

ECONOMIC INDICATORS, VICTORIA, MARCH 1990

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MAIN FEATURES

Unemployment rate

The unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) for February 1990 in Victoria increased by 0.4 percentage points over the preceding month, against an increase of 0.3 percentage points at the national level. Victoria continued to record the lowest unemployment rate at 5.0 per cent compared with 6.5 per cent for Australia.

Building approvals

The number of new residential dwelling units approved in January 1990 in Victoria decreased by 9.1 per cent over the preceding period of December 1989, while the value of all buildings approved increased by 0.3 per cent. The corresponding changes for Australia were -0.6 and 54.1 per cent respectively.

Overseas trade*Imports*

In January 1990, Victoria represented 32.6 per cent of the Australian total value of imports and showed a 35.1 per cent increase over December 1989 compared with the Australian average of 31.0 per cent. The value of imports in January 1990 in Victoria increased by 12.9 per cent over January 1989 compared with an increase of 2.7 per cent at the national level.

Exports

The value of exports from Victoria for December 1989 decreased by 3.2 per cent over November 1989 compared with the Australian figure of -3.4 per cent. For Victoria, the change over the same period of the previous year showed a decrease of 4.1 per cent compared with an increase of 10.2 per cent for Australia as a whole.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This publication contains the latest available statistical information on various aspects of the Victorian and Australian economies. In a number of cases, figures appearing in this summary are preliminary and are subject to revision.

Table 1 of the publication provides information for each State and for Australia, so that interstate comparisons can be made in terms of absolute values and percentage movements.

Table 2 provides comparative data for Victoria over various reference periods as well as a measure of the State's significance within the national economy.

Both tables are supplemented with graphs of the major statistical series. An asterisk before a statistical series denotes that a corresponding graph is included in the relevant section.

For detailed explanatory notes and definitions for the items shown in this publication, readers are referred to the specific ABS publications.

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TABLE 1. VICTORIA IN RELATION TO OTHER STATES AND AUSTRALIA (a)

Indicator	Reference period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.	Victoria
									as a percentage of
									Australia
Employed persons	'000 Feb 90	2,585.8	2,081.1	1,319.7	656.3	759.4	195.9	7,809.1	26.6
*Unemployment rate									
- seasonally adjusted	per cent Feb 90	6.6	5.0	7.0	7.6	7.0	8.1	6.5	..
Average weekly total earnings									
- all employees	\$ Aug qr 89	465.10	452.70	406.30	422.00	436.50	424.50	446.80	..
Consumer price index, all groups	1980-81=100 Dec 89	201.4	202.0	197.9	199.6	199.5	197.1	200.7	..
*New dwelling units approved	no. Jan 90	2,877	2,034	2,065	670	1,406	286	9,540	21.3
Value of all buildings approved	\$m Jan 90	1,230.1	443.2	333.7	239.4	181.5	26.3	2,499.6	17.7
Engineering construction									
- commenced, total	\$m Sep qr 89	1,080.4	512.0	709.3	152.8	394.8	48.2	2,980.9	17.2
- yet to be done, total	\$m Sep qr 89	1,505.1	772.4	994.8	274.1	407.4	229.5	4,312.0	17.9
Housing finance for owner occupation	\$m Dec 89	425.2	325.5	220.7	96.1	121.8	21.9	1,246.8	26.1
*Retail turnover - trend estimates	\$m Jan 90	2,446.2	1,815.9	1,172.9	548.3	618.4	172.3	6,951.9	26.1
New motor vehicle registrations									
- seasonally adjusted	no. Dec 89	16,552	14,897	7,762	3,436	4,366	..	49,351	30.2
Takings, licensed hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities	\$'000 Sep qr 89	215,716	88,859	125,337	26,894	42,039	8,704	539,631	16.5
Exports (excluding re-exports)	\$m Dec 89	1,015.5	740.1	817.7	277.9	705.8	107.0	3,951.8	18.7
Imports	\$m Jan 90	2,164.5	1,495.9	367.1	166.9	326.9	35.3	4,592.2	32.6
*Industrial disputes									
- working days lost per '000 employees	no. Dec 89	269	199	103	67	188	64	190	..
Electricity production	million kWh Dec 89	3,834	3,252	2,212	..	1,124	711	11,976	27.2
*Actual private new capital expenditure									
- seasonally adjusted	\$m Sep qr 89	2,676	1,933	957	378	1,265	99	7,413	26.1

