235.4	19.5	255.0	4,112.4	1,023.2	5,135.6	6.2	80.1
Mar.	3,870.2	200.2	17.3	217.6	4,087.7	1,056.5	5,144.2	5.3	79.5
MARRIED WOMEN									
1976: Nov.	1,359.3	28.1	24.2	52.3	1,411.6	1,971.9	3,383.5	3.7	41.7
1977: Feb.	1,355.0	44.2	40.3	84.5	1,439.5	1,964.6	3,404.1	5.9	42.3
May	1,381.4	45.0	31.7	76.7	1,458.1	1,953.2	3,411.3	5.3	42.7
Aug.	1,372.2	33.8	34.5	78.3	1,451.5	1,956.1	3,407.6	8.4	42.6
Nov.	1,368.9	34.2	33.4	67.6	1,436.5	1,993.7	3,430.2	4.7	41.9
1978: Feb.	1,320.9	53.2	39.6	92.8	1,413.6	1,994.4	3,408.1	6.6	41.5
Mar.	1,352.9	50.7	37.6	88.3	1,441.1	1,958.2	3,399.3	6.1	42.4
ALL FEMALES									
1976: Nov.	2,085.3	87.4	38.9	126.3	2,211.6	2,918.6	5,130.2	5.7	43.1
1977: Feb.	2,096.1	124.4	61.8	186.2	2,282.3	2,872.9	5,155.2	8.2	44.3
May	2,132.2	112.8	56.3	169.1	2,301.3	2,878.9	5,180.2	7.2	44.4
Aug.	2,126.3	114.8	54.4	169.3	2,295.6	2,906.6	5,202.2	7.4	44.1
Nov.	2,128.2	112.2	51.4	163.6	2,291.8	2,935.2	5,227.0	7.1	43.8
1978: Feb.	2,074.8	160.3	61.8	222.1	2,296.9	2,961.8	5,258.7	9.7	43.7
Mar.	2,117.8	145.4	57.3	202.7	2,320.5	2,947.5	5,268.0	8.7	44.0
PERSONS									
1976: Nov.	5,956.5	225.0	56.5	281.5	6,238.0	3,905.1	10,143.1	4.5	61.5
1977: Feb.	5,996.8	290.5	81.8	372.3	6,367.1	3,827.6	10,194.7	5.8	62.5
May	6,032.4	275.8	78.0	353.8	6,386.2	3,856.0	10,242.2	5.5	62.4
Aug.	6,000.3	283.3	76.0	359.3	6,359.6	3,924.4	10,284.0	5.6	61.8
Nov.	5,995.4	277.4	69.4	346.8	6,342.2	3,991.0	10,333.2	5.5	61.4
1978: Feb.	5,932.3	395.8	81.3	477.0	6,409.3	3,985.0	10,394.3	7.4	61.7
Mar.	5,987.9	345.7	74.6	420.3	6,408.2	4,004.0	10,412.2	6.6	61.5

(a) The estimates relate to all persons aged 15 years and over, except members of the permanent armed forces and certain diplomatic personnel customarily included from census and estimated populations. For definitions see explanatory notes in *Labour Force, March 1978 (Preliminary)* (6202.0). (b) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (c) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

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

Month	Total civilian employees						Private/Government			
	Males		Females		Persons		Private		Government	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)
1973 - June	(c)2,985.1	(c)2,980.7	1,617.7	1,615.8	(c)4,602.9	(c)4,596.6	(c)3,315.0	(c)3,314.0	1,287.9	1,282.5
1974 - June	3,068.2	3,061.9	1,738.3	1,735.8	4,806.5	4,797.7	3,470.1	3,467.9	1,336.4	1,329.8
1975 - June	(c)3,043.5	(c)3,035.4	1,709.2	1,706.1	(c)4,752.7	(c)4,741.5	(c)3,315.7	(c)3,312.5	1,436.9	1,429.0
1976 - June	3,006.2	2,997.0	1,732.9	1,730.1	4,739.1	4,727.1	3,305.8	3,302.2	1,433.2	1,424.9
1976-77 -										
Jan.	2,981.5	2,993.0	1,722.5	1,747.9	4,704.0	4,740.9	3,275.3	3,295.5	1,428.7	1,445.4
Feb.	2,991.2	2,990.2	1,741.1	1,745.6	4,732.3	4,735.8	3,284.6	3,288.7	1,447.7	1,447.1
Mar.	2,994.7	2,987.2	1,749.7	1,745.8	4,744.4	4,733.0	3,288.9	3,282.6	1,455.5	1,450.4
Apr.	2,987.7	2,980.8	1,750.9	1,745.8	4,738.6	4,726.6	3,278.9	3,273.0	1,459.8	1,453.6
May	2,983.2	2,971.8	1,749.2	1,745.0	4,732.4	4,716.8	3,270.1	3,263.1	1,462.3	1,453.7
June	2,979.2	2,969.6	1,747.1	1,744.5	4,726.2	4,714.1	3,262.5	3,258.9	1,463.8	1,455.2
1977-78 -										
July	2,968.9	2,967.6	1,748.9	1,747.4	4,717.8	4,715.0	3,251.0	3,255.7	1,466.8	1,459.1
Aug.	2,964.5	2,968.4	1,752.5	1,752.7	4,717.0	4,721.1	3,246.4	3,254.4	1,470.5	1,466.7
Sept. (c)	2,955.3	2,961.9	1,756.8	1,754.6	4,712.1	4,716.5	3,241.2	3,245.3	1,470.8	1,471.2
Oct. (c)	2,954.4	2,960.9	1,762.5	1,756.6	4,716.9	4,717.5	3,241.9	3,239.2	1,475.0	1,478.3
Nov.	2,959.6	2,963.4	1,770.1	1,760.1	4,729.7	4,723.5	3,251.9	3,240.6	1,477.8	1,482.9
Dec.	2,960.2	2,966.3	1,763.5	1,769.3	4,723.7	4,735.6	3,251.9	3,248.1	1,471.8	1,487.5
Jan.	2,954.5	2,966.2	1,747.9	1,773.5	4,702.4	4,739.7	3,225.9	3,245.9	1,476.5	1,493.8
Feb.	2,962.6	2,957.2	1,761.9	1,766.7	4,724.6	4,723.9	3,233.7	3,238.0	1,490.8	1,485.9

(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 returns, (ii) current returns from Government bodies, and (iii) some other current returns of employers' (e.g. for hospitals); the balance, i.e. unrecorded private employment, is estimated. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked with the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. At June 1971 recorded employment obtained from the foregoing sources accounted for about 90 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered, as determined by the census. The estimates shown are based on the Australian Standard Industrial Classification. For further details on these series see *Employment and Unemployment* (6213.0) published monthly. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates in this statement have been revised. For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1978* (1308.0) to be released shortly. (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

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

Month	Manu- facturing	Con- struction	Whole- sale and retail trade	Trans- port and storage	Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	Public admin- istration and defence (b)	Comm- unity services	Entertain- ment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services (c)	Other Indus- tries (d)	Total
MALES										
1973 - June	(e)940.1	381.5	536.6	211.2	193.2	138.0	241.0	100.2	243.4	(e)2,985.2
1974 - June	960.5	385.7	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	154.0	268.7	110.9	254.6	(e)3,043.5
1976 - June	888.7	352.7	558.3	214.6	197.3	153.3	280.1	111.3	249.9	3,006.2
1976-77 -										
Jan.	875.9	340.6	557.4	214.6	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	212.2	197.5	152.9	290.6	111.0	250.7	2,983.2
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	110.2	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
Oct.	(e)853.5	336.0	550.4	211.1	195.3	152.9	293.5	111.0	250.5	(e)2,954.4
Nov.	854.0	335.9	552.5	213.2	194.9	153.0	293.8	111.7	250.6	2,959.6
Dec.	849.9	334.8	554.4	214.8	195.8	153.0	292.8	112.8	251.9	2,960.2
Jan.	848.8	333.0	550.9	212.1	196.0	153.7	295.5	112.4	252.1	2,954.5
Feb.	852.4	336.9	549.6	211.2	196.6	153.8	298.3	111.5	252.3	2,962.6
FEMALES										
1973 - June	347.3	17.9	388.7	33.9	171.9	67.9	397.4	150.3	42.4	1,617.7
1974 - June	370.9	19.1	416.3	36.9	185.0	76.0	428.4	160.5	45.1	1,738.3
1975 - June	309.0	18.2	406.7	36.7	181.2	89.5	458.7	163.6	45.7	1,709.2
1976 - June	308.2	18.2	410.1	36.2	183.0	90.2	480.9	161.0	45.2	1,732.9
1976-77 -										
Jan.	296.7	18.2	410.1	36.7	186.0	90.6	477.4	161.2	45.7	1,722.5
Feb.	298.4	18.2	411.2	36.5	187.1	91.7	492.3	160.6	45.1	1,741.1
Mar.	298.9	18.2	412.2	36.6	187.8	92.5	497.1	161.2	45.0	1,749.7
Apr.	295.0	18.1	414.4	36.8	187.6	92.8	499.7	161.3	45.1	1,750.9
May	291.9	18.1	413.7	37.0	188.0	93.4	500.4	161.5	45.3	1,749.2
June	290.2	18.1	414.0	37.1	187.6	93.3	501.1	160.6	45.0	1,747.1
1977-78 -										
July	288.5	18.0	413.9	37.0	187.7	94.4	503.9	160.1	45.5	1,748.9
Aug.	289.1	18.1	413.4	37.0	187.5	95.3	506.8	160.0	45.5	1,752.5
Sept.	289.2	17.9	414.4	37.1	187.6	94.8	508.6	161.8	45.4	(e)1,756.8
Oct.	289.2	18.0	417.2	37.3	187.8	94.7	510.2	162.6	45.5	1,762.5
Nov.	290.2	17.9	421.9	37.4	187.4	95.0	511.5	163.3	45.6	1,770.1
Dec.	286.4	18.0	425.7	37.4	188.0	95.2	503.4	163.0	46.3	1,763.5
Jan.	283.9	18.0	413.3	37.0	187.8	95.2	504.1	162.4	46.2	1,747.9
Feb.	286.2	18.0	415.2	37.1	188.5	95.9	513.5	161.6	45.9	1,761.9
PERSONS										
1973 - June	(e)1,287.4	399.4	925.4	245.1	365.1	205.9	638.3	250.4	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)4,752.7
1976 - June	1,196.9	370.9	968.4	250.8	380.3	243.5	761.0	273.3	293.0	4,739.1
1976-77 -										
Jan.	1,172.5	358.8	967.4	251.3	383.8	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	1,163.3	360.2	969.4	249.2	385.5	246.4	791.0	272.4	296.1	4,732.4
June	1,156.2	361.0	958.9	249.3	385.0	246.1	792.4	271.3	275.6	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	356.8	965.2	248.2	383.8	248.1	800.1	270.6	296.7	4,717.0
Sept.	(e)1,145.1	354.2	965.1	248.1	383.6	247.6	801.6	272.7	(e)294.0	(e)4,712.1
Oct.	(e)1,142.7	354.0	967.6	248.3	383.1	247.7	803.7	273.6	296.0	(e)4,716.9
Nov.	1,144.2	353.8	974.4	249.2	383.3	247.9	805.3	274.9	296.1	4,729.7
Dec.	1,136.4	352.8	980.1	252.1	383.8	248.2	796.1	275.9	298.3	4,723.7
Jan.	1,132.7	350.9	964.2	249.1	383.9	248.9	799.6	274.7	298.4	4,702.4
Feb.	1,138.6	354.9	964.7	248.3	385.1	249.7	811.7	273.1	298.5	4,724.6

(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. r - revised.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES: STATES (a) (000)

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

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.(b)	Australia
MALES									
1973 - June	(c)1,104.5	(c)819.9	398.9	270.5	233.8	87.9	25.1	44.8	(c)2,985.2
1974 - June	1,123.7	842.9	415.2	278.4	243.0	89.6	26.8	48.5	3,068.2
1975 - June	1,102.3	(c)832.9	414.4	278.3	247.9	90.7	24.5	52.4	(c)3,043.5
1976 - June	1,076.5	827.7	410.6	278.5	248.4	88.2	24.9	51.4	3,006.2
1976-77 -									
Jan.	1,062.8	826.0	401.9	277.8	250.6	88.8	23.6	50.0	2,981.5
Feb.	1,064.7	827.8	404.8	278.2	252.9	89.1	23.6	50.1	2,991.2
Mar.	1,065.3	827.6	405.6	278.9	254.2	89.5	23.4	50.3	2,994.7
Apr.	1,062.6	822.7	407.0	277.3	255.1	89.4	23.4	50.2	2,987.7
May	1,060.8	821.2	407.3	276.8	254.2	89.2	23.6	50.3	2,983.2
June	1,058.8	818.8	409.7	275.5	253.8	88.7	23.7	50.2	2,979.2
1977-78 -									
July	1,056.3	814.3	408.0	274.3	253.8	88.1	23.9	50.2	2,968.9
Aug.	1,055.7	812.5	407.5	273.1	253.7	88.1	23.8	50.2	2,964.5
Sept.	1,054.2	(c)807.0	407.6	271.6	253.3	87.8	23.6	50.2	(c)2,955.3
Oct.	1,054.8	(c)807.3	406.0	271.4	253.7	87.4	23.5	50.1	(c)2,954.4
Nov.	1,056.3	811.1	403.7	272.0	255.0	87.9	23.2	50.4	2,959.6
Dec.	1,057.8	814.9	398.4	272.5	254.7	88.4	23.2	50.4	2,960.2
Jan.	1,055.2	814.7	396.7	271.2	254.8	88.4	23.1	50.4	2,967.0
Feb.	1,060.1	815.3	398.2	271.2	255.9	88.3	23.1	50.7	2,954.5
FEMALES									
1973 - June	604.0	470.5	194.2	145.9	123.1	41.3	11.5	27.3	1,617.7
1974 - June	643.9	502.2	210.0	161.0	132.3	44.1	13.3	31.5	1,738.3
1975 - June	625.2	487.3	210.3	159.5	133.1	46.5	11.7	35.4	1,709.2
1976 - June	623.3	495.1	216.1	166.5	136.7	46.8	12.6	35.8	1,732.9
1976-77 -									
Jan.	613.8	494.9	215.7	164.6	138.2	48.0	12.5	34.8	1,722.5
Feb.	622.4	497.0	216.1	167.9	141.7	48.2	12.7	35.1	1,741.1
Mar.	624.7	498.4	216.6	170.3	142.7	48.6	12.8	35.6	1,749.7
Apr.	675.2	498.0	216.8	170.0	143.5	48.7	12.9	35.8	1,750.9
May	624.2	497.6	217.4	169.3	143.3	48.6	13.1	35.9	1,749.2
June	624.4	495.4	218.0	168.8	142.9	48.4	13.2	35.8	1,747.1
1977-78 -									
July	624.4	495.1	218.8	169.3	143.5	48.5	13.3	36.1	1,748.9
Aug.	625.5	496.5	219.1	169.1	144.4	48.6	13.1	36.2	1,752.5
Sept.	627.2	(c)497.0	221.0	168.3	145.2	48.8	13.1	36.1	(c)1,756.8
Oct.	629.8	498.6	221.1	168.7	146.2	48.8	13.0	36.2	1,762.5
Nov.	632.0	500.7	220.9	171.1	147.0	49.3	13.0	36.1	1,770.1
Dec.	630.3	502.4	218.4	169.2	144.8	49.3	13.1	36.0	1,763.5
Jan.	619.5	500.3	218.3	167.0	144.8	49.3	12.9	35.9	1,747.9
Feb.	626.6	501.5	219.1	169.8	146.5	49.4	13.0	36.1	1,761.9
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	4,806.5
1975 - June	1,727.5	(c)1,320.3	624.6	437.8	381.0	137.3	36.2	87.9	(c)4,752.7
1976 - June	1,699.8	1,322.8	626.7	445.0	385.2	135.0	37.5	87.1	4,739.1
1976-77 -									
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	1,318.8	624.7	446.0	397.5	137.8	36.7	86.1	4,732.4
June	1,683.3	1,314.2	627.7	444.3	396.7	137.1	36.9	86.0	4,726.2
1977-78 -									
July	1,680.7	1,309.4	626.8	443.5	397.3	136.6	37.1	86.3	4,717.8
Aug.	1,681.2	1,309.0	626.6	442.1	398.1	136.7	36.9	86.4	4,717.0
Sept.	1,681.4	(c)1,304.0	628.6	439.9	398.5	136.7	36.8	86.3	(c)4,712.1
Oct.	1,684.6	(c)1,305.9	627.1	440.2	400.0	136.2	36.6	86.3	(c)4,716.9
Nov.	1,688.3	1,311.8	624.6	443.2	402.0	137.2	36.2	86.5	4,729.7
Dec.	1,688.1	1,317.4	616.8	441.7	399.5	137.7	36.3	86.4	4,723.7
Jan.	1,674.7	1,315.0	615.1	438.2	399.6	137.7	36.0	86.3	4,702.4
Feb.	1,686.7	1,316.7	617.3	441.0	402.4	137.7	36.1	86.7	4,724.6

(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		
								Malet	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 -										
Feb.	150,453	77,263	54,697	25,856	25,506	10,044	2,849	224,044	122,624	346,668
Mar.	141,790	72,721	51,195	24,484	24,170	8,685	3,504	208,315	118,234	326,549
Apr.	139,911	73,223	49,484	25,516	23,451	7,975	3,629	208,791	114,398	323,189
May	138,869	72,838	48,474	25,917	23,524	8,116	3,445	208,937	112,246	321,183
June	140,977	77,613	48,582	27,590	25,573	8,786	3,692	217,642	115,151	332,793
1977-78 -										
July	139,688	78,713	49,819	29,134	26,588	9,505	3,944	223,856	113,535	337,391
Aug.	137,130	79,289	47,923	29,299	26,595	9,740	4,002	225,621	108,357	333,978
Sept.	133,640	77,568	47,712	30,155	25,749	9,416	3,972	223,122	105,090	328,212
Oct.	133,087	119,002	48,143	30,663	26,135	9,334	3,971	261,829	108,506	370,335
Nov.	138,502	87,508	57,618	32,350	27,334	9,857	3,788	240,408	116,549	356,957
Dec.	154,694	99,286	65,716	36,822	30,964	12,621	3,972	270,109	133,976	404,085
Jan.	170,815	106,372	74,484	41,205	35,236	12,807	4,381	295,090	150,210	445,300
Feb.	163,036	103,370	71,957	39,896	35,571	12,879	4,547	281,848	149,408	431,256
Mar.	154,427	98,051	68,665	39,190	33,364	12,051	4,246	268,362	141,632	409,994

(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 Australia Capital Territory.

VACANCIES REGISTERED WITH COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations)

Month (b)	N.S.W. (c)	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia					
								Adults		Juniors (d)		Total	
								Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original
1974 - June	23,160	23,561	6,180	4,231	3,302	1,078	668	48,128	51,428	14,052	22,101	62,180	73,529
1975 - June	8,984	7,868	2,484	2,381	2,346	823	631	21,622	23,024	3,895	6,185	25,517	29,209
1976 - June	5,950	7,187	1,605	1,749	1,626	654	423	16,735	17,670	2,459	3,934	19,194	21,604
1976-77 -													
Feb.	10,446	9,907	1,966	2,051	3,007	1,252	241	20,885	18,407	7,985	6,546	28,870	24,953
Mar.	7,609	8,145	1,906	1,678	2,616	1,293	221	18,491	17,360	4,977	5,883	23,468	23,243
Apr.	6,742	7,534	1,929	1,310	2,295	922	276	16,632	16,094	4,376	5,813	21,008	21,907
May	6,771	7,977	1,791	1,165	1,995	918	277	15,959	15,536	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	22,242
1977-78 -													
July	6,557	6,792	1,749	1,125	1,771	840	252	15,055	16,359	4,031	6,374	19,086	22,733
Aug.	7,041	6,661	2,114	1,482	1,972	864	241	15,844	16,360	4,531	6,755	20,375	23,115
Sept.	6,802	6,609	1,932	1,422	1,959	924	230	14,982	14,838	4,896	6,416	19,878	21,254
Oct.	7,856	6,713	2,026	1,306	2,129	804	265	15,723	15,576	5,376	5,740	21,099	21,316
Nov.	7,619	6,377	1,740	1,442	1,928	834	316	14,129	15,135	6,127	4,427	20,256	19,562
Dec.	8,631	5,684	1,569	1,182	1,635	991	271	12,208	14,745	7,755	4,212	19,963	18,957
Jan.	11,008	7,188	1,825	1,642	1,909	1,033	263	15,474	13,925	9,394	5,918	24,868	19,843
Feb.	8,371	7,260	1,875	1,661	1,947	911	232	15,589	13,735	6,668	5,586	22,257	19,321
Mar.	6,963	6,255	2,034	1,501	1,622	882	266	14,030	13,186	5,493	6,584	19,523	19,770

(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 February 1978 was 3,600 while the C.E.S. figure was 22,257. Results of the surveys and reasons why the survey estimates differ from C.E.S. statistics were published in *Job Vacancies, November 1977* (6231.0).

