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POPULATION AND VITAL

30 June —	POPULATION (^{'000 persons})								
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1972 (a)	4,738.9	3,593.0	1,913.9	1,202.6	1,072.6	393.5	98.8	158.5	13,171.7
1973 (a)	4,787.4	3,640.1	1,973.4	1,218.1	1,091.1	396.6	103.1	169.5	13,379.3
1974 (a)	4,835.4	3,684.5	2,036.8	1,236.3	1,118.2	399.9	106.7	180.4	13,598.4
1975 (a)	4,882.5	3,723.0	2,079.4	1,252.2	1,147.1	405.0	90.5	191.4	13,771.0
1976 (b)	4,914.3	3,746.0	2,111.7	1,261.6	1,169.8	407.4	101.4	203.3	13,915.5

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Population enumerated at Census 30 June 1976 after adjustment for under-enumeration as revealed by a special survey.

VITAL AND POPULATION STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA

Period	Marriage registrations	Birth registrations	Death registrations	Components of population growth			Population at end of period (^{'000})
				Natural increase (a)	Net migration (b)	Total increase (c) (^{'000})	
1973-74	113,115	243,658	110,179	133,479	82,926	219.1	(d)13,598.4
1974-75	107,056	239,794	114,501	125,293	44,675	172.6	(d)13,771.0
1975-76	103,922	231,135	110,610	120,525	21,229	140.7	(e)13,915.5
1975-76 —							
Dec. qtr	27,572	56,827	26,481	30,346	12,106	43.1	(d)13,849.1
Mar. qtr	28,491	58,227	24,972	33,255	2,983	36.9	(d)13,886.0
June qtr	26,570	57,279	28,059	29,220	-419	29.5	(e)13,915.5
1976-77 —							
Sept. qtr	23,919	57,186	33,423	23,763	7,232	31.0	13,946.5
Dec. qtr	p30,997	p55,121	p26,226	p28,895	15,780	p44.7	p13,991.2
Mar. qtr	p29,945	p56,972	p25,473	p31,499	13,167	p44.7	p14,035.9

(a) Excess of births registered over deaths registered. (b) Excess of recorded overseas arrivals over recorded overseas departures excluding short term (less than one year) movement. Minus sign (-) denotes an excess of departures over arrivals. (c) Increase consists of natural increase, net overseas migration gain and an adjustment to make the series of increases agree with the total intercensal increase revealed by successive censuses. (d) Subject to revision. (e) See footnote (b) to table above.

NOTE. Population estimates have been provisionally revised to take into account under-enumeration of the 1971 and 1976 Censuses and a change of estimation method for net migration. Population growth due to net migration excludes the effect of overseas arrivals and departures classified as short-term, i.e. trips lasting less than a year. Formerly account was taken of all arrivals and departures.

OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES (a)

Permanent movement - persons arriving with the stated intention of settling permanently in Australia, and Australian residents departing with the stated intention of residing permanently abroad.

Long-term movement - arrival of visitors and temporary departure of residents with the stated intention of staying (in Australia or abroad respectively) for twelve months or more and the departure of visitors and return of Australian residents who have stayed (in Australia or abroad respectively) for twelve months or more.

Short-term movement - all other overseas arrivals and departures.

These statistics exclude crew members, transit passengers passing through Australia who are not cleared for entry and passengers on short pleasure cruises commencing and finishing in Australia on ships not then engaged in regular voyages.

ARRIVALS

Period	Permanent movement Settlers arriving	Long-term movement		Short-term movement			Total arrivals		Excess of arrivals over departures
		Australian residents returning	Overseas visitors arriving	Australian residents returning	Overseas visitors arriving		Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	
					Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted			
1973-74	112,712	64,297	27,212	705,352	505,854	..	1,415,427	..	73,237
1974-75	89,147	60,239	23,615	815,930	519,549	..	1,508,480	..	38,706
1975-76	52,748	60,225	21,687	931,725	529,656	..	1,596,040	..	20,259
1975-76 -									
Mar.	4,793	4,247	1,940	61,898	46,104	42,994	118,982	133,427	-23,494
Apr.	3,791	3,490	1,618	55,942	37,275	42,901	102,116	128,887	-22,853
May	4,678	4,189	1,894	80,586	37,621	43,194	128,968	139,730	-29,118
June	3,720	3,617	1,794	60,999	30,073	43,638	100,203	128,544	-18,736
1976-77 -									
July	4,599	4,721	1,644	70,647	35,121	43,249	116,732	136,245	675
Aug.	4,750	5,128	1,892	88,277	44,134	44,206	144,181	140,745	-10,854
Sept.	4,468	4,737	1,891	113,465	36,053	44,577	160,613	143,457	51,580
Oct.	6,107	5,546	1,793	97,464	46,815	44,496	157,725	142,704	50,475
Nov.	6,075	5,102	1,590	65,603	53,683	45,852	132,053	135,303	17,637
Dec.	7,662	9,536	1,775	53,602	67,371	44,451	139,947	136,965	-49,765
Jan.	6,205	5,846	3,545	155,433	48,605	45,596	219,634	142,118	56,940
Feb.	6,583	4,133	3,640	70,739	48,393	45,632	133,487	136,480	30,681
Mar.	6,557	4,067	2,343	57,211	50,641	47,545	120,819	137,457	-15,630
Apr.	6,372	3,529	2,107	56,629	41,684	47,596	110,321	138,197	-27,878

DEPARTURES

Period	Short-term movement								
	Permanent movement		Long-term movement		Australian residents departing		Overseas visitors departing	Total departures	
	Former settlers departing	Other residents departing	Australian residents departing	Overseas visitors departing	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted		Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted
1973-74	26,714	12,699	60,636	21,246	724,107	..	496,788	1,342,190	..
1974-75	20,184	11,361	72,397	24,386	824,890	..	516,557	1,469,774	..
1975-76	17,150	10,277	64,475	21,528	951,290	..	511,062	1,575,781	..
1975-76 -									
Mar.	1,674	985	6,349	1,665	84,987	82,055	46,816	142,476	135,001
Apr.	1,484	837	5,637	1,418	74,608	70,503	40,986	124,969	123,553
May	1,803	947	6,728	1,770	103,854	84,489	42,984	158,086	135,700
June	1,295	702	5,171	1,418	81,994	79,904	28,359	118,939	131,530
1976-77 -									
July	1,379	785	5,555	1,371	77,006	83,062	29,962	116,057	134,701
Aug.	1,456	803	6,001	1,647	103,609	81,600	41,518	155,035	137,500
Sept.	1,161	676	4,495	1,269	62,877	82,966	38,556	109,033	134,315
Oct.	1,333	705	4,215	1,286	60,692	83,665	39,020	107,250	131,180
Nov.	1,266	650	5,122	1,989	58,819	81,526	46,571	114,416	130,512
Dec.	1,632	926	6,729	3,518	134,847	81,125	42,060	189,712	138,110
Jan.	1,228	987	8,705	1,874	81,163	83,734	68,737	162,694	137,700
Feb.	827	635	5,017	1,099	47,722	75,342	47,507	102,807	122,006
Mar.	1,278	737	5,968	1,396	76,232	72,700	50,839	136,450	131,409
Apr.	1,249	739	5,594	1,313	81,897	76,695	47,407	138,199	135,260

(a) Changes in definitions which date from 1 January 1974 are described in *Overseas Arrivals and Departures*, March 1974 (Catalogue No. 3402.0. Previously Ref. No. 4.1).

NOTE: Minus sign (-) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER (a), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Month	Employed (b)			Unemployed (b)		Total labour force (b)			Civilian population aged 15 and over ('000)
	Agriculture ('000)	Other industries ('000)	Total ('000)	Number ('000)	Per cent of labour force (c) %	Number ('000)	Per cent of population (d) %		
								Not in labour force (b) ('000)	
MALES									
1976 : Feb. (e)	294.8	3,509.4	3,804.2	159.5	4.0	3,963.6	81.4	908.5	4,872.1
May	284.2	3,543.9	3,828.1	132.4	3.3	3,960.5	81.0	930.1	4,890.6
Aug. (f)	282.4	3,485.0	3,767.4	146.2	3.7	3,913.6	80.0	978.6	4,892.2
Nov.	284.4	3,526.0	3,810.4	144.2	3.6	3,954.6	80.2	974.1	4,928.7
1977 : Feb.	288.6	3,552.0	3,840.6	173.6	4.3	4,014.2	81.0	944.2	4,958.4
May	285.1	3,539.4	3,824.5	170.1	4.3	3,994.6	80.6	963.8	4,958.4
MARRIED WOMEN									
1976 : Feb. (e)	60.1	1,226.9	1,287.0	68.7	5.1	1,355.7	41.5	1,912.3	3,268.0
May	57.1	1,230.7	1,287.8	50.9	3.8	1,338.8	41.0	1,924.4	3,263.2
Aug. (f)	62.4	1,216.2	1,278.6	51.9	3.9	1,330.5	40.7	1,942.3	3,272.8
Nov.	58.4	1,251.1	1,309.5	42.2	3.1	1,351.7	41.0	1,942.6	3,294.3
1977 : Feb.	60.7	1,246.9	1,307.7	67.6	4.9	1,375.2	41.4	1,944.5	3,319.7
May	61.7	1,266.1	1,327.7	61.6	4.4	1,389.3	41.9	1,925.8	3,315.1
ALL FEMALES									
1976 : Feb. (e)	71.7	1,934.8	2,006.5	145.0	6.7	2,151.5	43.3	2,814.8	4,966.3
May	67.8	1,944.7	2,012.5	115.1	5.4	2,127.6	42.7	2,851.2	4,978.8
Aug. (f)	72.2	1,908.0	1,980.2	118.0	5.6	2,098.2	42.0	2,897.9	4,996.1
Nov.	67.1	1,952.1	2,019.2	104.4	5.2	2,129.6	42.2	2,912.2	5,041.7
1977 : Feb.	73.0	1,959.6	2,032.7	161.1	7.3	2,193.8	43.2	2,880.8	5,074.6
May	73.2	1,986.2	2,059.3	144.0	6.5	2,203.4	43.4	2,877.9	5,081.3
PERSONS									
1976 : Feb. (e)	366.5	5,444.2	5,810.6	304.5	5.0	6,115.1	62.2	3,723.3	9,838.4
May	352.0	5,488.6	5,840.6	247.6	4.1	6,088.1	61.7	3,781.3	9,869.4
Aug. (f)	354.6	5,393.0	5,747.6	264.1	4.4	6,011.8	60.8	3,765.5	9,885.3
Nov.	351.5	5,478.1	5,829.6	254.6	4.2	6,084.2	61.0	3,886.2	9,970.4
1977 : Feb.	361.6	5,511.6	5,873.2	334.8	5.4	6,208.0	61.9	3,825.0	10,033.0
May	358.3	5,525.6	5,883.8	314.2	5.1	6,198.0	61.7	3,841.7	10,039.7

(a) The estimates relate to all persons aged 15 years and over, except members of the permanent armed forces and certain diplomatic personnel customarily excluded from census and estimated populations. (b) For definitions see explanatory notes given in the most recent issue of *The Labour Force* (Catalogue No. 6203.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.20). (c) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (d) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group (labour force participation rate). (e) Survey deferred by one week. See page 4, paragraph 23 of the November 1976 issue of *The Labour Force* (Catalogue No. 6203.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.20). (f) Affected by industrial disputes.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA (a) ('000)

(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	Total civilian employees						Private/Government (b)			
	Males		Females		Persons		Private		Government	
	Original	Seasonally* adjusted	Original	Seasonally* adjusted	Original	Seasonally* adjusted	Original	Seasonally* adjusted	Original	Seasonally* adjusted
1973 - June	(c)2,985.2	(c)2,980.3	1,617.7	1,615.5	(c)4,602.9	(c)4,595.8	(c)3,315.0	(c)3,313.5	1,287.9	1,282.3
1974 - June	3,068.2	3,061.9	1,738.3	1,735.0	4,806.5	4,795.6	3,470.1	3,466.6	1,336.4	1,329.3
1975 - June	(c)3,043.5	(c)3,033.8	1,709.2	1,704.8	(c)4,752.7	(c)4,738.6	3,315.7	(c)3,310.5	1,436.9	1,428.1
1975-76 - June	3,066.2	2,994.7	1,732.9	1,728.1	4,739.1	4,722.8	3,305.8	3,299.3	1,433.2	1,423.5
1976-77 - July	3,000.4	3,000.2	1,733.6	1,731.3	4,734.0	4,731.5	3,299.3	3,304.5	1,434.7	1,427.0
Aug.	2,992.5	2,997.5	1,732.9	1,733.6	4,725.4	4,731.1	3,293.0	3,301.7	1,432.5	1,429.4
Sept.	2,990.2	2,997.1	1,737.7	1,736.2	4,727.0	4,733.3	3,294.7	3,299.0	1,433.3	1,434.3
Oct.	2,987.6	2,994.3	1,744.6	1,739.1	4,732.1	4,733.4	3,299.5	3,296.1	1,433.6	1,437.3
Nov.	(c)2,990.5	(c)2,992.7	1,753.0	1,742.2	(c)4,743.5	(c)4,734.9	(c)3,307.6	(c)3,293.1	1,435.9	1,441.8
Dec.	2,985.0	2,990.4	1,737.8	1,743.8	4,722.9	4,734.2	3,296.1	3,293.9	1,426.8	1,440.3
Jan.	2,981.5	2,993.6	1,722.5	1,750.8	4,704.0	4,744.4	3,275.3	3,297.7	1,428.7	1,446.7
Feb.	2,991.2	2,991.9	1,741.1	1,746.9	4,732.3	4,738.8	3,284.6	3,291.2	1,447.7	1,447.6
Mar.	2,994.7	2,988.3	1,749.7	1,746.3	4,744.4	4,734.6	3,288.9	3,284.1	1,455.5	1,450.5
Apr.	2,987.7	2,980.9	1,750.0	1,745.0	4,738.6	4,725.9	3,278.9	3,272.7	1,459.8	1,453.2
May	2,983.2	2,970.2	1,749.3	1,743.2	4,732.5	4,713.4	3,270.3	3,261.1	1,462.3	1,452.3
June	2,979.2	2,966.8	1,747.1	1,741.9	4,726.2	4,708.7	3,262.5	3,255.4	1,463.8	1,453.3
1977-78 - July	2,968.9	2,968.0	1,748.9	1,746.0	4,717.8	4,714.0	3,251.0	3,255.6	1,466.8	1,458.4

(a) The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1971 population census and other relevant sources. For the period subsequent to the census the employment data are obtained from three main sources, namely (i) current payroll tax returns, (ii) current returns from Government bodies, and (iii) some other current returns of employment (e.g. for hospitals); the balance, i.e. unrecorded private employment, is estimated. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked with the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. At June 1971 recorded employment obtained from the foregoing sources accounted for about 90 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered, as determined by the census. The estimates shown are based on the Australian Standard Industrial Classification. For further details on this series see *Employment and Unemployment* (Catalogue No. 6213.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.4) published monthly. (b) Estimates for private and government have been revised back to June 1971 following the reclassification to government of certain hospitals and marketing bodies previously classified to private. For further details see July 1977 issue of *Employment and Unemployment* (Catalogue No. 6213.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.4). (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

* Seasonally adjusted estimates shown in this issue have been revised following re-analysis based on the revised private and government employment estimates for the period June 1971 to May 1975.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA : INDUSTRY (a) ('000)
(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	Manu- facturing	Con- struction	Whole- sale and retail trade	Trans- port and storage	Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	Public admin- istration and defence (b)	Com- munity services	Entertain- ment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services (c)	Other Indus- tries (d)	Total
MALES										
1973 - June	(e)940.1	381.5	536.6	211.2	193.2	138.0	241.0	100.2	243.4	(e)2,985.2
1974 - June	960.5	385.7	552.8	219.4	202.8	143.0	252.5	105.1	247.4	3,068.2
1975 - June	895.8	(e)393.3	549.1	216.8	198.3	154.0	268.7	110.9	254.6	(e)3,043.5
1975-76 - June	888.7	352.7	558.3	214.6	197.3	153.3	280.1	111.3	249.9	3,006.2
1976-77 - July	886.9	351.3	556.4	214.9	197.2	153.2	280.1	110.8	249.7	3,000.4
Aug.	883.4	348.0	556.6	213.9	196.6	152.9	280.4	110.8	250.0	2,992.5
Sept.	882.6	346.8	556.8	213.5	196.6	152.6	281.2	110.8	249.4	2,990.2
Oct.	882.6	345.1	557.0	213.1	196.1	152.1	281.3	111.2	249.1	2,987.6
Nov.	(e)879.9	345.4	559.4	214.8	196.5	152.0	281.7	111.7	249.0	(e)2,990.5
Dec.	876.2	342.1	560.3	215.8	196.4	151.9	280.6	112.0	249.7	2,985.0
Jan.	875.9	340.6	557.4	214.6	196.8	151.8	282.5	111.6	250.2	2,981.5
Feb.	878.7	343.1	557.9	213.8	197.5	152.1	287.0	111.1	250.0	2,991.2
Mar.	878.6	343.4	558.1	213.1	198.0	152.4	288.9	111.7	250.4	2,994.7
Apr.	874.2	342.8	556.7	212.5	197.2	152.5	290.3	110.9	250.6	2,987.7
May	870.5	342.1	555.7	212.2	197.5	152.9	290.6	111.0	250.7	2,983.2
June	866.0	342.9	554.9	212.2	197.4	152.9	291.4	110.7	251.0	2,979.2
1977-78 - July	859.8	340.9	553.3	211.7	196.7	152.5	292.3	110.2	251.4	2,968.9
FEMALES										
1973 - June	347.3	17.9	388.7	33.9	171.9	67.9	397.4	150.3	42.4	1,617.7
1974 - June	370.9	19.1	416.3	36.9	185.0	76.0	428.4	160.5	45.1	1,738.3
1975 - June	309.0	18.2	406.7	36.7	181.2	89.5	458.7	163.6	45.7	1,709.2
1975-76 - June	308.2	18.2	410.1	36.2	183.0	90.2	480.9	161.0	45.2	1,732.9
1976-77 - July	306.0	18.4	410.4	36.3	183.3	91.6	482.2	160.2	45.1	1,733.6
Aug.	303.9	18.2	410.8	36.4	183.7	91.6	482.7	160.4	45.2	1,732.9
Sept.	304.1	18.3	411.3	36.3	184.6	91.7	484.6	161.7	45.1	1,737.7
Oct.	304.7	18.4	414.7	36.4	185.0	91.2	486.0	163.0	45.2	1,744.6
Nov.	304.5	18.4	419.2	36.8	185.6	91.9	488.0	163.7	45.1	1,753.0
Dec.	300.4	18.3	420.1	37.0	185.7	90.8	477.5	162.4	45.6	1,737.8
Jan.	296.7	18.2	410.1	36.7	186.0	90.6	477.4	161.2	45.7	1,722.5
Feb.	298.4	18.2	411.2	36.5	187.1	91.7	492.3	160.6	45.1	1,741.1
Mar.	298.9	18.2	412.2	36.6	187.8	92.5	497.1	161.2	45.0	1,749.7
Apr.	295.0	18.1	414.4	36.8	187.6	92.8	499.7	161.3	45.1	1,750.9
May	291.9	18.1	413.7	37.0	188.0	93.4	500.4	161.5	45.3	1,749.3
June	290.2	18.1	414.0	37.1	187.6	93.3	501.1	160.6	45.0	1,747.1
1977-78 - July	288.5	18.0	413.9	37.0	187.7	94.4	503.9	160.1	45.5	1,748.9
PERSONS										
1973 - June	(e)1,287.4	399.4	925.4	245.1	365.1	205.9	638.3	250.4	285.9	(e)4,602.9
1974 - June	1,331.4	404.7	969.2	255.3	387.9	219.0	681.0	265.7	292.4	4,806.5
1975 - June	1,204.8	(e)411.5	955.7	255.5	379.5	243.5	727.4	274.5	300.3	(e)4,752.7
1975-76 - June	1,196.9	370.9	968.4	250.8	380.3	243.5	761.0	272.3	295.0	4,739.1
1976-77 - July	1,192.9	369.7	966.8	251.2	380.5	244.8	762.3	271.0	294.8	4,734.0
Aug.	1,187.3	366.2	967.4	250.3	380.3	244.5	763.0	271.2	295.2	4,725.4
Sept.	1,186.7	365.2	968.1	249.8	381.1	244.3	765.8	272.6	294.5	4,728.0
Oct.	1,187.3	363.5	971.7	249.6	381.0	243.3	767.3	274.2	294.2	4,732.1
Nov.	(e)1,184.4	363.8	978.6	251.5	382.1	243.9	769.8	275.4	294.1	(e)4,743.5
Dec.	1,176.7	360.4	980.3	252.8	382.1	242.7	758.1	274.4	295.3	4,722.9
Jan.	1,172.5	358.8	967.4	251.3	382.8	242.4	760.0	272.9	295.9	4,704.0
Feb.	1,177.1	361.3	969.1	250.4	384.5	243.8	775.3	271.7	295.1	4,732.3
Mar.	1,177.5	361.6	970.3	249.7	385.9	244.9	786.0	272.9	295.5	4,744.4
Apr.	1,169.2	360.9	971.2	249.3	384.9	245.3	790.0	272.2	295.8	4,738.6
May	1,162.3	360.2	969.4	249.2	385.5	246.4	791.0	272.4	296.1	4,732.5
June	1,156.2	361.0	968.9	249.3	385.0	246.1	792.4	271.3	296.0	4,726.2
1977-78 - July	1,148.4	358.9	967.2	248.6	384.4	246.9	796.2	270.3	296.9	4,717.8

(a) See footnote (a) on page 4. (b) Excludes permanent defence forces. (c) Excludes private households employing staff. (d) Includes forestry, fishing and hunting; mining; electricity, gas and water; and communication. (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES: STATES (a) ('000)

(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.(b)	Australia
MALES									
1973 - June	(c)1,104.5	(c)819.9	398.9	270.5	233.8	87.9	25.1	44.8	(c)2,985.2
1974 - June	1,123.7	842.9	415.2	278.4	243.0	89.6	26.8	48.5	3,068.2
1975 - June	1,102.3	(c)832.9	414.4	278.3	247.9	90.7	24.5	51.4	(c)3,043.5
1975-76 - June	1,076.5	827.7	410.6	278.5	248.4	88.2	24.9	51.4	3,006.2
1976-77 - July	1,073.1	825.3	411.8	277.7	248.4	88.5	24.8	50.8	3,000.4
Aug.	1,070.5	822.9	410.2	277.5	247.6	88.3	24.8	50.6	2,992.5
Sept.	1,068.5	822.7	409.7	277.3	248.7	88.1	24.7	50.5	2,990.2
Oct.	1,065.8	822.4	409.5	277.6	249.0	88.2	24.6	50.4	2,987.6
Nov.	(c)1,065.5	823.9	407.9	279.0	250.8	88.6	24.4	50.5	(c)2,990.5
Dec.	1,064.0	825.7	403.4	278.7	250.4	89.2	23.8	49.9	2,985.0
Jan.	1,062.8	826.0	401.9	277.8	250.6	88.8	23.6	50.0	2,981.5
Feb.	1,064.7	827.8	404.8	278.2	252.9	89.1	23.6	50.1	2,991.2
Mar.	1,065.3	827.6	405.6	278.9	254.2	89.5	23.4	50.3	2,994.7
Apr.	1,062.6	822.7	407.0	277.3	255.1	89.4	23.4	50.2	2,987.7
May	1,060.8	821.2	407.3	276.8	254.2	89.2	23.6	50.3	2,983.2
June	1,058.8	818.8	409.7	275.5	253.8	88.7	23.7	50.2	2,979.2
1977-78 - July	1,056.3	814.3	408.0	274.3	253.8	88.1	23.9	50.2	2,968.9
FEMALES									
1973 - June	604.0	470.5	194.2	145.9	123.1	41.3	11.5	27.3	1,617.7
1974 - June	643.9	502.2	210.0	161.0	132.3	44.1	13.3	31.5	1,738.3
1975 - June	625.2	487.3	210.3	159.5	133.1	46.6	11.7	35.4	1,709.2
1975-76 - June	623.3	495.1	216.1	166.5	136.7	46.8	12.6	35.8	1,732.9
1976-77 - July	623.0	495.3	216.9	166.0	137.2	47.1	12.6	35.4	1,733.6
Aug.	623.1	493.4	217.1	166.2	137.7	47.2	12.8	35.4	1,732.9
Sept.	624.3	494.9	217.4	166.7	139.2	47.3	12.6	35.3	1,737.7
Oct.	626.1	496.7	217.7	168.5	140.2	47.7	12.7	35.1	1,744.6
Nov.	629.0	498.4	217.9	170.4	141.5	47.9	12.6	35.3	1,753.0
Dec.	622.4	498.8	216.1	166.5	138.2	48.3	12.5	34.9	1,722.5
Jan.	613.8	494.9	215.7	164.6	138.2	48.0	12.5	34.8	1,721.1
Feb.	622.4	497.0	216.1	167.9	141.7	48.2	12.7	35.1	1,741.1
Mar.	624.7	498.4	216.6	170.3	142.7	48.6	12.8	35.6	1,749.7
Apr.	625.2	498.0	216.8	170.0	143.5	48.7	12.9	35.8	1,750.9
May	624.2	497.6	217.4	169.3	143.3	48.6	13.1	35.9	1,749.3
June	624.4	495.4	218.0	168.8	142.9	48.4	13.2	35.8	1,747.1
1977-78 - July	624.4	495.1	218.8	169.3	143.5	48.5	13.3	36.1	1,748.9
PERSONS									
1973 - June	(c)1,708.5	(c)1,290.3	593.1	416.3	356.8	129.2	36.6	72.0	(c)4,602.9
1974 - June	1,767.7	1,345.2	625.3	439.4	375.3	133.7	40.1	80.0	4,806.5
1975 - June	1,727.5	(c)1,320.3	624.6	437.8	381.0	137.3	36.2	87.9	(c)4,752.7
1975-76 - June	1,699.8	1,322.8	626.7	445.0	385.2	135.0	37.5	87.1	4,739.1
1976-77 - July	1,696.1	1,320.5	628.7	443.8	385.6	135.6	37.4	86.3	4,734.0
Aug.	1,693.6	1,316.3	627.3	443.8	385.4	135.5	37.5	86.1	4,725.4
Sept.	1,692.8	1,317.7	627.1	444.0	387.9	135.4	37.4	85.8	4,728.0
Oct.	1,691.9	1,319.1	627.2	446.1	389.2	135.9	37.2	85.5	4,732.1
Nov.	(c)1,694.5	1,322.3	625.7	449.4	392.2	136.5	37.1	85.8	(c)4,743.5
Dec.	1,686.4	1,324.5	619.5	445.2	388.6	137.5	36.2	84.7	4,704.0
Jan.	1,676.6	1,320.8	617.6	442.3	388.8	136.8	36.2	85.3	4,732.3
Feb.	1,687.1	1,324.8	620.9	446.1	394.6	137.4	36.2	85.9	4,744.4
Mar.	1,690.0	1,326.0	622.3	449.1	396.9	138.1	36.2	86.0	4,738.6
Apr.	1,687.8	1,320.7	623.9	447.3	398.6	138.1	36.3	86.1	4,732.5
May	1,684.9	1,318.7	624.7	446.0	397.5	137.8	36.7	86.1	4,732.5
June	1,683.3	1,314.2	627.7	444.3	396.7	137.1	36.9	86.0	4,726.2
1977-78 - July	1,680.7	1,309.4	626.8	443.5	397.3	136.6	37.1	86.3	4,717.8

