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MAIN FEATURES

Balance of Payments

Australia's current account deficit decreased to \$1,180m in October 1987, compared with the revised figure of \$1,384 in September 1987.

Foreign Trade

Queensland exports increased by 5.7 per cent between August 1986 and August 1987. Imports increased by 2.2 per cent over the corresponding period.

Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price All Groups Index for Brisbane increased by 7.7 per cent between September quarter 1986 and September quarter 1987. The increase between June quarter 1987 and September quarter 1987 was 1.4 per cent.

Employment and Unemployment

The number of persons employed in Queensland increased by 1.1 per cent to 1,115,900 in the year to October 1987. The unemployment rate for October 1987 was 8.9 per cent, compared to 9.3 per cent for September 1987 and 9.1 per cent for October 1986.

Average Weekly Earnings

Average weekly total earnings for full-time adult males in Queensland increased by 7.6 per cent from May 1986 to May 1987 to \$475.90. For full-time adult females, average weekly total earnings increased by 5.5 per cent from May 1986 to May 1987 to \$372.70.

Guest Nights Spent in Hotels and Motels

The number of guest nights spent in licensed hotels, motels, etc. with facilities in Queensland increased from 2,559,000 in March quarter 1987 to 2,643,000 in June quarter 1987. There was an increase of 16.8 per cent from June quarter 1986 to June quarter 1987.

Dwelling Units Approved

The number of dwelling units approved in Queensland increased by 19.1 per cent for the 3 months ended September 1987, compared with approvals in the 3 months ended June 1987.

New Motor Vehicle Registrations

Total new motor vehicle registrations in Queensland, in trend estimate terms, increased by 3.1 per cent between August and September 1987 but decreased by 3.5 per cent between September 1986 and September 1987.

Statistics shown in this publication are the latest available at the date of preparation. In a number of cases, figures appearing in this summary are preliminary and are subject to revision in subsequent issues. Reference should therefore always be made to the latest issue, or to the statistical publication on the specific subject when figures are not shown.

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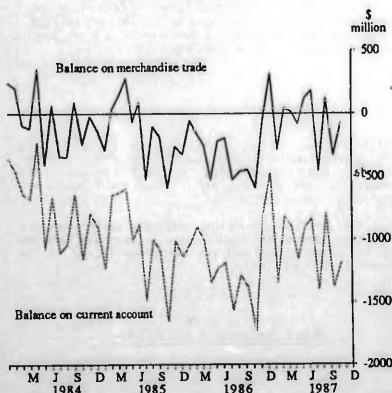
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AGGREGATE INDICATORS

