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BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER 1969

Statistics of building approvals have been compiled from (a), permits issued by local government authorities in the areas subject to building control by these authorities, and (b), contracts let or work commenced and day labour projects authorised by government authorities. They relate only to approvals for building, as distinct from the construction of roads, bridges, railways, earthworks, water storage, etc.

Values shown represent the estimated cost when completed (excluding cost of land) of new buildings and alterations and additions to existing buildings.

Alterations and additions of \$10,000 and over are included with new buildings. Alterations and additions of less than \$10,000 are shown separately.

Building is classified as "Private" or "Government" according to ownership.

For purposes of comparison, it should be borne in mind that the volume of building approvals is affected from month to month by the number of large projects, such as blocks of flats and multi-storey office buildings, approved in particular months and also by the administrative arrangements of local government and semi-governmental authorities.

TABLE 1. - BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of new private houses and flats		Total number of new houses and flats		Total value of building approved (\$ million)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)
October 1968	11,666	10,460	12,673	11,310	193.8	176.0
November "	10,813	10,794	12,545	12,635	179.0	185.9
December "	9,907	11,518	11,256	12,662	180.4	204.2
January 1969	8,665	11,051	9,622	12,522	162.3	191.4
February "	10,045	10,791	11,214	12,364	193.1	216.5
March "	10,957	10,750	12,909	12,689	207.6	211.0
April "	10,916	11,539	11,798	12,432	204.2	222.0
May "	12,373	11,574	14,732	13,565	233.1	210.6
June "	11,379	11,080	13,123	12,679	245.6	220.7
July "	13,251	11,874	15,029	13,801	249.8	232.8
August "	12,246	11,901	13,772	13,179	215.0	216.7
September "	12,151	11,117	13,698	12,567	237.7	213.8
October "	12,597	11,515	14,399	12,995	251.2	228.2

- (a) In the seasonal adjustment, account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors but additionally of "trading-day" effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in the month) and the influence of Easter which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators - 1969" (Ref. No. 1.10) issued on 22 May 1969.

TABLE 2. - BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA

	Private			Government			Total		
	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70
NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED (Individual living units)									
July	9,278	11,799	13,251	929	863	1,778	10,207	12,662	15,029
Aug.	10,781	11,639	12,246	920	1,355	1,526	11,701	12,994	13,772
Sept.	9,518	11,568	12,151	851	1,365	1,547	10,369	12,933	13,698
Oct.	10,405	11,666	12,597	1,374	1,007	1,802	11,779	12,673	14,399
Nov.	10,625	10,813		1,024	1,732		11,649	12,545	
Dec.	8,109	9,907		1,310	1,349		9,419	11,256	
Jan.	8,618	8,665		762	957		9,380	9,622	
Feb.	9,466	10,045		1,380	1,169		10,846	11,214	
Mar.	10,369	10,957		1,345	1,952		11,714	12,909	
Apr.	9,597	10,916		977	882		10,574	11,798	
May	11,701	12,373		1,185	2,359		12,886	14,732	
June	10,381	11,379		1,223	1,744		11,604	13,123	
Year	118,848	131,727		13,280	16,734		132,128	148,461	

VALUE OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED (\$'000)									
July	79,657	104,543	124,099	6,553	6,312	14,242	86,210	110,855	138,341
Aug.	87,341	103,888	114,906	6,666	9,255	12,047	94,007	113,143	126,953
Sept.	79,574	102,288	115,415	6,921	10,188	12,517	86,495	112,476	127,932
Oct.	85,589	102,545	116,413	9,509	7,902	14,338	95,098	110,447	130,751
Nov.	85,845	94,309		9,200	13,599		95,045	107,908	
Dec.	66,224	84,346		10,164	10,389		76,388	94,735	
Jan.	73,312	79,436		5,861	9,445		79,173	88,881	
Feb.	79,107	91,544		11,072	9,601		90,179	101,145	
Mar.	84,355	101,409		11,511	17,081		95,866	118,490	
Apr.	82,005	100,677		6,799	6,806		88,804	107,483	
May	97,836	113,931		9,965	17,496		107,801	131,427	
June	95,804	104,381		8,863	13,274		104,667	117,655	
Year	996,649	1,283,297		103,084	131,348		1,099,733	1,314,645	

VALUE OF OTHER NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED (\$'000)									
July	37,855	43,234	65,727	22,736	31,275	31,398	60,591	74,509	97,125
Aug.	36,073	50,944	51,686	24,811	25,855	22,635	60,884	76,799	74,321
Sept.	51,365	35,763	53,806	40,491	25,207	41,146	91,856	60,970	94,952
Oct.	34,740	42,747	58,617	37,725	25,840	46,294	72,465	68,587	104,911
Nov.	46,868	40,522		26,737	17,013		73,605	57,535	
Dec.	39,421	44,672		33,150	30,319		72,571	74,991	
Jan.	30,186	40,368		45,862	23,076		76,048	63,444	
Feb.	32,407	50,851		31,438	28,886		63,845	79,737	
Mar.	34,331	43,378		40,323	32,021		74,654	75,399	
Apr.	35,701	56,824		38,927	26,680		74,628	83,504	
May	45,804	53,578		55,881	33,863		101,685	87,441	
June	55,878	66,667		29,998	48,037		85,876	114,704	
Year	480,629	569,548		428,079	348,072		908,708	917,620	

TABLE 2. - BUILDING APPROVALS : AUSTRALIA - continued

	Private			Government			Total		
	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70
VALUE OF ALL NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED (\$'000)									
July	117,512	147,777	189,826	29,289	37,587	45,640	146,801	185,364	235,466
Aug.	123,414	154,832	166,592	31,477	35,110	34,682	154,891	189,942	201,274
Sep.	130,939	138,051	169,221	47,412	35,395	53,663	178,351	173,446	222,884
Oct.	120,329	145,292	175,030	47,234	33,742	60,632	167,563	179,034	235,662
Nov.	132,713	134,831		35,937	30,612		168,650	165,443	
Dec.	105,645	129,018		43,314	40,708		140,959	169,726	
Jan.	103,498	119,804		51,723	32,521		155,221	152,325	
Feb.	111,514	142,395		42,510	38,487		154,024	180,882	
Mar.	118,686	144,787		51,834	49,102		170,520	193,889	
Apr.	117,706	157,501		45,726	33,486		163,432	190,987	
May	143,640	167,509		65,846	51,359		209,486	218,868	
June	151,682	171,048		38,861	61,311		190,543	232,359	
Year	1,477,278	1,752,845		531,163	479,420		2,008,441	2,232,265	

VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS (LESS THAN \$10,000) APPROVED
(\$'000)

July	11,006	12,947	13,633	497	420	680	11,503	13,367	14,313
Aug.	12,570	12,870	13,413	642	445	323	13,212	13,315	13,736
Sep.	11,751	12,571	14,421	646	1,196	348	12,397	13,767	14,769
Oct.	12,283	14,199	15,183	510	610	311	12,793	14,809	15,494
Nov.	12,372	13,073		604	473		12,976	13,546	
Dec.	9,570	10,135		471	516		10,041	10,651	
Jan.	9,498	9,710		376	297		9,874	10,007	
Feb.	10,704	11,881		505	334		11,209	12,215	
Mar.	11,312	13,250		558	471		11,870	13,721	
Apr.	10,856	12,710		681	467		11,537	13,177	
May	13,318	13,738		603	533		13,921	14,271	
June	11,639	12,746		464	504		12,103	13,250	
Year	136,879	149,830		6,557	6,266		143,436	156,096	

TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED
(\$'000)

July	128,518	160,724	203,459	29,786	38,007	46,320	158,304	198,731	249,779
Aug.	135,984	167,702	180,005	32,119	35,555	35,005	168,103	203,257	215,010
Sep.	142,690	150,622	183,642	48,058	36,591	54,011	190,748	187,213	237,653
Oct.	132,612	159,491	190,213	47,744	34,352	60,943	180,356	193,843	251,156
Nov.	145,085	147,904		36,541	31,085		181,626	178,989	
Dec.	115,215	139,153		43,785	41,224		159,000	180,377	
Jan.	112,996	129,514		52,099	32,818		165,095	162,332	
Feb.	122,218	154,276		43,015	38,821		165,233	193,097	
Mar.	129,998	158,037		52,392	49,573		182,390	207,610	
Apr.	128,562	170,211		46,407	33,953		174,969	204,164	
May	156,958	181,247		66,449	51,892		223,407	233,139	
June	163,321	183,794		39,325	61,815		202,646	245,609	
Year	1,614,157	1,902,675		537,720	485,686		2,151,877	2,388,361	

