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## MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS VICTORIA, MAY 1989

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### **ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

*State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure* (5646.0) (quarterly) (\$7.50)

### **EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES**

*Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia* (6302.0) (quarterly) (\$8.00)

*Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia* (6312.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

*Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0) (quarterly) (\$3.00)

*Overtime, Australia* (6330.0) (quarterly) (\$3.00)

*The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) (monthly) (\$12.00)

### **PRICES**

*Consumer Price Index* (6401.0) (quarterly) (\$8.00)

*Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Darwin* (6407.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

*Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities* (6408.0) (monthly) (\$3.25)

### **BUILDING**

*Building Activity, Australia* (8752.0) (quarterly) (\$11.50)

*Building Approvals, Australia* (8731.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

### **RETAIL TRADE**

*Retail Trade, Australia* (8501.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

*Information Paper: Introduction of Improved Monthly Retail Trade Statistics* (8511.0)

### **PRODUCTION**

*Monthly Summary of Statistics Victoria* (1303.2) (\$7.50)

### **NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS**

*Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia* (9303.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

### **BANKS**

*Monthly Summary of Statistics, Victoria* (1303.2) (\$7.50)

### **HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION**

*Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (5609.0) (monthly) (\$7.50)

### **OVERSEAS TRADE**

*Exports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables* (5432.0) (\$7.50)

*Imports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables* (5433.0) (\$7.50)

