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BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA, MAY, 1964

Statistics of building approvals have been compiled from (a) permits issued by local government authorities in the areas subject to building control by these authorities, and (b) contracts let or work commenced and day labour projects authorized by governmental authorities. They relate only to approvals for buildings, as distinct from the construction of roads, bridges, railways, earth works, water storage, etc. Values shown represent the estimated cost when completed (excluding cost of land) of new buildings and alterations and additions to existing buildings. Additions of £5,000 and over are included with new buildings in all States, except New South Wales, where they are included in "alterations and additions". Building is classified as "Private" or "Government" according to ownership.

2. For purposes of comparison, it should be borne in mind that the volume of building approvals is affected from month to month by the number of large projects such as blocks of flats and multi-storey office buildings approved in particular months and also by the administrative arrangements of local government and semi-governmental authorities.

3. During May, 1964, approvals were granted for the construction of 9,826 new houses and flats valued at £34,345,000. The total number of individual living units approved for the three months ended May, 1964, was 30,537 valued at £104,788,000 compared with 25,430 units valued at £86,003,000 for the three months ended May, 1963. New buildings, other than houses and flats, valued at £20,642,000 and alterations and additions valued at £8,471,000 were approved during May, 1964. The total value of all building approved during the three months ended May, 1964, was £213,161,000 which was £38,148,000 more than the value for the three months ended May, 1963, and £54,130,000 more than that for the three months ended May, 1962.

4. The following tables show further details of building approvals for May, 1964 in comparison with details for earlier months.

TABLE 1. - BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA

Period	Private			Government			Total		
	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64
NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED : AUSTRALIA (Individual living units)									
July	5,818	7,167	7,656	1,197	1,106	1,809	7,015	8,273	9,465
August	6,950	7,338	8,120	775	920	1,421	7,225	8,258	9,541
September	5,540	6,631	8,161	1,483	2,354	2,123	7,023	8,985	10,284
October	6,066	7,076	8,758	1,099	1,200	1,264	7,165	8,276	10,022
November	6,394	6,697	8,123	1,014	1,187	1,133	7,408	7,884	9,256
December	4,397	4,780	6,518	1,531	694	1,411	5,928	5,474	7,929
January	4,842	5,457	6,637	517	468	830	5,359	5,925	7,467
February	5,551	6,208	7,539	921	1,209	1,209	6,472	7,417	8,748
March	6,474	6,807	8,588	1,005	1,140	1,164	7,479	7,947	9,752
April	5,781	6,594	9,453	1,443	1,703	1,506	7,224	8,297	10,959
May	6,723	7,867	8,542	1,772	1,319	1,284	8,495	9,186	9,826
Three months ended May	18,978	21,268	26,583	4,220	4,162	3,954	23,198	25,430	30,537
June	6,094	6,852		1,404	1,615		7,498	8,467	
Year ended June	70,630	79,474		14,161	14,915		84,791	94,389	

VALUE OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED : AUSTRALIA
(£'000)

July	19,498	24,542	27,041	3,323	3,018	5,674	22,821	27,560	32,715
August	23,891	25,917	28,524	2,362	2,532	4,159	26,253	28,449	32,683
September	18,732	22,759	28,711	4,369	5,361	6,314	23,101	28,120	35,025
October	20,615	24,197	29,937	3,143	3,361	3,764	23,758	27,558	33,701
November	21,485	22,974	28,759	3,045	3,507	3,232	24,530	26,481	31,991
December	14,721	16,684	22,661	4,319	2,003	4,197	19,040	18,687	26,858
January	16,360	19,109	22,785	1,604	1,334	2,437	17,964	20,443	25,222
February	18,855	21,248	26,734	2,536	3,595	3,604	21,391	24,843	30,338
March	21,870	23,231	30,199	2,836	3,310	3,535	24,706	26,541	33,734
April	19,465	22,723	32,874	4,011	5,428	3,835	23,476	28,151	36,709
May	22,964	27,441	30,238	4,541	3,870	4,107	27,505	31,311	34,345
Three months ended May	64,299	73,395	93,311	11,388	12,608	11,477	75,687	86,003	104,788
June	20,838	23,517		3,909	4,705		24,747	28,222	
Year ended June	239,294	274,342		39,998	42,024		279,292	316,366	

TABLE 1. - BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA (continued)

