

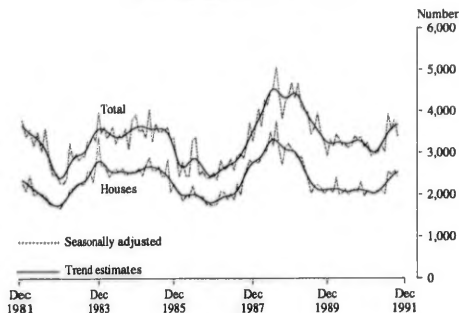
**BUILDING APPROVALS, NEW SOUTH WALES, OCTOBER 1991****MAIN FEATURES****NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS APPROVED**

|                     | October<br>1990 | September<br>1991 | October<br>1991 | October 1990 to<br>October 1991<br>change | September 1991 to<br>October 1991<br>change |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Original series     | 3,434           | 3,827             | 3,563           | 4%                                        | -7%                                         |
| Seasonally adjusted | 3,340           | 3,799             | 3,382           | 1%                                        | -11%                                        |
| Trend estimate      | 3,301           | 3,645             | 3,678           | 11%                                       | 1%                                          |

The seasonally adjusted number of dwelling units approved in October 1991 (3,382) was 11% lower than the previous month and 1% higher than October 1990. The trend estimates (which largely remove seasonal and irregular effects) for October 1991 represent the seventh consecutive monthly increase for both total houses and total dwelling units. In original terms, the number of public sector houses approved (221) is the highest since April 1985.

**Value of building jobs approved**

The value of building jobs approved in October 1991 (\$572.4m) was 7% below the previous month and 11% lower than October 1990, decreasing for the fifth consecutive month. The value of Non-residential approvals (\$150.3m) is the lowest figure since February 1987.

**TOTAL DWELLING UNITS APPROVED****INQUIRIES:**

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### NOTES

The statistics on Building Approvals are compiled from data supplied in monthly reports provided by local and other government authorities.

From July 1990, the statistics relate to all approved new residential building jobs valued at \$10,000 or more (previously \$5,000 or more); approved alterations and additions to residential buildings valued at \$10,000 or more; and approved non-residential building jobs valued at \$50,000 or more (previously \$30,000 or more).

Explanatory notes are provided at the back of this publication.

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## Unpublished data

The ABS can make available certain building approvals data which are not published, such as floor area and material of roof and floor. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided in the following forms:

- photocopy;
- microfiche;
- computer printout; and
- clerically extracted tabulation.

A charge may be made for providing unpublished information in these forms.

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TABLE 1. NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS APPROVED IN NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

| Period                      | Houses         |               |        | Other residential buildings |               |        | Total          |               |        |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------|----------------|---------------|--------|
|                             | Private sector | Public sector | Total  | Private sector              | Public sector | Total  | Private sector | Public sector | Total  |
| SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION |                |               |        |                             |               |        |                |               |        |
| 1988-89                     | 16,195         | 209           | 16,404 | 8,318                       | 1,604         | 9,922  | 24,513         | 1,813         | 26,326 |
| 1989-90                     | 10,125         | 140           | 10,265 | 7,538                       | 1,444         | 8,982  | 17,663         | 1,584         | 19,247 |
| 1990-91                     | 10,179         | 242           | 10,421 | 6,428                       | 1,411         | 7,839  | 16,607         | 1,653         | 18,260 |
| July-October—               |                |               |        |                             |               |        |                |               |        |
| 1990-91                     | 3,203          | 128           | 3,331  | 2,264                       | 745           | 3,009  | 5,467          | 873           | 6,340  |
| 1991-92                     | 4,175          | 295           | 4,470  | 2,414                       | 300           | 2,714  | 6,589          | 595           | 7,184  |
| 1990—                       |                |               |        |                             |               |        |                |               |        |
| August                      | 837            | 55            | 892    | 696                         | 130           | 826    | 1,533          | 185           | 1,718  |
| September                   | 781            | 33            | 814    | 633                         | 136           | 769    | 1,414          | 169           | 1,583  |
| October                     | 855            | —             | 855    | 516                         | 304           | 820    | 1,371          | 304           | 1,675  |
| November                    | 1,278          | 30            | 1,308  | 707                         | 117           | 824    | 1,985          | 147           | 2,132  |
| December                    | 612            | —             | 612    | 275                         | 124           | 399    | 887            | 124           | 1,011  |
| 1991—                       |                |               |        |                             |               |        |                |               |        |
| January                     | 932            | —             | 932    | 412                         | 97            | 509    | 1,344          | 97            | 1,441  |
| February                    | 740            | 3             | 743    | 494                         | 45            | 539    | 1,234          | 48            | 1,282  |
| March                       | 738            | 6             | 744    | 619                         | 49            | 668    | 1,357          | 55            | 1,412  |
| April                       | 866            | 36            | 902    | 350                         | 46            | 396    | 1,216          | 82            | 1,298  |
| May                         | 1,030          | 34            | 1,064  | 728                         | 120           | 848    | 1,758          | 154           | 1,912  |
| June                        | 780            | 5             | 785    | 579                         | 68            | 647    | 1,359          | 73            | 1,432  |
| July                        | 1,052          | 19            | 1,071  | 787                         | 33            | 820    | 1,839          | 52            | 1,891  |
| August                      | 1,012          | 13            | 1,025  | 446                         | 106           | 552    | 1,458          | 119           | 1,577  |
| September                   | 1,147          | 75            | 1,222  | 638                         | 89            | 727    | 1,785          | 164           | 1,949  |
| October                     | 964            | 188           | 1,152  | 543                         | 72            | 615    | 1,507          | 260           | 1,767  |
| NEW SOUTH WALES             |                |               |        |                             |               |        |                |               |        |
| 1988-89                     | 35,252         | 581           | 35,833 | 14,116                      | 2,152         | 16,268 | 49,368         | 2,733         | 52,101 |
| 1989-90                     | 25,086         | 435           | 25,521 | 12,465                      | 2,249         | 14,714 | 37,551         | 2,684         | 40,235 |
| 1990-91                     | 24,361         | 545           | 24,906 | 11,020                      | 1,942         | 12,962 | 35,381         | 2,487         | 37,868 |
| July-October—               |                |               |        |                             |               |        |                |               |        |
| 1990-91                     | 8,101          | 232           | 8,333  | 4,000                       | 909           | 4,909  | 12,101         | 1,141         | 13,242 |
| 1991-92                     | 9,730          | 474           | 10,204 | 4,200                       | 584           | 4,784  | 13,930         | 1,058         | 14,988 |
| 1990—                       |                |               |        |                             |               |        |                |               |        |
| August                      | 2,055          | 65            | 2,120  | 1,102                       | 130           | 1,232  | 3,157          | 195           | 3,352  |
| September                   | 2,001          | 59            | 2,060  | 1,099                       | 169           | 1,268  | 3,100          | 228           | 3,328  |
| October                     | 2,114          | 20            | 2,134  | 914                         | 386           | 1,300  | 3,028          | 406           | 3,434  |
| November                    | 2,619          | 65            | 2,684  | 1,110                       | 133           | 1,243  | 3,729          | 198           | 3,927  |
| December                    | 1,641          | 15            | 1,656  | 696                         | 226           | 922    | 2,337          | 241           | 2,578  |
| 1991—                       |                |               |        |                             |               |        |                |               |        |
| January                     | 1,998          | 23            | 2,021  | 775                         | 99            | 874    | 2,773          | 122           | 2,895  |
| February                    | 1,727          | 45            | 1,772  | 788                         | 140           | 928    | 2,515          | 185           | 2,700  |
| March                       | 1,951          | 17            | 1,968  | 909                         | 71            | 980    | 2,860          | 88            | 2,948  |
| April                       | 2,020          | 75            | 2,095  | 697                         | 69            | 766    | 2,717          | 144           | 2,861  |
| May                         | 2,354          | 37            | 2,391  | 1,138                       | 189           | 1,327  | 3,492          | 226           | 3,718  |
| June                        | 1,950          | 36            | 1,986  | 907                         | 106           | 1,013  | 2,857          | 142           | 2,999  |
| July                        | 2,484          | 72            | 2,556  | 1,231                       | 171           | 1,402  | 3,715          | 243           | 3,958  |
| August                      | 2,422          | 88            | 2,510  | 971                         | 159           | 1,130  | 3,393          | 247           | 3,640  |
| September                   | 2,505          | 93            | 2,598  | 1,061                       | 168           | 1,229  | 3,566          | 261           | 3,827  |
| October                     | 2,319          | 221           | 2,540  | 937                         | 86            | 1,023  | 3,256          | 307           | 3,563  |

NOTE: The number of self-contained dwelling units approved as part of the construction of non-residential building and alterations and additions to existing buildings (including conversions to dwelling units) are excluded from this table. There were 57 such dwelling units approved in October 1991.

TABLE 2. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED  
(\$ million)

