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BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER, 1963

1. Statistics of building approvals have been compiled from (a) permits issued by local government authorities in the areas subject to building control by these authorities, and (b) contracts let or work commenced and day labour projects authorized by governmental authorities. They relate only to approvals for buildings, as distinct from the construction of roads, bridges, railways, earth works, water storage, etc. Values shown represent the estimated cost when completed (excluding cost of land) of new buildings and alterations and additions to existing buildings. Additions of £5,000 and over are included with new buildings in all States, except New South Wales, where they are included in "alterations and additions". Building is classified as "Private" or "Government" according to ownership.

2. For purposes of comparison, it should be borne in mind that the volume of building approvals is affected from month to month by the number of large projects such as blocks of flats and multi-storey office buildings approved in particular months and also by the administrative arrangements of local government and semi-governmental authorities.

3. During October, 1963, approvals were granted for the construction of 10,022 new houses and flats valued at £33,701,000. The total number of individual living units approved for the three months ended October, 1963, was 29,847 valued at £101,409,000 compared with 25,519 units valued at £84,127,000 for the three months ended October, 1962. New buildings, other than houses and flats, valued at £24,819,000 and alterations and additions valued at £8,781,000 were approved during October, 1963. The total value of all building approved during the three months ended October, 1963, was £205,388,000 which was £34,475,000 more than the value for the three months ended October, 1962, and £47,823,000 more than that for the three months ended October, 1961.

4. The following tables show further details of building approvals for October, 1963 in comparison with details for earlier months.

TABLE 1. - BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA

Period	Private			Government			Total		
	1961	1962	1963	1961	1962	1963	1961	1962	1963
NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED : AUSTRALIA (Individual living units)									
January	4,812	4,842	5,457	788	517	468	5,600	5,359	5,925
February	5,084	5,551	6,208	885	921	1,209	5,969	6,472	7,417
March	5,107	6,474	6,807	1,234	1,005	1,140	6,341	7,479	7,947
April	4,552	5,781	6,594	819	1,443	1,630	5,371	7,224	8,224
May	5,850	6,723	7,867	1,316	1,772	1,319	7,166	8,495	9,186
June	5,363	6,094	6,852	2,699	1,404	1,615	8,062	7,498	8,467
July	5,818	7,167	7,656	1,197	1,106	1,809	7,015	8,273	9,465
August	6,950	7,338	8,120	775	920	1,421	7,725	8,258	9,541
September	5,540	6,631	8,161	1,483	2,354	2,123	7,023	8,985	10,284
October	6,066	7,076	8,758	1,099	1,200	1,264	7,165	8,276	10,022
Three months ended October	18,556	21,045	25,039	3,357	4,474	4,808	21,913	25,519	29,847
November	6,394	6,697		1,014	1,187		7,408	7,884	
December	4,397	4,780		1,531	694		5,928	5,474	
Year ended December	65,933	75,154		14,840	14,523		80,773	89,677	
VALUE OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED : AUSTRALIA, (£'000)									
January	15,738	16,360	19,109	2,298	1,604	1,334	18,036	17,964	20,443
February	16,936	18,855	21,248	2,591	2,536	3,595	19,527	21,391	24,843
March	17,172	21,870	23,231	3,067	2,836	3,310	20,239	24,706	26,541
April	15,422	19,465	22,723	2,288	4,011	5,167	17,710	23,476	27,890
May	19,667	22,964	27,441	3,815	4,541	3,870	23,482	27,505	31,311
June	18,270	20,838	23,517	7,928	3,909	4,705	26,198	24,747	28,222
July	19,498	24,542	27,041	3,323	3,018	5,674	22,821	27,560	32,715
August	23,891	25,917	28,524	2,362	2,532	4,159	26,253	28,449	32,683
September	18,732	22,759	28,711	4,369	5,361	6,314	23,101	28,120	35,025
October	20,615	24,197	29,937	3,143	3,361	3,764	23,758	27,558	33,701
Three months ended October	63,238	72,873	87,172	9,874	11,254	14,237	73,112	84,127	101,409
November	21,485	22,974		3,045	3,507		24,530	26,481	
December	14,721	16,684		4,319	2,003		19,040	18,687	
Year ended December	222,147	257,425		42,548	39,219		264,695	296,644	

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TABLE 1. - BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA (continued)