Period	Private			Government			Total		
	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64
VALUE OF OTHER NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED : AUSTRALIA (£'000)									
July	8,720	16,610	12,557	5,393	10,995	7,245	14,113	27,605	19,802
August	14,745	14,844	15,720	6,193	4,699	12,875	20,938	19,543	28,595
September	12,156	9,977	15,265	11,201	9,827	13,607	23,357	19,804	28,872
October	7,888	14,745	13,191	11,496	7,942	11,628	19,384	22,687	24,819
November	15,142	11,964	14,059	7,650	8,831	6,322	22,792	20,795	20,381
December	9,854	10,829	10,170	6,881	5,096	8,874	16,735	15,925	19,044
January	8,295	11,438	8,609	6,548	13,055	15,759	14,843	24,493	24,368
February	11,693	9,365	9,651	6,115	6,492	6,558	17,808	15,857	16,209
March	11,908	11,997	14,408	9,313	7,052	10,815	21,221	19,049	25,223
April	11,525	11,416	13,124	8,514	11,240	25,186	20,039	22,656	38,310
May	15,663	13,864	12,765	5,220	11,517	7,877	20,883	25,381	20,642
Three months ended May	39,096	37,277	40,297	23,047	29,809	43,878	62,143	67,086	84,175
June	8,873	12,502		7,585	9,384		16,458	21,886	
Year ended June	136,462	149,551		92,109	106,130		228,571	255,681	
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS APPROVED : AUSTRALIA (£'000)									
July	5,568	6,627	7,104	1,189	746	533	6,757	7,373	7,637
August	6,774	7,426	7,456	648	386	679	7,422	7,812	8,135
September	6,277	7,580	6,542	484	944	555	6,761	8,524	7,097
October	6,124	7,850	8,258	467	566	523	6,591	8,416	8,781
November	6,530	6,739	7,180	356	597	749	6,886	7,336	7,929
December	4,020	4,881	5,498	202	818	497	4,222	5,699	5,995
January	4,682	5,052	5,694	1,148	675	583	5,830	5,727	6,277
February	5,178	5,454	6,594	457	553	676	5,635	6,007	7,270
March	7,041	6,167	7,197	907	705	581	7,948	6,872	7,778
April	5,418	6,548	7,329	583	417	620	6,001	6,965	7,949
May	6,344	7,446	7,326	908	641	1,145	7,252	8,087	8,471
Three months ended May	18,803	20,161	21,852	2,398	1,763	2,346	21,201	21,924	24,198
June	5,513	6,492		1,287	818		6,800	7,310	
Year ended June	69,469	78,262		8,636	7,866		78,105	86,128	
TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED : AUSTRALIA (£'000)									
July	33,786	47,779	46,702	9,905	14,759	13,452	43,691	62,538	60,154
August	45,410	48,187	51,700	9,203	7,617	17,713	54,613	55,804	69,413
September	37,165	40,316	50,518	16,054	16,132	20,476	53,219	56,448	70,994
October	34,627	46,792	51,386	15,106	11,869	15,915	49,733	58,661	67,301
November	43,157	41,677	49,998	11,051	12,935	10,303	54,208	54,612	60,301
December	28,595	32,394	38,329	11,402	7,917	13,568	39,997	40,311	51,897
January	29,337	35,599	37,088	9,300	15,064	18,779	38,637	50,663	55,867
February	35,726	36,067	42,979	9,108	10,640	10,838	44,834	46,707	53,817
March	40,819	41,395	51,804	13,056	11,067	14,931	53,875	52,462	66,735
April	36,408	40,687	53,327	13,108	17,085	29,641	49,516	57,772	82,968
May	44,971	48,751	50,329	10,669	16,028	13,129	55,640	64,779	63,458
Three months ended May	122,198	130,833	155,460	36,833	44,180	57,701	159,031	175,012	13,161
June	35,224	42,511		12,781	14,907		48,005	57,418	
Year ended June	445,225	502,155		140,743	156,020		585,968	658,175	

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TABLE 2. - BUILDING APPROVALS : STATES

