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PRODUCTION

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Month	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000		Four weeks ended(f)	Coal (e) '000 tonnes
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1985-86—																
August	28,609	45.6	11,275	10,267	47,894	42,537	583	557	594	543	42.5	35.9	190	163	August 24	12,930
September		43.2	10,201	10,225	44,821	41,899	582	591	523	511	38.1	35.1	193	170	September 21	11,626
October		42.6	10,210	10,272	43,559	43,074	589	590	570	531	42.1	35.8	222	176	October 19	11,986
November		38.0	9,725	10,285	38,917	41,232	578	606	483	54.5	32.5	195	165	November 16	12,658	
December	22,554	38.1	9,698	10,432	35,237	41,674	561	561	457	473	25.6	29.9	154	162	December 14	13,217
January		34.4	9,846	10,536	33,473	41,714	592	589	336	500	12.9	36.9	91	188	January 11	11,902
February		38.8	9,407	10,538	36,321	42,435	504	565	503	518	30.0	31.9	153	156	February 8	9,850
March		23,910	40.6	10,265	10,639	40,007	42,332	545	536	508	508	31.5	31.4	124	140	March 5
April		39.0	9,970	10,516	43,516	47,467	547	581	516	527	25.2	27.8	147	149	April 5	10,738
May		40.7	10,801	10,414	48,382	44,753	585	556	513	476	33.3	29.7	125	140	May 31	14,698
June	22,716	23.3	11,246	10,385	50,418	44,355	562	550	487	487	31.2	29.7	134	144	June 28	14,390
1986-87—																
July		31.2	12,167	10,416	54,154	43,292	520	480	537	509	34.5	27.7	172	155	July 26	15,066
August		39.0	11,578	10,618	50,122	44,413	581	563	488	451	29.6	26.2	154	133	August 23	15,385
September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	10,645	10,638	45,705	42,525	r590	r584	511	494	28.9	25.8	177	154	September 20	15,101
October		n.y.a.	10,613	10,605	45,784	45,328	563	561	534	495	29.9	25.6	199	157		

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite. (f) Tasmanian production period one week earlier.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division (a) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)		Whole milk intake by factories (b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Stocks (d) Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers (c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1985-86—																
August	4,166	3,453	960	975	14,717	13,216	166	168	424.9	484	483	76,691	80.5			
September	3,491	3,180	793	841	13,495	12,700	166	162	425.5	652	492	107,228	81.2	40,577	40,355	
October	3,338	3,245	908	749	16,157	13,977	195	168	426.1	787	498	117,674	77.7			
November	3,618	3,322	1,069	859	15,296	13,941	187	189	428.4	742	495	93,295	75.8			
December	2,248	2,974	663	831	10,830	13,760	168	190	431.1	678	499	59,584	75.5	41,384	41,469	
January	1,291	4,235	606	911	4,499	11,508	180	196	434.4	604	519	46,464	80.1			
February	3,044	3,764	1,075	930	13,580	13,981	187	197	437.1	462	526	47,661	75.9			
March	3,286	3,116	1,008	1,043	14,427	14,212	189	203	434.4	411	539	46,486	75.6	42,683	42,708	
April	3,192	3,288	1,016	940	13,449	13,632	211	202	431.8	312	504	46,365	76.6			
May	4,299	3,332	1,125	1,155	13,935	13,017	191	185	432.3	283	495	37,420	77.9			
June	3,334	3,023	953	1,096	15,044	13,090	180	195	435.0	281	505	72,915	76.9	p42,357	p42,487	
1986-87—																
July	3,665	3,194	1,153	1,078	14,319	12,409	201	185	439.5	335	486	r51,888	79.5			
August	3,884	3,363	1,007	1,042	15,175	13,992	186	196	p443.8	481	480	r91,574	r82.2			
September	r3,137	r2,807	r974	r967	r15,195	r14,062	r199	r191	p448.9	642	485	r116,825	r79.4	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	
October	3,778	3,478	1,167	992	16,476	13,941	217	195	n.y.a.	765	485	122,735	77.2			

(a) This index is on a "net division" basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.