Period	Private			Government			Total		
	1961	1962	1963	1961	1962	1963	1961	1962	1963
VALUE OF OTHER NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED : AUSTRALIA (£'000)									
January	8,356	8,295	11,438	2,468	6,548	13,055	10,824	14,843	24,493
February	9,376	11,693	9,365	5,617	6,115	6,492	14,993	17,808	15,857
March	9,772	11,908	11,997	7,033	9,313	7,052	16,805	21,221	19,049
April	6,459	11,525	11,416	3,391	8,514	11,240	9,850	20,039	22,656
May	15,710	15,663	13,864	7,400	5,220	11,517	23,110	20,883	25,381
June	9,241	8,873	12,502	10,303	7,585	9,384	19,544	16,458	21,886
July	8,720	16,610	12,491	5,393	10,995	7,245	14,113	27,605	19,736
August	14,745	14,844	15,645	6,193	4,699	10,630	20,938	19,543	26,275
September	12,156	9,977	15,265	11,201	9,827	13,607	23,357	19,804	28,872
October	7,888	14,745	13,191	11,496	7,942	11,628	19,384	22,687	24,819
Three months ended October	34,789	39,566	44,101	28,890	22,468	35,865	63,679	62,034	79,966
November	15,142	11,964		7,650	8,831		22,792	20,795	
December	9,854	10,829		6,881	5,096		16,735	15,925	
Year ended December	127,419	146,926		85,026	90,685		212,445	237,611	
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS APPROVED : AUSTRALIA (£'000)									
January	4,781	4,682	5,052	919	1,148	675	5,700	5,830	5,727
February	5,607	5,178	5,454	1,251	457	553	6,858	5,635	6,007
March	5,766	7,041	6,167	774	907	705	6,540	7,948	6,872
April	4,890	5,418	6,548	759	583	417	5,649	6,001	6,965
May	5,855	6,344	7,446	604	908	641	6,459	7,252	8,087
June	5,059	5,513	6,492	1,134	1,287	818	6,193	6,800	7,310
July	5,568	6,627	7,104	1,189	746	533	6,757	7,373	7,637
August	6,774	7,426	7,456	648	386	679	7,422	7,812	8,135
September	6,277	7,580	6,542	484	944	555	6,761	8,524	7,097
October	6,124	7,850	8,258	467	566	523	6,591	8,416	8,781
Three months ended October	19,175	22,856	22,256	1,599	1,896	1,757	20,774	24,752	24,013
November	6,530	6,739		356	597		6,886	7,336	
December	4,020	4,881		202	818		4,222	5,699	
Year ended December	67,251	75,279		8,787	9,347		76,038	84,626	
TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED : AUSTRALIA ('000)									
January	28,875	29,337	35,599	5,685	9,300	15,064	34,560	38,637	50,663
February	31,919	35,726	36,067	9,459	9,108	10,640	41,378	44,834	46,707
March	32,710	40,819	41,395	10,874	13,056	11,067	43,584	53,875	52,462
April	26,771	36,408	40,687	6,438	13,108	16,824	33,209	49,516	57,511
May	41,232	44,971	48,751	11,819	10,669	16,028	53,051	55,640	64,779
June	32,570	35,224	42,511	19,365	12,781	14,907	51,935	48,005	57,418
July	33,786	47,779	46,636	9,905	14,759	13,452	43,691	62,538	60,088
August	45,410	48,187	51,625	9,203	7,617	15,468	54,613	55,804	67,093
September	37,165	40,316	50,518	16,054	16,132	20,476	53,219	56,448	70,994
October	34,627	46,792	51,386	15,106	11,869	15,915	49,733	58,661	67,301
Three months ended October	117,202	135,295	153,529	40,363	35,618	51,859	157,565	170,913	205,388
November	43,157	41,677		11,051	12,935		54,208	54,612	
December	28,595	32,394		11,402	7,917		39,997	40,311	
Year ended December	416,817	479,630		136,361	139,251		553,178	618,881	

