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ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (5646.0) (quarterly) (\$5.00)

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Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia (6312.0) (monthly) (\$5.00)

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Overtime, Australia (6330.0) (quarterly) (\$2.00)

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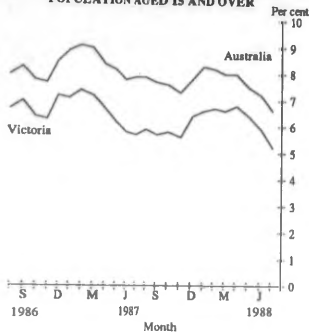
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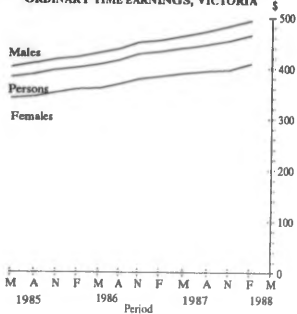
Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year per cent	Latest Aust. figure	Change over year per cent
				Three periods						
				One period	Two periods	Three periods				
LABOUR FORCE										
Employed persons - full-time	'000	Jul 88	1,563.1	1,556.6	1,551.6	1,571.8	1,574.3	-0.7	5,913.4	2.5
- total	'000	Jul 88	1,948.6	1,948.6	1,940.6	1,959.0	1,945.5	0.2	7,357.7	2.8
Unemployed persons looking for work - full-time	'000	Jul 88	87.4	92.0	99.1	98.2	93.1	-6.1	432.2	-15.4
- total	'000	Jul 88	107.9	122.9	133.4	142.1	118.4	-8.9	519.3	-14.9
Labour force	'000	Jul 88	2,056.6	2,071.5	2,074.1	2,101.1	2,063.9	-0.4	7,877.0	-1.4
Participation rate	per cent	Jul 88	61.8	62.3	62.5	63.3	62.9	-1.7	61.8	0.6
Unemployment rate	per cent	Jul 88	5.2	5.9	6.4	6.8	5.7	-0.8	6.6	-0.6
Job vacancies	'000	May 88	18.6	16.3	11.3	16.5	17.6	5.7	58.5	8.7
Over time worked per employee	hours	May 88	1.54	1.50	1.69	1.45	1.41	9.2	1.38	12.2
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS										
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings - Males	\$	Feb 88	465.50	454.10	447.10	440.00	432.50	7.6	458.80	6.7
Females	\$	Feb 88	493.90	482.80	472.80	463.60	454.60	8.6	485.70	6.8
All employees total earnings	\$	Feb 88	409.30	396.60	394.50	390.50	384.10	6.6	402.20	7.1
Males	\$	Feb 88	414.40	408.50	395.40	394.20	391.70	5.8	408.80	7.1
Females	\$	Feb 88	476.30	473.10	454.50	451.10	447.80	6.4	474.90	8.1
CONSUMER PRICES (a)										
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) - Food	index	Jun 88	174.0	167.7	164.9	164.1	160.5	8.4	170.4	7.9
Clothing	index	Jun 88	170.3	163.3	163.6	158.8	157.3	8.3	170.1	7.8
Housing	index	Jun 88	189.1	186.8	183.9	183.4	180.1	5.0	180.8	6.7
Household equipment & operation	index	Jun 88	176.1	174.7	173.1	169.8	166.7	5.6	176.1	6.3
Transportation	index	Jun 88	180.8	180.2	181.4	176.3	171.0	5.7	188.2	5.5
Tobacco & alcohol	index	Jun 88	199.1	195.6	190.1	186.8	184.8	7.7	203.0	0.0
Health & personal care	index	Jun 88	190.8	185.8	177.7	173.4	172.8	10.4	179.2	10.6
Recreation & education (Mar 87=100)	index	Jun 88	160.4	158.6	152.7	152.1	149.1	7.6	156.9	7.5
All groups	index	Jun 88	180.4	177.1	174.5	171.6	168.6	7.0	179.0	7.1
RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc)										
PRODUCTION	\$m	May 88	1,326.0	1,309.7	1,347.5	1,222.2	1,261.3	5.1	5,090.8	5.7
Manufacturing -										
Clay bricks	million	May 88	44	31	44	31	38	15.8	189	18.1
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	May 88	327	285	354	327	288	13.5	1,384	12.0
Plastics & synthetic resins (b)	tonnes	May 88	39,713	38,397	42,279	39,846	39,535	0.5	55,432	2.1
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	May 88	3,419	2,595	3,038	2,859	3,156	8.3	3,921	5.8
Cars & station wagons	'000	May 88	17.3	13.2	19.7	14.7	18.9	-8.5	27.8	-5.1
Yarns - Cotton	tonnes	May 88	773	747	751	768	967	-20.1	1,688	-13.2
- Wool	tonnes	May 88	1,473	1,205	1,468	1,508	1,478	-0.3	2,090	3.7