FOREIGN TRADE

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Month	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments—current transactions \$m		Official reserve assets (b) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1985-86—									
August	2,788	2,805	6,039	5,634	237	141.8	-637	-1,098	12,505
September	2,593	2,133			235		-957	-1,661	12,775
October	2,867	2,015			238		-540	-1,016	12,636
November	2,605	2,844	5,825	5,835	238	146.6	-607	-1,141	12,216
December	3,118	2,273			234		-391	-1,036	12,133
January	2,617	2,025			235		-364	-903	12,925
February	2,604	2,604	6,192	5,515	232	p146.0	-491	-1,009	12,811
March	2,418	2,963			230		-796	-1,345	12,553
April	2,725	2,742			228		-490	-1,046	12,504
May			5,671	5,324	234	p140.8	-524	-1,033	13,024
June	2,632	2,736							
1986-87—									
July	2,298	3,065			242		-658	-1,541	13,439
August	2,693	3,084			p246		-786	-1,251	12,686
September	3,076	3,447	5,847	5,414	p246	n.y.a.	-936	-1,467	12,615
October	p2,915	p3,395			n.y.a.		-721	-1,578	13,316
November	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.		-74	-685	15,146

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to SA at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) (a) \$m

Month	Total				Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists	Department stores		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(b) '000		
	Current prices		Average 1979-80 prices			Original	Smoothed seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.								
1985-86—												
August	4,128	4,125	4,236		1,331	1,328	446	487	44.1	41.2	12.1	11.7
September	3,989	4,283	4,283	8,115	8,443	1,271	1,337	429	491	42.6	44.9	11.9
October	4,385	4,333	4,333			1,387	1,347	487	496	45.2	44.0	12.4
November	4,573	4,353	4,362			1,389	1,358	536	500	46.5	48.4	12.2
December	5,175	4,399	4,386	9,659	8,533	1,545	1,370	915	502	40.5	42.0	10.0
January	4,276	4,439	4,403			1,400	1,384	435	500	33.7	38.5	9.8
February	3,903	4,383	4,418			1,308	1,400	361	496	31.5	33.8	9.8
March	4,163	4,416	4,439	7,811	8,397	1,409	1,417	416	492	34.3	35.8	9.8
April	4,285	4,424	4,470			1,380	1,433	450	491	40.4	39.3	11.6
May	4,707	4,536	4,511			1,471	1,448	578	494	36.3	33.5	11.1
June	4,197	4,590	4,557	8,190	8,407	1,380	1,460	423	502	34.5	33.7	10.3
1986-87—												
July	4,477	4,500	4,603			1,456	1,469	503	511	37.0	33.3	11.8
August	4,439	4,653	4,642			1,448	1,475	441	520	37.4	36.6	10.7
September	4,484	4,663	4,674	8,145	8,428	1,431	1,480	506	527	33.2	33.3	9.0
October	4,775	4,708	4,699			1,527	1,482	512	533	p32.2	p31.8	p8.0

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census: excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (£)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adult persons (£)	Index of minimum award rates of pay; full-time adult persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index : Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females	June persons (£)	June	All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)	
1985-86—														
August	403.10	265.00	387.90	208.4	1.18									
September				208.4		144.2	139.9	133.6	148.7	145.0	152.9	159.0	128.5	125.9
October				208.4										
November	413.90	268.40	396.90	216.3	1.30									
December				216.3		147.1	143.2	138.1	152.2	149.3	153.8	162.8	130.2	127.6
January				216.3										
February	422.70	276.40	404.20	216.3	1.25									
March				216.3		150.5	146.1	139.0	155.0	152.1	159.0	167.5	133.5	131.2
April				216.3										
May	425.50	278.20	409.20	216.3	1.23									
June				216.3		153.0	149.4	145.4	157.8	154.3	156.4	171.0	139.6	133.4
1986-87—														
July				r221.5										
August	r437.20	r282.90	r418.90	221.5	1.16	157.0	153.5	146.1	160.5	156.9	164.4	174.9	143.3	137.0
September				221.5										
October				221.5										