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

Date	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Qld	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1975 June 28	57,599	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 -									
Mar. 25	111,456	45,840	36,086	19,619	16,456	6,926	159,692	76,691	236,383
Apr. 22	108,018	43,583	34,274	19,391	n.a.	6,575	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
May 20	110,492	n.a.	34,350	n.a.	16,489	6,554	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1977-78 -									
July 1	111,703	n.a.	33,592	23,494	18,942	7,078	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July 29	112,186	54,982	34,340	24,533	19,790	7,978	176,414	77,395	253,809
Aug. 26	111,505	57,256	33,710	25,268	19,207	7,917	179,604	75,259	254,863
Sept. 23	106,696	54,669	33,500	25,890	20,713	8,083	177,668	71,883	249,551
Oct. 21	105,277	61,425	33,354	25,732	19,499	8,037	182,162	71,162	253,324
Dec. 2	95,170	60,372	33,709	25,321	16,581	7,179	172,028	66,304	238,332
Dec. 30	105,021	57,626	39,146	28,043	18,777	7,610	185,211	71,012	256,223
Jan. 27	108,165	64,795	39,924	28,540	19,228	9,244	192,871	77,025	269,896
Feb. 24	117,917	69,245	47,732	31,744	22,240	9,577	206,991	91,464	298,455
Mar. 24	119,113	64,693	45,953	31,519	20,293	8,785	199,236	91,120	290,356

(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 -			
Mar. 25	32,836	8,521	244
Apr. 22	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
May 20	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1977-78 -			
July 1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July 29	35,102	9,315	169
Aug. 26	35,929	9,481	176
Sept. 23	35,665	9,179	210
Oct. 21	35,647	9,492	247
Dec. 2	36,980	9,609	551
Dec. 30	31,915	8,912	564
Jan. 27	33,684	9,958	508
Feb. 24	34,670	10,083	540
Mar. 24	32,396	10,014	446

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

INTERNAL TRADE

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

Retail sales figures in the table below relate principally to sales to the final consumer of new and used goods for personal and household purposes. The series covers retail sales by all establishments included in the Australian Standard Industrial Classification subdivision 48 except motor establishments, bread and milk vendors, footwear repairers and household electrical appliance repairers. The following establishments are also included: cafes and restaurants, licensed hotels, motels and wine saloons, licensed clubs and hairdressers. The estimates are obtained from a survey based on the 1973-74 Census of Retail Establishments. For further explanation see *Retail Sales of Goods* (8503.0) September 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	News- papers, books and stationery	Other goods (f)	Total (excl. motor vehicles, etc.)
ORIGINAL													
1974-75	2,647.7	1,040.8	1,633.4	2,075.5	2,589.7	395.6	652.9	1,360.1	925.4	893.7	587.3	1,413.2	16,215.3
1975-76	3,145.8	1,107.3	1,844.8	2,525.4	2,897.1	448.9	758.4	1,724.2	1,067.5	1,043.8	679.0	1,640.2	18,882.4
1976-77	3,701.6	1,268.2	2,092.4	2,853.6	3,234.3	505.3	834.8	1,935.6	1,192.3	1,130.6	778.2	1,829.1	21,356.0
1975-76 - June qtr	818.7	284.8	479.0	632.1	804.5	121.7	178.4	442.8	270.8	262.1	165.2	393.5	4,853.6
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	866.4	301.9	488.2	650.3	753.9	115.2	179.3	476.7	294.7	270.3	172.9	412.6	4,982.4
Dec. qtr	978.5	322.8	549.8	782.8	921.5	137.7	275.0	577.4	337.7	317.5	212.4	566.2	5,979.3
Mar. qtr	897.6	306.2	519.5	715.9	677.9	112.2	186.2	422.5	264.7	262.4	202.4	418.1	4,985.6
June qtr	959.1	337.3	534.9	704.6	881.0	140.2	194.3	459.0	295.2	280.4	190.5	432.2	5,408.7
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	990.2	341.7	546.2	720.2	824.7	129.9	206.5	455.3	315.7	291.7	198.4	460.6	5,481.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
1975-76 - 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
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	996.2	334.4	555.4	766.4	856.2	134.4	226.3	473.3	305.1	297.5	211.1	483.8	5,633.7
MONTHLY ESTIMATES													
Total (excluding motor vehicles, etc.)							Total (excluding motor vehicles, etc.)						
Period	Original	Seasonally adjusted					Period	Original	Seasonally adjusted				
1976-77 -							1977-78 -						
Dec.	2,424.0	1,806.2					July	1,775.3		1,851.1			
Jan.	1,631.9	1,766.3					Aug.	1,839.9		1,875.4			
Feb.	1,592.8	1,805.5					Sept.	1,865.9		1,899.3			
Mar.	1,760.9	1,815.5					Oct. p	1,915.0		1,930.0			
Apr.	1,748.8	1,796.8					Nov. p	2,023.0		1,954.0			
May	1,871.2	1,861.6					Dec. p	2,657.0		1,987.0			
June	1,788.7	1,865.6					Jan. p	1,794.0		1,942.0			
							Feb. p	1,770.0		2,007.0			

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

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

INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES (\$ million)

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

Period	Amount financed during period (excluding hiring charges, interest, insurance, etc.)			Cash collections and other liquidations of balances during period	Balances outstanding at end of period (including hiring charges, etc.)
	Motor vehicles, etc	Household and personal goods	Total		
FINANCE COMPANIES					
1976-77 : Jan.	90.0	19.9	109.9		
Feb.	95.1	22.1	117.2	132.7	2,491.1
Mar.	107.7	25.9	133.6	153.3	2,511.5
Apr.	91.5	25.4	116.8	175.3	2,524.6
May	104.5	29.7	134.2	145.0	2,546.8
June	105.8	27.7	133.4	167.1	2,571.2
1977-78 : July	99.4	26.3	125.7	161.4	2,604.3
Aug.	107.9	24.9	132.8	155.7	2,628.4
Sept.	105.5	25.9	131.4	168.1	2,649.6
Oct.	95.2	29.4	124.6	163.6	2,676.0
Nov.	101.4	30.9	132.3	158.7	2,698.3
Dec.	95.2	32.3	127.6	163.9	2,724.9
Jan.	95.2	19.1	114.3	154.6	2,747.0
Feb.	93.7	21.6	115.3	154.0	2,762.7
States, February 1978 -				172.0	2,756.9
N.S.W.	31.6	9.8	41.4		
Vic.	21.1	3.8	24.9	58.5	958.4
Qld	13.3	3.7	17.0	37.6	597.5
S.A.	9.2	1.2	10.3	27.1	468.7
W.A.	11.3	2.2	13.5	(a)16.9	(a)270.3
Tas.	4.1	0.5	4.6	20.6	289.4
N.T.	0.8	0.1	0.9	6.8	103.0
A.C.T.	2.3	0.5	2.8	(b)	(b)
				4.4	69.5
OTHER BUSINESSES					
1976-77 : Jan.	0.3	16.5	16.7	22.0	180.5
Feb.	0.1	18.3	18.4	26.2	174.5
Mar.	0.1	20.5	20.6	27.0	170.0
Apr.	0.1	19.3	19.4	24.9	166.2
May	0.1	21.4	21.5	26.1	163.8
June	0.1	21.4	21.5	25.6	161.8
1977-78 : July	0.1	22.0	22.0	23.8	160.8
Aug.	0.1	21.1	21.2	23.4	160.7
Sept.	0.1	19.0	19.1	22.2	159.5
Oct.	0.1	19.1	19.1	21.8	158.4
Nov.	0.1	21.9	21.9	22.2	162.2
Dec.	0.1	26.3	26.4	21.4	169.0
Jan.	0.1	15.3	15.3	21.1	165.0
Feb.	0.1	15.3	15.3	21.6	160.5
States, February 1978 -					
N.S.W.	0.1	4.2	4.2		
Vic.	0.1	5.2	5.2	5.3	45.6
Qld	0.1	1.7	1.7	7.6	50.0
S.A.	0.1	2.4	2.4	2.4	15.5
W.A.	0.1	1.5	1.5	(a)3.6	(a)30.1
Tas.	0.1	0.3	0.3	2.3	15.5
N.T.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	3.6
A.C.T.	0.1	0.1	0.1	(b)	(b)
				0.1	0.2
ALL BUSINESSES					
1976-77 : Jan.	90.2	36.3	126.6	154.7	2,671.6
Feb.	95.2	40.4	135.6	179.5	2,686.0
Mar.	107.8	46.4	154.2	202.3	2,694.6
Apr.	91.6	44.7	136.2	169.9	2,712.9
May	104.6	51.2	155.7	193.2	2,735.0
June	105.8	49.1	154.9	187.0	2,766.2
1977-78 : July	99.4	48.3	147.7	179.5	2,789.1
Aug.	108.0	46.0	154.0	191.5	2,810.2
Sept.	105.6	44.9	150.5	185.8	2,835.4
Oct.	95.2	48.5	143.7	180.5	2,856.7
Nov.	101.4	52.8	154.2	186.1	2,887.1
Dec.	93.3	58.6	151.9	176.0	2,916.1
Jan.	95.2	34.4	129.6	175.1	2,927.7
Feb.	93.7	36.9	130.7	193.7	2,917.3
States, February 1978 -					
N.S.W.	31.6	14.0	45.6	63.8	1,004.0
Vic.	21.1	9.0	30.1	45.2	647.5
Qld	13.3	3.4	16.7	29.5	484.3
S.A.	9.2	3.6	12.8	(a)20.5	(a)300.4
W.A.	11.3	3.6	15.0	22.9	304.9
Tas.	4.1	0.8	4.9	7.3	106.6
N.T.	0.8	0.1	0.9	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	2.3	0.5	2.8	4.5	69.6

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

OVERSEAS TRADE

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASS
(\$ million)

Period	Producers' materials for use in -											
	Manufacturing											
	Building and construction		Rural industries		Motor vehicle assembly		Other		Total		Fuels and lubricants	
	Class I.A	Class I.B	Class I.C(5)	Class I.C(1-4)	Class I.	Class II.	Class III.	Class VII.				
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
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
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
1976-77	342.8	3.3	94.1	0.9	636.7	6.2	3,166.3	30.7	4,240.0	41.0	337.4	3.3
1976-77 -												
Dec.	29.9	3.9	4.8	0.6	44.5	5.8	217.4	28.4	296.7	38.7	21.6	2.8
Jan.	32.6	3.7	8.5	1.0	48.2	5.5	255.9	29.1	345.3	39.3	32.2	3.7
Feb.	27.3	3.0	14.5	1.6	56.8	6.2	266.8	29.3	365.4	40.2	39.0	4.3
Mar.	34.3	3.5	6.0	0.6	54.3	5.6	278.8	28.7	373.3	38.4	39.6	4.1
Apr.	29.9	3.4	7.0	0.8	56.0	6.4	268.9	30.5	361.8	41.1	37.3	4.2
May	27.1	2.8	11.4	1.2	61.5	6.4	321.5	33.2	421.4	43.5	23.5	2.4
June	32.5	3.5	8.8	0.9	54.8	5.9	274.2	29.5	370.3	39.8	25.7	2.8
1977-78 p -												
July	26.4	2.8	6.6	0.7	51.7	5.4	312.3	33.5	397.0	42.6	27.2	2.9
Aug.	27.6	2.7	14.1	1.4	58.5	5.8	293.7	29.3	393.9	39.2	22.1	2.2
Sept.	24.0	2.8	7.0	0.8	45.4	5.2	280.0	32.1	356.5	40.9	26.2	3.0
Oct.	29.2	3.2	8.7	1.0	39.9	4.4	306.5	33.6	384.5	42.1	36.2	4.0
Nov.	26.9	2.9	7.5	0.8	45.5	4.8	289.7	30.7	369.6	39.2	47.0	5.0
Dec.	20.0	2.7	3.5	0.5	37.0	4.9	232.0	30.9	292.5	38.9	17.6	2.3
Jan.	30.0	3.1	11.9	1.2	49.0	5.0	322.7	33.2	413.5	42.5	48.9	5.0
Capital equipment												
Period	Transport equipment				Finished consumer goods				Total imports			
	Producers' equipment		Complete road vehicles and assembled chassis		Food beverages and tobacco Class VI.A,B,C		Clothing and accessories		Total imports of merchandise		Seasonally adjusted (a)	
	Class IV.	Class V.B	V.A,C,D	Class VI.A,B,C	Class VI.D	Class VI.E-J	Class VI.	Original				
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%				
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
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
1976-77	2,086.5	20.2	700.9	6.8	132.5	1.3	449.9	4.4	307.4	3.0	1,872.7	18.1
1976-77 -												
Dec.	146.2	19.1	61.4	8.0	16.5	2.2	41.0	5.4	21.6	2.8	143.2	18.7
Jan.	193.8	22.1	58.8	6.7	8.6	1.0	32.2	3.7	33.9	3.9	156.5	17.8
Feb.	183.8	20.2	56.0	6.2	8.3	0.9	43.5	5.0	42.5	4.7	155.2	17.1
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
Apr.	185.8	21.1	62.6	7.1	8.0	0.9	40.9	4.6	20.3	2.3	150.3	17.1
May	199.6	20.6	63.0	6.5	13.5	1.4	41.0	4.2	18.1	1.9	169.0	17.5
June	199.1	21.4	64.6	6.9	9.3	1.0	46.1	5.0	21.0	2.3	156.0	16.8
1977-78 p -												
July	183.9	19.7	63.9	6.8	14.6	1.6	49.1	5.3	30.0	3.2	155.5	16.7
Aug.	208.7	20.8	64.2	6.4	20.9	2.1	60.2	6.0	37.5	3.7	184.4	18.4
Sept.	172.2	19.8	53.6	6.2	15.4	1.8	48.3	5.5	26.9	3.1	160.3	18.4
Oct.	190.6	20.9	45.6	5.0	28.9	3.2	36.5	4.0	21.4	2.3	155.0	17.0
Nov.	207.2	22.0	56.8	6.0	13.2	1.4	41.2	4.4	22.5	2.4	171.9	18.2
Dec.	170.2	22.7	56.4	7.5	14.5	1.9	33.1	4.4	23.0	3.1	128.6	17.1
Jan.	196.0	20.1	56.1	5.8	12.1	1.2	46.1	4.7	38.6	4.0	142.9	14.7

(a) Seasonally adjusted figures from 1976-77 are derived from the values of total imports on the new basis of valuation.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES
(\$ million)

Period	Meats	Dairy produce	Wheat and flour	Dried, fresh and pre- served fruit	Sugar	Coal, coke and briquettes	Ores and concentrates	
							Non- ferrous	Iron
1974-75	443.8	157.4	1,078.6	91.2	644.6	733.4	421.8	706.5
1975-76	667.9	189.5	961.5	96.1	569.9	1,069.8	526.6	771.0
1976-77	884.8	189.3	893.4	98.9	637.5	1,291.5	645.1	901.7
1976-77 -								
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	89.7	45.0	97.4
Mar.	85.6	19.4	50.2	6.7	31.9	94.3	41.2	62.9
Apr.	78.2	12.8	85.7	9.0	46.0	135.8	57.3	69.2
May	99.6	17.0	79.6	14.1	39.0	119.5	57.4	80.4
June	94.3	16.9	77.2	13.2	28.4	108.1	71.3	68.1
1977-78 p -								
July	93.3	14.7	91.6	10.3	56.3	98.5	46.5	75.2
August	91.0	12.3	79.0	12.7	68.9	140.4	50.4	86.8
September	80.6	13.9	94.6	11.7	68.7	108.5	50.5	93.3
October	92.2	13.2	61.5	6.7	63.6	137.1	63.2	83.7
November	95.9	19.0	107.9	7.9	77.6	130.0	52.2	73.9
December	76.1	18.5	81.8	3.3	49.3	98.2	39.9	76.2
January	79.4	21.0	79.9	6.3	54.2	103.6	58.5	79.0
February	108.5	16.1	95.2	4.5	1.8	134.5	51.4	68.4

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	91.7	1,477.1	..	11,483.9	11,646	..
1976-77 -						
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	903.3	913	966
Mar.	8.2	136.9	119.7	944.0	958	1,008
Apr.	9.0	122.4	130.2	1,012.8	1,024	1,041
May	8.9	109.3	105.0	1,019.0	1,029	996
June	9.3	92.9	87.0	968.7	979	928
1977-78 p -						
July	8.4	84.2	82.3	954.0	980	1,007
August	10.7	56.8	56.2	1,051.7	1,088	1,058
September	10.0	62.8	91.0	988.4	1,009	957
October	7.0	52.8	70.5	952.5	961	926
November	6.0	110.9	120.8	1,095.3	1,110	1,110
December	8.8	131.2	135.4	974.2	988	1,021
January	5.0	138.5	106.1	995.3	1,010	1,060
February	5.4	96.6	82.7	932.3	943	980

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

Period	Meat and meat preparations	Cereal grains and cereal preparations	Sugar, sugar preparations and honey	Other (dairy produce, fruit, etc.)	Wool and sheepskins	Metaliferous ores and metal scrap	Coal, coke and briquettes	Metals, metal manufactures, machinery, transport equipment	Other exports	All exports of merchandise	
										Original	Seasonally adjusted
1974-75	380	646	124	249	653	976	267	842	761	4,898	..
1975-76	506	646	124	294	819	927	246	773	793	5,128	..
1976-77	601	681	157	325	952	976	279	797	857	5,625	..
1975-76 - June qtr	134	200	30	80	185	243	73	200	204	1,349	1,325
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	156	189	54	88	250	267	66	215	229	1,514	1,503
Dec. qtr	135	142	53	77	257	240	69	208	216	1,397	1,414
Mar. qtr	139	171	27	75	253	221	67	185	195	1,333	1,355
June qtr	171	179	23	86	191	248	77	190	216	1,381	1,356
1977-78 p - Sept. qtr	172	200	48	71	129	257	69	216	239	1,401	1,388

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

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

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

PRICES AND WAGES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

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

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

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transport- ation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (a)	Recreation (b)	All groups
1974-75	164.0	173.0	187.4	153.8	173.0	170.4	186.5	..	171.1
1975-76	180.2	201.0	221.1	178.3	203.8	211.1	151.6	..	193.3
1976-77	201.2	232.5	251.8	196.3	221.9	229.8	265.8	104.1	220.0
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
Dec. qtr	222.1	256.5	273.2	211.7	239.2	239.2	311.0	112.6	239.6

(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
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
Dec. qtr	239.6	241.8	236.6	236.3	241.0	242.5	238.1	231.9	239.5

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

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

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)

Manufactured materials (imported) (b)									
Period	Chemicals	Metal manu- factures components, for trans- port equip- ment and machinery	Other manu- factured materials (b)	Other materials (imported and home produced) (c)					All groups
				Food, live animals and tobacco	Crude materials (excl. fuels)	Electricity, gas and fuels	Total imported materials	Total home produced materials	
Value weight (%)	6.67	5.21	5.76	45.87	20.66	15.83	27.16	72.84	100.00
1974-75	141.9	148.7	137.4	132.4	149.3	179.5	181.5	131.6	145.1
1975-76	149.4	179.6	148.4	132.5	163.0	229.0	202.9	142.0	158.6
1976-77 p	160.3	211.6	164.5	154.9	191.5	254.8	233.2	163.1	182.2
1976-77 —									
Dec.	164.9	211.9	162.1	147.1	195.1	252.5	233.1	159.0	179.1
Jan.	164.3	211.4	169.5	152.0	196.3	258.2	239.7	162.4	183.4
Feb.	165.6	224.5	171.6	155.1	198.2	269.0	247.7	164.8	187.3
Mar.	167.6	226.9	174.2	161.4	199.9	268.0	250.9	168.3	190.8
Apr.	166.6	227.5	174.7	165.5	200.7	268.6	251.5	171.1	192.9
May	167.7	229.0	175.5	165.2	200.3	269.7	252.6	170.9	193.1
June	168.1	231.7	176.0	168.7	196.1	268.7	253.7	171.5	193.9
1977-78 —									
July	168.2	233.4	179.5	169.5	195.4	268.8	253.7	172.3	194.4
Aug.	169.0	234.8	181.6	166.9	194.8	281.6	255.3	172.9	195.3
Sept.	169.2	237.0	182.8	163.3	197.6	292.4	255.9	173.9	196.2
Oct.	168.4	238.1	183.7	158.8	199.6	293.6	255.7	172.0	194.8
Nov.	168.6	240.8	183.2	155.0	197.0	292.9	255.4	169.1	192.5
Dec. p	169.9	241.8	184.1	161.6	197.5	291.2	255.1	173.4	195.6
Jan. p	170.0	251.8	185.1	165.1	199.5	292.9	256.6	176.7	198.4