(a) See footnote (a) on page 4. (b) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations)

Month (b)	N.S.W. (c)	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia		
								Males	Females	Persons
1974 - June	28,957	21,258	9,537	7,128	7,782	3,310	855	47,478	31,349	78,827
1975 - June	94,595	70,360	37,491	19,119	17,003	6,190	1,217	154,536	91,439	245,975
1976 - June	111,127	66,118	38,586	17,593	21,103	8,986	1,738	172,988	92,263	265,251
1976-77 -										
July	115,997	64,868	38,346	18,346	21,419	9,243	2,067	179,116	91,170	270,286
Aug.	116,997	62,397	37,525	18,685	20,925	9,207	2,150	179,254	88,632	267,886
Sept.	117,599	60,585	36,800	18,675	19,507	9,127	2,012	177,911	86,394	264,305
Oct.	115,662	60,878	36,446	19,037	18,962	8,901	2,104	175,926	86,064	261,990
Nov.	119,197	64,435	39,978	19,647	18,734	8,542	1,985	181,969	90,549	272,518
Dec.	138,779	78,266	49,202	25,070	23,278	10,198	2,041	218,807	108,727	327,534
Jan.	150,669	82,633	55,147	26,658	26,335	10,695	2,452	235,912	118,677	354,589
Feb.	150,453	77,263	54,697	25,856	25,506	10,044	2,849	224,044	122,624	346,668
Mar.	141,790	72,721	51,195	24,484	24,170	8,685	3,504	208,315	118,234	326,549
Apr.	139,911	73,223	49,484	25,516	23,451	7,975	3,629	208,791	114,398	323,189
May	138,869	72,838	48,474	25,917	23,524	8,116	3,445	208,937	112,446	321,383
June	140,957	77,613	48,582	27,590	25,573	8,786	3,692	217,642	115,151	332,793
1977-78 -										
July	139,688	78,713	49,819	29,134	26,588	9,505	3,944	223,856	113,535	337,391
Aug.	137,130	79,289	47,923	29,299	26,595	9,740	4,002	225,621	108,357	333,978

(a) Persons who claimed, when registering with the Commonwealth Employment Service, that they were not employed and who were recorded as unplaced. Includes those referred to employers and those who may have obtained employment without notifying the C.E.S. Includes also persons receiving unemployment benefit. (b) Generally at Friday nearest end of month. (c) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

VACANCIES REGISTERED WITH COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations)

Month (b)	N.S.W. (c)	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia					
								Adults		Juniors (d)		Total	
								Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
1974 - June	23,160	23,561	6,180	4,231	3,302	1,078	668	48,128	51,428	14,052	22,101	62,180	73,529
1975 - June	8,984	7,868	2,484	2,381	2,346	823	631	21,622	23,024	3,895	6,185	25,517	29,209
1976 - June	5,950	7,187	1,605	1,749	1,626	654	423	16,735	17,670	2,459	3,934	19,194	21,604
1976-77 -													
July	5,936	7,018	1,834	1,688	1,588	649	440	16,434	17,883	2,719	4,284	19,153	22,167
Aug.	6,795	7,205	1,958	2,034	1,795	707	469	17,842	18,442	3,121	4,621	20,963	23,063
Sept.	8,171	8,130	1,985	1,919	1,936	780	447	19,066	18,845	4,302	5,564	23,368	24,409
Oct.	8,629	8,135	2,137	1,956	2,147	891	491	18,728	18,456	5,658	5,966	24,386	24,422
Nov.	10,129	7,735	1,950	1,917	2,238	1,013	517	17,533	18,784	7,966	5,816	25,499	24,600
Dec.	12,719	7,022	1,778	1,658	2,014	891	462	15,239	18,407	11,305	6,196	26,544	24,603
Jan.	11,267	10,584	2,001	1,996	3,125	1,081	334	20,428	18,246	9,960	6,286	30,388	24,532
Feb.	10,446	9,907	1,966	2,051	3,007	1,252	241	20,885	18,407	7,985	6,546	28,870	24,953
Mar.	7,609	8,145	1,906	1,678	2,616	1,293	221	18,491	17,360	4,977	5,883	23,468	23,243
Apr.	6,742	7,534	1,929	1,310	2,295	922	276	16,632	16,094	4,376	5,813	21,008	21,907
May	6,771	6,977	1,791	1,165	1,995	918	277	15,959	15,536	3,935	5,542	19,894	21,078
June	6,405	6,816	1,911	1,063	1,760	947	227	15,332	16,156	3,797	6,086	19,129	22,242
1977-78 -													
July	6,557	6,792	1,749	1,125	1,771	840	252	15,055	16,359	4,031	6,374	19,086	22,733
Aug.	7,041	6,661	2,114	1,482	1,972	864	241	15,844	16,360	4,531	6,755	20,375	23,115

(a) Vacancies which employers claimed were available immediately or would be available by the end of the following calendar month. (b) At Friday nearest end of month. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Juniors comprise all persons under 21 years of age, including school leavers.

NOTE: Sample surveys have been conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in March each year since 1974 to obtain information on the level and composition of job vacancies. To reduce to a minimum the delay in collection of data and publication of the results a quarterly telephone survey in respect of vacancies was commenced in May 1977. These surveys will be conducted in February, May, August and November each year. For a number of reasons the estimates obtained from these surveys differ substantially from the numbers of vacancies registered with the C.E.S. at those dates. For example, the survey estimate of total vacancies at May 1977 was 39,700 while the C.E.S. figure was 19,894. Results of the surveys and reasons why the survey estimates differ from C.E.S. statistics were published in *Job Vacancies, May 1977* (Catalogue No. 6231.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.69).

PERSONS ON UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
(Source : Department of Social Security)

Date	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Qld	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1975 June 28	57,599	45,624	27,682	14,393	11,011	4,439	108,024	52,724	160,748
1976 July 2	83,361	43,638	26,494	13,148	14,554	7,228	129,788	58,635	188,423
1977 July 29	112,186	54,982	34,340	24,533	19,790	7,978	176,414	77,395	253,809
1976-77 -									
July 30	89,266	43,665	27,438	13,739	15,448	7,603	137,644	59,515	197,159
Aug. 27	92,335	42,896	26,624	14,155	15,029	7,609	134,674	63,974	198,648
Sept. 24	92,499	40,901	26,000	14,689	14,264	7,511	139,201	56,663	195,864
Oct. 22	91,168	41,202	25,459	14,858	14,228	7,210	137,682	56,443	194,125
Nov. 19	90,670	41,089	25,272	15,154	13,628	7,053	136,957	55,909	192,866
Dec. 31	99,446	45,212	30,629	17,811	15,548	7,009	153,661	61,994	215,655
Jan. 28	104,943	48,137	33,572	18,346	17,020	7,397	165,210	64,205	229,415
Feb. 25	112,702	49,002	37,022	20,816	18,349	7,501	169,684	75,708	245,392
Mar. 25	111,456	45,840	36,086	19,619	16,456	6,926	159,692	76,691	236,383
Apr. 22	108,018	43,583	34,274	19,391	n.a.	6,575	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
May 20	110,492	n.a.	34,350	n.a.	16,489	6,554	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1977-78 -									
July 1	111,703	n.a.	33,592	23,494	18,942	7,078	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July 29	112,186	54,982	34,340	24,533	19,790	7,978	176,414	77,395	253,809
Aug. 26	111,505	57,256	33,710	25,268	19,207	7,917	179,604	75,259	254,863

PERSONS ON SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA
(Source : Department of Social Security)

Date	Sickness	Special	
		Ordinary	Migrant (c)
1975 June 28	25,478	5,552	49
1976 July 2	30,468	7,224	209
1977 July 29	35,102	9,315	169
1976-77 -			
July 30	31,696	7,160	148
Aug. 27	32,863	7,444	169
Sept. 24	32,302	7,494	85
Oct. 22	33,585	7,780	64
Nov. 19	33,762	7,814	60
Dec. 31	30,417	7,435	44
Jan. 28	31,728	8,247	72
Feb. 25	32,180	8,136	156
Mar. 25	32,836	8,521	244
Apr. 22	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
May 20	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1977-78 -			
July 1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July 29	35,102	9,315	169
Aug. 26	35,929	9,481	176

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) In Australian Government centres or hostels awaiting their first placement in employment in Australia.

INTERNAL TRADE

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES (a) (\$ million)

Retail sales figures in the table below relate principally to sales to the final consumer of new and used goods for personal and household purposes. The series covers retail sales by all establishments included in the Australian Standard Industrial Classification subdivision 48 except motor establishments, bread and milk vendors, footwear repairs and household electrical appliance repairs. The following establishments are also included: cafes and restaurants, licensed hotels, motels and wine saloons, licensed clubs and hardressers. The estimates are obtained from a survey based on the 1973-74 Census of Retail Establishments. For further explanation see *Retail Sales of Goods* (Catalogue No. 8503.0. Previously Ref. No. 11.4) March quarter 1977.

Commodity groups													
Period	Groceries (b)	But- chers' meat	Other food (c)	Beer, wine and spirits	Cloth- ing and drap- ery	Foot- wear	Hard- ware (d)	Elec- trical goods (e)	Furni- ture	Chem- ists' goods	News- papers, books and sta- tionery	Other goods (f)	Total (excl. motor vehic- les, etc.)
ORIGINAL													
1974-75	2,647.7	1,040.8	1,633.4	2,075.5	2,589.7	395.6	652.9	1,360.1	925.4	893.7	587.3	1,413.2	16,215.3
1975-76	3,145.8	1,107.3	1,844.8	2,525.4	2,897.1	448.9	758.4	1,724.2	1,067.5	1,043.8	679.0	1,640.2	18,882.4
1975-76 -													
Dec. qtr	824.0	282.4	475.5	688.9	822.0	123.9	246.8	497.1	296.4	290.2	185.8	495.6	5,228.6
Mar. qtr	772.8	272.2	464.7	649.7	604.4	99.9	169.1	385.2	238.7	250.6	176.6	380.1	4,464.0
June qtr	818.7	284.8	479.0	632.1	804.5	121.7	178.4	442.8	270.8	262.1	165.2	393.5	4,853.6
1976-77 -													
Sept. qtr	866.4	301.9	488.2	650.3	753.9	115.2	179.3	476.7	294.7	270.3	172.9	412.6	4,982.4
Dec. qtr	978.5	322.8	549.8	782.8	921.5	137.7	275.0	577.4	337.7	317.5	212.4	566.2	5,979.3
Mar. qtr	897.6	306.2	519.5	715.9	677.9	112.2	186.2	422.5	264.7	262.4	202.4	418.1	4,985.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
1975-76 -													
Dec. qtr	775.4	278.3	452.2	620.9	715.0	111.0	189.0	418.6	265.9	257.6	168.1	404.5	4,669.3
Mar. qtr	796.0	280.3	467.9	637.7	723.9	114.8	189.8	423.9	270.5	265.5	171.4	415.1	4,750.2
June qtr	833.0	281.8	489.1	672.5	756.6	116.1	196.7	459.6	277.3	273.1	176.5	428.1	4,958.2
1976-77 -													
Sept. qtr	871.7	297.2	496.6	691.5	777.8	118.1	196.5	496.8	284.1	277.3	185.2	433.5	5,120.8
Dec. qtr	919.2	317.4	518.4	706.3	804.8	123.6	210.5	491.4	303.8	279.3	190.5	461.8	5,329.5
Mar. qtr	936.7	320.9	531.0	709.8	819.8	129.7	212.0	470.4	302.6	282.7	199.9	462.2	5,375.8
MONTHLY ESTIMATES													
Total (excluding motor vehicles, etc.)				Total (excluding motor vehicles, etc.)									
Period	Original			Seasonally adjusted	Period	Original			Seasonally adjusted				
1976-77 -					1976-77 -								
July	1,662.3			1,691.7	Feb.	1,592.8			1,805.5				
Aug.	1,641.8			1,709.4	Mar.	1,760.9			1,815.5				
Sept.	1,678.3			1,729.0	Apr. p	1,754.0			1,802.0				
Oct.	1,726.8			1,719.9	May p	1,878.0			1,868.0				
Nov.	1,828.5			1,765.1	June p	1,799.0			1,876.0				
Dec.	2,424.0			1,806.2	1977-78 -								
Jan.	1,631.9			1,766.3	July p	1,801.0			1,878.0				
					Aug. p	1,866.0			1,902.0				

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. Series based on 1973-74 Retail Census. (b) Includes bacon, butter, etc. (c) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (d) Excludes basic building materials, builders' hardware and supplies such as tools of trade, paint, etc. (e) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (f) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., sporting goods, etc., but excludes grain and produce and business machines.

NOTE: Figures from September quarter 1975 are subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new businesses.

INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES (\$ million)

The following statistics cover all types of schemes which relate primarily to the financing of retail sales of consumer goods and in which repayment is made by regular predetermined instalments. Types of schemes covered include hire purchase, time payment, budget account and personal loans relating to financing of retail sales of goods.

Period	Amount financed during period (excluding hiring charges, interest, insurance, etc.)			Cash collections and other liquidations of balances during period	Balances outstanding at end of period (including hiring charge, etc.)
	Motor vehicles, etc	Household and personal goods	Total		
FINANCE COMPANIES					
1975-76 : June	104.0	28.4	132.4	145.0	2,255.2
1976-77 : July	100.2	30.5	130.7	150.9	2,297.7
Aug.	98.0	26.7	124.7	148.8	2,329.0
Sept.	101.3	26.9	128.2	149.6	2,362.3
Oct.	98.7	32.0	130.7	146.9	2,401.2
Nov.	102.6	33.1	135.8	155.9	2,438.1
Dec.	107.6	37.1	144.7	147.9	2,491.7
Jan.	91.2	20.0	111.2	134.1	2,520.9
Feb.	96.1	22.3	118.4	154.9	2,541.6
Mar.	109.1	26.0	135.1	177.2	2,555.1
Apr.	92.5	25.6	118.1	146.4	2,577.9
May	105.7	30.0	135.7	169.0	2,602.8
June	106.9	28.0	134.9	163.1	2,636.6
1977-78 : July	101.0	26.4	127.5	157.5	2,661.4
States, July 1977 -					
N.S.W.	32.4	12.2	44.6	53.7	923.9
Vic.	22.4	5.2	27.6	34.5	582.1
Qld	16.6	4.7	21.3	26.9	462.7
S.A.	10.3	1.2	11.4	(a)16.8	(a)270.1
W.A.	11.5	2.1	13.6	14.8	258.5
Tas.	4.6	0.5	5.1	6.5	97.9
N.T.	0.9	0.2	1.1	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	2.3	0.5	2.8	4.3	66.2
OTHER BUSINESSES					
1975-76 : June	0.7	20.5	21.1	22.7	172.2
1976-77 : July	0.6	22.6	23.2	24.0	174.0
Aug.	0.6	20.7	21.3	23.9	173.6
Sept.	0.6	20.2	20.8	23.8	172.5
Oct.	0.6	21.7	22.3	22.9	173.6
Nov.	0.6	22.4	23.0	23.4	175.3
Dec.	0.7	29.3	30.0	23.7	183.9
Jan.	0.2	16.5	16.7	22.0	180.5
Feb.	0.1	18.3	18.4	26.2	174.5
Mar.	0.1	20.5	20.6	27.0	170.0
Apr.	0.1	19.3	19.4	24.9	166.2
May	0.1	21.4	21.5	26.1	163.8
June	0.1	21.4	21.5	25.6	161.8
1977-78 : July	..	22.0	22.0	23.8	160.7
States, July 1977 -					
N.S.W.	..	6.3	6.3	6.5	48.9
Vic.	..	7.4	7.4	8.3	48.8
Qld	..	2.8	2.8	2.7	15.9
S.A.	..	3.1	3.2	(a)3.5	(a)28.3
W.A.	..	1.7	1.8	2.1	14.9
Tas.	..	0.5	0.5	0.5	3.7
N.T.	..	..	..	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	..	..	..	0.2	0.3
ALL BUSINESSES					
1975-76 : June	104.6	48.9	153.6	167.8	2,427.4
1976-77 : July	100.8	53.1	153.9	174.9	2,471.7
Aug.	98.6	47.4	146.0	172.6	2,502.5
Sept.	101.9	47.0	149.0	173.4	2,534.8
Oct.	99.3	53.8	153.1	169.7	2,574.8
Nov.	103.2	55.6	158.8	179.4	2,613.4
Dec.	108.2	66.4	174.7	171.7	2,675.6
Jan.	91.4	36.5	127.9	156.1	2,701.4
Feb.	96.2	40.6	136.8	181.1	2,716.1
Mar.	109.2	46.5	155.7	204.1	2,722.1
Apr.	92.6	44.9	137.5	171.3	2,744.0
May	105.8	51.4	157.2	195.1	2,766.6
June	107.0	49.5	156.4	188.7	2,798.4
1977-78 : July	101.1	48.4	149.5	181.3	2,822.0
States, July 1977 -					
N.S.W.	32.4	18.5	50.9	60.2	972.8
Vic.	22.4	12.6	35.0	42.8	630.9
Qld	16.6	7.5	24.1	29.6	478.6
S.A.	10.3	4.3	14.6	(a)20.3	(a)298.3
W.A.	11.5	3.8	15.3	16.9	273.4
Tas.	4.6	1.0	5.6	7.1	101.6
N.T.	0.9	0.2	1.1	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	2.3	0.5	2.9	4.4	66.5

(a) Includes Northern Territory. (b) Not available separately for publication; included in South Australia.

OVERSEAS TRADE

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASS
(\$ million)

Producers' materials for use in																							
Period	Manufacturing										Fuels and lubricants (d)	Auxiliary aids to production (e)	Munitions and war stores										
	Building and construction	Rural industries	Motor vehicle assembly (a) (b)		Other (c)	Total (c)	Class I.	Class II.	Class III.	Class VII.													
			Class I.A	Class I.B										Class I.C(5)	Class I.C(1-4)								
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%							
1974-75	239.0	3.0	115.2	1.4	413.5	5.2	2,511.7	31.6	3,279.4	41.2	234.3	2.9	156.2	2.0	47.3	0.6							
1975-76	249.4	3.1	87.2	1.1	515.1	6.3	2,441.6	29.9	3,293.4	40.4	282.6	3.5	156.1	1.9	68.5	0.8							
1976-77	342.6	3.3	88.0	0.9	636.7	6.2	3,166.4	30.7	4,233.7	41.0	341.2	3.3	86.3	0.8	116.4	1.1							
1975-76 -																							
May	25.1	3.4	5.8	0.8	48.8	6.6	233.6	31.5	313.4	42.3	25.7	3.5	14.8	2.0	3.8	0.5							
June	25.6	3.3	7.1	0.9	55.7	7.2	221.6	28.6	310.0	40.0	28.2	3.6	14.7	1.9	5.9	0.8							
1976-77 (f) p -																							
July	21.9	2.7	5.5	0.7	57.3	7.1	275.9	34.3	360.8	44.9	40.7	5.1	9.1	1.1	5.1	0.6							
Aug.	26.6	3.1	6.3	0.8	64.3	7.6	260.1	30.6	357.5	42.1	18.1	2.1	6.7	0.9	5.9	0.7							
Sept.	24.9	3.3	8.7	1.2	46.3	6.2	241.6	32.4	321.8	43.2	17.7	2.4	6.3	0.8	4.8	0.6							
Oct.	25.1	3.3	6.7	0.9	42.2	5.6	235.8	31.2	309.9	41.0	18.6	2.5	6.0	0.8	4.0	0.5							
Nov.	30.7	3.5	4.9	0.6	50.5	5.8	270.0	31.0	356.3	40.9	23.3	2.7	7.6	0.9	9.8	1.1							
Dec.	29.9	3.9	4.5	0.6	44.5	5.8	217.5	28.4	296.7	38.7	21.6	2.8	6.9	0.9	11.3	1.5							
Jan.	32.6	3.7	8.3	0.9	48.2	5.5	256.0	29.1	345.3	39.3	32.2	3.7	6.4	0.7	10.8	1.2							
Feb.	27.3	3.0	14.4	1.6	56.8	6.2	266.9	29.3	365.5	40.2	39.0	4.3	8.3	0.9	5.7	0.6							
Mar.	34.2	3.5	3.6	0.4	54.3	5.6	277.9	28.6	372.4	38.4	41.9	4.1	7.5	0.8	10.2	1.1							
Apr.	29.9	3.4	6.8	0.8	56.0	6.4	268.9	30.6	361.9	41.1	37.3	4.2	6.7	0.8	6.4	0.7							
May	27.1	2.8	9.7	1.0	61.5	6.4	321.6	33.2	421.5	43.5	25.1	2.4	7.6	0.8	11.7	1.2							
June	32.3	3.5	8.6	0.9	54.8	5.9	273.8	29.5	369.5	39.8	25.7	2.8	7.2	0.8	30.5	3.3							
Capital equipment																							
Period	Transport equipment				Finished consumer goods					Total imports		Producers' equipment	Class IV.	Class V.B	Class V.A,C,D	Class VI.A,B,C	Class VI.D	Class VI.E-J	Class VI.	Total imports of merchandise	Original	Seasonally adjusted (i)	
	Complete road vehicles and assembled chassis (g)	Railway equipment, vessels and civil aircraft	Food, beverages and tobacco	Clothing and accessories	All other (h)	Total (h)	Total imports of merchandise	Original	Seasonally adjusted (i)														
										Class I.A	Class I.B												Class I.C(5)
1974-75	1,674.8	21.0	526.5	6.6	144.4	1.8	280.5	3.5	233.0	2.9	1,384.2	17.4	1,897.7	23.8	7,961	8,080	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1975-76	1,685.4	20.7	502.9	6.2	114.1	1.4	287.7	3.5	243.2	3.0	1,524.0	18.7	2,054.8	25.2	8,158	8,240	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1976-77	2,087.0	20.2	701.1	6.8	132.5	1.3	450.0	4.4	307.4	3.0	1,873.5	18.1	2,630.9	25.5	10,329	10,410	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1975-76 -																							
May	148.9	20.1	46.5	6.3	9.4	1.3	24.7	3.3	20.0	2.7	134.6	18.2	179.3	24.2	741.7	747	737	..	..	..	..	..	..
June	166.3	21.4	60.9	7.9	11.3	1.5	28.5	3.7	17.0	2.2	133.1	17.2	178.7	23.0	775.9	781	804	..	..	..	..	..	..
1976-77 (f) p -																							
July	152.7	19.0	44.9	5.6	11.5	1.4	28.3	3.5	21.8	2.7	129.2	16.1	179.3	22.3	804.0	810	790	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aug.	170.7	20.1	57.2	6.7	8.6	1.0	34.0	4.0	27.7	3.2	163.8	19.3	225.6	26.5	850.1	855	819	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sept.	139.9	18.8	43.0	5.8	7.2	1.0	30.1	4.0	24.5	3.3	149.7	20.1	204.3	27.4	744.7	750	740	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oct.	148.6	19.6	52.9	7.0	11.9	1.6	31.5	4.2	19.0	2.5	154.2	20.4	204.7	27.1	756.4	761	782	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nov.	165.9	19.0	62.0	7.1	15.1	1.7	38.2	4.4	20.4	2.3	172.4	19.8	231.1	26.5	870.9	879	868	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dec.	146.2	19.0	61.4	8.0	16.5	2.2	41.0	5.4	21.6	2.8	143.4	18.7	206.0	26.9	766.4	778	804	..	..	..	..	..	..
Jan.	194.0	22.1	58.8	6.7	8.6	1.0	32.2	3.7	33.9	3.9	156.4	17.8	222.6	25.3	878.6	884	936	..	..	..	..	..	..
Feb.	183.8	20.2	56.0	6.2	8.3	0.9	45.5	5.0	42.5	4.7	155.2	17.1	243.2	26.7	909.7	917	986	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mar.	200.3	20.6	74.5	7.7	14.0	1.4	41.0	4.2	36.5	3.8	174.0	17.9	251.6	25.9	971.0	976	998	..	..	..	..	..	..
Apr.	186.0	21.1	62.6	7.1	8.0	0.9	40.9	4.7	20.3	2.3	150.2	17.1	211.5	24.0	880.0	886	1,012	..	..	..	..	..	..
May	199.7	20.6	63.0	6.5	13.5	1.4	41.0	4.2	18.1	1.9	168.6	17.4	227.8	23.5	968.1	976	952	..	..	..	..	..	..
June	199.1	21.4	64.7	7.0	9.3	1.0	46.1	5.0	21.0	2.3	156.1	16.8	223.2	24.0	929.2	939	977	..	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts, completely knocked-down vehicles and components for the assembly of motor vehicles. (c) Excludes a percentage of piece-goods to be sold by retail, and paper to be used solely for wrapping, which are recorded in Classes VI.E-J and III, respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in Class I.C(1-4). (e) Includes a percentage of paper used solely for wrapping; see note (c). (f) Figures from July 1976 are not comparable with previous months because of the change in the basis of valuation of imports to the internationally recognised Brussels Definition of Value. (g) Completely knocked-down vehicle components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts are recorded in Class I.C(5). (h) Includes a percentage of piece-goods to be sold by retail; see note (c) above. (i) Seasonally adjusted figures for 1976-77 are derived from the estimated values of total imports on the old basis of valuation.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES
(\$ million)

Period	Meats	Dairy produce	Wheat and flour	Dried, fresh and preserved fruit	Sugar	Coal, coke and briquettes	Ores and concentrates	
							Non-ferrous	Iron
1974-75	443.8	157.4	1,078.6	91.2	644.6	733.4	421.8	706.5
1975-76	667.9	189.5	961.5	96.1	569.9	1,069.8	526.6	771.0
1976-77	884.8	189.3	893.4	98.9	637.5	1,381.6	645.1	901.7
1975-76 - June	69.9	16.0	77.0	13.2	43.1	135.1	58.0	73.7
1976-77 - July	64.8	20.3	76.7	9.5	78.6	99.8	69.3	77.0
Aug.	77.3	15.4	106.4	8.8	69.9	94.1	40.7	81.1
Sept.	69.9	14.8	73.3	7.8	87.0	102.7	53.0	72.3
Oct.	65.2	15.1	74.8	10.4	71.9	94.7	50.3	78.6
Nov.	65.3	14.7	83.1	7.4	72.9	129.1	61.8	71.3
Dec.	52.1	13.4	47.5	4.0	41.8	91.9	51.4	58.5
Jan.	68.9	15.6	68.9	4.5	42.0	133.0	46.1	84.9
Feb.	64.7	13.9	68.6	3.6	28.2	89.5	45.0	97.4
Mar.	85.2	19.4	50.2	6.7	31.9	94.3	41.2	62.9
Apr.	78.2	12.8	85.7	9.0	46.0	226.8	57.3	69.2
May	99.6	17.0	79.6	14.1	39.0	118.4	57.4	80.4
June	93.8	16.9	78.6	13.2	28.4	107.3	71.5	68.1
1977-78 p - July	93.4	14.7	91.6	10.2	56.3	97.7	49.0	75.2

Period	Road motor vehicles	Wool		Total exports of merchandise	Total exports	
		Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original	Seasonally adjusted
1974-75	136.7	753.5	..	8,540.6	8,726	..
1975-76	95.1	961.9	..	9,399.7	9,640	..
1976-77	91.7	1,477.1	..	11,573.7	11,647	..
1975-76 - June	13.1	116.0	107.6	968.7	981	947
1976-77 - July	8.7	114.7	107.2	974.2	1,000	1,010
Aug.	9.6	112.7	115.5	967.3	986	974
Sept.	7.0	111.1	156.7	980.4	999	950
Oct.	7.4	105.4	137.9	901.3	916	875
Nov.	7.2	135.6	154.1	990.1	1,000	1,032
Dec.	6.4	137.7	134.3	848.9	862	863
Jan.	5.6	156.1	129.7	975.3	984	1,036
Feb.	4.6	142.4	122.5	903.1	913	966
Mar.	8.2	136.9	119.7	943.6	958	1,008
Apr.	9.0	122.4	130.2	1,103.6	1,023	1,041
May	8.9	109.3	105.0	1,017.8	1,028	995
June	9.0	92.9	87.0	968.1	979	928
1977-78 p - July	8.4	84.3	82.3	946.2	970	1,045

INDEX OF VALUE OF EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT CONSTANT PRICES (Base : Year 1966-67 = 100)

Food and live animals										
Period	Meat and meat preparations	Cereal grains and cereal preparations	Other (dairy produce, fruit, sugar, etc.)	Total	Wool and sheepskins	Metaliferous ores and metal scrap	Metal manufactures, machinery, transport equipment	Other exports	All exports of merchandise	
									Original	Seasonally adjusted
Value weight % (a)	9.5	15.8	12.5	37.8	29.7	5.6	14.2	12.7	100.0	..
1973-74	158	93	112	116	77	553	186	268	158	..
1974-75	136	140	102	127	75	597	201	271	167	..
1975-76	181	140	114	142	94	567	184	276	174	..
1975-76 -										
Dec. qtr	169	103	123	139	78	569	190	268	169	170
Mar. qtr	177	133	92	130	119	561	165	265	173	174
June qtr	192	173	121	160	85	595	191	290	183	181
1976-77 p -										
Sept. qtr	224	164	155	170	113	650	206	312	191	190
Dec. qtr	191	122	142	146	118	584	198	300	189	191
Mar. qtr	181	151	110	145	116	541	177	280	180	182

INDEX OF VALUE OF IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT CONSTANT PRICES (Base : Year 1966-67 = 100)

Period	Food, beverages and tobacco	Fuels	Basic materials	Chemicals (incl. plastics)	Textiles, fabrics, etc.	Metal manufactures, machinery, transport equipment	Other imports	All imports of merchandise	
								Original	Seasonally adjusted
Value weight % (a)	5.2	8.2	7.4	9.9	8.0	43.3	18.0	100.0	..
1973-74	156	67	152	176	208	165	212	169	..
1974-75	161	63	110	167	138	188	217	170	..
1975-76	150	60	113	137	188	162	211	158	..
1975-76 -									
Dec. qtr	151	63	109	131	215	156	199	155	150
Mar. qtr	156	63	119	139	189	157	223	159	165
June qtr	144	57	115	162	187	169	213	163	169
1976-77 p -									
Sept. qtr	165	79	113	164	199	171	240	173	165
Dec. qtr	188	53	128	165	205	177	246	177	172
Mar. qtr	181	71	110	160	186	185	239	177	185

(a) Weighting pattern as at 1966-67. These percentages may be used in analysing the contribution of each group to movements in the total index.