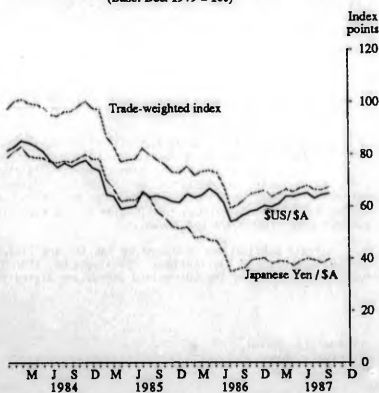
Indicator	Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Percent-age change over year
			One period ago	Two periods ago	Three periods ago		
	1987						%
Balance of payments, Australia							
Exports ..	\$m October	3,318	3,001	3,140	2,992	2,966	+11.9
Imports ..	\$m October	3,396	3,331	3,020	3,448	3,557	-4.5
Balance on merchandise trade ..	\$m October	-78	-330	120	-456	-591	..
Balance on goods and services ..	\$m October	-319	-704	-125	-783	-876	..
Net income and unrequited transfers	\$m October	-861	-680	-676	-623	-860	..
Balance on current account ..	\$m October	-1,180	-1,384	-801	-1,406	-1,736	..
Trade and foreign investment							
Foreign trade, Queensland							
Exports ..	\$m September	696.8	735.9	628.0	767.0	691.7	+0.7
Imports ..	\$m August	195.6	198.2	191.7	199.5	191.5	+2.1
Foreign investment in Australia							
Official ..	\$m June qtr	1,488	1,310	1,607	-519	93	+1,500.0
Non-official ..	\$m June qtr	3,889	5,381	7,380	4,963	3,843	+1.2
Export Price Index: All groups (Base: 1974-75 = 100.0) ..	Index No. August	247	245	243	243	246	+0.4
Import Price Index: All groups (Base: 1981-82 = 100.0) ..	Index No. June qtr	158.3	161.1	160.3	158.8	140.8	+12.4
National accounts: Main aggregates, Australia, percentage changes (current prices, seasonally adjusted)							
Final consumption expenditure							
Private ..	% June qtr	2.1	2.4	2.2	3.1	2.5	..
Government ..	% June qtr	4.4	2.6	-0.5	2.9	2.7	..
Gross fixed capital expenditure	% June qtr	2.5	-1.6	2.7	7.1	-2.6	..
Exports of goods and services ..	% June qtr	0.8	-0.5	13.3	8.7	-9.2	..
Imports of goods and services ..	% June qtr	-1.4	-2.3	5.9	4.4	-4.2	..
Gross farm product ..	% June qtr	2.1	2.6	7.7	5.4	-4.0	..
Gross non-farm product ..	% June qtr	4.7	2.3	3.7	1.7	2.0	..
Gross domestic product ..	% June qtr	4.6	2.3	3.8	1.8	1.8	..
Exchange rate levels at end of period (a)							
US\$/A ..	October	0.6757	0.7194	0.7124	0.6978	0.6420	+5.2
Yen/\$A ..	October	93.80	105.54	101.30	104.24	103.80	-9.6
Trade-weighted index of value of \$A (Base: May 1970 = 100.0) ..	October	51.7	56.2	55.2	55.3	54.0	-4.3

(a) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. .. Not applicable.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, AUSTRALIA



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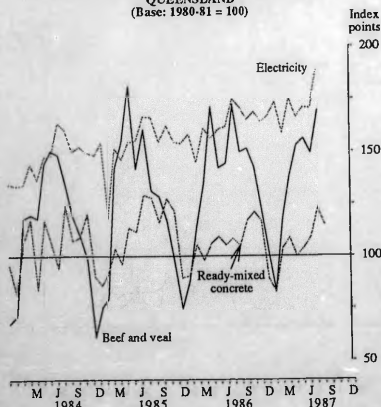


PRODUCTION

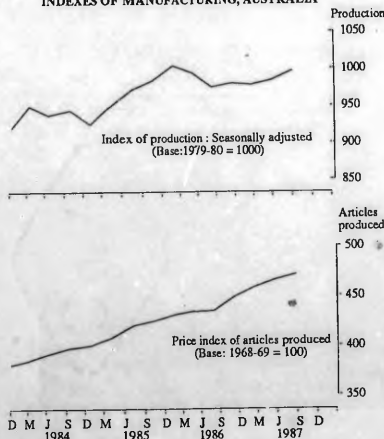
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1987									
Selected production statistics, <u>Queensland</u>									
Black coal (saleable) (a)	..	'000 tonnes	June qtr	19,357	13,829	18,068	17,566	17,687	+9.4
Beef and veal	..	'000 tonnes	September	54.5	52.2	61.4	54.1	54.7	-0.4
Wheat flour	..	tonnes	September	14,490	13,646	15,647	13,704	14,600	+3.0
Electricity generated	..	m kWh	September	1931.1	1,973.3	2,107.0	1,904.9	1,843.1	+4.8
Clay bricks	..	'000	September	23,202	19,703	17,956	19,754	18,946	+22.5
Ready-mixed concrete	..	'000 cu m	September	331.7	272.8	292.6	259.3	277.4	+19.6
Log timber processed	..	'000 cu m	June qtr	315.4	288.2	322.3	325.5	318.3	-0.9
Quarterly index of manufacturing production, <u>Australia</u> (Base: 1979-80 = 1,000)									
Food, beverages, and tobacco	..	Index No.	June qtr	1,025	1,004	1,155	1,067	1,006	+1.9
Chemicals, petroleum, and coal products	..	Index No.	June qtr	1,132	1,017	1,102	1,032	999	+13.3
Basic metal products	..	Index No.	June qtr	824	749	821	821	771	+6.9
Transport equipment	..	Index No.	June qtr	984	812	865	1,109	984	-
All groups	..	Index No.	June qtr	990	906	1,020	1,026	977	+1.3
Price indexes of articles produced by manufacturing industry, <u>Australia</u> (Base: 1968-69 = 100.0)									
Food, beverages, and tobacco	..	Index No.	August	444.6	438.7	436.7	435.4	419.1	+6.1
Chemicals, petroleum, and coal products	..	Index No.	August	488.4	487.0	486.4	485.9	431.0	+13.3
Basic metal products	..	Index No.	August	447.3	442.5	437.4	430.9	417.6	+7.1
Transport equipment	..	Index No.	August	513.3	509.1	503.1	499.8	456.0	+12.6
All groups	..	Index No.	August	478.3	474.1	471.7	469.8	443.8	+7.8
Price indexes of materials used in manufacturing industry, <u>Australia</u> (Base: 1984-85 = 100.0)									
Imported	..	Index No.	August	118.4	116.7	116.6	117.6	114.9	+3.0
Home produced	..	Index No.	August	106.4	104.5	103.6	103.0	89.0	+19.6
All materials	..	Index No.	August	110.5	108.7	108.1	108.1	97.9	+12.9

(a) Source: Queensland Coal Board. Periods vary: March quarter and September quarter, 12 weeks; June quarter and December quarter, 14 weeks. - Nil or less than half the final digit shown.

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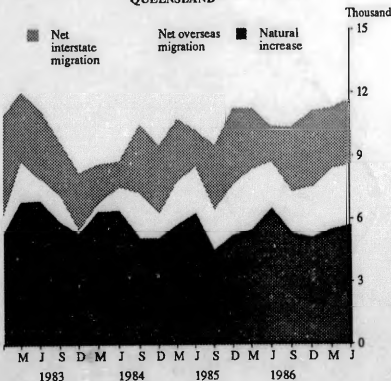
POPULATION, VITAL, AND LABOUR STATISTICS, QUEENSLAND

Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Percent-age change over year
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1986								
Estimated resident population (a)	..	'000 June qtr 1987	2,624.6	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	..
Births	..	No. Sept. qtr	9,932	10,304	9,957	9,349	10,462	-5.1
Deaths	..	No. Sept. qtr	5,456	4,565	4,402	4,229	5,116	+6.6
Natural increase	..	No. Sept. qtr	4,476	5,739	5,555	5,120	5,346	..
1986								
Net estimated interstate migration	..	No. June qtr	3,070	2,828	3,526	3,011	1,651	+85.9
Net estimated overseas migration	..	No. June qtr 1987	2,917	2,913	2,494	2,013	2,259	+29.1
1987								
Short-term overseas movement								
Arrivals	..	'000 August	44.6	51.9	39.8	37.7	35.2	+26.7
Departures	..	'000 August	49.9	45.4	40.2	38.7	38.0	+31.3
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	..	'000 October	2,010.3	2,006.5	2,002.6	1,998.7	1,957.7	+2.7
Persons in the labour force	..	'000 October	1,225.5	1,236.3	1,222.4	1,229.2	1,214.9	+0.9
Employed persons	..	'000 October	1,115.9	1,121.6	1,109.2	1,114.9	1,104.1	+1.1
Full-time								
Males	..	'000 October	625.7	629.0	618.7	630.0	622.3	+0.5
Females	..	'000 October	260.7	262.7	260.9	262.0	270.6	-3.7
Part-time								
Males	..	'000 October	50.5	51.5	58.2	50.8	48.1	+5.0
Females	..	'000 October	179.0	178.4	171.3	172.0	163.2	+9.7
Unemployed persons	..	'000 October	109.7	114.7	113.2	114.3	110.8	-1.0
Males	..	'000 October	66.2	65.5	65.9	67.5	63.9	+3.6
Females	..	'000 October	43.5	49.2	46.4	46.8	46.9	-7.2
Unemployment rate								
Males	..	% October	8.9	8.8	9.0	9.0	8.7	+2.3
Females	..	% October	9.0	10.0	9.7	9.7	9.8	-8.2
Persons	..	% October	8.9	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.1	-2.2
Persons aged 15 to 19 years	..	% September	20.6	21.0	19.5	22.6	17.8	+15.7

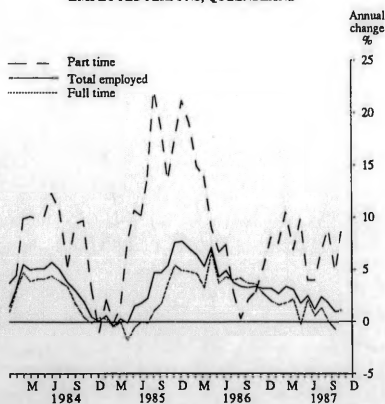
(a) Revised estimates, based on the 1986 Census of Population and Housing, will be available soon.

.. Not applicable.

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION INCREASE, QUEENSLAND



EMPLOYED PERSONS, QUEENSLAND



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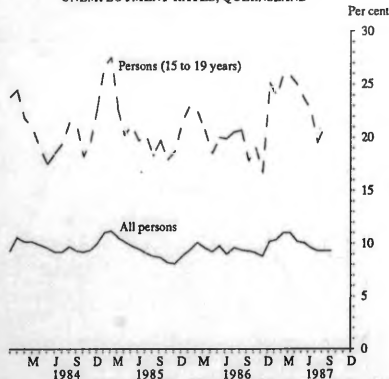
LABOUR STATISTICS, QUEENSLAND (continued)

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1987									
									%
Participation rate: Persons	..	%	October	61.0	61.6	61.0	61.5	62.1	-1.8
Males	..	..	October	74.7	75.2	75.1	75.7	75.8	-1.5
Females	..	..	October	47.5	48.3	47.3	47.6	48.6	-2.3
Industry of employed persons (a)									
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	..	'000	August	84.3	84.3	87.5	91.3	91.9	-8.3
Mining	..	..	'000 August	20.7	21.5	22.0	20.4	21.5	-3.7
Manufacturing	..	..	'000 August	132.6	129.7	132.8	134.4	139.4	-4.9
Electricity, gas, and water	..	..	'000 August	14.6	15.3	17.2	18.4	17.7	-17.5
Construction	..	..	'000 August	80.5	83.7	87.6	83.5	83.5	-3.6
Wholesale and retail trade	..	..	'000 August	237.1	233.6	239.0	248.8	238.3	-0.5
Transport and storage	..	..	'000 August	72.6	74.5	72.7	73.2	70.4	+3.1
Communication	..	..	'000 August	23.2	22.8	21.3	22.4	24.1	-3.7
Finance, property, and business services	..	..	'000 August	109.9	108.9	103.2	98.7	94.7	+16.1
Public administration and defence	..	..	'000 August	55.1	53.6	49.9	51.8	48.0	+14.8
Community services	..	..	'000 August	184.7	189.9	185.4	190.1	181.8	+1.6
Recreation, personal, and other services	..	..	'000 August	93.9	91.8	86.4	83.4	78.4	+19.8
Total	..	..	'000 August	1,109.2	1,109.5	1,105.0	1,116.5	1,089.6	+1.8
Employed wage and salary earners									
Private	..	..	'000 June	563.1	564.2	560.8	550.9	551.0	+2.2
Government	..	..	'000 June	259.1	258.1	256.7	258.0	268.6	-3.5
Commonwealth	..	..	'000 June	51.1	50.9	51.0	50.6	58.7	-12.9
State	..	..	'000 June	181.3	180.8	179.4	180.8	182.0	-0.4
Local	..	..	'000 June	26.7	26.4	26.4	26.6	27.8	-4.0
Job vacancies (a)	..	..	'000 August	5.2	4.0	5.7	5.3	4.4	+18.2
Overtime, average hours per employee (a)	No.		August	1.11	1.14	1.16	1.36	1.18	-5.9
Industrial disputes: Working days lost	'000		June	12.4	7.7	3.4	2.4	3.9	+217.9

