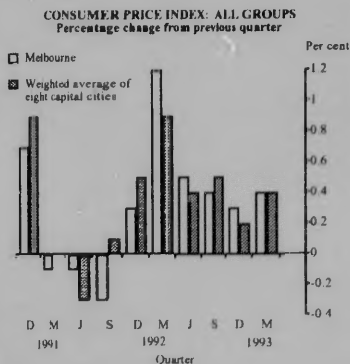


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**ECONOMIC INDICATORS, VICTORIA,  
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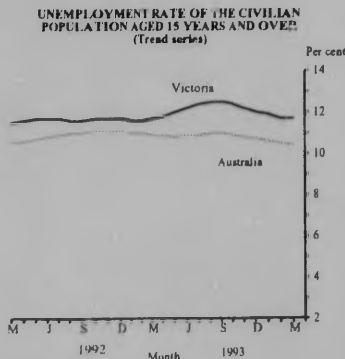
**MAIN FEATURES**



**Consumer price index**

The consumer price index for Melbourne increased 0.4 per cent between December quarter 1993 and March quarter 1994, resulting in an annual increase of (March quarter 1994 on March quarter 1993) of 1.0 per cent.

The weighted average of the eight capital cities increased 0.4 per cent between December quarter 1993 and March quarter 1994 and by 1.4 per cent between March quarters 1993 and 1994.



**Unemployment rate**

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate for Victoria in March 1994 remained constant at the February 1994 rate of 11.7 per cent. This followed consecutive monthly decreases from 12.5 per cent in September 1993 to 11.9 per cent in January 1994.

At the national level the unemployment rate (trend) decreased by a 0.1 percentage point to 10.4 per cent following monthly consecutive decreases since September 1993.

**Readers are reminded that trend estimates are subject to revision as subsequent months data become available.**

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TABLE 1. VICTORIA IN RELATION TO OTHER STATES AND AUSTRALIA (a)

| Indicator                                                                            | Reference period      | NSW     | Vic.    | Qld     | SA     | WA     | Tas.   | Aust. (b) | Victoria as a percentage of |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------------------------|
|                                                                                      |                       |         |         |         |        |        |        |           | Australia                   |
| Employed persons                                                                     | '000 Mar 94           | 2,633.0 | 1,955.9 | 1,408.3 | 637.5  | 782.3  | 195.2  | 7,838.2   | 25.0                        |
| *Unemployment rate - trend series                                                    | per cent Mar 94       | 10.1    | 11.7    | 9.8     | 11.1   | 8.7    | 11.8   | 10.4      | ...                         |
| Average weekly total earnings - all employees (c)                                    | \$ Nov qr 93          | 537.20  | 527.00  | 496.20  | 492.50 | 505.20 | 501.70 | 521.50    | ...                         |
| Consumer price index, all groups (c)                                                 | 1989-90=100 Mar qr 94 | 109.1   | 111.2   | 110.8   | 113.6  | 108.6  | 111.9  | 110.4     | ...                         |
| *New dwelling units approved                                                         | no. Feb 94            | 3,535   | 2,716   | 3,953   | 851    | 2,100  | 344    | 13,884    | 19.6                        |
| Value of all buildings approved                                                      | \$m Feb 94            | 606.5   | 645.1   | 456.3   | 108.2  | 218.4  | 32.7   | 2,136.0   | 30.2                        |
| Engineering construction - commenced, total                                          | \$m Dec 93            | 819.2   | 456.9   | 604.7   | 176.8  | 307.3  | 35.3   | 2,518.1   | 18.1                        |
| yet to be done, total                                                                | \$m Dec 93            | 1,677.6 | 878.4   | 991.6   | 174.8  | 434.9  | 80.6   | 4,348.1   | 20.2                        |
| Housing finance for owner occupation                                                 | \$m Jan 94            | 1,027.4 | 737.6   | 645.9   | 245.9  | 460.2  | 59.0   | 3,276.1   | 22.5                        |
| Retail turnover - trend estimates                                                    | \$m Feb 94            | 2,977.9 | 1,994.4 | 1,503.4 | 655.8  | 875.6  | 216.3  | 8,474.6   | 23.5                        |
| New motor vehicle registrations - seasonally adjusted                                | no. Mar 94            | 15,876  | 11,477  | 7,774   | 3,221  | 5,003  | 900.0  | 45,755    | 23.5                        |
| Takings, licensed hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities                    | \$'000 Dec qr 93      | 243,561 | 110,502 | 203,370 | 38,096 | 57,593 | 18,661 | 709,542   | 15.6                        |
| Exports (excluding re-exports)                                                       | \$m Feb 94            | 1,034.4 | 926.3   | 900.1   | 300.4  | 1,229  | 76.7   | 4,612.2   | 20.1                        |
| Imports                                                                              | \$m Feb 94            | 1,919.2 | 1,504.0 | 457.2   | 175.6  | 301.3  | 21.2   | 4,407.9   | 34.1                        |
| *Industrial disputes (12 months ended Jan 94) - working days lost per '000 employees | no. Jan 94            | 90      | 169     | 132     | 52     | 52     | 28     | 108       | ...                         |
| Electricity production                                                               | million kWh Jan 94    | 4,710   | n.p.    | 2,753   | 906.0  | 1,364  | n.p.   | 13,171    | n.a.                        |
| *Actual private new capital expenditure - seasonally adjusted                        | \$m Dec qr 1993       | 1,940   | 1,846   | 823     | 304    | 1,710  | 75     | 6,759     | 27.3                        |

## CHANGE OVER SAME PERIOD PREVIOUS YEAR (PER CENT)

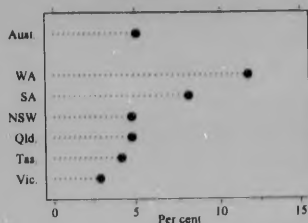
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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| *Employed persons                                                                   | '000 Mar 94           | 3.9   | 0.6   | 3.0   | 0.5   | 2.2   | 2.0   | 2.3   | ... |
| Unemployment rate - trend series                                                    | per cent Mar 94       | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ... |
| Average weekly total earnings - all employees (c)                                   | \$ Nov qr 93          | 1.4   | 4.2   | 4.8   | 4.8   | 3.0   | 5.7   | 3.4   | ... |
| Consumer price index, all groups (c)                                                | 1989-90=100 Mar qr 94 | 0.8   | 1.6   | 1.6   | 1.8   | 2.1   | 2.6   | 1.4   | ... |
| *New dwelling units approved                                                        | no. Feb 94            | -10.0 | 16.3  | 15.7  | -21.3 | 27.7  | 60.0  | 6.4   | ... |
| Value of all buildings approved                                                     | \$m Feb 94            | -2.9  | 93.1  | 21.8  | -21.5 | -17.0 | 6.2   | 17.0  | ... |
| Engineering construction - commenced, total                                         | \$m Dec 93            | 12.7  | -11.6 | 21.6  | 0.3   | -21.8 | -19.8 | 3.6   | ... |
| yet to be done, total                                                               | \$m Dec 93            | -5.3  | -0.5  | 0.6   | -14.6 | -12.9 | -45.6 | -5.3  | ... |
| Housing finance for owner occupation                                                | \$m Jan 94            | 32.2  | 35.2  | 23.4  | 22.6  | 53.7  | 23.4  | 31.6  | ... |
| *Retail turnover - trend estimates                                                  | \$m Feb 94            | 4.8   | 2.9   | 4.8   | 8.1   | 11.7  | 4.2   | 5.1   | ... |
| New motor vehicle registrations - seasonally adjusted                               | no. Mar 94            | -1.2  | 14.4  | -12.4 | 5.9   | 10.3  | -13.1 | 1.7   | ... |
| Takings, licensed hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities                   | \$'000 Dec qr 93      | 9.4   | 3.8   | 15.2  | 5.6   | 10.8  | 9.4   | 10.0  | ... |
| Exports (excluding re-exports)                                                      | \$m Feb 94            | 0.5   | 1.7   | 6.9   | 11.1  | 5.1   | -38.5 | 2.9   | ... |
| Imports                                                                             | \$m Feb 94            | 1.1   | 10.7  | -14.6 | -33.1 | -10.2 | -2.5  | -0.5  | ... |
| Industrial disputes (12 months ended Jan 94) - working days lost per '000 employees | no. Jan 94            | 5.9   | -54.4 | 88.6  | 108.0 | -45.8 | -90.1 | -31.6 | ... |
| Electricity production                                                              | million kWh Jan 94    | -6.0  | n.a.  | 7.7   | 22.8  | 3.6   | n.a.  | 0.9   | ... |
| Actual private new capital expenditure - seasonally adjusted                        | \$m Dec qr 1993       | -19.5 | 30.3  | -20.4 | 27.3  | 26.8  | -39.5 | -1.5  | ... |

(a) All figures are original unless otherwise stated. (b) The Australian total includes figures for NT and the ACT. (c) Available only for the middle month of the quarter. \* An asterisk before a statistical series denotes that a corresponding graph is included in the relevant section.