PRICES AND WAGES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index has been compiled for periods from September quarter 1948. The composition of groups and the group structure of the index has been altered with the introduction of the ninth Consumer Price Index series from December quarter 1976. A brief description of the latest link is contained in the Appendix to the December quarter 1976 *Consumer Price Index* bulletin (Catalogue No. 6401.0. Previously Ref. No. 9.1).

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted) (a)

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (b)	Recreation (c)	All groups
1974-75	164.0	173.0	187.4	153.8	173.0	170.4	186.5	..	171.1
1975-76	180.2	201.0	221.1	178.3	203.8	211.1	151.6	..	193.3
1976-77	201.2	232.5	251.8	196.3	221.9	229.8	265.8	104.1	220.0
1975-76 -									
Mar. qtr	185.7	202.6	224.6	181.9	208.7	220.6	149.6	..	197.4
June qtr	186.6	214.4	233.9	186.5	211.2	225.8	156.9	..	202.4
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	192.3	218.1	241.1	189.9	215.2	226.1	161.5	100.0	206.9
Dec. qtr	199.6	232.1	249.4	193.0	218.6	229.2	295.4	101.6	219.3
Mar. qtr	203.4	235.6	255.0	198.9	225.0	230.3	301.3	105.8	224.3
June qtr	209.4	244.1	261.6	203.5	228.7	233.4	304.9	108.8	229.6

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS
SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA
(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
1974-75	171.1	176.1	167.9	168.7	169.7	166.1	166.7	164.9
1975-76	193.3	199.0	189.5	190.9	190.5	189.6	190.0	187.3
1976-77	220.0	223.4	216.6	218.0	220.1	219.4	217.7	212.9
1975-76 -								
Mar. qtr	197.4	203.1	193.4	195.6	194.6	193.9	194.2	191.6
June qtr	202.4	207.6	198.3	200.1	200.4	200.4	200.6	197.7
1976-77 -								
Sept. qtr	206.9	211.1	203.2	205.1	205.5	205.4	205.5	201.9
Dec. qtr	219.3	222.8	215.3	217.8	220.0	219.0	217.2	213.0
Mar. qtr	224.3	227.4	221.0	222.5	224.7	224.0	221.4	216.5
June qtr	229.6	232.3	227.0	226.6	230.1	229.3	226.7	220.3

(a) Figures appearing after the decimal point possess little significance for general statistical purposes. They are inserted to avoid the distortions that would occur in rounding off the figures to the nearest whole number. (b) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (c) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) GROUP INDEX NUMBERS

A detailed description of the index is contained in the initial bulletin (Catalogue No. 6411.0. Previously Ref. No. 9.13) of 4 July 1975.

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)

Manufactured materials (imported) (b)									
Period	Chemicals	Metal manu- factures components for trans- port equip- ment and machinery	Other manu- factured materials (b)	Other materials (imported and home produced) (c)			Total imported materials	Total home produced materials	All groups
				Food, live animals and tobacco	Crude materials (excl. fuels)	Electricity gas and fuels			
Value weight (%)	6.67	3.21	5.76	45.87	20.66	15.83	27.16	72.84	100.00
1974-75	141.9	148.7	137.4	132.4	149.3	179.5	181.5	131.6	145.1
1975-76	149.4	179.6	148.4	132.5	163.0	229.0	202.9	142.0	158.6
1976-77 p	160.3	211.6	164.5	154.9	191.5	254.4	233.2	163.0	182.1
1975-76 -									
May	150.7	188.3	151.3	132.8	176.4	239.5	210.4	146.5	163.8
June	151.6	189.8	151.9	138.1	179.4	240.7	212.0	150.6	167.3
1976-77 -									
July	151.6	192.0	152.9	142.9	184.7	241.0	212.0	155.4	170.8
Aug.	152.7	192.4	153.7	150.8	182.7	239.9	213.3	159.3	174.0
Sept.	152.0	194.5	154.0	153.5	180.1	239.6	213.9	160.1	174.7
Oct.	151.5	192.4	154.8	152.1	182.7	241.0	214.4	159.9	174.7
Nov.	151.3	194.8	154.6	144.9	181.4	241.2	215.4	154.8	171.3
Dec.	164.9	211.9	162.1	147.1	195.1	252.5	233.1	159.0	179.1
Jan.	164.3	221.4	169.5	152.0	196.3	258.2	239.7	162.4	183.4
Feb.	165.6	224.5	171.6	155.1	198.2	269.0	247.7	164.8	187.3
Mar.	167.6	226.9	174.2	161.4	199.9	268.0	250.9	168.3	190.8
Apr.	166.6	227.5	174.7	165.5	200.7	267.0	251.5	170.8	192.7
May p	167.7	229.0	175.5	165.2	200.3	268.1	252.6	170.6	192.8
June p	168.1	231.7	176.0	168.7	195.6	267.2	253.7	171.1	193.5

(a) The index is on a net basis and relates in concept only to materials that enter Australian manufacturing industry from other sectors of the Australian economy or from overseas. (b) Excluding the manufactured imported crude materials listed in footnote (c). (c) Includes imported fuel oil and the following manufactured imported crude materials: synthetic rubber, hardwood, softwood, woodpulp, synthetic fibre, vegetable oils.

PRICE INDEXES OF ARTICLES PRODUCED BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) DIVISION AND SUB-DIVISION INDEX NUMBERS

A detailed description of the indexes is contained in the initial bulletin (Catalogue No. 6412.0. Previously Ref. No. 9.14) of 26 October 1976. Index numbers for special groupings are published in monthly issues of this bulletin.

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)

Selected net sub-division indexes (c)

Period	All Manu- facturing Industry Index (b)	Food beverages and tobacco (21-22)	Clothing and footwear (24)	Wood, wood products and furniture (25)	Glass, clay and other non-metallic mineral products (28)	Basic metal products (29)	Fabricated metal products (31)	Transport equipment (32)	Other individual machinery and equip- ment and household appliances (33)
1974-75	158.1	153.0	161.3	190.0	158.3	151.9	183.2	151.2	158.9
1975-76	157.8	163.5	185.2	219.9	182.2	174.0	217.1	175.8	192.8
1976-77 p	196.9	180.0	208.1	246.8	202.5	200.6	244.9	195.0	199.4
1975-76 -									
June	186.8	168.0	196.0	235.2	195.0	190.4	233.7	187.0	189.6
1976-77 -									
July	188.1	170.7	198.0	237.2	195.8	192.3	235.2	188.0	191.0
Aug.	189.7	173.0	204.0	237.3	196.8	192.0	236.4	188.7	192.8
Sept.	190.5	174.2	205.0	237.4	198.0	191.0	237.5	190.8	193.7
Oct.	191.5	175.1	205.3	240.0	199.4	192.7	240.5	191.8	193.9
Nov.	192.9	175.3	206.2	244.0	201.3	195.0	243.0	192.2	194.6
Dec.	195.6	178.6	206.2	245.2	201.8	201.6	245.4	194.6	196.4
Jan.	198.0	180.7	207.1	248.7	203.0	203.2	246.1	195.6	200.3
Feb.	200.4	183.6	210.5	251.6	205.9	205.2	248.0	196.3	203.0
Mar.	202.4	186.1	212.5	252.0	206.3	208.4	249.5	199.3	204.9
Apr.	204.0	187.5	213.3	254.0	206.9	209.0	251.4	200.2	206.8
May	204.3	187.5	213.9	256.6	206.9	209.3	251.8	200.6	207.2
June p	205.0	187.9	214.9	257.8	208.1	207.4	254.3	202.3	208.5
July p	206.7	189.8	217.4	259.6	210.9	209.7	257.8	203.9	209.5

(a) For a full description of Division C, 'Manufacturing' and the selected sub-divisions see Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), Preliminary Edition, 1969. (b) This index is on a 'net sub-division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division. (c) Indexes for the remaining sub-divisions of Manufacturing Division are in process of development. The indexes are on a 'net sub-division' basis. ASIC sub-division codes are shown in brackets at the head of the columns.

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING

A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973. The separate city indexes shown below measure price movements within each city individually. They do not compare price levels as between cities.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

(Base: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1974-75	189.4	178.4	187.0	195.4	172.4	179.1	183.4
1975-76	211.1	200.1	218.5	222.5	201.9	209.2	208.1
1976-77	234.5	223.6	243.5	250.7	229.8	235.1	232.9
1976-77 -							
July	225.3	214.8	234.8	241.4	218.2	224.4	223.4
Aug.	225.8	216.2	235.4	243.2	220.6	229.2	224.7
Sept.	226.6	218.3	237.0	243.9	223.3	230.2	226.3
Oct.	228.1	218.8	237.8	245.3	225.7	230.9	227.5
Nov.	230.2	219.4	240.3	246.4	226.7	231.7	228.9
Dec.	231.9	221.7	241.0	247.7	227.4	234.0	230.5
Jan.	236.1	224.7	242.0	250.1	229.1	235.4	233.5
Feb.	240.0	227.2	248.4	254.5	230.9	239.1	236.8
Mar.	242.0	228.4	249.7	256.2	237.3	239.8	239.2
Apr.	242.6	230.6	251.2	259.5	237.7	240.8	240.6
May	241.2	230.6	251.3	260.0	238.5	241.2	240.3
June	244.3	231.9	253.3	260.4	241.9	244.1	242.6
1977-78 -							
July p	247.2	233.4	257.7	262.7	245.3	248.3	245.2
Aug. p	247.6	234.7	259.7	266.4	249.1	251.5	247.0

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

(Base: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Concrete mix cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures etc	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
Value weight (%)	5.73	8.10	12.85	36.16	5.86	7.20	3.74	1.63	5.13	5.64	7.96	100.00
1974-75	165.7	193.1	180.3	203.5	192.1	170.3	174.5	168.3	146.4	147.8	161.5	183.4
1975-76	195.1	227.0	205.1	226.2	229.3	187.1	201.5	183.5	165.9	167.7	187.9	208.1
1976-77	217.8	258.9	227.8	254.1	263.2	207.9	224.3	201.8	181.9	178.8	210.7	232.9
1976-77 -												
July	209.6	247.8	219.6	241.9	251.7	202.2	216.4	201.3	177.5	175.5	200.8	223.4
Aug.	211.4	249.0	221.5	242.9	254.1	202.1	218.9	200.1	179.4	175.9	201.8	224.7
Sept.	213.5	249.7	224.5	244.7	254.6	203.2	221.2	198.1	179.7	176.1	204.4	226.3
Oct.	214.0	253.7	226.6	245.6	255.7	202.9	223.0	195.1	180.3	177.4	206.9	227.5
Nov.	216.7	256.7	227.0	247.1	261.7	202.5	223.3	194.0	180.5	177.7	207.7	228.9
Dec.	216.5	259.1	227.3	249.1	264.1	205.8	223.4	199.1	181.0	177.9	209.0	230.5
Jan.	219.0	260.6	228.2	254.7	264.9	208.7	223.3	200.9	182.3	174.0	210.3	233.5
Feb.	222.2	263.3	229.4	260.6	267.2	210.9	227.2	203.5	183.4	180.8	211.2	236.8
Mar.	222.1	265.0	231.7	263.5	269.4	212.5	228.1	204.6	184.1	181.2	217.8	239.2
Apr.	222.4	265.5	233.0	265.5	270.6	215.0	228.4	208.9	184.4	181.3	219.0	240.6
May	222.3	265.6	230.0	265.9	271.0	214.3	228.5	208.0	184.8	181.3	218.9	240.3
June	223.8	269.9	234.9	267.9	273.0	215.2	229.3	208.0	185.8	182.2	220.4	242.6
1977-78 -												
July p	227.2	276.5	237.3	269.8	276.5	215.9	232.6	208.1	188.9	185.9	224.1	245.2
Aug. p	231.6	278.9	238.8	271.8	280.1	215.1	233.9	207.4	188.8	186.2	225.4	247.0

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973. The separate city indexes shown below measure price movements within each city individually. They do not compare price levels as between cities.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1974-75	176.0	180.6	186.6	181.0	176.7	179.3	179.2
1975-76	199.0	209.4	216.3	210.4	208.3	210.4	206.2
1976-77	221.5	234.8	241.2	234.3	235.4	234.8	230.3
1976-77 -							
July	213.4	225.4	232.9	226.9	225.3	225.5	221.7
Aug.	214.0	227.1	234.0	228.1	226.6	227.8	222.8
Sept.	214.8	228.5	235.0	228.7	227.9	229.2	223.9
Oct.	215.9	229.8	236.1	229.5	230.2	230.3	225.1
Nov.	218.0	231.2	238.4	230.9	232.0	231.7	226.9
Dec.	220.0	234.1	240.7	233.3	234.3	234.6	229.3
Jan.	221.9	235.5	241.9	234.8	235.8	235.4	230.8
Feb.	225.0	237.9	244.2	237.0	237.7	237.3	233.4
Mar.	227.1	239.5	246.0	238.5	242.2	239.1	235.5
Apr.	228.8	242.5	247.8	240.9	243.7	241.2	237.6
May	228.7	242.4	247.9	241.1	244.1	241.9	237.6
June	230.0	243.8	249.3	242.2	245.0	243.4	238.9
1977-78 -							
July p	232.6	246.7	253.1	245.3	248.7	245.7	241.9
Aug. p	233.3	248.3	254.4	247.7	252.0	247.6	243.3

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Concrete mix cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Alum-inum products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscellaneous materials	Electrical installation materials (a)	Mechanical services components	All groups
Value weight (%)	10.41	3.64	5.28	11.90	30.58	6.01	2.59	1.19	7.09	8.61	12.70	100.00
1974-75	164.6	183.9	179.4	194.7	189.2	169.2	162.7	197.7	163.4	157.4	181.3	179.2
1975-76	193.0	220.0	202.7	219.3	223.4	193.6	173.3	232.1	186.8	177.4	201.3	206.2
1976-77	215.6	244.7	224.0	243.6	251.7	213.7	195.0	251.2	204.2	199.6	225.4	230.3
1976-77 -												
July	206.9	238.2	216.4	232.9	242.7	206.0	196.4	246.0	196.8	195.0	212.8	221.7
Aug.	208.7	238.4	217.9	234.1	243.6	205.9	195.4	247.2	197.2	194.4	216.1	222.8
Sept.	211.0	238.9	219.8	236.1	244.3	209.0	193.6	250.9	199.1	193.1	216.6	223.9
Oct.	211.5	241.7	222.4	236.9	246.1	210.0	187.5	252.4	200.9	191.4	219.3	225.1
Nov.	214.4	243.6	222.4	237.7	250.1	210.7	183.6	252.2	202.1	191.3	220.3	226.9
Dec.	214.2	244.6	223.3	239.7	252.0	212.3	190.3	251.7	203.0	195.7	226.6	229.3
Jan.	217.3	245.2	224.8	243.1	252.7	212.9	192.8	251.2	203.8	198.6	227.3	230.8
Feb.	220.4	246.2	225.8	248.6	254.2	216.1	198.2	251.7	205.2	202.7	229.4	233.4
Mar.	220.5	247.6	227.8	251.2	256.1	218.2	201.2	252.3	209.2	206.6	231.1	235.5
Apr.	220.4	249.5	229.2	253.5	258.7	220.6	203.2	252.8	210.5	209.9	233.9	237.6
May	220.2	249.8	226.8	253.6	259.3	220.7	199.5	252.8	210.7	208.1	235.1	237.6
June	221.3	252.6	230.9	255.2	260.6	221.5	197.8	253.1	211.8	207.9	236.5	238.9
1977-78 -												
July p	223.9	258.0	232.3	257.5	265.0	222.9	197.1	257.3	215.0	209.7	239.0	241.9
Aug. p	227.6	260.5	234.5	258.5	267.2	223.3	194.8	258.8	216.3	209.0	239.5	243.3

(a) The Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials is used as the indicator for this group.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS (Base: Year 1959-60 = 100)

Figures since June 1969 have been compiled on a basis which incorporates a re-weighting (on a 1969-70 basis) of the items contained in the previous series and the inclusion of some additional items.

Period	Wool	Meats	Dairy produce	Cereals	Dried and canned fruits	Sugar	Hides and tallow	Metals and coal (a)	Gold	All groups (b)
1974-75	121	132	127	256	176	378	141	263	391	181
1975-76	127	150	122	240	162	335	151	286	359	187
1976-77	164	169	128	219	184	314	203	329	370	206
1975-76 -										
May	137	167	116	241	152	324	181	302	330	193
June	140	169	116	243	151	333	177	307	331	197
1976-77 -										
July	(c)140	156	114	235	154	341	175	316	317	195
Aug.	144	149	114	225	154	322	178	309	272	192
Sept.	147	147	119	224	154	316	185	307	289	192
Oct.	157	144	122	223	152	310	187	305	303	194
Nov.	154	144	122	220	153	300	186	308	330	194
Dec.	180	167	130	219	171	310	194	345	414	213
Jan.	182	174	132	219	167	299	201	338	395	212
Feb.	178	180	133	216	189	304	207	339	409	213
Mar.	174	183	135	209	188	317	214	346	434	213
Apr.	171	196	135	216	240	317	219	349	437	218
May	169	195	141	221	241	324	246	347	430	218
June	167	191	141	205	241	313	245	338	415	213

(a) Comprises coal, iron and steel, copper, zinc, lead and silver. Does not include iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands, which however have been included in the "All groups" index from July 1969 on. (b) As from 1969-70 "All groups" includes the following items, in addition to the specified groups: iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands. (c) Nominal.

CONSUMER (RETAIL) PRICE INDEXES, VARIOUS COUNTRIES

(Base of each index: Year 1970 = 100.0)

(Source: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the Statistical Office of the United Nations)

The index numbers show fluctuations in prices in each country and do not measure relative price levels as between countries.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the various countries. A short dash on each side of an index number (e.g. -107.6-) indicates that the two series have been linked at that period.

Period	Australia (a)	Belgium (b)	Brazil (Sao Paulo) (c)	Canada	France	Federal Republic of Germany	India	Indonesia (Djakarta)	Italy	Japan	Netherlands
1974	141.5	132.6	144.3	128.6	136.3	127.1	165.2	204.8	146.3	154.1	137.3
1975	162.8	149.5	187.9	142.5	152.2	134.7	174.5	243.8	171.1	172.4	151.3
1976	184.9	163.2	254.3	153.2	166.9	140.8	160.9	292.2	199.8	188.4	164.6
1976 -											
Mar. qtr	176.7	158.6	225.9	149.8	161.1	139.0	158.3	277.5	185.0	182.0	159.1
June qtr	181.2	161.9	245.0	152.1	164.8	141.1	157.6	285.9	196.7	187.7	164.3
Sept. qtr	185.2	164.9	263.3	154.3	168.6	141.2	162.5	299.4	202.2	189.8	165.5
Dec. qtr	196.3	167.6	282.9	156.6	172.9	142.0	165.9	306.1	215.1	194.5	169.6
1977 -											
Mar. qtr	200.7	170.9	312.7	159.9	175.6	144.6	168.3		225.2	198.9	170.8
June qtr	205.5			163.7		146.5					175.8
Period	New Zealand	Norway	Pakistan (Karachi) (d)	Philippines (Manila)	Singapore (e)	South Africa (f)	Sweden	Switzerland	United Kingdom	United States of America	Malaysia (Peninsular) (g)
1974	141.8	-133.9-	164.0	214.7	122.3	138.1	133.5	135.7	148.4	127.0	136.0
1975	162.6	149.5	198.2	234.6	125.5	156.7	146.6	144.8	184.4	138.6	142.2
1976	190.2	163.2	212.4		123.1	174.1	161.7	147.3	214.9	146.6	145.9
1976 -											
Mar. qtr	179.8	158.0	205.3	247.3	124.9	166.7	156.6	147.1	204.4	143.7	144.5
June qtr	187.8	162.4	208.6		122.7	172.0	160.5	146.8	211.9	145.5	144.9
Sept. qtr	193.7	165.6	213.5		122.2	177.1	162.8	147.3	216.8	147.8	146.4
Dec. qtr	199.1	166.7	222.3		122.6	180.8	166.8	147.9	226.8	149.4	147.6
1977 -											
Mar. qtr	204.3	172.1	230.9		125.4	185.8	171.2	148.5	238.2	152.1	150.9
June qtr		176.9						148.8	248.8	155.3	

(a) Consumer Price Index converted to base: 1970 = 100.0. (b) Rent is not included. (c) Beginning 1972, base: 1972 = 100.0. (d) Prior to 1972: Karachi only; industrial workers. Beginning 1972, base: 1971 = 100.0. (e) Beginning 1974, new series, base: 1973 = 100.0. (f) White population. (g) Formerly known as West Malaysia.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK

End of —	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia	
							Rates	Index Nos (Base: Year 1954 = 100)
WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE (\$) (a)								
Adult Males								
June								
1973	74.69	74.67	75.49	72.56	72.64	74.94	74.47	263.7
1974	95.63	95.60	96.89	93.49	90.46	95.39	95.24	337.2
1975	113.31	112.73	115.83	111.01	106.35	112.59	112.78	399.3
1975-76 —								
June	130.51	128.59	133.61	126.77	125.89	128.75	129.68	459.2
1976-77 —								
July	130.65	128.63	133.61	126.78	126.01	128.76	129.76	459.5
Aug.	133.26	131.21	136.10	129.35	129.22	131.33	132.38	468.7
Sept.	133.28	131.21	136.10	129.37	129.30	131.33	132.39	468.8
Oct.	133.26	131.21	136.10	129.36	129.39	131.33	132.39	468.8
Nov.	135.99	134.05	139.12	132.17	132.24	134.14	135.21	478.8
Dec.	136.02	134.06	139.13	132.18	132.24	134.14	135.23	478.8
Jan.	136.12	134.06	139.13	132.22	132.28	134.14	135.27	479.0
Feb.	136.11	134.06	139.13	132.22	136.21	134.14	135.54	479.9
Mar.	141.90	139.78	144.88	137.94	137.99	139.88	141.02	499.3
Apr.	141.97	139.81	144.90	137.94	139.67	139.93	141.18	499.9
May	144.68	142.41	147.62	140.51	141.83	142.50	143.80	509.2
June	144.67	142.41	147.62	140.60	141.83	142.50	143.81	509.2
1977-78 —								
July	144.68	142.41	147.62	140.61	141.86	142.50	143.81	509.2
Adult Females								
June								
1973	59.84	58.58	57.18	57.85	57.73	57.90	58.85	295.6
1974	82.78	80.84	76.96	78.00	75.41	76.30	80.65	405.1
1975	105.22	104.98	102.88	99.42	98.29	101.04	104.02	522.5
1975-76 —								
June	120.48	120.70	122.04	120.28	115.34	116.94	120.36	604.6
1976-77 —								
July	120.48	120.70	122.04	120.28	116.22	116.94	120.40	604.8
Aug.	123.02	123.29	124.39	122.79	119.73	119.52	122.99	617.8
Sept.	123.02	123.29	124.39	122.79	119.76	119.52	122.99	617.8
Oct.	123.02	123.29	124.39	122.79	120.14	119.52	123.01	617.9
Nov.	125.72	125.98	127.49	125.48	122.60	122.15	125.74	631.6
Dec.	125.72	125.98	127.49	125.55	122.64	122.15	125.74	631.6
Jan.	125.72	125.98	127.49	125.55	123.38	122.15	125.78	631.8
Feb.	125.72	125.98	127.50	125.55	127.46	122.15	126.00	632.9
Mar.	131.45	131.70	133.20	131.39	128.88	127.85	131.50	660.5
Apr.	131.45	131.70	133.20	131.39	129.25	127.85	131.52	660.6
May	133.94	134.18	135.70	133.86	131.38	130.28	133.99	673.0
June	133.94	134.18	135.70	133.86	131.38	130.28	133.99	673.0
1977-78 —								
July	133.94	134.18	135.70	133.86	131.66	130.28	134.00	673.1
WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK (b) JULY 1977								
Adult males	39.74	39.92	39.84	39.92	39.80	39.89	39.83	99.67
Adult females	39.53	39.81	39.70	39.77	39.78	39.63	39.67	100.00

(a) For a full weeks work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and collective agreements. The wage rates for adult males exclude rural industry. The wage rates for adult females exclude rural industry; mining and quarrying and building and construction. Rates shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms indicative of trends. They do not measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States. Figures for the last twelve months are subject to revision. (b) The hours for adult males exclude rural industry; and shipping and stevedoring. The hours for adult females exclude rural industry; mining and quarrying; and building and construction.