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

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

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

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)

Period	Selected net sub-division indexes (c)							
	All Manu- facturing Industry Index (b)							Other industrial machinery and household appliances (33)
	Food, beverages and tobacco (21-22)	Clothing and footwear (24)	Wood, wood products and furniture (25)	Glass, clay and other non-metallic mineral products (28)	Basic metal products (29)	Fabricated metal products (31)	Transport equipment (32)	
1974-75	158.1	153.0	161.3	190.0	158.3	151.9	183.2	158.9
1975-76	177.8	163.5	185.2	219.9	183.2	174.0	217.1	179.2
1976-77	196.9	180.0	208.1	246.8	202.5	200.6	244.9	199.4
1976-77 —								
Nov.	192.9	175.3	206.2	244.0	201.3	195.0	243.0	194.6
Dec.	195.6	178.6	206.2	245.2	201.8	201.6	245.4	196.4
Jan.	198.0	180.7	207.1	248.7	203.0	203.2	246.1	200.3
Feb.	200.4	183.6	210.5	251.6	205.9	205.2	248.0	203.0
Mar.	202.4	186.1	212.5	252.0	206.3	208.4	249.5	204.9
Apr.	204.0	187.5	213.3	254.0	206.9	209.0	251.4	206.8
May	204.3	187.5	213.9	256.6	206.9	209.3	251.8	207.2
June	205.0	187.9	214.9	257.8	208.1	207.4	254.3	208.5
1977-78 —								
July	206.7	189.3	217.7	259.4	210.9	209.7	257.8	209.5
Aug.	207.6	189.4	219.4	260.1	212.6	210.2	261.0	210.1
Sept.	209.4	190.3	222.7	261.1	214.8	210.5	263.3	210.9
Oct.	210.9	191.8	224.0	261.6	215.8	211.5	264.4	211.4
Nov.	211.6	191.3	224.3	262.5	218.4	214.2	266.6	208.7
Dec. p	212.4	192.0	224.3	262.7	218.8	215.3	268.3	210.6
Jan. p	213.5	193.2	224.7	263.0	221.4	215.3	269.1	211.4

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

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING

A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour 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 -							
Feb.	240.0	227.2	248.4	254.5	230.9	239.1	236.8
Mar.	242.0	228.4	249.7	256.2	237.3	239.8	239.2
Apr.	212.6	230.6	251.2	259.5	237.7	240.8	240.6
May	241.2	230.6	251.3	260.0	238.5	241.2	240.3
June	244.3	231.9	253.3	260.4	241.9	244.1	242.6
1977-78 -							
July	247.2	233.4	257.7	262.7	245.3	248.3	245.2
Aug.	247.6	234.7	259.7	266.4	249.1	251.5	247.0
Sept.	249.7	234.9	260.5	267.0	249.5	252.7	248.0
Oct.	251.2	235.7	261.5	268.3	251.4	254.4	249.2
Nov.	251.3	236.8	262.0	268.5	252.4	255.3	249.8
Dec.	252.7	237.8	263.5	269.8	252.9	256.1	251.0
Jan.	253.8	238.6	265.0	270.9	253.6	256.7	251.9
Feb. p	255.7	240.0	268.6	272.0	254.5	258.0	253.7
Mar. p	256.6	241.0	269.1	273.3	257.2	260.9	254.9

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 -												
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	213.5	228.1	204.6	184.1	181.2	217.8	239.2
Apr.	222.4	265.5	233.0	265.5	270.6	215.0	228.4	208.9	184.4	181.3	219.0	240.6
May	222.3	265.6	230.0	265.9	271.0	214.3	228.5	208.0	184.8	181.3	218.9	240.3
June	223.8	269.9	234.9	267.9	273.0	215.2	229.3	208.0	185.8	182.2	220.4	242.6
1977-78 -												
July	227.2	276.5	237.3	269.8	276.5	215.9	232.4	208.1	188.9	185.9	224.1	245.2
Aug.	231.4	278.9	238.8	271.8	280.3	215.1	233.9	207.4	188.8	186.2	225.4	247.0
Sept.	232.3	279.9	241.9	271.6	282.7	215.5	234.6	206.8	191.0	189.2	225.7	248.0
Oct.	237.7	281.0	243.6	272.1	283.8	218.3	236.0	211.0	191.6	189.4	226.7	249.2
Nov.	237.9	282.4	244.3	272.4	286.1	218.5	236.7	215.5	191.6	189.4	227.0	249.8
Dec.	238.3	282.6	244.9	273.2	289.5	218.9	240.3	217.1	192.5	191.5	228.8	251.0
Jan.	240.5	283.9	246.6	273.7	290.0	220.4	241.3	219.0	192.5	193.0	229.7	251.9
Feb. p	242.5	285.8	247.5	275.8	290.7	221.2	242.4	218.1	194.8	193.4	233.8	253.7
Mar. p	243.5	287.9	248.4	277.5	291.2	221.1	242.8	218.3	195.7	194.8	234.9	254.9

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	180.5	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 -							
Feb.	225.0	237.9	244.2	237.0	237.7	237.3	233.4
Mar.	227.1	239.5	246.0	238.5	242.2	239.1	235.5
Apr.	228.8	242.5	247.8	240.9	243.7	241.2	237.6
May	228.7	242.4	247.9	241.1	244.1	241.9	237.6
June	230.0	243.8	249.3	242.2	245.0	243.4	238.9
1977-78 -							
July	232.4	246.7	253.1	245.3	248.7	245.7	241.9
Aug.	233.3	248.3	254.4	247.7	252.0	247.6	243.3
Sept.	234.7	249.2	256.2	249.2	253.4	249.6	244.7
Oct.	236.2	250.0	257.1	250.2	254.6	250.8	245.8
Nov.	237.3	252.7	259.3	252.3	256.9	252.6	247.7
Dec.	239.3	254.3	260.6	253.8	258.1	253.9	249.4
Jan.	240.7	255.7	262.1	255.2	259.3	254.7	250.7
Feb. p	242.0	256.3	263.2	256.3	259.7	255.5	251.8
Mar. p	243.2	257.5	264.1	257.8	261.4	256.4	252.9

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 -												
Feb.	220.4	246.2	225.8	248.6	254.2	216.1	198.2	251.7	205.2	202.7	229.4	233.4
Mar.	220.5	247.6	227.8	251.2	256.1	218.2	201.2	252.3	209.2	206.6	231.1	235.5
Apr.	220.4	249.5	229.2	253.5	258.7	220.6	203.2	252.8	210.5	209.9	233.9	237.6
May	220.2	249.8	226.8	253.6	259.3	220.7	199.5	252.8	210.7	208.1	235.1	237.6
June	221.3	252.6	230.9	255.2	260.6	221.5	197.8	253.1	211.8	207.9	236.5	238.9
1977-78 -												
July	223.9	258.0	232.3	257.5	265.0	222.9	197.1	257.3	215.0	209.7	239.0	241.9
Aug.	227.4	260.5	234.5	258.5	267.2	223.3	194.8	258.8	216.3	209.0	239.5	243.3
Sept.	227.7	262.7	238.2	259.0	268.5	228.2	194.3	261.0	217.2	209.1	241.3	244.7
Oct.	232.3	263.2	239.2	259.9	268.4	230.2	195.9	261.7	218.3	210.5	242.2	245.8
Nov.	234.1	265.9	239.7	260.1	272.0	230.6	195.9	261.8	218.7	212.3	244.5	247.7
Dec.	234.6	266.7	239.9	261.5	274.1	231.5	196.6	265.0	222.0	215.3	245.8	249.4
Jan.	237.3	269.8	242.1	262.1	274.7	232.0	198.1	265.2	222.9	217.7	247.7	250.7
Feb. p	239.6	271.4	243.1	264.3	275.6	232.0	197.8	265.8	224.4	216.8	248.6	251.8
Mar. p	240.7	273.5	243.6	265.6	276.6	232.3	197.2	266.5	225.8	217.4	251.4	252.9

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

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

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

Period	Wool	Meats	Dairy produce	Cereals	Dried and canned fruits	Sugar	Hides and tallow	Metals and coal (a)	Gold	All groups (b)
1974-75	121	132	127	256	176	378	141	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 -										
Dec.	180	167	130	219	171	310	194	345	414	213
Jan.	182	174	132	219	167	299	201	338	395	212
Feb.	178	180	133	216	189	304	207	339	409	213
Mar.	174	183	135	209	188	317	214	346	434	213
Apr.	171	196	135	216	240	317	219	354	437	219
May	169	195	141	221	241	324	246	351	430	219
June	167	191	141	206	241	313	245	341	415	214
1977-78 -										
July	(c)167	188	143	199	240	300	241	343	412	212
Aug.	162	187	144	192	242	293	236	342	422	210
Sept.	164	189	147	189	242	(d)295	238	340	433	210
Oct.	169	195	147	186	241	(d)287	223	340	460	211
Nov.	169	194	147	187	242	(d)258	206	336	462	208
Dec.	167	199	147	191	244	(d)248	201	345	457	209
Jan.	166	210	147	187	246	(d)237	209	346	488	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. (d) Incorporate contract prices which may be subject to revision.

CONSUMER (RETAIL) PRICE INDEXES, VARIOUS COUNTRIES

(Base of each index: Year 1970 = 100.0)

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

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

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

Period	Australia (a)	Belgium (b)	Brazil (Sao Paulo) (c)	Canada	France	Federal Republic of Germany	India	Indonesia (Djakarta)	Italy	Japan	Netherlands
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
1977	207.6	174.8		165.4	182.7	146.3				203.6	175.6
1976 -											
Sept. qtr	185.2	164.9	263.3	154.3	168.6	141.2	162.5	299.4	202.2	189.8	165.5
Dec. qtr	196.3	167.6	282.9	156.6	172.9	142.0	165.9	306.1	215.1	194.5	169.6
1977 -											
Mar. qtr	200.7	170.9	312.7	159.9	175.6	144.6	168.3	311.7	225.2	198.9	170.8
June qtr	205.5	173.7	349.0	163.7	181.0	146.5	172.3	319.3	233.8	204.2	175.8
Sept. qtr	209.5	176.3	370.6	167.3	185.3	146.9	178.1	329.0	239.7	204.8	176.9
Dec. qtr	214.5	178.3		170.9	188.8	147.2				206.5	178.8
Period	New Zealand	Norway	Pakistan (Karachi) (d)	Philippines (e)	Singapore (f)	South Africa (g)	Sweden	Switzerland	United Kingdom	United States of America	Malaysia (Peninsular) (h)
1975	162.6	149.5	198.2	166.9	125.5	156.7	146.6	144.8	184.4	138.6	142.2
1976	190.2	163.2	212.4	182.3	123.1	174.1	161.7	147.3	214.9	146.6	145.9
1977	217.4	178.0			127.0		180.1	149.2	249.0	156.1	
1976 -											
Sept. qtr	193.7	165.6	213.5	185.1	122.2	177.1	162.6	147.3	216.8	147.8	146.4
Dec. qtr	199.1	166.7	222.3	188.1	122.6	180.8	166.8	147.9	226.8	149.4	147.6
1977 -											
Mar. qtr	204.3	172.1	230.9	192.6	125.4	185.8	171.2	148.5	238.2	152.1	150.9
June qtr	214.1	176.9	230.8	196.9	124.9	191.2	177.8	148.8	248.8	155.3	150.8
Sept. qtr	221.7	180.7	235.9	204.2	128.4	197.0	183.8	149.5	252.7	157.6	153.7
Dec. qtr	229.6	182.3			129.3		187.7	149.9	255.7	159.3	

(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 1973: Karachi only; industrial workers. Beginning 1973: base: 1971 = 100.0. (e) Base: 1972 = 100.0. Prior to 1976: Manila only. (f) Beginning 1974, new series, base: 1973 = 100.0. (g) White population. (h) Formerly known as West Malaysia.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK

Australia							
							Index Nos (Base: Year 1954 = 100)
End of -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Rates
WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE (\$) (a)							
Adult Males							
June -							
1974	95.63	95.60	96.89	93.49	90.46	95.39	95.24 337.2
1975	113.31	112.73	115.83	111.01	106.35	112.59	112.78 399.3
1976	130.51	128.59	133.61	126.77	125.89	128.75	129.68 459.2
1976-77 -							
Dec.	136.14	134.10	139.14	132.20	132.29	134.14	135.29 479.0
Jan.	136.23	134.10	139.14	132.24	132.33	134.14	135.34 479.2
Feb.	136.28	134.11	139.14	132.24	136.26	134.14	135.63 480.2
Mar.	142.07	139.82	144.89	137.96	138.04	139.88	141.10 499.6
Apr.	142.14	139.85	144.91	137.96	139.72	139.93	141.26 500.2
May	144.86	142.46	147.63	140.53	141.97	142.50	143.90 509.5
June	144.85	142.46	147.63	140.63	141.97	142.50	143.90 509.5
1977-78 -							
July	144.86	142.46	147.63	140.65	142.00	142.50	143.91 509.6
Aug.	147.66	145.29	150.33	143.40	143.97	145.35	146.67 519.3
Sept.	147.63	145.29	150.33	143.39	145.55	145.35	146.77 519.7
Oct.	147.63	145.29	150.34	143.40	145.58	145.35	146.78 519.7
Nov.	147.64	145.29	150.54	143.40	145.59	145.35	146.78 519.7
Dec.	149.79	147.41	152.76	145.50	147.46	147.46	148.91 527.3
Jan.	149.81	147.41	152.76	145.51	147.54	147.46	148.92 527.3
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 -							
Dec.	125.72	125.98	127.52	125.62	122.64	122.15	125.75 631.7
Jan.	125.72	125.98	127.52	125.62	123.38	122.15	125.79 631.9
Feb.	125.78	126.05	127.71	125.84	127.87	122.15	126.11 633.5
Mar.	131.52	131.77	133.41	131.68	129.29	127.85	131.61 661.1
Apr.	131.52	131.77	133.41	131.68	129.66	127.85	131.64 661.2
May	134.01	134.26	135.94	134.17	131.85	130.28	134.11 673.7
June	134.01	134.26	135.94	134.19	131.85	130.28	134.12 673.7
1977-78 -							
July	134.01	134.26	135.94	134.19	132.13	130.28	134.13 673.8
Aug.	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.86	134.46	132.90	136.79 687.1
Sept.	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.86	134.46	132.90	136.79 687.1
Oct.	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.86	134.75	132.90	136.80 687.2
Nov.	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.86	134.75	132.90	136.80 687.2
Dec.	138.72	138.97	140.73	138.91	136.54	134.91	138.83 697.4
Jan.	138.72	138.97	140.73	138.91	137.19	134.91	138.87 697.5
WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK (b) SEPTEMBER 1977							
Adult males	39.74	39.92	39.84	39.92	39.80	39.89	39.83 99.67
Adult females	39.53	39.81	39.70	39.77	39.78	39.63	39.67 100.00

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

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

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

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

Seasonally adjusted series. Quarterly estimates are affected by seasonal influences. For example special payments, including prepayments for holiday periods tend to raise the December quarter and to depress the March quarter averages. In addition, figures for all quarters are affected by the varying incidence of pay-days in successive quarters. Allowance for the varying incidence of pay-days and for seasonal factors has been made in calculating the seasonally adjusted estimates. It should also be noted that seasonal adjustment factors were estimated from a series adjusted to allow for the effects of major awards and determinations of Federal and State industrial authorities. The effects of these awards and determinations are retained in the seasonally adjusted data. A detailed description of the methods of seasonal adjustment is given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1303.0).

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Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (b)	A.C.T. (b)	Aust.
ORIGINAL									
1974-75	152.10	147.80	142.50	138.60	145.60	140.20	168.50	184.30	148.30
1975-76	172.70	170.50	163.50	158.50	169.10	157.80	190.00	209.00	169.60
1976-77	193.60	191.20	184.50	179.50	190.80	181.30	216.80	237.70	190.80
1975-76 - June qtr	183.60	180.70	175.00	167.60	178.80	165.10	199.60	221.90	179.80
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	187.30	183.00	182.00	175.00	184.00	175.60	209.30	230.00	184.80
Dec. qtr	197.90	197.40	189.80	182.80	194.50	188.70	220.00	243.90	195.50
Mar. qtr	187.30	183.60	174.00	172.90	186.60	175.20	212.20	231.00	183.80
June qtr	201.80	200.80	192.30	187.40	198.20	185.50	225.60	245.80	199.00
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	207.30	205.10	195.60	195.90	206.10	196.50	228.70	251.10	204.20
Dec. qtr	217.10	211.90	206.80	200.10	211.10	205.40	245.40	263.10	212.60
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1975-76 - June qtr	183.20	182.50	174.20	168.00	177.30	165.90	199.60	216.30	178.80
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	187.00	182.80	183.00	173.60	182.80	177.20	208.60	233.10	184.90
Dec. qtr	190.20	187.90	179.60	177.60	189.10	178.80	213.40	238.50	187.40
Mar. qtr	194.00	191.10	184.90	177.30	193.70	184.00	215.70	240.30	192.10
June qtr	202.80	203.00	189.60	190.60	197.10	185.00	226.30	243.70	198.40
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	208.10	205.70	197.40	194.10	205.60	196.90	232.40	251.40	204.60
Dec. qtr	209.20	201.50	197.40	195.00	206.00	196.80	237.30	259.20	204.70

(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, this proportion being derived from the estimated ratio of female to male average earnings in each State. The ratio used in the current quarter for Australia is approximately 67 per cent. For further details on the separate State ratios see *Average Weekly Earnings* (6302.0). (b) Original series estimates have been calculated on a basis which excludes the effects of varying numbers of Australian Government pay-days in each quarter.

New dwellings								
Private			Government			Total		
Number ('000)						Number ('000)		
Period	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Value (\$m)	Number ('000)	Value (\$m)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Value (\$m)
1974-75	101.5	..	1,891.4	19.8	354.8	121.3	..	2,246.2
1975-76	134.2	..	3,007.2	11.9	249.6	146.1	..	3,256.8
1976-77	127.3	..	3,227.8	14.1	313.1	141.4	..	3,540.9
1976-77 -								
Jan.	8.5	11.5	219.1	1.3	29.6	9.8	13.0	248.8
Feb.	9.1	10.2	231.0	1.7	36.9	10.8	12.1	267.9
Mar.	9.8	8.6	254.6	0.9	20.0	10.7	9.4	274.6
Apr.	9.2	10.4	243.8	0.7	15.5	9.9	11.1	259.3
May	10.4	9.4	273.5	1.1	29.2	11.6	10.3	302.6
June	10.4	9.1	279.9	1.4	34.8	11.8	10.0	314.8
1977-78 -								
July	9.9	9.9	265.6	0.9	21.5	10.7	10.9	287.1
Aug.	10.5	10.0	279.4	0.9	19.6	11.4	11.2	299.0
Sept.	9.9	9.3	268.1	0.8	19.1	10.7	10.1	287.2
Oct.	9.7	9.8	265.6	1.3	34.3	11.0	11.0	299.9
Nov.	9.8	9.1	270.2	1.6	36.4	11.4	10.7	306.6
Dec.	8.5	9.5	233.7	1.4	32.7	9.9	11.1	266.4
Jan.	7.3	9.3	200.4	0.5	12.2	7.8	9.9	212.7
Feb.	8.0	9.0	219.3	0.8	18.3	8.7	9.7	237.6
Other building (a)								
Period	Alterations and additions to dwellings (b)	Original		Seasonally adjusted		Total building approved		Value (\$ million)
		Private	Total	Total	Total	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
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 -								
Jan.	18.6	74.3	137.5	181.2	404.9	..	..	..
Feb.	17.8	93.4	157.2	183.5	442.9	..	..	..
Mar.	20.3	100.5	208.8	191.6	503.7	..	..	..
Apr.	19.5	100.4	193.7	202.9	472.5	..	..	..
May	22.8	107.2	178.8	149.6	504.2	..	..	..
June	23.8	109.3	190.4	152.4	529.0	..	..	..
1977-78 -								
July	23.0	107.7	192.0	181.6	502.1	..	..	..
Aug.	26.3	110.1	200.9	235.5	526.1	..	..	..
Sept.	25.3	100.9	197.3	200.4	509.8	..	..	..
Oct.	27.7	139.7	212.1	214.5	539.7	..	..	..
Nov.	25.4	130.2	222.2	224.8	554.2	..	..	..
Dec.	21.5	108.9	204.4	206.2	492.4	..	..	..
Jan.	20.3	84.2	172.8	214.5	405.8	..	..	..
Feb.	20.7	107.2	176.6	206.9	434.9	..	..	..