## VICTORIA IN RELATION TO OTHER STATES AND AUSTRALIA

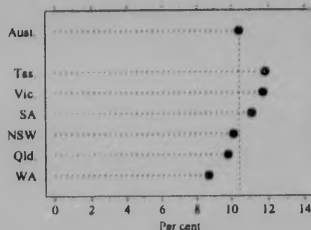
## RETAIL TURNOVER

Trend estimates  
Change over same period previous year  
February 1994



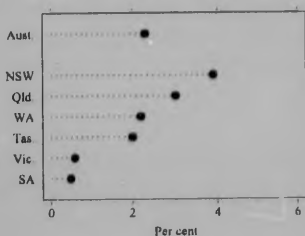
## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Trend series  
March 1994



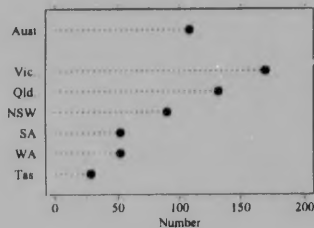
## EMPLOYED PERSONS

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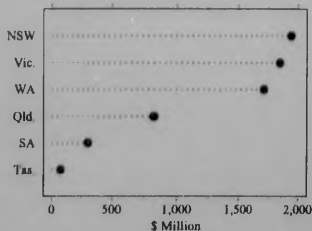
## INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES

Working days lost per '000 employees  
For the twelve months ended January 1994



## PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Seasonally adjusted  
December 1993



## NEW DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

February 1994

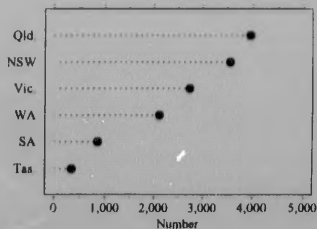


TABLE 2. ECONOMIC INDICATORS, VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA

| Indicator                                                |             | Reference period | Victoria      |                  |                       |                                | Australia     |                       | Victoria as a % of Australia | Source index (a) |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
|                                                          |             |                  | Figures       |                  | % Change              |                                | Figures       | % Change              |                              |                  |
|                                                          |             |                  | Latest period | Preceding period | Over preceding period | Over same period previous year |               |                       |                              |                  |
|                                                          |             |                  |               |                  |                       |                                | Latest period | Over preceding period |                              |                  |
|                                                          |             |                  |               |                  |                       |                                |               |                       |                              |                  |
| <b>Populations -</b>                                     |             |                  |               |                  |                       |                                |               |                       |                              |                  |
| Estimated resident population                            | '000        | Jun 93           | 4,462.1       | 4,461.4          | 0.0                   | 0.3                            | 17,661.5      | 0.2                   | 25.3                         | 1                |
| Civilian population aged 15 years and over               | '000        | Mar 94           | 4,729.2       | 3,519.4          | 34.4                  | 33.9                           | 13,888.5      | 0.1                   | 34.1                         | 2                |
| <b>Labour force -</b>                                    |             |                  |               |                  |                       |                                |               |                       |                              |                  |
| Labour force                                             |             |                  |               |                  |                       |                                |               |                       |                              |                  |
| - original series                                        | '000        | Mar 94           | 2,228.1       | 2,214.8          | 0.6                   | -0.2                           | 8,787.4       | 0.3                   | 25.4                         | 2                |
| - seasonally adjusted                                    | '000        | Mar 94           | 2,218.9       | 2,193.1          | 1.2                   | 0.8                            | 8,729.5       | 0.0                   | 25.4                         | 2                |
| - trend estimate                                         | '000        | Mar 94           | 2,200.6       | 2,201.3          | 0.0                   | 0.9                            | 8,736.8       | 0.0                   | 25.2                         | 2                |
| Participation rate: seasonally adjusted                  | per cent    | Mar 94           | 63.0          | 62.3             | -                     | -                              | 62.9          | -                     | -                            | 2                |
| <b>*Unemployment rate</b>                                |             |                  |               |                  |                       |                                |               |                       |                              |                  |
| - original series                                        | per cent    | Mar 94           | 12.2          | 13.0             | -                     | -                              | 10.8          | -                     | -                            | 2                |
| - seasonally adjusted                                    | per cent    | Mar 94           | 11.7          | 11.8             | -                     | -                              | 10.3          | -                     | -                            | 2                |
| - trend estimate                                         | per cent    | Mar 94           | 11.7          | 11.7             | -                     | -                              | 10.4          | -                     | -                            | 2                |
| <b>Employed persons by industry (e)</b>                  |             |                  |               |                  |                       |                                |               |                       |                              |                  |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing, etc (b)                  | '000        | Nov qr 93        | 103.6         | 92.6             | 11.9                  | 8.1                            | 518.2         | 2.9                   | 20.0                         | 13, 14           |
| Manufacturing                                            | '000        | Nov qr 93        | 346.6         | 340.1            | 1.9                   | -4.3                           | 1122.1        | 3.4                   | 30.9                         | 13, 14           |
| Construction                                             | '000        | Nov qr 93        | 118.8         | 112.1            | 6.0                   | -0.3                           | 558.7         | -0.1                  | 21.3                         | 13, 14           |
| Wholesale and retail                                     | '000        | Nov qr 93        | 431.6         | 430.8            | 0.2                   | 3.4                            | 1644.5        | 2.7                   | 26.2                         | 13, 14           |
| Transport and storage                                    | '000        | Nov qr 93        | 86.3          | 78.9             | 9.4                   | 2.0                            | 373.1         | 1.4                   | 23.1                         | 13, 14           |
| Finance, property and business services                  | '000        | Nov qr 93        | 227.6         | 226.5            | 0.5                   | 0.4                            | 882.0         | 2.8                   | 25.8                         | 13, 14           |
| Community services (c)                                   | '000        | Nov qr 93        | 357.7         | 352.2            | 1.6                   | -0.9                           | 1501.6        | 0.9                   | 23.8                         | 13, 14           |
| Recreational, personal and other services                | '000        | Nov qr 93        | 145.1         | 138.1            | 5.1                   | 9.1                            | 640.0         | 4.0                   | 22.7                         | 13, 14           |
