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BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER 1967

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 authorised by government authorities. They relate only to approvals for building, as distinct from the construction of roads, bridges, railways, earthworks, 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.

Prior to 1 July 1966 additions of \$10,000 and over are included with new buildings in all States except New South Wales where they are included in "alterations and additions". From 1 July 1966 alterations and/or additions of \$10,000 and over are included with new buildings in all States. A line drawn across the column between two consecutive figures shows a break in continuity of series.

Building is classified as "Private" or "Government" according to ownership.

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.

TABLE 1. - BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of new houses and flats				Total value of building approved (\$ million)			
	Original		Seasonally adjusted (a)		Original		Seasonally adjusted (a)	
	1966-67	1967-68	1966-67	1967-68	1966-67	1967-68	1966-67	1967-68
July	10,253	10,207	10,147	10,126	157.2	158.3	161.1	162.2
August	11,603	11,701	10,174	10,255	152.6	168.1	136.7	150.6
September	10,421	10,369	9,385	9,773	144.5	190.7	128.6	178.3
October	11,339	11,779	11,055	10,947	162.9	180.4	157.8	166.6
November	10,377		10,014		155.0		151.0	
December	8,921		10,372		119.6		145.1	
January	7,357		10,262		149.8		184.5	
February	9,775		10,633		147.7		168.6	
March	8,981		9,398		142.4		151.1	
April	9,845		9,881		153.6		157.4	
May	11,760		10,279		195.5		173.6	
June	10,305		9,445		176.6		150.2	

- (a) In the seasonal adjustment, account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors but additionally of "trading-day" effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in the month) and the influence of Easter which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are given in the annual bulletin, "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1967", together with figures for earlier periods. All seasonally adjusted figures are subject to revision.

TABLE 2. - BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA

Period	Private			Government			Total		
	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68
NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED (Individual living units)									
July	8,610	8,432	9,278	978	1,821	929	9,588	10,253	10,207
August	8,579	9,430	10,781	1,425	2,173	920	10,004	11,603	11,704
September	8,283	9,065	9,518	2,288	1,356	851	10,571	10,421	10,369
October	7,685	9,121	10,405	1,813	2,218	1,374	9,498	11,339	11,775
November	8,153	9,322		746	1,055		8,899	10,377	
December	6,681	7,478		1,531	1,443		8,212	8,921	
January	5,615	6,499		318	858		5,933	7,357	
February	7,616	8,738		532	1,037		8,148	9,775	
March	9,221	7,928		1,133	1,053		10,354	8,981	
April	7,256	8,708		1,359	1,137		8,615	9,845	
May	8,919	10,081		1,360	1,679		10,279	11,760	
June	8,976	9,357		1,107	948		10,083	10,305	
Year	95,594	104,159		14,590	16,778		110,184	120,937	

VALUE OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED
(\$'000)

July	64,182	65,726	79,657	6,262	12,242	6,553	70,444	77,968	86,210
August	66,436	72,640	87,341	9,514	15,940	6,666	75,950	88,580	94,007
September	64,172	70,833	79,574	14,060	8,383	6,921	78,232	79,216	86,495
October	58,092	71,613	85,589	11,974	18,544	9,509	70,066	90,157	95,098
November	64,048	73,145		5,320	7,088		69,368	80,233	
December	52,312	58,476		10,194	9,557		62,506	68,033	
January	42,027	52,838		2,070	5,928		44,097	58,766	
February	56,585	68,083		3,692	7,993		62,277	76,076	
March	72,013	65,616		8,455	7,172		80,468	72,788	
April	55,895	72,475		9,206	9,149		65,101	81,624	
May	69,665	83,939		10,408	12,573		80,073	96,512	
June	70,517	76,587		7,762	7,047		78,279	83,634	
Year	737,944	831,971		98,917	121,616		836,861	953,587	

VALUE OF OTHER NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED
(\$'000)