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Price index(es)																
	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in house building (Base year 1966-67 = 100.0)		Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1970-80 = 100.0)		Private new capital expenditure (\$m/b)			
														Buildings and structures		Equipment, plants and machinery	
Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1985-86—																	
August	1,623.4	1,524.1	14.1	13.3	433.5					505.0	163.0						
September	1,462.7	1,494.9	12.8	13.1	247.8	4,339.5	4,132.7	39.3	37.9	506.6	163.8	1,206	1,248	3,447	3,498		
October	1,407.5	1,407.5	14.8	13.2	250.3					509.7	164.8						
November	1,552.1	1,470.7	12.7	12.4	252.5					512.3	166.3						
December	1,261.5	1,291.9	10.8	11.8	341.4	4,399.7	4,456.2	36.2	35.6	514.1	167.6	1,608	1,393	3,534	3,412		
January	1,204.7	1,507.1	10.0	12.4	289.5					516.8	168.6						
February	1,086.9	1,244.9	10.0	10.9	158.4					519.3	170.0						
March	1,057.8	1,195.2	9.5	10.2	184.9	3,843.3	4,113.9	30.5	33.2	521.1	171.0	1,272	1,492	3,014	3,460		
April	r1,486.2	r1,398.4	10.3	9.5	299.2					523.7	171.6						
May	1,365.2	1,243.2	10.5	9.7	334.6					524.9	172.5						
June	1,789.6	1,682.8	11.3	11.2	715.6	3,875.0	3,768.7	29.8	29.0	p527.2	173.6	1,610	1,575	3,654	3,341		
1986-87—																	
July	1,320.7	1,237.1	11.8	11.1	258.9					p528.7	p175.4						
August	1,437.1	1,429.0	9.9	9.8	324.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p531.6	p176.5						
September	1,288.1	1,262.7	10.4	10.0	181.5					p536.5	p177.9	p1,747	p1,810	p3,536	p3,585		
October	1,421.9	1,343.4	10.8	10.0	210.8					n.y.a.	p178.8						

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Permanent building societies Banks \$m	Other lende \$m	(d) \$m		
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1985-86—											
September	39,105	39,313	42,894	43,028	33,912	34,161	702	243	105	14.30	4,325
October	39,414	39,705	42,842	42,871	(f)37,255	36,851	727	266	117	15.05	4,399
November	39,279	39,646	43,239	43,327	37,960	37,906	620	260	119	15.55	5,655
December	39,710	39,281	44,055	43,650	38,944	38,777	545	209	96	15.65	5,609
January	39,104	38,598	43,660	43,582	38,469	38,857	545	150	100	14.65	5,738
February	39,738	38,799	43,800	43,786	38,970	39,577	521	156	101	14.15	5,631
March	39,316	38,948	44,549	44,459	39,823	40,007	481	151	99	13.30	5,007
April	40,354	41,105	45,521	44,876	41,781	41,191	706	173	97	12.65	9,255
May	40,624	41,060	44,748	44,905	41,038	40,742	734	141	100	12.70	7,276
June	42,602	42,505	44,346	44,562	41,022	41,083	699	125	85	12.80	6,243
1986-87—											
July	43,392	43,876	44,261	44,513	41,827	41,679	r840	157	76	14.50	5,113
August	43,924	44,112	43,567	44,083	r41,904	42,053	r692	166	68	15.10	6,326
September	43,931	44,162	43,466	43,639	r42,003	42,305	742	177	r68	15.15	5,025
October	44,122	44,436	44,293	44,327	43,256	42,786	914	193	72	14.30	n.y.a.
November	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	43,682	43,800	42,818	42,761	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	14.25	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (f) Break in series due to inclusion of certain foreign currency assets and liabilities not previously reported. For further information see *Major Trading Banks, Australia* (5603.0).