NOTE: For further information regarding these statistics reference should be made to the monthly bulletin *Wage Rates and Earnings* (Catalogue No. 6312.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.16).

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (a)
(Revised Series)

Original Series. Estimates of average weekly earnings are made each quarter in respect of both full-time and part-time civilian wage and salary earners in all industries combined. The earnings figures used in the calculation of the averages comprise award and over-award wages and salaries, the earnings of employees not covered by awards, overtime earnings, etc., and includes payments made retrospectively or in advance during the quarter. Particulars of employment and wages and salaries are derived from payroll tax returns and from direct returns from government and other bodies. For a more detailed explanation of the methods used, see *Average Weekly Earnings* (Catalogue No. 6302.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.18).

Seasonally adjusted series. Quarterly estimates are affected by seasonal influences. For example special payments, including prepayments for holiday periods tend to raise the December quarter and to depress the March quarter averages. In addition, figures for all quarters are affected by the varying incidence of pay-days in successive quarters. Allowance for the varying incidence of pay-days and for seasonal factors has been made in calculating the seasonally adjusted estimates. It should also be noted that seasonal adjustment factors were estimated from a series adjusted to allow for the effects of major awards and determinations of Federal and State industrial authorities. The effects of these awards and determinations are retained in the seasonally adjusted data. A detailed description of the methods of seasonal adjustment is given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (Catalogue No. 1308.0. Previously Ref. No. 1.10).

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Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (b)	A.C.T. (b)	Aust.
ORIGINAL									
1974-75	152.10	147.80	142.50	138.60	145.60	140.20	168.50	184.30	148.30
1975-76	172.70	170.50	163.50	158.50	169.10	157.80	190.00	209.00	169.60
1976-77	193.60	191.10	184.50	179.50	190.80	181.30	216.80	237.70	190.70
1975-76 -									
Mar. qtr	168.50	165.50	158.20	154.40	164.80	151.20	185.50	208.30	165.30
June qtr	183.60	180.70	175.00	167.60	178.80	165.10	199.60	221.90	179.80
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	187.30	183.00	182.00	175.00	184.00	175.60	209.30	230.00	184.80
Dec. qtr	197.90	197.40	189.80	182.80	194.50	188.70	220.00	243.90	195.50
Mar. qtr	187.30	183.60	174.00	172.90	186.60	175.20	212.20	231.00	183.80
June qtr	201.80	200.40	192.30	187.40	198.20	185.50	225.60	245.80	198.70
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1975-76 -									
Mar. qtr	173.80	170.60	164.90	158.00	169.30	156.30	187.90	214.60	171.10
June qtr	183.20	182.50	174.20	168.00	177.30	165.90	199.60	216.30	178.80
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	187.00	182.80	183.00	173.60	182.80	177.20	208.60	233.10	184.90
Dec. qtr	190.20	187.90	179.60	177.60	189.10	178.80	213.40	238.50	187.40
Mar. qtr	194.00	191.10	184.90	177.30	193.70	184.00	215.70	240.30	192.10
June qtr	202.80	202.60	189.60	190.60	197.10	185.00	226.30	243.70	198.10

(a) Particulars of wages and salaries paid are not available for males and females separately; estimates have therefore been calculated in terms of male units, i.e. total male employees plus a proportion of female employees, the proportion being derived from the estimated ratio of female to male average earnings in each State. The ratio used in the current quarter for Australia is approximately 66 per cent. For further details on the separate State ratios see *Average Weekly Earnings* (Catalogue No. 6302.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.18). (b) Original series estimates have been calculated on a basis which excludes the effects of varying numbers of Australian Government pay-days in each quarter. Estimates prior to 1974-75 are not available.

BUILDING, ETC.

SUMMARY OF BUILDING APPROVED: ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

New dwellings								
Period	Private			Government		Total		
	Number ('000)		Value (\$m)	Number ('000)	Value (\$m)	Number ('000)		Value (\$m)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)				Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)	
1974-75	101.5	..	1,891.4	19.8	354.8	121.3	..	2,246.2
1975-76	134.2	..	3,007.2	11.9	249.6	146.1	..	3,256.8
1976-77	127.3	..	3,227.8	14.1	313.1	141.4	..	3,540.9
1976-77 —								
July	11.8	11.3	287.8	0.7	16.5	12.6	12.2	304.3
Aug.	11.4	11.2	279.6	0.8	16.2	12.2	12.5	295.8
Sept.	12.4	11.4	304.4	1.6	34.9	14.0	13.0	339.2
Oct.	11.6	11.9	287.5	1.3	26.6	12.9	13.2	314.1
Nov.	12.1	11.3	299.1	1.4	30.1	13.5	12.7	329.2
Dec.	10.6	11.4	267.3	1.0	22.8	11.6	12.6	290.2
Jan.	8.5	11.5	219.1	1.3	29.6	9.8	13.0	248.8
Feb.	9.1	10.2	231.0	1.7	36.9	10.8	12.1	267.9
Mar.	9.8	8.6	254.6	0.9	20.0	10.7	9.4	274.6
Apr.	9.2	10.4	243.8	0.7	15.5	9.9	11.1	259.3
May	10.4	9.4	273.5	1.1	29.2	11.6	10.3	302.6
June	10.4	9.1	279.9	1.4	34.8	11.8	10.0	314.8
1977-78 —								
July	9.9	9.9	265.6	0.9	21.5	10.7	10.9	287.1
Aug.	10.5	10.0	279.4	0.9	19.6	11.4	11.2	299.0
Other building (a)								
Period	Alterations and additions to dwellings (c)	Original			Seasonally adjusted (b)		Total building approved	
		Private	Total	Total	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)		
Value (\$ million)								
1974-75	100.8	829.8	1,786.3	..	4,133.3	..		
1975-76	211.1	945.7	1,876.1	..	5,344.1	..		
1976-77	250.6	1,147.9	2,095.5	..	5,887.0	..		
1976-77 —								
July	21.6	93.6	168.5	147.9	494.4	453.0		
Aug.	20.2	79.8	123.2	144.5	439.2	475.5		
Sept.	22.3	100.0	181.7	193.9	543.3	518.4		
Oct.	22.6	88.6	159.2	157.9	495.9	499.8		
Nov.	22.2	87.7	183.6	178.6	535.0	510.1		
Dec.	18.7	113.1	213.0	215.9	521.9	551.1		
Jan.	18.6	74.3	137.5	181.2	404.9	539.8		
Feb.	17.8	93.4	157.2	183.5	442.9	493.8		
Mar.	20.3	100.5	208.8	191.6	503.7	469.5		
Apr.	19.5	100.4	193.7	202.9	472.5	418.6		
May	22.8	107.2	178.8	149.6	504.2	454.5		
June	23.8	109.3	190.4	152.4	529.0	429.6		
1977-78 —								
July	23.0	107.7	192.0	181.6	502.1	486.2		
Aug.	26.3	109.0	199.8	234.2	525.1	554.0		

(a) Includes other building (new plus alterations and additions) valued at \$10,000 and over. (b) Account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors but additionally of 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying number of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc., in the month) and the influence of Easter which may in successive years affect figures for different months. (c) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

NOTE. Statistics on alterations and additions to dwellings, valued at \$2,000-\$9,999 are collected but not included in the tabulations. The total value of building approved in this category in August 1977 was \$29.2 m.

BUILDING JOBS APPROVED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBERS OF NEW DWELLINGS APPROVED ('000)									
1974-75	38.13	30.61	18.11	12.68	12.80	3.32	1.52	4.15	121.32
1975-76	32.13	39.40	24.61	16.82	21.39	4.44	2.79	4.54	146.11
1976-77	36.80	36.63	25.67	14.39	19.06	4.40	1.58	2.84	141.37
1976-77 -									
July	3.07	3.61	2.16	1.19	1.67	0.37	0.09	0.43	12.58
Aug.	3.04	3.25	2.11	1.48	1.57	0.38	0.12	0.27	12.22
Sept.	3.76	3.36	2.73	1.67	1.66	0.44	0.16	0.23	14.01
Oct.	3.11	3.30	2.33	1.40	1.81	0.45	0.18	0.30	12.87
Nov.	3.80	3.48	2.48	1.21	1.74	0.34	0.10	0.34	13.48
Dec.	2.96	3.14	2.09	1.12	1.60	0.33	0.11	0.24	11.57
Jan.	3.23	1.82	1.62	1.28	1.30	0.21	0.17	0.18	9.81
Feb.	2.59	3.56	1.65	0.78	1.48	0.38	0.17	0.21	10.84
Mar.	2.49	3.09	2.10	0.98	1.42	0.41	0.08	0.11	10.68
Apr.	2.60	2.41	1.92	0.97	1.46	0.34	0.11	0.08	9.89
May	3.00	2.97	2.25	0.94	1.70	0.38	0.20	0.15	11.59
June	3.16	2.64	2.24	1.38	1.64	0.38	0.08	0.32	11.85
1977-78 -									
July	3.00	2.51	2.11	0.83	1.60	0.34	0.16	0.16	10.73
Aug.	3.54	2.50	2.19	0.95	1.59	0.37	0.04	0.18	11.36
VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS APPROVED (\$m)									
1974-75	683.6	590.4	334.8	214.6	220.7	61.1	43.6	97.2	2,246.2
1975-76	704.0	907.2	508.7	360.2	438.5	101.5	97.2	139.4	3,256.8
1976-77	890.1	962.0	613.0	356.0	469.0	110.5	52.3	87.8	3,540.9
1976-77 -									
July	72.7	91.0	47.9	28.6	39.0	9.7	3.1	12.4	304.3
Aug.	70.8	83.5	50.0	33.0	36.6	9.4	3.7	8.8	295.8
Sept.	85.2	87.3	62.2	39.8	39.9	11.1	6.2	7.6	339.2
Oct.	74.4	84.2	53.5	32.6	44.0	11.1	5.0	9.3	314.1
Nov.	87.0	89.1	58.1	30.3	42.1	8.7	4.1	9.8	329.2
Dec.	72.9	82.1	49.3	29.3	38.6	8.0	3.0	6.8	290.2
Jan.	78.3	50.6	38.6	32.3	32.0	5.2	6.0	5.8	248.8
Feb.	62.2	89.3	39.1	20.5	35.6	9.4	5.2	6.7	267.9
Mar.	61.9	83.9	52.3	24.8	35.6	9.9	2.5	3.8	274.6
Apr.	68.1	65.6	46.4	25.1	39.2	8.3	3.8	2.8	259.3
May	74.8	80.3	59.0	24.5	43.1	9.5	6.6	4.7	302.6
June	81.9	75.1	56.6	35.3	43.4	10.1	3.1	9.3	314.8
1977-78 -									
July	78.2	72.5	51.7	21.8	41.4	9.1	6.5	5.8	287.1
Aug.	90.7	71.5	54.7	25.4	40.4	9.0	1.4	6.0	299.0
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS APPROVED (\$m) (a)									
1974-75	48.1	27.8	7.2	5.1	4.7	1.7	1.5	4.6	100.8
1975-76	77.2	53.2	11.3	12.2	10.2	2.3	35.2	9.6	211.1
1976-77	94.0	77.6	16.5	18.1	16.2	3.9	15.4	8.8	250.6
1976-77 -									
July	7.7	6.4	1.5	1.2	1.1	0.3	2.4	0.9	21.6
Aug.	8.3	6.4	1.2	1.4	1.3	0.3	0.5	0.8	20.2
Sept.	7.7	6.9	1.7	1.5	1.4	0.3	2.1	0.8	22.3
Oct.	8.9	6.8	1.6	1.4	1.2	0.4	1.4	0.9	22.6
Nov.	8.2	7.3	1.6	1.5	1.2	0.3	1.3	0.9	22.2
Dec.	6.7	6.5	0.7	1.8	1.3	0.3	1.0	0.5	18.7
Jan.	8.4	4.3	1.1	1.3	0.9	0.3	1.7	0.6	18.6
Feb.	6.7	5.5	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.3	0.7	0.7	17.8
Mar.	6.8	6.8	1.5	1.8	1.4	0.2	0.9	0.8	20.3
Apr.	7.3	6.5	1.0	1.3	1.5	0.4	0.8	0.6	19.5
May	8.3	7.4	1.9	1.5	1.8	0.4	1.0	0.6	22.8
June	9.0	6.8	1.5	2.2	1.7	0.4	1.5	0.8	23.8
1977-78 -									
July	9.6	7.2	1.3	1.3	2.1	0.3	0.5	0.7	23.0
Aug.	10.5	8.1	1.7	1.5	2.0	0.4	1.1	1.0	26.3

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

BUILDING JOBS APPROVED - continued

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING APPROVED (\$m)									
1974-75	466.5	470.5	268.3	150.2	170.4	49.2	26.3	164.8	1,786.3
1975-76	554.1	512.8	370.5	99.4	182.5	54.8	41.7	60.2	1,876.1
1976-77	618.4	536.2	324.3	171.9	214.7	84.1	59.5	86.5	2,095.5
1976-77 -									
July	56.8	40.8	27.1	10.9	15.0	4.0	6.2	7.7	168.5
Aug.	28.8	43.4	19.8	10.5	12.1	4.5	2.7	1.3	123.2
Sept.	59.0	45.7	33.6	13.7	14.5	5.3	4.1	5.8	181.7
Oct.	36.9	41.4	29.6	10.0	24.2	9.8	4.6	2.2	159.2
Nov.	55.3	36.7	20.4	10.3	19.4	8.3	6.6	26.6	183.6
Dec.	87.8	41.1	24.1	19.0	20.6	4.8	2.9	12.6	213.0
Jan.	51.1	28.3	16.3	11.6	20.5	7.4	1.4	1.0	137.5
Feb.	46.1	41.0	15.6	18.4	16.3	9.5	7.5	2.7	157.2
Mar.	56.4	52.8	43.2	12.8	17.0	10.8	0.7	15.0	208.8
Apr.	45.4	56.1	26.1	36.6	14.2	6.7	3.5	5.0	193.7
May	44.5	65.1	25.8	7.6	19.4	7.0	6.8	2.5	178.8
June	50.3	43.3	42.5	10.5	21.4	5.9	12.5	4.0	190.4
1977-78 -									
July	52.4	64.8	27.4	16.3	22.4	4.2	3.6	1.0	192.0
Aug.	44.9	58.3	33.5	21.4	15.7	4.5	9.3	12.3	199.8
VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING APPROVED (\$m)									
1974-75	1,218.3	1,088.7	610.4	369.9	395.9	112.1	71.4	266.6	4,133.3
1975-76	1,335.4	1,473.2	890.5	471.8	631.1	158.7	174.1	209.2	5,344.1
1976-77	1,602.5	1,575.8	953.9	546.0	700.0	198.5	127.2	183.1	5,887.0
1976-77 -									
July	137.1	138.2	76.5	40.7	55.2	14.0	11.6	21.0	494.4
Aug.	107.9	133.4	71.0	44.9	50.0	14.2	6.9	11.0	439.2
Sept.	151.9	140.0	97.5	54.9	55.8	16.7	12.4	14.2	543.3
Oct.	120.1	132.9	84.8	43.9	69.5	21.2	11.0	12.4	495.9
Nov.	150.5	133.0	80.2	42.1	62.7	17.4	12.0	37.2	535.0
Dec.	167.4	129.7	74.2	50.2	60.5	13.1	6.9	19.9	521.9
Jan.	137.8	83.1	56.0	45.2	53.4	12.9	9.2	7.5	404.9
Feb.	115.1	135.8	55.9	40.2	53.3	19.2	13.5	10.1	442.9
Mar.	125.2	143.5	96.9	39.4	54.0	21.0	4.1	19.6	503.7
Apr.	120.7	128.2	73.5	63.0	54.9	15.5	8.1	8.5	472.5
May	127.7	152.8	86.7	33.6	64.3	16.9	14.4	7.8	504.2
June	141.2	125.2	100.6	48.0	66.6	16.4	17.1	14.0	529.0
1977-78 -									
July	140.2	144.5	80.4	39.5	65.9	13.5	10.6	7.5	502.1
Aug.	146.1	137.8	89.9	48.3	58.1	13.9	11.8	19.2	525.1

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMMENCED : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of new dwellings ('000)				Value (\$ million)				
	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total	New dwellings	Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building
							Private	Total	
ORIGINAL									
1973-74	113.5	50.9	150.1	164.4	2,534.3	69.2	1,252.2	1,982.3	4,585.8
1974-75	86.5	31.6	99.1	118.1	2,227.3	101.8	915.4	1,834.1	4,163.1
1975-76	106.6	30.5	123.8	137.1	3,116.3	206.1	963.7	1,907.8	5,230.2
1975-76 -									
Dec. qtr	24.5	7.0	28.8	31.5	690.1	44.3	191.1	345.0	1,079.4
Mar. qtr	26.6	7.5	31.0	34.1	796.0	56.4	236.2	422.3	1,274.7
June qtr	28.7	7.6	33.8	36.4	879.1	61.8	301.7	580.1	1,521.0
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	29.0	9.3	34.3	38.3	963.6	64.8	294.7	580.9	1,609.3
Dec. qtr	26.9	8.1	31.6	35.1	897.3	65.3	284.0	507.8	1,470.3
Mar. qtr	26.8	7.7	30.4	34.5	898.1	65.8	267.7	533.8	1,497.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (a)									
1975-76 -							(b)		
Dec. qtr	26.2	7.8	30.7	33.7	747.4		191.1	382.7	1,166.5
Mar. qtr	27.1	7.5	31.6	34.7	809.8		236.2	414.4	1,268.8
June qtr	27.4	7.3	32.5	34.9	841.1		301.7	539.1	1,445.5
1976-77 -						n.a.			
Sept. qtr	27.9	8.8	33.1	36.8	918.4		294.7	576.4	1,578.8
Dec. qtr	28.9	9.1	33.6	37.7	973.1		284.0	569.6	1,595.3
Mar. qtr	27.3	7.7	31.0	35.0	912.8		267.7	524.0	1,490.0

(a) Revised following the annual re-analysis. (b) Series shows only insignificant seasonal pattern in recent years. Figures shown are the original figures.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMPLETED : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of new dwellings ('000)				Value (\$ million)			
	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total	New dwellings	Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building	Total building
ORIGINAL								
1973-74	104.9	45.1	138.6	150.0	2,143.0	55.6	1,031.8	1,532.6
1974-75	97.0	44.1	125.7	141.1	2,454.2	92.1	1,154.6	1,784.5
1975-76	99.9	32.1	112.3	132.0	2,799.3	169.7	1,249.6	2,266.6
1975-76 -								
Dec. qtr	26.6	8.3	29.2	34.9	717.5	42.9	373.1	609.0
Mar. qtr	22.5	6.9	26.0	29.4	639.7	42.9	252.8	564.1
June qtr	27.4	9.2	31.1	36.7	818.7	50.1	330.3	578.5
1976-77 -								
Sept. qtr	28.6	8.7	33.1	37.3	882.2	60.9	324.0	585.0
Dec. qtr	30.1	8.9	35.2	39.1	977.2	65.2	329.1	601.0
Mar. qtr	24.5	7.6	29.2	32.1	824.8	57.3	335.3	586.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (a)								
1975-76 -								
Dec. qtr	24.4	7.7	26.9	32.1	656.8		324.0	551.6
Mar. qtr	25.2	7.7	28.5	33.0	716.6		288.8	576.2
June qtr	27.1	8.9	31.0	36.0	811.2		331.5	611.7
1976-77 -						n.a.		
Sept. qtr	28.5	8.8	33.1	37.3	878.0		332.4	602.3
Dec. qtr	27.6	8.2	32.4	35.8	893.1		285.0	544.8
Mar. qtr	27.4	8.5	32.1	36.0	924.0		383.5	598.1

(a) Revised, following the annual re-analysis.

VALUE OF WORK DONE : AUSTRALIA
\$ million

Period	New dwellings			Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building
	Houses	Other dwellings	Total		Private	Total	
ORIGINAL							
1973-74	1,835.8	552.7	2,388.5	63.0	1,181.3	1,763.4	4,214.9
1974-75	1,844.3	551.2	2,395.5	99.1	1,291.9	2,218.7	4,713.1
1975-76	2,480.3	563.1	3,043.4	190.7	1,214.3	2,348.5	5,582.6
1975-76 -							
Dec. qtr	588.6	140.1	728.6	45.7	286.5	567.9	1,342.3
Mar. qtr	608.4	136.2	744.6	49.1	281.4	539.5	1,333.2
June qtr	720.4	152.3	872.7	57.1	332.3	619.6	1,549.3
1976-77 -							
Sept. qtr	776.2	173.8	950.0	63.8	335.7	620.6	1,634.5
Dec. qtr	773.7	173.7	947.4	67.8	335.4	622.1	1,637.2
Mar. qtr	718.1	153.7	871.9	62.1	312.9	564.8	1,498.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (a)							
1975-76 -							
Dec. qtr	584.3	137.7	722.1		284.5	558.5	1,325.4
Mar. qtr	652.9	145.1	797.5		306.6	582.4	1,431.3
June qtr	707.7	152.7	859.9		327.6	618.3	1,534.9
1976-77 -				n.a.			
Sept. qtr	744.3	165.8	911.8		316.3	588.0	1,562.4
Dec. qtr	767.8	170.0	937.8		333.4	612.1	1,615.5
Mar. qtr	770.5	164.4	933.9		340.7	609.6	1,608.3

(a) Revised, following the annual re-analysis.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING, MARCH QUARTER 1977

State or Territory	Commenced		Completed		Under construction		Value of work done during period		Value of work yet to be done	
	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total
NUMBER OF NEW DWELLINGS ('000)										
N.S.W.	8.27	9.44	6.95	7.66	15.00	18.63				
Vic.	8.06	8.67	7.50	7.98	22.35	24.56				
Qld	5.41	5.87	5.48	5.94	6.68	7.62				
S.A.	2.67	3.22	2.92	3.26	5.95	7.87				
W.A.	4.58	4.93	4.88	5.20	7.55	8.21				
Tas.	0.73	1.01	0.78	0.90	2.34	2.75				
N.T.	0.12	0.51	0.20	0.51	0.38	1.15				
A.C.T.	0.60	0.84	0.54	0.65	1.64	2.38				
Aust.	30.44	34.49	29.25	32.10	61.89	73.17				
VALUE OF NEW HOUSES (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	173.4	184.0	141.8	148.8	273.1	300.3	158.4	166.0	143.2	157.8
Vic.	201.5	213.0	169.3	177.2	488.2	523.3	191.0	201.2	248.6	263.9
Qld	111.2	119.7	104.3	112.6	125.9	144.1	107.8	114.0	63.9	73.4
S.A.	63.2	70.4	66.5	72.3	125.4	152.6	69.8	76.4	63.7	74.5
W.A.	93.1	94.4	89.9	94.4	143.9	152.9	93.8	99.3	71.5	75.7
Tas.	17.2	21.7	18.4	20.3	45.3	52.2	16.7	20.0	23.2	26.7
N.T.	3.4	16.9	7.3	20.6	14.1	40.2	5.2	20.0	6.9	19.4
A.C.T.	16.5	20.4	17.7	20.0	45.5	56.4	18.4	21.3	23.6	29.9
Aust.	679.5	740.5	615.2	666.2	1,261.4	1,422.0	661.1	718.2	644.6	721.3
VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	209.8	233.1	174.1	187.2	377.8	449.7	187.8	202.6	204.6	245.9
Vic.	228.8	241.6	199.4	209.0	615.8	663.8	278.3	240.4	309.5	328.6
Qld	130.1	140.2	143.6	152.6	171.3	191.4	131.8	139.1	84.4	94.9
S.A.	75.0	86.6	77.4	85.2	167.9	208.5	80.8	90.4	88.3	104.9
W.A.	119.5	127.3	116.0	123.0	202.5	217.6	120.7	128.9	99.2	105.9
Tas.	20.5	25.7	22.5	24.6	61.9	69.8	21.4	24.9	32.2	36.4
N.T.	3.9	17.8	7.5	21.5	14.9	42.4	5.6	20.8	7.3	20.2
A.C.T.	20.1	25.8	19.6	21.8	57.0	74.6	21.7	25.6	30.3	39.4
Aust.	807.7	898.1	760.1	824.8	1,669.1	1,917.8	798.1	871.9	855.8	976.2
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	24.8	24.8	21.3	21.4	27.1	27.2	22.8	22.9	13.2	13.2
Vic.	20.2	20.2	15.3	15.3	35.7	35.7	17.4	17.4	17.6	17.6
Qld	4.1	4.2	3.9	4.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	4.1	0.9	0.9
S.A.	4.6	4.6	3.1	3.1	5.2	5.2	3.7	3.7	2.6	2.6
W.A.	4.8	4.9	3.6	3.6	5.0	5.0	4.2	4.3	2.4	2.4
Tas.	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
N.T.	2.9	3.8	4.8	7.0	10.8	15.3	4.6	6.6	5.1	6.1
A.C.T.	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.5	3.5	3.5	2.5	2.5	1.7	1.7
Aust.	64.7	65.8	54.9	57.3	90.4	95.0	59.8	62.1	44.0	45.0
VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	78.8	158.5	111.1	189.6	436.4	1,027.4	93.8	158.4	156.2	451.2
Vic.	73.3	116.7	91.6	149.6	366.4	684.9	80.2	124.6	174.2	350.5
Qld	40.9	68.6	47.6	81.7	203.5	473.6	60.4	109.8	80.0	200.8
S.A.	29.9	61.7	40.1	71.7	76.6	209.5	24.3	53.6	37.8	96.7
W.A.	22.0	50.4	28.4	52.7	53.5	207.9	25.4	51.0	25.3	122.1
Tas.	7.2	18.5	7.0	16.2	22.9	74.2	8.6	15.0	11.0	43.0
N.T.	5.5	12.6	5.8	19.7	17.9	136.9	7.0	19.3	10.1	62.5
A.C.T.	10.1	46.7	3.8	4.9	63.7	294.8	13.2	33.2	25.9	142.3
Aust.	267.7	533.8	335.4	586.1	1,240.9	3,109.2	312.9	564.8	520.5	1,469.2
TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	313.3	416.5	306.5	398.2	841.3	1,504.3	304.4	383.8	374.0	710.3
Vic.	322.3	378.6	306.2	373.8	1,017.9	1,384.4	325.9	382.4	501.3	696.7
Qld	175.2	213.0	195.2	238.3	376.8	667.1	196.3	252.9	165.4	296.6
S.A.	109.6	152.9	120.7	160.0	249.6	423.1	108.8	147.7	128.7	204.2
W.A.	146.3	182.6	147.9	179.3	261.0	430.5	150.4	183.4	126.9	230.5
Tas.	28.2	44.7	29.9	41.3	85.8	145.1	30.5	40.4	43.6	79.9
N.T.	12.3	34.2	18.0	48.1	43.7	194.5	17.2	46.7	22.5	88.8
A.C.T.	33.1	75.3	25.8	29.2	124.2	372.9	37.5	61.3	57.8	183.4
Aust.	1,140.3	1,497.7	1,150.2	1,468.2	3,000.3	5,121.9	1,171.0	1,498.7	1,420.2	2,490.4

NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES, ASIC SUB-DIVISION AND TYPE OF ASSET (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in expenditure by private enterprises, on new fixed tangible assets. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *Gross fixed capital expenditure* in the table on page 36 of this publication as a result of the different methods of compilation of the two sets of statistics.