| Period                      | New residential building |               |         |                             |               |         |                |               |         | Alterations and additions to residential buildings | Non-residential building |         | Total building |          |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------|----------------|---------------|---------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|----------------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|
|                             | Houses                   |               |         | Other residential buildings |               |         | Total          |               |         |                                                    | Private sector           | Total   | Private sector | Total    |  |  |  |  |  |
|                             | Private sector           | Public sector | Total   | Private sector              | Public sector | Total   | Private sector | Public sector | Total   |                                                    |                          |         |                |          |  |  |  |  |  |
|                             |                          |               |         |                             |               |         |                |               |         |                                                    |                          |         |                |          |  |  |  |  |  |
| SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION |                          |               |         |                             |               |         |                |               |         |                                                    |                          |         |                |          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1988-89                     | 1,571.8                  | 15.0          | 1,586.8 | 527.5                       | 159.5         | 687.0   | 2,099.3        | 174.4         | 2,273.7 | 729.4                                              | 3,711.1                  | 4,664.2 | 6,531.9        | 7,667.3  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1989-90                     | 1,061.9                  | 9.8           | 1,071.8 | 640.7                       | 116.5         | 757.2   | 1,702.6        | 126.4         | 1,828.9 | 665.9                                              | 3,328.7                  | 4,534.5 | 5,682.0        | 7,029.3  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1990-91                     | 1,096.8                  | 19.3          | 1,116.0 | 596.5                       | 121.3         | 717.9   | 1,693.3        | 140.6         | 1,833.9 | 646.2                                              | 2,185.9                  | 2,898.7 | 4,516.0        | 5,378.8  |  |  |  |  |  |
| July-October—               |                          |               |         |                             |               |         |                |               |         |                                                    |                          |         |                |          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1990-91                     | 362.8                    | 9.5           | 372.3   | 176.0                       | 62.6          | 238.6   | 538.8          | 72.1          | 610.9   | 235.1                                              | 853.5                    | 1,035.4 | 1,624.2        | 1,881.4  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1991-92                     | 448.9                    | 24.2          | 473.1   | 188.5                       | 20.4          | 208.9   | 637.4          | 44.6          | 681.9   | 230.9                                              | 419.7                    | 525.4   | 1,284.9        | 1,438.2  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1990—                       |                          |               |         |                             |               |         |                |               |         |                                                    |                          |         |                |          |  |  |  |  |  |
| August                      | 96.2                     | 4.3           | 100.4   | 45.6                        | 9.5           | 55.1    | 141.7          | 13.8          | 155.5   | 65.6                                               | 226.4                    | 280.9   | 432.6          | 502.0    |  |  |  |  |  |
| September                   | 81.3                     | 2.3           | 83.7    | 57.2                        | 10.0          | 67.1    | 138.5          | 12.3          | 150.8   | 53.1                                               | 301.9                    | 346.4   | 491.6          | 550.3    |  |  |  |  |  |
| October                     | 94.6                     | —             | 94.6    | 39.9                        | 28.7          | 68.6    | 134.5          | 28.7          | 163.2   | 59.0                                               | 150.5                    | 178.3   | 344.0          | 400.5    |  |  |  |  |  |
| November                    | 121.3                    | 2.2           | 123.4   | 56.4                        | 10.2          | 66.6    | 177.7          | 12.4          | 190.0   | 62.6                                               | 151.0                    | 226.5   | 389.1          | 479.2    |  |  |  |  |  |
| December                    | 68.2                     | —             | 68.2    | 26.1                        | 12.3          | 38.4    | 94.3           | 12.3          | 106.6   | 41.8                                               | 80.1                     | 174.6   | 216.2          | 322.9    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1991—                       |                          |               |         |                             |               |         |                |               |         |                                                    |                          |         |                |          |  |  |  |  |  |
| January                     | 98.3                     | —             | 98.3    | 58.7                        | 11.7          | 70.4    | 157.0          | 11.7          | 168.7   | 56.1                                               | 109.7                    | 184.1   | 321.9          | 409.0    |  |  |  |  |  |
| February                    | 82.4                     | 0.3           | 82.6    | 36.5                        | 4.4           | 40.9    | 118.9          | 4.6           | 123.5   | 41.7                                               | 322.0                    | 336.5   | 481.3          | 501.6    |  |  |  |  |  |
| March                       | 79.9                     | 0.5           | 80.4    | 62.6                        | 5.7           | 68.3    | 142.5          | 6.2           | 148.6   | 46.7                                               | 113.2                    | 152.2   | 302.4          | 347.6    |  |  |  |  |  |
| April                       | 86.2                     | 3.9           | 90.2    | 24.7                        | 2.6           | 27.4    | 110.9          | 6.6           | 117.5   | 46.0                                               | 191.8                    | 218.3   | 348.5          | 381.8    |  |  |  |  |  |
| May                         | 112.8                    | 2.5           | 115.2   | 75.8                        | 8.1           | 83.8    | 188.6          | 10.5          | 199.1   | 65.7                                               | 196.4                    | 316.7   | 449.1          | 581.5    |  |  |  |  |  |
| June                        | 85.0                     | 0.5           | 85.5    | 79.7                        | 3.7           | 83.4    | 164.7          | 4.2           | 168.9   | 50.5                                               | 168.2                    | 254.4   | 383.3          | 473.8    |  |  |  |  |  |
| July                        | 110.1                    | 1.9           | 112.0   | 71.2                        | 2.4           | 73.6    | 181.3          | 4.3           | 185.6   | 57.0                                               | 72.2                     | 123.4   | 308.7          | 366.0    |  |  |  |  |  |
| August                      | 103.3                    | 1.3           | 104.7   | 29.1                        | 6.0           | 35.1    | 132.4          | 7.3           | 139.8   | 50.6                                               | 149.5                    | 171.8   | 332.4          | 362.2    |  |  |  |  |  |
| September                   | 124.2                    | 6.2           | 130.5   | 41.0                        | 6.3           | 47.3    | 165.2          | 12.5          | 177.7   | 62.2                                               | 110.1                    | 124.7   | 337.5          | 364.7    |  |  |  |  |  |
| October                     | 111.2                    | 14.7          | 125.9   | 47.2                        | 5.8           | 53.0    | 158.5          | 20.4          | 178.9   | 61.0                                               | 87.9                     | 105.4   | 306.2          | 345.3    |  |  |  |  |  |
| NEW SOUTH WALES             |                          |               |         |                             |               |         |                |               |         |                                                    |                          |         |                |          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1988-89                     | 2,998.3                  | 42.8          | 3,041.1 | 826.5                       | 190.9         | 1,017.4 | 3,824.8        | 233.7         | 4,058.5 | 885.7                                              | 4,223.5                  | 5,381.9 | 8,925.3        | 10,326.0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1989-90                     | 2,307.0                  | 34.7          | 2,341.7 | 933.2                       | 167.8         | 1,101.1 | 3,240.2        | 202.6         | 3,442.8 | 873.4                                              | 3,848.1                  | 5,368.4 | 7,945.8        | 9,684.6  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1990-91                     | 2,336.7                  | 45.9          | 2,382.5 | 863.8                       | 161.3         | 1,025.1 | 3,200.4        | 207.2         | 3,407.7 | 900.4                                              | 2,752.2                  | 3,750.2 | 6,842.7        | 8,058.2  |  |  |  |  |  |
| July-October—               |                          |               |         |                             |               |         |                |               |         |                                                    |                          |         |                |          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1990-91                     | 787.5                    | 19.5          | 807.0   | 278.9                       | 76.1          | 355.0   | 1,066.4        | 95.6          | 1,162.0 | 319.0                                              | 1,069.0                  | 1,347.1 | 2,451.0        | 2,828.2  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1991-92                     | 948.7                    | 38.1          | 986.8   | 306.2                       | 38.1          | 344.3   | 1,254.9        | 76.2          | 1,331.1 | 323.2                                              | 617.6                    | 822.4   | 2,192.3        | 2,476.7  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1990—                       |                          |               |         |                             |               |         |                |               |         |                                                    |                          |         |                |          |  |  |  |  |  |
| August                      | 205.7                    | 5.3           | 211.0   | 69.8                        | 9.5           | 79.4    | 275.5          | 14.8          | 290.3   | 87.9                                               | 299.5                    | 369.9   | 661.7          | 748.1    |  |  |  |  |  |
| September                   | 186.7                    | 4.6           | 191.3   | 84.6                        | 12.4          | 97.0    | 271.3          | 17.0          | 288.3   | 74.5                                               | 354.9                    | 417.5   | 698.9          | 780.4    |  |  |  |  |  |
| October                     | 203.2                    | 2.1           | 205.2   | 63.3                        | 36.4          | 99.7    | 266.5          | 38.5          | 305.0   | 82.4                                               | 204.8                    | 257.4   | 553.6          | 644.9    |  |  |  |  |  |
| November                    | 238.4                    | 5.0           | 243.3   | 79.7                        | 11.4          | 91.1    | 318.1          | 16.3          | 334.4   | 86.7                                               | 198.6                    | 296.9   | 601.2          | 718.0    |  |  |  |  |  |
| December                    | 157.8                    | 1.1           | 158.9   | 50.3                        | 21.1          | 71.4    | 208.1          | 22.2          | 230.3   | 59.0                                               | 132.0                    | 233.4   | 399.1          | 522.7    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1991—                       |                          |               |         |                             |               |         |                |               |         |                                                    |                          |         |                |          |  |  |  |  |  |
| January                     | 193.0                    | 2.4           | 195.4   | 80.3                        | 11.9          | 92.3    | 273.3          | 14.3          | 287.6   | 73.4                                               | 134.3                    | 258.0   | 480.1          | 619.0    |  |  |  |  |  |
| February                    | 168.7                    | 3.9           | 172.7   | 53.1                        | 10.9          | 64.1    | 221.9          | 14.9          | 236.8   | 59.3                                               | 358.5                    | 386.1   | 638.4          | 682.1    |  |  |  |  |  |
| March                       | 187.0                    | 1.7           | 188.7   | 78.4                        | 7.2           | 85.7    | 265.5          | 8.9           | 274.4   | 68.5                                               | 146.3                    | 222.0   | 479.8          | 564.9    |  |  |  |  |  |
| April                       | 188.8                    | 6.7           | 195.6   | 43.7                        | 4.6           | 48.4    | 232.6          | 11.4          | 243.9   | 70.9                                               | 224.6                    | 271.5   | 527.9          | 586.3    |  |  |  |  |  |
| May                         | 228.1                    | 2.6           | 230.8   | 99.5                        | 12.2          | 111.7   | 327.7          | 14.8          | 342.4   | 94.1                                               | 243.1                    | 393.7   | 663.1          | 830.2    |  |  |  |  |  |
| June                        | 187.3                    | 2.9           | 190.2   | 99.7                        | 5.9           | 105.5   | 287.0          | 8.8           | 295.8   | 69.5                                               | 245.7                    | 341.5   | 602.0          | 706.8    |  |  |  |  |  |
| July                        | 236.0                    | 5.9           | 241.9   | 98.2                        | 10.9          | 109.1   | 334.2          | 16.7          | 350.9   | 81.4                                               | 112.7                    | 215.5   | 526.5          | 647.8    |  |  |  |  |  |
| August                      | 229.3                    | 6.6           | 235.9   | 65.0                        | 8.9           | 74.0    | 294.3          | 15.5          | 309.9   | 71.7                                               | 208.7                    | 259.6   | 574.5          | 641.2    |  |  |  |  |  |
| September                   | 247.0                    | 7.7           | 254.7   | 66.4                        | 11.3          | 77.7    | 313.4          | 19.0          | 332.5   | 85.8                                               | 173.9                    | 197.1   | 573.1          | 615.3    |  |  |  |  |  |
| October                     | 236.4                    | 17.9          | 254.3   | 76.5                        | 7.0           | 83.5    | 312.9          | 24.9          | 337.8   | 84.4                                               | 122.3                    | 150.3   | 518.2          | 572.4    |  |  |  |  |  |

TABLE 3. NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES (a)

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|----------------|-------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Period                                                                                 | Number of dwelling units |       |                |       | Value (\$m)              |                                                    |
|                                                                                        | Houses                   |       | Total          |       | New residential building | Alterations and additions to residential buildings |
|                                                                                        | Private sector           | Total | Private sector | Total |                          |                                                    |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED                                                                    |                          |       |                |       |                          |                                                    |
| 1990—                                                                                  |                          |       |                |       |                          |                                                    |
| August                                                                                 | 2,047                    | 2,105 | 2,985          | 3,164 | 282.9                    | 81.9                                               |
| September                                                                              | 2,053                    | 2,117 | 3,091          | 3,386 | 298.9                    | 71.9                                               |
| October                                                                                | 2,045                    | 2,070 | 3,011          | 3,340 | 303.6                    | 74.4                                               |
| November                                                                               | 2,191                    | 2,288 | 3,232          | 3,367 | 292.6                    | 74.6                                               |
| December                                                                               | 1,943                    | 1,968 | 2,913          | 3,141 | 280.4                    | 74.6                                               |
| 1991—                                                                                  |                          |       |                |       |                          |                                                    |
| January                                                                                | 2,055                    | 2,104 | 3,019          | 3,228 | 319.9                    | 76.3                                               |
| February                                                                               | 1,956                    | 2,032 | 2,743          | 2,924 | 255.0                    | 69.3                                               |
| March                                                                                  | 1,981                    | 2,025 | 2,828          | 2,991 | 269.4                    | 72.1                                               |
| April                                                                                  | 2,032                    | 2,088 | 2,812          | 2,985 | 258.7                    | 77.8                                               |
| May                                                                                    | 2,051                    | 2,102 | 3,031          | 3,215 | 290.7                    | 80.6                                               |
| June                                                                                   | 1,989                    | 2,015 | 2,975          | 3,020 | 280.0                    | 73.8                                               |
| July                                                                                   | 2,618                    | 2,531 | 3,625          | 3,938 | 358.7                    | 79.2                                               |
| August                                                                                 | 2,410                    | 2,487 | 3,255          | 3,546 | 302.2                    | 67.0                                               |
| September                                                                              | 2,495                    | 2,565 | 3,503          | 3,799 | 343.3                    | 82.2                                               |
| October                                                                                | 2,170                    | 2,415 | 3,143          | 3,382 | 321.9                    | 74.4                                               |
| TREND ESTIMATES                                                                        |                          |       |                |       |                          |                                                    |
| 1990—                                                                                  |                          |       |                |       |                          |                                                    |
| August                                                                                 | 2,043                    | 2,082 | 2,929          | 3,246 | 288.4                    | 74.2                                               |
| September                                                                              | 2,058                    | 2,103 | 2,999          | 3,281 | 292.3                    | 75.2                                               |
| October                                                                                | 2,066                    | 2,117 | 3,051          | 3,301 | 295.7                    | 75.3                                               |
| November                                                                               | 2,055                    | 2,110 | 3,051          | 3,275 | 295.5                    | 74.5                                               |
| December                                                                               | 2,039                    | 2,095 | 3,004          | 3,211 | 291.4                    | 73.8                                               |
| 1991—                                                                                  |                          |       |                |       |                          |                                                    |
| January                                                                                | 2,009                    | 2,068 | 2,922          | 3,117 | 283.2                    | 73.5                                               |
| February                                                                               | 1,982                    | 2,040 | 2,858          | 3,035 | 275.5                    | 74.0                                               |
| March                                                                                  | 1,980                    | 2,032 | 2,844          | 3,006 | 272.2                    | 74.8                                               |
| April                                                                                  | 2,027                    | 2,064 | 2,902          | 3,062 | 275.6                    | 75.4                                               |
| May                                                                                    | 2,114                    | 2,137 | 3,016          | 3,187 | 285.5                    | 76.0                                               |
| June                                                                                   | 2,215                    | 2,234 | 3,147          | 3,341 | 299.1                    | 76.2                                               |
| July                                                                                   | 2,304                    | 2,334 | 3,258          | 3,480 | 313.0                    | 76.1                                               |
| August                                                                                 | 2,367                    | 2,424 | 3,332          | 3,582 | 323.5                    | 75.8                                               |
| September                                                                              | 2,403                    | 2,494 | 3,373          | 3,645 | 330.9                    | 75.6                                               |
| October                                                                                | 2,414                    | 2,543 | 3,390          | 3,678 | 336.2                    | 75.2                                               |

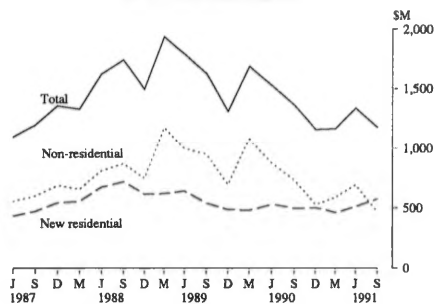
(a) Seasonally adjusted series smoothed by application of a 13-term Henderson moving average - see paragraphs 16-22 of the Explanatory Notes for a more detailed explanation.