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

NOTE. Statistics on alterations and additions to dwellings, valued at \$2,000-\$9,999 are collected but not included in the tabulations. The total value of building approved in this category in February 1978 was \$23.4m.

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 -									
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	11.39
June	3.16	2.64	2.24	1.38	1.64	0.38	0.08	0.32	11.85
1977-78 -									
July	3.00	2.51	2.11	0.83	1.60	0.34	0.16	0.16	10.73
Aug.	3.54	2.50	2.19	0.95	1.59	0.37	0.04	0.18	11.36
Sept.	2.76	2.48	2.43	0.94	1.26	0.33	0.22	0.24	10.67
Oct.	3.25	2.45	2.23	0.96	1.40	0.31	0.26	0.19	11.04
Nov.	3.73	2.38	2.23	0.84	1.53	0.33	0.07	0.25	11.37
Dec.	3.07	2.26	2.07	0.73	1.26	0.32	0.06	0.14	9.90
Jan.	2.88	1.56	1.55	0.64	0.78	0.15	0.05	0.16	7.76
Feb.	2.59	2.22	1.76	0.56	1.22	0.28	0.02	0.10	8.74
VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS APPROVED (\$m)									
1974-75	683.6	590.4	334.8	214.6	220.7	61.1	43.6	97.2	2,246.2
1975-76	704.0	907.2	508.7	360.2	438.5	101.5	97.2	139.4	3,256.8
1976-77	890.1	962.0	613.0	356.0	469.0	110.5	52.3	87.8	3,540.9
1976-77 -									
Jan.	78.3	50.6	38.6	32.3	32.0	5.2	6.0	5.8	248.8
Feb.	62.2	89.3	39.1	20.5	35.6	9.4	5.2	6.7	267.9
Mar.	61.9	83.9	52.3	24.8	35.6	9.9	2.5	3.8	274.6
Apr.	68.1	65.6	46.4	25.1	39.2	8.3	3.8	2.8	259.3
May	74.8	80.3	59.0	24.5	43.1	9.5	6.6	4.7	302.6
June	81.9	75.1	56.6	35.3	43.4	10.1	3.1	9.3	314.8
1977-78 -									
July	78.2	72.5	51.7	21.8	41.4	9.1	6.5	5.8	287.1
Aug.	90.7	71.5	54.7	25.4	40.4	9.0	1.4	6.0	299.0
Sept.	72.2	72.5	60.4	25.5	33.4	8.8	7.5	6.9	287.2
Oct.	91.3	70.0	54.0	25.3	37.6	7.7	8.1	5.7	299.9
Nov.	98.3	71.6	54.3	23.1	40.8	8.6	2.4	7.3	306.6
Dec.	83.6	65.8	50.7	20.0	32.1	8.3	1.9	4.0	266.4
Jan.	77.2	46.6	38.8	17.4	21.6	4.4	1.9	4.7	212.7
Feb.	69.6	63.2	43.5	15.9	34.3	6.7	0.9	3.5	237.6
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS APPROVED (\$m) (a)									
1974-75	48.1	27.8	7.2	5.1	4.7	1.7	1.5	4.6	100.8
1975-76	77.2	53.2	11.3	12.2	10.2	2.3	35.2	9.6	211.1
1976-77	94.0	77.6	16.5	18.1	16.2	3.9	15.4	8.8	250.6
1976-77 -									
Jan.	8.4	4.3	1.1	1.3	0.9	0.3	1.7	0.6	18.6
Feb.	6.7	5.5	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.3	0.7	0.7	17.8
Mar.	6.8	6.8	1.5	1.8	1.4	0.2	0.9	0.8	20.3
Apr.	7.3	6.5	1.0	1.3	1.5	0.4	0.8	0.6	19.5
May	8.3	7.4	1.9	1.5	1.8	0.4	1.0	0.6	22.8
June	9.0	6.8	1.5	2.2	1.7	0.4	1.5	0.8	23.8
1977-78 -									
July	9.6	7.2	1.3	1.3	2.1	0.3	0.5	0.7	23.0
Aug.	10.5	8.1	1.7	1.5	2.0	0.4	1.1	1.0	26.3
Sept.	8.6	7.6	1.6	1.9	2.1	0.4	2.4	0.7	25.3
Oct.	10.7	7.8	1.8	1.7	2.0	0.5	2.7	0.7	27.7
Nov.	9.3	8.6	1.5	1.8	2.3	0.5	0.8	0.6	25.4
Dec.	8.4	6.8	1.3	1.7	1.5	0.3	1.1	0.4	21.5
Jan.	9.0	5.4	1.1	1.4	1.9	0.3	0.6	0.6	20.3
Feb.	8.5	6.2	0.9	1.4	2.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	20.7

(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 -									
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
Oct.	57.0	67.8	24.5	23.9	19.7	6.0	2.6	10.6	219.1
Nov.	49.7	46.7	31.6	20.7	38.3	6.8	14.5	14.0	222.2
Dec.	77.3	47.0	23.0	10.4	23.5	9.6	6.2	7.4	204.4
Jan.	51.1	48.5	21.8	26.5	17.0	2.3	1.4	4.2	172.8
Feb.	52.9	54.3	28.1	8.4	24.0	6.5	1.1	1.3	176.6
VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING APPROVED (\$m)									
1974-75	1,218.3	1,088.7	610.4	369.9	395.9	112.1	71.4	266.6	4,133.3
1975-76	1,335.4	1,473.2	890.5	471.8	631.1	158.7	174.1	209.2	5,344.1
1976-77	1,602.5	1,575.8	953.9	546.0	700.0	198.5	127.2	183.1	5,887.0
1976-77 -									
Jan.	137.8	83.1	56.0	45.2	53.4	12.9	9.2	7.5	404.9
Feb.	115.1	135.8	55.9	40.2	53.3	19.2	13.5	10.1	442.9
Mar.	125.2	143.5	96.9	39.4	54.0	21.0	4.1	19.6	503.7
Apr.	120.7	128.2	73.5	63.0	54.9	15.5	8.1	8.5	472.5
May	127.7	152.8	86.7	33.6	64.3	16.9	14.4	7.8	504.2
June	141.2	125.2	100.6	48.0	66.6	16.4	17.1	14.0	529.0
1977-78 -									
July	140.2	144.5	80.4	39.5	65.9	13.5	10.6	7.5	502.1
Aug.	146.1	137.8	89.9	48.3	58.1	13.9	11.8	19.2	525.1
Sept.	122.6	128.8	117.0	39.9	52.0	14.0	15.6	20.0	509.8
Oct.	158.6	145.6	80.3	50.9	59.3	14.3	13.4	17.0	539.7
Nov.	157.2	126.9	87.4	45.6	81.4	15.9	17.7	22.0	554.2
Dec.	169.3	119.6	75.0	32.1	57.1	18.2	9.2	11.8	492.4
Jan.	137.4	100.5	61.6	45.3	40.5	7.1	3.9	9.5	405.8
Feb.	131.0	123.8	72.5	25.7	60.8	13.5	2.5	5.2	434.9

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	161.8	915.4	1,834.1	4,163.1
1975-76	106.6	30.5	123.8	137.1	3,116.3	206.1	1,907.8	2,230.2	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 - June qtr	28.7	7.6	33.8	36.4	879.1	61.8	301.7	580.1	1,521.0
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	29.0	9.3	34.3	38.3	963.6	64.8	294.7	580.9	1,609.3
Dec. qtr	26.9	8.1	31.6	35.1	897.3	65.3	284.0	507.8	1,470.3
Mar. qtr	26.8	7.7	30.4	34.5	898.1	65.8	267.7	532.2	1,496.1
June qtr	26.1	7.8	30.1	33.9	906.0	70.5	377.5	632.4	1,608.9
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	25.8	7.3	29.8	33.1	919.4	72.8	343.6	603.8	1,596.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1975-76 - June qtr	27.4	7.3	32.5	34.9	841.1		(a) 301.7	539.1	1,445.5
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	27.9	8.8	33.1	36.8	918.4	n.a.	294.7	576.4	1,578.8
Dec. qtr	28.9	9.1	33.6	37.7	973.1		284.0	569.6	1,595.3
Mar. qtr	27.3	7.7	31.0	35.0	912.8		267.7	522.5	1,488.4
June qtr	24.9	7.4	28.9	32.5	866.7		377.5	585.0	1,526.2
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	24.9	6.9	28.7	31.7	876.2		343.6	598.8	1,565.9

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

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMPLETED : AUSTRALIA

Number of new dwellings ('000)					Value (\$ million)				
Period	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total	New dwellings	Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building
							Private	Total	
ORIGINAL									
1974-75	97.0	44.1	125.7	141.1	2,454.2	92.1	1,154.6	1,784.5	4,330.8
1975-76	99.9	32.1	112.3	132.0	2,799.3	169.7	1,249.6	2,266.6	5,235.7
1976-77	110.4	34.4	129.6	144.8	3,635.1	252.5	1,336.4	2,446.5	6,334.1
1975-76 - June qtr	27.4	9.2	31.1	36.7	818.7	50.1	330.3	578.5	1,447.4
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	28.6	8.7	33.1	37.3	882.2	60.9	324.0	585.0	1,528.0
Dec. qtr	30.1	8.9	35.2	39.1	977.2	65.2	329.1	601.0	1,643.4
Mar. qtr	24.5	7.6	29.2	32.1	824.8	57.3	335.3	586.1	1,468.2
June qtr	27.2	9.1	32.1	36.4	950.9	69.2	348.1	674.5	1,694.5
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	26.9	7.5	30.3	34.4	927.4	69.4	355.5	641.2	1,638.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1975-76 - June qtr	27.1	8.9	31.0	36.0	811.2	n.a.	331.5	611.7	1,483.3
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	28.5	8.8	33.1	37.3	878.0		332.4	602.3	1,539.4
Dec. qtr	27.6	8.2	32.4	35.8	893.1		285.0	544.8	1,489.9
Mar. qtr	27.4	8.5	32.1	36.0	924.0		383.5	598.1	1,581.0
June qtr	26.9	8.8	31.9	35.7	941.8		348.8	713.4	1,736.6
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	26.8	7.6	30.4	34.4	923.9		365.4	660.3	1,650.5
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 - June qtr	720.4	152.3	872.7	57.1	332.3	619.6	1,549.3		
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	776.2	173.8	950.0	63.8	335.7	620.6	1,634.5		
Dec. qtr	773.7	173.7	947.4	67.8	335.4	622.1	1,637.2		
Mar. qtr	718.1	153.7	871.9	62.1	312.9	564.4	1,498.3		
June qtr	772.7	175.3	948.0	69.7	359.9	637.8	1,675.5		
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	788.2	168.3	956.5	72.1	375.0	688.3	1,696.8		
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1975-76 - June qtr	707.7	152.7	859.9	n.a.	327.6	618.3	1,534.9		
1976-77 - 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		
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	755.7	160.6	918.2		353.4	632.8	1,622.0		

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING, SEPTEMBER 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.	8.21	9.00	8.06	8.85	15.35	18.51				
Vic.	7.74	8.05	8.20	9.07	20.70	22.36				
Qld	5.93	6.35	5.57	6.06	6.80	7.62				
S.A.	2.36	3.14	2.71	3.48	4.76	6.77				
W.A.	4.04	4.43	4.11	4.60	7.09	7.67				
Tas.	0.78	1.04	0.78	0.97	2.21	2.71				
N.T.	0.15	0.29	0.13	0.46	0.55	1.01				
A.C.T.	0.55	0.80	0.70	0.89	1.19	1.90				
Aust.	29.77	33.09	30.26	34.39	58.65	68.55				
VALUE OF NEW HOUSES (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	185.4	193.3	178.7	189.7	302.4	321.1	186.2	195.3	156.5	165.6
Vic.	200.1	205.2	199.3	215.1	500.0	529.0	209.0	224.2	250.8	259.5
Qld	127.6	137.4	115.4	125.9	136.7	155.0	123.1	134.3	68.2	75.3
S.A.	62.9	76.8	66.7	79.6	109.0	140.1	65.8	78.0	54.9	69.7
W.A.	92.1	101.3	91.4	99.0	150.3	162.3	93.2	101.6	75.3	81.4
Tas.	17.9	20.9	17.7	20.8	43.8	49.6	18.5	21.8	21.8	24.4
N.T.	5.9	9.7	5.3	16.8	17.0	29.1	6.1	11.7	8.2	13.6
A.C.T.	15.2	17.6	19.4	23.6	32.9	40.5	17.6	21.2	16.8	19.3
Aust.	707.0	762.2	693.8	770.5	1,292.1	1,426.7	719.3	788.2	652.4	708.9
VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	220.6	238.3	206.3	221.9	417.6	483.0	221.6	238.6	218.9	254.7
Vic.	233.7	240.1	240.8	259.4	612.9	646.7	247.8	265.4	305.0	314.9
Qld	154.9	165.1	144.0	154.8	186.4	206.0	149.5	161.2	93.8	101.3
S.A.	70.3	88.5	78.8	95.7	144.3	190.1	78.5	94.9	72.3	93.2
W.A.	114.0	124.4	112.1	123.3	204.8	220.4	117.1	128.5	102.6	110.0
Tas.	21.9	27.7	22.5	26.4	59.4	69.8	23.1	28.3	30.1	35.1
N.T.	6.3	11.1	5.5	18.7	20.4	35.4	6.8	13.7	10.0	16.8
A.C.T.	17.8	24.2	23.1	27.3	41.9	60.1	21.2	25.9	20.6	28.2
Aust.	839.4	919.4	832.9	927.4	1,687.7	1,911.6	865.6	956.5	853.3	954.1
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	28.1	28.2	26.7	26.8	32.7	32.7	27.9	27.9	15.8	15.8
Vic.	23.4	23.5	21.6	21.6	39.5	39.6	22.6	22.6	19.4	19.4
Qld	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.6	1.6	1.6	4.4	4.4	0.8	0.8
S.A.	5.2	5.3	4.4	4.4	5.9	5.9	5.0	5.0	2.9	2.9
W.A.	5.4	5.4	4.9	4.9	5.7	5.8	5.5	5.6	2.7	2.7
Tas.	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.3	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.6
N.T.	2.6	3.0	1.9	4.0	9.9	11.6	2.4	3.5	4.8	5.2
A.C.T.	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.2	3.1	3.1	2.1	2.1	1.4	1.4
Aust.	72.2	72.8	67.1	69.4	99.7	101.6	70.9	72.1	48.3	48.9
VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	89.3	162.4	94.6	179.5	437.4	967.5	101.5	177.8	163.1	452.4
Vic.	85.9	145.0	91.6	131.3	408.3	790.9	104.2	172.1	176.5	380.5
Qld	66.3	127.3	70.2	113.0	179.0	464.9	73.8	121.5	68.6	190.8
S.A.	31.0	55.0	37.6	76.5	79.1	199.5	32.1	58.6	44.3	100.0
W.A.	52.3	72.2	26.2	43.9	88.0	250.0	37.0	63.0	47.3	126.7
Tas.	9.5	17.9	14.5	28.0	17.3	77.3	10.2	24.7	9.0	44.7
N.T.	4.4	16.2	6.7	36.5	16.3	108.9	7.9	22.9	6.2	46.5
A.C.T.	4.8	7.8	14.0	32.6	50.5	256.6	8.3	27.6	18.0	129.6
Aust.	343.6	603.8	355.5	641.2	1,275.9	3,115.6	375.0	668.3	533.0	1,471.0
TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	338.1	428.9	327.6	428.2	887.7	1,483.3	351.0	444.3	397.8	722.8
Vic.	343.0	408.5	354.0	412.3	1,060.7	1,477.2	374.6	460.1	500.9	714.8
Qld	225.5	296.7	218.8	272.3	367.0	672.5	227.7	287.2	163.2	292.8
S.A.	106.5	148.8	120.9	176.6	229.2	395.5	115.5	158.5	119.5	196.1
W.A.	171.8	202.0	143.2	172.1	298.5	476.2	159.6	197.1	152.6	239.5
Tas.	32.4	46.6	37.8	55.1	77.9	148.4	34.3	53.9	39.7	80.4
N.T.	13.3	30.4	14.1	59.2	46.7	155.9	17.2	40.1	21.0	68.4
A.C.T.	24.7	34.0	39.2	62.1	95.5	319.8	31.5	55.7	40.0	159.2
Aust.	1,255.1	1,596.0	1,255.6	1,638.0	3,063.3	5,128.9	1,311.5	1,696.8	1,434.6	2,474.0

NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES, SELECTED INDUSTRIES 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 Subdivision										
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)	Total
1975-76 -	(11-16)	(21,22)	(23,24)	(26)	(27)	(29)	(32)	(31,33)	(25,28,34)	(21-34)
June	153.7	104.5	13.0	31.2	55.8	78.6	26.6	69.7	73.8	453.2
1976-77 -										
Sept.	119.7	92.3	11.3	24.3	45.9	64.9	35.9	52.3	64.1	391.0
Dec.	120.9	103.1	15.5	30.7	58.2	79.9	45.5	61.9	79.2	474.0
Mar.	108.5	86.6	8.2	30.4	51.7	55.6	35.1	52.4	66.5	386.5
June	140.5	123.5	11.6	35.7	63.6	63.6	54.1	66.0	77.9	496.0
1977-78 -										
Sept.	154.2	113.6	12.4	30.0	81.7	58.2	48.3	59.0	80.1	483.3
Dec.	230.4	123.3	13.0	38.4	84.1	72.9	56.6	70.4	88.6	547.3
ASIC Subdivision										
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	Original	Seasonally adjusted
1975-76 -	(36,37)	(46-48)	(51-55)	(56,61-63, 91-93)	(11-37,46-91-93)	(63,91-93)				
June	8.9	217.4	92.8	574.2	1,500.2	1,411.4	447.7	428.2	1,052.5	995.8
1976-77 -										
Sept.	8.5	216.5	57.2	559.0	1,351.9	1,361.4	459.7	456.6	892.2	900.0
Dec.	10.7	257.9	110.0	620.6	1,594.1	1,476.0	467.1	420.2	1,126.7	1,061.2
Mar.	4.7	208.7	63.7	515.1	1,287.2	1,489.1	36.0	437.4	921.6	1,033.3
June	6.5	277.9	88.9	613.1	1,622.9	1,527.5	486.8	465.7	1,136.1	1,075.6
1977-78 -										
Sept.	6.2	273.5	70.5	631.1	1,618.8	1,629.6	518.6	515.1	1,100.2	1,108.9
Dec.	6.6	276.2	110.6	648.9	1,820.0	1,685.8	566.3	509.1	1,253.7	1,181.6

(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.s.i. (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, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services. (f) Includes lifts, heating and ventilation equipment and the like forming an integral part of the structure. Also included is the value of expenditure on mine development (e.g. construction of shafts in underground mines, preparation of mining and quarrying sites for open-cut, extraction, other developmental operations undertaken primarily for commencing or extending production). (f) Includes vehicles, electrical apparatus, office equipment, furniture, fixtures and fittings not forming an integral part of buildings, durable containers, special tooling, etc.

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

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

Increase in book value of stocks for selected ASIC subdivisions						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)		
1976-77 -							
Sept.	+15	+237	+68	+296	+616	+280	+336
Dec.	+22	+125	+265	+114	+526	+370	+156
Mar.	+26	+415	+189	+140	+770	+587	+183
June	+8	+332	+159	+203	+702	+327	+375
1977-78 -							
Sept.	+59	+243	+71	+230	+503	+394	+209
Dec.	+46	-93	+208	+12	+173	+332	-159

(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 at the end of each quarter 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. i - revised.

