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ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

State Estimates of Actual and Expected New Fixed Capital Expenditure by Private Enterprises in Selected Industries (5646.0) (quarterly)

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (6302.0) (quarterly)

Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia (6312.0) (monthly)

Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0) (quarterly)

Overtime, Australia (6330.0) (quarterly)

The Labour Force, Victoria (6201.2) (monthly)

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (6401.0) (quarterly)

Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Darwin (6407.0) (monthly)

Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (6408.0) (monthly)

BUILDING

Building Activity, Australia (8752.0) (quarterly)

Building Approvals, Australia (8731.0) (monthly)

RETAIL SALES

Retail Sales of Goods (Excluding Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.), Australia (8501.0) (monthly)

PRODUCTION

Monthly Summary of Statistics, Victoria (1303.2)

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia (9303.0) (monthly)

BANKS

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HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

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

OVERSEAS TRADE

Exports, Australia (5404.0) (monthly)

Imports, Australia (5406.0) (monthly)

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Indicator	Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year %
			One period	Two periods	Three periods		
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (a)	\$m	Aug qr 85 1,208.3	1,195.9	474.0	1,054.8	938.4	28.8
Manufacturing	\$m	Aug qr 85 442.8	352.1	249.1	304.2	247.8	79.1
Finance	\$m	Aug qr 85 481.7	559.0	355.2	424.0	391.0	23.2
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES							
Persons in labour force - (b)	'000	Jul 86 1,987.5	1,976.8	1,879.4	1,992.3	1,928.2	3.1
Employed persons	"	Jul 86 1,859.3	1,861.3	1,856.3	1,857.1	1,807.6	2.9
Unemployed persons	"	Jul 86 128.3	115.3	123.3	135.2	120.6	8.4
Overtime worked per employee	hours	May 86 1.41	1.44	1.58	1.37	1.46	-4.7
Job vacancies	'000	May 86 18.6	17.0	15.1	17.5	16.8	0.0
Average weekly earnings -	\$	Feb 86 423.50	421.30	407.10	398.50	387.20	9.4
Males	"	Feb 86 290.50	283.80	279.10	278.30	279.80	6.1
Females	"						
Indexes of weekly award rates (June 1974=100)-							
Adult males	indices	Jun 86 220.0	220.0	220.0	220.0	212.2	3.7
Adult females	"	Jun 86 217.0	217.0	217.0	217.0	209.1	3.8
Wage and salary earners -	"	Jun 86 217.9	217.9	217.9	217.9	210.0	3.8
Adult males	"	Jun 86 216.4	216.4	216.4	216.4	208.4	3.8
Adult females	"						
PRICES							
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980=100)-	indices	Jun qr 86 152.0	147.2	144.2	141.6	138.8	8.9
Food	"	Jun qr 86 144.8	138.1	137.9	132.9	131.1	10.3
Clothing	"	Jun qr 86 188.8	184.8	181.8	159.0	154.8	8.9
Housing	"	Jun qr 86 153.7	152.3	149.2	144.9	142.1	8.2
Household equipment & operation	"	Jun qr 86 149.8	153.8	146.9	147.4	144.8	3.3
Transportation	"	Jun qr 86 147.4	142.4	138.4	136.7	132.4	9.1
Tobacco & alcohol	"	Jun qr 86 168.1	165.1	160.7	156.4	154.1	9.1
Health & personal care	"	Jun qr 86 136.8	134.1	129.2	127.1	122.9	10.1
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	"	Jun qr 86 154.2	151.8	147.8	145.3	142.4	8.3
All groups	"						
Price Indexes of Materials Used in Building, Melbourne, All groups-	indices	May 86 510.1	509.5	508.9	506.8	481.6	5.9
House building (1948=100)	"	May 86 169.9	169.1	168.6	167.4	157.7	7.7
Other than house building (1979=100)	"						
BUILDING							
Approvals -							
New houses	No.	Jun 86 2,441	2,564	2,515	1,987	2,678	-8.8
New other dwellings	"	Jun 86 447	425	391	366	458	-2.0
Value of all building	\$m	Jun 86 784.1	362.8	368.8	267.3	303.2	151.9
Commitments -							
New houses	No.	Mar qr 86 8,960	8,210	8,180	6,580	7,150	-2.7
Value of new houses	\$m	Mar qr 86 426.9	498.6	472.9	478.4	400.0	6.7
New other dwellings	No.	Mar qr 86 1,387	1,704	1,710	1,839	2,111	-24.3
Value of new other dwellings	\$m	Mar qr 86 58.3	69.2	69.7	71.5	81.8	-28.5
Value of non-residential building	"	Mar qr 86 485.9	368.1	439.3	391.6	368.4	31.9
Work done in period	"	Mar qr 86 971.9	1,123.0	1,141.4	1,009.2	929.9	4.5
RETAIL SALES(excl motor vehicles, etc)	\$m	Jun 86 1,099.1	1,233.8	1,194.7	1,101.0	986.0	10.4
PRODUCTION							
Manufacturing -							
Clay bricks	million	May 86 37	41	35	37	41	-9.8
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu m	May 86 293	252	243	261	292	0.3
Plastics & synthetic resins	tonnes	May 86 49,178	59,424	51,568	50,519	60,593	-18.8
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq m	May 86 3,017	2,669	2,611	2,669	3,054	-1.2
Cars & station wagons	'000	May 86 19.2	12.4	17.0	18.7	22.8	-15.8
Wool yarn	tonnes	May 86 1,391	1,402	1,393	1,471	1,509	-7.8
Woven fabric -Wool (incl blanketing)	'000 sq m	May 86 423	374	350	401	614	-2.2
Man-made fibres	"	May 86 8,612	8,616	7,480	7,205	8,981	-9.3
Mining -							
Crude oil	'000 cu m	Apr 86 1,967	1,919	2,050	2,310	2,345	-24.6
Brown coal	'000 tonnes	Apr 86 2,515	2,771	3,074	3,551	2,962	-15.1
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS							
Cars & station wagons	No.	Jun 86 11,002	9,515	12,459	8,970	11,068	-0.6
Other motor vehicles (incl motor cycles)	"	Jun 86 3,043	2,411	3,291	2,315	3,209	-5.2
BANKS							
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	May 86 15,908	15,877	15,296	15,335	13,678	16.3
Major trading -							
Deposits	"	Jun 86 12,504	12,581	12,037	12,435	10,991	13.8
Advances	"	Jun 86 11,792	11,637	12,056	11,094	7,423	58.6
Debts to customers' accounts(c)	"	Jun 86 26,814	25,230	25,301	25,376	23,959	10.7
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OTHER OCCUPATION							
Secured commitments to individuals -	"	May 86 343.5	319.7	231.0	252.0	404.3	-15.0
Savings banks	"	May 86 283.0	241.6	183.9	177.2	263.6	7.4
Trading banks	"	May 86 22.6	29.8	25.7	29.3	27.8	-27.6
Permanent building societies	"	May 86 19.7	24.8	20.1	20.4	80.8	-80.6
Other lenders	"	May 86 21.2	23.8	21.2	25.1	22.1	-4.1
OVERSEAS TRADE							
Imports	"	May 86 1,016.8	1,069.4	928.3	902.5	1,048.9	-2.9
Exports(excl re-exports)	"	May 86 499.0	442.4	564.8	683.6	713.8	-30.1

(a) By private enterprises. (b) Labour force figures from January 1985 have been adjusted to allow comparison with published data from April 1986. (c) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne.