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MAJOR TRADING BANKS STATISTICS
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT MARCH 1972

Reference No. 5.3

Tables 1 and 2 of this statement have been prepared from returns submitted under the Banking Act 1959-1967 and show the average of selected liabilities and assets within Australia (including Papua New Guinea and Other External Territories) of the Major Trading Banks as at the close of business on Wednesdays in March 1972. The figures are preliminary and subject to revision when the statement of Average Liabilities and Assets is published in the Commonwealth Gazette. Totals for February 1972 are included for comparative purposes.

2. Table 3 of this statement shows details for the Major Trading Banks of new and increased lending commitments (weekly average for periods ended second Wednesday) and overdraft limits (as at second Wednesday in the month). This information is compiled by the Reserve Bank. For a more detailed description of these items see the monthly bulletin "Banking Statistics" (Reference No. 5.2).

3. This statement includes seasonally adjusted totals of deposits and advances, and liquid assets and Commonwealth Government securities - see footnotes to Tables 1 and 2. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1971" (Reference No. 1.10) issued on 2 July 1971, and in Appendix A to the monthly bulletin of "Banking Statistics", January 1972.

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

TABLE 1. - LIABILITIES WITHIN AUSTRALIA

($ million)

	Deposits (a)				Balances due to other banks (b)	Bills payable and all other liabilities to public	Total liabilities
	Fixed	Current		Total (a)			
		Bearing interest	Not bearing interest				
Commonwealth Trading Bank	941.6	87.1	733.3	1,762.0	18.1	27.0	1,807.2
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	704.5	66.6	894.0	1,665.1	133.3	108.2	1,906.6
The Bank of Adelaide	47.0	5.8	63.5	116.3	5.6	3.1	125.0
Bank of New South Wales	882.8	100.6	962.7	1.946.2	86.5	43.3	2,076.0
The Commercial Bank of Australia	325.8	26.8	355.0	707.6	18.6	51.4	777.7
The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	307.0	34.3	333.7	675.0	32.2	29.6	736.8
The National Bank of Australasia	495.0	59.0	526.3	1,080.3	41.6	54.5	1,176.3
Total, March 1972	3,703.8	380.2	3,868.4	7,952.5	335.9	317.3	8,605.6
Total, February 1972	3,746.3	387.6	3,854.6	7,988.5	345.4	303.1	8,637.0

(a) Seasonally adjusted total deposits, February 1972 - $7,719.6 million: March 1972 - $7,676.9 million.

(b) Includes short-term loans from the Reserve Bank and amounts owing in respect of loans refinanced by the Australian Resources Development Bank.

TABLE 2. - ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA

($ million)

	Liquid assets and Commonwealth Government securities (a)				Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans, advances and bills discounted (b)	All other assets (c)	Total assets
	Cash and cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government securities		Total (a)					
		Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other securities						
Commonwealth Trading Bank	36.1	103.4	463.2	602.7	10.1	124.6	1,017.2	117.3	1,871.8
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	39.1	109.8	335.1	484.0	34.2	119.9	1,003.9	233.4	1,875.5
The Bank of Adelaide	3.7	8.8	18.6	31.1	5.1	8.2	69.3	49.0	162.8
Bank of New South Wales	40.2	129.6	418.0	587.8	58.1	138.3	1,227.4	189.5	2,201.1
The Commercial Bank of Australia	13.3	42.6	116.5	172.4	17.1	48.9	462.0	109.4	809.7
The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	17.4	43.6	118.6	179.6	16.7	48.0	424.3	86.2	754.9
The National Bank of Australasia	23.4	79.6	201.2	304.2	9.7	77.0	663.8	154.7	1,209.6
Total, March 1972	173.2	517.4	1,671.2	2,361.8	151.0	564.9	4,867.9	939.7	8,885.5
Total, February 1972	189.4	619.4	1,627.4	2,436.2	174.0	552.0	4,831.9	933.8	8,927.9

	Original February $m	Original March $m	Seasonally adjusted February $m	Seasonally adjusted March $m
(a) Total liquid assets and Cwlth Govt securities	2,436.2	2,361.8	2,055.4	2,034.9
(b) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. Total loans comprise:				
Temporary advances to woolbuyers	98.1	115.6)	Not available	
Term loans outstanding	662.6	668.0)		
Farm development loans outstanding	95.8	97.1)		
Other	3,975.4	3,987.2	4,118.9	4,116.6
Total loans, advances etc.	4,831.9	4,867.9	4,962.7	4,979.8

(c) Includes accounts with Reserve Bank : Term loan fund account February 1972 - $76.6 million; March 1972 - $78.1 million. Farm development loan fund account February 1972 - $46.1 million; March 1972 - $46.1 million.

TABLE 3. - NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS AND OVERDRAFT LIMITS

Source : Reserve Bank of Australia

($ million)

	February 1972	March 1972
New and increased lending commitments (a)	56.4	73.5
Overdraft limits (b)	6,288.0	6,379.4

(a) Weekly average for period ended second Wednesday in the month; excludes temporary advances to woolbuyers, but includes commitments for some operations of the Australian Wool Commission and commitments to pastoral finance companies for financing advances to growers under the Wool Prices Averaging Plan.

(b) As at second Wednesday in the month; excludes temporary advances to woolbuyers, term loans and farm development loans.

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