ASIC Sub-division										
Manufacturing										
Quarter	Mining	Food beverages and tobacco	Textiles, clothing and footwear	Paper, paper products, printing and publishing	Chemicals petroleum and coal products	Basic metal products	Transport equipment	Fabricated metal products (a)	Other (b)	Total
1975-76 -	(11-16)	(21,22)	(23,24)	(26)	(27)	(29)	(32)	(31,33)	(25,28,34)	(21-34)
Mar.	136.9	70.5	11.3	23.5	31.3	64.5	30.2	37.8	63.2	332.3
June	153.7	104.5	13.0	31.2	55.8	78.6	26.6	69.7	73.8	453.2
1976-77 -										
Sept.	119.7	92.3	11.3	24.3	45.9	64.9	35.9	52.3	64.1	391.0
Dec.	120.9	103.1	15.5	30.7	58.2	79.9	45.5	61.9	79.2	474.0
Mar.	111.7	86.6	8.2	30.4	51.7	55.6	35.1	52.4	66.5	386.5
June p	149.1	118.2	11.8	39.4	65.5	66.1	55.3	66.0	81.0	503.3

ASIC Sub-division										
Non-manufacturing					Type of asset					
Quarter	Electricity, gas and water	Wholesale and retail trade	Transport	All other (c)	Total new capital expenditure (d)		New buildings and structures (e)		Other new capital equipment (f)	
					Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
1975-76 -	(36,37)	(46-48)	(51-53)	(56,61-63, 91-93)	(11-37,46-91-93)	(63,91-93)				
Mar.	6.8	147.9	83.2	415.4	1,122.5	1,299.6	351.4	420.4	771.1	867.1
June	8.9	217.4	92.8	552.9	1,478.9	1,391.4	435.5	416.6	1,043.4	987.2
1976-77 -										
Sept.	8.5	211.5	57.2	533.2	1,321.1	1,330.4	444.0	441.0	877.1	884.8
Dec.	10.7	250.4	110.0	593.5	1,559.5	1,444.0	450.4	405.0	1,109.1	1,044.6
Mar.	4.7	197.5	63.7	485.4	1,249.5	1,445.4	348.6	417.0	900.9	1,012.1
June p	6.5	226.4	88.6	578.7	1,552.6	1,461.3	441.6	422.5	1,111.0	1,051.9

(a) Fabricated metal products, other industrial machinery and equipment and household appliances. (b) Wood, wood products and furniture (except sheet metal), glass, clay and other non-metallic mineral products, leather, rubber and plastic products, and other manufacturing, n.e.i. (c) Finance, insurance, real estate, business services, communication, entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services. (d) Excludes community services and construction. (e) Includes assets such as buildings, wharves, railway and harbour construction, roads and also lifts, heating and ventilation equipment and the like forming an integral part of the structure. Also included is the value of expenditure on mine development (e.g. construction of shafts in underground mines, preparation of mining and quarrying sites for open-cut extraction other developmental operations undertaken primarily for commencing or extending production). (f) Includes: vehicles, electrical apparatus, office equipment, furniture, fixtures and fittings not forming an integral part of buildings, durable containers, special tooling, etc.

INCREASE IN BOOK VALUE OF STOCKS HELD BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in investment in stocks by private enterprises. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *Increase in stocks* in the table on page 36 as a result of the different methods of compilation of these two sets of statistics.

Increase in book value of stocks for selected ASIC sub-divisions						Less stock valuation adjustment (b)	Increase in stocks after stock valuation adjustment (b)
Quarter	Mining	Manufacturing	Wholesale trade	Retail trade (a)	Total		
1975-76 -	(11-16)	(21-34)	(46,47)	(36,37,48,92)	(11-37,46-48,92)		
June	+27	+269	+152	+106	+554	+444	+110
1976-77 -							
Sept. (c)	+15	+269	+68	+296	+648	+303	+345
Dec.	+22	+158	+265	+114	+559	+430	+129
Mar.	+26	+451	+189	+140	+806	+477	+329
June p	+3	+423	+198	+149	+773	+269	+504

(a) Includes electricity and gas, restaurants, hotels and clubs. (b) Informants are asked to report the book value of their stocks at the end of each quarter according to their normal principles of valuing stocks for balance sheet purposes. Increases in the book value of stocks between the beginning and end of a quarter will partly reflect changes in the physical quantities of all component items and partly changes in prices at which stocks are valued. A stock valuation adjustment is deducted from the increase in book value of stocks to arrive at the increase in stocks valued at the average price of the quarter. (c) Each year the framework and the samples are revised. For reasons of comparability estimates are prepared for both the original sample and revised sample.

PRODUCTION

MINE PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS

Period	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Tin	Nickel	Bauxite	Iron ore	Gold	Mineral sands concentrates		
	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)			(a) (b)	Ilmenite	Rutile	Zircon
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	kg	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1974-75	235,590	416,500	508,174	10,168	59,109	22,205	98,159	15,061	891,090	334,205	392,751
1975-76	217,604	390,947	467,586	9,096	81,030	21,084	92,672	17,479	948,792	362,769	384,823
1976-77 p	211,262	415,332	474,733	10,329				15,388			
1975-76 -											
May	17,492	31,107	37,063	867	20,151	5,984	21,804	1,031	86,857	28,574	33,966
June	17,042	38,619	44,672	990				1,561	66,979	36,336	33,051
1976-77 p -											
July	18,778	36,886	41,440	970				1,087	93,814	32,268	35,541
Aug.	18,298	38,557	43,030	837	22,149	6,246	25,061	1,378	101,132	31,678	36,711
Sept.	17,000	38,974	43,572	773				1,352	81,447	37,217	35,903
Oct.	17,098	34,684	39,906	839				1,261	81,129	31,013	35,817
Nov.	17,372	37,093	44,848	820	19,837	6,249	23,823	1,062	87,001	31,850	36,717
Dec.	16,771	26,775	30,967	902				1,241	98,764	41,577	41,504
Jan.	16,224	22,066	25,245	900				964	76,996	21,039	27,306
Feb.	15,674	31,443	39,269	751	18,825	6,245	24,940	1,199	82,752	28,770	28,477
Mar.	18,259	38,743	46,591	889				1,399	86,842	34,994	36,989
Apr.	18,000	31,608	35,390	832				1,200	73,885	26,565	30,610
May	18,929	38,258	41,468	900				1,188			
June	18,859	40,245	43,007	916				1,929			

(a) Quantities shown are metallic contents of mine products based on chemical assay. (b) Western Australian and Northern Territory gold production figures (in respect of major producers) normally relate to a four-week period ending in the calendar month indicated. However, two such periods ended in the calendar month of March 1977 for Western Australia and June 1976 for the Northern Territory.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS AND METALS

Period	Fuel minerals					Refined metals (a)						
	Black coal		Brown coal	Crude oil	Natural gas	Alumina (b)	Aluminium (b)	Copper (b)	Lead (b) (c)	Zinc (b)	Tin (b)	Gold (d)
	Seasonally adjusted	Original										
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 cu m	million cu m	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	kg
1974-75	70,142	..	27,514	23,096	4,360	5,073	222,876	178,451	170,508	243,209	5,973	10,744
1975-76	69,466	..	29,210	23,891	5,388	5,618	220,027	164,279	168,183	204,534	5,386	12,829
1976-77 p	75,678	..		24,555	6,365			154,104	165,582	258,564	5,373	11,127
1975-76 -												
May	6,592	5,978	2,525	2,115	524	548	19,765	13,191	17,264	20,755	467	720
June	7,095	6,450	2,701	2,009	553	505	18,968	12,636	15,270	18,248	470	912
1976-77 p -												
July	6,859	6,138	2,709	2,217	575	549	19,875	12,658	18,006	23,602	533	940
Aug.	5,165	5,875	2,852	2,173	578	571	20,218	15,301	17,500	23,578	440	731
Sept.	6,629	6,808	2,994	2,142	575	539	19,335	13,870	15,897	23,434	695	999
Oct.	7,693	6,281	2,611	1,920	533	543	20,242	12,186	16,446	23,197	451	1,211
Nov.	7,618	6,249	2,603	1,765	473	482	19,483	11,309	14,583	21,104	496	976
Dec.	4,807	5,199	2,260	1,983	470	605	20,058	11,806	15,205	20,940	405	768
Jan.	3,715	6,294	1,976	2,097	411	563	19,833	8,490	13,744	20,806	161	740
Feb.	6,724	6,549	2,040	1,897	463	514	18,015	13,381	13,292	17,558	393	842
Mar.	7,149	6,600	2,549	2,167	514	557	20,154	14,728	13,888	19,390	570	629
Apr.	5,497	6,331	2,671	1,834	521			11,587	8,652	22,100	394	1,081
May	7,206	6,259		2,214	601			13,113	1,820	20,628	358	864
June	7,517	6,831		2,146	651			15,675	16,539	22,227	477	1,346

(a) Primary origin only. (b) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources. (c) Refined lead including lead content of lead alloys from primary sources; excludes lead content of lead silver bullion produced for export. (d) Statistics of refined gold were collected by the Reserve Bank until December 1975. From January 1976 these statistics have been collected by the Bureau of Mineral Resources.

PRODUCTION OF ENERGY, IRON AND STEEL AND BUILDING MATERIALS

Period	Heat, light and power				Iron and steel				
	Gas available for issue through mains (a)		Total electricity generated		Pig iron		Iron ore pellets (b)	Raw steel (c)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original	Seasonally adjusted
	million megajoules	million megajoules	million kWh	million kWh	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes
1974-75p	182,825	..	73,933	..	7,598	..	9,614	8,063	..
1975-76p	203,623	..	76,597	..	7,519	..	9,980	7,937	..
1976-77p	233,138	..	82,528	..	6,958	..	9,761	7,473	..
1975-76p - June	20,983	18,120	7,201	6,561	663	707	883	675	732
1976-77p - July	22,132	18,445	7,601	6,636	675	661	780	695	668
Aug.	22,470	18,980	7,581	6,811	629	612	784	634	618
Sept.	20,870	19,479	7,090	6,876	605	601	663	631	627
Oct.	20,077	19,633	6,841	6,879	571	549	822	635	600
Nov.	17,384	18,604	6,408	6,741	495	508	736	554	531
Dec.	16,574	19,335	6,435	6,869	555	526	831	624	601
Jan.	15,244	19,191	6,176	6,907	604	588	967	679	686
Feb.	16,177	19,390	6,138	6,973	527	575	886	566	623
Mar.	18,275	19,715	6,717	6,873	580	570	815	564	549
Apr.	18,621	19,739	6,470	6,949	574	600	878	637	683
May	21,569	20,048	7,312	7,119	601	592	940	651	643
June	23,856	20,705	7,763	7,097	541	582	659	603	665
1977-78 p - July	25,672	21,538	8,155	7,221	508	497	709	588	571

Period	Iron and steel - continued				Building materials			
	Blooms and slabs		Tinplate		Clay bricks		Roofing tiles (terracotta and concrete)	Sawn Aust. grown timber (d)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	million	million	'000	'000 cu. metres
1974-75p	6,215	..	311,023	..	1,698	..	200,080	3,431
1975-76p	5,566	..	282,241	..	1,834	..	218,645	3,462
1976-77p	6,028	..	340,556	..	2,042	..	229,428	3,468
1975-76p - June	487	504	26,854	27,441	173	162	19,964	345
1976-77p - July	494	478	27,101	27,104	176	166	20,563	305
Aug.	478	471	28,518	27,176	183	168	20,270	298
Sept.	462	442	25,535	25,881	181	167	21,781	318
Oct.	501	477	29,075	28,197	183	174	22,761	325
Nov.	458	435	28,977	27,762	193	179	22,850	292
Dec.	505	490	26,693	27,530	157	173	17,333	263
Jan.	483	482	29,856	29,059	108	184	8,008	195
Feb.	391	425	26,251	29,714	168	173	18,677	259
Mar.	517	520	29,932	29,629	181	165	20,454	278
Apr.	569	617	29,272	29,019	163	171	16,344	306
May	597	616	29,850	29,191	175	162	20,496	312
June	573	595	29,496	30,757	175	168	19,891	313
1977-78p - July	535	527	29,473	29,092	171	166	21,722	..

(a) Includes natural gas. (b) Gross wet weight. (c) Includes recovery from scrap. (d) Source: Australian Forestry and Timber Bureau. Figures are expressed in terms of green off sawn volumes.

**PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS, BUILDING FITTINGS,
FLOOR COVERINGS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES**

Period	Building materials - continued								Household appliances			
	Portland cement				Building fittings			Floor coverings (a)		Electric blankets (including mattress overlays) (b)		Electric propeller type fans (complete) (c)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Plaster sheets (non-acoustic)	Plaster of paris	Baths C.I.P.E. and other	Wash basins earthenware	Sinks-stainless steel	Original	Seasonally adjusted	No.	No.	No.
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 sq.m.	'000 tonnes	No.	No.	No.	'000 sq.m.	'000 sq.m.	No.	No.	No.
1974-75p	5,086	..	41,911	336	174,565	273,883	205,533	31,468	..	737,580	616,358	
1975-76p	5,007	..	46,076	355	180,629	355,120	243,862	38,545	..	520,574	533,323	
1976-77p	5,039	..	50,508		178,694	309,190	259,683	34,582		599,117	499,210	
1975-76p - June	414	413	4,704		16,818	30,840	22,479	2,942	2,973	39,942	25,672	
1976-77 p - July	470	435	4,254	104.3	15,105	25,859	24,844	3,235	3,063	18,999	27,508	
Aug.	439	422	4,212		15,899	21,476	24,767	3,071	2,903	19,838	31,251	
Sept.	432	416	5,146	105.0	17,158	27,317	25,806	3,650	3,107	39,030	72,400	
Oct.	443	412	4,392		18,321	27,723	24,535	3,222	2,924	48,709	75,476	
Nov.	436	409	4,606	80.6	14,824	26,971	28,167	3,243	2,944	54,575	67,044	
Dec.	434	425	4,642		12,460	21,769	21,251	2,593	2,785	44,527	40,542	
Jan.	282	417	1,458	96.8	3,269	13,019	6,820	1,366	3,027	20,483	19,494	
Feb.	409	436	3,977		15,837	26,025	21,505	2,901	2,920	57,824	34,693	
Mar.	410	391	5,059	96.8	18,457	32,370	23,045	3,366	2,890	85,783	46,244	
Apr.	434	442	3,427		13,594	29,986	17,373	2,687	2,976	57,705	23,593	
May	421	389	4,545	96.8	17,519	30,092	22,280	2,642	2,432	80,674	29,649	
June	429	428	4,790		16,251	26,583	19,290	2,607	2,657	70,970	31,316	
1977-78 p - July	461	429	4,096		16,168	24,927	21,225	2,542	2,462	37,568	22,901	

Household appliances - continued

Period	Domestic cooking stoves			Domestic refrigerators		Domestic clothes washing machines		Hot water jugs and kettles
	Solid fuel	Gas (d) upright or elevator	Electric (e)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.		
1974-75p	4,751	106,301	307,626	222,016	..	314,816	..	543,890
1975-76p	4,184	109,608	335,570	240,276	..	354,779	..	655,371
1976-77p	3,801	109,197	306,861	266,228	..	298,689	..	610,633
1975-76p – June	391	7,458	28,475	22,482	24,809	28,765	28,121	69,439
1976-77p – July	612	9,477	32,687	24,642	24,246	30,450	27,261	53,050
Aug.	314	9,062	31,236	26,302	24,838	29,886	27,123	53,799
Sept.	349	10,985	28,570	27,952	23,310	27,325	22,340	65,826
Oct.	341	9,237	30,231	26,723	23,918	28,337	25,966	66,684
Nov.	333	10,835	29,092	25,064	21,726	30,463	26,426	69,638
Dec.	272	7,510	22,105	16,054	15,855	21,223	24,898	64,469
Jan.	48	1,680	12,024	13,088	17,047	12,759	25,572	16,542
Feb.	225	9,322	25,017	21,717	22,385	22,742	24,182	37,592
Mar.	284	11,039	28,128	24,408	22,104	25,637	21,824	47,647
Apr.	246	10,100	19,196	15,479	19,568	16,908	21,820	42,707
May	351	10,394	23,825	21,599	25,210	26,632	25,190	46,415
June	426	9,556	24,750	23,200	24,961	26,327	25,595	46,264
1977-78 p – July	328	8,890	25,660	22,905	23,691	25,532	23,731	41,876

(a) Excludes underlays and underlays. (b) Excludes heating pads. (c) Excludes fans incorporated in other equipment or used with ducting. (d) Town, liquefied petroleum and natural gas stoves and ranges. Includes wall ovens. (e) Includes fixed ranges, wall ovens, cooking tops, grill-boilers and other ranges.

**PRODUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, ELECTRIC MOTORS, ENGINES,
DAIRY PRODUCTS, MEAT, AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERED**

Household appliances - continued

Period	Radio and radiograms		Television sets (e)		Room air- conditioners (f)	Electric motors				Internal combustion engines — petrol (c)	
	Original	Season- ally adjusted	Original	Season- ally adjusted		Under 1 hp		1 hp and over		Original	Season- ally adjusted
						Original	Season- ally adjusted	Original	Season- ally adjusted		
1974-75p	284,718	..	465,401	..	73,466	4,083	..	415	..	374,230	..
1975-76p	80,164	..	531,806	..	52,245	3,765	..	317	..	358,790	..
1976-77p	28,894	..	525,202	..	26,259	2,922	..	315	..	291,596	..
1975-76p — June	4,277	4,692	43,730	41,971	4,059	323	305	23.2	25.9	25,981	42,423
1976-77p — July	4,145	3,815	44,652	40,758	4,932	280	269	28.5	27.1	25,881	25,104
Aug.	2,831	2,696	47,158	42,928	5,321	298	270	33.3	28.5	26,288	21,858
Sept.	1,402	2,838	53,245	46,146	6,664	305	262	30.7	26.9	42,539	28,634
Oct.	2,992	2,259	50,226	45,314	8,001	286	254	30.7	26.2	42,456	26,769
Nov.	3,135	2,214	54,884	47,599	8,044	321	270	31.6	27.1	37,964	25,991
Dec.	1,889	1,733	42,734	48,707	8,057	239	246	28.2	29.6	31,714	32,211
Jan.	1,020	2,524	18,917	48,982	3,951	98	193	8.8	24.7	17,675	24,693
Feb.	2,667	3,089	46,486	47,715	4,049	211	233	24.5	23.1	18,958	21,019
Mar.	2,801	2,724	47,882	42,601	5,290	260	233	29.5	25.9	16,166	21,581
Apr.	1,959	2,578	37,260	41,697	2,979	185	234	22.7	26.1	12,520	17,117
May	1,148	1,149	38,925	35,195	3,566	195	195	24.4	23.8	5,575	10,671
June	1,285	1,335	42,833	39,877	3,405	244	229	22.0	24.7	13,860	22,629
1977-78 p — July	1,444	1,377	41,597	40,649	3,624	234	228	25.7	24.5	33,661	32,511

*Dairy products
(factory production)*

Meat (carcass weight)

Period	Whole milk for all purposes		Processed full cream milk products						Total		Dressed weight of poultry slaughtered (f)	
	Season- ally adjusted		Butter (d)	Cheese (e)	Beef and veal		Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat	Original	Season- ally adjusted	tonnes
	Original				'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes		
	million litres	million litres	tonnes	tonnes	million litres (g)	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
1974-75	6,496.8	..	161,274	98,630	626.6	1,547.0	257.8	269.3	175.1	2,249.2	..	189.4
1975-76	6,348.2	..	147,635	112,617	630.8	1,849.4	325.5	262.2	173.8	2,602.0	..	204.2
1976-77p	5,719.7	..	118,092	103,416	739.8	1,934.0	308.1	242.6	184.6	2,669.4	..	214.9
1975-76 - May	230.2	424.4	2,180	4,006	20.7	178.0	29.8	21.2	14.9	243.9	247.0	18.2
June	224.1	429.2	2,130	3,382	21.2	172.6	25.5	21.6	15.2	234.9	225.5	17.9
1976-77p - July	293.1	438.3	3,807	4,671	38.8	171.4	23.7	22.0	16.1	233.1	223.1	19.3
Aug.	429.9	445.4	8,160	7,854	56.0	157.7	23.0	21.1	16.0	217.8	220.0	17.3
Sept.	572.8	446.5	12,498	10,464	83.3	160.5	25.3	22.4	15.9	224.1	210.6	16.8
Oct.	721.9	462.7	17,364	13,152	102.7	148.2	25.8	22.5	14.7	211.2	200.5	17.8
Nov.	769.4	496.7	19,595	13,992	99.7	140.0	29.3	24.4	15.9	209.5	205.6	17.1
Dec.	723.8	493.8	17,236	13,235	110.9	136.7	31.3	20.2	16.5	204.7	209.9	18.3
Jan.	593.5	409.7	13,610	11,634	72.4	137.8	29.5	18.5	12.5	198.3	234.4	16.4
Feb.	422.3	492.6	8,645	8,499	57.9	163.5	32.9	19.1	13.5	229.0	244.4	16.1
Mar.	409.6	510.8	7,984	7,188	49.1	183.1	29.6	19.9	16.3	248.9	232.8	18.7
Apr.	308.8	481.6	4,720	5,402	32.3	163.8	22.4	17.5	14.5	218.1	236.8	18.0
May	238.5	437.6	2,678	3,953	19.1	180.9	20.0	17.7	15.6	234.1	227.7	19.7
June	216.3	418.4	1,893	3,121	17.4	190.5	15.3	17.4	17.3	240.6	227.4	19.5
1977-78p - July	270.4	404.7	3,116	4,497	31.7	180.6	15.3	19.2	17.1	232.3	228.3	19.7
Aug.						184.7	17.0	21.6	17.5	240.8	233.1	

(a) Includes combinations with radio and/or record player. (b) Includes package unit air conditioners. (c) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor, lawnmower, etc., and marine engines. (d) Includes the butter equivalent of butter oil production. Source: Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalisation Committee Ltd and State Departments of Agriculture. (e) As reported by Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalisation Committee Ltd and by processors not within the equalisation scheme. (f) Dressed weight of all birds (chickens, other fowls, ducks and drakes, and turkeys) including pheasants and giblets. (g) Whole milk equivalent.

PRODUCTION OF FLOUR, SUGAR, BEER, TOBACCO, CHEMICALS, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TYRES

Chemicals and allied products

Period	Wheaten flour	Refined sugar (a)	Beer (b)		Tobacco and cigarettes		Sulphuric acid (100%)		Paints			
			Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original (c)	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Super phosphate (d)	Sulphate of ammonia	Ready mixed paints and enamels	Lacquers nitro-cellulose
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes										
			million litres	million litres	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	'000 litres
1974-75p	1,263	729.1	1,957	..	31,729	..	1,770	..	3,309	266	81.3	4,886
1975-76p	1,240	723.2	1,932	..	31,161	..	1,295	..	2,185	220	91.0	4,909
1976-77p	1,191	..	1,939	..	29,846	..	1,741	..	3,219	192	89.2	4,392
1975-76p - June	104	50.1	133	158	2,731	2,728	107	119	133	17.26	7.99	409
1976-77p - July	98	55.3	140	159	1,909	1,589	108	138	120	16.44	7.32	418
Aug.	98	61.6	147	157	2,534	2,352	106	120	164	17.70	7.39	454
Sept.	108	64.8	167	161	2,457	2,648	130	135	217	18.55	7.99	410
Oct.	93	66.6	157	155	2,195	2,002	136	133	313	15.24	7.85	411
Nov.	102	65.9	180	156	2,784	2,519	147	143	251	13.93	8.63	395
Dec.	96	66.8	210	165	2,140	2,386	168	151	259	20.28	8.02	376
Jan.	81	55.3	160	167	1,330	2,753	143	132	267	18.74	4.73	170
Feb.	85	59.8	158	169	2,779	2,630	139	131	284	15.61	7.14	373
Mar.	105	65.2	168	152	3,047	2,603	143	143	322	14.75	8.74	406
Apr.	94	58.8	158	173	2,537	2,575	167	151	346	12.68	6.16	274
May	105	..	152	158	2,964	2,927	174	167	348	13.66	7.63	366
June	126	..	142	171	3,170	3,199	179	200	327	14.37	7.62	339
1977-78p - July	91	..	136	162	3,029	2,597	109	141	149	15.50	7.22	354

Motor vehicles (a)

Period	Cars and station wagons		Utilities and panel vans		Trucks and truck-type vehicles		Total motor vehicles (f)		Pneumatic tyre-motor cycle, car, truck, aero, etc. (g)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	'000	
1974-75p	361,389	..	30,295	29,503	..	32,759	..	456,167	..	7,501
1975-76p	369,339	..	25,179	29,857	..	30,988	..	436,164	..	8,384
1976-77p	367,272	..	24,902	26,031	..	32,876	..	452,065	..	7,859
1975-76p - June	34,625	32,165	1,723	2,342	3,843	2,861	2,697	41,657	38,648	764
1976-77p - July	32,752	31,103	1,819	2,324	3,902	2,915	2,681	39,967	38,230	704
Aug.	32,645	36,702	2,219	2,286	4,066	3,103	2,670	40,385	37,539	732
Sept.	39,380	32,043	2,810	2,968	4,658	3,702	2,967	48,993	39,850	822
Oct.	35,709	32,342	2,113	2,632	4,668	2,928	2,776	43,510	39,231	710
Nov.	38,089	33,873	2,741	3,070	5,372	3,069	2,968	47,123	42,248	720
Dec.	28,543	32,539	1,984	2,494	5,541	2,518	2,910	35,636	41,001	652
Jan.	8,100	25,394	530	771	3,944	931	2,479	10,340	33,671	251
Feb.	29,545	30,171	1,965	2,019	4,038	2,692	2,813	36,259	37,137	645
Mar.	33,671	29,374	2,596	1,962	3,998	3,057	2,837	41,327	35,860	659
Apr.	26,963	30,286	1,656	1,489	3,204	2,330	2,427	32,490	36,637	537
May	33,047	28,592	2,343	1,926	3,597	2,997	2,755	40,337	34,440	699
June	28,828	25,830	2,136	2,090	3,988	2,689	2,482	35,747	32,281	728
1977-78p - July	27,306	27,267	1,867	2,194	3,822	2,858	2,701	34,243	34,621	

(a) Source: Monthly figures, Department of Primary Industry. (b) Excludes waste beer. (c) Source: Department of Business and Consumer Affairs. (d) Includes double and triple superphosphate and ammonium phosphate expressed in terms of single superphosphate, i.e. 22% P₂O₅ equivalent. (e) Finished and partly finished motor vehicles. (f) Includes buses and ambulances. (g) Source: Australian Tyre Manufacturers Association Limited.