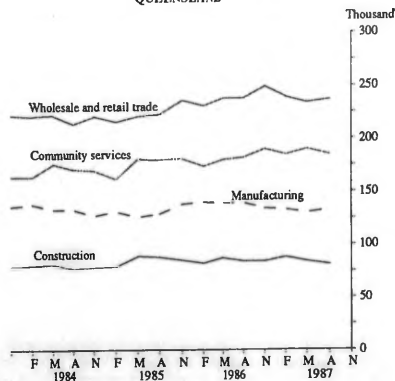
(a) Figures collected in a quarterly survey conducted in February, May, August, and November.

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, QUEENSLAND



EMPLOYED PERSONS BY SELECTED INDUSTRY DIVISION, QUEENSLAND

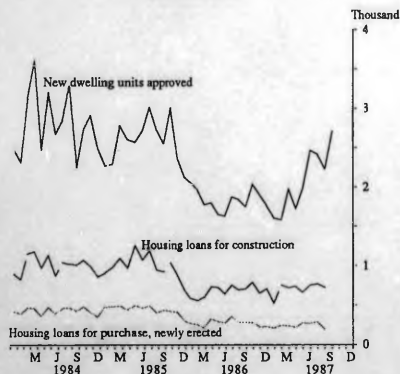


BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

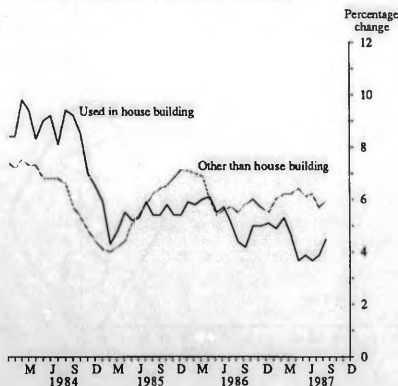
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Selected building statistics, Queensland							
Dwelling units approved							
New houses	No. September	2,015	1,713	1,852	1,778	1,492	+35.1
New other residential buildings	No. September	693	518	557	685	256	+170.7
Value of all building approved ..	\$m September	295.4	487.0	241.1	344.9	201.7	+46.5
Dwelling units commenced							
New houses	No. June qtr	4,050	3,840	4,510	4,290	4,380	-7.5
New other residential buildings	No. June qtr	1,196	1,139	1,088	895	913	+31.0
Value of all building commenced	\$m June qtr	779.3	934.7	711.4	769.0	534.4	+45.8
Housing finance for owner occupation							
Savings banks	\$m August	79.3	91.7	77.2	77.2	71.0	+11.7
Trading banks	\$m August	8.3	8.1	5.8	6.1	9.6	-13.5
Permanent building societies ..	\$m August	44.2	40.1	52.9	38.4	21.9	+101.8
Other lenders	\$m August	15.9	18.3	13.8	16.6	20.2	-21.3
Total commitments	\$m August	147.7	158.1	149.8	138.3	122.6	+20.5
Interest rates on new housing loans:							
Savings banks (a)	% September	15.0	15.0	15.5	15.5	15.5	-3.2
Price indexes, Brisbane							
Materials used in house building (Base: 1985-86 = 100.0)							
All groups	Index No. August	107.2	106.3	106.3	105.9	102.6	+4.5
Materials used in building other than house building (Base: 1979-80 = 100.0)							
Ready-mixed concrete	Index No. August	181.1	180.3	179.2	178.7	165.0	+9.8
Structural steel	Index No. August	190.3	190.3	189.6	189.0	179.4	+6.1
All groups	Index No. August	185.9	184.8	184.4	183.2	175.5	+5.9

(a) Predominant rate.