TABLE 4. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED AT AVERAGE 1984-85 PRICES (a)  
(\$ million)

| Period    | New residential building |         |                                   |         | Alterations<br>and<br>additions<br>to<br>residential<br>buildings | Non-residential<br>building |         | Total building    |         |  |
|-----------|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|--|
|           | Houses                   |         | Other<br>residential<br>buildings | Total   |                                                                   | Private<br>sector           | Total   | Private<br>sector | Total   |  |
|           | Private<br>sector        | Total   |                                   |         |                                                                   |                             |         |                   |         |  |
|           |                          |         |                                   |         |                                                                   |                             |         |                   |         |  |
| 1988-89   | 1,894.9                  | 1,921.8 | 689.8                             | 2,611.6 | 557.7                                                             | 2,990.3                     | 3,808.0 | 6,037.9           | 6,977.3 |  |
| 1989-90   | 1,328.2                  | 1,348.3 | 697.9                             | 2,046.2 | 503.2                                                             | 2,588.8                     | 3,611.2 | 5,053.4           | 6,160.6 |  |
| 1990-91   | 1,306.4                  | 1,332.0 | 650.0                             | 1,982.0 | 503.5                                                             | 1,871.8                     | 2,551.2 | 4,282.5           | 5,036.7 |  |
| 1990—     |                          |         |                                   |         |                                                                   |                             |         |                   |         |  |
| June qtr  | 340.1                    | 346.5   | 186.9                             | 533.4   | 117.9                                                             | 523.2                       | 879.4   | 1,137.9           | 1,530.7 |  |
| Sept. qtr | 329.6                    | 339.4   | 160.0                             | 499.4   | 133.4                                                             | 580.5                       | 731.8   | 1,191.8           | 1,364.6 |  |
| Dec. qtr  | 334.6                    | 339.2   | 165.0                             | 504.2   | 127.4                                                             | 362.0                       | 532.6   | 957.4             | 1,164.2 |  |
| 1991—     |                          |         |                                   |         |                                                                   |                             |         |                   |         |  |
| Mar. qtr  | 305.9                    | 310.3   | 153.9                             | 464.2   | 112.2                                                             | 436.6                       | 591.6   | 1,001.4           | 1,168.0 |  |
| June qtr  | 336.3                    | 343.1   | 171.1                             | 514.2   | 130.5                                                             | 492.7                       | 695.2   | 1,131.9           | 1,339.9 |  |
| Sept. qtr | 396.2                    | 407.4   | 169.8                             | 577.2   | 132.8                                                             | 346.1                       | 469.7   | 1,038.5           | 1,179.7 |  |

(a) See paragraphs 23-25 of the Explanatory Notes.

VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED  
AT AVERAGE 1984-85 PRICES



VALUE OF NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS  
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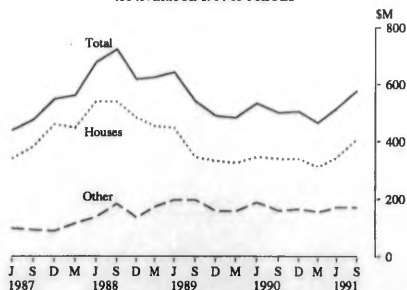


TABLE 5. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND OWNERSHIP  
(\$ million)

| Class of building                                  | 1989-90 | 1990-91 | July-October |         | 1991   |           |         |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|
|                                                    |         |         | 1990-91      | 1991-92 | August | September | October |
|                                                    |         |         |              |         |        |           |         |
| PRIVATE SECTOR                                     |         |         |              |         |        |           |         |
| New houses                                         | 2,307.0 | 2,336.7 | 787.5        | 948.7   | 229.3  | 247.0     | 236.4   |
| New other residential buildings                    | 933.2   | 863.8   | 278.9        | 306.2   | 65.0   | 66.4      | 76.5    |
| Total new residential building                     | 3,240.2 | 3,200.4 | 1,066.4      | 1,254.9 | 294.3  | 313.4     | 312.9   |
| Alterations and additions to residential buildings | 857.5   | 890.0   | 315.6        | 319.8   | 71.5   | 85.7      | 83.1    |
| Hotels, etc.                                       | 599.9   | 303.9   | 41.7         | 41.9    | 19.3   | 17.9      | 2.2     |
| Shops                                              | 406.3   | 600.1   | 275.6        | 55.9    | 15.7   | 14.1      | 12.6    |
| Factories                                          | 569.9   | 455.3   | 192.1        | 92.7    | 33.8   | 18.7      | 17.2    |
| Offices                                            | 1,395.0 | 548.8   | 224.6        | 199.4   | 94.8   | 61.2      | 19.8    |
| Other business premises                            | 456.4   | 381.0   | 160.6        | 72.7    | 10.9   | 24.1      | 24.7    |
| Educational                                        | 81.0    | 117.4   | 44.2         | 28.0    | 3.1    | 16.3      | 2.6     |
| Religious                                          | 21.9    | 28.4    | 13.3         | 7.8     | 0.8    | 3.5       | 0.3     |
| Health                                             | 48.8    | 50.7    | 29.4         | 25.0    | 10.3   | 1.4       | 1.1     |
| Entertainment and recreational                     | 183.5   | 161.2   | 54.8         | 75.0    | 18.0   | 7.2       | 37.1    |
| Miscellaneous                                      | 85.3    | 105.5   | 32.9         | 19.3    | 1.8    | 9.3       | 4.7     |
| Total non-residential building                     | 3,848.1 | 2,752.2 | 1,069.0      | 617.6   | 208.7  | 173.9     | 122.3   |
| Total                                              | 7,948.8 | 6,842.7 | 2,451.0      | 2,192.3 | 574.5  | 573.1     | 518.2   |
| PUBLIC SECTOR                                      |         |         |              |         |        |           |         |
| New houses                                         | 34.7    | 45.9    | 19.5         | 38.1    | 6.6    | 7.7       | 17.9    |
| New other residential buildings                    | 167.8   | 161.3   | 76.1         | 38.1    | 8.9    | 11.3      | 7.0     |
| Total new residential building                     | 202.6   | 207.2   | 95.6         | 76.2    | 15.5   | 19.0      | 24.9    |
| Alterations and additions to residential buildings | 15.9    | 10.4    | 3.4          | 3.3     | 0.2    | —         | 1.3     |
| Hotels, etc.                                       | 4.1     | 0.3     | 0.1          | —       | —      | —         | —       |
| Shops                                              | 25.0    | 5.6     | 1.8          | 6.8     | 0.7    | 2.2       | 3.6     |
| Factories                                          | 13.9    | 13.2    | 10.8         | 5.9     | —      | 0.2       | 0.1     |
| Offices                                            | 429.3   | 337.6   | 71.7         | 52.2    | 21.5   | 6.5       | 10.0    |
| Other business premises                            | 297.0   | 103.5   | 43.7         | 24.2    | 7.8    | 0.1       | 2.6     |
| Educational                                        | 316.4   | 224.5   | 75.8         | 45.6    | 12.3   | 11.4      | 5.4     |
| Religious                                          | 0.5     | —       | —            | —       | —      | —         | —       |
| Health                                             | 194.4   | 145.5   | 39.8         | 42.2    | 4.6    | 0.5       | 3.8     |
| Entertainment and recreational                     | 40.3    | 40.1    | 16.8         | 11.0    | 2.8    | 0.6       | 0.9     |
| Miscellaneous                                      | 199.5   | 127.7   | 17.5         | 16.8    | 1.1    | 1.8       | 1.6     |
| Total non-residential building                     | 1,520.3 | 998.0   | 278.1        | 204.8   | 50.9   | 23.2      | 28.0    |
| Total                                              | 1,738.8 | 1,215.6 | 377.2        | 284.4   | 66.6   | 42.3      | 54.2    |
| TOTAL                                              |         |         |              |         |        |           |         |
| New houses                                         | 2,341.7 | 2,382.5 | 807.0        | 986.8   | 235.9  | 254.7     | 254.3   |
| New other residential buildings                    | 1,101.1 | 1,025.1 | 355.0        | 344.3   | 74.0   | 77.7      | 83.5    |
| Total new residential building                     | 3,442.8 | 3,407.7 | 1,162.0      | 1,331.1 | 309.9  | 332.5     | 337.8   |
| Alterations and additions to residential buildings | 873.4   | 900.4   | 319.0        | 323.2   | 71.7   | 85.8      | 84.4    |
| Hotels, etc.                                       | 604.0   | 304.2   | 41.7         | 41.9    | 19.3   | 17.9      | 2.2     |
| Shops                                              | 431.4   | 605.7   | 277.4        | 62.8    | 16.4   | 16.3      | 16.2    |
| Factories                                          | 583.8   | 468.5   | 202.9        | 98.6    | 33.8   | 18.9      | 17.4    |
| Offices                                            | 1,824.2 | 886.5   | 296.3        | 251.6   | 116.3  | 67.7      | 29.8    |
| Other business premises                            | 733.5   | 484.5   | 204.4        | 96.9    | 18.7   | 24.2      | 27.3    |
| Educational                                        | 397.4   | 341.8   | 120.0        | 73.6    | 15.5   | 27.7      | 8.0     |
| Religious                                          | 22.4    | 28.4    | 13.3         | 7.8     | 0.8    | 3.5       | 0.3     |
| Health                                             | 243.2   | 196.1   | 69.2         | 67.2    | 14.9   | 1.9       | 4.8     |
| Entertainment and recreational                     | 223.7   | 201.2   | 71.5         | 85.9    | 20.8   | 7.8       | 38.0    |
| Miscellaneous                                      | 284.8   | 233.1   | 50.4         | 36.1    | 2.9    | 11.2      | 6.3     |
| Total non-residential building                     | 5,368.4 | 3,750.2 | 1,347.1      | 822.4   | 239.6  | 197.1     | 150.3   |
| Total                                              | 9,484.6 | 8,058.2 | 2,828.2      | 2,476.7 | 641.2  | 615.3     | 572.4   |