TABLE 3. - BUILDING APPROVALS : STATES
(Private and Government)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED (Individual living units)									
Year 1967-68	47,409	38,500	16,311	7,719	15,119	3,734	1,336	2,000	132,128
1968-69	54,558	38,399	16,787	10,377	20,671	3,132	1,340	3,197	148,461
1968 October	4,418	3,645	1,486	705	1,715	279	82	343	12,673
November	4,646	3,304	1,386	807	1,758	315	46	283	12,545
December	3,874	3,602	1,083	687	1,527	169	116	198	11,256
1969 January	3,921	1,681	1,252	668	1,377	272	192	259	9,622
February	4,399	2,364	1,398	701	1,731	187	146	288	11,214
March	4,616	3,168	1,531	808	2,005	237	112	432	12,909
April	4,659	2,656	1,204	936	1,818	231	117	177	11,798
May	5,198	4,174	1,466	1,245	1,936	270	178	265	14,732
June	4,794	3,127	1,359	1,331	1,903	302	79	228	13,123
July	4,836	3,963	1,574	1,098	2,835	299	155	269	15,029
August	5,067	3,543	1,671	815	1,874	327	179	296	13,772
September	5,003	3,495	1,636	906	1,950	301	166	241	13,698
October	4,844	4,186	1,858	1,235	1,592	309	69	306	14,399
VALUE OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED (\$'000)									
Year 1967-68	385,376	309,080	136,902	61,729	137,156	32,605	13,573	23,312	1,099,733
1968-69	475,981	339,110	150,355	81,197	186,010	28,799	16,931	36,262	1,314,645
1968 October	37,260	31,214	12,763	5,811	16,055	2,519	1,101	3,724	110,447
November	38,184	28,807	12,072	6,458	15,762	2,856	598	3,171	107,908
December	32,191	29,016	9,613	5,672	13,176	1,577	1,220	2,270	94,735
1969 January	36,783	14,786	11,000	5,534	12,061	2,524	3,211	2,982	88,881
February	38,825	21,936	12,433	5,740	15,264	1,990	1,668	3,289	101,145
March	41,545	29,565	14,162	6,849	17,637	2,138	1,863	4,731	118,490
April	41,980	23,825	11,404	7,466	17,237	2,040	1,184	2,347	107,483
May	45,391	39,022	13,808	8,575	17,028	2,641	2,116	2,846	131,427
June	42,624	27,976	12,694	9,903	17,993	2,632	1,054	2,779	117,655
July	44,006	34,867	14,311	8,967	28,063	2,746	2,251	3,130	138,341
August	46,376	31,581	15,029	6,678	19,165	2,865	1,727	3,532	126,953
September	46,879	32,332	14,306	7,572	18,908	2,563	2,262	3,110	127,932
October	44,623	37,410	16,579	9,651	15,560	2,931	766	3,231	130,751
VALUE OF OTHER NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED (\$'000)									
Year 1967-68	303,694	207,259	131,992	86,943	103,636	39,413	14,915	20,856	908,708
1968-69	326,498	221,561	115,701	64,675	119,584	23,490	11,117	34,994	917,620
1968 October	22,030	19,438	10,746	4,715	7,637	2,178	767	1,076	68,587
November	22,974	11,422	7,447	3,264	6,799	1,293	1,318	3,018	57,535
December	23,051	28,118	7,176	6,847	8,014	386	355	1,044	74,991
1969 January	19,711	16,742	6,275	4,559	10,830	825	2,070	2,432	63,444
February	30,208	19,170	9,406	8,065	7,382	646	122	4,738	79,737
March	26,789	14,435	9,315	5,008	15,230	3,131	929	562	75,399
April	29,228	15,672	12,058	7,710	13,976	3,836	582	442	83,504
May	37,064	16,537	12,055	4,280	12,322	1,722	1,183	2,278	87,441
June	43,710	18,568	18,522	4,244	14,686	5,046	870	9,058	114,704
July	34,078	26,455	14,383	4,702	12,337	2,215	2,152	803	97,125
August	24,617	20,871	8,334	6,034	7,879	4,849	339	1,398	74,321
September	29,434	19,145	13,194	2,585	11,426	3,597	1,828	13,743	94,952
October	30,014	40,275	10,370	5,436	11,651	1,951	1,356	3,858	104,911