July	33,530	45,186	37,855	31,492	23,450	22,736	65,022	68,636	60,591
August	30,056	32,980	35,673	36,592	18,605	25,211	66,648	51,585	60,884
September	44,210	28,170	51,365	24,800	25,863	40,491	69,010	54,033	91,856
October	43,600	38,075	34,740	26,136	22,848	37,725	69,736	60,923	72,465
November	38,028	33,217		23,854	28,765		61,882	61,982	
December	30,080	26,894		22,816	15,369		52,896	42,263	
January	22,045	31,074		12,728	50,876		34,773	81,950	
February	27,089	37,193		14,823	24,190		41,912	61,383	
March	34,945	37,428		25,164	20,962		60,909	58,390	
April	17,741	33,185		17,201	27,041		34,942	60,226	
May	41,819	48,505		17,122	37,659		58,941	86,164	
June	37,560	44,367		48,488	36,973		86,048	81,340	
Year	400,703	436,274		302,016	332,601		702,719	768,875	

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TABLE 2. - BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA - continued

Period	Private			Government			Total		
	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68
VALUE OF ALL NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED (\$'000)									
July	97,712	110,912	117,512	37,754	35,692	29,289	135,466	146,604	146,801
August	96,492	105,620	123,014	46,106	34,545	31,877	142,598	140,165	154,891
September	108,382	99,003	130,239	38,860	34,246	47,412	147,242	133,249	178,351
October	101,692	109,688	120,329	38,110	41,392	47,234	139,802	151,080	167,563
November	102,076	106,362		29,174	35,853		131,250	142,215	
December	82,392	85,370		33,010	24,926		115,402	110,296	
January	64,072	83,912		14,798	56,804		78,870	140,716	
February	85,674	105,276		18,515	32,183		104,189	137,459	
March	106,958	103,044		34,419	28,134		141,377	131,178	
April	73,636	105,660		26,407	36,190		100,043	141,850	
May	111,484	132,444		27,530	50,232		139,014	182,676	
June	108,077	120,954		56,250	44,020		164,327	164,974	
Year	1,138,647	1,268,245		400,933	454,217		1,539,580	1,722,462	
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS (LESS THAN \$10,000) APPROVED (\$'000)									
July	14,760	9,875	11,006	1,348	709	497	16,108	10,584	11,503
August	16,214	11,989	12,570	1,734	458	642	17,948	12,447	13,212
September	17,002	10,849	11,751	2,550	362	646	19,552	11,211	12,397
October	15,702	11,431	12,283	1,222	382	510	16,924	11,813	12,793
November	17,798	12,208		1,178	552		18,976	12,760	
December	13,734	8,942		1,266	394		15,000	9,336	
January	9,758	8,676		1,557	399		11,315	9,075	
February	12,990	9,835		1,344	388		14,334	10,223	
March	15,069	10,813		1,638	401		16,707	11,214	
April	13,560	11,195		1,662	535		15,222	11,730	
May	13,289	12,344		2,072	456		15,361	12,800	
June	16,150	11,053		1,585	559		17,735	11,612	
Year	176,026	129,210		19,156	5,595		195,182	134,805	
TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED (\$'000)									
July	112,472	120,787	128,518	39,102	36,401	29,786	151,574	157,186	158,304
August	112,706	117,609	135,584	47,840	35,003	32,519	160,546	152,612	168,103
September	125,384	109,852	142,690	41,410	34,608	48,058	166,794	144,460	190,748
October	117,394	121,119	132,612	39,332	41,774	47,744	156,726	162,893	180,356
November	119,874	118,570		30,352	36,405		150,226	154,975	
December	96,126	94,312		34,276	25,320		130,402	119,632	
January	73,830	92,588		16,355	57,203		90,185	149,791	
February	98,664	115,111		19,859	32,571		118,523	147,682	
March	122,027	113,857		36,057	28,535		158,084	142,392	
April	87,196	116,855		28,069	36,725		115,265	153,580	
May	124,773	144,788		29,602	50,688		154,375	195,476	
June	124,227	132,007		57,835	44,579		182,062	176,586	
Year	1,314,673	1,397,455		420,089	459,812		1,734,762	1,857,267	