TABLE 6. NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING JOBS APPROVED, BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND VALUE SIZE GROUPS

| Period                  | \$30,000 to less than \$200,000 |             | \$200,000 to less than \$500,000 |             | \$500,000 to less than \$1 m |             | \$1 m to less than \$5 m |             | \$5 m and over |             | Total |             |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------|-------------|
|                         | No.                             | Value (\$m) | No.                              | Value (\$m) | No.                          | Value (\$m) | No.                      | Value (\$m) | No.            | Value (\$m) | No.   | Value (\$m) |
| HOTELS, ETC.            |                                 |             |                                  |             |                              |             |                          |             |                |             |       |             |
| 1991—                   |                                 |             |                                  |             |                              |             |                          |             |                |             |       |             |
| August                  | 9                               | 1.0         | 3                                | 0.9         | —                            | —           | —                        | —           | 1              | 17.5        | 13    | 19.3        |
| September               | 11                              | 0.9         | 3                                | 0.8         | —                            | —           | 1                        | 1.3         | 1              | 15.0        | 16    | 17.9        |
| October                 | 6                               | 0.5         | 3                                | 1.0         | 1                            | 0.7         | —                        | —           | —              | —           | 10    | 2.2         |
| SHOPS                   |                                 |             |                                  |             |                              |             |                          |             |                |             |       |             |
| 1991—                   |                                 |             |                                  |             |                              |             |                          |             |                |             |       |             |
| August                  | 66                              | 5.4         | 22                               | 5.8         | 5                            | 3.3         | 1                        | 2.0         | —              | —           | 94    | 16.4        |
| September               | 73                              | 7.5         | 22                               | 6.2         | 4                            | 2.5         | —                        | —           | —              | —           | 99    | 16.3        |
| October                 | 85                              | 7.3         | 21                               | 5.7         | 1                            | 0.9         | 2                        | 2.3         | —              | —           | 109   | 16.2        |
| FACTORIES               |                                 |             |                                  |             |                              |             |                          |             |                |             |       |             |
| 1991—                   |                                 |             |                                  |             |                              |             |                          |             |                |             |       |             |
| August                  | 28                              | 3.2         | 10                               | 2.9         | 5                            | 3.4         | 5                        | 12.3        | 1              | 12.0        | 49    | 33.8        |
| September               | 35                              | 3.3         | 9                                | 2.4         | 4                            | 3.1         | 2                        | 3.1         | 1              | 7.0         | 51    | 18.9        |
| October                 | 28                              | 2.7         | 9                                | 2.4         | 6                            | 3.5         | 5                        | 8.7         | —              | —           | 48    | 17.4        |
| OFFICES                 |                                 |             |                                  |             |                              |             |                          |             |                |             |       |             |
| 1991—                   |                                 |             |                                  |             |                              |             |                          |             |                |             |       |             |
| August                  | 51                              | 4.5         | 22                               | 6.1         | 7                            | 4.4         | 10                       | 20.2        | 2              | 81.0        | 92    | 116.3       |
| September               | 62                              | 6.0         | 18                               | 5.7         | 6                            | 3.9         | 11                       | 22.6        | 2              | 29.5        | 99    | 67.7        |
| October                 | 52                              | 4.8         | 19                               | 5.1         | 6                            | 3.9         | 6                        | 9.2         | 1              | 6.9         | 84    | 29.8        |
| OTHER BUSINESS PREMISES |                                 |             |                                  |             |                              |             |                          |             |                |             |       |             |
| 1991—                   |                                 |             |                                  |             |                              |             |                          |             |                |             |       |             |
| August                  | 26                              | 2.7         | 9                                | 2.7         | 10                           | 5.9         | 1                        | 2.4         | 1              | 5.0         | 47    | 18.7        |
| September               | 31                              | 2.6         | 13                               | 4.1         | 10                           | 6.8         | 4                        | 4.3         | 1              | 6.4         | 59    | 24.2        |
| October                 | 34                              | 2.8         | 3                                | 0.8         | 7                            | 4.8         | 4                        | 11.3        | 1              | 7.5         | 49    | 27.3        |
| EDUCATIONAL             |                                 |             |                                  |             |                              |             |                          |             |                |             |       |             |
| 1991—                   |                                 |             |                                  |             |                              |             |                          |             |                |             |       |             |
| August                  | 7                               | 0.6         | 5                                | 1.5         | 1                            | 0.8         | 4                        | 12.6        | —              | —           | 17    | 15.5        |
| September               | 15                              | 1.7         | 6                                | 1.7         | 4                            | 2.5         | 8                        | 21.7        | —              | —           | 33    | 27.7        |
| October                 | 9                               | 1.3         | 7                                | 2.5         | —                            | —           | 2                        | 4.2         | —              | —           | 18    | 8.0         |

TABLE 6. NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING JOBS APPROVED, BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND VALUE SIZE GROUPS  
continued

| Period                         | \$50,000 to less than \$200,000 |             | \$200,000 to less than \$500,000 |             | \$500,000 to less than \$1m |             | \$1m to less than \$5m |             | \$5m and over |             | Total |             |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------|-------------|
|                                | No.                             | Value (\$m) | No.                              | Value (\$m) | No.                         | Value (\$m) | No.                    | Value (\$m) | No.           | Value (\$m) | No.   | Value (\$m) |
| RELIGIOUS                      |                                 |             |                                  |             |                             |             |                        |             |               |             |       |             |
| 1991—                          |                                 |             |                                  |             |                             |             |                        |             |               |             |       |             |
| August                         | 3                               | 0.2         | 2                                | 0.6         | —                           | —           | —                      | —           | —             | —           | 5     | 0.8         |
| September                      | 2                               | 0.2         | 4                                | 1.2         | 3                           | 2.0         | —                      | —           | —             | —           | 9     | 3.5         |
| October                        | 2                               | 0.1         | 1                                | 0.2         | —                           | —           | —                      | —           | —             | —           | 3     | 0.3         |
| HEALTH                         |                                 |             |                                  |             |                             |             |                        |             |               |             |       |             |
| 1991—                          |                                 |             |                                  |             |                             |             |                        |             |               |             |       |             |
| August                         | 6                               | 0.6         | 4                                | 1.1         | —                           | —           | 5                      | 13.2        | —             | —           | 15    | 14.9        |
| September                      | 7                               | 0.8         | 1                                | 0.2         | 1                           | 0.9         | —                      | —           | —             | —           | 9     | 1.9         |
| October                        | 6                               | 0.6         | 1                                | 0.3         | 1                           | 0.6         | 2                      | 3.4         | —             | —           | 10    | 4.8         |
| ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATIONAL |                                 |             |                                  |             |                             |             |                        |             |               |             |       |             |
| 1991—                          |                                 |             |                                  |             |                             |             |                        |             |               |             |       |             |
| August                         | 13                              | 1.2         | 10                               | 3.5         | 3                           | 1.8         | 2                      | 6.2         | 1             | 8.0         | 29    | 20.8        |
| September                      | 23                              | 1.9         | 7                                | 2.1         | 3                           | 1.8         | 1                      | 2.0         | —             | —           | 34    | 7.8         |
| October                        | 16                              | 1.6         | 8                                | 2.5         | 2                           | 1.7         | 1                      | 3.3         | 1             | 29.0        | 28    | 38.0        |
| MISCELLANEOUS                  |                                 |             |                                  |             |                             |             |                        |             |               |             |       |             |
| 1991—                          |                                 |             |                                  |             |                             |             |                        |             |               |             |       |             |
| August                         | 7                               | 0.6         | 5                                | 1.7         | 1                           | 0.7         | —                      | —           | —             | —           | 13    | 2.9         |
| September                      | 18                              | 1.6         | 4                                | 1.3         | 2                           | 1.5         | 3                      | 6.8         | —             | —           | 27    | 11.2        |
| October                        | 13                              | 1.2         | 6                                | 2.0         | 1                           | 0.5         | 1                      | 2.6         | —             | —           | 21    | 6.3         |
| TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING |                                 |             |                                  |             |                             |             |                        |             |               |             |       |             |
| 1991—                          |                                 |             |                                  |             |                             |             |                        |             |               |             |       |             |
| August                         | 216                             | 20.0        | 92                               | 26.8        | 32                          | 20.3        | 28                     | 69.0        | 6             | 123.5       | 374   | 259.6       |
| September                      | 277                             | 26.7        | 87                               | 25.6        | 37                          | 25.1        | 30                     | 61.8        | 5             | 57.9        | 436   | 197.1       |
| October                        | 251                             | 22.9        | 78                               | 22.5        | 25                          | 16.5        | 23                     | 45.0        | 3             | 43.4        | 380   | 150.3       |

TABLE 7. NUMBER AND VALUE OF DWELLING UNITS (a) APPROVED IN AREAS OF NSW, OCTOBER 1991

| Dwelling unit classification   | Private sector |                | Public sector |                | Total  |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|--------|----------------|
|                                | Number         | Value (\$'000) | Number        | Value (\$'000) | Number | Value (\$'000) |
| SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION    |                |                |               |                |        |                |
| Houses                         | 964            | 111,249        | 188           | 14,693         | 1,152  | 125,942        |
| Brick, stone, or concrete      | 75             | 15,682         | —             | —              | 75     | 15,682         |
| Brick-veneer                   | 813            | 90,224         | 188           | 14,693         | 1,001  | 104,917        |
| Timber                         | 58             | 4,098          | —             | —              | 58     | 4,098          |
| Fibre cement                   | 11             | 629            | —             | —              | 11     | 629            |
| Other materials                | 7              | 616            | —             | —              | 7      | 616            |
| Other residential buildings    | 543            | 47,211         | 72            | 5,757          | 615    | 52,967         |
| Total residential buildings    | 1,507          | 158,460        | 260           | 20,450         | 1,767  | 178,910        |
| HUNTER STATISTICAL DIVISION    |                |                |               |                |        |                |
| Houses                         | 332            | 32,096         | 1             | 78             | 333    | 32,174         |
| Brick, stone, or concrete      | 39             | 5,388          | —             | —              | 39     | 5,388          |
| Brick-veneer                   | 238            | 23,114         | 1             | 78             | 239    | 23,192         |
| Timber                         | 24             | 1,877          | —             | —              | 24     | 1,877          |
| Fibre cement                   | 26             | 1,504          | —             | —              | 26     | 1,504          |
| Other materials                | 5              | 214            | —             | —              | 5      | 214            |
| Other residential buildings    | 129            | 9,703          | 14            | 1,251          | 143    | 10,954         |
| Total residential buildings    | 461            | 41,799         | 15            | 1,329          | 476    | 43,128         |
| ILLAWARRA STATISTICAL DIVISION |                |                |               |                |        |                |
| Houses                         | 232            | 24,036         | 8             | 570            | 240    | 24,606         |
| Brick, stone, or concrete      | 15             | 1,451          | —             | —              | 15     | 1,451          |
| Brick-veneer                   | 188            | 20,346         | 8             | 570            | 196    | 20,916         |
| Timber                         | 9              | 981            | —             | —              | 9      | 981            |
| Fibre cement                   | 16             | 923            | —             | —              | 16     | 923            |
| Other materials                | 4              | 336            | —             | —              | 4      | 336            |
| Other residential buildings    | 80             | 7,338          | —             | —              | 80     | 7,338          |
| Total residential buildings    | 312            | 31,374         | 8             | 570            | 320    | 31,944         |
| BALANCE OF NEW SOUTH WALES     |                |                |               |                |        |                |
| Houses                         | 791            | 69,023         | 24            | 2,532          | 815    | 71,555         |
| Brick, stone, or concrete      | 137            | 13,411         | 1             | 120            | 138    | 13,531         |
| Brick-veneer                   | 508            | 46,349         | 23            | 2,412          | 531    | 48,760         |
| Timber                         | 75             | 4,749          | —             | —              | 75     | 4,749          |
| Fibre cement                   | 57             | 3,461          | —             | —              | 57     | 3,461          |
| Other materials                | 14             | 1,053          | —             | —              | 14     | 1,053          |
| Other residential buildings    | 185            | 12,257         | —             | —              | 185    | 12,257         |
| Total residential buildings    | 976            | 81,280         | 24            | 2,532          | 1,000  | 83,812         |
| NEW SOUTH WALES                |                |                |               |                |        |                |
| Houses                         | 2,319          | 236,405        | 221           | 17,873         | 2,540  | 254,278        |
| Brick, stone, or concrete      | 266            | 35,931         | 1             | 120            | 267    | 36,051         |
| Brick-veneer                   | 1,747          | 180,032        | 220           | 17,753         | 1,967  | 197,786        |
| Timber                         | 166            | 11,705         | —             | —              | 166    | 11,705         |
| Fibre cement                   | 110            | 6,517          | —             | —              | 110    | 6,517          |
| Other materials                | 30             | 2,219          | —             | —              | 30     | 2,219          |
| Other residential buildings    | 937            | 76,509         | 86            | 7,008          | 1,023  | 83,516         |
| Total residential buildings    | 3,256          | 312,913        | 307           | 24,881         | 3,563  | 337,794        |

(a) Comprises new houses (classified by material of outer walls) and dwelling units in new other residential buildings.

TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVED IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS OF NSW, OCTOBER 1991

| Statistical area                 | New residential building |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      | Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000) | Non-residential building |                |                         |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
|                                  | Houses                   |                        |                      | Other residential buildings |                        |                      |                                                             | Private sector (\$'000)  | Total (\$'000) | Total building (\$'000) |
|                                  | Private sector (number)  | Public sector (number) | Total value (\$'000) | Private sector (number)     | Public sector (number) | Total value (\$'000) |                                                             |                          |                |                         |
| SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION      |                          |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      |                                                             |                          |                |                         |
| Botany (M)                       | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | 49                                                          | 80                       | 129            |                         |
| Leichhardt (M)                   | 2                        | —                      | 620                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 1,464                                                       | 180                      | 3,549          |                         |
| Marrickville (M)                 | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | 208                                                         | —                        | 208            |                         |
| South Sydney (C)                 | 2                        | —                      | 150                  | 8                           | —                      | 1,760                | 1,324                                                       | 4,777                    | 5,402          |                         |
| Sydney (C) — Inner & Remainder   | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | 491                                                         | 9,733                    | 12,265         |                         |
| Inner Sydney (SSD)               | 4                        | —                      | 770                  | 8                           | —                      | 1,760                | 3,336                                                       | 14,770                   | 21,296         |                         |
| Randwick (M)                     | 8                        | 17                     | 3,376                | 27                          | —                      | 2,400                | 1,668                                                       | 120                      | 2,973          |                         |
| Waverley (M)                     | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | 1,575                                                       | 135                      | 409            |                         |
| Woolahra (M)                     | 3                        | —                      | 1,600                | —                           | —                      | —                    | 2,631                                                       | 60                       | 4,291          |                         |
| Eastern Suburbs (SSD)            | 11                       | 17                     | 4,976                | 27                          | —                      | 2,400                | 5,873                                                       | 315                      | 3,442          |                         |
| Hurstville (C)                   | 5                        | —                      | 439                  | 8                           | 8                      | 1,250                | 1,037                                                       | 1,740                    | 1,840          |                         |
| Kogarah (M)                      | 4                        | —                      | 785                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 1,162                                                       | —                        | 1,947          |                         |
| Rockdale (M)                     | 12                       | —                      | 2,013                | 32                          | —                      | 2,275                | 1,373                                                       | —                        | 300            |                         |
| Sutherland (S)                   | 59                       | —                      | 7,282                | 101                         | —                      | 7,798                | 4,457                                                       | 3,168                    | 3,764          |                         |
| St George — Sutherland (SSD)     | 80                       | —                      | 10,519               | 141                         | 8                      | 11,323               | 8,030                                                       | 4,908                    | 5,904          |                         |
| Bankstown (C)                    | 12                       | 1                      | 1,807                | 3                           | 2                      | 480                  | 2,240                                                       | 210                      | 380            |                         |
| Canterbury (M)                   | 2                        | —                      | 214                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 1,749                                                       | 323                      | 373            |                         |
| Canterbury — Bankstown (SSD)     | 14                       | 1                      | 2,021                | 3                           | 2                      | 480                  | 3,989                                                       | 533                      | 753            |                         |
| Fairfield (C)                    | 29                       | —                      | 4,275                | 51                          | —                      | 3,006                | 1,004                                                       | 1,324                    | 1,324          |                         |
| Liverpool (C)                    | 71                       | 51                     | 10,855               | 12                          | 5                      | 1,421                | 340                                                         | 535                      | 535            |                         |
| Fairfield — Liverpool (SSD)      | 100                      | 51                     | 15,130               | 63                          | 5                      | 4,427                | 1,344                                                       | 1,859                    | 1,859          |                         |
| Camden (M)                       | 39                       | 10                     | 5,031                | 31                          | —                      | 1,795                | 342                                                         | —                        | —              |                         |
| Campbelltown (C)                 | 58                       | 10                     | 5,155                | 14                          | 24                     | 2,279                | 713                                                         | 615                      | 3,924          |                         |
| Wollondilly (S)                  | 18                       | —                      | 1,540                | —                           | —                      | —                    | 564                                                         | —                        | —              |                         |
| Outer South Western Sydney (SSD) | 115                      | 20                     | 11,726               | 45                          | 24                     | 4,074                | 1,618                                                       | 615                      | 3,924          |                         |
| Ashfield (M)                     | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | 785                                                         | —                        | 785            |                         |
| Burwood (M)                      | 2                        | —                      | 276                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 238                                                         | —                        | 514            |                         |
| Concord (M)                      | 1                        | —                      | 150                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 732                                                         | 200                      | 200            |                         |
| Drummoyne (M)                    | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | 141                                                         | —                        | 141            |                         |
| Strathfield (M)                  | 3                        | —                      | 471                  | 14                          | —                      | 980                  | 880                                                         | 260                      | 567            |                         |
| Inner Western Sydney (SSD)       | 6                        | —                      | 897                  | 14                          | —                      | 980                  | 2,776                                                       | 460                      | 767            |                         |

TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVED IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS OF NSW, OCTOBER 1991—continued

| Statistical area                      | New residential building |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      | Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000) | Non-residential building |                |                         |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
|                                       | Houses                   |                        |                      | Other residential buildings |                        |                      |                                                             | Private sector (\$'000)  | Total (\$'000) | Total building (\$'000) |
|                                       | Private sector (number)  | Public sector (number) | Total value (\$'000) | Private sector (number)     | Public sector (number) | Total value (\$'000) |                                                             |                          |                |                         |
|                                       |                          |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      |                                                             |                          |                |                         |
| SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION—continued |                          |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      |                                                             |                          |                |                         |
| Auburn (M)                            | 10                       | —                      | 950                  | 6                           | —                      | 270                  | 254                                                         | 338                      | 538            | 2,011                   |
| Holroyd (C)                           | 14                       | —                      | 1,702                | 7                           | —                      | 400                  | 1,040                                                       | 3,548                    | 3,548          | 6,690                   |
| Parramatta (C)                        | 10                       | —                      | 983                  | 64                          | —                      | 4,385                | 2,022                                                       | 5,768                    | 5,768          | 13,157                  |
| Central Western Sydney (SSD)          | 34                       | —                      | 3,635                | 77                          | —                      | 5,055                | 3,315                                                       | 9,654                    | 9,654          | 21,859                  |
| Blue Mountains (C)                    | 42                       | —                      | 3,799                | —                           | —                      | —                    | 1,358                                                       | 2,040                    | 2,040          | 7,197                   |
| Hawkesbury (C)                        | 34                       | 17                     | 4,456                | 4                           | —                      | 500                  | 502                                                         | 351                      | 351            | 5,809                   |
| Pennith (C)                           | 83                       | 44                     | 13,942               | 27                          | —                      | 1,430                | 1,934                                                       | 4,012                    | 4,462          | 21,768                  |
| Outer Western Sydney (SSD)            | 159                      | 61                     | 22,197               | 31                          | —                      | 1,930                | 3,794                                                       | 6,403                    | 6,853          | 34,773                  |
| Baulkham Hills (S)                    | 49                       | 1                      | 8,459                | —                           | —                      | —                    | 2,263                                                       | 1,832                    | 3,025          | 13,747                  |
| Blacktown (C)                         | 50                       | 5                      | 4,560                | 12                          | —                      | 778                  | 871                                                         | 565                      | 625            | 6,835                   |
| Blacktown—Baulkham Hills (SSD)        | 99                       | 6                      | 13,019               | 12                          | —                      | 778                  | 3,134                                                       | 2,397                    | 3,650          | 20,582                  |
| Hunter's Hill (M)                     | 4                        | —                      | 335                  | 4                           | —                      | 195                  | 778                                                         | —                        | —              | 1,308                   |
| Lane Cove (M)                         | 1                        | —                      | 65                   | —                           | —                      | —                    | 885                                                         | 465                      | 582            | 1,532                   |
| Mosman (M)                            | 1                        | —                      | 680                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 1,717                                                       | 557                      | 557            | 2,954                   |
| North Sydney (M)                      | 4                        | —                      | 1,000                | 5                           | —                      | 4,000                | 2,292                                                       | 567                      | 685            | 7,977                   |
| Ryde (M)                              | 1                        | —                      | 84                   | 2                           | —                      | 189                  | 1,216                                                       | —                        | 147            | 1,637                   |
| Willoughby (C)                        | 7                        | —                      | 1,682                | 5                           | —                      | 500                  | 2,810                                                       | 8,877                    | 8,877          | 13,868                  |
| Lower Northern Sydney (SSD)           | 18                       | —                      | 3,846                | 16                          | —                      | 4,884                | 9,698                                                       | 10,466                   | 10,849         | 29,277                  |
| Hornsby (S)                           | 68                       | —                      | 7,035                | 4                           | 30                     | 2,520                | 2,110                                                       | 130                      | 130            | 11,795                  |
| Ku-ring-gai (M)                       | 9                        | —                      | 3,101                | —                           | —                      | —                    | 2,558                                                       | 410                      | 410            | 6,068                   |
| Hornsby—Ku-ring-gai (SSD)             | 77                       | —                      | 10,135               | 4                           | 30                     | 2,520                | 4,668                                                       | 540                      | 540            | 17,863                  |
| Manly (M)                             | —                        | —                      | —                    | 39                          | —                      | 6,400                | 415                                                         | —                        | —              | 6,815                   |
| Warringah (S)                         | 23                       | —                      | 4,068                | 7                           | —                      | 1,855                | 5,017                                                       | 499                      | 1,026          | 11,966                  |
| Manly—Warringah (SSD)                 | 23                       | —                      | 4,068                | 46                          | —                      | 8,255                | 5,432                                                       | 499                      | 1,026          | 18,781                  |
| Gosford (C)                           | 119                      | 19                     | 13,059               | 37                          | 3                      | 2,963                | 2,368                                                       | 33,095                   | 33,305         | 51,694                  |
| Wyong (S)                             | 105                      | 13                     | 9,943                | 19                          | —                      | 1,138                | 1,409                                                       | 1,400                    | 1,400          | 13,891                  |
| Gosford—Wyong (SSD)                   | 224                      | 32                     | 23,003               | 56                          | 3                      | 4,101                | 3,777                                                       | 34,495                   | 34,705         | 65,385                  |
| Sydney (SD)                           | 964                      | 188                    | 125,942              | 543                         | 72                     | 52,967               | 60,984                                                      | 87,913                   | 105,421        | 345,315                 |

TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVED IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS OF NSW, OCTOBER 1991—continued

| Statistical area                    | New residential building |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      | Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000) | Non-residential building |                |                         |
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|                                     | Houses                   |                        |                      | Other residential buildings |                        |                      |                                                             | Private sector (\$'000)  | Total (\$'000) | Total building (\$'000) |
|                                     | Private sector (number)  | Public sector (number) | Total value (\$'000) | Private sector (number)     | Public sector (number) | Total value (\$'000) |                                                             |                          |                |                         |
| HUNTER STATISTICAL DIVISION         |                          |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      |                                                             |                          |                |                         |
| Cessnock (C)                        | 28                       | —                      | 2,095                | 14                          | —                      | 700                  | 405                                                         | 53                       | 53             | 3,252                   |
| Lake Macquarie (C)                  | 145                      | —                      | 14,631               | 38                          | —                      | 4,419                | 4,009                                                       | 4,207                    | 4,677          | 27,737                  |
| Maitland (C)                        | 15                       | —                      | 1,478                | 8                           | —                      | 430                  | 448                                                         | —                        | —              | 2,356                   |
| Newcastle (C) — Inner & Remainder   | 25                       | —                      | 2,497                | 29                          | 10                     | 2,599                | 2,691                                                       | 2,130                    | 2,130          | 9,918                   |
| Pont Stephens (S)                   | 48                       | 1                      | 4,705                | 12                          | 4                      | 963                  | 586                                                         | 1,728                    | 8,943          | 15,196                  |
| Newcastle (SSD)                     | 261                      | 1                      | 25,407               | 101                         | 14                     | 9,111                | 8,138                                                       | 8,117                    | 15,803         | 58,458                  |
| Dungog (S)                          | 6                        | —                      | 503                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 136                                                         | —                        | —              | 639                     |
| Gloucester (S)                      | 4                        | —                      | 393                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 28                                                          | —                        | —              | 421                     |
| Great Lakes (S)                     | 31                       | —                      | 2,854                | 22                          | —                      | 1,560                | 142                                                         | 100                      | 100            | 4,656                   |
| Merriwa (S)                         | 1                        | —                      | 30                   | —                           | —                      | —                    | 12                                                          | —                        | —              | 42                      |
| Murrumbidgee (S)                    | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | —                       |
| Muswellbrook (S)                    | 4                        | —                      | 380                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 36                                                          | —                        | —              | 415                     |
| Scone (S)                           | 8                        | —                      | 791                  | 6                           | —                      | 282                  | 49                                                          | 1,700                    | 1,700          | 2,823                   |
| Singston (S)                        | 17                       | —                      | 1,816                | —                           | —                      | —                    | 117                                                         | 220                      | 220            | 2,152                   |
| Hunter SD Balance (SSD)             | 71                       | —                      | 6,768                | 28                          | —                      | 1,842                | 518                                                         | 2,020                    | 2,020          | 11,149                  |
| Hunter (SD)                         | 332                      | 1                      | 32,174               | 129                         | 14                     | 10,954               | 8,657                                                       | 10,137                   | 17,823         | 69,607                  |
| ILLAWARRA STATISTICAL DIVISION      |                          |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      |                                                             |                          |                |                         |
| Kiama (M)                           | 18                       | —                      | 2,049                | 1                           | —                      | 65                   | 308                                                         | 600                      | 600            | 3,021                   |
| Shellharbour (M)                    | 33                       | 8                      | 3,876                | 9                           | —                      | 530                  | 1,061                                                       | —                        | —              | 5,467                   |
| Wollongong (C)                      | 41                       | —                      | 5,087                | 20                          | —                      | 3,430                | 2,458                                                       | 369                      | 369            | 11,344                  |
| Wollongong (SSD)                    | 92                       | 8                      | 11,012               | 30                          | —                      | 4,025                | 3,826                                                       | 969                      | 969            | 19,832                  |
| Shoalhaven (C)                      | 97                       | —                      | 8,623                | 42                          | —                      | 3,000                | 1,034                                                       | 2,115                    | 2,925          | 15,582                  |
| Wingcarribee (S)                    | 43                       | —                      | 4,971                | 8                           | —                      | 313                  | 530                                                         | 485                      | 485            | 6,300                   |
| Illawarra SD Balance (SSD)          | 140                      | —                      | 13,595               | 50                          | —                      | 3,313                | 1,564                                                       | 2,600                    | 3,410          | 21,882                  |
| Illawarra (SD)                      | 232                      | 8                      | 24,466               | 80                          | —                      | 7,338                | 5,390                                                       | 3,569                    | 4,379          | 41,714                  |
| RICHMOND TWEED STATISTICAL DIVISION |                          |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      |                                                             |                          |                |                         |
| Tweed (S) Pt A                      | 44                       | —                      | 4,065                | 15                          | —                      | 983                  | 303                                                         | 750                      | 750            | 6,101                   |
| Tweed Heads (SSD)                   | 44                       | —                      | 4,065                | 15                          | —                      | 983                  | 303                                                         | 750                      | 750            | 6,101                   |
| Ballina (S)                         | 21                       | —                      | 1,814                | —                           | —                      | —                    | 393                                                         | —                        | —              | 2,207                   |
| Byron (S)                           | 18                       | —                      | 1,371                | 7                           | —                      | 369                  | 83                                                          | 140                      | 140            | 1,962                   |
| Caiano (M)                          | 4                        | —                      | 389                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | 389                     |
| Kyogle (S)                          | 4                        | —                      | 235                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 20                                                          | 160                      | 160            | 415                     |
| Lismore (C)                         | 14                       | —                      | 1,150                | 4                           | —                      | 199                  | 209                                                         | 2,050                    | 2,050          | 3,608                   |
| Richmond River (S)                  | 7                        | —                      | 453                  | 5                           | —                      | 418                  | 160                                                         | —                        | —              | 1,031                   |
| Tweed (S) Pt B                      | 19                       | —                      | 1,618                | 37                          | —                      | 2,720                | 242                                                         | 650                      | 650            | 5,230                   |
| Richmond — Tweed SD Balance (SSD)   | 87                       | —                      | 7,030                | 53                          | —                      | 3,706                | 1,107                                                       | 3,000                    | 3,000          | 14,842                  |
| Richmond — Tweed (SD)               | 131                      | —                      | 11,095               | 68                          | —                      | 4,689                | 1,410                                                       | 3,750                    | 3,750          | 20,943                  |

TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVED IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS OF NSW, OCTOBER 1991—continued

| Statistical area                     | New residential building |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      | Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000) | Non-residential building |                |                         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
|                                      | Houses                   |                        |                      | Other residential buildings |                        |                      |                                                             | Private sector (\$'000)  | Total (\$'000) | Total building (\$'000) |
|                                      | Private sector (number)  | Public sector (number) | Total value (\$'000) | Private sector (number)     | Public sector (number) | Total value (\$'000) |                                                             |                          |                |                         |
| MID NORTH COAST STATISTICAL DIVISION |                          |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      |                                                             |                          |                |                         |
| Bellingen (S)                        | 12                       | —                      | 719                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 121                                                         | 200                      | 200            | 1,041                   |
| Coffs Harbour (C)                    | 28                       | 1                      | 2,457                | 6                           | —                      | 442                  | 640                                                         | 528                      | 528            | 4,067                   |
| Copmanhurst (S)                      | 3                        | —                      | 246                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 17                                                          | —                        | —              | 263                     |
| Grafton (C)                          | 4                        | —                      | 376                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 35                                                          | —                        | —              | 411                     |
| Maclean (S)                          | 17                       | —                      | 1,377                | 6                           | —                      | 307                  | 84                                                          | 85                       | 85             | 1,853                   |
| Nambucca (S)                         | 10                       | —                      | 875                  | 2                           | —                      | 110                  | 34                                                          | 275                      | 400            | 1,419                   |
| Nymboida (S)                         | 6                        | —                      | 563                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | 563                     |
| Ullmarra (S)                         | 4                        | —                      | 368                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 50                                                          | 50                       | 50             | 468                     |
| Clarence (SSD)                       | 84                       | 1                      | 6,981                | 14                          | —                      | 859                  | 981                                                         | 1,138                    | 1,263          | 10,085                  |
| Greater Taree (C)                    | 22                       | —                      | 2,124                | 7                           | —                      | 337                  | 116                                                         | 184                      | 384            | 2,961                   |
| Hastings (M)                         | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | —                       |
| Kempsey (S)                          | 11                       | —                      | 794                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 150                                                         | —                        | —              | 944                     |
| Lord Howe Island                     | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | —                       |
| Hastings (SSD)                       | 33                       | —                      | 2,917                | 7                           | —                      | 337                  | 267                                                         | 184                      | 384            | 3,904                   |
| Mid-North Coast (SD)                 | 117                      | 1                      | 9,899                | 21                          | —                      | 1,196                | 1,248                                                       | 1,322                    | 1,646          | 13,989                  |
| NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION        |                          |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      |                                                             |                          |                |                         |
| Barraba (S)                          | 1                        | —                      | 87                   | —                           | —                      | —                    | 10                                                          | —                        | —              | 97                      |
| Bingara (S)                          | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | 27                                                          | —                        | —              | 27                      |
| Guemedah (S)                         | 1                        | —                      | 75                   | —                           | —                      | —                    | 34                                                          | —                        | —              | 109                     |
| Inverell (S) Pt A                    | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | —                       |
| Manilla (S)                          | 1                        | —                      | 48                   | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | 48                      |
| Nundle (S)                           | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | —                       |
| Parry (S)                            | 10                       | —                      | 813                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 141                                                         | 620                      | 620            | 1,574                   |
| Quirindi (S)                         | 3                        | —                      | 219                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 35                                                          | —                        | —              | 254                     |
| Tamworth (C)                         | 18                       | —                      | 1,599                | 4                           | —                      | 800                  | 403                                                         | —                        | 80             | 2,881                   |
| Yallaro (S)                          | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | —                       |
| Northern Slopes (SSD)                | 34                       | —                      | 2,840                | 4                           | —                      | 800                  | 650                                                         | 620                      | 700            | 4,900                   |
| Armidsle (C)                         | 8                        | —                      | 777                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 380                                                         | 210                      | 1,454          | 2,611                   |
| Dumaresq (S)                         | 6                        | —                      | 835                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 18                                                          | —                        | 80             | 933                     |
| Glen Innes (M)                       | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | 10                                                          | —                        | —              | 10                      |
| Guyra (S)                            | 1                        | —                      | 83                   | —                           | —                      | —                    | 62                                                          | —                        | —              | 145                     |
| Inverell (S) Pt B                    | 7                        | —                      | 705                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 99                                                          | 108                      | 108            | 912                     |
| Severn (S)                           | 2                        | —                      | 91                   | —                           | —                      | —                    | 25                                                          | —                        | —              | 116                     |
| Tenterfield (S)                      | 2                        | —                      | 137                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | 137                     |
| Uralla (S)                           | 2                        | —                      | 100                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 20                                                          | —                        | —              | 120                     |
| Walcha (S)                           | 1                        | —                      | 108                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | 108                     |
| Northern Tablelands (SSD)            | 29                       | —                      | 2,836                | —                           | —                      | —                    | 614                                                         | 318                      | 1,642          | 5,091                   |
| Moree Plains (S)                     | 6                        | 3                      | 829                  | 5                           | —                      | 192                  | 60                                                          | —                        | —              | 1,081                   |
| Narrabri (S)                         | 1                        | —                      | 80                   | —                           | —                      | —                    | 41                                                          | —                        | —              | 121                     |
| North Central Plains (SSD)           | 7                        | 3                      | 909                  | 5                           | —                      | 192                  | 101                                                         | —                        | —              | 1,202                   |
| Northern (SD)                        | 70                       | 3                      | 6,585                | 9                           | —                      | 992                  | 1,364                                                       | 938                      | 2,342          | 11,283                  |

TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVED IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS OF NSW, OCTOBER 1991—continued

| Statistical area                                   | New residential building |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      | Non-residential building                                    |                         |                |                         |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
|                                                    | Houses                   |                        |                      | Other residential buildings |                        |                      | Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000) | Private sector          |                | Total building (\$'000) |
|                                                    | Private sector (number)  | Public sector (number) | Total value (\$'000) | Private sector (number)     | Public sector (number) | Total value (\$'000) |                                                             | Private sector (\$'000) | Total (\$'000) |                         |
| NORTH WESTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION                 |                          |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      |                                                             |                         |                |                         |
| Coolah (S)                                         | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                       | —              | —                       |
| Coonabarnan (S)                                    | 5                        | —                      | 285                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 10                                                          | —                       | —              | 295                     |
| Dubbo (C)                                          | 42                       | —                      | 3,593                | 12                          | —                      | 703                  | 310                                                         | 150                     | 150            | 4,756                   |
| Gilgandra (S)                                      | 1                        | —                      | 78                   | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                       | —              | 78                      |
| Mudgee (S)                                         | 11                       | —                      | 1,060                | 10                          | —                      | 506                  | 56                                                          | 150                     | 150            | 1,771                   |
| Narromine (S)                                      | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                       | —              | —                       |
| Willingoo (S)                                      | 2                        | —                      | 195                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 22                                                          | —                       | —              | 217                     |
| Central Macquarie (SSD)                            | 61                       | —                      | 5,211                | 22                          | —                      | 1,209                | 398                                                         | 300                     | 300            | 7,117                   |
| Bogan (S)                                          | 1                        | —                      | 66                   | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                       | —              | 66                      |
| Coonamble (S)                                      | 1                        | —                      | 107                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 35                                                          | —                       | —              | 141                     |
| Walgett (S)                                        | 1                        | —                      | 53                   | —                           | —                      | —                    | 20                                                          | —                       | —              | 73                      |
| Warren (S)                                         | 2                        | —                      | 240                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 21                                                          | —                       | —              | 261                     |
| Macquarie — Barwon (SSD)                           | 5                        | —                      | 466                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 76                                                          | —                       | —              | 541                     |
| Bourke (S)                                         | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                       | —              | —                       |
| Brewarrina (S)                                     | —                        | 8                      | 799                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                       | —              | 799                     |
| Cobar (S)                                          | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | 42                                                          | —                       | —              | 42                      |
| Upper Darling (SSD)                                | —                        | 8                      | 799                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 42                                                          | —                       | —              | 841                     |
| North Western (SD)                                 | 66                       | 8                      | 6,476                | 22                          | —                      | 1,209                | 515                                                         | 300                     | 300            | 8,500                   |
| CENTRAL WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION                  |                          |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      |                                                             |                         |                |                         |
| Bathurst (C)                                       | 17                       | 1                      | 1,727                | 2                           | —                      | 103                  | 266                                                         | 177                     | 177            | 2,272                   |
| Blayney (S) Pt A                                   | 2                        | —                      | 217                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 102                                                         | 620                     | 620            | 939                     |
| Calonne (S) Pt A                                   | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                       | —              | —                       |
| Evans (S) Pt A                                     | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                       | —              | —                       |
| Orange (C)                                         | 16                       | —                      | 1,334                | 19                          | —                      | 1,005                | 438                                                         | 345                     | 345            | 3,123                   |
| Bathurst — Orange (SSD)                            | 35                       | 1                      | 3,278                | 21                          | —                      | 1,108                | 806                                                         | 1,142                   | 1,142          | 6,334                   |
| Blayney (S) Pt B                                   | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                       | —              | —                       |
| Calonne (S) Pt B                                   | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                       | —              | —                       |
| Evans (S) Pt B                                     | 4                        | —                      | 534                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 162                                                         | —                       | —              | 696                     |
| Greater Lithgow (C)                                | 15                       | —                      | 1,239                | —                           | —                      | —                    | 15                                                          | —                       | —              | 1,254                   |
| Oberon (S)                                         | 1                        | —                      | 49                   | —                           | —                      | —                    | 50                                                          | —                       | —              | 99                      |
| Rylstone (S)                                       | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                       | —              | —                       |
| Central Tablelands (excl. Bathurst — Orange) (SSD) | 20                       | —                      | 1,822                | —                           | —                      | —                    | 227                                                         | —                       | —              | 2,049                   |
| Bland (S)                                          | 1                        | —                      | 70                   | —                           | —                      | —                    | 76                                                          | —                       | —              | 146                     |
| Calonne (S) Pt C                                   | 2                        | —                      | 163                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                       | —              | 163                     |
| Cowra (S)                                          | 7                        | —                      | 708                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 10                                                          | 830                     | 830            | 1,548                   |
| Forbes (S)                                         | 3                        | —                      | 341                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 235                                                         | —                       | —              | 576                     |
| Lachlan (S)                                        | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                       | —              | —                       |
| Pickles (S)                                        | 8                        | —                      | 560                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 49                                                          | —                       | —              | 609                     |
| Weddin (S)                                         | 2                        | —                      | 137                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 16                                                          | —                       | —              | 153                     |
| Lachlan (SSD)                                      | 23                       | —                      | 1,979                | —                           | —                      | —                    | 386                                                         | 830                     | 830            | 3,195                   |
| Central West (SD)                                  | 78                       | 1                      | 7,079                | 21                          | —                      | 1,108                | 1,419                                                       | 1,972                   | 1,972          | 11,578                  |

TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVED IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS OF NSW, OCTOBER 1991—continued

| Statistical area                             | New residential building |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      | Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000) | Non-residential building |                |                         |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
|                                              | Houses                   |                        |                      | Other residential buildings |                        |                      |                                                             | Private sector (\$'000)  | Total (\$'000) | Total building (\$'000) |
|                                              | Private sector (number)  | Public sector (number) | Total value (\$'000) | Private sector (number)     | Public sector (number) | Total value (\$'000) |                                                             |                          |                |                         |
| SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION           |                          |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      |                                                             |                          |                |                         |
| Queanbeyan (C)                               | 16                       | —                      | 1,769                | 19                          | —                      | 1,600                | 201                                                         | 530                      | 530            | 4,101                   |
| Queanbeyan (SSD)                             | 16                       | —                      | 1,769                | 19                          | —                      | 1,600                | 201                                                         | 530                      | 530            | 4,101                   |
| Boorowa (S)                                  | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | —                       |
| Crookwell (S)                                | 1                        | —                      | 125                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | 125                     |
| Goulburn (C)                                 | 9                        | —                      | 983                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 153                                                         | 1,046                    | 1,046          | 2,181                   |
| Gunning (S)                                  | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | 17                                                          | —                        | —              | 17                      |
| Harden (S)                                   | 2                        | —                      | 188                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 106                                                         | —                        | —              | 294                     |
| Muiwaa (S)                                   | 4                        | —                      | 474                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 33                                                          | —                        | —              | 507                     |
| Tallaganda (S)                               | 1                        | —                      | 30                   | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | 30                      |
| Yarrowlumla (S)                              | 9                        | —                      | 844                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 77                                                          | —                        | —              | 921                     |
| Yass (S)                                     | 4                        | —                      | 660                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 157                                                         | 150                      | 150            | 966                     |
| Young (S)                                    | 4                        | —                      | 300                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 48                                                          | —                        | —              | 348                     |
| Southern Tablelands (excl. Queanbeyan) (SSD) | 34                       | —                      | 3,603                | —                           | —                      | —                    | 591                                                         | 1,106                    | 1,106          | 5,390                   |
| Bege Valley (S)                              | 35                       | —                      | 2,875                | 2                           | —                      | 150                  | 439                                                         | 220                      | 220            | 3,684                   |
| Eurobodalla (S)                              | 66                       | —                      | 6,488                | 13                          | —                      | 830                  | 646                                                         | 743                      | 743            | 8,708                   |
| Lower South Coast (SSD)                      | 101                      | —                      | 9,364                | 15                          | —                      | 980                  | 1,085                                                       | 963                      | 963            | 12,392                  |
| Bombala (S)                                  | 2                        | —                      | 124                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 33                                                          | —                        | —              | 157                     |
| Cooma-Monaro (S)                             | 4                        | —                      | 309                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 131                                                         | —                        | —              | 440                     |
| Snowy River (S)                              | 3                        | 2                      | 521                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | 230                      | 230            | 751                     |
| Snowy (SSD)                                  | 9                        | 2                      | 953                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 164                                                         | 230                      | 230            | 1,347                   |
| South Eastern (SD)                           | 160                      | 2                      | 15,689               | 34                          | —                      | 2,580                | 2,041                                                       | 2,919                    | 2,919          | 23,229                  |
| MURRUMBIDGEE STATISTICAL DIVISION            |                          |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      |                                                             |                          |                |                         |
| Coolamon (S)                                 | 1                        | —                      | 34                   | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | 34                      |
| Cootamundra (S)                              | 1                        | —                      | 130                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 144                                                         | —                        | —              | 274                     |
| Gundagai (S)                                 | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | —                       |
| Junee (S)                                    | 2                        | —                      | 131                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | 131                      | 131            | 262                     |
| Lockhart (S)                                 | 2                        | —                      | 240                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 40                                                          | —                        | 125            | 405                     |
| Narrandera (S)                               | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | —                       |
| Temora (S)                                   | 1                        | —                      | 70                   | 3                           | —                      | 130                  | 29                                                          | —                        | —              | 229                     |
| Tumut (S)                                    | 8                        | —                      | 699                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 36                                                          | —                        | —              | 735                     |
| Wagga Wagga (C)                              | 62                       | 9                      | 5,469                | —                           | —                      | —                    | 348                                                         | 286                      | 286            | 6,103                   |
| Central Murrumbidgee (SSD)                   | 77                       | 9                      | 6,773                | 3                           | —                      | 130                  | 597                                                         | 417                      | 541            | 8,042                   |
| Carrathool (S)                               | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | —                       |
| Griffith (C)                                 | 6                        | —                      | 631                  | 2                           | —                      | 120                  | 117                                                         | 565                      | 565            | 1,432                   |
| Hay (S)                                      | 3                        | —                      | 210                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | 210                     |
| Leeton (S)                                   | 1                        | —                      | 98                   | 3                           | —                      | 145                  | 110                                                         | —                        | —              | 353                     |
| Murrumbidgee (S)                             | 1                        | —                      | 136                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | 136                     |
| Lower Murrumbidgee (SSD)                     | 11                       | —                      | 1,075                | 5                           | —                      | 265                  | 227                                                         | 565                      | 565            | 2,131                   |
| Murrumbidgee (SD)                            | 88                       | 9                      | 7,848                | 8                           | —                      | 395                  | 824                                                         | 982                      | 1,106          | 10,173                  |

TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVED IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS OF NSW, OCTOBER 1991—continued

| Statistical area                  | New residential building |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      | Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000) | Non-residential building |                |                         |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
|                                   | Houses                   |                        |                      | Other residential buildings |                        |                      |                                                             | Private sector (\$'000)  | Total (\$'000) | Total building (\$'000) |
|                                   | Private sector (number)  | Public sector (number) | Total value (\$'000) | Private sector (number)     | Public sector (number) | Total value (\$'000) |                                                             |                          |                |                         |
| MURRAY STATISTICAL DIVISION       |                          |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      |                                                             |                          |                |                         |
| Albury (C)                        | 44                       | —                      | 3,401                | 2                           | —                      | 88                   | 106                                                         | 1,180                    | 1,180          | 4,775                   |
| Hume (S)                          | 12                       | —                      | 1,375                | —                           | —                      | —                    | 16                                                          | —                        | —              | 1,391                   |
| Albury (SSD)                      | 56                       | —                      | 4,776                | 2                           | —                      | 88                   | 122                                                         | 1,180                    | 1,180          | 6,166                   |
| Corowa (S)                        | 3                        | —                      | 322                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 42                                                          | 3,280                    | 3,280          | 3,644                   |
| Culcairn (S)                      | 1                        | —                      | 105                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | 105                     |
| Holbrook (S)                      | —                        | —                      | 50                   | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | 50                      |
| Turnbunumba (S)                   | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | 10                                                          | —                        | 55             | 65                      |
| Urana (S)                         | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | —                       |
| Upper Murray (excl. Albury) (SSD) | 5                        | —                      | 477                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 52                                                          | 3,280                    | 3,335          | 3,864                   |
| Berrigan (S)                      | 2                        | —                      | 139                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 66                                                          | 100                      | 100            | 305                     |
| Conargo (S)                       | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | —                       |
| Deniliquin (M)                    | 4                        | —                      | 230                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 29                                                          | 3,101                    | 3,101          | 3,360                   |
| Jerilderie (S)                    | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | —                       |
| Murray (S)                        | 3                        | —                      | 255                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | 68                       | 68             | 323                     |
| Wakool (S)                        | 1                        | —                      | 75                   | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | 450                      | 450            | 525                     |
| Windouran (S)                     | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | —                       |
| Central Murray (SSD)              | 10                       | —                      | 700                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 95                                                          | 3,719                    | 3,719          | 4,513                   |
| Bairnsdale (S)                    | 2                        | —                      | 115                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | 80             | 195                     |
| Wentworth (S)                     | 3                        | —                      | 371                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 63                                                          | 94                       | 94             | 529                     |
| Murray—Darling (SSD)              | 5                        | —                      | 486                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 63                                                          | 94                       | 174            | 724                     |
| Murray (SD)                       | 76                       | —                      | 6,439                | 2                           | —                      | 88                   | 332                                                         | 8,273                    | 8,408          | 15,247                  |
| FAR WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION     |                          |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      |                                                             |                          |                |                         |
| Broken Hill (C)                   | 4                        | —                      | 385                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 180                                                         | 200                      | 200            | 765                     |
| Central Darling (S)               | 1                        | —                      | 61                   | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | 61                      |
| Unincorp. Far West                | —                        | —                      | —                    | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                                                           | —                        | —              | —                       |
| Far West (SD)                     | 5                        | —                      | 446                  | —                           | —                      | —                    | 180                                                         | 200                      | 200            | 826                     |
| NEW SOUTH WALES                   |                          |                        |                      |                             |                        |                      |                                                             |                          |                |                         |
| New South Wales                   | 2,319                    | 221                    | 254,278              | 937                         | 86                     | 83,516               | 84,364                                                      | 122,272                  | 150,264        | 572,422                 |

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

## Introduction

This publication contains monthly details of building work approved.

