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CURRENT BUILDING STATISTICS

For your information I am showing below tables relating to the output of building materials and progress in house construction throughout Australia.

The figures are intended to give you some indication of trends of production in the building industry. I hope they will be of some interest and value to you.

All figures are tentative and subject to revision. Caution should be used when making a comparison between houses built and individual items of building materials and fittings produced unless proper allowance is made for the needs of buildings other than houses, and for replacements and extensions of services.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES

(Including houses built by Owner-Builders)

Period	AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY			AUSTRALIA		
	Commenced during Period	Completed during Period	Under Construction at end of Period	Commenced during Period	Completed during period	Under Construction at end of Period

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Year ended:						
31st December, 1946	(a)	79	157	(a)	9,011	12,533
31st December, 1947	160	134	187	21,624	14,526	19,384
31st December, 1948	241	140	282	21,638	18,922	22,116
31st December, 1949	298	175	403	21,478	20,193	23,500
31st December, 1950	238	276	363	25,620	20,652	28,369

WOOD (WEATHERBOARD, etc.)

Year ended:						
31st December, 1946	(a)	11	30	(a)	7,035	6,857
31st December, 1947	190	109	111	14,351	11,795	9,735
31st December, 1948	89	96	94	16,737	14,593	11,880
31st December, 1949	102	57	138	22,380	17,827	16,484
31st December, 1950	239	143	235	29,949	23,661	22,916

FIBRO CEMENT

Year ended:						
31st December, 1946	(a)	2	1	(a)	8,323	8,601
31st December, 1947	2	-	4	14,778	11,794	11,698
31st December, 1948	164	41	136	16,170	14,370	13,630
31st December, 1949	133	117	153	16,869	14,207	16,277
31st December, 1950	3	148	8	20,040	16,954	19,365

OTHER

Year ended:						
31st December, 1946	(a)	-	-	(a)	350	412
31st December, 1947	-	-	-	825	554	612
31st December, 1948	-	-	-	552	576	450
31st December, 1949	-	-	-	685	656	498
31st December, 1950	-	-	-	824	616	697

TOTAL ALL HOUSES

Year ended:						
31st December, 1946	(a)	92	188	(a)	24,719	28,403
31st December, 1947	352	243	302	51,578	39,669	41,429
31st December, 1948	494	277	512	55,147	48,461	48,076
31st December, 1949	533	349	694	61,412	52,883	56,752
31st December, 1950	480	567	606	76,433	61,883	71,347

(a) Not available.



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ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS, 1947-50 : AUSTRALIA

Item	Unit	Year ended 31st December			
		1947	1948	1949	1950
<u>Building Materials</u>					
Bricks ..	'000	548,357	605,610	568,904	643,550
Cement Building Sheets ..	'000 sq.yds.	20,196	18,905	17,367	21,146
Cement, Portland ..	'000 tons	977	1,001	1,032	1,258
Fibrous Plaster Sheets ..	'000 sq.yds.	10,674	18,905	17,367	12,904
Roofing Tiles - Terra-Cotta ..	'000	39,950	43,848	41,832	45,709
Cement ..	"	(b)	25,579	30,697	45,888
Sawn Native Timber (a) ..	Mill.sup.ft.	1,104.6	1,145.3	1,204.8	1,183.7
<u>Building Fittings</u>					
Basins - C.I.P.E. ..	No.	37,004	55,019	41,593	47,950
Earthenware ..	"	25,921	25,879	25,193	36,071
Bath Heaters - Solid Fuel ..	"	64,697	64,480	67,755	70,499
Gas ..	"	39,416	34,248	20,175	28,119
Baths - C.I.P.E. ..	"	42,731	62,993	55,127	69,734
Coppers - Solid Fuel ..	"	71,930	95,287	89,103	122,621
Gas ..	"	30,314	39,184	38,680	40,963
Pans - Earthenware ..	"	70,212	79,963	80,110	92,396
Sinks - C.I.P.E. ..	"	36,621	41,512	28,253	24,693
Earthenware ..	"	2,667	1,859	1,043	777
Stainless Steel ..	"	(b)	73,837	76,814	107,087
Stoves - Solid Fuel ..	"	42,680	60,697	57,330	69,720
Gas ..	"	30,769	45,887	45,267	51,221
Electric ..	"	18,590	36,462	36,708	41,206

(a) Includes sawn sleepers. (b) Not available.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS : AUSTRALIA

Item	Unit	1950-51					
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
<u>Building Materials</u>							
Bricks ..	'000	58,363	60,333	45,125	42,244	53,151	(b)
Cement Building Sheets ..	'000 sq.yds.	1,892	1,990	1,168	1,351	1,834	1,692
Cement, Portland ..	'000 tons	115.3	111.8	80.7	66.7	99.3	102.3
Fibrous Plaster Sheets ..	'000 sq.yd.	1,143	1,130	782	853	1,068	(b)
Roofing Tiles - Terra-Cotta..	'000	4,244	4,416	3,124	3,034	3,978	(b)
Cement ..	"	4,220	4,067	3,062	3,017	(b)	(b)
Sawn Native Timber (a) ..	Mill.sup.ft.	114.5	95.1	95.2	89.3	(b)	(b)
<u>Building Fittings</u>							
Basins - C.I.P.E. ..	No.	3,649	4,168	3,246	2,480	3,150	2,678
Earthenware ..	"	3,030	3,599	2,921	2,580	2,698	3,807
Bath Heaters - Solid Fuel ..	"	6,844	4,785	2,507	3,645	4,357	3,327
Gas ..	"	2,756	2,802	2,584	1,720	2,872	2,967
Baths - C.I.P.E. ..	"	6,205	7,059	4,762	3,905	5,446	5,461
Coppers - Gas ..	"	4,057	4,605	2,856	1,699	3,317	3,580
Pans - Earthenware ..	"	8,449	8,636	4,815	5,686	6,623	8,224
Sinks - C.I.P.E. ..	"	1,335	2,706	1,649	522	1,409	606
Earthenware ..	"	(c)	38	(c)	20	46	(c)
Stainless Steel ..	"	9,692	10,259	8,278	6,455	9,152	9,188
Stoves - Solid Fuel ..	"	6,039	6,195	4,896	4,442	6,316	6,124
Gas ..	"	4,509	5,270	3,655	2,978	5,286	5,194
Electric ..	"	3,920	4,227	3,131	2,729	3,786	4,400

(a) Includes Sawn Sleepers. (b) Not yet available. (c) Confidential. Not available for publication.

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