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BANKING STATISTICS - MAJOR TRADING BANKS
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - MARCH 1968

Tables 1 and 2 of this statement have been prepared from returns submitted under the Banking Act 1959-1967 and contain the averages of selected liabilities and assets within Australia (including Papua and New Guinea) of the Major Trading Banks as at the close of business on Wednesdays in March 1968. The figures are preliminary and subject to confirmation or amendment when the statement of Average Liabilities and Assets is published in the Commonwealth Gazette. Totals for February 1968 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 averages 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 fuller description of these items see "Banking Statistics" : Monthly Bulletin No. 270 February 1968.

3. This statement contains seasonally adjusted totals of deposits and advances - see footnote (b) to Table 1 and footnote (a) Table 2. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1967" issued on 18 July 1967.

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

TABLE 1. - LIABILITIES WITHIN AUSTRALIA
(\$ million)

Bank	Deposits				Balances due to other banks (a)	Bills payable and all other liabilities to public	Total liabilities
	Fixed	Current		Total			
		Bearing interest	Not bearing interest				
Commonwealth Trading Bank	508.1	62.1	554.9	1,125.1	5.8	14.8	1,145.7
Australia and New Zealand Bank	312.6	32.3	467.9	812.8	11.1	14.2	838.0
The Bank of Adelaide	33.4	6.4	52.2	92.0	1.6	1.1	94.7
Bank of New South Wales	559.6	102.2	758.6	1,420.4	0.9	22.8	1,444.1
The Commercial Bank of Australia	208.5	23.4	303.4	535.3	3.5	8.7	547.5
The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	224.0	37.7	284.4	546.1	3.3	19.8	569.2
The English, Scottish and Australian Bank	162.6	28.4	270.7	461.7	3.5	20.6	485.8
The National Bank of Australasia	330.9	64.0	443.3	838.1	4.1	27.1	869.3
<u>Total, March 1968</u>	<u>2,339.7</u>	<u>356.3</u>	<u>3,135.5</u>	<u>(b)5,831.5</u>	<u>33.8</u>	<u>129.0</u>	<u>5,994.4</u>
<u>Total, February 1968</u>	<u>2,333.2</u>	<u>348.1</u>	<u>3,134.9</u>	<u>(b)5,816.2</u>	<u>26.7</u>	<u>125.6</u>	<u>5,968.5</u>

(a) Includes short-term loans from the Reserve Bank.

(b) Seasonally adjusted total deposits, February \$5,625.0 million; March \$ 5,639.7 million. See paragraph 3 above.

TABLE 2. - ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA
(\$ million)

Bank	Coin, bullion and notes	Cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government securities			Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank	Loans (other than loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money-market), advances and bills discounted	All other assets	Total assets
			Treasury bills	Treasury notes	Other securities					
Commonwealth Trading Bank	29.5	1.3	..	51.3	265.6	12.4	93.3	615.1	66.1	1,134.6
Australia and New Zealand Bank	22.2	0.4	..	35.1	121.6	16.2	68.1	483.6	57.3	804.5
The Bank of Adelaide	3.6	0.1	18.4	..	7.7	56.4	18.5	104.8
Bank of New South Wales	29.6	0.2	..	24.3	395.5	7.3	119.0	814.2	116.4	1,506.5
The Commercial Bank of Australia	14.6	0.5	..	21.8	96.9	6.5	45.0	322.8	49.9	557.9
The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	13.9	0.5	..	21.8	113.6	2.7	45.9	329.7	55.9	583.0
The English, Scottish and Australian Bank	13.4	0.9	..	13.7	93.8	10.4	38.9	254.8	49.4	475.2
The National Bank of Australasia	18.8	0.5	..	18.9	193.8	8.3	70.7	477.6	82.7	871.4
<u>Total, March 1968</u>	145.4	4.6	..	186.7	1,299.2	63.7	488.6	(a)(b)3,354.2	(c)496.2	6,038.8
<u>Total, February 1968</u>	148.5	4.2	..	224.1	1,339.0	59.0	501.1	(a)(b)3,287.9	(c)478.7	6,042.5

(a) Seasonally adjusted total loans, advances and bills discounted for February \$3,424.9 million; March \$3,450.8 million.
 (b) Includes temporary advances to woolbuyers, February \$120.2 million; March \$126.7 million, term loans outstanding, February \$277.7 million; March \$279.8 million, and farm development loans outstanding, February \$36.1 million; March \$37.8 million. (c) Includes Term Loan Fund Accounts with Reserve Bank, February \$39.9 million; March \$54.9 million, and Farm Development Loan Fund Accounts February \$15.1 million; March \$13.5 million.

TABLE 3. - NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS AND OVERDRAFT LIMITS (see paragraph 2 page 1)

New and Increased Lending Commitments .. February 1968 - \$29.7 million; March 1968 - \$34.8 million.
 Overdraft Limits .. February 1968 - \$4,740.4 million; March 1968 - \$4,787.9 million.

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