(Private and Government)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED (Individual living units)									
Year - 1961-62	32,640	21,406	10,752	8,536	6,883	2,644	471	1,460	84,791
1962-63	34,700	26,022	10,428	10,776	7,466	2,644	423	1,930	94,389
1962 - April	3,199	1,614	901	670	494	200	24	122	7,224
May	3,131	2,013	940	1,300	603	238	31	239	8,495
June	2,711	2,077	1,222	602	486	215	43	142	7,498
July	3,211	2,306	898	763	616	237	10	232	8,273
August	3,318	2,108	960	802	592	210	70	198	8,258
September	2,862	2,115	786	2,239	583	234	23	143	8,985
October	2,829	2,639	948	695	765	222	93	85	8,276
November	2,963	2,417	852	690	489	229	23	221	7,884
December	2,137	1,602	604	447	428	141	28	87	5,474
1963 - January	2,355	1,552	658	561	489	202	6	102	5,925
February	2,734	1,938	938	681	602	229	39	256	7,417
March	2,720	2,191	1,091	730	682	303	29	201	7,947
April	3,059	2,623	828	741	735	183	21	107	8,297
May	3,400	2,581	997	969	755	258	32	194	9,186
June	3,112	1,950	868	1,458	730	196	49	104	8,467
July	3,108	2,390	1,001	1,690	716	206	112	242	9,465
August	3,607	2,473	1,333	799	875	222	49	183	9,541
September	3,995	2,913	1,125	998	854	253	47	99	10,284
October	3,464	3,056	1,119	835	1,000	298	17	233	10,222
November	3,884	2,490	962	808	680	255	41	136	9,256
December	2,962	2,233	843	925	628	210	31	97	7,929
1964 - January	3,229	1,807	816	695	535	166	99	120	7,467
February	3,230	2,627	979	735	705	219	56	197	8,748
March	3,628	2,965	984	1,146	697	250	20	62	9,752
April	4,256	3,188	1,121	1,164	858	229	19	124	10,959
May	3,886	2,806	1,062	765	771	264	104	168	9,826

VALUE OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED
(£'000)

Year - 1961-62	104,124	75,213	32,776	27,976	21,711	8,475	1,925	7,092	279,292
1962-63	111,985	93,134	33,635	34,035	24,102	8,678	1,912	8,885	316,366
1962 - April	9,844	5,661	2,764	2,337	1,595	613	73	589	23,476
May	9,920	7,185	3,048	3,485	1,935	764	143	1,025	27,505
June	8,483	7,068	3,721	2,205	1,638	717	213	702	24,747
July	10,385	8,247	2,892	2,498	1,985	729	49	775	27,560
August	10,702	7,809	3,086	2,833	2,060	707	294	958	28,449
September	9,167	7,607	2,513	5,327	1,903	787	106	710	28,120
October	8,971	9,097	3,056	2,407	2,367	772	386	502	27,558
November	9,444	8,482	2,706	2,434	1,615	690	115	995	26,481
December	7,098	5,660	1,905	1,560	1,423	444	139	458	18,687
1963 - January	8,033	5,608	2,178	1,843	1,587	656	31	507	20,443
February	8,735	7,033	2,950	2,331	1,859	758	147	1,030	24,843
March	8,641	7,815	3,459	2,552	2,027	943	132	972	26,541
April	9,652	9,612	2,688	2,541	2,389	626	127	516	28,151
May	11,134	9,173	3,316	3,232	2,523	877	151	905	31,311
June	10,023	6,991	2,886	4,477	2,364	689	235	557	28,222
July	10,453	8,531	3,376	5,764	2,400	720	393	1,078	32,715
August	11,802	9,048	4,292	2,854	2,766	822	231	868	32,683
September	12,841	10,486	3,685	3,455	2,850	876	278	554	35,025
October	11,277	10,780	3,600	2,947	3,137	1,004	74	882	33,701
November	13,020	9,090	3,160	2,766	2,249	917	187	602	31,991
December	9,560	7,937	2,813	3,098	2,104	712	152	482	26,858
1964 - January	10,217	6,551	2,836	2,276	1,703	590	448	601	25,222
February	10,846	9,266	3,252	2,627	2,403	743	322	879	30,338
March	12,084	10,593	3,364	3,915	2,443	841	97	397	33,734
April	13,614	11,160	3,744	3,513	3,140	865	87	586	36,709
May	12,917	10,109	3,751	2,655	2,708	941	435	829	34,345

TABLE 2. - BUILDING APPROVALS : STATES (continued)

