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The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. For a wider range of statistics reference should be made to the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* which is more comprehensive and covers a longer run of years but is not quite as up to date as the Digest. Where possible, series in the Digest are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1975*, issued by this Bureau in July 1975, which contains original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form for one hundred and twenty three selected series. The seasonally adjusted indicators included therein are up-dated in relevant monthly and quarterly publications of this Bureau.

As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the

Digest have been adjusted for the effects of some calendar irregularities, namely: 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc., in the month) and the influence of movable holidays, i.e. Easter and Australia Day. The adjustments made to each series are indicated in Appendix B of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1975*.

The seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

Symbols and other usages

- p — preliminary. Subject to revision.
  - r — revised.
  - — Break in continuity of series (where drawn across a column between two consecutive figures).
- Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

**PRODUCTION (a)**

| INDONESIA (a) |                           |            |                             |            |                         |            |                         |            |                           |            |                          |            |                       |            |                            |            |                                         |            |
|---------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------|------------|
| Month         | Black coal<br>'000 tonnes |            | Iron ore (b)<br>'000 tonnes |            | Lead (c)<br>'000 tonnes |            | Electricity<br>Mtl. kWh |            | Gas (d)<br>ml. megajoules |            | Raw steel<br>'000 tonnes |            | Cement<br>'000 tonnes |            | Motor vehicles (e)<br>'000 |            | Electric motors<br>under one hp<br>'000 |            |
|               | Original                  | Seas. adj. | Original                    | Seas. adj. | Original                | Seas. adj. | Original                | Seas. adj. | Original                  | Seas. adj. | Original                 | Seas. adj. | Original              | Seas. adj. | Original                   | Seas. adj. | Original                                | Seas. adj. |
| 1974-75       | January                   | 4,752      | 6,124                       | 24,857     | {                       | 25.8       | 5,379                   | 5,908      | 12,354                    | 15,267     | 679                      | 685        | 305                   | 420        | 13.9                       | 31.9       | 147                                     | 269        |
|               | February                  | 6,412      | 6,531                       |            |                         | 33.5       | 5,489                   | 6,237      | 12,682                    | 15,223     | 660                      | 727        | 401                   | 439        | 34.7                       | 35.0       | 287                                     | 326        |
|               | March                     | 5,830      | 6,237                       |            |                         | 34.4       | 5,824                   | 6,237      | 14,141                    | 15,318     | 692                      | 677        | 415                   | 413        | 33.1                       | 34.2       | 303                                     | 331        |
|               | April                     | 6,380      | 6,721                       |            |                         | 35.3       | 5,907                   | 6,138      | 14,989                    | 15,873     | 640                      | 676        | 413                   | 421        | 36.3                       | 34.3       | 316                                     | 337        |
|               | May                       | 6,646      | 5,929                       |            |                         | 35.4       | 6,482                   | 6,164      | 16,353                    | 15,390     | 664                      | 669        | 460                   | 431        | 43.2                       | 39.3       | 300                                     | 300        |
|               | June                      | 5,358      | 4,892                       | 35.1       | 6,763                   | 6,228      | 18,276                  | 15,947     | 573                       | 646        | 424                      | 421        | 39.7                  | 37.4       | 294                        | 304        |                                         |            |
| 1975-76       | July                      | 4,846      | 4,157                       | 25,429     | {                       | 36.5       | 7,028                   | 6,089      | 19,157                    | 15,613     | 593                      | 571        | 439                   | 415        | 41.4                       | 36.6       | 325                                     | 279        |
|               | August                    | 3,614      | 4,129                       |            |                         | 35.9       | 6,776                   | 6,140      | 18,737                    | 15,907     | 735                      | 716        | 429                   | 416        | 39.7                       | 37.9       | 328                                     | 291        |
|               | September                 | 4,691      | 4,355                       |            |                         | 36.1       | 6,274                   | 6,070      | 17,109                    | 16,165     | 696                      | 676        | 450                   | 428        | 42.1                       | 37.1       | 324                                     | 293        |
|               | October                   | 7,478      | 6,287                       |            |                         | 37.7       | 6,362                   | 6,314      | 17,094                    | 16,717     | 589                      | 553        | 443                   | 401        | 43.6                       | 37.6       | 392                                     | 319        |
|               | November                  | 6,738      | 6,276                       | 23,008     | {                       | 34.0       | 5,940                   | 6,387      | 15,418                    | 16,636     | 663                      | 643        | 449                   | 417        | 35.9                       | 36.0       | 382                                     | 320        |
|               | December                  | 4,990      | 7,452                       |            |                         | 28.9       | 5,959                   | 6,335      | 14,312                    | 16,473     | 661                      | 633        | 389                   | 405        | 33.9                       | 38.6       | 320                                     | 340        |
|               | January                   | 4,262      | 5,512                       |            |                         | 20.8       | 5,770                   | 6,375      | 13,260                    | 16,517     | 672                      | 671        | 255                   | 353        | 13.0                       | 31.8       | 171                                     | 337        |
|               | February                  | 6,399      | 6,522                       |            |                         | 28.2       | 5,875                   | 6,527      | 14,990                    | 17,429     | 584                      | 627        | 416                   | 441        | 40.1                       | 40.0       | 333                                     | 357        |
|               | March                     | 6,790      | 6,346                       | 28.2       | {                       | 6,356      | 6,459                   | 15,981     | 17,065                    | 706        | 680                      | 438        | 418                   | 44.7       | 39.5                       | 379        | 365                                     |            |
|               | April                     |            |                             |            |                         | 6,155      | 6,597                   | 16,792     | 17,982                    | 631        | 645                      | 431        | 452                   | 36.8       | 37.6                       | 292        | 355                                     |            |