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TABLE 3. - BUILDING APPROVALS : STATES
(Private and Government)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED (Individual living units)									
Year 1965-66	39,249	29,468	15,754	10,935	9,202	2,646	749	2,181	110,184
1966-67	42,323	34,608	16,921	8,482	11,447	3,445	900	2,811	120,937
1966 October	3,715	3,752	1,347	687	1,106	257	215	260	11,339
November	3,935	3,005	1,415	751	917	208	11	135	10,377
December	3,367	2,580	1,244	545	647	209	171	158	8,921
1967 January	2,920	1,677	1,162	476	783	215	26	98	7,357
February	3,442	2,821	1,286	584	1,178	228	66	170	9,775
March	3,240	2,592	1,443	506	765	255	24	156	8,981
April	3,401	2,662	1,327	553	941	603	154	204	9,845
May	3,933	3,313	1,974	779	1,147	368	63	183	11,760
June	3,586	2,764	1,398	641	1,300	383	94	139	10,305
July	3,505	3,167	1,248	718	1,045	321	21	182	10,207
August	4,179	3,548	1,395	597	1,305	415	52	210	11,701
September	3,901	2,883	1,322	591	1,235	288	17	132	10,369
October	4,325	3,267	1,419	908	1,242	346	74	198	11,779

VALUE OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED (\$'000)

Year 1965-66	298,872	225,170	113,972	76,830	70,683	20,438	7,267	23,629	836,861
1966-67	331,410	273,358	130,079	63,440	91,082	27,254	8,826	28,138	953,587
1966 October	29,140	31,047	9,885	5,331	8,372	1,935	2,143	2,304	90,157
November	30,243	23,047	10,910	5,301	7,277	1,628	134	1,693	80,233
December	25,429	18,978	9,515	4,111	5,096	1,633	1,506	1,765	68,033
1967 January	22,663	13,095	9,086	3,702	7,127	1,619	197	1,230	58,766
February	26,302	22,791	9,818	4,420	8,174	1,922	711	1,985	76,076
March	25,863	20,436	11,458	4,298	6,611	2,180	256	1,686	72,788
April	27,441	23,263	10,306	4,462	7,638	4,850	1,368	2,296	81,624
May	32,587	27,005	15,538	5,483	10,126	2,937	695	2,411	96,512
June	28,598	22,753	10,969	5,130	10,384	3,040	1,016	1,744	83,634
July	28,711	25,042	10,892	5,662	10,724	2,683	181	2,315	86,210
August	33,765	27,417	11,415	4,724	10,283	3,355	626	2,422	94,007
September	30,527	23,808	10,823	5,368	11,626	2,340	263	1,740	86,495
October	35,159	26,042	11,380	6,703	9,904	3,020	837	2,053	95,098

VALUE OF OTHER NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED (\$'000)

Year 1965-66	191,363	233,438	113,784	57,010	51,889	26,463	7,498	21,274	702,719
1966-67	266,006	220,692	89,204	53,183	71,855	26,701	8,778	32,456	768,875
1966 October	15,736	23,743	7,128	2,284	9,077	1,636	409	910	60,923
November	21,321	19,259	6,969	2,675	6,717	3,975	364	702	61,982
December	12,582	13,029	5,993	2,862	3,669	1,048	281	2,799	42,263
1967 January	40,529	19,367	12,490	2,454	3,013	205	1,787	2,105	81,950
February	20,288	18,880	5,957	4,149	8,316	941	1,236	1,616	61,383
March	20,663	15,524	9,548	2,396	5,092	4,291	323	553	58,390
April	18,371	18,118	5,561	5,772	5,354	2,167	492	4,391	60,226
May	30,085	24,950	6,470	7,989	9,569	3,855	775	2,471	86,164
June	29,664	14,067	11,069	5,465	7,624	922	2,123	10,406	81,340
July	15,165	16,156	8,264	8,448	9,011	1,182	557	1,808	60,591
August	23,609	15,945	6,539	3,294	8,239	1,196	364	1,698	60,884
September	30,380	23,388	19,694	6,448	8,933	1,145	136	1,732	91,856
October	22,313	19,048	6,504	10,179	6,516	2,043	543	5,319	72,465