CHANGE OVER SAME PERIOD PREVIOUS YEAR (PER CENT)

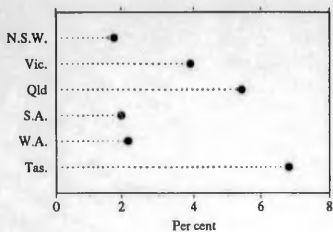
*Employed persons	'000 Feb 90	1.8	3.9	5.4	2.0	2.2	6.9	3.2	..
Unemployment rate									
- seasonally adjusted	per cent n.a.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Average weekly total earnings									
- all employees	\$ Aug qr 89	9.7	8.6	2.5	7.7	4.3	6.4	7.5	..
Consumer price index, all groups	1980-81=100 Dec qr 89	7.4	8.5	7.7	7.5	7.8	7.4	7.8	..
New dwelling units approved	no. Jan 90	-27.9	-26.4	-26.9	-9.6	-22.8	19.7	-23.9	..
Value of all buildings approved	\$m Jan 90	17.2	-11.7	3.8	105.7	-18.4	-32.4	9.1	..
Engineering construction									
- commenced, total	\$m Sep qr 89	32.7	42.1	39.0	-9.9	8.8	9.3	26.9	..
- yet to be done, total	\$m Sep qr 89	-7.2	15.0	57.5	-11.9	-8.6	-8.5	6.6	..
Housing finance for owner occupation	\$m Dec 89	-35.6	-44.4	-15.8	-30.6	-33.8	-26.0	-34.5	..
Retail turnover - trend estimates	\$m Jan 90	8.2	7.9	10.1	4.7	8.0	6.9	8.0	..
New motor vehicle registrations									
- seasonally adjusted	no. Dec 89	-9.6	13.3	-2.6	3.8	-8.2	..	-1.0	..
Takings, licensed hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities	\$'000 Sep qr 89	7.0	26.3	-24.8	20.2	15.1	-1.6	0.5	..
Exports (excluding re-exports)	\$m Dec 89	8.9	-4.1	4.3	45.1	5.2	-29.8	10.2	..
Imports	\$m Jan 90	-2.6	12.9	7.6	-19.7	14.7	47.1	2.7	..
Industrial disputes									
- working days lost per '000 employees	no. Dec 89	-21.1	-7.0	-69.3	-28.0	-37.1	-45.8	-29.4	..
Electricity production	million kWh Dec 89	-7.4	11.1	5.7	..	12.0	1.0	1.9	..
Actual private new capital expenditure									
- seasonally adjusted	\$m Sep qr 89	15.9	24.8	15.2	0.0	45.4	-26.7	21.1	..

(a) All figures are original unless otherwise stated.

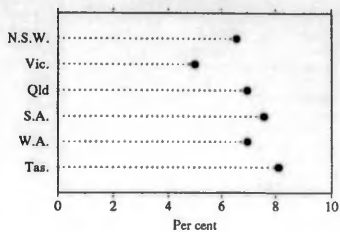
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VICTORIA IN RELATION TO OTHER STATES AND AUSTRALIA - GRAPHS

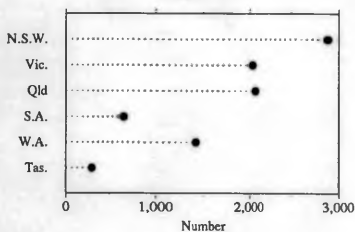
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Change over same period previous year
February 1990



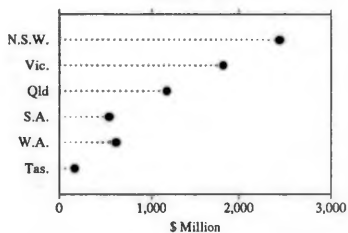
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Seasonally adjusted
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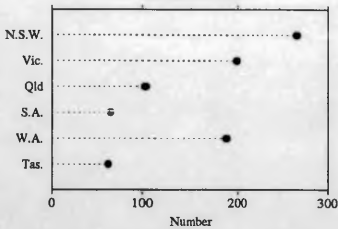
NEW DWELLING UNITS APPROVED
Original series
January 1990



RETAIL TURNOVER
Trend estimates
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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES
Working days lost per '000 employees
December 1989



PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Seasonally adjusted
September quarter 1989