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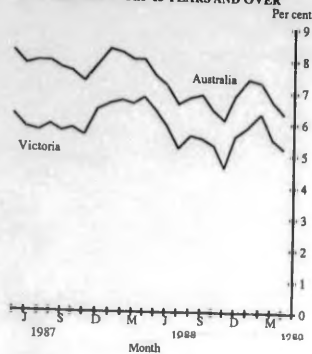
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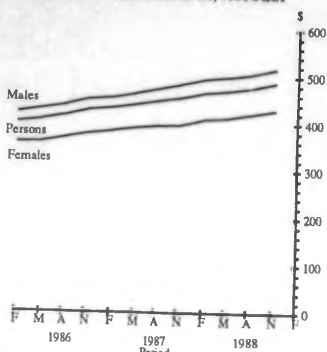
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|---|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
|   |               |               | One period                          | Two periods | Three periods |                     |                           |                     |                                 |       |
| <b>LABOUR FORCE</b>   |               |               |                                     |             |               |                     |                           |                     |                                 |       |
| Employed persons - full-time  | '000          | Apr 89        | 1,631.2                             | 1,615.6     | 1,611.4       | 1,591.6             | 1,571.8                   | 3.8                 | 6,113.9                         | 3.6   |
| - total   | '000          | Apr 89        | 2,038.5                             | 2,025.7     | 2,003.8       | 1,957.4             | 1,959.0                   | 4.1                 | 7,583.6                         | 4.1   |
| Unemployed persons looking for work - full-time                                 | '000          | Apr 89        | 76.6                                | 84.8        | 101.5         | 90.8                | 98.2                      | -22.0               | 389.9                           | -20.8 |
| - total   | '000          | Apr 89        | 112.0                               | 117.1       | 135.8         | 122.8               | 142.1                     | -21.2               | 516.3                           | -19.9 |
| Labour force  | '000          | Apr 89        | 2,150.5                             | 2,142.8     | 2,139.6       | 2,080.3             | 2,101.1                   | 2.4                 | 8,199.9                         | 2.1   |
| Participation rate  | per cent      | Apr 89        | 63.9                                | 63.7        | 63.7          | 62.0                | 63.3                      | 0.9                 | 63.1                            | 0.0   |
| Unemployment rate   | per cent      | Apr 89        | 5.2                                 | 5.5         | 6.3           | 5.9                 | 6.8                       | -23.5               | 6.3                             | -21.3 |
| Job vacancies   | '000          | Feb 89        | 21.2                                | 19.5        | 18.1          | 18.6                | 16.3                      | 30.1                | 72.5                            | 17.3  |
| Overtime worked per employee  | hours         | Feb 89        | 1.52                                | 1.56        | 1.45          | 1.54                | 1.50                      | 1.3                 | 1.41                            | 5.2   |
| <b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</b>  |               |               |                                     |             |               |                     |                           |                     |                                 |       |
| Full-time adult ordinary time earnings - Males                                  | \$            | Nov 88        | 487.00                              | 475.90      | 469.30        | 465.50              | 454.10                    | 7.2                 | 484.90                          | 7.7   |
| Females   | \$            | Nov 88        | 516.60                              | 504.40      | 498.30        | 493.90              | 482.80                    | 7.0                 | 512.70                          | 7.4   |
| All employees total earnings  | \$            | Nov 88        | 429.20                              | 420.10      | 412.20        | 409.30              | 396.60                    | 8.2                 | 426.80                          | 8.9   |
| Males   | \$            | Nov 88        | 429.60                              | 417.00      | 414.90        | 414.80              | 408.50                    | 5.2                 | 430.10                          | 7.0   |
| Females   | \$            | Nov 88        | 503.30                              | 486.30      | 483.50        | 476.30              | 473.10                    | 6.4                 | 505.20                          | 7.5   |
| <b>CONSUMER PRICES (a)</b>  |               |               |                                     |             |               |                     |                           |                     |                                 |       |
| Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) -                                 |               |               |                                     |             |               |                     |                           |                     |                                 |       |
| Food  | index         | Mar qr 89     | 183.9                               | 182.3       | 179.5         | 174.0               | 167.7                     | 9.7                 | 180.5                           | 9.4   |
| Clothing  | index         | Mar qr 89     | 177.3                               | 177.5       | 171.2         | 170.3               | 163.3                     | 8.6                 | 175.9                           | 8.3   |
| Housing   | index         | Mar qr 89     | 207.3                               | 204.5       | 193.7         | 189.1               | 186.8                     | 11.0                | 197.7                           | 11.6  |
| Household equipment & operation   | index         | Mar qr 89     | 182.3                               | 181.1       | 178.6         | 176.8               | 174.7                     | 4.4                 | 183.1                           | 5.6   |
| Transportation  | index         | Mar qr 89     | 184.5                               | 181.3       | 181.1         | 180.8               | 180.2                     | 2.4                 | 193.6                           | 2.7   |
| Tobacco & alcohol   | index         | Mar qr 89     | 204.8                               | 201.9       | 201.9         | 199.1               | 195.6                     | 4.7                 | 210.1                           | 5.2   |
| Health & personal care  | index         | Mar qr 89     | 203.7                               | 192.6       | 192.6         | 190.8               | 185.8                     | 9.6                 | 191.1                           | 8.5   |
| Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982-100)  | index         | Mar qr 89     | 165.4                               | 163.7       | 161.1         | 160.4               | 158.6                     | 4.3                 | 163.2                           | 3.1   |