TABLE 3. - BUILDING APPROVALS : STATES - continued
(Private and Government)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
VALUE OF ALL NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED (\$'000)									
Year 1965-66	490,235	458,608	227,756	133,840	122,572	46,901	14,765	44,903	1,539,580
1966-67	597,416	494,050	219,283	116,623	162,937	53,955	17,604	60,594	1,722,462
1966 October	44,876	54,790	17,013	7,615	17,449	3,571	2,552	3,214	151,080
November	51,564	42,306	17,879	7,976	13,994	5,603	498	2,395	142,215
December	38,011	32,007	15,508	6,973	8,765	2,681	1,787	4,564	110,296
1967 January	63,192	32,462	21,576	6,156	10,187	1,824	1,984	3,335	140,716
February	46,590	41,671	15,775	8,569	16,443	2,863	1,947	3,601	137,459
March	46,526	35,960	21,006	6,694	11,703	6,471	579	2,239	131,178
April	45,812	41,381	15,867	10,234	12,992	7,017	1,860	6,687	141,850
May	62,672	51,955	22,008	13,472	19,695	6,792	1,470	4,612	182,676
June	58,262	36,820	22,038	10,595	18,008	3,962	3,139	12,150	164,974
July	43,876	41,198	19,156	14,110	19,735	3,865	738	4,123	146,801
August	57,374	43,362	17,954	8,018	18,522	4,551	990	4,120	154,891
September	60,907	47,196	30,517	11,816	20,559	3,485	399	3,472	178,351
October	57,472	45,090	17,884	16,882	16,420	5,063	1,380	7,372	167,563
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS (LESS THAN \$10,000) APPROVED (\$'000)									
Year 1965-66	96,029	47,922	19,280	17,404	10,042	1,967	698	1,840	195,182
1966-67	48,850	41,586	14,270	15,039	10,256	2,057	710	2,037	134,805
1966 October	4,224	3,720	1,198	1,319	921	208	60	163	11,813
November	4,668	3,765	1,566	1,425	913	185	46	192	12,760
December	3,394	2,938	906	1,034	736	100	57	171	9,336
1967 January	3,214	2,689	1,172	1,063	673	110	32	122	9,075
February	3,752	3,118	1,159	1,093	794	116	40	151	10,223
March	4,195	3,456	1,216	1,079	826	202	63	177	11,214
April	4,464	3,623	1,087	1,214	886	207	53	196	11,730
May	4,849	3,967	1,205	1,231	1,132	170	53	193	12,800
June	4,275	3,551	1,010	1,428	766	276	62	244	11,612
July	4,291	3,333	1,193	1,313	944	192	85	152	11,503
August	4,880	3,968	1,269	1,530	1,112	187	50	216	13,212
September	4,660	3,591	1,254	1,377	961	250	72	232	12,397
October	4,822	4,053	1,173	1,179	1,101	197	43	225	12,793
TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED (\$'000)									
Year 1965-66	586,264	506,530	247,036	151,244	132,614	48,868	15,463	46,743	1,734,762
1966-67	646,266	535,636	233,553	131,662	173,193	56,012	18,314	62,631	1,857,267
1966 October	49,100	58,510	18,211	8,934	18,370	3,779	2,612	3,377	162,893
November	56,232	46,071	19,445	9,401	14,907	5,788	544	2,587	154,975
December	41,405	34,945	16,414	8,007	9,501	2,781	1,844	4,735	119,632
1967 January	66,406	35,151	22,748	7,219	10,860	1,934	2,016	3,457	149,791
February	50,342	44,789	16,934	9,662	17,237	2,979	1,987	3,752	147,682
March	50,721	39,416	22,222	7,773	12,529	6,673	642	2,416	142,392
April	50,276	45,004	16,954	11,448	13,878	7,224	1,913	6,883	153,580
May	67,521	55,922	23,213	14,703	20,827	6,962	1,523	4,805	195,476
June	62,537	40,371	23,048	12,023	18,774	4,238	3,201	12,394	176,586
July	48,167	44,531	20,349	15,423	20,679	4,057	823	4,275	158,304
August	62,254	47,330	19,223	9,548	19,634	4,738	1,040	4,336	168,103
September	65,567	50,787	31,771	13,193	21,520	3,735	471	3,704	190,748
October	62,294	49,143	19,057	18,061	17,521	5,260	1,423	7,597	180,356