PRODUCTION

MINE PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS

Period	Copper (a)	Lead (a)	Zinc (a)	Tin (a)	Nickel (a)	Bauxite	Iron ore	Gold (a) (b)	Mineral sands concentrates		
									Ilmenite	Rutile	Zircon
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	kg	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1974-75	235,590	416,500	508,174	10,168	59,109	22,205	98,159	15,061	891,090	334,205	392,751
1975-76	217,439	395,633	481,610	9,442	81,030	21,084	92,672	17,422	948,792	362,769	384,823
1976-77	210,426	416,971	475,557	10,015	82,088	25,469	95,602	15,305	1,048,228	380,679	420,160
1976-77 -											
Nov.	17,372	37,093	44,848	820	19,837	6,249	23,823	1,065	87,001	31,850	36,717
Dec.	16,771	26,775	30,967	902				1,244	98,764	41,577	41,504
Jan.	15,996	21,825	25,411	906				1,008	88,047	21,224	27,841
Feb.	15,453	31,100	39,526	756	18,675	6,245	24,940	1,243	83,194	29,641	30,206
Mar.	18,002	8,321	46,896	894				1,450	99,307	35,145	37,482
Apr.	17,958	32,367	35,418	732				1,042	73,754	26,298	30,350
May	18,885	9,177	41,502	788	21,427	6,729	21,778	1,224	79,953	27,328	33,225
June	18,815	41,212	43,041	798				1,957	80,686	35,440	38,863
1977-78 -											
July	19,489	39,097	44,521	822				2,345	91,914	26,172	37,816
Aug.	21,204	42,726	51,238	813	24,246	6,451	26,462	1,773	95,274	25,725	40,392
Sept.	16,739	38,619	44,207	751				1,750	93,160	24,373	32,389
Oct.	17,651	37,778	41,841	1,041				1,664	93,661	24,534	33,911
Nov.	18,970	41,033	46,560	1,031	21,366	6,649	24,285	1,848	94,203	26,952	31,527
Dec.	17,397	28,804	30,071	976				2,040	79,943	20,705	26,271
Jan.	16,429	21,294	24,136	1,008				1,674			

(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 (b)	Lead (b) (c)	Zinc (b)	Tin (b)	Gold (b)				
	Original	Seasonally adjusted														
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes											'000 tonnes	'000 cu m	million cu m	'000 tonnes
1974-75	70,142	..	27,514	23,096	4,633	5,073	222,876	178,451	170,508	243,209	5,973	10,744				
1975-76	69,466	..	29,212	23,891	5,388	5,619	220,027	164,279	168,183	204,534	5,386	12,829				
1976-77	75,678	..	31,028	24,555	6,365	6,474	236,943	157,452	165,582	258,564	5,373	11,127				
1976-77 --																
Nov.	6,919	5,676	2,603	1,765	473	482	19,483	11,309	14,583	21,104	496	976				
Dec.	5,505	5,955	2,260	1,983	470	605	20,058	11,806	15,205	20,940	405	768				
Jan.	3,715	6,294	1,986	2,097	411	563	19,833	9,048	13,754	20,806	161	740				
Feb.	6,724	6,549	2,050	1,897	463	514	18,015	13,939	13,292	17,558	393	842				
Mar.	7,149	6,600	2,562	2,167	514	557	20,154	15,286	13,888	19,390	570	629				
Apr.	5,497	6,331	2,671	1,834	521	531	19,769	12,145	8,652	22,100	394	1,081				
May	7,206	6,259	2,716	2,214	601	529	20,201	13,671	1,820	20,628	358	864				
June	7,517	6,831	3,015	2,146	651	492	19,760	16,233	16,539	22,227	477	1,346				
1977-78 --																
July	6,954	6,505	2,885	2,165	711	602	21,023	11,272	18,550	22,021	422	1,591				
Aug.	6,630	7,433	2,752	2,196	651	580	22,112	13,859	17,892	21,307	378	1,415				
Sept.	6,901	6,926	2,162	2,006	622	572	21,311	13,609	20,151	21,954	694	1,859				
Oct.	7,085	6,558	1,503	2,207	543	604	21,924	10,542	17,368	21,633	524	1,500				
Nov.	7,532	6,139	2,312	1,986	538	532	21,354	13,562	18,265	19,537	524	1,709				
Dec.	5,329	5,907	2,681	2,071	502	584	22,121	11,548	19,588	19,682	666	1,474				
Jan.	4,721	7,400	2,265	2,218	478			11,767	18,084	21,613	336	1,380				

(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							
	Gas available for issue through mains (a)		Total electricity generated		Iron and steel			
					% iron		Raw steel (c)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
	million megajoules	million megajoules	million kWh	million kWh	'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 -								
Jan.	15,117	19,256	6,176	6,907	604	580	967	679
Feb.	16,058	19,322	6,138	6,956	527	570	886	566
Mar.	18,137	19,595	6,717	6,924	580	570	815	564
Apr.	18,471	19,638	6,470	6,950	574	592	878	637
May	21,398	20,049	7,312	6,989	601	589	940	651
June	23,854	20,454	7,763	7,059	541	577	659	603
1977-78p -								
July	25,529	21,430	8,161	7,210	508	499	709	588
Aug.	23,227	19,623	7,777	6,909	613	586	834	619
Sept.	22,012	20,313	7,301	7,038	546	546	984	617
Oct.	18,886	18,384	6,665	6,668	564	553	952	638
Nov.	18,902	20,122	6,692	7,085	549	565	869	557
Dec.	17,593	20,617	6,715	7,232	546	530	733	594
Jan.	16,384	20,700	6,542	7,288	592	567	611	669
Feb.	17,490	21,033	6,420	7,271	597	644	607	663

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	..	229,892	3,468
1976-77p -								
Jan.	483	479	29,856	29,747	108	179	8,008	195
Feb.	391	424	26,251	29,538	168	173	19,650	259
Mar.	517	527	29,932	29,501	181	168	20,454	278
Apr.	569	605	29,272	29,000	163	171	16,344	306
May	597	596	29,850	29,257	175	163	19,987	312
June	573	581	29,496	30,046	175	167	19,891	313
1977-78p -								
July	535	538	29,473	29,146	171	164	19,466	317
Aug.	549	546	29,591	28,777	181	160	20,075	290
Sept.	582	550	28,062	28,935	165	154	18,978	336
Oct.	587	554	31,625	29,958	159	154	15,687	327
Nov.	483	475	27,974	27,526	171	157	20,781	287
Dec.	425	513	31,251	31,244	140	157	14,588	266
Jan.	583	575	26,922	26,626	101	160	7,394	202
Feb.	522	566	28,341	31,977	155	159	16,462	

(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 earthen-ware	Sinks-stainless steel	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.
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	..	50,503	387	178,694	297,278	259,683	34,582	..	599,117	499,210
1976-77p —											
Jan.	282	422	1,458		3,269	12,533	6,820	1,366	3,202	20,483	19,494
Feb.	409	430	3,977	80.6	15,837	24,889	21,505	2,901	2,907	57,824	34,693
Mar.	410	399	5,059		18,457	30,897	23,045	3,366	2,875	85,783	46,244
Apr.	434	434	3,427		13,594	28,784	17,373	2,687	2,947	57,705	23,593
May	421	394	4,545	96.8	17,519	28,835	22,280	2,840	2,613	80,674	29,649
June	429	428	4,790		16,251	25,582	19,290	2,830	2,873	70,970	31,316
1977-78p —											
July	461	424	4,096		16,168	24,927	21,225	2,808	2,745	37,568	14,973
Aug.	430	421	4,960	100.5	16,621	27,093	22,098	3,419	3,110	31,171	36,624
Sept.	430	409	4,249		14,124	24,697	20,544	3,246	2,804	38,292	41,749
Oct.	432	411	3,328		11,221	16,039	16,698	2,081	1,922	56,275	23,246
Nov.	472	441	5,666		11,621	18,997	19,287	3,257	2,809	75,745	51,115
Dec.	413	422	3,544	88.1	13,323	16,863	13,396	2,524	2,821	50,233	35,555
Jan.	278	412	1,413		3,721	5,480	6,933	977	2,255	16,547	18,842
Feb.	421	442	4,411		14,549	17,821	18,790	2,816	2,822	75,780	27,343

Household appliances - continued

Period	Domestic cooking stoves			Domestic refrigerators		Domestic clothes washing machines		Hot water jugs and kettles
	Solid fuel	Gas (d) upright or elevated	Electric (e)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
	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
1977-78p -								
Jan.	48	1,680	12,024	13,088	21,935	12,759	25,264	16,542
Feb.	225	9,322	25,017	21,717	22,124	22,742	24,274	37,592
Mar.	284	11,039	28,128	24,408	21,893	25,637	22,686	47,647
Apr.	246	10,100	19,196	15,479	19,956	16,908	22,594	42,707
May	351	10,394	23,825	21,599	23,604	26,632	24,038	46,415
June	426	9,556	24,750	23,200	24,067	26,327	25,188	46,264
1977-78p -								
July	328	8,890	25,660	22,905	23,272	25,532	23,878	41,876
Aug.	330	10,676	27,990	26,800	23,087	27,437	23,537	56,254
Sept.	311	9,673	26,658	29,590	24,326	25,810	22,230	54,847
Oct.	178	4,439	21,865	24,607	22,092	24,944	22,426	54,630
Nov.	321	10,259	29,725	27,204	22,181	26,209	21,757	65,123
Dec.	240	6,614	21,805	18,248	19,582	17,521	21,353	50,007
Jan.	(a)	2,514	10,883	12,565	20,628	10,527	20,638	17,845
Feb.	(a)	8,931	24,605	23,965	24,347	21,463	22,911	56,434

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

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

Household appliances - continued												
Period	Radios and radiograms		Television sets (a)		Room air-conditioners (b)	Electric motors				Internal combustion engines - petrol (c)		
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		Under 1 hp		1 hp and over		Original	Seasonally adjusted	
						Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	'000	'000	'000	'000	No.	No.	
1974-75p	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	38,418	..	525,202	..	64,009	2,922	..	315	..	291,596	..	
1976-77p -												
Jan.	2,423	6,377	18,917	48,581	3,929	98	206	8.8	24.0	17,675	25,663	
Feb.	2,945	3,151	46,486	46,826	4,063	211	233	24.5	23.3	18,958	23,510	
Mar.	3,795	3,344	47,882	42,992	5,271	260	229	28.1	24.7	16,166	23,297	
Apr.	1,959	2,469	37,260	41,022	2,947	185	224	22.4	25.3	12,520	19,923	
May	1,248	1,312	38,925	37,889	3,524	195	196	24.5	24.1	5,575	11,337	
June	1,699	1,824	42,833	39,649	3,371	244	228	22.0	24.7	13,860	22,985	
1977-78p -												
July	1,646	1,648	41,597	40,663	3,665	239	232	25.7	23.9	33,661	26,780	
Aug.	2,117	1,967	37,162	33,559	4,992	258	225	29.5	24.8	39,604	34,083	
Sept.	2,875	2,269	41,261	33,789	6,136	269	238	24.3	22.0	24,103	16,497	
Oct.	2,736	2,133	26,786	24,530	6,974	212	191	21.0	18.1	27,298	16,523	
Nov.	1,795	1,532	31,149	26,867	8,587	255	201	35.6	30.3	40,163	26,241	
Dec.	950	899	20,781	24,016	7,331	199	217	26.9	28.2	13,779	13,231	
Jan.	297	767	6,203	15,051	3,835	87	179	11.7	32.2	6,731	10,019	
Feb.	916	975	26,816	26,972	5,788	190	209	25.1	23.9	13,827	17,371	
Dairy products (factory production)												
Period	Whole milk for all purposes		Butter (d)	Cheese (e)	Processed milk products	Beef and veal	Meat (carcass weight)				Dressed weight of poultry slaughtered (f)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted					Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat	Total		
										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	..	
1976-77	5,764.6	..	118,092	103,667	734.3	1,987.8	303.7	245.5	185.1	2,722.1	..	
1976-77 -												
Jan.	596.3	492.0	13,610	11,545	71.3	141.0	29.3	18.7	12.5	201.5	235.8	
Feb.	444.9	496.3	8,645	8,775	57.4	167.2	32.8	19.2	13.5	232.8	246.4	
Mar.	411.5	513.2	7,884	7,317	48.7	187.2	29.6	20.2	16.3	253.4	239.8	
Apr.	310.7	484.5	4,720	5,438	32.0	166.8	22.2	17.6	14.6	221.2	235.7	
May	244.6	448.8	2,678	3,888	19.2	186.4	19.9	17.8	15.6	239.6	228.1	
June	218.3	422.3	1,893	3,335	17.5	196.9	14.9	17.7	17.3	246.8	230.0	
1977-78p -												
July	260.3	389.5	3,127	5,615	37.2	188.6	14.8	19.2	17.0	239.7	229.6	
Aug.	391.8	400.7	7,691	9,342	61.1	186.3	17.0	21.6	17.3	242.3	233.1	
Sept.	543.7	442.7	13,339	12,597	79.5	191.7	20.9	25.2	16.6	254.3	242.8	
Oct.	678.6	455.4	18,849	15,969	90.8	183.0	27.3	26.9	16.2	253.4	248.4	
Nov.	675.8	434.3	18,337	15,304	96.1	183.3	31.4	25.0	17.5	257.2	253.7	
Dec.	623.5	429.0	14,660	14,124	85.1	146.4	29.6	20.4	16.4	212.8	237.0	
Jan.	476.2	390.7	10,470	9,893	71.9	154.3	28.6	21.2	13.6	217.6	248.8	
Feb.	420.5	470.1	9,106	8,241	58.9	160.2	26.2	18.1	14.7	219.2	232.8	
Mar.						181.3	23.8	20.1	16.7	241.9	242.0	

(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

Chemicals and allied products												
Period	Beer (b)				Tobacco and cigarettes		Sulphuric acid (100%)		Paints			
	Wheaten flour	Refined sugar (a)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original (c)	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Super phosphate (d)	Sulphate of ammonia	Ready mixed paints and enamels	Lacquers nitro-cellulose
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	million litres	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	'000 litres
1974-75p	1,263	729.1	1,957	..	31,729	..	1,770	..	3,309	266	81.3	4,886
1975-76p	1,240	723.2	1,932	..	31,161	..	1,295	..	2,185	220	91.0	4,909
1976-77p	1,182	732.2	1,939	..	29,846	..	1,741	..	3,137	202	89.2	4,392
1976-77p -												
Jan.	81	55.3	160	167	1,330	2,752	142	130	257	18.74	4.73	170
Feb.	85	59.8	158	167	2,779	2,639	138	132	281	15.61	7.14	373
Mar.	105	65.2	168	153	3,047	2,606	142	140	318	14.75	8.74	406
Apr.	94	58.8	158	169	2,537	2,615	165	149	340	12.68	6.16	274
May	105	59.1	152	158	2,964	2,842	172	157	334	13.66	7.63	366
June	117	53.1	142	169	3,170	2,982	177	196	310	14.37	7.62	339
1977-78p -												
July	91	56.1	136	162	3,029	2,683	109	141	155	15.50	7.22	354
Aug.	98	60.9	151	157	3,084	2,728	104	128	162	22.56	7.42	356
Sept.	96	60.7	165	161	2,346	2,587	142	142	277	18.59	7.73	351
Oct.	84	63.1	164	161	2,275	2,177	135	139	205	18.19	6.62	289
Nov.	95	72.9	196	170	2,945	2,618	157	152	338	19.75	8.88	459
Dec.	78	67.8	199	164	2,147	2,558	158	139	315	17.47	6.87	339
Jan.	78		169	168	1,231	2,420	172	157	270	20.36	5.10	205
Feb.			163	173	2,999	2,849	160	153	317	15.11		
Motor vehicles (e)												
Period	Cars and station wagons		Utilities and panel vans		Trucks and truck-type vehicles		Total motor vehicles (f)		Pneumatic tyres-motor cycle, car, truck, aero, etc. (g)			
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Panel vans	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	'000		
1974-75p	361,389	..	30,295	29,503	..	32,759	..	456,167	..	7,501		
1975-76p	369,339	..	25,179	29,857	..	30,988	..	456,164	..	8,384		
1976-77p	367,272	..	24,902	26,031	..	33,294	..	452,483	..	7,859		
1976-77p -												
Jan.	8,100	25,542	530	771	3,978	972	2,518	10,402	31,535	251		
Feb.	29,545	30,390	1,965	2,019	4,105	2,733	2,832	36,315	37,574	645		
Mar.	33,671	29,414	2,596	1,962	4,047	3,107	2,851	41,397	36,339	659		
Apr.	26,963	30,070	1,656	1,489	3,275	2,330	2,529	32,490	36,501	537		
May	33,047	28,506	2,343	1,926	3,724	2,997	2,752	40,337	34,663	659		
June	28,828	26,375	2,126	2,090	3,934	2,689	2,496	35,747	32,682	775		
1977-78p -												
July	27,306	27,152	1,867	2,194	3,770	2,858	2,670	34,243	34,120	653		
Aug.	29,387	26,895	1,923	2,130	3,645	2,912	2,404	36,390	32,706	679		
Sept.	28,781	24,229	1,765	1,779	2,986	2,576	2,129	34,927	29,480	654		
Oct.	13,744	12,453	1,303	1,040	2,296	1,382	1,314	17,515	15,710	405		
Nov.	33,166	28,892	2,232	2,272	3,940	2,771	2,635	40,490	35,738	650		
Dec.	23,874	27,720	1,786	1,723	4,065	1,991	2,294	29,391	34,596	599		
Jan.	10,892	32,879	751	548	4,006	941	2,449	13,140	38,191	278		
Feb.	28,540	29,352	1,953	1,703	3,770	2,451	2,538	34,681	35,888	662		

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

PRODUCTION OF WOOL, YARNS AND TEXTILES

Period	Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool (a)			Yarns (d)				
	Total receipts	Percentage of total received by brokers (b)	Scoured and carbonised wool (c)	Cotton		Wool		Cellulosic fibre (including mixtures) Original
				Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
	'000 tonnes	%	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1974-75p	729.2	81.5	51.8	23,463	..	17,903	..	1,396
1975-76p	686.9	76.5	69.9	24,761	..	22,439	..	2,338
1976-77p	628.0	75.9	72.8	20,735	..	19,332	..	1,456
1976-77p -								
Jan.	30.2	74.3		669	1,758	657	1,535	60
Feb.	36.7	76.4	19.83	1,701	1,708	1,607	1,563	111
Mar.	38.1	76.6		1,844	1,642	1,735	1,505	104
Apr.	29.4	75.8		1,461	1,560	1,365	1,510	149
May	28.4	75.6	17.27	1,700	1,544	1,727	1,573	109
June	22.9	75.0		1,878	1,696	1,735	1,591	61
1977-78p -								
July	37.4	74.1		2,058	1,883	1,832	1,754	150
Aug.	72.8	77.9	14.4	2,177	1,819	1,868	1,568	122
Sept.	93.8	77.3		2,294	2,027	1,612	1,506	105
Oct.	94.9	78.6		1,617	1,547	1,258	1,110	37
Nov.	85.7	78.0	18.1	2,143	1,935	2,131	1,874	88
Dec.	49.1	73.2		1,650	2,122	1,340	1,692	73
Jan.	26.6	76.5		721	1,872	772	1,705	(a)
Feb.	32.6	74.5		1,758	1,759	1,664	1,617	(a)

Period	Textiles								
	Woven cloth (d) (e)								
	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	'000
1974-75p	41,364	..	7,308	..	16,237	..	84,831	..	1,472
1975-76p	46,661	..	8,004	..	16,725	..	97,847	..	2,031
1976-77p	39,608	..	6,539	..	16,595	..	96,909	..	1,581
1976-77p -									
Jan.	1,441	3,602	253	516	462	942	2,598	5,582	63
Feb.	3,290	3,331	606	527	1,423	1,613	9,178	9,451	138
Mar.	3,130	3,054	653	499	1,372	1,293	9,645	8,817	177
Apr.	2,754	2,987	482	537	1,264	1,266	7,490	8,361	151
May	3,414	3,223	506	496	1,396	1,323	9,651	8,777	165
June	3,889	3,655	444	488	1,511	1,361	10,098	8,534	145
1977-78p -									
July	3,882	3,404	481	498	1,432	1,313	8,448	8,257	152
Aug.	3,524	3,143	569	539	1,468	1,335	10,524	9,008	148
Sept.	3,779	3,113	560	556	1,333	1,176	10,564	9,186	115
Oct.	2,742	2,535	451	427	1,221	1,129	7,556	7,210	63
Nov.	3,297	3,090	730	579	1,349	1,232	11,015	10,458	139
Dec.	2,828	3,195	496	571	983	1,108	8,250	9,897	94
Jan.	1,233	3,132	295	569	288	589	3,561	7,496	50
Feb.	3,091	3,121	568	493	1,251	1,423	7,368	7,584	115

(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 30 centimetres wide. (f) Excludes towels and towelling. (g) Excludes blanketing and rug material. (h) Prior to 1975-76 excludes tufted blankets.