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq.m	May 88	1,474	1,694	1,765	1,771	1,698	-13.2	3,305	-10.6
- Woolen	'000 sq.m	May 88	239	238	238	398	395	-31.7	833	-9.7
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq.m	May 88	6,305	4,916	7,326	7,240	7,097	-11.2	14,793	-3.6
Electricity	million kWh	May 88	2,520	2,631	2,538	2,776	2,896	-13.0	11,771	2.8
OVERSEAS TRADE										
Imports	\$m	May 88	1,258.4	1,051.6	1,284.5	1,218.5	1,066.7	-18.0	3,654.5	-11.8
Exports (excl. re-exports)	\$m	Jun 88	608.8	815.7	919.9	830.4	686.4	-11.3	3,244.1	-0.2
BUILDING										
Approvals -										
New houses	No.	Jun 88	2,947	2,634	2,650	2,687	2,269	29.9	12,333	48.6
New other residential building	No.	Jun 88	471	347	206	416	306	53.9	3,674	38.5
Value of all building	\$m	Jun 88	460.7	831.5	518.6	432.8	396.9	16.1	2,182.2	35.7
Commencements -										
New houses	No.	Mar 88	6,740	7,230	6,100	6,860	6,670	1.0	25,290	21.4
Value of new houses	\$m	Mar 88	521.3	523.1	436.5	470.4	451.6	15.4	1,760.2	36.1
New other residential buildings	No.	Mar 88	1,298	1,061	1,070	1,143	1,097	18.3	7,878	27.3
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Mar 88	1,298	1,061	1,070	1,143	1,097	18.3	7,878	27.3
Value of non-residential building	\$m	Mar 88	592.4	726.7	713.3	661.1	548.0	8.1	2,864.9	51.1
Value of all building	\$m	Mar 88	1,291.0	1,409.4	1,390.8	1,283.0	1,141.2	13.1	5,552.4	26.0
Work done in period	\$m	Mar 88	1,315.0	1,408.8	1,390.6	1,366.1	1,131.2	16.2	5,145.8	38.8
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (c)										
House building (1985-86=100)	index	May 88	119.2	117.6	116.8	115.0	108.1	10.3	118.8	9.8
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index	May 88	200.4	198.0	196.9	194.9	182.0	10.1	204.8	10.6
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS										
Cars & station wagons	No.	Jun 88	10,890	11,239	10,007	9,615	10,713	1.7	46,447	14.2
Other motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles)	No.	Jun 88	9,061	9,825	8,520	8,317	9,013	0.5	36,796	10.2
Motor cycles	No.	Jun 88	1,829	1,914	1,487	1,298	1,700	7.6	9,651	19.3
BANKS										
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Jun 88	22,442	21,643	21,325	20,621	19,620	14.4	61,756	22.0
Major trading - Current deposits	\$m	Jun 88	5,904	5,658	6,034	5,782	4,956	19.1	19,588	19.2
Fixed deposits	\$m	Jun 88	7,604	7,279	7,456	7,363	8,045	-5.5	29,836	-0.5
Advances	\$m	Jun 88	15,412	14,745	14,703	15,146	14,005	10.0	48,863	7.4
Debits to customers' accounts (d)	\$m	Jun 88	40,564	36,421	31,628	38,724	30,715	32.1	200,413	56.3
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION										
Secured commitments to individuals - Savings banks	\$m	May 88	582.7	467.9	574.3	427.2	358.0	62.8	2,210.6	96.1
Trading banks	\$m	May 88	430.1	352.1	443.0	329.4	301.2	42.8	1,428.7	80.3
Permanent building societies	\$m	May 88	37.1	24.4	35.6	33.6	19.0	95.3	243.5	190.2
Other lenders	\$m	May 88	80.2	58.2	66.0	41.1	21.9	266.2	434.2	148.1
Actual new fixed capital expenditure (e)	\$m	May 88	35.3	33.4	29.8	23.2	15.9	122.0	104.2	37.1
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (e)										
Manufacturing	\$m	Mar 88	1,366	1,794	1,401	1,500	1,128	4.9	5,167	12.0
Finance	\$m	Mar 88	589	624	588	640	499	5.6	1,628	17.6
New building and structures	\$m	Mar 88	372	327	389	312	230	-32.4	1,254	27.1
Other new capital equipment	\$m	Mar 88	361	526	419	411	313	-23.8	1,743	13.4
	\$m	Mar 88	1,005	1,178	983	1,089	816	17.9	3,424	37.1