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
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Quarter	Gross domestic product						Final consumption expenditure						Gross fixed capital expenditure					
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public					
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
AT CURRENT PRICES																		
1984-85— June	53,213	54,858	1,257	2,353	51,956	52,505	32,681	33,158	9,681	9,280	9,358	8,843	5,415	4,416				
1985-86— September	56,102	57,055	1,495	2,179	54,607	54,876	33,823	34,065	8,992	9,307	9,419	9,507	4,147	4,623				
December	62,572	57,284	4,535	2,160	58,037	55,124	36,978	34,935	10,156	9,614	9,810	9,275	4,849	4,807				
March	55,727	58,749	1,508	2,226	54,219	56,523	34,165	35,477	9,294	9,948	8,632	9,682	4,061	4,699				
June	57,576	59,293	1,094	2,101	56,482	57,192	35,862	36,389	11,038	10,580	9,534	9,004	5,723	4,685				
1986-87— September	60,459	61,176	1,715	2,338	58,744	58,838	37,304	37,528	10,001	10,357	9,377	9,494	4,731	5,294				
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES																		
1984-85— June	33,638	35,003	1,422	2,245	32,216	32,758	20,704	20,984	6,064	5,808	5,958	5,614	3,247	2,648				
1985-86— September	34,994	35,550	1,555	2,053	33,439	33,497	20,947	21,128	5,472	5,659	5,781	5,834	2,404	2,680				
December	39,060	35,371	3,932	2,112	35,128	33,259	22,550	21,243	6,124	5,851	5,818	5,517	2,764	2,741				
March	33,266	35,304	1,547	2,183	31,719	33,121	20,185	21,022	5,444	5,773	5,007	5,613	2,247	2,602				
June	33,983	35,284	1,365	2,113	32,618	33,171	20,910	21,194	6,551	6,277	5,422	5,112	3,172	2,596				
1986-87— September	34,953	35,361	1,673	2,126	33,280	33,235	21,121	21,272	5,722	5,919	5,183	5,243	2,528	2,831				
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued																		
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm units incorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income				
					Companies		Other											
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.								
1984-85— June	10,804	10,768	9,995	9,736	6,529	6,667	11,178	12,993	28,398	28,308	-10	19,572	7,443	35,474				
1985-86— September	11,886	11,230	9,756	9,727	7,718	7,640	13,006	13,432	28,225	28,705	136	18,233	7,239	39,041				
December	11,589	11,810	9,485	9,562	7,582	6,812	16,845	13,648	31,153	29,670	3,049	20,791	7,341	47,470				
March	10,974	11,502	9,728	9,992	6,247	6,957	12,964	14,162	29,293	30,649	19	18,868	7,547	39,198				
June	10,994	10,958	9,184	8,954	6,719	6,845	12,816	14,686	31,195	31,096	-390	22,122	7,322	38,897				
1986-87— September	12,398	11,699	9,818	9,758	7,275	7,194	14,978	15,110	31,385	31,753	214	20,992	7,248	43,729				

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**SURVEY
OF JOB
VACANCIES
(b)**

**LABOUR FORCE SURVEY(a)
(PERSONS)**

Month	Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Unemployment rate-per cent				Participation rate-per cent		Number of job vacancies ('000)		
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total		Orig		Seas. adj.		Original			Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Orig	Seas. adj.	Orig	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			
1985—																	
August	5,439.2	5,494.9	6,690.3	6,736.8	484.2	499.7	567.6	594.9	7.8	8.1	60.6	61.2				52.4	
September	5,547.7	5,515.4	6,817.8	6,770.6	479.5	491.5	583.0	586.3	7.9	8.0	61.7	61.3					
October	5,496.6	5,501.0	6,782.9	6,762.3	440.5	477.9	528.4	569.9	7.2	7.8	60.8	61.0				51.8	
November	5,562.4	5,564.5	6,890.5	6,848.5	439.5	475.8	537.0	582.9	7.8	7.7	61.7	61.7					
December	5,638.9	5,571.7	6,918.9	6,846.0	479.7	468.8	583.9	569.2	7.8	7.7	62.2	61.5					
1986—																	
January	5,603.6	5,621.4	6,762.1	6,910.5	523.7	474.2	615.0	575.7	8.3	7.7	61.1	62.0					
February	5,638.8	5,634.0	6,870.1	6,899.9	544.5	487.8	658.5	596.1	8.7	8.0	62.2	61.9				59.0	
March	5,638.5	5,618.8	6,961.4	6,917.6	501.6	475.2	634.6	590.3	8.4	7.9	62.7	61.9					
April	5,620.1	5,645.4	6,962.1	6,978.3	485.1	485.3	606.9	600.8	8.0	7.9	62.3	62.4					
May	5,615.8	5,627.5	6,944.5	6,939.8	483.3	485.8	592.2	589.5	7.9	7.8	62.0	61.9				54.4	
June	5,634.9	5,636.9	6,972.7	6,978.8	457.0	469.6	561.9	575.9	7.5	7.6	61.9	62.0					
July	5,631.2	5,617.7	6,958.4	6,943.1	490.9	520.9	594.2	632.5	7.9	8.3	61.9	62.1					
August	5,582.4	5,639.8	6,885.7	6,934.1	490.7	506.8	595.6	626.9	8.0	8.3	61.2	61.8				48.6	
September	5,666.9	5,633.8	7,007.6	6,958.6	517.6	530.0	631.6	634.1	8.3	8.4	62.4	62.0					
October	5,661.9	5,666.3	7,000.3	6,979.5	485.9	522.2	590.1	636.7	7.8	8.4	61.8	62.0					