| All groups  | index         | Mar qr 89     | 188.7                               | 186.2       | 183.0         | 180.4               | 177.1                     | 6.5                 | 188.0                           | 6.8   |
| <b>RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc)</b>                                 |               |               |                                     |             |               |                     |                           |                     |                                 |       |
| PRODUCTION  | \$m           | Feb 89        | 1,495.8                             | 1,582.4     | 2,330.3       | 1,732.4             | 1,444.7                   | 3.5                 | 5,680.1                         | 5.6   |
| <b>Manufacturing -</b>  |               |               |                                     |             |               |                     |                           |                     |                                 |       |
| Clay bricks   | million       | Jan 89        | 25.0                                | 30.3        | 42.3          | 36.8                | 15.2                      | 64.5                | 15.3                            | 71.9  |
| Ready mixed concrete  | '000 cu m     | Jan 89        | 24.5                                | 33.8        | 34.5          | 37.9                | 18.8                      | 31.9                | 1,047                           | 17.1  |
| Plastics & synthetic resins (b)   | tonnes        | Jan 89        | 27,944                              | 36,325      | 42,166        | 44,791              | 29,101                    | -4.0                | 52,409                          | 5.3   |
| Tyres   | '000 sq m     | Jan 89        | 1,573                               | 3,042       | 3,540         | 3,316               | 976                       | 6.6                 | 1,775                           | 54.8  |
| Cars & station wagons   | '000          | Jan 89        | 3.2                                 | 13.1        | 19.7          | 18.1                | 4.0                       | -20.0               | 7.9                             | 14.5  |
| Yarns - Cotton  | tonnes        | Jan 89        | 159                                 | 707         | 830           | 794                 | 160                       | -0.6                | 311                             | -27.7 |
| - Wool  | tonnes        | Jan 89        | 633                                 | 1,312       | 1,556         | 1,500               | 775                       | -18.3               | 784                             | -23.7 |
| Woven fabric - Cotton   | '000 sq m     | Jan 89        | 332                                 | 911         | 1,371         | 1,592               | 202                       | 64.4                | 951                             | 21.8  |
| - Woolen (incl. worsted wool)   | '000 sq m     | Jan 89        | 324                                 | 399         | 584           | 561                 | 255                       | 27.1                | 498                             | 11.2  |
| - Man-made fibres   | '000 sq m     | Jan 89        | 4,247                               | 6,414       | 7,585         | 7,543               | 1,359                     | 212.5               | 7,433                           | 102.4 |
| Electricity   | million kWh   | Jan 89        | 2,858                               | 2,928       | 2,999         | 3,098               | 2,894                     | -1.2                | 11,460                          | 4.9   |
| <b>OVERSEAS TRADE</b>   |               |               |                                     |             |               |                     |                           |                     |                                 |       |
| Imports   | \$m           | Mar 89        | 1,310.4                             | 1,205.5     | 1,328.3       | 1,172.3             | 1,284.6                   | 2.0                 | 3,749.0                         | 0.0   |
| Exports (excl. re-exports)  | \$m           | Mar 89        | 632.6                               | 763.6       | 698.9         | 771.6               | 830.4                     | -23.8               | 3,412.2                         | -4.9  |
| <b>BUILDING</b>   |               |               |                                     |             |               |                     |                           |                     |                                 |       |
| <b>Approvals</b>  |               |               |                                     |             |               |                     |                           |                     |                                 |       |
| New houses  | No.           | Mar 89        | 2,950                               | 3,032       | 2,580         | 2,889               | 2,687                     | 9.8                 | 11,200                          | -0.1  |
| New other residential building  | No.           | Mar 89        | 220                                 | 92          | 184           | 387                 | 416                       | -47.1               | 4,195                           | 26.2  |
| Value of all building   | \$m           | Mar 89        | 579.6                               | 527.6       | 502.2         | 730.5               | 432.8                     | 33.9                | 2,659.4                         | 45.7  |
| <b>Commencements</b>  |               |               |                                     |             |               |                     |                           |                     |                                 |       |
| New houses  | No.           | Dec qr 88     | 9,240                               | 8,310       | 7,330         | 6,720               | 7,230                     | 77.8                | 34,970                          | 32.2  |
| Value of new houses   | \$m           | Dec qr 88     | 763.9                               | 652.0       | 557.0         | 520.2               | 523.1                     | 46.0                | 2,680.7                         | 54.0  |
| New other residential buildings   | No.           | Dec qr 88     | 782                                 | 1,263       | 1,034         | 1,298               | 1,061                     | -26.3               | 11,398                          | 63.6  |
| Value of new other residential buildings  | \$m           | Dec qr 88     | 41.7                                | 69.5        | 54.4          | 73.1                | 54.6                      | -23.6               | 660.9                           | 92.9  |
| Value of non-residential building   | \$m           | Dec qr 88     | 930.2                               | 709.2       | 1,053.8       | 593.8               | 726.7                     | 30.8                | 3,473.6                         | 31.3  |