TABLE 3. - BUILDING APPROVALS : STATES - continued
(Private and Government)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
VALUE OF ALL NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED (\$'000)									
Year 1967-68	689,070	516,339	268,894	148,672	240,792	72,018	28,488	44,168	2,008,441
1968-69	802,479	560,671	266,056	145,872	305,594	52,289	28,048	71,256	2,232,265
1968 October	59,290	50,652	23,509	10,526	23,692	4,697	1,868	4,800	179,034
November	61,158	40,229	19,519	9,722	22,561	4,149	1,916	6,189	165,443
December	55,242	57,134	16,789	12,519	21,190	1,963	1,575	3,314	169,726
1969 January	56,494	31,528	17,275	10,093	22,891	3,349	5,281	5,414	152,325
February	69,033	41,106	21,839	13,805	22,646	2,636	1,790	8,027	180,882
March	68,334	44,000	23,477	11,857	32,867	5,269	2,792	5,293	193,889
April	71,208	39,497	23,462	15,176	31,213	5,876	1,766	2,789	190,987
May	82,455	55,559	25,863	12,855	29,350	4,363	3,299	5,124	218,868
June	86,334	46,544	31,216	14,147	32,679	7,678	1,924	11,837	232,359
July	78,084	61,322	28,694	13,669	40,400	4,961	4,403	3,933	235,466
August	70,993	52,452	23,363	12,712	27,044	7,714	2,066	4,930	201,274
September	76,313	51,477	27,500	10,157	30,334	6,160	4,090	16,853	222,884
October	74,637	77,685	26,949	15,087	27,211	4,882	2,122	7,089	235,662
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS (LESS THAN \$10,000) APPROVED (\$'000)									
Year 1967-68	54,442	41,469	14,056	15,757	12,007	2,394	825	2,486	143,436
1968-69	59,487	44,913	14,622	16,808	13,844	2,430	953	3,039	156,096
1968 October	5,260	4,494	1,308	1,688	1,330	292	83	354	14,809
November	5,280	3,930	1,332	1,208	1,185	225	69	317	13,546
December	3,969	3,071	632	1,323	1,021	87	121	227	10,651
1969 January	3,763	2,607	1,155	1,212	871	140	72	187	10,007
February	4,853	3,395	1,221	1,186	1,109	199	42	210	12,215
March	5,202	3,888	1,402	1,412	1,277	239	74	227	13,721
April	5,089	3,816	1,149	1,340	1,295	130	131	227	13,177
May	5,718	4,243	1,177	1,310	1,244	217	64	298	14,271
June	5,199	3,752	1,269	1,314	1,221	215	56	224	13,250
July	5,588	4,108	1,447	1,425	1,222	183	135	205	14,313
August	5,664	3,893	1,186	1,383	1,160	217	67	166	13,736
September	6,174	4,106	1,217	1,366	1,272	311	101	222	14,769
October	5,892	4,738	1,478	1,526	1,314	280	47	219	15,494
TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED (\$'000)									
Year 1967-68	743,512	557,808	282,950	164,429	252,799	74,412	29,313	46,654	2,151,877
1968-69	861,966	605,584	280,678	162,680	319,438	54,719	29,001	74,295	2,388,361
1968 October	64,550	55,146	24,817	12,214	25,022	4,989	1,951	5,154	193,843
November	66,438	44,159	20,851	10,930	23,746	4,374	1,985	6,506	178,989
December	59,211	60,205	17,621	13,842	22,211	2,050	1,696	3,541	180,377
1969 January	60,257	34,135	18,430	11,305	23,762	3,489	5,353	5,601	162,332
February	73,886	44,501	23,060	14,991	23,755	2,835	1,832	8,237	193,097
March	73,536	47,888	24,879	13,269	34,144	5,508	2,866	5,520	207,610
April	76,297	43,313	24,611	16,516	32,508	6,006	1,897	3,016	204,164
May	88,173	59,802	27,040	14,165	30,594	4,580	3,363	5,422	233,139
June	91,533	50,296	32,485	15,461	33,900	7,893	1,980	12,061	245,609
July	83,672	65,430	30,141	15,094	41,622	5,144	4,538	4,138	249,779
August	76,657	56,345	24,549	14,095	28,204	7,931	2,133	5,096	215,010
September	82,487	55,583	28,717	11,523	31,606	6,471	4,191	17,075	237,653
October	80,529	82,423	28,427	16,613	28,525	5,162	2,169	7,308	251,156

TABLE 4. - TOTAL VALUE OF PRIVATE BUILDING APPROVED, BY TYPE OF BUILDING : AUSTRALIA
(\$'000)