PRODUCTION OF WOOL, YARNS AND TEXTILES

Period	Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool (a)			Yarns (d)					
	Total receipts	Percentage of total received by brokers (b)	Scoured and/or bonified wool (c)	Cotton		Wool		Cellulosic fibre (including mixtures) Original	
				Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
'000 tonnes	%	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
1974-75p	729.2	81.5	51.8	23,463	..	17,903	..	1,396	
1975-76p	686.9	76.5	69.9	24,761	..	22,439	..	2,338	
1976-77p	625.3	76.2	72.3	20,735	..	19,247	..	1,456	
1975-76p - June	34.1	72.0		2,298	2,008	1,861	1,677	169	
1976-77p - July	44.8	71.7	17.71	2,090	1,914	1,808	1,680	129	
Aug.	75.2	77.0		2,013	1,760	1,793	1,612	139	
Sept.	93.3	80.4		1,964	1,773	1,854	1,631	212	
Oct.	85.0	74.6	17.69	2,073	1,879	1,776	1,658	153	
Nov.	85.1	76.7		1,909	1,795	1,812	1,678	118	
Dec.	55.9	75.2		1,433	1,303	1,394	1,695	110	
Jan.	30.1	74.7	19.73	669	1,632	655	1,500	60	
Feb.	36.6	76.7		1,701	1,771	1,604	1,566	111	
Mar.	38.7	75.3		1,844	1,635	1,732	1,487	104	
Apr.	29.5	75.7	17.17	1,461	1,547	1,361	1,499	149	
May	28.3	75.9		1,700	1,521	1,724	1,572	109	
June	22.8	75.4		1,878	1,701	1,732	1,611	61	
1977-78p - July	37.6	74.2		2,058	1,894	1,827	1,756		
Textiles									
Woven cloth (d) (e)									
Period	Cotton (f)		Wool (g)		Cellulosic fibre		Synthetic fibre		Blankets (h)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000	
1973-74p	50,092	..	12,306	..	23,075	..	114,537	..	1,692
1974-75p	41,364	..	7,308	..	16,237	..	84,831	..	1,472
1975-76p	46,661	..	8,009	..	16,725	..	97,763	..	2,031
1975-76p - June	4,011	3,801	649	692	1,445	1,330	9,418	8,085	163
1976-77p - July	3,601	3,210	598	618	1,658	1,519	7,440	6,456	139
Aug.	3,641	3,334	521	545	1,464	1,354	8,216	7,376	138
Sept.	3,676	3,316	593	563	1,580	1,416	8,653	7,540	121
Oct.	4,231	3,488	587	540	1,567	1,390	8,464	7,955	131
Nov.	3,584	3,446	567	475	1,588	1,451	8,425	8,048	122
Dec.	2,922	3,183	475	500	1,310	1,537	7,268	9,044	92
Jan.	1,430	3,651	232	419	462	939	2,614	5,463	63
Feb.	3,278	3,397	573	507	1,423	1,599	9,157	9,482	138
Mar.	3,119	2,985	614	473	1,372	1,272	9,647	9,112	177
Apr.	2,742	2,892	430	507	1,264	1,240	7,491	8,178	151
May	3,403	3,212	461	445	1,396	1,323	9,682	9,020	165
June	3,878	3,604	415	458	1,511	1,364	10,093	8,588	145
1977-78p - July	3,863	3,451	481	506	1,432	1,349	8,384	7,533	152

(a) Amounts of taxable wool received by brokers and dealers from wool producers. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) As from April 1976 published on a quarterly basis. (d) Includes mixture predominantly of the fibre named. (e) Over 12 in chevi wide. (f) Excludes towels and travelling. (g) Excludes blanketing and rug material. (h) Prior to 1975-76 excludes tufted blankets.

PRODUCTION OF CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS

Clothing										
Period	Hosiery		Men's and youths -				Underwear		Boots, shoes and sandals (c)	
	Men's	Women's full length (a)	Short length coats and jackets (b)		Sports trousers	Shirts, men's and boys'	Men's and boys'	Women's and girls'		
			Suit	Other						
	'000 doz. pairs	'000 doz. pairs	'000	'000	'000	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 pairs	
1974-75p	1,727	6,763	876	754	4,416	2,281	2,461	3,667	27,074	
1975-76p	2,007	6,316	825	1,148	4,344	2,861	2,125	3,647	30,017	
1976-77p	1,881	6,030	742	847	4,071	2,486	2,380	3,920	26,421	
1975-76p - June	160	508	70.5	104.2	344	253	232	350	2,274	
1976-77p - July	179	549	71.7	82.9	345	257	198	303	2,428	
Aug.	182	518	74.2	82.0	347	292	215	333	2,431	
Sept.	190	550	72.8	79.6	378	311	237	334	2,305	
Oct.	205	639	72.5	68.9	385	290	219	361	2,383	
Nov.	186	634	78.2	66.3	348	246	220	377	2,411	
Dec.	134	491	62.2	55.9	328	177	195	413	1,741	
Jan.	75	209	19.6	35.4	139	70	55	171	1,147	
Feb.	156	455	56.5	68.5	366	174	206	356	2,261	
Mar.	167	510	65.2	89.6	445	184	249	355	2,596	
Apr.	119	442	47.3	74.5	326	146	186	288	2,136	
May	142	490	62.1	77.0	332	165	204	329	2,243	
June	144	545	59.7	66.5	331	174	199	332	2,340	
1977-78p - July	149	536							2,262	
Period	Lawn mowers petrol (rotary)		Motor spirit (d)	Aviation turbine fuel (d)	Furnace fuel (d)	Plastics and synthetic resins (e)	Newsprint	Soap	Margarine	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted							Table	Other
		No.	No.	million litres	million litres	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1974-75p	298,125	..	12,508	2,124	4,656	363	196,405	59,462	30,928	55,377
1975-76p	334,857	..	12,501	2,088	4,340	407	206,227	58,154	43,211	55,899
1976-77p	307,173	..	13,056	2,115	4,604	464	206,590	57,276	69,140	51,620
1975-76p - June	16,777	39,065	1,063	152	350	38.6	17,663	5,047	4,647	5,327
1976-77p - July	18,646	23,853	1,119	154	416	39.1	16,951	5,422	5,778	5,367
Aug.	25,121	21,538	1,214	162	502	40.3	17,868	5,442	5,850	4,408
Sept.	45,875	29,255	1,093	178	380	44.6	17,456	5,254	5,144	4,958
Oct.	44,287	25,101	929	169	353	38.7	18,167	5,543	6,567	4,487
Nov.	41,304	27,703	812	174	310	40.0	17,458	4,546	6,479	4,795
Dec.	36,710	35,118	1,120	211	449	35.3	13,587	4,033	5,272	3,612
Jan.	21,629	28,507	1,157	207	348	27.8	17,065	2,238	2,369	2,301
Feb.	20,369	20,476	1,099	198	392	40.7	16,375	5,531	5,001	3,370
Mar.	20,050	24,369	1,129	180	400	41.6	18,613	4,876	5,764	4,183
Apr.	14,691	19,108	1,145	174	306	35.3	17,337	3,870	5,660	4,118
May	5,301	13,209	1,185	160	360	41.7	18,069	5,131	6,815	4,785
June	13,190	30,566	1,053	149	389	42.5	17,435	5,029	7,442	5,237
1977-78p - July	23,382	29,799				40.3		5,781	6,839	4,368

(a) Includes party hose. (b) Excludes plastic coats and dust coats. (c) Includes slippers of cemented, vulcanised-moulded rubber and injection-moulded plastic construction. (d) Source: Department of National Resources. (e) Liquid resins or emulsion forms are shown in terms of dry weight of resin content.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a)

Period	Cars and station wagons		Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)		Total (excluding motor cycles)		Motor cycles	Total motor vehicles
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
1974-75	502,720	..	121,467	..	624,187	..	67,563	691,750
1975-76	454,637	..	129,726	..	584,363	..	60,017	644,380
1976-77	447,102	..	134,709	..	581,811	..	50,320	632,131
1976-77 -								
July	38,231	36,261	11,855	10,969	50,086	47,230	4,279	54,365
Aug.	35,549	34,877	10,097	9,595	45,646	44,472	4,264	49,910
Sept.	37,836	36,697	11,247	11,045	49,083	47,742	4,517	53,600
Oct.	36,988	36,639	10,953	10,688	47,941	47,327	4,788	52,729
Nov.	40,278	40,243	12,420	12,085	52,698	52,328	5,817	58,515
Dec.	46,165	47,633	12,720	13,677	58,885	61,310	5,485	64,370
Jan.	31,627	38,709	9,908	12,530	41,535	51,239	4,250	45,785
Feb.	34,513	39,063	10,532	12,463	45,045	51,526	4,026	49,071
Mar.	38,453	33,550	11,590	10,483	50,043	44,033	3,503	53,546
Apr.	29,303	30,284	8,806	9,232	38,109	39,516	3,007	41,116
May	37,645	34,040	11,319	10,164	48,964	44,204	3,263	52,227
June	40,514	39,850	13,262	12,552	53,776	52,402	3,121	56,897
1977-78 -								
July r	38,123	38,250	12,173	11,582	50,296	49,832	3,239	53,535
Aug. p	40,273	37,116	12,045	10,719	52,318	47,835	3,478	55,796

(a) Registrations during period. Includes Government-owned vehicles except those belonging to the defence services. Excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

Period	Government railways				Shipping (a)					
	Goods and livestock				Overseas cargo					
					Shipped from Australian ports		Discharged at Australian ports		Interstate cargo shipped	
	Tonnes consigned	Net tonne-kilometres	Passenger journeys	Gross earnings	Tonnes	Cubic metres	Tonnes	Cubic metres	Tonnes	Cubic metres
	'000	million	million	\$ million	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1973-74	87,341	28,329.3	373.6	691.1	150,471	3,071	23,055	7,641	29,471	3,033
1974-75	94,798	29,791.6	340.0	809.4	164,866	2,926	21,893	8,029	28,454	3,134
1975-76	95,039	30,809.3	317.2	939.8	156,133	2,488	19,718	7,170	28,241	2,937
1975-76 -										
Feb.	7,567	2,431.8	29.8	77.3	12,345	144	1,601	555	1,846	232
Mar.	8,623	2,737.9	25.9	84.9	12,112	187	1,655	679	2,383	263
Apr.	7,989	2,583.7	34.1	83.8	12,713	197	1,765	584	2,317	263
May	8,149	2,684.5	17.8	81.1	15,198	168	1,741	680	2,479	278
June	9,163	2,877.4	24.6	91.3	15,377	187	1,503	602	1,938	241
1976-77 -										
July	8,227	2,835.1	19.2	91.8	14,849	145	1,715	635	2,533	207
Aug.	8,209	2,751.9	26.0	83.2	14,918	213	1,829	766	2,830	165
Sept.	8,400	2,709.5	28.4	82.3	12,530	211	1,683	612	2,470	140
Oct.	8,266	2,633.7	24.4	81.9	15,989	214	1,720	693	2,407	172
Nov.	8,098		24.6	83.0	12,743	154	1,559	626	2,107	156
Dec.	7,965		25.0	80.7	13,255	184	1,663	599	2,184	162
Jan.			22.7	79.2	14,790	178	2,073	511	2,483	123
Feb.			30.4		13,614	124	1,325	473	2,322	166

(a) Part of the shipping cargo is recorded in tonnes and part in cubic metres. As the total cannot be stated accurately as either tonnes or cubic metres each is recorded and published separately.

TELEPHONE AND TELEX SERVICES

Period	Telephone subscribers' services				Telex Services			
	Effective applications during period (a)	Services connected during period	Services cancelled during period	Services in operation at end of period	Effective applications during period (a)	Services connected during period	Services cancelled during period	Services in operation at end of period
	'000	'000	'000	'000				'000
1974-75	560.3	573.1	387.7	3,539	3,360	3,375	1,469	14.8
1975-76	596.1	613.6	448.4	3,700	(b)3,986	(c)4,117	1,822	17.0
1976-77	666.5	665.7	456.9	3,907	4,610	4,538	2,015	19.6
1975-76 - June	53.6	56.8	40.9	3,700	386	400	155	17.0
1976-77 - July	53.7	49.8	37.5	3,713	287	361	167	17.2
Aug.	55.3	56.0	38.2	3,730	303	371	156	17.3
Sept.	54.7	54.1	36.4	3,748	415	354	143	17.7
Oct.	52.1	52.2	35.5	3,765	415	350	170	17.9
Nov.	54.8	56.0	37.9	3,783	342	388	170	18.1
Dec.	49.4	55.9	39.1	3,800	348	382	225	18.2
Jan.	53.2	48.0	39.0	3,809	335	304	135	18.4
Feb.	57.4	56.7	37.4	3,828	331	377	164	18.6
Mar.	61.4	61.2	40.3	3,849	516	574	156	18.9
Apr.	50.6	50.9	34.7	3,865	404	357	146	19.1
May	62.9	62.1	41.1	3,882	408	474	177	19.4
June	60.9	61.7	39.5	3,907	506	446	206	19.6
1977-78 - July	58.3	58.1	39.8	3,916	472	455	203	19.8

(a) Demand for services, allowing for applications withdrawn during period. (b) From July 1975 includes in place services. (c) From July 1975 includes in place connections.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

(\$ millions)

Period	CURRENT ACCOUNT											
	Invisible credits				Invisible debits							
	Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.	Balance of trade	Transportation and travel	Property income	Transfers	Other	Transportation and travel	Property income	Transfers	Other	Balance on current account
1974-75	8,490	7,652	838	1,153	415	429	284	1,893	1,051	627	441	-936
1975-76	9,410	7,924	1,486	1,253	336	358	226	2,083	1,546	701	428	-1,098
1976-77	11,403	10,348	1,056	1,540	356	374	183	2,500	1,688	694	403	-1,878
1975-76 - Mar. qtr	2,324	2,087	387	316	74	71	46	812	371	135	118	-341
June qtr	2,636	2,124	512	314	80	84	49	591	416	169	165	-242
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	2,862	2,394	468	342	82	82	41	601	420	176	102	-303
Dec. qtr	2,804	2,406	398	393	90	75	49	585	436	164	90	-271
Mar. qtr	2,800	2,793	7	404	90	70	47	614	393	171	106	-688
June qtr	2,938	2,755	183	401	95	68	47	700	439	183	107	-635

CAPITAL ITEMS

Period	Capital inflow										Net official monetary movements	
	Government		Private		Non official monetary sector transactions		Monetary movements					
	Securities	Other	Market-making authorities	Other	Balancing item	Net apparent capital inflow	Change in official reserve assets	Other transactions				
1974-75	21	-53	-89	753	81	-241	471	-460	-4	-464		
1975-76	48	-144	133	883	-25	-516	78	-1,083	32	-1,020		
1976-77	347	-216	94	1,165	-10	6	1,386	-190	-302	-492		
1975-76 -												
Mar. qtr	-14	-26	53	177	45	91	326	-37	22	-18		
June qtr	163	-63	8	223	61	-144	247	-7	12	5		
1976-77 -												
Sept. qtr	226	-54	51	22	-79	-130	36	42	-310	-265		
Dec. qtr	137	-39	19	428	-79	-361	263	-7	-1	-9		
Mar. qtr	-7	-41	43	339	-10	281	804	127	9	136		
June qtr	-8	-80	-19	(a)	(a)	(b)216	284	-382	..	-352		

(a) Not yet available, included in the balancing item. (b) Does not include undistributed income.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)
(\$ million)

(3 million)

Components of gross domestic product											
Gross domestic product at factor cost											
Period	Gross national expenditure	Plus Exports of goods and services	Less Imports of goods and services	Gross domestic product		Wages, salaries and supplements	Gross operating surplus				
				Farm	Non-farm		Total	Trading enterprises		Financial enterprises, etc. (b)	Indirect taxes less subsidies
								Companies	Other		
ORIGINAL											
1974-75	60,210	9,927	9,986	3,612	56,537	60,149	35,439	6,809	11,942	-657	6,616
1975-76	70,371	10,888	10,434	3,670	67,154	70,824	40,739	7,920	13,886	-237	8,516
1976-77	81,657	13,127	13,252	4,136	77,394	81,530	46,025	9,782	16,539	-503	9,687
1975-76 -											
Mar. qtr	17,023	2,686	2,667	873	16,169	17,042	9,862	1,627	5,321	-33	2,265
June qtr	18,071	2,999	2,820	392	17,858	18,250	10,737	2,248	2,945	-66	2,386
1976-77 -											
Sept. qtr	19,446	3,245	3,097	841	18,753	19,594	11,112	2,394	3,964	-149	2,273
Dec. qtr	21,966	3,246	3,080	1,634	20,497	22,131	11,979	2,895	5,055	-122	2,324
Mar. qtr	19,775	3,250	3,514	1,163	18,348	19,511	11,005	2,041	4,101	-107	2,471
June qtr	20,470	3,386	3,562	498	19,796	20,294	11,929	2,452	3,419	-125	2,619
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED											
1975-76 -											
Mar. qtr	18,171	2,735	2,762	954	17,190	18,144	10,253	2,090	3,590	-44	2,255
June qtr	18,514	3,015	2,867	940	18,022	18,962	10,742	2,258	3,748	-81	2,295
1976-77 -											
Sept. qtr	19,412	3,267	2,973	999	18,707	19,706	11,156	2,362	3,945	-136	2,379
Dec. qtr	19,984	3,153	3,050	1,010	19,077	20,087	11,343	2,409	4,115	-108	2,328
Mar. qtr	21,096	3,312	3,638	1,081	19,689	20,770	11,605	2,588	4,237	-118	2,458
June qtr	21,213	3,407	3,636	1,042	19,942	20,984	11,907	2,462	4,240	-140	2,515

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (Catalogue No. 5206.0. Previously Ref. No. 7.5). (b) Financial enterprises less imputed bank service charge.

COMPONENTS OF GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)
(\$ million)

Gross fixed capital expenditure												
Period	Final consumption expenditure		Private					Public enterprises	General government	Increase in stocks	Statistical discrepancy	Gross national expenditure
	Private	Government	Dwellings	Other building and construction	All other	Total private						
ORIGINAL												
1974-75	35,200	9,144	2,466	1,978	4,309	6,743	2,833	2,829	670	791	60,210	
1975-76	41,662	11,308	3,239	2,031	5,855	10,326	3,156	3,477	-224	667	70,371	
1976-77	47,704	15,211	4,013	1,983	6,640	12,036	3,853	3,693	1,114	346	81,657	
1975-76 -												
Mar. qtr	10,158	2,660	831	409	1,154	2,394	657	726	132	296	17,023	
June qtr	10,975	3,207	945	510	1,517	2,972	977	1,000	-625	-439	18,071	
1976-77 -												
Sept. qtr	11,240	3,123	1,027	513	1,395	2,846	788	778	97	375	19,446	
Dec. qtr	12,532	3,380	1,036	520	1,439	3,195	910	942	733	254	21,966	
Mar. qtr	11,531	3,114	966	430	1,402	2,798	814	778	407	333	19,775	
June qtr	12,381	3,594	984	520	1,694	3,198	1,041	1,195	-123	-816	20,470	
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1975-76 -												
Mar. qtr	10,593	2,878	870	488	1,306	2,463	700	854	283	200	18,171	
June qtr	10,999	3,050	938	492	1,405	2,855	908	845	47	130	18,514	
1976-77 -												
Sept. qtr	11,363	3,202	994	514	1,331	2,839	841	877	37	254	19,412	
Dec. qtr	11,853	3,229	1,031	462	1,354	3,047	868	872	131	-7	19,984	
Mar. qtr	12,089	3,370	1,011	513	1,385	3,169	865	917	362	394	21,096	
June qtr	12,401	3,420	977	502	1,568	3,047	965	1,009	582	-210	21,213	

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (Catalogue No. 5206.0. Previously Ref. No. 7.5).

VALUE OF MAIN AGGREGATES AT AVERAGE 1966-67 PRICES (a)
(£ million)

Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross capital expenditure		Increase in stocks	Statistical discrepancy	Gross national expenditure	Plus exports of goods and services	Less imports of goods and services	Expenditure on gross domestic product	Gross farm product	Gross non-farm product
	Private	Government	Private	Public								
ORIGINAL												
1974-75	20,814	3,900	4,811	2,981	496	467	33,470	5,793	6,462	32,802	2,820	29,983
1975-76	21,505	4,140	4,875	3,030	-145	341	33,747	5,962	6,170	33,599	3,028	30,571
1976-77	22,096	4,350	5,037	2,958	622	35	35,149	6,469	6,867	34,751	3,102	31,649
1975-76 -												
Mar. qtr	5,112	978	1,113	620	69	140	8,032	1,518	1,528	8,022	714	7,308
June qtr	5,425	1,112	1,338	859	-265	-201	8,267	1,550	1,614	8,203	482	7,721
1976-77 -												
Sept. qtr	5,430	1,049	1,234	666	63	236	8,699	1,678	1,704	8,673	665	8,008
Dec. qtr	5,907	1,118	1,365	768	346	110	9,615	1,649	1,708	9,556	1,121	8,435
Mar. qtr	5,245	1,025	1,158	646	182	135	8,391	1,546	1,757	8,200	827	7,373
June qtr	5,514	1,158	1,280	878	31	-416	8,444	1,576	1,698	8,322	489	7,833
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1975-76 -												
Mar. qtr	5,337	1,048	1,232	692	73	146	8,528	1,513	1,584	8,487	769	7,688
June qtr	5,410	1,051	1,270	761	43	92	8,627	1,560	1,633	8,534	768	7,786
1976-77 -												
Sept. qtr	5,483	1,065	1,235	730	95	86	8,695	1,700	1,640	8,754	767	7,986
Dec. qtr	5,601	1,090	1,311	725	85	-46	8,765	1,625	1,690	8,700	761	7,938
Mar. qtr	5,505	1,099	1,281	719	81	182	8,867	1,562	1,822	8,606	788	7,819
June qtr	5,501	1,095	1,213	774	361	-133	8,812	1,588	1,726	8,674	789	7,886

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (Catalogue No. 5206.0. Previously Ref. No. 7.5).

FINANCE

NEW MONEY RAISED BY LISTED COMPANIES IN AUSTRALIA AND BY INDUSTRY GROUP (a)

(\$ million)

This table shows the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to listed companies in Australia through the types of capital specified. For definitions see *New Capital Raising by Companies Listed on Australian Stock Exchanges* (Catalogue No. 5628.0. Previously Ref. No. 5.9). Excluded are charges in bank overdraft, loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market or deposits accepted by banks, insurance companies, pastoral companies or building societies.