| Other industries (d)                                     | '000        | Nov qr 93        | 150.3         | 163.0            | -7.8                  | -2.3                           | 592.9         | -2.3                  | 25.3                         | 13, 14           |
| Total all industries                                     | '000        | Nov qr 93        | 1,967.6       | 1,930.9          | 1.9                   | 0.7                            | 7,833.1       | 1.9                   | 25.1                         | 13, 14           |
| Job vacancies (e) - original series                      | '000        | Feb 94           | 11.3          | 9.9              | 14.1                  | 54.8                           | 45.9          | 20.2                  | 24.6                         | 3                |
| <b>Overtime (e)</b>                                      |             |                  |               |                  |                       |                                |               |                       |                              |                  |
| Average weekly hours per employee                        | hours       | Feb 94           | 1.31          | 1.46             | -10.3                 | 15.9                           | 1.22          | -6.2                  | -                            | 3                |
| Employees working overtime                               | per cent    | Feb 94           | 17.23         | 17.45            | -1.3                  | 11.4                           | 16.80         | -2.1                  | -                            | 3                |
| <b>Average weekly employee earnings (e)</b>              |             |                  |               |                  |                       |                                |               |                       |                              |                  |
| Full-time adult- total                                   | \$          | Nov qr 93        | 638.20        | 633.40           | 0.8                   | 2.8                            | 642.50        | 1.0                   | -                            | 4                |
| All employees - total                                    | \$          | Nov qr 93        | 527.00        | 521.10           | 1.1                   | 4.4                            | 521.50        | 0.2                   | -                            | 4                |
| <b>Award rates of pay</b>                                |             |                  |               |                  |                       |                                |               |                       |                              |                  |
| Full-time adult employees                                | June 85=100 | Feb 94           | 142.0         | 142.0            | 0.0                   | 0.6                            | 140.9         | 0.1                   | -                            | 5                |
| <b>Industrial disputes (12 months ended Jan 94)</b>      |             |                  |               |                  |                       |                                |               |                       |                              |                  |
| Working days lost per '000 employees                     | no          | Jan 94           | 169           | 169              | 0.0                   | -54.4                          | 108           | 0.0                   | -                            | 6                |
| <b>*Consumer price index (e)</b>                         |             |                  |               |                  |                       |                                |               |                       |                              |                  |
| All groups                                               | 1989-90=100 | Mar qr 94        | 111.2         | 110.8            | 0.4                   | 1.6                            | 110.4         | 0.4                   | -                            | 7                |
| <b>*Retail trade establishments</b>                      |             |                  |               |                  |                       |                                |               |                       |                              |                  |
| Value of turnover                                        |             |                  |               |                  |                       |                                |               |                       |                              |                  |
| - original series                                        | \$m         | Feb 94           | 1,778.0       | 1,879.4          | -5.4                  | 4.7                            | 7,488.9       | -6.6                  | 23.7                         | 8                |
| - trend estimate                                         | \$m         | Feb 94           | 1,994.4       | 1,993.6          | 0.0                   | 2.9                            | 8,474.6       | 0.4                   | 23.5                         | 8                |
| - seasonally adjusted (1989-90 prices)                   | \$m         | Dec qr 93        | 5,372.9       | 5,397.6          | -0.5                  | 2.0                            | 22,503.0      | 1.9                   | 23.9                         | 8                |
| <b>*Overseas trade -</b>                                 |             |                  |               |                  |                       |                                |               |                       |                              |                  |
| Imports                                                  | \$m         | Feb 94           | 1,504.0       | 1,610.0          | -6.6                  | 10.7                           | 4,407.9       | -9.4                  | 34.1                         | 9                |
| Exports (exclude re-exports)                             | \$m         | Feb 94           | 926.3         | 958.9            | -3.4                  | 1.7                            | 4,616.2       | 1.3                   | 20.1                         | 10               |
| <b>Tourism -</b>                                         |             |                  |               |                  |                       |                                |               |                       |                              |                  |
| Caravan parks - takings                                  | \$'000      | Dec qr 93        | 19,096        | 15,301           | 24.8                  | 5.1                            | 108,504       | 4.0                   | 17.6                         | 23               |
| Licensed hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities |             |                  |               |                  |                       |                                |               |                       |                              |                  |
| - Takings                                                | \$'000      | Dec qr 93        | 110,502       | 100,636          | 9.8                   | 3.8                            | 709,542       | 5.6                   | 15.6                         | 23               |
| - Room occupancy rate                                    | per cent    | Dec qr 93        | 47.6          | 43.2             | -                     | -                              | 55.5          | -                     | -                            | 23               |