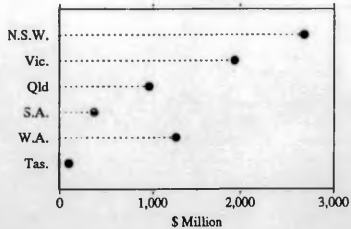


TABLE 2. ECONOMIC INDICATORS, VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA

Indicator	Reference period	Victoria				Australia		Victoria as a % of Australia	Source index (a)	
		Figures		% Change		Figures	% Change			
		Latest period	Preceding period	Over preceding period	Over same period previous year	Latest period	Over preceding period			
Population -										
Estimated resident population	'000	Sep qr 89	4,327.7	4,315.2	0.3	1.2	16,861.2	0.3	25.7	1
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	'000	Feb 90	3,407.1	3,403.2	0.1	1.5	13,179.9	0.1	25.9	2
Labour force -										
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- original series	'000	Feb 90	2,205.9	2,159.9	2.1	6.0	8,402.8	1.7	26.3	2
- seasonally adjusted	'000	Feb 90	2,205.9	2,196.0	0.5	3.2	8,397.3	0.2	26.3	2
- trend estimate	'000	Feb 90	2,195.5	2,184.0	0.5	3.3	8,384.4	0.2	26.2	2
Participation rate - seasonally adjusted	per cent	Feb 90	64.7	64.5	..	..	63.7	..	..	2
*Unemployment rate										
- original series	per cent	Feb 90	5.7	4.9	..	..	7.1	..	..	2
- seasonally adjusted	per cent	Feb 90	5.0	4.6	..	..	6.5	..	..	2
- trend estimate	per cent	Feb 90	4.8	4.7	..	..	6.2	..	..	2
Employed persons by industry (e)										
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, etc (b)	'000	Nov qr 89	116.5	105.5	10.4	3.9	430.6	6.0	27.1	13, 14
Manufacturing	'000	Nov qr 89	399.4	402.9	-0.9	0.5	1,234.8	-0.1	32.3	13, 14
Construction	'000	Nov qr 89	160.9	158.1	1.8	11.6	608.0	1.1	26.5	13, 14
Wholesale and retail	'000	Nov qr 89	421.0	406.1	3.7	4.9	1,653.8	2.9	25.5	13, 14
Transport and storage	'000	Nov qr 89	100.2	102.1	-1.9	8.1	400.0	-1.8	25.1	13, 14
Finance, property and business services	'000	Nov qr 89	239.6	233.3	2.7	14.2	892.9	2.0	26.8	13, 14
Community services (c)	'000	Nov qr 89	351.3	349.2	0.6	-3.3	1,362.0	0.4	25.8	13, 14
Recreational, personal and other services	'000	Nov qr 89	131.3	135.1	-2.8	26.3	596.8	7.6	22.0	13, 14
Other industries (d)	'000	Nov qr 89	157.1	157.6	-0.3	-5.8	691.8	1.3	22.7	13, 14
Total all industries	'000	Nov qr 89	2,077.6	2,049.8	1.4	4.3	7,870.7	1.9	26.4	13, 14
Job vacancies (e) - original series	'000	Nov qr 89	17.2	19.3	-10.9	-11.8	62.7	-2.5	27.4	3
Overtime (e)										
Average weekly hours per employee	hours	Nov qr 89	1.89	1.60	18.1	21.2	1.60	8.1	..	3
Employees working overtime	per cent	Nov qr 89	21.37	20.42	4.7	9.0	20.48	3.0	..	3
Average weekly employee earnings (e)										
Full-time adult - total	\$	Aug qr 89	508.70	500.40	1.7	6.9	508.40	1.5	..	4
All employees - total	\$	Aug qr 89	452.70	442.20	2.4	8.6	446.80	1.0	..	4
Award rates of pay										
Full-time adult employees	June 85=100	Dec 89	125.9	125.5	0.3	5.6	124.5	0.3	..	5
Industrial disputes										
Working days lost per '000 employees	no.	Dec 89	199	200	-0.5	-7.0	190	-2.1	..	6
*Consumer price index (e)										
All groups	1980-81=100	Dec qr 89	202.0	198.1	2.0	8.5	200.7	1.9	..	7
*Retail trade establishments										
Value of turnover										
- original series	\$m	Jan 90	1,724.0	2,494.2	-30.9	8.9	6,681.7	-28.7	25.8	8
- trend estimate	\$m	Jan 90	1,815.9	1,796.8	1.1	7.9	6,951.9	0.4	26.1	8
- seasonally adjusted	\$m	Dec qr 89	3,759.9	3,732.4	0.7	0.1	14,830.8	0.2	25.4	8
*Overseas trade -										
Imports	\$m	Jan 90	1,495.9	1,107.3	35.1	12.9	4,592.2	31.0	32.6	9
Exports (exclude re-exports)	\$m	Dec 89	740.1	764.6	-3.2	-4.1	3,951.6	-3.4	18.7	10