TABLE 4. - TOTAL VALUE OF PRIVATE BUILDING APPROVED, BY TYPE OF BUILDING : AUSTRALIA
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Period	Houses	Flats	Hotels, hostels, etc.	Shops	Fact- ories	Offices	Other business premises
Year 1965-66	585,976	151,968	32,868	44,944	125,413	84,420	46,430
1966-67	651,589	180,382	35,315	66,161	134,797	67,933	43,921
1966 October	55,077	16,536	3,740	2,975	8,699	8,329	4,540
November	56,165	16,980	2,333	3,096	13,845	3,308	2,999
December	44,522	13,954	2,660	3,202	9,387	2,212	3,502
1967 January	41,322	11,516	3,423	4,612	10,117	3,471	3,651
February	51,379	16,704	2,058	9,971	10,894	5,597	3,249
March	53,202	12,414	2,405	5,079	16,089	4,769	3,749
April	59,280	13,195	1,752	3,186	9,542	3,220	4,890
May	66,463	17,476	5,619	6,709	14,719	10,639	3,932
June	59,726	16,861	3,658	7,155	13,062	9,801	3,625
July	63,037	16,620	4,999	3,353	13,489	6,331	3,084
August	66,138	21,203	2,147	5,091	11,682	6,021	3,775
September	63,749	15,825	4,298	6,187	10,550	16,819	4,238
October	64,593	20,996	3,764	4,213	8,683	6,444	3,323

Period	Educ- ation	Reli- gious	Health	Entertain- ment and recreation	Miscel- laneous	Alterations and addi- tions (a)	TOTAL
Year 1965-66	23,040	10,705	3,704	14,918	14,261	176,026	1,314,673
1966-67	24,493	12,407	6,556	28,872	15,819	129,210	1,397,455
1966 October	2,239	1,493	568	4,157	1,335	11,431	121,119
November	2,827	991	442	2,995	381	12,208	118,570
December	1,464	769	1,178	921	1,599	8,942	94,312
1967 January	1,704	1,011	380	1,731	974	8,676	92,588
February	1,255	1,015	274	2,129	751	9,835	115,111
March	1,861	450	389	1,793	844	10,813	113,857
April	1,548	1,529	443	3,995	3,080	11,195	116,855
May	2,113	1,341	862	1,478	1,093	12,344	144,788
June	2,405	679	455	1,949	1,578	11,053	132,007
July	1,700	1,902	696	1,277	1,024	11,006	128,518
August	r 1,910	879	807	2,348	1,013	12,570	r 135,584
September	1,786	1,374	1,777	3,404	932	11,751	142,690
October	1,565	629	555	4,679	885	12,283	132,612

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TABLE 5. - TOTAL VALUE OF GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVED, BY TYPE OF BUILDING : AUSTRALIA
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Period	Houses	Flats	Hotels, hostels, etc.	Shops	Fact- ories	Offices	Other business premises
Year 1965-66	88,338	10,579	1,825	1,401	10,694	39,571	23,625
1966-67	95,328	26,288	5,098	635	13,005	50,640	39,664
1966 October	8,558	9,986	8	28	822	2,883	4,200
November	5,490	1,598	152	141	90	4,328	1,873
December	7,656	1,901	200	31	982	2,399	1,127
1967 January	5,348	580	116	..	809	11,298	1,402
February	5,578	2,415	1,036	..	1,402	3,402	3,384
March	6,516	656	194	32	1,812	1,951	1,710
April	6,790	2,359	2,446	205	370	877	2,315
May	10,118	2,455	561	23	2,426	4,222	11,491
June	6,441	606	38	61	600	9,374	6,635
July	6,470	83	1,404	..	1,082	1,567	1,302
August	6,208	458	60	37	182	4,707	2,957
September	4,741	2,180	288	134	9,182	3,985	5,131
October	7,892	1,617	1,489	251	853	5,931	3,743

Period	Educ- ation	Reli- gious	Health	Entertain- ment and recreation	Miscel- laneous	Alterations and addi- tions (a)	TOTAL
Year 1965-66	98,819	..	49,085	6,265	70,731	19,156	420,089
1966-67	117,249	..	38,205	28,867	39,238	5,595	459,812
1966 October	8,441	..	3,707	462	2,297	382	41,774
November	13,059	..	5,915	514	2,693	552	36,405
December	5,398	..	2,510	487	2,235	394	25,320
1967 January	11,408	..	1,857	21,643	2,343	399	57,203
February	10,000	..	1,691	564	2,711	388	32,571
March	6,944	..	3,437	742	4,140	401	28,535
April	13,612	..	3,470	462	3,284	535	36,725
May	12,232	..	2,503	1,632	2,569	456	50,688
June	10,729	..	3,068	539	5,929	559	44,579
July	7,680	..	5,522	552	3,627	497	29,786
August	8,403	..	3,924	397	4,544	642	32,519
September	16,034	..	707	1,356	3,674	646	48,058
October	13,612	..	8,317	596	2,933	510	47,744

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