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 2. ECONOMIC INDICATORS, VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA - (continued)

| Indicator                                        |                | Reference period | Victoria      |                  |                       |                    | Australia     |                       |                       |                    | Victoria as a % of Australia | Source index (a) |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
|                                                  |                |                  | Figures       |                  | % Change              |                    | Figures       |                       | % Change              |                    |                              |                  |
|                                                  |                |                  | Latest period | Preceding period | Over same period      |                    | Latest period | Over preceding period | Over same period      |                    |                              |                  |
|                                                  |                |                  |               |                  | Over preceding period | Over previous year |               |                       | Over preceding period | Over previous year |                              |                  |
| <b>*New motor vehicle registrations -</b>        |                |                  |               |                  |                       |                    |               |                       |                       |                    |                              |                  |
| New motor vehicle registrations                  |                |                  |               |                  |                       |                    |               |                       |                       |                    |                              |                  |
| - original series                                | no             | Mar 94           | 12,713        | 10,700           | 18.8                  | 14.2               | 52,687        | 14.7                  | 24.1                  | 11                 |                              |                  |
| - seasonally adjusted                            | no             | Mar 94           | 11,477        | 11,449           | 0.2                   | 14.4               | 45,755        | 9.4                   | 25.1                  | 11                 |                              |                  |
| - trend estimate                                 | no             | Mar 94           | 11,622        | 11,435           | 1.6                   | 12.9               | 48,713        | 1.2                   | 23.9                  | 11                 |                              |                  |
| Cars and station wagons                          |                |                  |               |                  |                       |                    |               |                       |                       |                    |                              |                  |
| - original series                                | no             | Mar 94           | 10,861        | 9,289            | 16.9                  | 12.6               | 43,695        | 12.4                  | 24.9                  | 11, 12             |                              |                  |
| - seasonally adjusted                            | no             | Mar 94           | 9,785         | 9,919            | 1.4                   | 12.4               | 37,921        | -11.3                 | 25.8                  | 11, 12             |                              |                  |
| Other motor vehicles (excludes motor cycles)     |                |                  |               |                  |                       |                    |               |                       |                       |                    |                              |                  |
| - original series                                | no             | Mar 94           | 1,852         | 1,411            | 31.3                  | 24.6               | 8,992         | 26.9                  | 20.6                  | 11, 12             |                              |                  |
| - seasonally adjusted                            | no             | Mar 94           | 1,692         | 1,530            | 10.6                  | 27.4               | 7,835         | 1.1                   | 21.6                  | 11, 12             |                              |                  |
| <b>Manufacturing -</b>                           |                |                  |               |                  |                       |                    |               |                       |                       |                    |                              |                  |
| Actual private new capital expenditure           | \$m            | Dec qr 1993      | 738           | 618              | 19.4                  | 36.7               | 1,987         | 11.2                  | 37.1                  | 15, 16             |                              |                  |
| - original series                                |                |                  |               |                  |                       |                    |               |                       |                       |                    |                              |                  |
| Production -                                     |                |                  |               |                  |                       |                    |               |                       |                       |                    |                              |                  |
| Whole milk                                       | million litres | Dec 94           | 587           | 629              | -6.7                  | 9.5                | 881           | -5.5                  | 66.6                  | 17, 18             |                              |                  |
| Butter                                           | tonnes         | Dec 93           | 15,679        | 16,188           | -3.1                  | 2.8                | 17,925        | -2.9                  | 87.5                  | 19                 |                              |                  |
| Cheese (incl. cheddar and non-cheddar)           | tonnes         | Dec 93           | 14,486        | 14,789           | -2.0                  | 7.0                | 24,296        | -2.9                  | 59.6                  | 19                 |                              |                  |
| Yarns                                            |                |                  |               |                  |                       |                    |               |                       |                       |                    |                              |                  |
| - Cotton                                         | tonnes         | Jan 94           | 608           | 1,333            | -54.4                 | 33.0               | 1,583         | -31.4                 | 38.4                  | 17, 18             |                              |                  |
| - Woollen                                        | tonnes         | Jan 94           | 931           | 1,165            | -20.1                 | 41.5               | 1,113         | -21.7                 | 83.6                  | 17, 18             |                              |                  |
| Woven fabric                                     |                |                  |               |                  |                       |                    |               |                       |                       |                    |                              |                  |
| - Cotton                                         | '000 sq m      | Jan 94           | 577           | 1,634            | -64.7                 | 18.7               | 1,695         | -55.1                 | 34.0                  | 17, 18             |                              |                  |
| - Woollen (includes worsted wool)                | '000 sq m      | Jan 94           | 226           | 376              | -39.9                 | -19.6              | 369           | -32.4                 | 61.2                  | 17, 18             |                              |                  |
| - Man-made fibres                                | '000 sq m      | Jan 94           | 1,195         | 5,934            | -46.2                 | 9.4                | 9,891         | -27.8                 | 32.3                  | 17, 18             |                              |                  |