Period	Houses	Flats	Hotels, hostels, etc.	Shops	Factories	Offices	Other business premises
Year 1967-68	754,152	242,497	45,953	71,153	136,568	88,661	52,896
1968-69	880,280	303,017	50,315	83,943	149,183	127,727	62,744
1968 October	78,831	23,714	3,534	4,475	10,723	11,033	5,292
November	70,756	23,553	1,906	4,519	13,530	7,936	4,119
December	56,793	27,553	4,155	4,268	10,551	14,652	3,783
1969 January	60,416	19,020	4,079	4,500	12,884	7,462	4,217
February	70,162	21,382	3,704	10,433	13,700	12,500	3,388
March	75,526	25,883	5,351	5,202	13,061	7,675	5,192
April	74,888	25,789	7,056	12,201	10,520	12,788	4,499
May	79,633	34,298	5,085	7,450	13,391	12,049	7,445
June	77,149	27,232	4,557	13,262	15,223	15,726	7,297
July	90,212	33,887	4,785	6,401	17,222	18,534	7,815
August	84,450	30,456	6,546	4,821	16,876	9,854	5,934
September	84,570	30,845	8,796	10,050	12,119	11,388	4,114
October	85,641	30,772	7,714	4,678	13,593	18,331	5,363

Period	Educ- ation	Reli- gious	Health	Entertain- ment and recreation	Miscel- laneous	Alterations and addi- tions (a)	TOTAL
Year 1967-68	20,682	12,792	9,775	28,167	13,982	136,879	1,614,157
1968-69	22,308	10,659	13,821	30,746	18,102	149,830	1,902,675
1968 October	1,384	1,317	762	2,842	1,385	14,199	159,491
November	3,155	887	1,055	2,460	955	13,073	147,904
December	1,392	775	1,375	2,016	1,705	10,135	139,153
1969 January	1,887	922	1,770	1,625	1,014	9,710	129,514
February	1,658	762	2,095	1,617	994	11,881	154,276
March	1,728	1,275	1,028	1,697	1,169	13,250	158,037
April	922	869	1,078	5,457	1,434	12,710	170,211
May	1,520	713	628	3,434	1,863	13,738	181,247
June	3,180	639	1,224	2,977	2,582	12,746	183,794
July	1,909	1,121	809	4,834	2,297	13,633	203,459
August	783	1,158	2,780	1,670	1,264	13,413	180,005
September	2,408	1,532	663	1,293	1,423	14,421	183,642
October	2,465	1,214	1,373	2,665	1,221	15,183	190,213

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TABLE 5. - TOTAL VALUE OF GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVED, BY TYPE OF BUILDING : AUSTRALIA
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Period	Houses	Flats	Hotels, hostels, etc.	Shops	Factories	Offices	Other business premises
Year 1967-68	82,044	21,040	9,778	1,402	20,974	61,221	63,365
1968-69	108,929	22,419	9,200	1,032	10,829	44,304	35,911
1968 October	7,143	759	1,684	73	1,151	2,699	2,458
November	8,564	5,035	1,366	277	189	2,295	1,194
December	9,325	1,064	4,320	27	2,019	2,512	3,123
1969 January	8,795	650	370	10	583	2,322	1,583
February	8,584	1,017	..	..	199	6,584	3,383
March	12,411	4,670	650	47	744	1,458	4,873
April	5,555	1,251	110	23	626	1,801	3,146
May	14,173	3,323	31	38	1,259	1,295	6,653
June	12,363	911	509	11	975	9,843	3,985
July	11,372	2,870	1,344	22	475	1,043	4,394
August	9,648	2,399	107	..	220	4,904	732
September	9,255	3,262	420	..	4,118	5,684	5,015
October	10,969	3,369	264	76	3,720	4,461	2,380

Period	Educ- ation	Reli- gious	Health	Entertain- ment and recreation	Miscel- laneous	Alterations and addi- tions (a)	TOTAL
Year 1967-68	142,492	..	76,533	8,029	44,285	6,557	537,720
1968-69	145,636	..	51,420	8,950	40,790	6,266	485,686
1968 October	13,343	..	1,525	841	2,066	610	34,352
November	5,786	..	2,492	253	3,161	473	31,085
December	10,538	..	2,217	1,813	3,750	516	41,224
1969 January	9,533	..	5,760	630	2,285	297	32,818
February	15,173	..	1,936	538	1,073	334	38,821
March	15,056	..	4,486	687	4,020	471	49,573
April	9,977	..	8,189	676	2,132	467	33,953
May	13,876	..	3,562	431	6,718	533	51,892
June	12,487	..	13,266	512	6,449	504	61,815
July	18,701	..	2,012	349	3,058	680	46,320
August	9,212	..	5,265	419	1,776	323	35,005
September	5,579	..	13,434	519	6,377	348	54,011
October	17,195	..	13,442	510	4,246	311	60,943

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