(a) Figures are preliminary and subject to revision. (b) Gross mine output. (c) Metallic contents of mine products. (d) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (e) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

**PRODUCTION - continued**

| Month             | Cotton woven cloth<br>(excl. towels<br>and toweling) (a)<br>'000 sq m |            | Woolen and<br>worsted woven cloth<br>(excl. blanketing) (a)<br>'000 sq m |            | Man-made<br>fibre cloth (a)<br>'000 sq m |            | Boots,<br>shoes and<br>saddlery (a)<br>'000 pairs |            | Meat (a)<br>'000 tonnes |            | Whole<br>milk production<br>all purposes (a)<br>ml. litres |            | Brokers and Dealers<br>receipts of<br>taxable wool |                                         | Book value at<br>end of quarter<br>\$m |            |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------|
|                   | Original                                                              | Seas. adj. | Original                                                                 | Seas. adj. | Original                                 | Seas. adj. | Original                                          | Seas. adj. | Original                | Seas. adj. | Original                                                   | Seas. adj. | Total<br>Receipts<br>'000 kg                       | % of total<br>received by<br>brokers(b) | Original                               | Seas. adj. |
| 1974-75 - January | 744                                                                   | 1,748      | 274                                                                      | 434        | 3,382                                    | 1,290      | 184                                               | 206        | 673                     | 549        | 45,677                                                     | 83.8       | 13,797                                             | 13,904                                  | 14,015                                 | 14,059     |
| February          | 3,239                                                                 | 3,362      | 563                                                                      | 504        | 6,906                                    | 2,187      | 182                                               | 207        | 489                     | 534        | 42,403                                                     | 78.1       |                                                    |                                         |                                        |            |
| March             | 2,964                                                                 | 3,461      | 528                                                                      | 510        | 7,041                                    | 2,220      | 183                                               | 198        | 432                     | 506        | 39,320                                                     | 76.6       |                                                    |                                         |                                        |            |
| April             | 2,775                                                                 | 3,058      | 455                                                                      | 425        | 7,449                                    | 2,463      | 199                                               | 191        | 359                     | 543        | 37,610                                                     | 76.7       | 14,517                                             | 14,469                                  | 15,158                                 | 15,275     |
| May               | 3,816                                                                 | 3,193      | 572                                                                      | 571        | 8,890                                    | 2,389      | 201                                               | 177        | 303                     | 544        | 33,637                                                     | 76.0       |                                                    |                                         |                                        |            |
| June              | 3,331                                                                 | 3,291      | 561                                                                      | 708        | 10,141                                   | 2,240      | 202                                               | 192        | 284                     | 534        | 26,697                                                     | 77.2       |                                                    |                                         |                                        |            |
| 1975-76 - July    | 3,572                                                                 | 3,353      | 680                                                                      | 614        | 10,419                                   | 2,870      | 229                                               | 201        | 363                     | 530        | 42,903                                                     | 76.0       | 14,304                                             | 14,195                                  | 14,517                                 | 14,469     |
| August            | 4,694                                                                 | 3,759      | 651                                                                      | 679        | 10,065                                   | 2,828      | 186                                               | 186        | 530                     | 547        | 64,730                                                     | 79.0       |                                                    |                                         |                                        |            |
| September         | 4,276                                                                 | 3,823      | 692                                                                      | 665        | 10,703                                   | 2,694      | 204                                               | 204        | 687                     | 561        | 95,245                                                     | 82.8       |                                                    |                                         |                                        |            |
| October           | 4,940                                                                 | 4,070      | 813                                                                      | 707        | 11,034                                   | 3,202      | 222                                               | 205        | 838                     | 562        | 99,463                                                     | 79.2       | 14,517                                             | 14,469                                  | 15,158                                 | 15,275     |
| November          | 3,878                                                                 | 3,725      | 738                                                                      | 656        | 9,729                                    | 2,630      | 191                                               | 205        | 825                     | 559        | 88,322                                                     | 79.3       |                                                    |                                         |                                        |            |
| December          | 3,384                                                                 | 4,188      | 635                                                                      | 672        | 7,211                                    | 2,060      | 195                                               | 215        | 798                     | 560        | 68,700                                                     | 81.5       |                                                    |                                         |                                        |            |
| January           | 1,479                                                                 | 3,492      | 1,365                                                                    | 621        | 4,987                                    | 1,244      | 183                                               | 210        | 640                     | 532        | 35,604                                                     | 77.3       | 15,158                                             | 15,275                                  | 15,158                                 | 15,275     |
| February          | 4,038                                                                 | 4,178      | 716                                                                      | 638        | 9,463                                    | 2,570      | 205                                               | 220        | 468                     | 498        | 36,292                                                     | 76.8       |                                                    |                                         |                                        |            |
| March             | 3,713                                                                 | 3,639      | 818                                                                      | 640        | 10,152                                   | 2,913      | 234                                               | 225        | 396                     | 455        | 35,155                                                     | 67.7       |                                                    |                                         |                                        |            |
| April             | 3,447                                                                 | 3,713      | 591                                                                      | 655        | 8,601                                    |            | 221                                               | 237        |                         |            |                                                            |            |                                                    |                                         |                                        |            |