| Textile floor coverings                          | '000 sq m      | Jan 94           | 2,146         | 2,936            | -26.9                 | 36.3               | 2,524         | -26.4                 | 85.0                  | 17, 18             |                              |                  |
| Clay bricks                                      | million        | Jan 94           | 11            | 21               | -47.6                 | 0.0                | 110           | -23.6                 | 10.0                  | 17, 18             |                              |                  |
| Ready mixed concrete                             | '000 cu m      | Nov 93           | 245           | 246              | -0.4                  | 6.5                | 1,297         | 0.5                   | 18.9                  | 20                 |                              |                  |
| Paints and other surface coatings                |                |                  |               |                  |                       |                    |               |                       |                       |                    |                              |                  |
| - Architectural and decorative paints            | '000 litres    | Nov 93           | 1,675         | 1,882            | -11.0                 | 8.1                | 10,082        | -4.8                  | 16.6                  | 21                 |                              |                  |
| Electricity - production                         | million kWh    | Jan 94           | n.p.          | 3,224            | n.a.                  | n.a.               | 13,171        | -2.1                  | n.a.                  | 22                 |                              |                  |
| Gas - available for use through mains            | million Mj     | Jan 94           | 8,456         | 12,236           | -30.9                 | -12.8              | 38,251        | -12.5                 | 22.1                  | 22                 |                              |                  |
| <b>*Actual private new capital expenditure -</b> |                |                  |               |                  |                       |                    |               |                       |                       |                    |                              |                  |
| Building and structures - original series        | \$m            | Dec qr 1993      | 448           | 396              | 13.1                  | 17.3               | 2,234         | 26.6                  | 20.1                  | 15                 |                              |                  |
| Equipment, plant and machinery                   |                |                  |               |                  |                       |                    |               |                       |                       |                    |                              |                  |
| - original series                                | \$m            | Dec qr 1993      | 1,511         | 1,298            | 16.4                  | 14.3               | 5,043         | 9.7                   | 30.0                  | 15                 |                              |                  |
| Total new capital expenditure                    |                |                  |               |                  |                       |                    |               |                       |                       |                    |                              |                  |
| - original series                                | \$m            | Dec qr 1993      | 1,960         | 1,695            | 15.6                  | 30.1               | 7,277         | 14.4                  | 26.9                  | 15                 |                              |                  |
| - seasonally adjusted                            | \$m            | Dec qr 1993      | 1,846         | 1,675            | 10.2                  | 30.3               | 6,759         | 4.1                   | 27.3                  | 15                 |                              |                  |
| <b>*Housing finance for owner occupation -</b>   |                |                  |               |                  |                       |                    |               |                       |                       |                    |                              |                  |
| Secured loans to individuals by type of lender   |                |                  |               |                  |                       |                    |               |                       |                       |                    |                              |                  |
| All Banks                                        |                |                  |               |                  |                       |                    |               |                       |                       |                    |                              |                  |
| - number of dwelling units financed              | no             | Feb 94           | 8,985         | 13,443           | -33.2                 | 49.4               | 35,422        | -24.9                 | 25.4                  | 24                 |                              |                  |
| - value of loans secured                         | \$m            | Feb 94           | 698.6         | 937.9            | -25.5                 | 36.9               | 3,026.7       | -21.4                 | 23.1                  | 24                 |                              |                  |
| Total number of dwelling units financed          | no             | Feb 94           | 9,547         | 14,110           | -32.3                 | 46.4               | 38,450        | -25.5                 | 24.8                  | 24                 |                              |                  |
| Total value of loans secured (f)                 | \$m            | Feb 94           | 737.6         | 990.3            | -25.5                 | 35.1               | 3,276.1       | -22.3                 | 22.5                  | 24                 |                              |                  |
| Loan purpose (g)                                 |                |                  |               |                  |                       |                    |               |                       |                       |                    |                              |                  |
| - Established dwellings                          | \$m            | Feb 94           | 560.1         | 787.0            | -28.8                 | 33.1               | 2,397.0       | -23.3                 | 23.4                  | 24                 |                              |                  |
| - Construction of dwellings                      | \$m            | Feb 94           | 116.3         | 150.6            | -22.8                 | 27.8               | 547.1         | -27.2                 | 21.3                  | 24                 |                              |                  |
| - Newly erected dwellings                        | \$m            | Feb 94           | 27.7          | 35.6             | -22.2                 | 50.5               | 161.3         | -20.3                 | 17.2                  | 24                 |                              |                  |
| <b>Finance -</b>                                 |                |                  |               |                  |                       |                    |               |                       |                       |                    |                              |                  |
| Personal finance commitments - total             | \$m            | Feb 94           | 435.9         | 433.7            | 0.6                   | 45.0               | 2,102.1       | 0.1                   | 20.7                  | 30                 |                              |                  |
| Commercial finance commitments - total           | \$m            | Jan 94           | 1,653.9       | 2,007.7          | -17.6                 | 22.5               | 6,085.0       | -27.2                 | 27.2                  | 31                 |                              |                  |
| Lease finance commitments - total                | \$m            | Jan 94           | 68.8          | 126.9            | -45.8                 | 20.3               | 321.0         | -41.9                 | 21.4                  | 32                 |                              |                  |