2. Statistics of building work approved are compiled from:
  - (a) permits issued by local government authorities in areas subject to building control by those authorities; and
  - (b) contracts let or day labour work authorised by Commonwealth, State, semi-government and local government authorities.

Major building activity which takes place in areas not subject to the normal administrative approval processes (eg. building on remote mine sites) is also included.

## Scope and coverage

3. The statistics relate to *building* activity which includes construction of new buildings and alterations and additions to existing buildings. Construction activity not defined as building (e.g. construction of roads, bridges, railways, earthworks) is excluded.

4. In relation to work carried out on existing buildings, the statistics include details of non-structural renovation and refurbishment work and the installation of integral building fixtures, for which building approval was obtained.

5. From July 1990, the statistics cover:

- (a) all approved new residential building jobs valued at \$10,000 or more (previously \$5,000 or more).
- (b) approved alterations and additions to residential buildings valued at \$10,000 or more.
- (c) all approved non-residential building jobs valued at \$50,000 or more (previously \$30,000 or more).

These changes mainly affect non-residential building data. In particular, care should be taken in interpreting data for specific classes of non-residential building.

## Definitions

6. A building is defined as a rigid, fixed and permanent structure which has a roof. Its intended purpose is primarily to house people, plant, machinery, vehicles, goods or livestock. An integral feature of a building's design, to satisfy its intended use, is the provision for regular access by persons.

7. A *dwelling unit* is defined as a self-contained suite of rooms, including cooking and bathing facilities and intended for long-term residential use. Units (whether self-contained or not) within buildings offering either institutional care (such as hospitals) or temporary accommodation (such as motels, hostels and holiday apartments) are not defined as dwelling units. The value of units of this type is included in the appropriate category of non-residential building approved.

8. A *residential building* is defined as a building predominantly consisting of one or more dwelling units. Residential buildings can be either houses or other residential buildings as follows:

- (a) A *house* is defined as a detached building predominantly used for long-term residential purposes and consisting of only one dwelling unit. Detached dwelling units associated with non-residential buildings are defined as houses for the purpose of these statistics.
- (b) An *other residential building* is defined as a building which is predominantly used for long-term residential purposes and which contains (or has attached to it) more than one dwelling unit.

9. The number of dwelling units created by alterations and additions to existing buildings and through the construction of new non-residential buildings is not included in the tables, but is shown as a footnote to Table 1.

10. Values data are derived by aggregation of the estimated value (when completed) of building work (excluding value of land and landscaping but including site preparation) as reported on approval documents. For houses, these estimates are usually a reliable indicator of the completed value of the building. However, for other residential buildings and non-residential buildings these estimates can and often do differ significantly from the completed value of the building.

## Building classification

11. *Ownership*. The ownership of a building is classified at the time of approval as either private sector or public sector according to expected ownership of the completed building. Residential buildings being constructed by private sector builders under government housing authority schemes whereby the authority has contracted, or intends to contract, to purchase the buildings on or before completion, are classified as public sector.

12. *Functional classification of buildings*. A building is classified according to its intended major function. Hence, a building which is ancillary to other buildings or forms a part of a group of related buildings is classified to the function of the building and not to the function of the group as a whole. An example of this can be seen in the treatment of building work approved for a factory complex. In this case a detached administration building would be classified to 'Offices', a detached cafeteria building to 'Shops', while factory buildings would be classified to 'Factories'. An exception to this rule is the treatment of group accommodation buildings where, for example, a student accommodation building on a university campus would be classified to 'Educational'.

13. Examples of the types of individual building jobs included under each main functional heading are shown in the following list:

- (a) *Houses* — includes cottages, bungalows, detached caretakers'/managers' cottages and granny flats, rectories;

- (b) *Other residential buildings* — includes blocks of flats, home units, attached townhouses, duplexes, villa units, terrace houses, apartment buildings, semi-detached houses, maisonettes;
- (c) *Hotels etc.* — includes motels, hostels, boarding houses, guest houses, holiday apartment buildings;
- (d) *Shops* — includes retail shops, restaurants, cafes, taverns, dry cleaners, laundromats, hair salons, shopping arcades;
- (e) *Factories* — includes paper mills, oil refinery buildings, brickworks, foundries, power-houses, manufacturing laboratories, workshops as part of a manufacturing process;
- (f) *Offices* — includes banks, post offices, council chambers, head and regional offices;
- (g) *Other business premises* — includes warehouses, storage depots, service stations, transport depots and terminals, electricity sub-station buildings, telephone exchanges, mail sorting centres, broadcasting stations, film studios;
- (h) *Educational* — includes schools, colleges, kindergartens, libraries, museums, art galleries, research and teaching laboratories, theological colleges;
- (i) *Religious* — includes churches, chapels, temples;
- (j) *Health* — includes hospitals, nursing homes, surgeries, clinics, medical centres;
- (k) *Entertainment and recreational* — includes clubs, theatres, cinemas, public halls, gymnasiums, grandstands, squash courts, recreation centres;
- (l) *Miscellaneous* — includes law courts, homes for the aged (where medical care is not provided as a normal service), orphanages, gaols, barracks, mine buildings, glass houses, livestock sheds, shearing sheds, fruit and skin drying sheds, public toilets, and ambulance, fire and police stations.

#### Statistical areas of New South Wales

14. This bulletin contains data presented according to the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC). Under this classification, statistical areas are defined as follows:

- (a) *Statistical Local Areas (SLAs)*. These geographical areas are in most cases either identical with, or have been aggregated to, the previously published whole or part of legal Local Government Areas (LGAs) as defined under the (State) *Local Government Act 1919* and comprising cities (C), municipalities (M) and shires (S). In other cases, they are identical to each previously published unincorporated area. In aggregate, SLAs cover the whole of the State without gaps or overlaps. In some cases legal LGAs overlap Statistical Subdivision boundaries and therefore comprise two SLAs (Part A and Part B) or three SLAs in the case of Cabonne (S) (Part A, Part B and Part C).
- (b) *Statistical Subdivisions (SSDs)*. These consist of one or more SLAs and form the intermediate size spatial unit for the presentation of regional data.
- (c) *Statistical Divisions (SDs)*. These consist of one or more Statistical Subdivisions (SSDs). Where SSDs are not shown for statistical purposes, statistical local areas are shown ordered alphabetically within statistical divisions. The divisions are designed to be relatively homogeneous regions characterised by identifiable social and economic units within the region, under the unifying influence of one or more major towns or cities.
- (d) *Statistical Districts*. To provide comparable statistics over a period of time, statistical districts have been defined around selected urban centres, with a population of 25,000 or more, experiencing urban growth beyond the legal local government area boundaries. Those districts are intended to contain the anticipated urban spread over the next 20 years. In some cases, Statistical District boundaries are identical to those of particular Statistical Subdivisions (e.g. Newcastle SSD and Wollongong SSD included in Table 8 of this publication).

15. Further information concerning statistical areas is contained in the publication *Australian Standard Geographical Classification* (1216.0).

#### General

16. For purposes of comparison, it should be noted that statistics of building approvals are affected from month to month by large projects (such as blocks of flats and multi-storey office buildings) approved in particular months, and also by the administrative arrangements of government authorities.

#### Seasonal adjustment

17. Seasonally adjusted building statistics are shown in Table 3. In these series, account has been taken of normal seasonal factors and 'trading day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays etc. in the month) and the effect of movement in the date of Easter which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months.

18. Each of the component series shown has been seasonally adjusted independently. As a consequence, while the unadjusted components in the original series shown add to the totals, the adjusted components may not add to the adjusted totals. Further, the difference between independently seasonally adjusted series does not necessarily produce series which are optimal or even adequate adjustments of the similarly derived original series. Thus the figures which can be derived by subtracting seasonally adjusted private sector dwelling units from the seasonally adjusted total should not be used to represent seasonally adjusted public sector dwelling units.

19. Seasonal adjustments may be carried out by various methods and the results may vary slightly according to the

procedure adopted. Accordingly, seasonally adjusted statistics should not be regarded as in any way definitive. In interpreting particular seasonally adjusted statistics it is important to bear in mind the methods by which they have been derived and the limitations to which the methods used are subject.

20. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series may be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment procedures do not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month, such as the effect of the approval of large projects or as a consequence of the administrative arrangements of approving authorities. Irregular influences that are highly volatile can make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variation.

21. The seasonally adjusted series can, however, be smoothed to reduce the impact of the irregular component in the adjusted series. This smoothed seasonally adjusted series is called a trend estimate. There are a number of ways of accomplishing this, depending on the intended uses of the trend estimate. If importance is attached to measuring the underlying change in the most recent periods, moving averages employing appropriate weighting patterns should be adopted; the choice of averaging technique will determine in part the degree of smoothness of the derived series. For example, a 23-term moving average will generally even out more of the short term fluctuation in a series (and therefore appear 'smoother') than will a 13-term moving average. However, the longer the term of the moving average the longer the time series affected by revisions resulting from more recent data. In order to ensure that the underlying trend-cycle of a series is reflected in the trend estimate, the degree of smoothness alone cannot always be used as the sole criterion in determining which moving average is appropriate.

22. Trend estimates of building statistics are shown in Table 3. The trend estimates (often referred to as trend-cycle estimates) have been derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to the series.

23. While this technique enables trend estimates for the latest period to be produced, it does result in revisions to the trend estimates for the most recent months as additional observations become available. There may also be revisions as a result of changes in the original data, and as a result of the re-estimation of the seasonal factors. Details of other trend-cycle weighting patterns can be found in *A Guide to Smoothing Time Series—Estimates of Trend* (1316.0).

#### Estimates at constant prices

24. Estimates of the quarterly value of building approvals at average 1984-85 prices are presented for New South Wales in Table 4. Monthly value data at constant prices are not available.

25. Constant price estimates measure changes in value after the direct effects of price changes have been eliminated. The deflators used to revalue the current price estimates in this publication are derived from the same price data underlying the deflators compiled for the dwellings and non-dwelling construction components of the national accounts aggregate 'Gross fixed capital expenditure'.

26. Estimates at constant prices are subject to a number of approximations and assumptions. Further information on the nature and concepts of constant price estimates is contained in Chapter 4 of *Australian National Accounts: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (5216.0).

#### Related publications

27. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available from the ABS Bookshop:

*Dwelling Unit Commencements Reported by Approving Authorities, NSW* (monthly) (8741.1)

*Building Approvals, Australia* (monthly) (8731.0)

*Building Activity, Australia* (quarterly) (8752.0)

*Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (monthly) (5609.0)

*Price Index of Materials Used in House Building* (monthly) (6408.0)

*Engineering Construction Survey* (quarterly) (8762.0)

28. A list of the complete range of publications available from the ABS can be obtained from any ABS Office. Access to a wide range of ABS statistics is also available through DISCOVERY \*656# and on AUSSTATS, ABS on-line service. Further information about these services can be obtained from the Sydney ABS Information Service on (02) 268 4611, or from any ABS Office.

#### Symbols and other usages

- C City
- M Municipality
- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- S Shire
- SD Statistical Division
- SLA Statistical Local Area
- SSD Statistical Subdivision
- .. not applicable
- nil or rounded to zero

29. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