PRODUCTION OF CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS

	Clothing								
	Hosiery		Men's and youths -				Underwear		Boots, shoes and sandals (c)
		Women's full length (a)	Short length coats and jackets (b)			Shirts, men's and boys'	Men's and boys'	Women's and girls'	
Period	Men's		Suit	Other	Sports trousers				
	'000 doz. pairs	'000 doz. pairs	'000	'000	'000	'000 doz.	'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	30,072
1976-77p	1,881	6,030	773	892	4,071	2,501	2,382	3,945	26,576
1976-77p -									
Dec.	134	491	64.7	60.2	328	175	195	422	1,754
Jan.	75	209	20.0	36.0	139	67	55	145	1,151
Feb.	156	455	59.0	71.8	366	173	206	356	2,276
Mar.	167	510	68.0	93.8	445	184	249	361	2,615
Apr.	119	442	49.7	77.7	326	144	186	293	2,152
May	142	490	64.8	78.3	332	166	204	334	2,258
June	144	545	61.9	69.3	331	179	199	332	2,351
1977-78p -									
Jul.	152	536	61.3	58.1	308	231	219	297	2,292
Aug.	177	451	81.1	56.4	356	279	250	339	2,633
Sept.	149	446	71.0	47.5	374	270	223	312	2,558
Oct.	108	324	75.9	40.3	359	271	178	313	2,250
Nov.	153	377	68.7	51.8	393	318	257	364	2,639
Dec.	123	371	58.0	38.6	306	198	199	278	1,967
Jan.	68	175	17.9	22.4	129	73	65	101	1,141
Feb.	133	491							

Period	Lawn mowers petrol (rotary)		Motor spirit (d)	Aviation turbine fuel (d)	Furnace fuel (d)	Plastics and synthetic resins (e)	Margarine			
	Original	Seasonally adjusted					Newspprint	Soap	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 -										
Jan.	21,629	28,331	1,157	207	348	32.3	17,065	2,238	2,369	2,301
Feb.	20,369	22,668	1,099	198	392	40.6	16,375	5,531	5,001	3,370
Mar.	20,050	25,946	1,129	180	400	41.6	18,613	4,876	5,764	4,183
Apr.	14,691	21,118	1,145	174	306	35.3	17,337	3,870	5,660	4,118
May	5,301	14,128	1,185	160	360	41.7	18,069	5,131	6,815	4,785
June	13,190	28,465	1,053	149	389	42.5	17,435	5,034	7,442	5,237
1977-78p -										
July	23,382	26,565	1,096	195	287	40.3	17,876	5,600	6,839	4,368
Aug.	32,112	27,679	1,216	135	382	45.6	17,860	4,932	7,248	4,405
Sept.	26,138	17,233	1,208	199	400	40.0	17,935	4,945	6,517	3,643
Oct.	37,295	20,383	1,146	206	416	36.8	18,155	4,453	7,411	4,186
Nov.	52,744	33,257	1,152	227	332	44.6	17,102	5,160	6,650	3,919
Dec.	17,469	16,310	1,225	197	338	36.0	13,870	3,837	4,733	2,618
Jan.	10,655	14,154				38.4	16,323		4,905	2,242
Feb.	19,033	21,289				42.8	16,810			

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

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a)

Period	Cars and station wagons		Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)		Total (excluding motor cycles)		Motor cycles	Total motor vehicles
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
1974-75	502,720	..	121,467	..	624,187	..	67,563	691,750
1975-76	454,637	..	129,726	..	584,363	..	60,017	644,380
1976-77	447,102	..	134,709	..	581,811	..	50,321	632,132
1976-77 -								
Feb.	34,513	39,063	10,532	12,463	45,045	51,526	4,026	49,071
Mar.	38,453	33,550	11,590	10,483	50,043	44,033	3,503	53,546
Apr.	29,303	30,284	8,806	9,232	38,109	39,516	3,007	41,116
May	37,645	34,040	11,319	10,164	48,964	44,204	3,264	52,228
June	40,514	39,850	13,262	12,552	53,776	52,402	3,121	56,897
1977-78 -								
July	38,123	38,250	12,174	11,583	50,297	49,833	3,239	53,536
Aug.	40,057	36,917	11,899	10,589	51,956	47,506	3,407	55,363
Sept.	34,515	34,939	10,190	10,226	44,705	45,165	3,367	48,072
Oct.	33,975	32,978	10,536	10,412	44,511	43,390	3,768	48,279
Nov.	36,451	35,650	10,565	9,976	47,016	45,626	3,249	50,265
Dec.	35,177	37,685	10,296	11,626	45,473	49,311	3,102	48,575
Jan.	30,125	36,925	8,406	10,352	38,531	42,277	2,821	41,352
Feb.	33,615	38,018	9,768	11,552	43,383	49,570	3,028	46,411
Mar.	34,901	32,315	10,254	10,411	45,155	42,726	2,978	48,133

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

RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

Period	Government railways				Shipping (a)					
	Goods and livestock				Overseas cargo				Interstate cargo shipped	
	Tonnes consigned		Passenger journeys		Shipped from Australian ports		Discharged at Australian ports		Tonnes	
	'000	Net tonne-kilometres	million	Gross earnings \$ million	Tonnes	Cubic metres	Tonnes	Cubic metres	Tonnes	Cubic metres
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	3,143
1975-76	95,039	30,809.3	317.2	939.8	156,133	2,488	19,718	7,170	28,241	2,937
1976-77					164,370	2,041	20,083	6,857	28,221	1,969
1976-77 -										
Aug.	8,412	2,816.1	27.1	85.1	14,876	196	1,798	698	2,830	165
Sept.	8,615	2,772.6	29.5	84.4	12,474	182	1,653	478	2,470	140
Oct.	8,585	2,697.7	25.5	84.0	15,935	191	1,695	581	2,407	172
Nov.	8,306	2,747.0	25.7	85.2	12,743	154	1,559	626	2,107	156
Dec.	8,201	2,596.2	26.2	83.0	13,255	184	1,663	599	2,184	162
Jan.	7,150	2,217.5	23.8	81.8	14,790	178	2,073	511	2,483	123
Feb.	7,884	2,494.0	31.4	78.8	13,614	124	1,325	473	2,322	166
Mar.	8,687	2,713.5	26.1	86.2	12,621	192	1,727	584	2,384	197
Apr.	7,811	2,539.0	26.0	79.7	12,471	146	1,577	495	1,988	176
May	8,641	2,857.6	29.4	87.5	14,583	203	1,731	620	2,391	167
June	9,079				12,169	149	1,572	597	1,982	158
1977-78 -										
July					13,812	212	1,793	518	2,131	160
Aug.					15,096	155	1,839	514	2,649	163
Sept.					13,153	188	1,816	350	2,312	156
Oct.					15,255	189	1,754	323	2,520	184

(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	564.3	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
1976-77 -								
Nov.	54.8	56.0	37.9	3,783	342	388	170	18.1
Dec.	49.4	55.9	39.0	3,800	348	382	225	18.2
Jan.	53.2	48.0	39.0	3,809	335	304	135	18.4
Feb.	57.4	56.7	37.4	3,828	331	377	164	18.6
Mar.	61.4	61.2	40.8	3,849	516	374	156	18.9
Apr.	50.6	50.9	34.7	3,865	404	357	146	19.1
May	62.9	62.2	41.1	3,885	408	474	177	19.4
June	60.9	61.7	39.5	3,907	506	446	206	19.6
1977-78 -								
July	58.3	58.1	39.5	3,926	472	455	203	19.8
Aug.	62.0	63.5	41.3	3,948	520	484	188	20.1
Sept.	61.4	61.6	40.0	3,969	437	460	178	20.4
Oct.	55.8	56.3	36.4	3,988	337	387	154	20.6
Nov.	60.2	62.0	38.5	4,012	437	426	144	20.9
Dec.	51.6	56.4	37.9	4,030	287	375	159	21.1

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

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

(\$ million)

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Period	Current account											
	Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.	Balance of trade	Invisible credits				Invisible debits				Balance on current account
				Transportation and travel	Property income	Trans- fers	Other	Transportation and travel	Property income	Trans- fers	Other	
1974-75	8,490	7,652	838	1,153	415	429	284	1,893	1,092	627	448	-943
1975-76	9,408	7,924	1,484	1,253	336	359	226	2,083	1,546	701	436	-1,108
1976-77	11,399	10,350	1,049	1,486	355	276	181	2,478	1,678	703	423	-1,936
1976-77 -												
Sept. qtr	2,857	2,397	460	342	82	62	41	600	403	175	101	-293
Dec. qtr	2,804	2,406	398	392	90	75	49	582	432	164	95	-270
Mar. qtr	2,799	2,794	5	388	90	67	47	607	388	172	107	-678
June qtr	2,940	2,753	186	364	94	72	44	689	456	192	120	-696
1977-78 -												
Sept. qtr	3,012	2,825	187	387	80	86	45	678	466	236	135	-730
Dec. qtr	3,086	2,640	446	436	89	82	50	637	504	138	124	-301

CAPITAL ITEMS

Period	Capital inflow					Monetary movements				
	Government		Private		Non-official monetary sector transactions	Balancing item	Net apparent capital inflow	Change in official reserve assets	Other transactions	Net official monetary movements
	Securities	Other	Trade credit	Other						
1974-75	21	-55	-70	752	51	-221	478	-460	-4	-464
1975-76	55	-184	106	583	-25	-448	87	-1,053	32	-1,020
1976-77	347	-235	238	1,311	20	-235	1,445	-190	-301	-491
1976-77 -										
Sept. qtr	226	-71	43	3	-79	-96	25	42	-310	-268
Dec. qtr	137	-17	97	427	79	-461	261	-7	-1	-9
Mar. qtr	-7	-28	80	497	-11	282	814	127	9	136
June qtr	-8	-119	18	383	30	41	346	-352	2	-350
1977-78 -										
Sept. qtr	482	-70	-138	105	45	-429	-6	-584	-152	-736
Dec. qtr	357	-17	-83	343	(a)	-366	234	-43	-24	-67

(a) Not yet available, included in the balancing item.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

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

Period	Gross national expenditure	Plus Exports of goods and services	Less Imports of goods and services	Components of gross domestic product							
				Gross domestic product at factor cost							
				Gross domestic product			Gross operating surplus				
							Wages, salaries and supplements	Trading enterprises		Financial enterprises, etc. (b)	Indirect taxes less subsidies
								Companies	Other		
Farm	Non-farm	Total									
ORIGINAL											
1974-75	60,644	9,926	9,993	3,685	56,891	60,576	35,409	7,203	11,928	-584	6,619
1975-76	70,833	10,886	10,442	3,780	67,499	71,279	40,589	8,341	13,973	-151	8,526
1976-77	82,410	13,066	13,251	4,034	78,190	82,224	46,053	9,920	16,664	-165	9,752
1976-77 --											
Sept. qtr	19,555	3,239	3,098	790	18,906	19,696	11,086	2,431	3,954	-64	2,289
Dec. qtr	22,006	3,246	3,084	1,580	20,588	22,168	11,868	2,960	5,028	-27	2,339
Mar. qtr	20,031	3,233	3,508	1,135	18,622	19,757	11,131	2,030	4,126	-17	2,487
June qtr	20,818	3,348	3,562	529	20,074	20,603	11,968	2,499	3,556	-57	2,637
1977-78 --											
Sept. qtr	22,040	3,444	3,638	895	20,951	21,846	12,237	2,652	4,576	-76	2,457
Dec. qtr	23,969	3,572	3,401	1,756	22,384	24,140	12,890	3,087	5,786	-110	2,487
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED											
1976-77 --											
Sept. qtr	19,526	3,247	2,982	950	18,841	19,791	11,122	2,423	3,922	-59	2,383
Dec. qtr	20,133	3,167	3,112	973	19,215	20,188	11,265	2,480	4,081	-10	2,372
Mar. qtr	21,217	3,315	3,590	1,046	19,896	20,942	11,677	2,568	4,259	-34	2,472
June qtr	21,598	3,340	3,584	1,077	20,277	21,354	11,986	2,479	4,431	-61	2,519
1977-78 --											
Sept. qtr	21,942	3,449	3,506	1,011	20,874	21,885	12,276	2,646	4,481	-72	2,554
Dec. qtr	21,945	3,494	3,438	979	21,022	22,001	12,348	2,600	4,616	-92	2,529

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (5206.0). (b) Financial enterprises less imputed bank service charge.COMPONENTS OF GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)
(\$ million)

Gross fixed capital expenditure											
Period	Private										
	Final consumption expenditure		Dwellings	Other building and construction	All other	Total private	Public enterprises	General government	Increase in stocks	Statistical discrepancy	Gross national expenditure
	Private	Government									
ORIGINAL											
1974-75	35,127	9,150	2,442	1,943	4,309	8,694	2,833	2,829	955	1,056	60,644
1975-76	41,568	11,316	2,332	1,967	5,055	10,254	3,168	3,478	110	940	70,833
1976-77	47,814	13,249	4,029	1,945	6,040	12,014	3,539	3,616	1,010	1,169	82,410
1976-77 -											
Sept. qtr	11,249	3,162	1,025	501	1,309	2,835	780	762	42	725	19,555
Dec. qtr	12,550	3,388	1,033	519	1,645	3,197	907	923	674	368	22,006
Mar. qtr	11,577	3,132	963	430	1,412	2,805	805	762	262	688	20,031
June qtr	12,438	3,567	1,008	495	1,674	3,177	1,047	1,170	32	-612	20,818
1977-78 -											
Sept. qtr	12,685	3,536	1,022	575	1,575	3,172	919	806	17	906	22,040
Dec. qtr	14,016	3,867	976	640	1,823	3,439	1,095	970	315	268	23,969
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED											
1976-77 -											
Sept. qtr	11,359	3,208	990	495	1,345	2,830	828	852	52	397	19,526
Dec. qtr	11,855	3,247	1,028	472	1,540	3,040	866	856	140	130	20,133
Mar. qtr	12,135	3,352	1,007	500	1,590	3,097	890	910	174	659	21,217
June qtr	12,470	3,443	1,005	483	1,563	3,051	939	984	655	56	21,598
1977-78 -											
Sept. qtr	12,813	3,587	987	566	1,620	3,173	976	900	-27	521	21,942
Dec. qtr	13,238	3,702	971	583	1,707	3,261	1,048	899	-411	208	21,945

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (5206.0).

VALUE OF MAIN AGGREGATES AT AVERAGE 1974-75 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	35,127	9,150	8,694	5,662	955	1,054	60,642	9,927	9,994	60,575	3,685	56,890
1975-76	36,000	9,833	8,821	5,790	114	865	61,423	9,990	9,200	62,213	3,920	58,293
1976-77	37,186	10,367	9,153	5,527	792	941	63,966	11,020	10,357	64,629	3,934	60,695
1976-77 -												
Sept. qtr	9,089	2,542	2,261	1,239	31	584	15,746	3,006	2,624	16,128	757	15,371
Dec. qtr	9,478	2,666	2,487	1,440	689	288	17,448	2,810	2,552	17,706	1,660	16,046
Mar. qtr	8,894	2,450	2,088	1,195	197	528	15,352	2,571	2,629	15,294	1,140	14,154
June qtr	9,325	2,709	2,317	1,653	-127	-458	15,419	2,633	2,551	15,501	378	15,123
1977-78 -												
Sept. qtr	9,314	2,626	2,268	1,275	18	664	16,165	2,772	2,513	16,424	792	15,632
Dec. qtr	10,072	2,800	2,417	1,505	351	192	17,337	2,940	2,374	17,903	1,706	16,197
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1976-77 -												
Sept. qtr	9,168	2,573	2,258	1,352	83	301	15,735	2,958	2,522	16,171	973	15,198
Dec. qtr	9,375	2,595	2,376	1,355	76	96	15,873	2,720	2,570	16,023	996	15,027
Mar. qtr	9,321	2,597	2,299	1,377	115	408	16,117	2,669	2,671	16,115	992	15,123
June qtr	9,318	2,603	2,218	1,430	516	172	16,257	2,633	2,594	16,326	984	15,342
1977-78 -												
Sept. qtr	9,397	2,658	2,268	1,389	-40	344	16,016	2,728	2,418	16,326	876	15,450
Dec. qtr	9,558	2,722	2,305	1,420	-442	100	15,663	2,849	2,395	16,117	863	15,254

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

FINANCE

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

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

Period	Manufacturing			Finance and property			Commerce		
	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total
1974-75	84.3	368.1	452.2	18.1	421.6	439.6	36.0	89.2	125.2
1975-76	115.0	142.1	257.1	68.5	853.3	921.8	57.5	20.8	78.3
196-77	182.4	147.4	329.8	212.2	939.7	1,151.9	9.5	31.3	40.8
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	78.5	94.3	4.7	14.8	19.5
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	41.8	58.8	100.6	31.0	292.8	323.8	0.6	12.5	13.1
Dec. qtr	46.9	11.1	58.0	15.7	275.7	291.4	7.2	(b)-1.4	5.8
Other industries									
All industries									
Period	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	1,209.6	1,681.6			
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	11.0	4.2	15.2	41.9	357.3	399.2			
Dec. qtr	25.3	14.7	40.0	220.9	461.3	682.2			
Mar. qtr	10.4	77.6	88.0	98.4	186.2	284.5			
June qtr	21.4	(b)-5.5	15.9	110.9	204.8	315.7			
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	16.1	(b)-3.2	12.9	89.5	361.1	450.6			
Dec. qtr	22.5	35.3	57.8	92.4	320.7	413.1			

(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				All other assets	
	Notes on issue		Statutory Reserve Deposit	Term Loan Fund	Farm Development Loan Fund	Other deposits of trading banks	Deposits of savings banks	Other liabilities (a)	Gold and foreign ex- change	Treasury bills and Treasury notes			Other-
	Held by public	Total								Treasury notes	Other-		
1974-75	2,061.9	2,373.9	462.2	22.9	19.8	9.7	1,056.9	1,200.3	3,110.9	146.5	1,041.4	1,094.5	
1975-76	2,417.7	2,762.5	909.0	17.0	14.7	9.9	1,089.9	747.8	2,778.7	1,290.4	906.6	826.2	
1976-77	2,768.3	3,171.8	1,303.6	35.5	25.3	8.4	1,213.4	1,255.3	2,612.1	1,758.3	2,189.7	715.7	
1976-77 --													
Feb.	2,777.5	3,192.4	1,680.1	34.6	22.4	16.0	1,343.3	1,269.0	2,985.5	1,952.2	2,173.0	721.9	
Mar.	2,794.8	3,206.0	1,861.4	27.9	20.2	7.4	1,455.3	1,273.6	2,881.4	2,122.3	2,176.2	945.1	
Apr.	2,887.6	3,310.5	1,879.6	23.1	18.4	8.3	1,330.5	1,281.2	2,843.5	2,048.1	2,247.3	985.2	
May	2,868.5	3,274.6	1,847.2	21.4	16.4	6.3	1,073.1	1,337.0	2,786.5	1,482.2	2,600.2	980.4	
June	2,887.4	3,293.1	1,704.2	16.9	10.1	6.9	1,044.6	1,408.9	2,596.7	1,433.8	2,735.5	983.7	
1977-78 --													
July	2,922.4	3,327.8	1,396.4	10.1	4.7	5.6	1,096.0	1,428.1	2,302.5	1,478.8	2,707.5	1,043.8	
Aug.	2,973.3	3,384.5	1,369.5	7.3	2.2	5.7	1,091.5	1,962.5	2,517.8	1,822.2	2,842.9	906.6	
Sept.	3,010.3	3,412.4	1,178.1	27.7	9.9	5.7	1,116.6	2,100.8	2,405.0	2,011.6	2,812.4	887.5	
Oct.	3,008.0	3,423.5	1,120.1	41.8	15.1	7.1	1,155.6	2,185.1	2,622.7	2,254.6	2,602.4	733.0	
Nov.	3,040.6	3,458.7	1,144.5	46.7	20.1	5.0	1,193.8	2,272.8	2,790.2	2,449.9	2,403.2	762.8	
Dec. (b)	3,263.1	3,786.0	1,163.5	39.6	14.3	4.6	1,121.8	2,384.0	2,875.7	2,671.5	2,323.7	910.3	
Jan.	3,147.7	3,595.4	1,176.0	32.0	9.5	15.9	1,100.1	2,352.5	2,671.7	2,978.1	1,935.0	964.8	
Feb.	3,108.8	3,558.4	1,187.2	31.8	8.3	6.4	1,056.8	2,477.1	2,627.9	2,971.3	1,955.3	1,040.6	
Mar.		3,649.2	1,204.8	29.7	7.9	5.8	1,111.3	2,689.5	2,682.3	3,211.5	2,080.9	1,042.8	

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

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, RURAL CREDITS DEPARTMENT : ADVANCES

<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>\$ million</i>	<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>\$ million</i>
1974-75	200.2	1977-78 -	
1975-76	258.5	July	516.0
1976-77	350.3	Aug.	450.5
		Sept.	402.9
1976-77 -		Oct.	417.3
Feb.	504.3	Nov.	429.0
Mar.	643.3	Dec. (a)	482.9
Apr.	640.4	Jan.	715.6
May	637.6	Feb.	811.1
June	586.7	Mar.	779.0

(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	1977-78 -		
1975-76	63.2	288.0	July	94.6	316.5
1976-77	77.2	303.8	Aug.	94.5	317.1
1976-77 -			Sept.	93.8	319.7
Feb.	79.2	300.7	Oct.	94.0	318.0
Mar.	78.9	304.6	Nov.	96.1	314.8
Apr.	82.0	305.1	Dec. (a)	97.9	330.1
May	85.2	304.2	Jan.	96.9	327.7
June	89.7	316.0	Feb.	93.1	325.8
			Mar.	89.5	330.9