(a) For more information on these series, refer to the publications listed in the source index on page 6. (b) Includes hunting and mining. (c) Comprises health, education, libraries, etc., welfare and religious institutions, and other community groups. (d) Comprises electricity, gas and water, communications, public administration and defence. (e) Available only for the middle month of the quarter.

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TABLE 2. ECONOMIC INDICATORS, VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA - (continued)

Indicator	Victoria						Australia		Victoria as a % of Australia	Source index (a)
	Reference period	Figures		% Change		Latest period	% Change			
		Latest period	Preceding period	Over preceding period	Over previous year					
*New motor vehicle registrations -										
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- original series	no.	Dec 89	13,818	13,306	3.8	10.5	47,168	-11.4	29.3	11
- seasonally adjusted	no.	Dec 89	14,897	12,593	18.3	13.3	49,351	-3.7	30.2	11
- trend estimate	no.	Dec 89	13,643	13,901	-1.9	9.7	51,043	-1.0	26.7	11
Cars and station wagons										
- original series	no.	Dec 89	11,692	11,295	3.5	10.7	37,271	-9.9	31.4	11, 12
- seasonally adjusted	no.	Dec 89	12,281	10,452	17.5	13.1	37,970	-3.7	32.3	11, 12
Other motor vehicles (excludes motor cycles)										
- original series	no.	Dec 89	2,126	2,011	5.7	9.9	9,897	-17.0	21.5	11, 12
- seasonally adjusted	no.	Dec 89	2,607	2,138	21.9	13.9	11,381	-3.9	22.9	11, 12
Manufacturing -										
Actual private new capital expenditure										
- original series	\$m	Sep qr 89	658	758	-13.2	20.3	1,931	-11.9	34.1	15, 16
Production -										
Whole milk	million litres	Dec 89	465	525	-11.4	2.4	711	-8.4	65.4	17, 18
Butter	tonnes	Nov 89	14,251	14,361	-0.8	12.1	15,942	0.0	89.4	19
Cheese (incl. cheddar and non-cheddar)	tonnes	Nov 89	12,453	12,049	3.4	-19.5	21,355	0.4	58.3	19
Yarns										
- Cotton	tonnes	Jan 90	253	637	-60.3	59.1	579	-69.7	43.7	17, 18
- Woollen	tonnes	Jan 90	497	1,023	-51.4	-27.2	708	-52.1	70.2	17, 18
Woven fabric										
- Cotton	'000 sq m	Jan 90	398	1,178	-66.2	19.9	895	-68.0	44.5	17, 18
- Woollen (includes worsted wool)	'000 sq m	Jan 90	114	185	-38.4	-41.2	458	-33.5	24.9	17, 18
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq m	Jan 90	2,189	6,372	-65.6	-48.5	4,058	-71.9	53.9	17, 18
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq m	Jan 90	1,280	3,080	-58.4	-15.6	1,653	-54.1	77.4	17, 18
Clay bricks	million	Jan 90	23	31	-25.8	-8.0	126	-12.5	18.3	17, 18
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu m	Dec 89	339	409	-17.1	-2.6	1,229	-23.8	27.6	20
Paints and other surface coatings										
- Architectural and decorative paints	'000 litres	Dec 89	2,016	2,306	-12.6	-3.0	9,145	-15.2	22.0	21
Electricity - production	million kWh	Dec 89	3,252	2,990	8.8	11.1	11,976	-0.5	27.2	22
Gas - available for issue through mains	million Mj	Dec 89	8,886	11,008	-19.3	-2.6	40,343	-1.4	22.0	22
Tourism -										
Caravan parks - takings										
Licensed hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities	'000	Sep qr 89	11,816	10,449	13.1	13.5	78,723	13.1	15.0	23
- Takings	'000	Sep qr 89	88,859	86,781	2.4	26.3	539,631	10.9	16.5	23
- Room occupancy rate	per cent	Sep qr 89	51.0	52.6	..	..	54.2	..	..	23
*Housing finance for owner occupation -										
Secured loans to individuals by type of lender										
All Banks										
- number of dwelling units financed	no.	Dec 89	3,855	5,149	-25.1	-44.2	14,327	-29.2	26.9	24
- value of loans secured	\$m	Dec 89	280.1	363.6	-23.0	-26.4	1,003.9	-29.1	27.9	24
Total number of dwelling units financed	no.	Dec 89	4,439	5,846	-24.1	-48.8	17,788	-27.1	25.0	24
Total value of loans secured (c)	\$m	Dec 89	325.5	414.9	-21.5	-44.4	1,246.8	-26.6	26.1	24
Loan purpose (d)										
- Established dwellings	\$m	Dec 89	236.6	291.1	-18.7	-47.4	899.9	-26.1	26.3	24
- Construction of dwellings	\$m	Dec 89	64.0	86.4	-25.9	-4.5	230.7	-28.9	27.7	24
- Newly erected dwellings	\$m	Dec 89	11.6	20.4	-43.1	-76.8	57.2	-26.1	20.3	24