| Value of all building   | \$m           | Dec qr 88     | 1,881.9                             | 1,548.1     | 1,773.4       | 1,291.9             | 1,409.4                   | 33.5                | 7,241.4                         | 43.1  |
| Work done in period   | \$m           | Dec qr 88     | 1,762.2                             | 1,618.9     | 1,464.7       | 1,321.8             | 1,408.8                   | 25.1                | 6,927.1                         | 24.4  |
| <b>PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (c)</b> |               |               |                                     |             |               |                     |                           |                     |                                 |       |
| House building (1985-86=100)  | index         | Feb 89        | 126.8                               | 126.3       | 124.9         | 124.6               | 115.0                     | 9.3                 | 127.3                           | 11.0  |
| Other than house building (1979-80=100)   | index         | Feb 89        | 213.1                               | 212.1       | 210.9         | 210.2               | 194.9                     | 10.3                | 216.4                           | 8.5   |
| <b>NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS</b>  |               |               |                                     |             |               |                     |                           |                     |                                 |       |
| Cars & station wagons   | No.           | Mar 89        | 13,877                              | 10,850      | 8,321         | 12,500              | 9,615                     | 44.3                | 52,982                          | 23.5  |
| Other motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles)                                       | No.           | Mar 89        | 11,810                              | 9,079       | 6,800         | 10,566              | 8,317                     | 42.0                | 41,461                          | 18.3  |
| Motor cycles  | No.           | Mar 89        | 2,067                               | 1,771       | 1,521         | 1,934               | 1,298                     | 59.2                | 11,521                          | 46.9  |
| <b>BANKS</b>  |               |               |                                     |             |               |                     |                           |                     |                                 |       |
| Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period                                 | \$m           | Dec 88        | 23,401                              | 22,526      | 21,977        | 22,587              | 20,731                    | 12.9                | 67,628                          | 17.7  |
| Current deposits  | \$m           | Dec 88        | 6,883                               | 6,390       | 6,187         | 5,730               | 5,708                     | 20.6                | 22,129                          | 15.4  |
| Fixed deposits  | \$m           | Dec 88        | 8,921                               | 9,112       | 8,743         | 7,880               | 7,689                     | 16.0                | 33,528                          | 16.8  |
| Advances  | \$m           | Dec 88        | 17,401                              | 17,108      | 17,034        | 16,301              | 15,110                    | 15.2                | 54,365                          | 11.8  |
| Debts to customers' accounts (d)  | \$m           | Dec 88        | 39,993                              | 35,272      | 35,565        | 34,579              | 35,189                    | 13.7                | 191,609                         | 39.5  |
| <b>HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION</b>                                     |               |               |                                     |             |               |                     |                           |                     |                                 |       |
| Secured commitments to individuals - Savings banks                              | \$m           | Feb 89        | 509.4                               | 453.6       | 585.2         | 644.2               | 427.2                     | 19.2                | 1,915.8                         | 9.0   |
| Trading banks   | \$m           | Feb 89        | 385.7                               | 340.4       | 449.1         | 483.3               | 329.2                     | 17.2                | 1,365.4                         | 13.5  |
| Financial institutions  | \$m           | Feb 89        | 45.7                                | 36.1        | 44.4          | 52.4                | 33.5                      | 36.0                | 229.5                           | 30.3  |
| Permanent building societies  | \$m           | Feb 89        | 47.6                                | 45.3        | 61.2          | 75.2                | 41.1                      | 15.8                | 219.8                           | -25.9 |
| Other lenders   | \$m           | Feb 89        | 30.4                                | 31.7        | 30.6          | 33.2                | 23.2                      | 31.0                | 101.0                           | 23.5  |
| <b>ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (e) \$m</b>                             |               |               |                                     |             |               |                     |                           |                     |                                 |       |
| Manufacturing   | \$m           | Dec qr 88     | 1,970                               | 1,523       | 1,786         | 1,426               | 1,716                     | 14.8                | 7,511                           | 14.4  |
| Finance   | \$m           | Dec qr 88     | 709                                 | 547         | 790           | 592                 | 626                       | 13.3                | 2,023                           | 20.3  |
| New building and structures   | \$m           | Dec qr 88     | 543                                 | 502         | 486           | 425                 | 541                       | 0.4                 | 2,087                           | 15.2  |
| Other new capital equipment   | \$m           | Dec qr 88     | 620                                 | 518         | 462           | 402                 | 537                       | 15.5                | 2,769                           | 15.6  |
|   | \$m           | Dec qr 88     | 1,350                               | 1,006       | 1,233         | 1,024               | 1,179                     | 14.5                | 4,742                           | 13.8  |