Period	Manufacturing			Finance and property			Commerce		
	Debentures, registered notes, etc.			Debentures, registered notes, etc.			Debentures, registered notes, etc.		
	Shares		Total	Shares		Total	Shares		Total
1974-75	94.3	368.1	462.2	18.1	421.6	439.6	36.0	89.2	125.2
1975-76	115.0	142.1	257.1	68.5	159.3	227.8	57.5	20.8	78.3
1976-77	182.0	143.2	325.2	212.2	945.8	1,158.0	9.5	31.3	40.8
1975-76 -									
Mar. qtr	12.5	1.8	14.3	36.7	158.1	194.8	0.9	16.0	16.9
June qtr	32.2	79.1	111.3	17.3	259.4	276.7	52.9	(b)-3.7	49.2
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	10.1	5.7	15.8	18.6	345.1	363.7	2.1	2.3	4.4
Dec. qtr	80.1	24.7	104.8	113.1	411.2	524.3	2.5	10.6	13.1
Mar. qtr	23.1	..	23.1	64.7	104.9	169.6	0.2	3.6	3.8
June qtr	68.7	112.8	181.5	15.8	84.5	100.3	4.7	14.8	19.5
	Other industries			All industries					
	Debentures, registered notes, etc.			Debentures, registered notes, etc.					
Period	Shares		Total	Shares		Total	Shares		Total
1974-75	32.7	69.8	102.5	171.1	948.6	1,119.7			
1975-76	91.3	78.2	169.5	322.3	1,094.4	1,426.7			
1976-77	68.1	91.0	159.1	471.6	1,211.5	1,683.1			
1975-76 -									
Mar. qtr	4.7	13.9	18.6	54.8	189.8	244.6			
June qtr	67.1	30.2	97.3	169.6	365.1	534.7			
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	11.0	4.2	15.2	41.9	367.3	392.2			
Dec. qtr	25.3	14.7	40.0	220.9	461.3	682.2			
Mar. qtr	10.4	77.6	88.0	98.3	186.2	284.5			
June qtr	21.4	(b)-5.5	15.9	110.5	206.6	317.1			

(a) Holding companies are classified according to the predominant activity of the group. (b) Excess of repayments over receipts of new money.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS (INCLUDING NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Accounts of trading banks										Commonwealth Government securities			All other assets
	Notes on issue		Statutory Reserve Deposit	Term Loan Fund	Farm Development Loan Fund	Other deposits of trading banks	Deposits of savings banks	Other liabilities (a)	Gold and foreign exchange	Treasury bills and Treasury notes		Other		
	Held by public	Total												
1974-75	2,061.9	2,373.9	462.2	22.9	19.8	9.7	1,056.9	1,200.3	3,110.9	146.5	1,041.4	1,094.5		
1975-76	2,417.7	2,762.5	909.0	17.0	14.7	9.9	1,089.9	747.8	2,778.7	1,290.4	906.6	826.2		
1976-77	2,768.3	3,171.8	1,303.6	35.5	25.3	8.4	1,213.4	1,255.3	2,612.1	1,758.3	2,189.7	715.7		
1976-77 -														
July	2,591.9	2,962.1	781.4	28.6	24.8	8.3	1,103.2	1,036.9	2,585.7	902.4	1,825.6	877.2		
Aug.	2,635.7	3,004.6	790.1	36.1	28.1	6.5	1,091.2	1,097.5	2,451.1	1,259.4	1,802.5	786.4		
Sept.	2,676.4	3,045.4	806.5	58.0	40.6	7.5	1,103.0	1,169.2	2,344.0	1,859.9	1,709.8	562.8		
Oct.	2,688.4	3,069.0	827.0	53.0	36.3	6.1	1,167.6	1,192.1	2,261.4	1,871.0	2,015.9	450.7		
Nov.	2,703.6	3,098.6	933.7	48.4	32.9	7.6	1,193.0	1,138.3	2,077.4	1,923.7	2,293.2	406.6		
Dec. (b)	2,867.5	3,345.0	1,037.9	42.8	31.0	10.2	1,371.5	1,507.2	2,593.4	2,330.6	2,393.4	312.5		
Jan.	2,827.4	3,252.7	1,379.2	36.3	23.9	10.4	1,293.3	1,331.0	2,942.4	1,879.3	2,290.7	490.3		
Feb.	2,777.5	3,192.4	1,680.1	34.6	22.4	16.0	1,343.3	1,269.0	2,985.5	1,952.2	2,173.0	721.9		
Mar.	2,794.8	3,206.0	1,861.4	27.9	20.2	7.4	1,455.3	1,273.6	2,881.4	2,122.3	2,176.2	945.1		
Apr.	2,887.6	3,310.5	1,879.6	23.1	18.4	8.3	1,330.5	1,281.2	2,843.5	2,048.1	2,247.3	985.2		
May	2,868.5	3,274.6	1,847.2	21.4	16.4	6.3	1,073.1	1,337.0	2,786.5	1,482.2	2,600.2	980.4		
June	2,887.4	3,293.1	1,704.2	16.9	10.1	6.9	1,044.6	1,408.9	2,596.7	1,433.8	2,735.5	983.7		
1977-78 -														
July	2,922.4	3,327.8	1,396.4	10.1	4.7	5.6	1,096.0	1,428.1	2,302.5	1,478.8	2,707.5	1,043.8		
Aug.	2,973.3	3,384.5	1,369.5	7.3	2.2	5.7	1,091.5	1,962.5	2,517.8	1,822.2	2,842.9	906.6		

(a) Includes Special Reserve - I.M.F. Special Drawing Rights. Excludes capital and reserves. (b) Excludes one Wednesday.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, RURAL CREDIT DEPARTMENT: ADVANCES

Average of weekly figures	\$ million	Average of weekly figures	\$ million
1974-75	200.2	1976-77 -	
1975-76	258.5	Dec. (a)	123.1
1976-77	350.3	Jan.	263.6
		Feb.	504.3
1976-77 -		Mar.	643.3
July	183.6	Apr.	640.4
Aug.	204.1	May	637.6
Sept.	123.6	June	586.7
Oct.	111.8	1977-78 -	
Nov.	105.7	July	516.0

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AUSTRALIA : ADVANCES
(\$ million)

<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Hire purchase</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Hire purchase</i>	<i>Other</i>
1974-75	63.8	262.4	1976-77 -		
1975-76	63.2	288.0	Dec. (a)	78.0	304.4
1976-77	77.2	303.8	Jan.	80.0	301.7
			Feb.	79.2	300.7
1976-77 -			Mar.	78.9	304.6
July	71.7	304.3	Apr.	82.0	305.1
Aug.	70.9	305.7	May	85.2	304.2
Sept.	70.5	302.9	June	89.7	316.0
Oct.	71.4	297.8	1977-78 -		
Nov.	74.0	295.1	July	94.6	316.3

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Deposits				Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government securities		Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans, advances and bills discounted (c)	
	Fixed	Current	Total			Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other			Original	Seasonally adjusted
			Original	Seasonally adjusted							
1974-75	7,260	5,449	12,709	..	274.6	752.6	2,118.4	143.7	455.8	9,348	..
1975-76	8,585	6,547	15,132	..	311.5	658.2	3,079.4	120.5	895.9	10,344	..
1976-77	10,286	7,023	17,309	..	357.3	591.3	3,609.3	129.7	1,287.7	11,616	..
1976-77 -											
July	9,073	6,541	15,614	16,301	331.0	144.2	3,428.9	157.7	769.1	11,123	10,960
Aug.	9,405	6,553	15,958	16,607	325.3	79.5	3,627.4	123.6	777.8	11,231	11,217
Sept.	9,769	6,687	16,456	16,856	321.3	162.2	3,687.2	111.5	794.5	11,369	11,426
Oct.	10,146	6,685	16,831	16,991	335.1	332.1	3,639.4	121.4	815.5	11,791	11,723
Nov.	10,306	6,821	17,127	17,194	349.6	440.9	3,608.6	165.0	920.7	11,787	11,897
Dec. (d)	10,396	7,312	17,708	17,339	428.0	646.8	3,711.5	205.7	1,023.2	11,741	11,904
Jan.	10,655	7,367	18,022	17,375	380.6	1,190.4	3,696.5	140.5	1,362.2	11,578	11,664
Feb.	11,024	7,489	18,514	17,654	373.6	1,462.5	3,752.4	165.9	1,559.9	11,288	11,531
Mar.	11,149	7,479	18,629	17,893	359.5	1,500.9	3,792.0	97.2	1,841.5	11,425	11,622
Apr.	10,880	7,281	18,161	17,776	375.4	854.9	3,702.5	59.6	1,860.0	11,836	11,633
May	10,456	6,945	17,401	17,628	357.4	261.9	3,369.6	125.6	1,827.8	12,013	11,778
June	10,129	7,069	17,198	17,828	358.2	37.7	3,305.8	102.5	1,885.7	12,177	11,977
1977-78 -											
July	9,831	7,006	16,837	17,564	353.2	47.2	3,246.5	100.6	1,379.9	12,369	12,191
Aug.	9,957	6,997	16,954	17,635	356.2	27.8	3,203.0	139.1	1,352.7	12,371	12,355

(a) Commonwealth Trading Bank, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd, The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd, and The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorized dealers in the short-term money market. (d) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(per cent)

Average of weekly figures	Liquid assets and Commonwealth Government securities				Statutory reserve deposits account with Reserve Bank	Loans advances and bills discounted (c)	Deposits not bearing interest
	Cash and cash at Reserve Bank	Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other Commonwealth and State Government securities	Total			
1974-75	2.2	5.9	16.7	24.8	3.6	73.6	38.6
1975-76	2.1	4.4	20.4	26.8	5.9	68.4	38.5
1976-77	2.1	3.4	20.9	26.3	7.4	67.1	36.3
1976-77 -							
July	2.1	0.9	22.0	25.0	4.9	71.2	37.3
Aug.	2.0	0.5	22.7	25.3	4.9	70.4	36.6
Sept.	2.0	1.0	22.4	25.3	4.8	69.1	36.3
Oct.	2.0	2.0	21.6	25.6	4.9	70.1	35.5
Nov.	2.0	2.6	21.1	25.7	5.4	68.8	35.8
Dec. (d)	2.4	3.7	21.0	27.0	5.8	66.3	37.2
Jan.	2.1	6.6	20.5	29.2	7.6	64.2	36.7
Feb.	2.0	7.9	20.3	30.2	9.0	61.0	36.3
Mar.	1.9	8.1	20.4	30.3	9.9	61.3	36.1
Apr.	2.1	4.7	20.4	27.2	10.2	65.2	35.9
May	2.1	1.5	19.4	22.9	11.5	69.0	35.7
June	2.1	0.2	19.2	21.5	9.8	70.8	36.3
1977-78 -							
July	2.1	0.3	19.3	21.7	8.2	73.5	36.9
Aug.	2.1	0.2	18.9	21.2	8.0	73.0	36.7

(a) See footnote (a) page 39. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. (d) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS AND OVERDRAFT LIMITS
(Source: Reserve Bank of Australia)
(\$ million)

Weekly average for period ending second Wednesday of -	New and increased lending commitments (b)				Overdraft limits (c)		
	Term loan approvals	Farm development loan approvals	Overdraft approvals	Total approvals	Cancellations and reductions (d)	Net movement in limits	Overdraft limits outstanding (e) (end of period)
Year to July -							
1975	6.6	1.3	82.9	90.8	53.5	29.4	11,968.4
1976	6.1	2.0	95.9	104.1	66.6	29.3	13,523.3
1977	6.4	2.8	95.6	104.9	70.4	25.2	14,743.1
1976-77 -							
July	7.6	2.0	101.1	110.7	78.5	22.6	13,523.3
Aug.	5.8	2.4	93.0	101.2	74.7	18.2	13,596.2
Sept.	2.7	2.5	100.7	106.0	75.7	25.0	13,696.3
Oct.	4.7	2.6	97.9	105.2	62.9	35.0	13,871.4
Nov.	5.5	3.1	108.7	117.2	75.1	33.6	14,005.7
Dec.	11.2	2.9	101.9	116.0	65.1	36.8	14,135.0
Jan.	7.5	2.9	89.4	99.9	69.5	19.9	14,252.3
Feb.	6.4	2.4	85.2	94.1	82.7	2.6	14,262.5
Mar.	7.9	3.0	89.6	100.5	72.4	17.2	14,331.3
Apr.	3.2	2.6	91.5	97.3	53.2	38.3	14,431.2
May	8.0	3.0	94.0	105.0	65.5	28.6	14,545.5
June	6.4	3.3	98.7	108.3	83.9	14.8	14,604.6
1977-78 -							
July	8.3	2.8	98.4	109.5	75.6	22.8	14,718.6
Aug.	7.1	2.8	92.8	102.7	87.1	5.7	14,741.5

(a) See footnote (a) on page 39. (b) Excludes commitments in respect of temporary advances to woolbuyers and informal arrangements entered into, mainly with other financial institutions for meeting temporary needs. Includes commitments not subject to maximum overdraft rate. (c) Excludes commitments in respect of term loans and farm development loans. (d) Derived by subtracting weekly average of change in overdraft limits outstanding from overdraft approvals. Figures are approximations only due to unavoidable differences in the bank of compilation of the two series. (e) Due to changes in reporting procedures in April 1977 and July 1977 this series is not strictly comparable on a monthly basis.

ALL TRADING BANKS (a) : SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Deposits			Total	Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government securities		Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans (other than loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market), advances and bills discounted
	Fixed	Current				Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other			
		Bearing interest	Not bearing interest							
1974-75	8,004.8	682.0	5,185.8	13,872.5	291.3	780.8	2,268.0	187.1	462.2	10,629.6
1975-76	9,587.2	861.4	6,160.7	16,609.4	330.4	698.6	3,285.8	157.5	909.0	11,793.2
1976-77	11,550.4	907.7	6,660.7	19,118.8	380.6	641.1	3,852.9	165.2	1,303.6	13,328.7
1976-77 -										
July	10,235.9	872.7	6,147.4	17,256.0	350.4	164.0	3,664.1	198.7	781.4	12,722.4
Aug.	10,603.5	864.1	6,172.8	17,640.3	345.5	97.7	3,864.3	155.8	790.1	12,857.8
Sept.	10,968.6	873.3	6,315.4	18,157.2	341.5	184.3	3,927.6	156.8	806.5	12,995.1
Oct.	11,385.9	867.9	6,327.4	18,581.2	355.6	347.5	3,884.1	154.7	827.0	13,480.5
Nov.	11,575.9	864.7	6,487.2	18,927.8	371.5	462.4	3,850.4	203.2	933.7	13,504.6
Dec. (c)	11,649.3	908.1	6,974.4	19,531.8	467.6	689.4	3,946.1	247.0	1,037.9	13,440.1
Jan.	11,938.8	925.7	7,021.4	19,886.0	405.9	1,278.6	3,932.5	182.8	1,379.2	13,295.3
Feb.	12,311.1	955.5	7,139.8	20,406.3	397.7	1,562.4	3,994.2	208.0	1,680.1	13,013.1
Mar.	12,451.5	935.8	7,149.0	20,536.4	382.8	1,601.3	4,037.5	121.8	1,861.4	13,185.7
Apr.	12,178.6	927.0	6,916.2	20,021.7	398.3	927.7	3,947.8	76.7	1,879.6	13,605.2
May	11,785.5	885.7	6,606.2	19,277.3	379.4	313.6	3,624.5	150.0	1,847.2	13,814.4
June	11,462.7	992.3	6,640.8	19,095.8	379.9	78.8	3,567.9	144.8	1,704.2	13,985.3
1977-78 -										
July	11,219.4	952.8	6,583.4	18,755.6	374.8	74.5	3,517.5	145.0	1,396.4	14,239.6
Aug.	11,342.7	932.7	6,586.3	18,861.7	378.2	50.5	3,483.0	178.9	1,369.3	14,263.4

(a) Covers the major trading banks, and in addition Bank of New Zealand, Bank of Queensland Limited, Banque Nationale de Paris, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, State Bank of South Australia and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes one Wednesday.

ALL TRADING BANKS : DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS (a)
(Excluding debits to Australian Government Accounts at city branches in State capitals)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	N.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total
1974-75	3,805.9	2,898.8	817.9	456.6	515.9	119.4	22.7	78.6	8,715.6
1975-76	4,462.0	3,808.0	1,027.4	578.0	680.0	150.2	27.8	118.1	10,851.5
1976-77	5,156.3	4,588.4	1,230.7	690.0	814.4	179.8	35.6	138.7	12,833.8
1976-77 -									
July	4,621.9	4,110.2	1,157.9	629.9	750.9	169.7	33.6	118.1	11,592.2
Aug.	4,913.0	4,161.6	1,118.0	618.7	714.8	164.1	31.1	112.3	11,833.6
Sept.	5,009.5	4,233.1	1,193.9	621.2	729.4	168.4	41.1	115.8	12,102.3
Oct.	4,793.3	4,252.4	1,195.4	619.4	772.6	171.9	32.4	114.0	11,891.6
Nov.	5,219.0	4,634.7	1,210.4	713.5	787.9	185.6	33.1	137.2	12,941.5
Dec.	5,409.9	4,818.6	1,259.8	736.5	855.2	202.1	66.8	172.7	13,521.7
Jan.	4,997.3	4,476.7	1,209.0	652.1	834.0	160.5	25.3	164.5	12,519.4
Feb.	5,004.6	4,407.4	1,197.5	704.6	836.2	171.5	28.4	143.8	12,494.0
Mar.	5,362.4	4,760.4	1,204.6	725.4	855.2	185.8	29.0	134.3	13,257.0
Apr.	5,363.9	4,569.9	1,212.8	692.4	837.7	188.0	28.2	122.5	13,015.3
May	5,646.1	5,252.4	1,284.8	748.4	909.2	200.9	33.5	173.6	14,249.0
June	5,443.8	5,209.3	1,421.8	789.7	875.5	184.0	36.3	150.7	14,111.2
1977-78 -									
July	5,664.5	5,525.5	1,400.9	766.9	930.8	213.0	34.0	147.2	14,692.7
Aug.	5,437.9	4,819.2	1,260.9	716.9	880.1	181.0	31.0	120.8	13,447.8

(a) Includes the banks listed in footnote (a) above, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank.

SAVINGS BANKS : SELECTED ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (a)
(£ million)

At end of -	Coin, bullion and notes	Deposits with Reserve Bank	Deposits with trading banks	Commonwealth and State Government securities (b)	Local and semi-government securities	Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	Loans, advances and bills discounted	
							Housing	Other
June 1973	23.0	1,326.0	226.0	2,808.8	2,437.4	124.0	3,047.2	310.0
June 1974	27.3	1,052.7	230.3	2,940.6	2,830.3	51.9	3,672.8	513.3
June 1975	32.6	907.6	391.0	2,962.1	(c)3,285.2	80.2	4,717.4	(c)573.6
1975-76 -								
June	40.4	1,053.8	266.2	2,824.7	3,893.6	70.1	6,049.7	695.3
1976-77 -								
July	36.4	1,111.2	261.0	2,833.5	3,898.3	108.3	6,145.3	717.5
Aug.	38.8	1,082.8	285.8	2,917.9	3,972.0	121.9	6,232.2	722.4
Sept.	33.5	1,126.2	359.4	3,015.8	4,047.9	60.8	6,405.5	717.8
Oct.	32.8	1,172.2	287.6	3,052.4	4,112.8	73.4	6,490.2	749.3
Nov.	50.4	1,216.5	256.9	3,035.6	4,195.0	50.7	6,582.8	739.2
Dec.	52.8	1,426.5	241.5	2,750.1	4,273.4	61.3	6,725.7	757.6
Jan.	38.9	1,306.9	240.0	2,913.4	4,302.7	26.7	6,769.7	708.1
Feb.	45.7	1,381.9	224.7	2,975.6	4,344.5	36.2	6,843.6	729.5
Mar.	34.1	1,434.5	165.4	2,819.1	4,386.3	31.5	7,003.8	752.9
Apr.	40.6	1,250.5	202.0	2,808.1	4,404.2	52.8	7,090.5	754.8
May	43.8	1,042.1	154.6	2,893.3	4,426.8	53.7	7,172.1	771.2
June	40.4	1,055.6	169.3	2,720.7	4,461.4	70.8	7,265.4	797.7
1977-78 -								
July	39.5	1,097.8	201.2	2,670.9	4,507.3	69.3	7,323.2	796.1

(a) Includes External Territories. (b) Includes Treasury bills and Treasury notes. (c) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedures by one bank.

SAVINGS BANKS : DEPOSITORS' BALANCES
(£ million)

At end of -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Original (a)	Seasonally adjusted
June 1973	3,294.3	3,538.8	1,319.9	1,060.4	608.1	289.0	37.9	89.5	10,237.9	10,246.0
June 1974	3,503.7	3,930.1	1,428.4	1,174.8	685.0	328.0	45.1	100.4	11,195.6	11,216.5
June 1975	3,835.9	(b)4,668.5	1,618.2	1,394.6	779.4	382.3	71.4	118.2	(b)12,868.5	(b)12,891.2
1975-76 -										
June	4,348.9	5,377.6	1,940.3	1,617.3	897.7	430.6	76.3	133.8	14,822.5	14,828.0
1976-77 -										
July	4,390.7	5,442.1	1,968.0	1,634.3	906.9	435.6	75.3	132.8	14,985.8	15,022.0
Aug.	4,456.0	5,511.0	2,001.6	1,653.8	922.1	444.7	77.2	134.6	15,201.1	15,185.5
Sept.	4,536.6	5,627.1	2,043.9	1,676.0	944.4	453.4	78.6	138.9	15,501.0	15,348.1
Oct.	4,571.8	5,698.6	2,056.6	1,686.0	943.5	456.0	78.6	138.0	15,629.1	15,462.4
Nov.	4,584.1	5,735.3	2,063.9	1,695.9	945.4	457.2	77.7	138.5	15,700.0	15,566.9
Dec.	4,606.0	5,810.1	2,076.5	1,719.4	948.9	457.9	76.5	138.5	15,833.8	15,757.7
Jan.	4,622.2	5,795.1	2,073.7	1,728.1	953.6	461.0	74.7	134.7	15,845.1	15,828.5
Feb.	4,678.9	5,897.0	2,101.8	1,760.5	965.1	471.5	75.5	140.0	16,090.3	16,050.2
Mar.	4,647.5	5,866.1	2,073.1	1,739.2	954.9	469.8	74.2	139.8	15,964.5	16,023.9
Apr.	4,646.3	5,856.1	2,059.1	1,728.1	943.7	467.3	73.4	137.6	15,913.6	16,174.2
May	4,698.7	5,856.9	2,094.2	1,735.3	950.0	470.0	73.2	138.5	16,016.9	16,244.0
June	4,803.3	5,977.3	2,148.7	1,780.8	960.5	477.1	74.7	142.7	16,345.4	16,309.8
1977-78 -										
July	4,828.9	6,046.2	2,175.6	1,789.4	966.2	480.3	75.5	142.7	16,504.8	16,533.4

(a) Interest added 1973-74, \$404.0m; 1974-75, \$513.9m; 1975-76, \$613.4m; 1976-77, \$715.6m. (b) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedures by one bank.

The following series of statistics cover the main types of lending by finance companies in Australia, including instalment credit for retail sales, personal loans, wholesale finance, factoring, other consumer and commercial loans, leasing and bills of exchange. Definitions of items and information on the relationship of this series with the finance companies series prior to July 1973 are contained in the annual bulletin *Finance Companies Assets, Liabilities, Income and Expenditure 1971-72 to 1975-76* (Catalogue No. 5616.0. Previously Ref. No. 5.40). More detailed statistics are also contained in the monthly bulletin *Finance Companies* (Catalogue No. 5614.0. Previously Ref. No. 5.14) and a further dissection of "amount financed" by purpose of loan for instalment credit for retail sales provided by finance companies is given in the monthly bulletin *Instalment Credit for Retail Sales* (Catalogue No. 5631.0. Previously Ref. No. 5.46).

FINANCE COMPANIES: AMOUNT FINANCED CLASSIFIED BY TYPE OF FINANCE AGREEMENT
(\$ million)

Period	Instalment credit for retail sales	Personal loans (a)	Wholesale finance	Factoring	Other consumer and commercial loans						Total amount financed
					Finance for housing			Other commercial loans			
					Purchase of existing housing	Construc- tion of housing (b)	Purchase of individual residential blocks of land	Construc- tion other than housing	Other purposes (c)		
AUSTRALIA											
1974-75	1,154.5	335.5	2,143.5	183.2	179.1	304.6	90.2	299.0	1,031.8	5,721.3	
1975-76	1,394.4	508.9	2,873.7	237.4	418.1	439.4	132.4	421.8	1,223.3	7,649.5	
1976-77	1,548.3	631.0	3,869.2	247.1	516.2	514.3	165.1	569.5	1,430.8	9,491.6	
1975-76 - June	132.4	50.7	288.8	19.8	54.5	51.5	14.4	39.2	143.2	794.6	
1976-77 -											
July	130.7	47.9	289.8	17.7	47.2	53.7	14.7	51.4	131.9	785.0	
Aug.	124.7	48.3	299.1	20.5	47.6	47.3	13.1	40.2	91.5	732.5	
Sept.	128.2	49.5	323.0	21.7	38.3	47.4	13.5	43.0	104.5	769.1	
Oct.	130.7	53.5	347.8	20.7	40.7	47.2	15.1	40.9	121.8	818.3	
Nov.	135.8	61.8	337.6	22.8	42.2	47.1	14.2	44.7	120.9	827.2	
Dec.	144.7	55.6	364.3	23.2	56.3	53.7	16.3	57.4	121.0	892.6	
Jan.	111.2	41.1	251.4	11.8	32.4	25.5	9.7	32.3	81.5	597.0	
Feb.	118.4	50.0	297.9	20.8	39.8	36.6	12.9	42.5	99.4	718.3	
Mar.	135.1	57.1	365.0	25.4	45.3	39.4	13.6	44.9	108.3	834.1	
Apr.	118.1	48.8	301.2	19.5	42.2	35.8	12.6	47.0	139.7	764.8	
May	135.7	59.2	355.8	22.7	43.4	41.0	11.9	60.4	132.2	862.4	
June	134.9	58.3	336.5	20.4	40.8	39.5	17.3	64.6	178.2	890.5	
1977-78 - July	127.5	51.7	322.1	20.0	41.5	40.0	12.9	59.5	158.1	833.4	
STATES - JUNE 1977											
N.S.W.	47.0	21.7	101.1	6.9	9.7	9.9	3.8	33.1	83.1	316.3	
Vic.	30.1	18.0	82.5	10.9	9.2	11.6	2.8	17.6	60.2	242.9	
Qld.	22.7	8.3	56.9	(d)	7.6	4.4	6.5	4.4	12.2	123.1	
S.A.	11.9	(e)4.9	(e)39.9	(d)	7.3	6.8	2.0	2.2	6.1	79.3	
W.A.	13.7	2.6	43.7	(d)	5.2	3.7	1.8	4.7	10.4	85.9	
Tas.	5.3	0.9	10.8	..	0.9	0.8	0.3	0.4	3.3	21.1	
N.T.	1.0	(e)	(e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	4.4	
A.C.T.	3.3	1.8	4.1	..	0.8	2.4	0.1	2.3	2.8	17.6	
STATES - JULY 1977											
N.S.W.	44.6	19.0	112.9	7.1	10.6	11.8	2.6	21.1	50.7	280.4	
Vic.	27.6	16.4	76.9	10.2	9.6	10.7	1.8	20.6	71.9	245.9	
Qld.	21.3	7.2	50.0	(d)	6.7	5.3	4.3	5.5	17.1	117.4	
S.A.	11.5	(e)4.1	(e)35.7	(d)	7.4	5.7	1.9	1.7	4.5	70.4	
W.A.	13.6	2.3	36.2	(d)	5.6	4.2	1.7	4.8	10.5	79.1	
Tas.	5.1	1.0	8.7	..	0.7	0.6	0.2	1.4	2.6	18.5	
N.T.	1.1	(e)	(e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.0	
A.C.T.	2.8	1.6	4.4	..	0.8	1.6	0.3	4.6	0.7	16.8	

(a) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost less than \$10,000 to existing dwelling units. (b) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost \$10,000 or more to existing dwelling units. (c) Includes loans for the purpose of developing tracts of land into residential blocks. (d) Not available separately; included in "wholesale finance". (e) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

FINANCE COMPANIES: BALANCES OUTSTANDING CLASSIFIED BY TYPE OF FINANCE AGREEMENT
(£ million)

At end of -	Installment credit for rental cars	Personal loans	Wholesale finance	Factoring	Other consumer and commercial loans					Total all contracts
					Finance for housing		Other commercial loans			
					Contracts including charges	Contracts excluding charges	Contracts including charges	Contracts excluding charges		
AUSTRALIA										
1974-75	1,922.0	579.7	357.7	45.1	1,260.3	981.4	715.7	2,242.8	8,104.8	
1975-76	2,255.2	778.9	589.3	51.3	1,368.9	1,021.2	946.1	2,238.3	9,249.1	
1976-77	2,636.6	1,018.9	913.2	60.9	1,657.9	1,090.5	1,123.8	2,561.6	11,063.3	
1975-76 -										
June	2,255.2	778.9	589.3	51.3	1,368.9	1,021.2	946.1	2,238.3	9,249.0	
1976-77 -										
July	2,297.7	795.3	604.0	48.6	1,411.0	1,000.2	971.2	2,281.8	9,409.6	
Aug.	2,329.0	813.1	661.6	52.8	1,439.8	1,015.8	986.7	2,292.4	9,591.2	
Sept.	2,362.3	831.2	709.5	56.2	1,459.6	1,030.9	999.9	2,290.9	9,740.6	
Oct.	2,401.2	857.5	759.7	58.4	1,479.3	1,045.8	1,005.0	2,325.4	9,932.2	
Nov.	2,438.1	889.9	787.9	58.3	1,486.6	1,054.0	1,033.5	2,363.8	10,112.0	
Dec.	2,491.7	911.0	804.1	59.2	1,517.7	1,058.4	1,059.9	2,374.8	10,276.9	
Jan.	2,520.9	924.5	784.1	51.6	1,532.3	1,067.2	1,073.4	2,329.2	10,283.0	
Feb.	2,541.6	942.3	805.0	52.7	1,555.0	1,078.2	1,057.6	2,385.8	10,418.3	
Mar.	2,555.1	960.3	844.7	60.2	1,579.6	1,075.0	1,059.1	2,410.8	10,544.9	
Apr.	2,577.9	976.7	871.9	62.5	1,608.4	1,083.6	1,073.5	2,496.7	10,751.2	
May	2,602.8	995.8	895.6	62.5	1,632.8	1,086.7	1,093.6	2,554.3	10,926.1	
June	2,636.6	1,018.9	913.2	60.9	1,657.9	1,090.5	1,123.8	2,561.6	11,063.3	
1977-78 -										
July	2,661.4	1,035.3	915.9	59.9	1,677.5	1,088.1	1,143.8	2,471.2	11,053.2	
STATES - JUNE 1977										
N.S.W.	916.9	418.9	285.5	19.5	442.0	384.9	342.8	1,232.6	4,043.1	
Vic.	576.9	311.7	245.5	34.1	324.2	313.9	274.6	831.2	2,912.0	
Qld.	459.0	192.2	145.6	(a)	485.7	155.3	218.0	274.0	1,869.8	
S.A. (b)	268.3	78.9	87.3	(a)	231.9	113.5	97.5	53.3	930.6	
W.A.	252.8	38.1	130.3	(a)	116.0	73.3	138.3	85.4	834.1	
Tas.	96.5	11.3	19.5	(a)	3.3	13.1	29.1	7.5	180.3	
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	..	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	
A.C.T.	66.2	27.7	6.7	..	54.8	36.6	23.6	77.7	293.3	
STATES - JULY 1977										
N.S.W.	924.0	423.9	284.7	19.1	440.7	383.9	347.6	1,169.5	3,993.3	
Vic.	582.1	316.1	244.5	33.6	328.9	312.3	274.4	834.4	2,926.4	
Qld.	461.7	134.9	142.1	(a)	492.6	153.9	226.0	246.2	1,858.4	
S.A. (b)	270.1	80.1	88.8	(a)	237.5	112.7	98.4	53.2	942.7	
W.A.	258.5	39.4	136.0	(a)	119.6	76.1	141.6	79.5	850.7	
Tas.	97.9	12.3	19.4	(a)	3.4	13.8	29.8	7.5	184.2	
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	..	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	
A.C.T.	66.2	28.7	7.7	..	54.7	35.4	26.0	79.0	297.6	