(a) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (b) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendaring only. (c) The Australian figures for the Price Indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (e) By private enterprises.

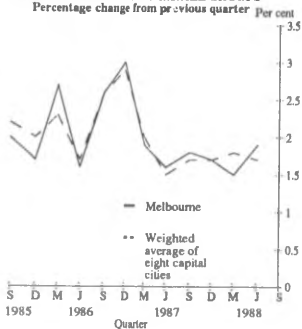
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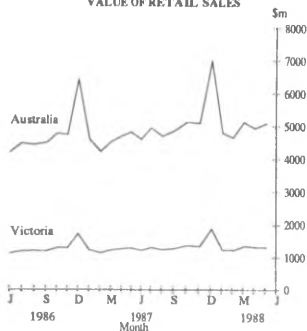
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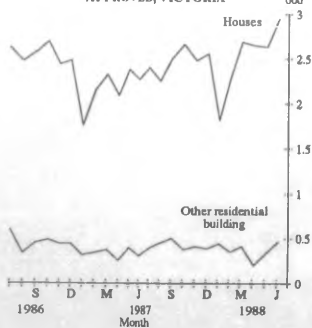
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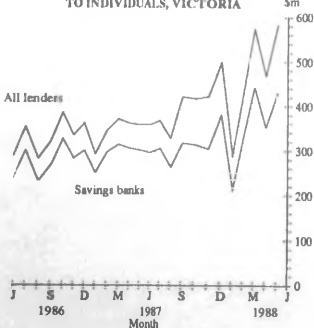
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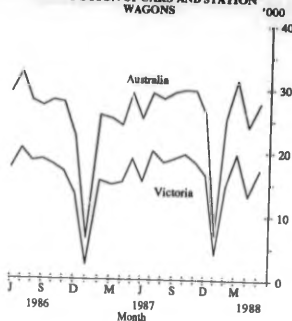
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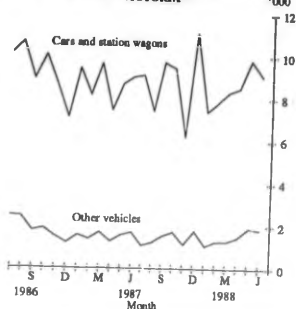
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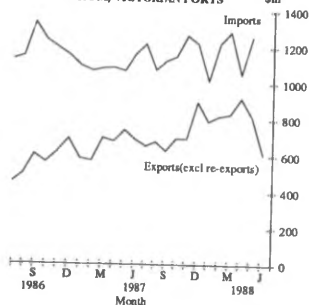
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