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SAVINGS BANK STATISTICS  
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - DECEMBER 1970

The figures contained in the following tables in respect of the latest month shown are preliminary and subject to revision when the information is published in the "Monthly Bulletin of Banking Statistics" (Reference No. 5.2). The information has been prepared from returns submitted under the Banking Act 1959-1967 (voluntarily by State savings banks).

2. This statement includes seasonally adjusted figures of depositors' balances - Table 2 page 2. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting this and other series are given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1970" (Reference No. 1.10) issued on 29 June 1970.

3. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

TABLE 1. - SAVINGS BANKS : DEPOSITORS' BALANCES (a)  
(£ million)

	At end of -				Variation between November 1970 and December 1970
	November 1969	December 1969	November 1970	December 1970	
N.S.W.	2,356.6	2,347.2	2,466.0	2,462.1	- 3.8
Vic.	2,351.8	2,338.5	2,503.7	2,496.1	- 7.7
Qld	855.7	853.6	910.3	908.8	- 1.5
S.A.	712.1	709.7	756.6	757.4	+ 0.7
W.A.	430.8	427.6	449.3	447.2	- 2.1
Tas.	196.4	194.6	207.5	206.8	- 0.7
N.T.	20.4	19.9	25.0	24.7	- 0.3
A.C.T.	52.5	52.1	59.1	59.8	+ 0.7
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>6,976.4</b>	<b>6,943.1</b>	<b>7,377.5</b>	<b>7,362.8</b>	<b>-14.7</b>

(a) Interest credited to depositors' accounts during each of the months shown was respectively : \$0.7 million; \$2.3 million; \$1.0 million; \$3.0 million.

NOTE. Depositors' balances in Papua, New Guinea and other External Territories at the end of December 1970 not included above were respectively : \$14.2 million; \$30.7 million; \$2.2 million.

TABLE 2. - SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITORS' BALANCES : AUSTRALIA (a) ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED  
(\$ million)

At end of -	Depositors' balances		Variation in depositors' balances over previous month	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
1966 December	5,471.4	5,464.5	- 3.0	+ 35.4
1967 December	6,021.4	6,008.9	- 9.1	+ 31.3
1968 December	6,456.3	6,455.4	- 28.5	+ 37.8
1969 November	6,976.4	6,914.4	- 1.3	+ 20.0
December	6,943.1	6,942.3	- 33.2	+ 27.9
1970 January	6,934.7	6,929.7	- 8.4	- 12.6
February	6,948.8	6,964.3	+ 14.1	+ 35.1
March	6,955.2	7,007.7	+ 6.3	+ 42.9
April	6,944.2	7,067.2	- 10.9	+ 59.5
May	6,991.0	7,091.4	+ 46.7	+ 24.2
June	7,104.7	7,097.2	+113.7	+ 5.8
July	7,148.8	7,127.1	+ 44.1	+ 29.9
August	7,204.5	7,153.4	+ 55.7	+ 26.3
September	7,256.2	7,196.7	+ 61.7	+ 43.3
October	7,333.8	7,257.4	+ 67.7	+ 60.7
November	7,377.5	7,310.0	+ 43.7	+ 52.6
December	7,362.8	7,352.5	- 14.7	+ 42.5

(a) Excludes Papua, New Guinea and Other External Territories.

TABLE 3. - SAVINGS BANKS : ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (a)  
(\$ million)

	At end of -				Variation between November 1970 and December 1970
	November 1969	December 1969	November 1970	December 1970	
Coin, bullion and notes	17.1	16.6	20.5	19.6	- 1.0
Deposits with Reserve Bank	630.7	601.3	466.6	426.9	- 39.7
Deposits with trading banks Commonwealth and State	148.5	138.6	125.9	124.9	- 1.0
Government securities - Treasury bills and Treasury notes					
Other	48.7	32.6	303.3	291.6	- 11.7
Local and semi-governmental securities	2,323.6	2,318.5	2,296.3	2,307.7	+ 11.4
Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	1,736.1	1,754.0	1,866.5	1,889.9	+ 23.3
Loans, advances and bills discounted - Housing	36.1	23.0	67.1	47.1	- 20.0
Other (b)	2,024.8	2,045.6	2,225.0	2,254.0	+ 28.9
All other assets (b)	317.7	323.1	208.3	207.8	- 0.5
	112.2	122.5	277.3	284.4	+ 7.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,395.4</b>	<b>7,375.9</b>	<b>7,856.9</b>	<b>7,853.9</b>	<b>- 3.0</b>

(a) Includes assets in Papua, New Guinea and Other External Territories. (b) From May 1970 deposits with and loans to prescribed banks other than trading banks transferred from "other loans, advances and bills discounted" to "all other assets".

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