NEW DWELLINGS AND LOANS APPROVED, QUEENSLAND



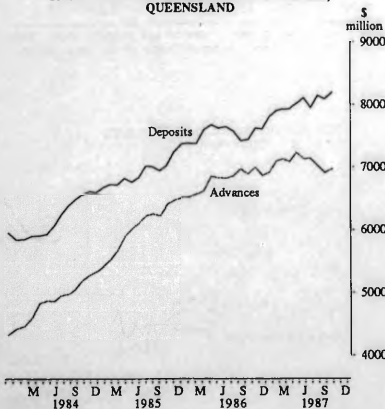
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS, BRISBANE



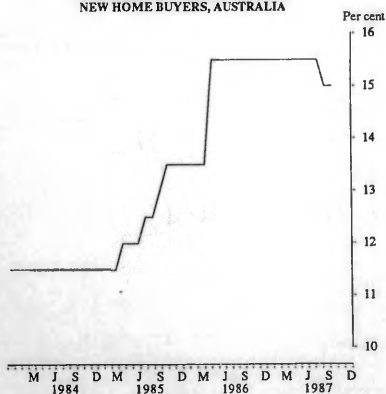
BANKING AND FINANCE, QUEENSLAND

Indicator	Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Percentage change over year		
			One period ago	Two periods ago	Three periods ago				
1987									
%									
Savings banks									
Deposits	**	**	\$m August	3,871	4,821	2,613	2,222	1,959	+97.6
Withdrawals	**	**	\$m August	3,748	4,701	2,547	2,143	1,926	+94.6
Depositors' balances per head of population	**	**	\$ August	2,323	2,274	2,222	2,130	2,110	+10.1
Trading banks									
Deposits	**	**	\$m September	8,196	8,093	8,144	7,950	7,440	+10.2
Advances	**	**	\$m September	6,967	6,909	7,021	7,137	6,886	+1.2
Building societies									
Lending operations									
Loans advanced	**	**	\$m August	44.1	52.1	45.6	39.9	20.3	+117.2
Lending commitments unused	**	**	\$m August	59.2	51.7	57.6	42.9	32.2	+83.9
Borrowing operations									
Receipts	**	**	\$m August	1,190.5	1,383.0	1,071.2	959.3	1,035.2	+15.0
Withdrawals	**	**	\$m August	1,140.1	1,411.8	948.5	900.3	1,067.2	+6.8
Personal finance commitments									
All banks	**	**	\$m August	149.7	162.3	116.1	112.6	110.1	+36.0
Credit co-operatives	**	**	\$m August	18.9	20.3	20.4	21.1	18.6	+1.6
Finance companies	**	**	\$m August	53.1	58.8	53.9	46.9	49.2	+7.9
Other	**	**	\$m August	3.5	2.3	2.0	2.4	2.3	+52.2
Total	**	**	\$m August	225.1	243.7	192.4	182.9	180.1	+25.0
Commercial finance commitments									
All banks	**	**	\$m August	311.3	655.7	589.7	366.1	246.8	+26.1
Finance companies	**	**	\$m August	113.5	124.8	213.1	95.0	129.1	-12.1
Money market corporations	**	**	\$m August	38.6	75.5	50.7	125.8	67.7	-43.0
Other	**	**	\$m August	5.1	11.3	1.2	2.2	1.0	+410.0
Total	**	**	\$m August	468.5	867.3	854.6	589.2	444.6	+5.4
Lease finance commitments	**	**	\$m August	66.7	107.4	95.5	73.0	80.1	-16.7

TRADING BANKS: DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES, QUEENSLAND