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

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

Average of weekly figures	Deposits				Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government securities		Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans, advances and bills discounted (c)	
	Fixed	Current	Total			Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other			Original	Seasonally adjusted
			Original	Seasonally adjusted							
1974-75	7,260	5,449	12,709	..	274.6	752.6	2,118.4	143.7	455.8	9,348	..
1975-76	8,585	6,547	15,132	..	311.5	658.2	3,079.4	120.5	895.9	10,344	..
1976-77	10,286	7,023	17,309	..	357.3	591.3	3,609.3	129.7	1,287.7	11,616	..
1976-77 -											
Feb.	11,024	7,489	18,514	17,742	373.6	1,462.5	3,752.4	165.9	1,659.9	11,288	11,570
Mar.	11,149	7,479	18,629	17,743	359.5	1,500.9	3,792.0	97.2	1,841.5	11,425	11,668
Apr.	10,880	7,281	18,161	17,707	375.4	854.9	3,702.5	59.6	1,860.0	11,836	11,724
May	10,456	6,945	17,401	17,676	357.4	261.9	3,369.6	125.6	1,827.8	12,013	11,850
June	10,129	7,069	17,198	17,793	358.2	37.7	3,305.8	102.5	1,685.7	12,177	12,046
1977-78 -											
July	9,831	7,001	16,832	17,595	353.2	47.2	3,246.5	100.6	1,379.9	12,364	12,224
Aug.	9,957	6,997	16,954	17,529	356.2	27.8	3,203.0	139.1	1,352.7	12,371	12,372
Sept.	10,027	7,008	17,035	17,551	349.2	73.1	3,246.9	182.0	1,163.2	12,529	12,590
Oct.	10,233	7,196	17,429	17,656	360.4	76.6	3,342.6	124.0	1,105.1	12,926	12,767
Nov.	10,351	7,377	17,728	17,713	362.6	88.3	3,352.6	211.3	1,127.5	12,964	12,930
Dec. (d)	10,288	7,572	17,860	17,627	454.0	83.0	3,423.0	151.3	1,145.9	12,970	13,028
Jan.	10,417	7,639	18,056	17,452	394.4	218.4	3,741.2	176.3	1,158.8	12,857	12,920
Feb.	10,648	7,694	18,342	17,590	385.0	399.5	3,725.9	178.0	1,170.4	12,869	13,194
Mar.	11,005	7,740	18,745	17,846	390.0	478.8	3,741.9	168.5	1,188.5	13,159	13,443

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

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

Average of weekly figures	Liquid assets and Commonwealth Government securities				Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans advances and bills discounted (c)	Deposits not bearing interest
	Cash and cash at Reserve Bank	Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other Commonwealth and State Government securities	Total			
1974-75	2.2	5.9	16.7	24.8	3.6	73.6	38.6
1975-76	2.1	4.4	20.4	26.8	5.9	68.4	38.5
1976-77	2.1	3.4	20.9	26.3	7.4	67.1	36.3
1976-77 -							
Feb.	2.0	7.9	20.3	30.2	9.0	61.0	36.3
Mar.	1.9	8.1	20.4	30.3	9.9	61.3	36.1
Apr.	2.1	4.7	20.4	27.2	10.2	65.2	35.9
May	2.1	1.5	19.4	22.9	11.5	69.0	35.7
June	2.1	0.2	19.2	21.5	9.8	70.8	36.3
1977-78 -							
July	2.1	0.3	19.3	21.7	8.2	73.5	36.9
Aug.	2.1	0.2	18.9	21.2	8.0	73.0	36.7
Sept.	2.1	0.4	19.1	21.5	6.8	73.6	36.7
Oct.	2.1	0.4	19.2	21.7	6.3	74.2	36.7
Nov.	2.1	0.5	18.9	21.5	6.4	73.1	37.2
Dec. (d)	2.5	0.5	19.2	22.2	6.4	72.6	38.2
Jan.	2.2	1.2	20.7	24.1	6.4	71.2	38.1
Feb.	2.1	2.2	20.3	24.6	6.4	70.2	37.7
Mar.	2.1	2.6	19.7	24.6	6.3	70.2	37.1

(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	53.5	29.4	11,968.4
1976	6.1	2.0	95.9	104.1	66.6	29.3	13,523.3
1977	6.4	2.8	95.6	104.9	70.4	25.2	14,743.1
1976-77 -							
Feb.	6.4	2.4	85.2	94.1	82.7	2.6	14,262.5
Mar.	7.9	3.0	89.6	100.5	72.4	17.2	14,331.3
Apr.	3.2	2.6	91.5	97.3	53.2	38.3	14,431.2
May	8.0	3.0	94.0	105.0	65.5	28.6	14,545.5
June	6.4	3.3	98.7	108.3	83.9	14.8	14,604.6
1977-78 -							
July	8.3	2.8	98.4	109.5	71.8	26.6	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	70.2	34.3	14,912.9
Oct.	6.3	2.8	116.8	125.9	70.0	46.8	15,100.2
Nov.	14.8	3.3	116.7	134.8	78.1	38.5	15,254.3
Dec.	10.6	3.6	102.5	116.7	81.4	21.1	15,359.8
Jan.	6.9	3.1	99.6	109.6			
Feb.	7.7	2.8	102.3	112.8			
Mar.	8.0	4.2	113.2	125.4			

(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 ^a	Not bearing interest	Total						
1974-75	8,004.8	682.0	5,185.8	13,872.5	291.3	780.8	2,268.0	187.1	462.2	10,629.6
1975-76	9,587.2	861.4	6,160.7	16,609.4	330.4	698.6	3,285.8	157.5	909.0	11,793.2
1976-77	11,550.4	907.7	6,660.7	19,118.8	380.6	641.1	3,852.9	165.2	1,303.6	13,328.6
1976-77 -										
Feb.	12,311.1	955.5	7,139.7	20,406.3	397.7	1,562.4	3,994.2	208.0	1,680.1	13,013.0
Mar.	12,451.5	935.7	7,149.0	20,536.2	382.8	1,601.3	4,037.5	121.8	1,861.4	13,185.5
Apr.	12,178.6	927.0	6,916.2	20,021.7	398.3	927.7	3,947.8	76.7	1,879.6	13,605.0
May	11,785.5	885.7	6,606.2	19,277.3	379.4	313.6	3,624.5	150.0	1,847.2	13,814.1
June	11,462.7	992.3	6,640.8	19,095.8	379.9	78.8	3,567.9	144.8	1,704.2	13,985.3
1977-78 -										
July	11,219.4	954.3	6,576.9	18,750.6	374.8	74.5	3,517.5	145.0	1,396.4	14,234.7
Aug.	11,342.7	932.7	6,586.3	18,861.7	378.2	50.5	3,483.0	178.9	1,369.5	14,263.4
Sept.	11,447.7	911.6	6,614.7	18,974.0	371.7	101.7	3,530.9	217.3	1,178.1	14,438.7
Oct.	11,743.8	946.6	6,777.5	19,468.0	384.6	114.9	3,633.3	166.0	1,120.1	14,891.1
Nov.	11,836.5	925.9	6,993.4	19,755.8	385.7	125.3	3,636.6	254.1	1,144.5	14,904.2
Dec. (c)	11,760.7	898.3	7,229.8	19,888.7	479.0	117.4	3,707.7	184.8	1,163.5	14,918.6
Jan.	11,941.8	934.6	7,307.4	20,183.9	407.0	262.3	4,032.8	227.7	1,176.0	14,864.4
Feb.	12,203.7	971.5	7,337.1	20,512.3	410.3	452.7	4,008.8	220.3	1,187.2	14,913.0
Mar.	12,625.8	979.9	7,375.7	20,981.4	414.7	543.9	4,017.6	212.8	1,204.8	15,334.9

(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	4,462.0	3,808.0	1,027.4	578.0	680.0	150.2	27.8	118.1	10,851.5
1976-77	5,156.3	4,588.4	1,230.7	690.0	814.4	179.8	35.6	138.7	12,833.8
1976-77 -									
Feb.	5,004.6	4,407.4	1,197.5	704.6	836.2	171.5	28.4	143.8	12,494.0
Mar.	5,362.4	4,760.4	1,204.6	725.4	855.2	185.8	29.0	134.3	13,257.0
Apr.	5,363.9	4,569.9	1,212.8	692.4	837.7	188.0	28.2	122.5	13,015.3
May	5,646.1	5,252.4	1,284.8	748.4	909.2	200.9	33.5	173.6	14,249.0
June	5,443.8	5,209.3	1,421.8	789.7	875.5	184.0	36.3	150.7	14,111.2
1977-78 -									
July	5,684.5	5,525.5	1,400.9	766.9	920.8	213.0	34.0	147.2	14,692.7
Aug.	5,437.9	4,819.2	1,260.9	716.9	880.1	181.0	31.0	120.8	13,447.8
Sept.	5,869.3	5,082.7	1,391.2	737.5	873.1	186.3	32.0	143.4	14,315.5
Oct.	5,840.1	5,372.6	1,335.0	703.0	924.6	188.0	29.7	125.4	14,518.3
Nov.	6,238.5	5,267.4	1,381.8	773.0	993.7	199.3	32.2	134.0	15,019.8
Dec.	6,650.7	5,454.6	1,477.7	811.9	1,014.9	206.7	31.4	224.7	15,872.7
Jan.	6,761.7	5,105.6	1,271.7	726.1	956.9	169.5	28.7	155.0	15,175.3
Feb.	6,458.9	5,485.1	1,640.7	790.6	1,062.1	180.8	28.3	146.1	15,792.5
Mar.	5,626.4	4,774.9	1,258.0	747.6	963.2	179.3	29.6	146.6	13,725.5

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

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

At end of -	Coin, bullion and notes	Deposits with Reserve Bank	Deposits with trading banks	Commonwealth and State Government securities (b)	Local and semi-government securities	Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	Loans, advances and bills discounted	
							Housing	Other
June 1974	27.3	1,052.7	230.3	2,940.6	2,830.3	51.9	3,672.8	513.3
June 1975	32.6	907.6	391.0	2,962.1	(c)3,285.2	80.2	4,717.4	(c)573.6
June 1976	40.4	1,053.8	266.2	2,824.7	3,893.6	70.1	6,049.7	695.3
1976-77 -								
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
Oct.	40.4	1,208.2	210.0	2,857.0	4,597.3	56.0	7,639.7	869.6
Nov.	55.8	1,177.3	181.0	2,779.2	4,649.1	55.0	7,711.9	885.3
Dec.	55.2	1,096.8	203.9	2,892.6	4,720.5	96.9	7,821.1	827.8
Jan.	51.1	1,093.6	214.4	2,954.9	4,763.3	87.4	7,875.2	835.5
Feb.	54.1	1,034.2	239.5	3,086.4	4,791.5	102.9	7,940.3	839.7

(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	11,211.9
June 1975	3,835.9	(b)4,668.5	1,618.2	1,394.6	779.4	382.3	71.4	118.2	(b)12,868.5	(b)12,899.1
June 1976	4,348.9	5,377.6	1,940.3	1,617.3	897.7	430.6	76.3	133.8	14,822.5	14,838.1
1976-77 -										
Jan.	4,622.2	5,795.1	2,073.7	1,728.1	953.6	461.0	74.7	136.7	15,845.1	15,819.3
Feb.	4,678.9	5,897.0	2,101.8	1,760.5	965.1	471.5	75.5	140.0	16,090.3	16,020.0
Mar.	4,647.5	5,866.1	2,073.1	1,739.2	954.9	469.8	74.2	139.8	15,964.5	16,031.2
Apr.	4,646.3	5,856.1	2,059.1	1,728.1	945.7	467.3	73.4	137.6	15,913.6	16,173.8
May	4,698.7	5,856.9	2,094.2	1,735.3	950.0	470.0	73.2	138.5	16,016.9	16,266.4
June	4,803.2	5,977.5	2,148.7	1,780.8	960.5	477.1	74.7	142.7	16,365.3	16,401.4
1977-78 -										
July	4,828.9	6,046.2	2,175.6	1,789.4	966.2	480.3	75.5	142.7	16,504.8	16,542.2
Aug.	4,861.7	6,120.2	2,204.3	1,796.5	973.0	491.9	75.6	143.4	16,666.6	16,635.3
Sept.	4,904.2	6,201.0	2,245.5	1,811.9	994.9	497.0	76.2	145.3	16,876.0	16,755.0
Oct.	4,963.9	6,229.5	2,323.4	1,830.6	1,007.3	501.6	77.4	148.2	17,082.0	16,866.4
Nov.	4,965.2	6,224.7	2,332.4	1,838.1	1,013.3	503.8	77.1	148.6	17,103.2	16,981.3
Dec.	4,997.7	6,283.8	2,347.4	1,870.6	1,017.0	503.7	76.9	150.8	17,247.9	17,131.7
Jan.	5,037.3	6,353.7	2,350.6	1,879.6	1,026.3	508.0	73.6	150.6	17,379.6	17,340.8
Feb.	5,079.2	6,419.4	2,364.2	1,899.6	1,034.5	520.5	72.9	152.8	17,543.1	17,515.6

(a) Interest added 1973-74, \$404.0m; 1974-75, \$613.9m; 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* (\$616.0). More detailed statistics are also contained in the monthly bulletin *Finance Companies* (\$614.0) and a further dissection of "amount financed" by purpose of loan for instalment credit for retail sales provided by finance companies is given in the monthly bulletin *Instalment Credit for Retail Sales* (\$631.0).

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

Other consumer and commercial loans										
Period	Instalment credit for retail sales	Personal loans (a)	Wholesale finance	Factoring	Finance for housing			Other commercial loans		
					Purchase of existing housing	Construction of housing (b)	Purchase of individual residential blocks of land	Construction other than housing	Other purposes (c)	Total amount financed
AUSTRALIA										
1974-75	1,142.3	347.7	2,143.5	183.2	179.1	304.6	90.2	299.0	1,031.8	5,721.3
1975-76	1,379.8	523.6	2,873.6	237.4	418.1	439.4	132.4	421.8	1,223.3	7,649.5
1976-77	1,530.3	647.4	3,869.2	247.1	516.2	514.3	165.1	569.5	1,430.8	9,490.2
1976-77 -										
Dec.	142.8	57.0	364.3	23.2	56.3	53.7	16.3	57.4	121.0	892.1
Jan.	109.9	42.3	251.4	11.8	32.4	25.5	9.7	32.3	81.5	596.8
Feb.	117.2	51.2	297.8	20.8	39.8	36.6	12.9	42.5	99.4	718.3
Mar.	133.6	58.6	365.0	25.4	45.3	39.4	13.6	44.9	108.3	834.0
Apr.	116.8	50.0	301.2	19.5	42.2	35.8	12.6	47.0	139.7	764.8
May	134.2	60.6	355.8	22.7	43.4	41.0	11.9	60.4	132.2	862.3
June	133.4	59.5	336.5	20.4	40.8	39.5	17.3	64.6	178.2	890.2
1977-78 -										
July	125.7	53.1	322.1	20.0	41.5	40.0	12.9	59.8	157.9	833.0
Aug.	132.8	57.2	346.4	26.1	44.4	40.0	13.7	55.6	139.8	855.8
Sept.	131.4	54.5	331.5	26.0	42.0	33.8	13.9	56.8	146.3	836.4
Oct.	124.6	52.6	295.4	23.5	37.4	36.6	13.3	49.8	134.3	767.6
Nov.	132.3	63.1	366.1	25.9	41.3	35.7	14.4	64.9	119.1	862.7
Dec.	127.6	57.2	334.8	24.8	47.0	38.8	15.2	82.2	192.6	920.1
Jan.	114.3	46.9	243.5	14.8	31.6	26.9	10.1	63.3	140.0	691.5
STATES - DECEMBER 1977										
N.S.W.	46.3	21.4	117.3	8.8	11.1	12.4	3.9	20.7	76.7	318.6
Vic.	28.9	16.7	84.2	12.2	10.4	9.7	2.4	30.1	83.8	278.6
Qld	19.3	8.9	43.6	(d)	8.9	5.0	5.0	8.8	12.9	112.4
S.A.	10.2	(e)5.0	(e)40.0	(d)	5.7	4.4	1.2	1.9	4.3	71.1
W.A.	13.5	2.6	36.1	(d)	9.2	4.1	2.2	6.2	11.7	85.5
Tas.	5.5	1.2	13.7	..	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.3	2.6	23.8
N.T.	0.9	(e)	(e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	3.6
A.C.T.	2.9	1.4	3.7	..	1.1	2.6	0.3	14.2	0.5	26.6
STATES - JANUARY 1978										
N.S.W.	37.5	17.4	80.5	(d)	9.1	10.1	2.7	22.5	45.8	225.6
Vic.	26.9	13.2	73.1	(d)	6.1	4.5	1.3	24.6	60.3	209.9
Qld	17.5	7.6	35.6	(d)	5.1	3.9	3.5	4.8	9.6	87.7
S.A.	10.6	(e)4.4	(e)28.6	(d)	4.6	2.5	0.9	1.8	3.1	55.2
W.A.	13.6	2.2	30.4	(d)	5.7	3.8	1.5	8.3	18.7	84.4
Tas.	5.0	0.7	7.2	..	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	1.9	15.1
N.T.	0.7	(e)	(e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.8
A.C.T.	2.4	1.4	2.8	..	0.6	1.7	0.2	1.1	0.6	10.8

(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—	Instalment 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	1,990.7	601.1	360.9	45.1	1,260.2	978.4	715.1	2,238.7	8,100.2	
1975-76	2,230.2	803.9	589.3	51.3	1,368.9	1,021.2	946.1	2,238.3	9,249.1	
1976-77	2,604.3	1,048.2	913.2	60.9	1,657.9	1,090.5	1,123.8	2,561.6	11,060.4	
1976-77 —										
Dec.	2,462.5	938.0	804.1	59.2	1,517.7	1,058.4	1,059.9	2,374.8	10,274.7	
Jan.	2,491.1	951.9	784.1	51.6	1,532.3	1,067.2	1,073.4	2,329.2	10,280.7	
Feb.	2,511.5	970.1	805.0	52.7	1,555.0	1,078.2	1,057.6	2,385.8	10,415.9	
Mar.	2,524.6	988.4	844.8	60.2	1,579.6	1,075.0	1,059.1	2,410.8	10,542.5	
Apr.	2,546.8	1,005.3	871.9	62.5	1,608.4	1,083.6	1,073.5	2,496.7	10,748.7	
May	2,571.2	1,024.7	895.6	62.5	1,632.8	1,086.6	1,095.6	2,554.2	10,923.4	
June	2,604.3	1,048.2	913.2	60.9	1,657.9	1,090.5	1,123.8	2,561.6	11,060.4	
1977-78 —										
July	2,628.4	1,064.8	926.0	59.9	1,677.5	1,088.1	1,143.8	2,470.9	11,059.3	
Aug.	2,649.6	1,081.7	941.9	66.5	1,679.1	1,073.0	1,152.9	2,488.2	11,132.9	
Sept.	2,676.0	1,094.1	967.9	69.6	1,689.8	1,076.5	1,163.3	2,487.2	11,224.6	
Oct.	2,698.3	1,105.6	966.3	71.5	1,682.7	1,076.8	1,186.2	2,470.9	11,258.3	
Nov.	2,724.9	1,125.8	996.4	72.7	1,694.3	1,074.2	1,192.3	2,546.3	11,426.9	
Dec.	2,747.0	1,137.7	1,012.4	73.4	1,711.5	1,076.7	1,197.7	2,565.1	11,521.5	
Jan.	2,762.7	1,141.5	968.5	64.6	1,711.5	1,082.6	1,195.3	2,559.8	11,486.5	
STATES — DECEMBER 1977										
N.S.W.	948.1	458.8	325.2	23.4	439.2	372.5	364.0	1,084.4	4,015.7	
Vic.	590.8	347.2	268.7	39.9	339.4	304.0	279.4	920.7	3,090.2	
Qld	479.9	150.6	146.0	(a)	489.2	165.8	243.2	252.6	1,927.2	
S.A. (b)	269.9	91.9	104.1	(a)	247.0	92.0	104.4	67.2	976.6	
W.A.	285.6	43.8	145.4	(a)	138.1	94.1	151.3	84.5	942.7	
Tas.	102.2	17.1	23.0	..	4.0	14.4	31.1	7.7	199.6	
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	
A.C.T.	70.5	28.2	10.1	..	54.5	33.9	24.3	147.9	369.5	
STATES — JANUARY 1978										
N.S.W.	960.1	460.8	333.4	(a)	437.1	380.2	365.0	1,086.6	4,023.2	
Vic.	598.3	347.9	297.6	(a)	338.9	301.8	277.7	912.6	3,074.9	
Qld	470.5	150.2	134.4	(a)	489.5	165.9	239.4	249.4	1,899.3	
S.A. (b)	270.8	92.1	96.4	(a)	246.1	91.4	105.0	67.5	969.2	
W.A.	290.0	45.0	141.4	(a)	140.9	95.3	152.6	93.7	958.8	
Tas.	103.1	17.2	21.2	..	4.0	14.3	31.0	8.1	199.0	
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	
A.C.T.	69.9	28.3	8.7	..	55.0	33.6	24.5	141.9	362.0	