(a) For more information on these series, refer to the publications listed in the source index on page 6. (b) Available only for the middle month of the quarter.

(c) Includes, alterations and additions to residential buildings. (d) Excludes, alterations and additions to residential buildings.

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TABLE 2. ECONOMIC INDICATORS, VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA - (continued)

Indicator	Victoria						Australia				Source index
	Reference period		Figures		% Change		Figures		% Change		
	Latest period	Preceding period	Latest period	Preceding period	Over same period previous year	Latest period	Preceding period	Over same period previous year	Victoria as a % of Australia		
Building Approvals -											
*New residential dwelling units											
- original series	no.	Jan 90	2,034	2,237	-9.1	-26.4	9,540	-0.6	21.3	25, 26	
- seasonally adjusted	no.	Jan 90	2,457	2,492	-1.4	-29.2	11,379	3.1	21.6	25, 26	
- trend estimate	no.	Jan 90	2,448	2,432	0.7	-28.4	11,363	-0.3	21.5	25, 26	
Value of non-residential buildings											
- original series	\$m	Jan 90	230.7	211.1	9.3	-8.8	1,619.9	131.1	14.2	26	
Value of all buildings (c)											
- original series	\$m	Jan 90	443.2	442.0	0.3	-11.7	2,499.6	54.1	17.7	26	
Building commencements -											
New residential dwelling units, monthly	no.	Dec 89	2,157	2,836	-23.9	-26.2	n.a.	n.a.	"	27	
New residential dwelling units, quarterly	no.	Sep qr 89	8,440	10,140	-16.8	-11.8	38,490	-10.7	21.9	28	
Building Activity -											
Value of total building activity											
- Commenced	\$m	Sep qr 89	1,419.0	2,266.9	-37.4	-8.2	6,910.8	-19.0	20.5	28	
- Done	\$m	Sep qr 89	2,035.8	2,094.3	-2.8	25.8	7,932.0	3.9	25.7	28	
- Yet to be done	\$m	Sep qr 89	3,889.9	4,312.6	-9.8	28.0	14,124.6	-3.0	27.5	28	
Engineering construction -											
Value of work by private sector											
- Commenced	\$m	Sep qr 89	294.4	244.9	20.2	131.6	1,289.3	24.8	22.8	29	
- Done	\$m	Sep qr 89	208.1	243.0	-14.4	7.6	1,335.6	14.7	15.6	29	
- Yet to be done	\$m	Sep qr 89	533.8	423.4	26.1	34.7	2,231.7	-0.1	23.9	29	
Value of work by public sector											
- Commenced	\$m	Sep qr 89	217.5	242.6	-10.3	-8.9	1,691.6	32.7	12.9	29	
- Done	\$m	Sep qr 89	218.5	255.8	-14.6	-7.3	1,154.6	-16.9	18.9	29	
- Yet to be done	\$m	Sep qr 89	238.5	207.2	15.1	-18.6	2,080.3	-0.4	11.5	29	
*Actual private new capital expenditure -											
Building and structures - original series											
Equipment, plant and machinery	\$m	Sep qr 89	701	646	8.5	35.3	2,695	-8.2	26.0	15	
- original series	\$m	Sep qr 89	1,196	1,351	-11.5	18.9	4,457	-7.3	26.8	15	
Total new capital expenditure											
- original series	\$m	Sep qr 89	1,897	1,996	-5.0	24.6	7,152	-7.7	26.5	15	
- seasonally adjusted	\$m	Sep qr 89	1,933	1,891	2.2	24.8	7,413	0.7	26.1	15	
Finance -											
Personal finance commitments - total	\$m	Dec 89	439.0	499.9	-12.2	-10.7	1,725.6	-9.1	25.4	30	
Commercial finance commitments - total	\$m	Nov 89	1,989.2	2,594.7	-23.3	-36.6	7,031.2	-6.1	28.3	31	
Lease finance commitments - total	\$m	Dec 89	221.9	155.9	42.3	-15.7	843.8	35.0	26.3	32	