(a) Figures are preliminary and are subject to revision. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) Owned by private enterprises in OVERSEAS TRADE

## OVERSEAS TRADE

| Month             | Total exports, value<br>\$m |            | Total imports, value<br>\$m |            | Index of value of<br>merchandise exports<br>at constant prices<br>1966-67 = 100 |            | Index of value of<br>merchandise imports<br>at constant prices<br>1966-67 = 100 |            | Export price index          |                                           | Official reserve<br>assets (e)<br>\$m |            |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
|                   | Original                    | Seas. adj. | Original                    | Seas. adj. | Original                                                                        | Seas. adj. | Original                                                                        | Seas. adj. | All groups<br>1959-60 = 100 | All groups<br>excl. wool<br>1959-60 = 100 | Original                              | Seas. adj. |
|                   |                             |            |                             |            |                                                                                 |            |                                                                                 |            | Original                    | Original                                  |                                       |            |
| 1974-75 - January | 747                         | 742        | 711                         | 678        | 168                                                                             | 168        | 144                                                                             | 149        | 185                         | 216                                       | 3,133                                 | 3,210      |
| February          | 735                         | 749        | 593                         | 628        |                                                                                 |            |                                                                                 |            | 181                         | 211                                       | 3,101                                 | 3,211      |
| March             | 676                         | 746        | 547                         | 604        |                                                                                 |            |                                                                                 |            | 185                         | 215                                       | 3,220                                 | 3,304      |
| April             | 769                         | 809        | 655                         | 703        |                                                                                 |            |                                                                                 |            | 184                         | 214                                       | 3,317                                 | 3,391      |
| May               | 801                         | 733        | 646                         | 629        | 176                                                                             | 174        | 141                                                                             | 146        | 183                         | 211                                       | 3,392                                 | 3,376      |
| June              | 770                         | 800        | 546                         | 591        |                                                                                 |            |                                                                                 |            | 178                         | 206                                       | 3,493                                 | 3,434      |
| 1975-76 - July    | 761                         | 774        | 690                         | 633        | 174                                                                             | 176        | 154                                                                             | 149        | 179                         | 207                                       | 3,545                                 | 3,517      |
| August            | 7829                        | 820        | 634                         | 638        |                                                                                 |            |                                                                                 |            | 181                         | 210                                       | 3,429                                 | 3,364      |
| September         | 7682                        | 681        | 633                         | 617        |                                                                                 |            |                                                                                 |            | 180                         | 210                                       | 3,318                                 | 3,352      |
| October           | 7814                        | 688        | 687                         | 601        |                                                                                 |            |                                                                                 |            | 183                         | 212                                       | 3,172                                 | 3,110      |
| November          | 7693                        | 703        | 636                         | 645        | 169                                                                             | 167        | 155                                                                             | 149        | 184                         | 213                                       | 3,211                                 | 3,110      |
| December          | 774                         | 791        | 656                         | 665        |                                                                                 |            |                                                                                 |            | 187                         | 216                                       | 2,588                                 | 2,554      |
| January           | 763                         | 765        | 700                         | 700        |                                                                                 |            |                                                                                 |            | 187                         | 214                                       | 2,619                                 | 2,680      |
| February          | 7776                        | 802        | 680                         | 727        |                                                                                 |            |                                                                                 |            | 187                         | 215                                       | 2,663                                 | 2,756      |
| March             | 7803                        | 849        | 739                         | 751        | 192                                                                             |            |                                                                                 |            | 187                         | 215                                       | 2,571                                 | 2,661      |
| April             | 876                         | 902        | 653                         | 706        |                                                                                 |            |                                                                                 |            | 192                         | 220                                       | 2,503                                 | 2,553      |