TABLE 2. - BUILDING APPROVALS : STATES
(Private and Government)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED (Individual living units)									
Year - 1961	32,060	19,513	10,559	8,138	6,216	2,400	453	1,434	80,773
1962	33,449	23,931	10,596	9,996	6,864	2,551	528	1,762	89,677
1961 - September	2,613	1,668	815	1,101	554	213	12	47	7,023
October	2,836	1,883	960	487	619	219	60	101	7,165
November	2,861	1,848	865	784	684	228	45	93	7,408
December	2,204	1,616	619	591	572	211	30	85	5,928
1962 - January	2,234	1,217	684	484	426	149	42	123	5,359
February	2,121	1,857	828	675	660	183	81	67	6,472
March	2,733	1,966	973	629	722	293	60	103	7,479
April	3,199	1,614	901	670	494	200	24	122	7,224
May	3,131	2,013	940	1,300	603	238	31	239	8,495
June	2,711	2,077	1,222	602	486	215	43	142	7,498
July	3,211	2,306	898	763	616	237	10	232	8,273
August	3,318	2,108	960	802	592	210	70	198	8,258
September	2,862	2,115	786	2,239	583	234	23	143	8,985
October	2,829	2,639	948	695	765	222	93	85	8,276
November	2,963	2,417	852	690	489	229	23	221	7,884
December	2,137	1,602	604	447	428	141	28	87	5,474
1963 - January	2,355	1,552	658	561	489	202	6	102	5,925
February	2,734	1,938	938	681	602	229	39	256	7,417
March	2,720	2,191	1,091	730	682	303	29	201	7,947
April	3,059	2,623	755	741	735	183	21	107	8,224
May	3,400	2,581	997	969	755	258	32	194	9,186
June	3,112	1,950	868	1,458	730	196	49	104	8,467
July	3,108	2,390	1,001	1,690	716	206	112	242	9,465
August	3,607	2,473	1,333	799	875	222	49	183	9,541
September	3,995	2,913	1,125	998	854	253	47	99	10,284
October	3,464	3,056	1,119	835	1,000	298	17	233	10,022
VALUE OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED (£'000)									
Year - 1961	101,125	69,682	31,511	26,324	19,256	7,947	1,957	6,893	264,695
1962	106,938	84,514	33,239	31,161	22,082	8,226	2,260	8,224	296,644
1961 - September	8,388	5,810	2,488	3,676	1,795	660	34	250	23,101
October	9,018	6,802	2,943	1,694	1,940	675	201	485	23,758
November	9,216	6,488	2,582	2,634	2,181	735	204	490	24,530
December	6,791	5,556	1,861	1,835	1,770	616	139	472	19,040
1962 - January	7,470	4,218	2,066	1,583	1,369	453	193	612	17,964
February	6,800	6,527	2,534	2,233	2,015	633	290	359	21,391
March	8,654	6,953	2,948	2,259	2,177	917	259	539	24,706
April	9,844	5,661	2,764	2,337	1,595	613	73	589	23,476
May	9,920	7,185	3,048	3,485	1,935	764	143	1,025	27,505
June	8,483	7,068	3,721	2,205	1,638	717	213	702	24,747
July	10,385	8,247	2,892	2,498	1,985	729	49	775	27,560
August	10,702	7,809	3,086	2,833	2,060	707	294	958	28,449
September	9,167	7,607	2,513	5,327	1,903	787	106	710	28,120
October	8,971	9,097	3,056	2,407	2,367	772	386	502	27,558
November	9,444	8,482	2,706	2,434	1,615	690	115	995	26,481
December	7,098	5,660	1,905	1,560	1,423	444	139	458	18,687
1963 - January	8,033	5,608	2,178	1,843	1,587	656	31	507	20,443
February	8,735	7,033	2,950	2,331	1,859	758	147	1,030	24,843
March	8,641	7,815	3,459	2,552	2,027	943	132	972	26,541
April	9,652	9,612	2,427	2,541	2,389	626	127	516	27,890
May	11,134	9,173	3,316	3,232	2,523	877	151	905	31,311
June	10,023	6,991	2,886	4,477	2,364	689	235	557	28,222
July	10,453	8,531	3,376	5,764	2,400	720	393	1,078	32,715
August	11,802	9,048	4,292	2,854	2,766	822	231	868	32,683
September	12,841	10,486	3,685	3,455	2,850	876	278	554	35,025
October	11,277	10,780	3,600	2,947	3,137	1,004	74	882	33,701

TABLE 2. - BUILDING APPROVALS : STATES (continued)