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (b) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see *Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0).

**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)
PERSONS ('000)**

Month	Australia												Commonwealth		State(b)		Local		Total	
	Government												Private		Total		Total		Total	
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	Commonwealth	State(b)	Local	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
1985—																				
July	1,853.0	1,479.0	786.1	466.6	477.8	141.7	53.8	111.7	3,651.2	429.8	1,134.0	154.8	1,718.6	5,369.7						
August	1,854.7	1,485.6	790.9	467.3	481.7	141.9	54.1	111.6	3,671.5	429.7	1,130.4	155.8	1,716.0	5,367.5						
September	1,850.1	1,489.5	794.2	466.2	482.7	142.8	54.9	111.5	3,678.0	429.9	1,127.7	155.9	1,713.4	5,391.5						
October	1,897.4	1,503.1	800.3	466.2	493.7	145.1	56.3	112.9	3,757.2	431.1	1,131.0	155.7	1,717.8	5,375.1						
November	1,915.2	1,516.4	805.4	468.4	495.6	146.7	56.4	113.8	3,786.5	432.3	1,133.1	155.8	1,724.5	5,517.9						
December	1,913.7	1,518.4	798.9	466.3	498.3	146.7	54.3	114.2	3,803.9	432.9	1,119.1	154.9	1,706.9	5,510.8						
1986—																				
January	1,871.8	1,521.0	792.4	458.0	490.4	140.7	52.8	112.2	3,781.9	431.6	1,074.3	151.7	1,657.6	5,439.4						
February	1,914.7	1,548.1	807.3	468.6	503.7	143.4	55.4	114.9	3,852.9	434.1	1,113.6	155.5	1,703.2	5,556.1						
March	1,923.5	1,556.2	807.6	470.9	505.9	145.8	55.6	116.6	3,854.7	434.2	1,136.4	155.9	1,726.5	5,581.2						
April	1,909.4	1,568.0	813.3	470.6	502.7	147.2	57.5	117.3	3,848.7	438.6	1,143.2	155.5	1,737.3	5,585.9						
May	1,903.2	1,569.9	808.3	468.3	504.6	147.1	58.9	117.1	3,860.0	432.4	1,126.0	155.8	1,724.2	5,584.2						
June	1,926.8	1,581.4	819.5	470.5	509.9	148.8	60.0	118.5	3,848.1	442.1	1,148.2	157.1	1,787.4	5,635.5						
July	1,937.3	1,573.7	808.0	469.8	512.2	148.6	56.8	119.7	3,840.6	480.4	1,148.5	157.4	1,786.3	5,626.9						
August	1,925.2	1,569.7	802.7	465.7	511.7	147.5	56.7	118.3	3,850.9	439.4	1,150.3	157.2	1,746.9	5,597.8						
September	1,927.2	1,567.5	805.5	464.7	513.5	147.0	57.0	119.1	3,853.5	439.6	1,151.2	157.2	1,748.0	5,601.5						

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners, Australia* (6248.0) and *Information Paper, New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, housing, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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