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RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES : AUSTRALIA

JULY, 1961 (PROVISIONAL)

The table below contains a provisional estimate of the outstanding balances, as at 31st July, 1961, of businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail, but do not retail goods themselves. For purposes of comparison, figures in respect of some earlier periods are also shown.

Full information on the basis of figures shown in this table, and more detailed figures for earlier periods, are shown in the Statistical Bulletin No. 978, of 15th August, 1961.

The usual preliminary figures of the retail hire purchase operations of finance businesses in each State, and Australia, for July, 1961, showing outstanding balances and new agreements made, will be issued at a later date.

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (including hiring charges and insurance) : AUSTRALIA

As at -	Balances Outstanding (£. million)
1959 - 31st March	345
30th June	355
30th September	370
31st December	400
1960 - 31st January	403
29th February	404
31st March	409
30th April	412
31st May	417
30th June	422
31st July	425
31st August	428
30th September	434
31st October	439
30th November	447
31st December	450
1961 - 31st January	447
28th February	434
31st March	426
30th April (a)	419
31st May (a)	412
30th June (a)	406
31st July (b)	398

(a) Preliminary estimates, subject to revision.

(b) Provisional estimate only.

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