SAVINGS BANK INTEREST RATE FOR NEW HOME BUYERS, AUSTRALIA

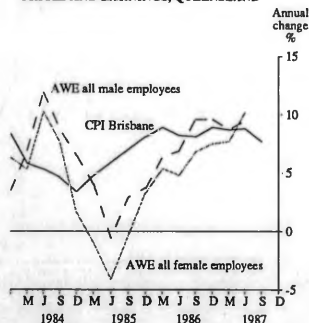


PRICES, WAGES, AND CONSUMER SPENDING

Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Percent-age change over year	
				One period ago	Two periods ago	Three periods ago			
1987									
Consumer Price Index, <u>Brisbane</u> (Base: 1980-81 = 100.0)									
Food ..	..	Index No.	Sept. qtr	158.5	156.8	159.5	156.5	154.2	+2.8
Housing ..	..	Index No.	Sept. qtr	161.1	159.1	157.5	156.1	154.3	+4.4
Transportation ..	..	Index No.	Sept. qtr	184.1	181.7	178.7	173.8	165.6	+11.2
All groups (a) ..	..	Index No.	Sept. qtr	168.4	166.1	164.1	160.7	156.4	+7.7
Average weekly earnings (full-time adult total earnings), <u>Queensland</u> (b)									
Males ..	..	\$	May	475.90	464.00	465.40	454.50	442.40	+7.6
Females ..	..	\$	May	372.70	358.70	361.80	355.00	353.40	+5.5
Index of weekly award rates of pay, <u>Queensland</u> (Base: 1976 = 100.0)									
Wage and salary earners									
Males ..	..	Index No.	August	230.3	230.3	230.3	230.3	223.5	+3.1
Females ..	..	Index No.	August	226.2	226.2	226.2	226.2	219.5	+3.0
Retail sales (excluding motor vehicles etc.), <u>Queensland</u>									
Original series									
Current prices ..	..	\$m	August	758.8	801.4	721.0	744.1	722.5	+5.0
Current prices ..	..	\$m	March qtr	2,162.4	2,539.5	2,171.8	2,119.8	2,026.5	+6.7
Average 1979-80 prices ..	..	\$m	March qtr	1,250.3	1,500.5	1,315.2	1,311.0	1,276.7	-2.1
Seasonally adjusted series									
Current prices ..	..	\$m	March qtr	2,310.3	2,282.9	2,195.6	2,192.7	2,179.9	+6.0
Average 1979-80 prices ..	..	\$m	March qtr	1,347.9	1,336.8	1,328.7	1,360.8	1,382.3	-2.5
Licensed hotels, motels, etc. with facilities, <u>Queensland</u>									
Guest nights ..	..	'000	June qtr	2,643	2,559	2,480	2,803	2,264	+16.8
Bed occupancy rate ..	..	%	June qtr	32.6	33.6	32.8	37.8	32.2	+1.2
Takings ..	..	\$'000	June qtr	80,160	74,785	72,817	78,578	62,746	+27.8
New motor vehicle registrations, <u>Queensland</u>									
Cars and station wagons ..	..	No.	September	5,351	4,494	4,869	5,285	4,553	+17.5
Total (c) ..	..	No.	September	6,429	5,615	6,107	6,929	5,937	+8.3
Seasonally adjusted									
Cars and station wagons ..	..	No.	September	5,147	4,242	4,411	4,986	4,700	+9.5
Total (c) ..	..	No.	September	6,427	5,473	5,509	6,366	6,163	+4.3
Trend estimate									
Cars and station wagons ..	..	No.	September	4,744	4,610	4,500	4,406	4,715	+0.6
Total (c) ..	..	No.	September	6,005	5,825	5,672	5,533	6,225	-3.5

(a) Including also: clothing; household equipment and operation; tobacco and alcohol; health and personal care; and recreation and education. (b) The last pay period ending on or before the third Friday of the month shown. (c) Excluding motor cycles, mobile equipment, and trailers.

PRICES AND EARNINGS, QUEENSLAND



NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED, QUEENSLAND

