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MAJOR TRADING BANKS
PRELIMINARY - APRIL 1977

SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS

		April 1977	Change over Previous Month	Change over Previous April
<i>Average of weekly figures</i>				
Total Deposits:	\$m	18,161	-468	+2,383
Original	\$m	17,776	-117	+2,326
Seasonally adjusted	\$m	4,933	-720	+812
Liquid Assets and Australian Government Securities	%	27.2	-3.1	+1.1
L.G.S. Ratio				
New and Increased Lending Commitments	\$m	97	-3	-24
(weekly average for month ended second Wednesday)	\$m	14,523	+191	+1,381
Overdraft Limits as at second Wednesday				

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The figures contained in the following tables have been prepared from returns submitted under the *Banking Act 1959* and show the averages of selected assets and liabilities within Australia (including External Territories) of the Major Trading Banks as at the close of business on Wednesdays in the months shown. The figures in respect of the latest month are preliminary and subject to revision when the information is published in the monthly bulletin *Banking* (Reference No. 5.2).

- Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting the series in this bulletin are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (Reference No. 1.10) and in Appendix A to *Banking* (Reference No. 5.2) of January 1977.
- Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

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TABLE 1. LIABILITIES WITHIN AUSTRALIA
(\$ million)

		Deposits				Balances due to other banks (b)	Bills payable and all other liabilities to public	Total liabilities
		Current			Total (a)			
	Fixed	Bearing interest	Not bearing interest					
Commonwealth Trading Bank	2,745.9	125.9	1,350.2	4,222.0	36.0	251.7	4,509.8	
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	2,124.3	143.3	1,374.4	3,642.0	205.9	333.9	4,181.7	
The Bank of Adelaide	144.5	14.1	97.7	256.3	13.8	23.8	293.9	
Bank of New South Wales	2,623.8	229.5	1,559.8	4,413.0	155.1	380.4	4,948.6	
The Commercial Bank of Australia	903.0	53.7	614.3	1,570.9	61.1	199.3	1,831.3	
The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	931.4	74.7	601.7	1,607.7	66.0	260.6	1,934.3	
The National Bank of Australasia	1,406.8	120.4	921.8	2,449.0	87.6	389.2	2,925.7	
Total April 1977	10,879.7	761.5	6,519.9	18,161.1	625.4	1,838.9	20,625.3	
March 1977	11,149.3	750.7	6,728.6	18,628.6	624.0	1,691.3	20,943.9	
February 1977	11,024.5	770.4	6,718.9	18,513.8	554.9	1,661.7	20,730.3	

(a) Seasonally adjusted total deposits: April 1977 - \$17,775.7 million; March 1977 - \$17,892.5 million; February 1977 - \$17,654.2 million. (b) Includes short-term loans from Reserve Bank and amounts owing in respect of loans refinanced by the Australian Resources Development Bank.

TABLE 2. ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA
(\$ million)

Liquid assets and Australian Government securities										
Australian and State Government securities					L.G.S. Ratio to total deposits (per cent)	Loans to authorized dealers in the short-term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans, advances and bills discounted (b)	All other assets (c)	Total assets
Cash and cash with Reserve Bank	Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other securities	Total (a)							
Commonwealth Trading Bank	94.3	144.4	939.4	1,178.1	27.9	3.7	425.6	2,510.3	449.3	4,567.0
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	75.5	306.2	753.4	1,135.1	31.2	8.9	375.8	2,315.8	464.2	4,299.9
The Bank of Adelaide	6.5	6.5	46.7	59.7	23.3	1.3	26.1	169.6	87.9	344.7
Bank of New South Wales	85.5	254.9	912.2	1,252.5	28.4	20.0	458.2	2,926.5	536.6	5,191.3
The Commercial Bank of Australia	32.2	26.4	280.3	338.9	21.6	3.3	161.5	1,123.6	280.2	1,907.5
The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	37.2	30.2	243.6	311.0	19.3	14.3	163.4	1,078.4	319.1	1,886.3
The National Bank of Australasia	44.2	86.3	526.9	657.5	26.8	8.0	249.3	1,711.4	598.9	3,225.0
Total April 1977	375.4	854.9	3,702.5	4,932.8	27.2	59.6	1,860.0	11,835.6	2,736.1	21,424.3
March 1977	359.5	1,500.9	3,792.0	5,652.3	30.3	97.2	1,841.5	11,425.3	2,698.9	21,715.3
February 1977	373.6	1,462.5	3,752.5	5,588.5	30.2	165.9	1,659.9	11,288.3	2,745.3	21,481.3

	<i>Original (\$m)</i>			<i>Seasonally adjusted (\$m)</i>		
	<i>Feb. 1977</i>	<i>March 1977</i>	<i>April 1977</i>	<i>Feb. 1977</i>	<i>March 1977</i>	<i>April 1977</i>
(a) Total liquid assets and Australian Government securities	5,588.5	5,652.3	4,932.8	4,910.2	4,978.7	4,702.5
(b) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. Total loans comprise:						
Temporary advances to woolbuyers	150.4	145.1	131.3			
Term loans outstanding	1,226.9	1,252.9	1,240.5	not available		
Farm development loans outstanding	349.3	354.5	358.4			
Bills discounted	474.3	311.8	258.6			
Other	9,087.4	9,361.0	9,846.8	9,826.1	9,889.8	9,953.2
Total loans, advances, etc.	11,288.3	11,425.3	11,835.6	11,530.1	11,621.6	11,662.5
(c) Includes accounts with Reserve Bank:						
Term loan fund account	34.6	27.9	23.1	not available		
Farm development loan fund account	22.4	20.3	18.4			

TABLE 3. NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS AND OVERDRAFT LIMITS (a)
Source: Reserve Bank of Australia
(\$ million)

	<i>Nov. 1976</i>	<i>Dec. 1976</i>	<i>Jan. 1977</i>	<i>Feb. 1977</i>	<i>March 1977</i>	<i>April 1977</i>
New and increased lending commitments (b)	117.2	116.0	100.0	94.5	100.5	97.3
Overdraft limits (c)	14,005.7	14,153.0	14,252.3	14,262.5	14,331.3	14,522.7

(a) Includes External Territories. (b) Weekly average for period ended second Wednesday in the month; excludes temporary advances to woolbuyers, but includes commitments for some operations of the Australian Wool Corporation. (c) As at second Wednesday in the month; excludes temporary advances to woolbuyers, term loans and farm development loans.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

Users may wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request:

Banking (Reference No. 5.2) (monthly)

Savings Banks - Preliminary (Reference No. 5.28) (monthly).

Publications of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (Reference No. 1.8).

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