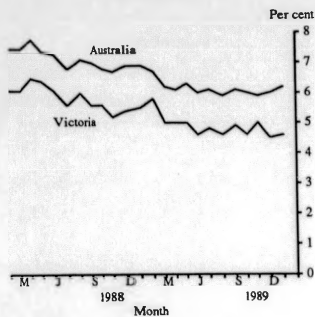
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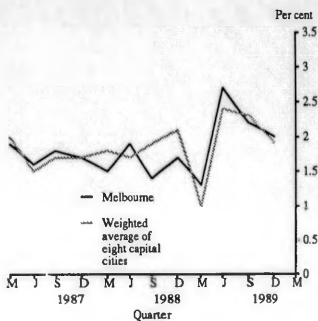
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2. The Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary, (6202.0) \$8.00
3. Job Vacancies and Overturn, Australia, (6354.0) \$10.00
4. Average Weekly Earnings, States & Australia, (6302.0) \$8.00
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7. Consumer Price Index, (6401.0) \$8.00
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9. Imports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables, (5433.0) \$7.50
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13. The Labour Force, Victoria, (6202.2) \$12.00
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15. State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure, (5646.0) \$7.50
16. Private New Capital Expenditure, Australia, (5626.0) \$8.00
17. Monthly Summary of Statistics, Victoria, (1303.2) \$7.50
18. Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia, (1304.0) \$16.00
19. Prod. of Food, Drink and Tobacco, Australia, (8359.0) \$8.00
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25. Building Approvals, Victoria, (8731.2) \$8.00
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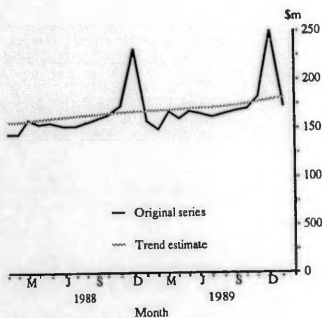
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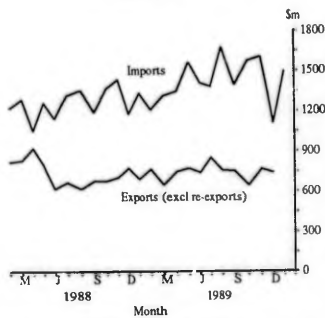
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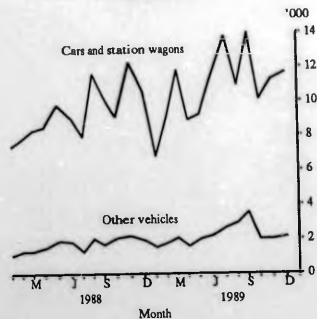
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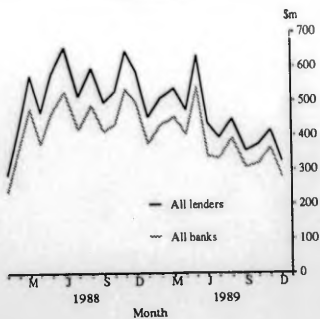
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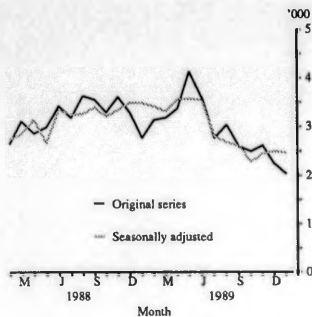
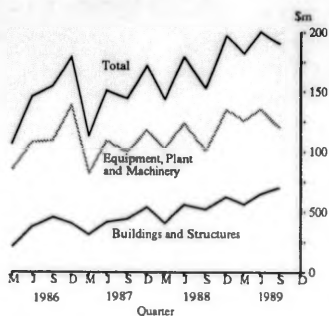


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