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TABLE 2. ECONOMIC INDICATORS, VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA - (continued)

| Indicator                                 | Reference period | Victoria      |                  |                  |                    | Australia     |                  |                  |                    | Victoria as a % of Australia | Source index (a) |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
|                                           |                  | Figures       |                  | % Change         |                    | Figures       |                  | % Change         |                    |                              |                  |
|                                           |                  | Latest period | Preceding period | Over same period | Over previous year | Latest period | Preceding period | Over same period | Over previous year |                              |                  |
|                                           |                  |               |                  |                  |                    |               |                  |                  |                    |                              |                  |
| <b>Building Approvals -</b>               |                  |               |                  |                  |                    |               |                  |                  |                    |                              |                  |
| *New residential dwelling units           |                  |               |                  |                  |                    |               |                  |                  |                    |                              |                  |
| original series                           | no               | Feb 94        | 2,716            | 2,183            | 24.4               | 16.3          | 13,884           | 8.7              | 19.6               | 25, 26                       |                  |
| seasonally adjusted                       | no               | Feb 94        | 2,886            | 2,754            | 4.8                | 16.0          | 15,047           | 6.9              | 19.2               | 25, 26                       |                  |
| trend estimate                            | no               | Feb 94        | 2,785            | 2,732            | 1.9                | 9.6           | 15,506           | 0.8              | 18.0               | 25, 26                       |                  |
| Value of non-residential buildings        |                  |               |                  |                  |                    |               |                  |                  |                    |                              |                  |
| original series                           | \$m              | Feb 94        | 363.4            | 65.3             | 456.5              | 297.2         | 781.0            | 38.0             | 46.5               | 26.0                         |                  |
| Value of all buildings (f)                |                  |               |                  |                  |                    |               |                  |                  |                    |                              |                  |
| original series                           | \$m              | Feb 94        | 645.1            | 304.9            | 111.6              | 93.1          | 2,136.0          | 18.4             | 30.2               | 26.0                         |                  |
| <b>Building commencements -</b>           |                  |               |                  |                  |                    |               |                  |                  |                    |                              |                  |
| New residential dwelling units, monthly   | no               | Jan 94        | 2185.0           | 2,498            | -12.5              | 5.8           | n.a.             |                  |                    | 27.0                         |                  |
| New residential dwelling units, quarterly | no               | Dec qr 1993   | 8308.0           | 7,487            | 11.0               | 12.3          | 44,469           | -3.2             | 18.7               | 28.0                         |                  |
| <b>Building Activity -</b>                |                  |               |                  |                  |                    |               |                  |                  |                    |                              |                  |
| Value of total building activity          |                  |               |                  |                  |                    |               |                  |                  |                    |                              |                  |
| Commenced                                 | \$m              | Dec qr 1993   | 1,405.8          | 1,269.5          | 10.7               | 20.6          | 6,573.2          | 4.3              | 21.4               | 28                           |                  |
| Done                                      | \$m              | Dec qr 1993   | 1,332.0          | 1,286.7          | 3.5                | -0.4          | 6,709.5          | 3.7              | 19.9               | 28                           |                  |
| Yet to be done                            | \$m              | Dec qr 1993   | 1,364.4          | 1,273.2          | 7.2                | -2.7          | 7,944.6          | -0.3             | 17.2               | 28                           |                  |
| <b>Engineering construction -</b>         |                  |               |                  |                  |                    |               |                  |                  |                    |                              |                  |
| Value of work by private sector           |                  |               |                  |                  |                    |               |                  |                  |                    |                              |                  |
| Commenced                                 | \$m              | Dec qr 1993   | 226.8            | 215.9            | 5.0                | -3.9          | 1,477.4          | -2.1             | 15.4               | 29                           |                  |
| Done                                      | \$m              | Dec qr 1993   | 274.5            | 295.3            | -7.0               | 31.7          | 1,697.9          | 0.1              | 16.2               | 29                           |                  |
| Yet to be done                            | \$m              | Dec qr 1993   | 577.0            | 623.5            | -7.5               | 1.4           | 2,444.8          | -5.2             | 23.6               | 29                           |                  |
| Value of work by public sector            |                  |               |                  |                  |                    |               |                  |                  |                    |                              |                  |
| Commenced                                 | \$m              | Dec qr 1993   | 230.1            | 273.2            | -15.8              | -16.0         | 1,040.7          | -47.6            | 22.1               | 29                           |                  |
| Done                                      | \$m              | Dec qr 1993   | 230.7            | 198.6            | 16.2               | -21.0         | 1,303.7          | 11.6             | 17.7               | 29                           |                  |
| Yet to be done                            | \$m              | Dec qr 1993   | 301.4            | 302.9            | -0.5               | 2.3           | 1,903.3          | -12.6            | 15.8               | 29                           |                  |

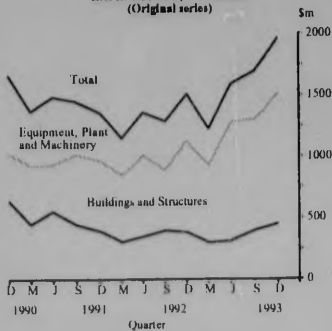
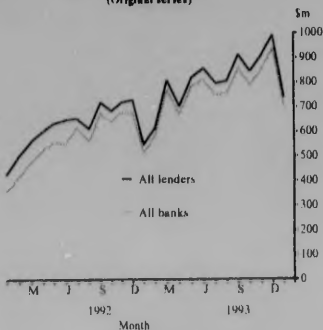
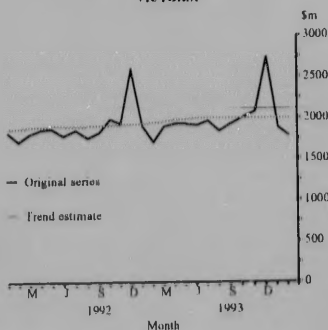
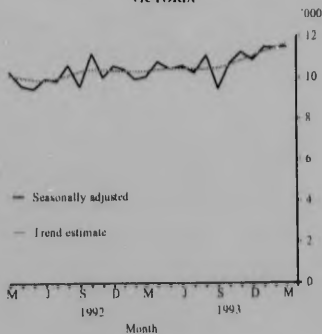
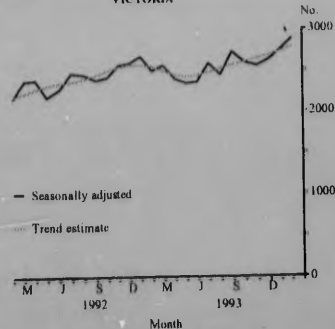
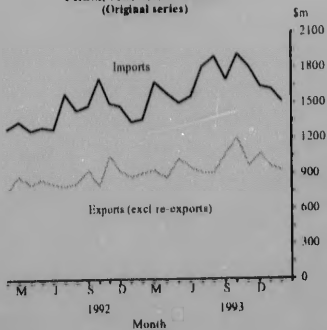
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