(a) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (b) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendaring only. (c) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (e) By private enterprises.

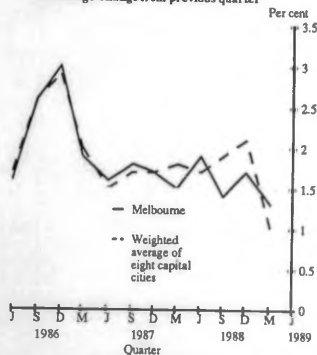
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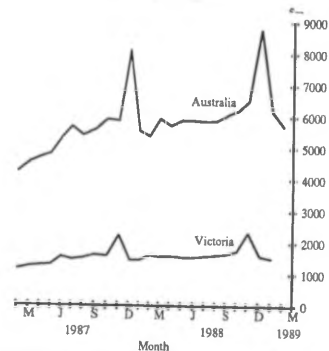
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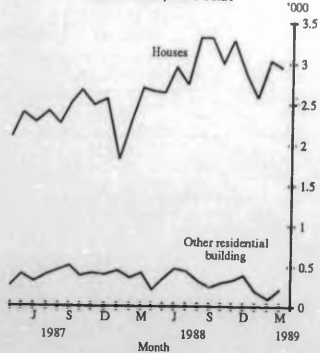
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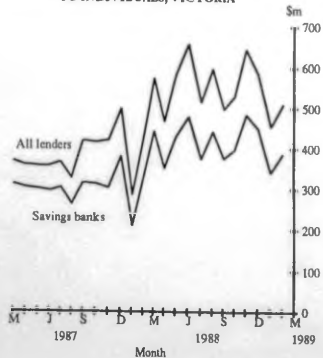
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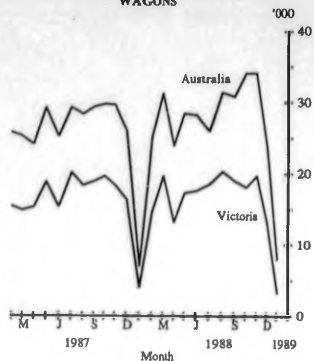
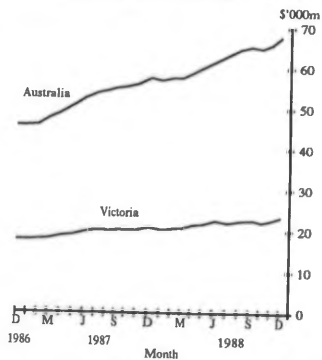
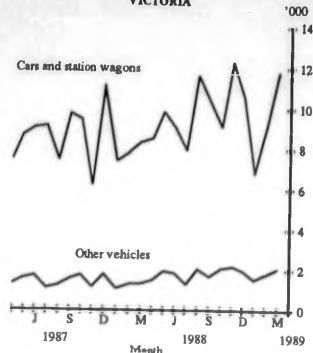
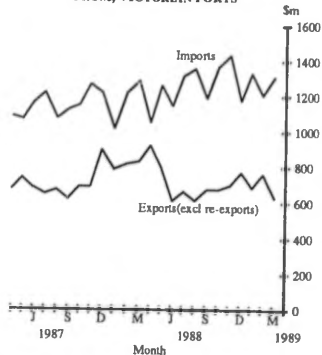


NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS  
APPROVED, VICTORIA



SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS  
TO INDIVIDUALS, VICTORIA



**PRODUCTION OF CARS AND STATION WAGONS**

**SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES**

**NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED, VICTORIA**

**VALUE OF IMPORTS INTO, AND EXPORTS FROM, VICTORIAN PORTS**

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