(a) Not available separately; included in 'wholesale finance'. (b) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

FINANCE COMPANIES : OTHER TRANSACTIONS
(£ millions)

Period	Leasing of business plants and equipment		Bills of exchange			Liquidity placements	Loans to non-finance companies in group
	Value of goods newly leased during period	Value of all leasing agreements at end of period	Amounts paid for bills acquired during period	Amounts received for bills disposed of during period	Balances outstanding at end of period	Balances outstanding at end of period	Balances outstanding at end of period
AUSTRALIA							
1974-75	586.2	1,430.0	3,578.8	3,516.0	547.8	471.2	197.9
1975-76	1,016.4	1,923.8	4,179.6	4,057.4	658.6	334.2	259.5
1976-77	1,408.4	2,734.2	5,421.3	5,309.3	718.2	272.5	302.9
1975-76 - June	125.0	1,923.8	390.5	388.1	658.6	334.2	259.5
1976-77 - July	100.4	1,957.3	391.3	386.2	663.8	330.5	267.2
Aug.	92.9	2,005.8	428.3	395.5	696.8	384.3	267.8
Sept.	105.0	2,072.6	400.8	416.4	681.5	400.0	304.2
Oct.	106.7	2,117.7	401.4	376.9	702.6	433.6	317.7
Nov.	115.9	2,189.2	381.6	335.4	749.0	455.3	328.8
Dec.	144.4	2,283.8	345.8	370.5	724.5	490.2	340.0
Jan.	95.6	2,328.9	343.3	337.0	743.4	509.4	294.5
Feb.	111.3	2,419.5	564.3	616.4	688.1	532.9	318.0
Mar.	134.3	2,480.7	666.9	726.6	630.5	494.5	338.8
Apr.	117.7	2,554.1	487.5	481.9	572.3	414.3	347.4
May	128.0	2,626.8	499.7	444.7	623.2	381.1	359.8
June	156.2	2,734.2	510.8	422.0	718.2	272.5	302.9
1977-78 - July	133.3	2,797.5	570.2	538.9	749.5	257.8	302.9
STATES - JUNE 1977							
N.S.W.	49.6	847.8					
Vic.	45.0	861.1					
Qld.	30.4	475.5					
S.A. (a)	11.9	235.6					
W.A.	13.8	223.5			Not available		
Tas.	2.5	46.1					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	2.9	44.5					
STATES - JULY 1977							
N.S.W.	40.4	867.3					
Vic.	41.9	886.2					
Qld.	23.2	486.1					
S.A. (a)	10.0	229.6					
W.A.	12.4	233.3			Not available		
Tas.	2.7	49.0					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	2.7	46.0					

(a) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES : LOANS APPROVED DURING MONTH (\$'000)

Period	To individuals for					Alterations and additions	Other purposes
	Construction of dwellings	Purchase of newly erected dwellings	Purchase of established dwellings	Total			
AUSTRALIA							
1975-76 -							
June	13,377	14,747	54,026	82,150	1,861	4,788	
1976-77 -							
July	15,987	17,716	61,808	95,511	2,088	3,092	
Aug.	17,569	21,848	71,073	110,490	2,345	3,011	
Sept.	18,192	23,014	87,242	128,448	2,520	5,591	
Oct.	17,279	25,138	91,146	133,563	2,370	7,444	
Nov.	17,366	30,897	101,940	150,206	3,023	4,792	
Dec.	17,013	24,000	90,679	131,692	1,913	7,205	
Jan.	14,911	20,183	76,189	111,283	1,821	4,018	
Feb.	15,658	23,138	95,184	133,980	2,117	5,790	
Mar.	21,149	24,646	103,833	149,628	2,202	8,597	
Apr.	16,017	20,548	85,034	121,599	1,978	8,172	
May	21,678	22,086	104,802	148,566	2,356	7,160	
June	19,373	22,561	96,009	137,943	2,417	5,183	
1977-78 -							
July	21,476	26,623	107,858	155,937	2,411	8,047	
STATES - JULY 1977							
N.S.W.	6,132	9,304	47,270	62,706	972	1,246	
Vic.	2,480	6,403	21,233	30,116	352	939	
Qld.	2,970	4,301	16,491	23,762	235	412	
S.A.	565	1,438	6,070	8,073	346	428	
W.A.	8,671	3,527	13,404	25,602	297	4,914	
Tas.	386	135	1,717	2,238	104	108	
A.C.T. and N.T.	272	1,515	1,673	3,460	105	..	

PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES : SUMMARY OF MONTHLY OPERATIONS (\$'000)

Period	Loans advanced during month to individuals	Cancellations during month of loans previously approved to individuals	Loans approved but not advanced at end of month to individuals	Amount owing by borrowers at end of month	Paid-up share capital at end of month	Other borrowings by Societies at end of month	
						Unsecured	Secured
AUSTRALIA							
1975-76 -							
June	99,886	6,128	208,447	4,116,074	3,709,341	971,305	208,054
1976-77 -							
July	88,514	5,668	215,154	4,167,472	3,826,805	1,016,146	194,820
Aug.	93,624	4,606	229,759	4,217,783	3,942,623	1,051,910	186,535
Sept.	107,200	6,129	247,398	4,279,806	4,060,128	1,090,203	184,232
Oct.	114,739	5,188	263,454	4,352,957	4,163,329	1,140,303	184,271
Nov.	127,298	6,812	282,573	4,436,152	4,272,038	1,165,620	191,830
Dec.	154,471	5,734	256,121	4,534,013	4,384,369	1,238,686	187,534
Jan.	87,589	5,413	276,066	4,594,606	4,475,971	1,275,864	187,261
Feb.	120,205	7,800	284,152	4,671,893	4,551,494	1,308,217	193,139
Mar.	138,122	8,411	289,449	4,761,217	4,532,958	1,303,991	213,771
Apr.	117,892	6,894	288,240	4,838,903	4,538,195	1,294,300	201,716
May	141,017	7,715	290,474	4,931,282	4,643,060	1,293,917	203,212
June	138,838	7,456	284,316	5,018,543	4,711,087	1,309,910	223,104
1977-78 -							
July	139,157	7,873	296,609	5,139,037	4,842,088	1,361,449	200,592
STATES - JULY 1977							
N.S.W.	57,620	3,663	157,655	2,035,844	2,605,020	14,637	53,190
Vic.	25,339	1,554	51,143	953,116	287,486	848,733	13,193
Qld	16,155	696	23,356	757,193	852,120	28,053	6,784
S.A.	7,628	216	12,110	213,212	253,653	8,577	16,873
W.A.	26,762	1,284	40,908	939,392	648,331	393,114	77,350
Tas.	2,294	15	4,250	105,238	94,633	38,866	1,552
A.C.T. and N.T.	3,359	445	7,187	135,042	100,845	29,469	31,650

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : NEW POLICIES ISSUED, PREMIUMS RECEIVED AND CLAIMS, ETC., PAID

Period	New policies issued (excluding annuities) (a)						Premiums received (b)			Claims, etc. paid (c)			New loans paid over (e)
	Ordinary business		Industrial business		Superannuation business (d)		Ordinary	Industrial	Superannuation (d)	Ordinary	Industrial	Superannuation (d)	
	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured							
	'000	\$m	'000	\$m	'000	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
1973-74	515.9	6,624.7	100.2	232.6	79.3	4,474.9	693.8	56.7	395.6	353.7	43.4	205.2	285.7
1974-75	492.8	7,285.6	72.7	199.4	104.0	6,233.0	743.4	57.7	512.1	468.6	48.6	258.5	279.6
1975-76	467.3	8,383.9	60.2	192.9	120.4	7,461.1	791.6	56.7	617.5	491.7	50.5	329.2	204.0
1975-76 -													
Apr.	36.3	660.6	4.4	14.7	9.2	447.0	59.7	4.6	52.9	37.6	4.3	21.2	17.0
May	38.7	740.0	6.8	22.7	9.5	548.4	66.5	5.3	57.5	44.0	4.7	20.5	21.4
June	44.7	861.8	5.9	19.3	11.5	816.3	104.0	4.8	63.3	53.3	4.5	31.1	22.8
1976-77 -													
July	42.3	778.7	5.8	19.8	11.5	798.1	77.1	5.3	55.4	50.5	5.0	44.2	21.9
Aug.	42.7	825.3	6.5	23.5	11.3	619.5	64.7	4.8	51.6	45.7	4.9	30.2	20.7
Sept.	42.5	918.6	5.0	18.0	11.5	1,088.0	62.2	4.8	61.6	47.8	4.9	38.7	17.4
Oct.	41.2	833.9	4.4	16.8	9.6	716.7	58.4	4.1	50.0	40.1	4.9	23.2	28.7
Nov.	45.0	980.5	4.7	17.1	9.9	842.1	62.3	5.7	49.0	44.0	4.9	29.4	19.6
Dec.	40.2	1,006.9	1.7	6.2	13.2	1,105.9	63.9	7.3	51.5	45.0	3.9	34.0	23.8
Jan.	22.5	530.3	1.5	6.0	6.1	327.3	58.0	0.7	62.8	34.1	2.6	40.7	13.4
Feb.	30.9	664.6	4.0	14.2	8.2	436.4	61.4	4.2	64.1	40.6	4.2	29.7	19.3
Mar.	40.9	888.4	4.3	15.3	9.9	511.2	72.0	4.4	59.6	48.4	4.9	35.7	21.6
Apr.	33.4	760.0	3.5	13.0	7.9	450.6	61.3	5.2	60.2	39.7	4.5	32.9	25.0
May	42.5	904.4	5.0	18.4	9.6	609.7	71.3	4.9	65.4	48.9	5.7	30.1	22.6

(a) Relates to periods during which policies were recorded in company registers, which may be subsequent to periods in which written. (b) Includes consideration for annuities. (c) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (d) Includes investment-linked superannuation business. (e) Excludes 'advances of premiums'.

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : SELECTED ASSETS HELD IN AUSTRALIA (a) BY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES
(\$ million)

At end of -	Loans (b)					Investments			
	Fixed assets	On mortgage		On policies	Other	Govt. securities	Local and semi-govt. securities	Debentures and notes	Shares
		Housing	Other incl. rural						
June 1973 (c)	1,315.6	448.0	782.6	272.4	57.0	1,718.6	666.5	714.4	1,283.5
June 1974 (c)	1,562.4	474.7	803.5	282.4	70.5	1,847.7	721.6	772.9	1,403.7
June 1975 (c)	1,818.4	491.1	840.6	284.4	80.9	1,946.9	808.1	846.2	1,406.7
1975-76 -									
Dec.	2,004.4	491.8	835.6	276.2	62.4	2,063.6	80.6	857.4	1,484.9
Mar.	2,045.3	485.3	827.5	275.8	62.2	2,108.4	848.3	883.4	1,533.0
June	2,115.3	487.6	821.3	278.9	62.7	2,108.3	861.1	936.4	1,595.1
1976-77 -									
Sept.	2,196.3	492.3	804.7	276.6	69.5	2,182.8	852.9	925.6	1,651.1
Dec.	2,300.1	494.9	808.9	277.4	65.6	2,284.3	873.5	916.5	1,711.5
Mar.	2,336.4	495.9	806.3	280.9	69.7	2,276.3	898.5	927.5	1,751.6

(a) Items shown are the balances according to the companies ledgers as at the date at which the information was supplied without adjustment for any accrued or outstanding interest or other items which had not been brought into account as at that date. (b) Excludes 'advances of premiums'. (c) Includes Papua New Guinea.

**HOUSING FINANCE: VALUE OF LOANS APPROVED TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR PURCHASE OF DWELLINGS,
BY TYPE OF LENDER - AUSTRALIA
(\$'000)**

Month	Banks		Building societies		Government			Credit unions	Insurance companies	Total
	Savings	Trading	Permanent	Term-lending	Finance companies	Housing authorities	Other			
HOUSES										
1975-76 -										
June	177,876	58,713	70,747	10,156	36,125	15,084	1,811	1,164	8,519	384,195
1976-77 -										
July	153,137	46,871	85,004	9,133	30,519	21,033	2,544	1,416	7,756	357,412
Aug.	152,370	53,341	97,728	21,822	29,470	22,828	4,124	1,387	7,803	390,873
Sept.	172,778	62,634	112,722	29,293	27,927	23,286	3,764	1,052	7,139	440,595
Oct.	163,060	55,912	118,890	20,763	26,817	19,137	3,782	1,486	6,398	416,245
Nov.	165,402	55,051	130,695	15,635	31,605	23,305	3,309	1,537	7,719	434,258
Dec.	163,303	49,779	113,500	12,586	31,228	23,486	3,018	1,527	6,896	405,323
Jan.	136,636	44,683	97,127	7,321	25,322	18,225	1,905	1,402	5,930	338,551
Feb.	156,329	47,947	117,301	11,667	30,264	20,577	3,853	1,665	8,118	397,721
Mar.	173,034	49,205	129,931	14,985	32,874	20,591	5,000	1,697	8,993	436,310
Apr.	129,140	42,106	105,752	11,146	28,226	14,527	4,452	1,231	7,172	343,752
May	151,970	42,076	128,226	9,686	30,068	18,310	4,334	1,618	8,214	394,502
June	166,767	49,470	120,223	10,890	28,977	18,704	3,724	1,607	7,904	408,266
1977-78 -										
July	157,168	41,436	136,838	8,738	25,698	27,653	2,983	1,471	8,588	410,573
OTHER DWELLINGS										
1975-76 -										
June	10,936	4,580	11,403	1,522	1,579	400	136	60	635	31,251
1976-77 -										
July	8,605	3,497	10,507	1,404	1,807	578	145	192	352	27,087
Aug.	10,906	4,656	12,762	1,815	1,896	817	760	130	562	33,804
Sept.	10,125	4,750	15,726	2,445	2,088	825	357	121	662	37,099
Oct.	9,300	4,425	14,673	1,959	2,097	766	190	103	296	33,809
Nov.	9,434	4,043	19,511	1,266	1,972	761	197	86	690	37,960
Dec.	9,561	3,926	18,192	909	1,591	688	105	200	472	35,644
Jan.	7,919	3,994	14,156	425	957	444	35	62	369	28,361
Feb.	8,384	3,672	16,679	1,142	1,929	710	145	183	450	33,294
Mar.	11,065	3,334	19,697	1,317	1,947	619	283	104	614	39,280
Apr.	8,497	2,739	15,847	903	1,179	281	184	112	807	30,559
May	9,799	2,851	20,340	918	3,221	604	226	107	613	38,682
June	9,512	3,337	17,720	822	2,520	576	219	74	691	35,469
1977-78 -										
July	9,045	2,747	11,119	730	2,188	861	99	200	744	35,783
TOTAL										
1975-76 -										
June	188,812	63,293	82,150	11,678	37,704	19,484	1,947	1,224	9,154	415,446
1976-77 -										
July	161,742	50,368	95,511	10,537	32,325	21,611	2,689	1,608	8,108	384,499
Aug.	163,276	57,997	110,490	23,637	31,366	23,645	4,384	1,517	8,365	424,677
Sept.	182,903	67,384	128,448	31,738	30,015	24,111	4,121	1,173	7,801	477,694
Oct.	172,360	60,337	133,363	22,722	28,914	19,903	3,972	1,589	6,694	450,054
Nov.	174,836	59,094	150,206	16,901	33,577	24,066	3,506	1,623	8,409	472,218
Dec.	172,864	55,705	131,692	13,495	32,819	24,174	3,123	1,727	7,368	440,967
Jan.	144,555	48,777	111,283	7,746	26,279	18,669	1,940	1,464	6,299	366,912
Feb.	164,713	51,619	133,980	12,809	32,193	21,287	3,998	1,848	8,568	431,015
Mar.	184,099	52,839	149,628	16,302	34,821	21,210	5,283	1,801	9,607	475,590
Apr.	137,637	44,855	121,599	12,049	29,405	14,808	4,636	1,343	7,979	374,311
May	161,769	44,930	148,566	10,604	33,289	18,914	4,560	1,725	8,827	433,184
June	176,279	52,803	137,943	11,712	31,497	19,280	3,943	1,681	8,595	443,733
1977-78 -										
July	166,213	44,233	155,957	9,468	27,886	28,514	3,082	1,671	9,332	446,356

SHORT TERM MONEY MARKET
SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF AUTHORISED DEALERS AND RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS
 (Source : Reserve Bank of Australia)

Asset holdings (face value)

Month	Liabilities to clients			Commonwealth Government securities			Trading Banks certificates of deposit	Commercial bills	Interest rates on loans accepted during months				Weighted average interest rates on loans outstanding (a)
	All Trading Banks	Other clients	Total	Treasury notes					At call		For fixed periods		
				Other	Total	Min.			Max.	Min.	Max.		
Average of weekly figures - \$ million										per cent per annum			
June 1974	65.4	322.0	387.4	131.2	154.7	285.9	79.2	42.2	0.50	13.00	1.00	13.00	6.82
June 1975	167.4	358.7	726.1	479.2	131.1	613.3	83.7	47.9	1.50	14.10	3.00	11.50	6.72
June 1976	182.3	636.1	818.4	53.3	696.4	749.7	129.2	61.3	2.00	14.00	4.50	9.50	8.03
1976-77 -													
July	198.7	650.2	848.9	20.8	742.5	763.3	109.4	69.5	1.00	13.00	2.50	9.61	7.18
Aug.	155.8	683.2	839.0	13.3	730.5	745.8	119.4	65.3	1.25	14.50	3.00	13.00	7.76
Sept.	156.8	720.0	876.8	93.5	639.3	752.8	128.9	49.6	1.00	13.90	2.00	11.15	7.50
Oct.	154.7	711.6	866.3	283.2	460.1	743.3	116.6	32.8	1.00	14.50	2.50	12.60	6.92
Nov.	203.2	728.6	931.8	460.1	361.9	822.0	121.0	27.7	2.00	14.00	3.00	11.00	7.33
Dec. (b)	247.0	714.0	961.0	556.0	345.8	901.8	72.5	15.7	0.10	14.75	1.50	12.50	5.84
Jan.	182.8	875.6	1,058.4	623.7	412.0	1,035.7	46.5	13.6	1.00	14.90	3.10	13.10	6.94
Feb.	208.0	847.5	1,055.5	551.3	482.9	1,034.2	70.0	12.1	1.00	16.15	1.50	11.30	7.12
Mar.	121.8	832.3	954.1	388.0	506.9	894.9	85.7	10.9	1.00	17.00	3.00	13.50	7.16
Apr.	76.7	722.9	799.6	196.8	515.1	711.9	101.6	14.0	0.50	16.85	2.00	11.50	6.96
May	150.0	640.2	790.2	129.8	580.9	710.7	124.5	18.2	0.50	17.05	2.90	12.65	8.60
June	144.8	701.5	846.3	54.6	774.9	829.5	129.8	21.6	3.00	15.30	5.00	13.80	9.33
1977-78 -													
July	145.0	746.8	891.8	20.8	927.8	948.6	99.8	16.1	1.75	19.00	5.20	12.25	9.41
Aug.			952.6	10.6	935.6	946.2	136.2	18.7	2.00	18.00	4.00	13.00	9.81

(a) To June 1975, weighted average on clients' loans outstanding on each Wednesday of the month. From July 1975, weighted average of rates paid on all days of the four or five weeks ending on the last Wednesday of the month. (b) Excludes one Wednesday.

OFFICIAL RESERVE ASSETS (a)
 (\$ million)

End of period	Gold	Special Drawing Rights	IMF gold tranche	<i>Foreign exchange</i>			<i>Total (b)</i>	
				US\$	Other	Total	Original	Seasonally adjusted
June 1974	210	150	149	1,852	1,199	3,051	3,560	3,483
June 1975	238	89	156	2,252	758	3,010	3,493	3,420
June 1976	749	37	155	1,457	688	2,145	3,086	(c)
1976-77 -								
July	699	36	154	1,570	738	2,308	3,196	
Aug.	649	35	154	1,423	743	2,166	3,005	
Sept.	681	36	156	1,450	750	2,199	3,071	
Oct.	698	36	157	1,182	745	1,927	2,818	
Nov.	949	43	189	1,267	891	2,159	3,340	
Dec.	907	39	179	1,580	844	2,424	3,550	
Jan.	913	39	177	1,844	837	2,681	3,809	
Feb.	933	38	176	1,850	835	2,684	3,831	
Mar.	1,009	36	175	1,680	831	2,511	3,731	
Apr.	1,014	36	176	1,723	831	2,554	3,780	
May	997	27	176	1,548	844	2,392	3,591	
June	947	27	174	1,312	851	2,164	3,312	
1977-78 -								
July	959	27	174	1,040	853	1,893	3,053	
Aug.	985	25	175	655	861	1,517	2,701	

(a) Up to 30 June 1974, SDR and IMF gold tranche are valued on the basis of Australia's official parity established with the IMF; subsequent figures are based on the IMF basket valuation for the SDR, which is published in terms of U.S. dollars, crossed with the representative rate for the Australian dollar in terms of the U.S. dollar. Gold is valued at the Reserve Bank buying price up to the end of January 1976; from February 1976 to end May 1976 gold is valued at the IMF official price in SDR converted to Australian dollars at the derived SDR/BA rate; subsequently, the basis of valuation is the average London gold price for the month, converted to Australian dollars at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. Since June 1975, the foreign currency value of all other overseas assets has been based, where applicable, on market quotations; accrued interest is normally taken into account; figures for earlier periods are on a historical cost basis. Conversion to Australian dollar equivalent is based on market rates of exchange. (b) Changes in the value of holdings of official reserve assets reflect both balance of payments transactions and valuation effects arising from changes in exchange rates. (c) Series to be revised. Figures not yet available.

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT SHORT-TERM DEBT AND BANK BALANCES
(£ million)

End of period	Treasury bills	Treasury notes	Bank balances	Total	End of period	Treasury bills	Treasury notes	Bank balances	Total
June --					1976-77 --				
1973	..	424.7	944.4	-519.7	Aug.	1,500.0	261.2	71.2	1,690.0
1974	..	386.9	1,424.9	-1,038.0	Sept.	2,050.0	570.2	281.7	2,338.5
1975	..	2,076.0	765.0	1,311.0	Oct.	1,852.0	1,042.7	199.9	2,692.8
1975-76 --					Nov.	2,050.0	1,266.8	171.3	3,145.5
Mar.	1,950.0	1,358.8	10.8	3,298.0	Dec.	2,100.0	2,103.0	279.8	3,923.2
Apr.	1,450.0	979.9	68.4	2,361.5	Jan.	1,750.0	2,679.1	113.1	4,316.0
May	550.0	729.8	107.3	1,172.5	Feb.	2,050.0	2,811.7	52.9	4,808.8
June	850.0	456.5	469.4	837.1	Mar.	2,300.0	2,028.9	87.4	4,241.5
1976-77 --					Apr.	1,800.0	1,165.8	164.9	2,800.9
July	900.0	177.8	164.2	913.6	May	1,200.0	707.6	187.1	1,720.5

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT AND STATE FINANCE (a): CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS

NOTE: This table is based on information published in monthly statements issued by the Commonwealth Treasury and each State Treasury
(£ million)

Period	N.S.W. (b)	Vic. (c)	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Six States	Commonwealth Government
REVENUE								
1974-75	2,452.1	1,752.2	1,112.9	789.0	734.2	268.5	7,108.9	15,399.5
1975-76	2,909.1	2,155.8	1,349.5	1,037.0	950.9	322.1	8,724.4	19,712.3
1976-77	3,403.7	2,528.9	1,610.5	1,174.0	1,144.5	396.6	10,258.4	21,435.4
1976-77 --								
July-Apr.	2,707.2	1,959.4	1,340.4	954.3	923.0	313.7	8,198.0	16,167.0
July-May	3,019.0	2,236.9	1,473.9	1,050.1	1,014.7	343.2	9,137.9	18,814.0
July-June	3,403.7	2,528.9	1,610.5	1,174.0	1,144.5	396.6	10,258.4	21,435.4
1977-78 --								
July	292.8	230.9	144.5	84.8	96.3	31.9	881.2	1,410.9
EXPENDITURE								
1974-75	2,492.6	1,767.3	1,121.2	780.6	743.4	282.1	7,187.2	15,399.5
1975-76	2,910.1	2,143.7	1,348.8	1,034.7	950.3	317.9	8,705.5	19,712.3
1976-77	3,404.2	2,519.8	1,611.6	1,183.2	1,141.1	395.0	10,254.9	21,435.4
1976-77 --								
July-Apr.	2,620.0	1,993.5	1,281.5	920.2	890.1	320.6	8,025.9	17,962.4
July-May	2,973.5	2,200.8	1,423.6	1,023.0	990.6	358.6	8,970.0	19,750.6
July-June	3,404.2	2,519.8	1,611.6	1,183.2	1,141.1	395.0	10,254.9	21,435.4
1977-78 --								
July	205.9	224.9	110.7	110.1	79.9	32.3	763.9	2,059.7

(a) Aggregate for the six States and the Commonwealth Government together, as obtained from particulars in this table, contain duplications due to State payments to the Commonwealth Government in respect of payroll tax before October 1971 and Commonwealth Government payments to the States of grants for specific and general purposes. (b) Figures for New South Wales represent combined transactions of consolidated revenue fund and trading enterprises (Public Transport Commission and Maritime Services Board) included in annual Budget papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (c) Figures for Victoria cover the Victorian Consolidated Revenue Fund excluding the Works and Services section.