(Private and Government)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
VALUE OF OTHER NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED (£'000)									
(Excluding Alterations and Additions)									
Year - 1961	75,624	51,213	24,603	27,355	15,833	8,154	1,780	7,883	212,445
1962	82,311	72,210	25,202	23,813	13,654	8,003	1,685	10,733	237,611
1961 - September	9,921	5,266	1,939	1,293	2,082	1,166	85	1,605	23,357
October	8,873	4,559	1,439	1,403	1,809	440	151	710	19,384
November	9,076	5,488	1,776	3,420	659	349	77	1,947	22,792
December	6,353	4,028	2,301	1,330	1,366	809	22	526	16,735
1962 - January	6,295	5,306	1,072	722	589	650	127	82	14,843
February	4,388	5,608	1,975	3,432	652	700	29	1,024	17,808
March	6,204	5,051	3,135	1,261	1,087	1,500	182	2,801	21,221
April	7,993	6,897	1,966	1,496	897	220	128	442	20,039
May	4,960	8,256	2,562	2,096	1,247	610	115	1,037	20,883
June	4,401	5,479	2,093	1,414	1,539	494	230	808	16,458
July	11,906	6,306	2,899	3,452	2,056	762	10	214	27,605
August	5,091	8,012	2,432	1,276	1,309	895	113	415	19,543
September	7,296	6,716	1,675	2,360	938	513	186	120	19,804
October	8,107	5,697	2,202	3,856	1,266	509	31	1,019	22,687
November	9,602	4,358	1,546	1,316	869	516	218	2,370	20,795
December	6,068	4,524	1,645	1,132	1,205	634	316	401	15,925
1963 - January	12,134	4,548	3,196	1,845	715	664	70	1,321	24,493
February	3,788	4,984	2,309	1,381	1,077	624	715	979	15,857
March	4,320	6,505	2,819	2,234	1,930	695	125	421	19,049
April	6,533	5,896	3,537	1,498	1,307	1,511	90	2,284	22,656
May	6,581	9,071	3,895	1,263	1,178	939	265	2,189	25,381
June	8,206	4,420	2,554	1,914	1,106	936	576	2,174	21,886
July	6,528	5,418	3,038	1,728	1,291	502	33	1,198	19,736
August	12,030	4,782	3,022	903	4,238	733	23	544	26,275
September	9,709	7,369	2,756	2,432	2,496	333	255	522	28,872
October	6,534	5,938	2,905	4,306	4,174	531	93	338	24,819

TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED (£'000)

(Including Alterations and Additions)

Year - 1961	216,353	138,583	64,388	59,539	38,319	16,988	3,834	15,174	553,178
1962	232,545	176,054	67,643	61,991	39,459	17,202	4,182	19,805	618,881
1961 - September	22,017	12,457	5,069	5,577	4,145	1,921	126	1,907	53,219
October	21,122	13,062	5,119	3,594	4,067	1,191	363	1,215	49,733
November	21,886	13,603	5,021	6,592	3,160	1,150	291	2,505	54,208
December	15,062	10,653	4,697	3,559	3,373	1,474	167	1,012	39,997
1962 - January	17,184	10,740	3,587	2,718	2,203	1,159	325	721	38,637
February	13,662	13,664	5,165	6,117	2,929	1,428	332	1,537	44,834
March	19,280	13,511	6,920	4,186	3,545	2,557	459	3,417	53,875
April	20,637	14,024	5,569	4,381	2,752	897	207	1,049	49,516
May	17,970	17,114	6,471	6,541	3,585	1,477	315	2,167	55,640
June	16,140	14,410	6,531	4,171	3,451	1,286	481	1,535	48,005
July	26,078	16,326	6,572	6,523	4,359	1,556	72	1,052	62,538
August	19,784	17,652	6,408	4,647	3,779	1,685	429	1,420	55,804
September	21,246	15,991	5,039	8,372	3,172	1,378	301	949	56,448
October	21,401	16,818	6,182	6,860	4,017	1,373	439	1,571	58,661
November	22,780	14,483	5,116	4,358	2,781	1,289	352	3,453	54,612
December	16,383	11,321	4,083	3,117	2,886	1,117	470	934	40,311
1963 - January	22,968	11,523	5,970	4,177	2,596	1,380	113	1,936	50,663
February	15,283	13,515	5,913	4,289	3,257	1,449	870	2,131	46,707
March	16,008	16,156	7,011	5,611	4,262	1,701	278	1,435	52,462
April	19,276	17,694	6,660	4,589	4,032	2,188	224	2,848	57,511
May	21,942	20,144	7,912	5,155	4,051	1,906	435	3,234	64,779
June	22,294	12,822	6,111	7,042	3,842	1,685	847	2,775	57,418
July	20,911	15,721	7,146	8,164	4,056	1,290	455	2,345	60,088
August	28,431	15,488	8,016	4,413	7,304	1,666	278	1,497	67,093
September	25,741	19,561	10,437	6,507	5,656	1,339	568	1,185	70,994
October	22,468	18,694	7,274	7,975	7,751	1,621	216	1,302	67,301

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