(Private and Government)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
VALUE OF OTHER NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED (£'000)									
(Excluding Alterations and Additions)									
Year - 1961-62	81,724	64,098	23,412	21,784	14,700	9,457	1,804	11,592	228,571
1962-63	89,632	71,037	30,709	23,527	14,956	9,198	2,715	13,907	255,681
1962 - April	7,993	6,897	1,966	1,496	897	220	128	442	20,039
May	4,960	8,256	2,562	2,096	1,247	610	115	1,037	20,883
June	4,401	5,479	2,093	1,414	1,539	494	230	808	16,458
July	11,906	6,306	2,899	3,452	2,056	762	10	214	27,605
August	5,091	8,012	2,432	1,276	1,309	895	113	415	19,543
September	7,296	6,716	1,675	2,360	938	513	186	120	19,843
October	8,107	5,697	2,202	3,856	1,266	509	31	1,019	22,687
November	9,602	4,358	1,546	1,316	869	516	218	2,370	20,795
December	6,068	4,524	1,645	1,132	1,205	634	316	401	15,925
1963 - January	12,134	4,548	3,196	1,845	715	664	70	1,321	24,493
February	3,788	4,984	2,309	1,381	1,077	624	715	979	15,857
March	4,320	6,505	2,819	2,234	1,930	695	125	421	19,049
April	6,533	5,896	3,537	1,498	1,307	1,511	90	2,284	22,656
May	6,581	9,071	3,895	1,263	1,178	939	265	2,189	25,381
June	8,206	4,420	2,554	1,914	1,106	936	576	2,174	21,886
July	6,528	5,484	3,038	1,728	1,291	502	33	1,198	19,802
August	12,030	7,102	3,022	903	4,238	733	23	544	28,595
September	9,709	7,369	5,756	2,432	2,496	333	255	522	28,872
October	6,534	5,938	2,905	4,306	4,174	531	93	338	24,819
November	5,011	4,985	3,983	3,557	1,073	261	368	1,143	20,381
December	5,265	3,906	3,230	2,892	2,610	375	267	499	19,044
1964 - January	7,601	6,612	2,509	4,877	1,514	603	147	505	24,368
February	3,849	5,054	2,071	1,652	1,067	482	376	1,658	16,209
March	7,249	7,519	2,231	3,084	3,783	489	215	653	25,223
April	12,662	10,818	5,762	2,166	1,653	831	60	4,358	38,310
May	6,618	6,118	2,708	3,137	1,248	355	338	120	20,642
TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED (£'000)									
(Including Alterations and Additions)									
Year - 1961-62	225,414	157,648	64,520	56,386	39,833	18,903	3,942	19,322	585,968
1962-63	245,443	184,445	73,238	64,740	43,034	18,707	4,830	23,738	658,175
1962 - April	20,637	14,024	5,569	4,381	2,752	897	207	1,049	49,516
May	17,970	17,114	6,471	6,541	3,585	1,477	315	2,167	55,640
June	16,140	14,410	6,531	4,171	3,451	1,286	481	1,535	48,005
July	26,078	16,326	6,572	6,523	4,359	1,556	72	1,052	62,538
August	19,784	17,652	6,408	4,647	3,779	1,685	429	1,420	55,804
September	21,246	15,991	5,039	8,372	3,172	1,378	301	949	56,448
October	21,401	16,818	6,182	6,860	4,017	1,373	439	1,571	58,661
November	22,780	14,483	5,116	4,358	2,781	1,289	352	3,453	54,612
December	16,383	11,321	4,083	3,117	2,886	1,117	470	934	40,311
1963 - January	22,968	11,523	5,970	4,177	2,596	1,380	113	1,936	50,663
February	15,283	13,515	5,913	4,289	3,257	1,449	870	2,131	46,707
March	16,008	16,156	7,011	5,611	4,262	1,701	278	1,435	52,462
April	19,276	17,694	6,921	4,589	4,032	2,188	224	2,848	57,772
May	21,942	20,144	7,912	5,155	4,051	1,906	435	3,234	64,779
June	22,294	12,822	6,111	7,042	3,842	1,635	847	2,775	57,418
July	20,911	15,787	7,146	8,164	4,056	1,290	455	2,345	60,154
August	28,431	17,808	8,016	4,413	7,304	1,665	278	1,497	69,413
September	25,741	19,561	10,437	6,507	5,656	1,339	568	1,185	70,994
October	22,468	18,694	7,274	7,975	7,751	1,621	216	1,302	67,301
November	22,318	15,867	7,816	6,935	3,653	1,279	583	1,850	60,301
December	17,852	13,185	6,637	6,608	5,027	1,139	446	1,003	51,897
1964 - January	21,053	14,548	6,032	7,736	3,494	1,242	616	1,146	55,867
February	18,563	15,998	5,928	4,860	3,866	1,287	708	2,607	53,817
March	23,528	19,775	6,257	7,723	6,615	1,397	337	1,103	66,735
April	30,165	23,897	10,357	6,402	5,196	1,785	163	5,003	82,968
May	23,990	17,965	7,088	6,807	4,396	1,394	804	1,014	63,458

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