(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	1,410.0	2,737.1	5,421.3	5,309.5	718.2	272.5	302.9
1976-77 -							
Dec.	145.0	2,286.0	345.8	370.5	724.5	490.2	340.0
Jan.	95.8	2,331.2	343.3	337.0	743.4	509.4	294.5
Feb.	111.3	2,421.9	564.3	616.4	688.1	532.9	318.0
Mar.	134.4	2,483.1	666.9	726.6	630.5	494.5	338.8
Apr.	117.8	2,556.6	487.5	481.9	572.3	414.3	347.4
May	128.2	2,630.4	499.7	444.7	623.2	381.1	359.8
June	156.5	2,737.1	510.8	422.0	718.2	272.5	302.9
1977-78 -							
July	133.0	2,802.2	570.2	538.9	749.5	276.4	302.9
Aug.	134.7	2,912.2	670.3	682.8	737.7	348.2	321.4
Sept.	132.6	2,957.6	637.0	644.2	734.9	284.5	341.6
Oct.	129.1	3,036.7	593.7	575.4	753.1	344.6	284.3
Nov.	142.1	3,150.2	484.2	477.8	718.6	376.7	294.6
Dec.	147.3	3,229.0	596.1	574.8	740.0	497.0	301.0
Jan.	113.8	3,269.7	488.4	513.4	715.0	498.9	340.2
STATES - DECEMBER 1977							
N.S.W.	45.7	1,017.0					
Vic.	47.2	996.5					
Qld.	22.5	550.8					
S.A. (a)	12.4	276.5					
W.A.	13.7	279.9			Not available		
Tas.	2.9	54.5					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	2.8	53.7					
STATES - JANUARY 1978							
N.S.W.	37.3	1,035.0					
Vic.	33.5	1,011.4					
Qld.	17.2	547.2					
S.A. (a)	10.2	279.3					
W.A.	10.8	286.1			Not available		
Tas.	2.3	55.6					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	2.4	54.9					

(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 -						
Oct.	17,279	25,138	91,146	133,563	2,370	7,444
Nov.	17,369	30,897	101,940	150,206	3,023	4,792
Dec.	17,013	24,000	90,679	131,692	1,913	7,205
Jan.	14,911	20,183	76,189	111,283	1,821	4,018
Feb.	15,658	23,138	95,184	133,980	2,117	5,790
Mar.	21,149	24,645	103,833	149,628	2,202	8,597
Apr.	16,017	20,548	85,034	121,599	1,978	8,172
May	21,678	22,086	104,802	148,566	2,356	7,160
June	19,373	22,561	96,009	137,943	2,417	5,183
1977-78 -						
July	21,555	26,544	107,733	155,832	2,411	8,047
Aug.	27,280	31,549	115,042	173,871	3,602	8,211
Sept.	23,190	28,139	114,760	166,089	3,621	5,945
Oct.	19,449	23,999	90,556	134,004	2,997	8,338
Nov.	19,043	26,259	98,538	143,840	2,795	6,031
Dec.	17,939	21,804	87,226	126,969	2,461	4,194
Jan	17,998	18,918	82,454	119,370	2,466	2,782
Feb.	17,336	22,589	93,803	133,728	2,632	3,314

STATES - FEBRUARY 1978

N.S.W.	5,138	7,377	46,563	59,078	1,438	428
Vic.	2,427	7,065	18,201	27,693	156	1,389
Qld	1,738	2,333	7,876	11,947	335	149
S.A.	836	1,127	5,955	7,918	277	3
W.A.	6,796	3,196	12,417	22,409	282	1,134
Tas.	214	101	1,142	1,457	99	176
A.C.T. and N.T.	187	1,390	1,649	3,226	35	35

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

Period	Loans advanced during month to individuals	Cancellations during month of loans previously approved to individuals	Loans approved but not advanced at end of month to individuals	Amount owing by borrowers at end of month	Paid-up share capital at end of month	Other borrowings by Societies at end of month	
						Unsecured	Secured
AUSTRALIA							
1976-77 -							
Oct.	114,735	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	187,534
Jan.	87,589	5,413	276,066	4,594,606	4,475,971	1,275,864	187,261
Feb.	120,205	7,800	284,152	4,671,893	4,551,494	1,308,217	193,139
Mar.	138,122	8,411	289,449	4,761,217	4,532,958	1,303,991	213,771
Apr.	117,892	6,894	288,240	4,838,903	4,538,195	1,294,300	201,916
May	141,017	7,715	290,474	4,931,282	4,643,060	1,293,917	203,812
June	138,808	7,456	284,516	5,021,897	4,711,087	1,309,910	224,104
1977-78 -							
July	138,920	7,898	296,272	5,139,195	4,843,333	1,362,445	201,592
Aug.	157,393	8,556	308,450	5,246,376	4,928,464	1,397,377	210,437
Sept.	158,250	6,805	313,005	5,357,315	4,971,107	1,427,482	248,857
Oct.	142,299	8,103	299,604	5,448,700	4,923,787	1,450,328	267,510
Nov.	148,128	9,462	288,649	5,546,547	5,028,347	1,470,146	276,939
Dec.	156,408	7,886	253,785	5,639,154	5,133,048	1,516,924	248,237
Jan.	94,844	6,511	274,796	5,695,420	5,228,965	1,549,784	247,451
Feb.	126,093				5,286,582		249,659
STATES - FEBRUARY 1978							
N.S.W.	55,644				2,935,562		53,039
Vic.	25,274				338,964		13,372
Qld	10,803				795,431		39,607
S.A.	6,718				299,318	16,815	16,815
W.A.	23,132				705,750		94,650
Tas.	1,691				102,479	1,081	1,081
A.C.T. and N.T.	2,831				109,078		31,095

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	
1974-75	492.8	7,285.6	72.7	199.4	104.0	6,233.0	743.0	57.7	513.1	470.1	48.6	258.8	279.7
1975-76	467.3	8,383.9	60.2	192.9	1120.4	7,461.1	791.6	56.3	617.5	491.7	50.5	329.1	204.0
1976-77	468.8	10,167.3	51.7	187.0	117.7	8,093.1	804.3	55.9	703.5	545.0	55.6	403.5	257.8
1976-77 -													
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	842.3	62.3	5.7	49.0	44.0	4.9	29.4	19.6
Dec.	40.1	1,040.4	1.8	6.2	13.1	1,115.6	64.0	7.3	51.5	45.2	3.9	34.1	23.8
Jan.	22.5	530.3	1.5	6.1	6.1	327.3	58.0	0.7	63.1	34.1	2.6	40.8	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	7.8	450.6	61.3	5.2	60.2	39.7	4.6	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	1,003.9	5.1	18.6	9.9	812.6	91.7	4.5	69.6	59.8	5.1	34.6	23.7
1977-78 -													
July	40.6	932.6	4.9	18.3	10.3	771.7	79.7	5.0	71.3	53.9	4.8	47.4	19.9
Aug.	45.3	1,041.0	5.2	19.5	11.3	745.1	68.1	4.8	58.8	52.0	5.6	37.7	20.4
Sept.	41.3	958.3	4.3	16.4	10.2	1,122.8	67.7	4.8	66.8	52.0	3.9	34.9	20.5
Oct.	39.6	944.5	5.0	19.9	8.6	670.2	65.4	4.3	64.5	47.2	5.5	32.3	19.8
Nov.	40.8	983.8	3.9	15.5	9.2	1,101.7	68.1	5.4	66.8	49.8	5.5	38.7	18.7

(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 an annuity. (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 mortgage			Other	Govt. securities	Local and semi-govt. securities	Debentures and notes	Shares
		Housing	Other incl. rural	On policies					
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	795.8	287.7	77.5	2,328.0	908.9	915.1	1,791.9
1975-76 -									
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	277.2	69.5	2,182.8	852.9	925.6	1,651.1
Dec.	2,300.1	494.9	808.9	277.4	65.6	2,283.6	873.5	916.5	1,711.5
Mar.	2,336.4	495.9	806.3	280.9	69.7	2,276.6	898.5	927.5	1,751.6
June	2,364.6	499.8	795.8	287.7	77.5	2,328.0	908.9	915.1	1,791.9
1977-78 -									
Sept.	2,427.1	515.0	780.1	288.7	77.7	2,416.8	954.3	922.9	1,821.2

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

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

Month	Banks		Building societies		Government				Credit unions	Insurance companies	Total
	Savings	Trading	Perman-ent	Term-ine'ing	Finance companies	Housing authorities	Other				
HOUSES											
1976-77 -											
Nov.	165,402	55,051	130,695	15,635	31,605	23,305	3,309	1,537	7,719	434,258	
Dec.	163,303	49,779	113,500	12,586	31,228	23,486	3,018	1,527	6,896	405,323	
Jan.	136,636	44,683	97,127	7,321	25,322	18,225	1,905	1,402	5,930	338,551	
Feb.	156,329	47,947	117,301	11,667	30,264	20,577	3,853	1,665	8,118	397,721	
Mar.	173,034	49,205	129,931	14,985	32,874	20,591	5,000	1,697	8,993	436,310	
Apr.	129,140	42,106	105,752	11,146	28,226	14,527	4,452	1,231	7,172	343,752	
May	151,970	42,076	128,226	9,686	29,946	18,310	4,334	1,618	8,214	394,380	
June	166,767	49,470	120,223	10,890	28,861	18,704	3,724	1,607	7,904	408,150	
1977-78 -											
July	157,168	41,436	136,713	8,715	25,638	27,653	2,983	1,471	8,588	410,365	
Aug.	170,841	53,352	152,740	14,832	24,661	20,805	3,989	1,450	7,952	450,622	
Sept.	151,653	41,654	145,929	23,536	22,282	21,608	2,536	1,665	7,724	418,587	
Oct.	156,092	45,471	117,689	30,959	24,769	21,482	3,898	1,669	8,837	410,866	
Nov.	197,790	65,265	125,860	26,616	25,415	24,758	4,177	1,333	9,193	480,407	
Dec.	141,583	39,230	110,439	19,386	22,095	20,923	2,765	1,003	8,336	365,760	
Jan.	165,139	50,432	105,823	16,150	19,833	19,424	2,864	1,171	6,796	387,632	
Feb.	171,819	60,927	118,276	18,436	22,472	21,353	3,064	2,199	10,229	428,775	
OTHER DWELLINGS											
1976-77 -											
Nov.	9,434	4,043	19,511	1,266	1,972	761	197	86	690	37,960	
Dec.	9,561	3,926	18,192	909	1,591	688	105	200	472	35,644	
Jan.	7,919	3,994	14,156	425	957	444	35	62	369	28,361	
Feb.	8,384	3,672	16,679	1,142	1,929	710	145	183	450	33,294	
Mar.	11,065	3,634	19,697	1,317	1,947	619	283	104	614	39,280	
Apr.	8,497	2,749	15,847	903	1,179	281	184	112	807	30,559	
May	9,799	2,854	20,340	918	3,221	604	226	107	613	38,682	
June	9,512	3,335	17,720	822	2,343	576	219	74	691	35,292	
1977-78 -											
July	9,045	2,797	19,119	730	1,588	861	99	200	744	35,183	
Aug.	9,879	3,685	21,131	978	1,989	719	48	226	646	39,301	
Sept.	8,893	3,804	20,160	2,335	1,325	1,235	163	103	581	38,599	
Oct.	8,973	3,274	16,315	1,331	1,718	714	183	158	632	33,298	
Nov.	9,980	4,534	17,980	1,183	2,166	458	191	113	472	37,077	
Dec.	7,579	3,012	16,530	824	2,620	804	126	271	371	32,137	
Jan.	6,896	2,936	13,547	867	2,098	590	60	59	485	27,538	
Feb.	11,099	4,127	15,452	1,081	1,910	722	268	263	468	35,390	
TOTAL											
1976-77 -											
Nov.	174,836	59,094	150,206	16,901	33,577	24,066	3,506	1,623	8,409	472,218	
Dec.	172,864	53,705	131,692	13,495	32,819	24,174	3,123	1,727	7,368	440,967	
Jan.	144,555	48,677	111,283	7,746	26,279	18,669	1,940	1,464	6,299	366,912	
Feb.	164,713	51,619	133,980	12,809	32,193	21,287	3,998	1,848	8,568	431,015	
Mar.	184,099	52,839	149,628	16,302	34,821	21,210	5,283	1,801	9,607	475,590	
Apr.	137,637	44,855	121,599	12,049	29,405	14,808	4,636	1,343	7,979	374,311	
May	161,769	44,930	148,566	10,604	33,167	18,914	4,560	1,725	8,827	433,062	
June	176,279	52,805	137,943	11,712	31,204	19,280	3,943	1,681	8,595	443,442	
1977-78 -											
July	166,213	44,233	155,832	9,445	27,226	28,514	3,082	1,671	9,332	445,548	
Aug.	180,720	57,037	173,871	15,810	26,650	21,524	4,037	1,676	8,598	489,923	
Sept.	160,546	45,458	166,089	25,871	23,607	22,843	2,699	1,768	8,305	457,186	
Oct.	165,065	48,745	134,004	32,290	26,487	22,196	4,081	1,827	9,469	444,164	
Nov.	207,770	69,799	143,840	27,799	27,581	25,216	4,368	1,446	9,665	517,484	
Dec.	149,162	42,242	126,969	20,210	24,715	21,727	2,891	1,274	8,707	397,897	
Jan.	172,035	53,368	119,370	17,017	21,931	20,014	2,924	1,230	7,281	415,170	
Feb.	182,918	65,054	133,728	19,517	24,382	22,075	3,332	2,462	10,697	464,165	

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

Month	Asset holdings (face value)										Interest rates on loans accepted during month				Weighted average interest rates on loans outstanding (a)
	Liabilities to clients			Commonwealth Government securities			Commercial bills	Trading Banks certificates of deposit	At call		For fixed periods				
	All Trading Banks	Other clients	Total	Treasury notes	Other	Total			Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.			
Average of weekly figures - \$ million										per cent per annum					
June 1974	65.4	322.0	387.4	131.2	154.7	285.9	79.2	42.2	0.50	13.00	1.00	13.00	6.82		
June 1975	167.4	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 -															
Jan.	182.8	875.6	1,058.4	623.7	412.0	1,035.7	46.5	13.6	1.00	14.90	3.10	13.10	6.94		
Feb.	208.0	847.5	1,055.5	551.3	482.9	1,034.2	70.0	12.1	1.00	16.15	1.50	11.30	7.12		
Mar.	121.8	832.3	954.1	388.0	506.9	894.9	85.7	10.9	1.00	17.00	3.00	13.50	7.16		
Apr.	76.7	722.9	799.6	196.8	515.1	711.9	101.6	14.0	0.50	16.85	2.00	11.50	6.96		
May	150.0	640.2	790.2	129.8	580.9	710.7	124.5	18.2	0.50	17.05	2.50	12.65	8.60		
June	144.8	701.5	846.3	54.6	774.9	829.5	129.8	21.6	3.00	15.30	5.00	13.80	9.33		
1977-78 -															
July	145.0	746.8	891.8	20.8	927.8	948.6	99.8	16.1	1.75	19.00	5.20	12.25	9.41		
Aug.	178.9	773.7	952.6	10.6	935.6	946.2	136.2	18.7	2.00	18.00	4.00	13.00	9.81		
Sept.	217.3	811.4	1,028.7	19.1	995.2	1,014.3	124.1	27.9	1.50	18.35	4.00	12.80	9.36		
Oct.	166.0	992.3	1,158.3	30.3	1,065.1	1,095.4	113.1	19.0	1.60	17.60	2.50	12.60	8.79		
Nov.	254.1	947.7	1,201.8	41.9	1,107.2	1,149.1	118.8	15.6	1.00	18.35	2.00	11.80	9.46		
Dec. (b)	184.8	963.7	1,148.5	46.2	1,069.2	1,115.4	137.0	14.5	2.00	18.85	4.00	14.00	8.99		
Jan.	227.7	1,071.3	1,299.0	49.2	1,141.7	1,190.9	118.5	5.2	2.50	18.45	5.60	11.60	8.65		
Feb.	220.3	1,149.8	1,370.1	78.4	1,201.4	1,279.8	114.1	6.1	1.00	18.80	3.00	11.10	8.32		

(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 -								
Jan.	913	39	177	1,844	837	2,681	3,809	3,932
Feb.	933	38	176	1,850	835	2,684	3,831	3,906
Mar.	1,009	36	175	1,680	831	2,511	3,731	3,807
Apr.	1,014	36	176	1,723	831	2,554	3,780	3,821
May	997	27	176	1,548	844	2,392	3,591	3,568
June	947	27	174	1,312	851	2,164	3,312	3,243
1977-78 -								
July	959	27	174	1,040	853	1,893	3,053	2,997
Aug.	985	25	175	655	861	1,517	2,701	2,658
Sept.	1,013	25	174	763	844	1,607	2,820	2,789
Oct.	1,061	25	174	874	865	1,739	3,000	2,992
Nov.	1,079	23	175	780	881	1,661	2,938	2,945
Dec.	1,076	23	177	683	919	1,603	2,879	2,892
Jan.	1,164	29	177	567	924	1,491	2,861	2,930
Feb.	1,199	135	179	481	954	1,435	2,948	

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

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

<i>End of period</i>	<i>Treasury bills</i>	<i>Treasury notes</i>	<i>Bank balances</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>End of period</i>	<i>Treasury bills</i>	<i>Treasury notes</i>	<i>Bank balances</i>	<i>Total</i>
June -					1976-77 -				
1973	..	424.7	944.4	-519.7	Apr.	1,800.0	1,165.8	164.9	2,800.9
1974	..	386.9	1,424.9	-1,038.0	May	1,200.0	707.6	187.1	1,720.5
1975	..	2,076.0	765.0	1,311.0	June	1,300.0	369.6	442.0	1,227.6
1976	850.0	456.5	469.4	837.1	1977-78 -				
1976-77 -					July	1,500.0	213.3	142.0	1,571.3
Jan.	1,750.0	2,679.1	113.1	4,316.0	Aug.	1,700.0	294.6	111.2	1,883.4
Feb.	2,050.0	2,811.7	52.9	4,808.8	Sept.	1,800.0	466.8	46.5	2,220.3
Mar.	2,300.0	2,028.9	87.4	4,241.5	Oct.	2,300.0	446.1	103.7	2,642.4
					Nov.	2,400.0	472.4	93.0	2,779.4
					Dec.	2,900.0	560.6	127.2	3,333.4
					Jan.	2,900.0	789.2	61.4	3,627.8
					Feb.	2,800.0	989.2	53.0	3,842.2

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)

<i>Period</i>	<i>N.S.W. (b)</i>	<i>Vic. (c)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tot.</i>	<i>Six States</i>	<i>Commonwealth Government</i>
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	3,463.7	2,528.9	1,610.5	1,174.0	1,144.5	396.6	10,258.4	21,435.4
1977-78 -								
July-Sept.	900.9	677.5	431.9	266.9	306.7	107.3	2,691.2	4,151.3
July-Oct.	1,186.1	898.8	577.9	352.2	407.7	136.7	3,559.4	5,522.7
July-Nov.	1,489.4	1,099.2	746.6	441.0	508.2	156.0	4,452.5	7,537.9
July-Dec.	1,850.3	1,317.5	901.5	547.3	639.4	210.5	5,466.4	9,207.2
July-Jan.	2,134.4	1,549.6	1,069.4	639.9	738.7	243.8	6,375.8	10,917.1
July-Feb.	2,433.2	1,765.6	1,210.1	734.0	838.0	275.4	7,256.3	12,829.9
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
1977-78 -								
July-Sept.	792.4	648.1	366.6	283.8	282.5	109.0	2,482.5	6,416.5
July-Oct.	1,111.1	894.5	536.3	369.1	374.5	141.6	3,427.1	8,364.0
July-Nov.	1,470.7	1,110.0	700.5	474.4	500.0	184.7	4,440.3	10,581.4
July-Dec.	1,771.6	1,345.4	847.2	574.4	615.4	225.9	5,380.0	12,678.7
July-Jan.	2,052.2	1,553.4	1,011.9	667.1	707.1	261.5	6,253.3	14,588.5
July-Feb.	2,386.0	1,803.5	1,143.0	766.2	809.5	298.8	7,207.0	16,599.2

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