## INTERNAL TRADE

| Retail Sales* |                                                                      |            |                                            |            |                                                               |            |                      |            |          | Installment credit<br>for retail sales<br>finance companies<br>and other<br>businesses, balances<br>outstanding (c) |          | New motor<br>cars and station<br>wagons registered<br>'000 |          | Other new motor<br>vehicles registered (d)<br>'000 |      |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------|------|
| Month         | All items<br>except motor vehicles<br>parts, petrol, etc. (a)<br>\$m |            | Total groceries<br>food & drink (a)<br>\$m |            | Clothing,<br>electrical, hardware<br>and furniture (a)<br>\$m |            | Other (a) (b)<br>\$m |            | Original | Seas. adj.                                                                                                          | Original | Seas. adj.                                                 | Original | Seas. adj.                                         |      |
|               | Original                                                             | Seas. adj. | Original                                   | Seas. adj. | Original                                                      | Seas. adj. | Original             | Seas. adj. |          |                                                                                                                     |          |                                                            |          |                                                    |      |
| 1974-75       | January                                                              | 1,302      | 1,354                                      | 1,848      | 1,875                                                         | 1,268      | 1,476                | 704        | 752      | {                                                                                                                   | 2,068    | 30.4                                                       | 34.1     | 7.8                                                | 9.0  |
| February      | 1,219                                                                | 1,371      | 2,066                                      |            |                                                               |            |                      |            |          |                                                                                                                     | 44.4     | 50.0                                                       | 9.2      | 10.8                                               |      |
| March         | 1,300                                                                | 1,394      | 2,077                                      |            |                                                               |            |                      |            |          |                                                                                                                     | 44.4     | 45.5                                                       | 9.6      | 10.8                                               |      |
| April         | 1,387                                                                | 1,432      | 2,082                                      |            |                                                               |            |                      |            |          |                                                                                                                     | 51.6     | 51.3                                                       | 11.2     | 10.4                                               |      |
|               | May                                                                  | 1,479      | 1,422                                      | 1,885      | 1,941                                                         | 1,593      | 1,578                | 736        | 783      | {                                                                                                                   | 2,092    | 42.7                                                       | 38.0     | 11.1                                               | 10.0 |
|               | June                                                                 | 1,348      | 1,439                                      |            |                                                               |            |                      |            |          |                                                                                                                     | 2,097    | 38.2                                                       | 40.2     | 10.3                                               | 10.3 |
| 1975-76       | July                                                                 | 1,419      | 1,466                                      | 1,957      | 2,006                                                         | 1,560      | 1,612                | 773        | 811      | {                                                                                                                   | 2,120    | 43.3                                                       | 39.4     | 11.7                                               | 10.5 |
| August        | 1,427                                                                | 1,469      | 2,140                                      |            |                                                               |            |                      |            |          |                                                                                                                     | 39.4     | 38.9                                                       | 10.7     | 10.6                                               |      |
| September     | 1,444                                                                | 1,495      | 2,156                                      |            |                                                               |            |                      |            |          |                                                                                                                     | 34.0     | 33.7                                                       | 9.9      | 9.8                                                |      |
| October       | 1,575                                                                | 1,513      | 2,181                                      |            |                                                               |            |                      |            |          |                                                                                                                     | 39.6     | 35.1                                                       | 11.2     | 9.7                                                |      |
|               | November                                                             | 1,568      | 1,536                                      | 2,269      | 2,133                                                         | 1,916      | 1,642                | 975        | 834      | {                                                                                                                   | 2,208    | 31.7                                                       | 32.7     | 9.3                                                | 9.6  |
|               | December                                                             | 2,017      | 1,550                                      |            |                                                               |            |                      |            |          |                                                                                                                     | 2,245    | 32.9                                                       | 35.0     | 8.4                                                | 9.1  |
|               | January                                                              | 1,487      | 1,552                                      | 1,552      | 1,617                                                         | 1,560      | 1,642                | 975        | 834      | {                                                                                                                   | 2,265    | 30.1                                                       | 34.9     | 8.6                                                | 10.4 |
|               | February                                                             | 1,407      | 1,560                                      |            |                                                               |            |                      |            |          |                                                                                                                     | 2,278    | 33.4                                                       | 37.6     | 9.0                                                | 10.6 |
|               | March                                                                | 1,552      | 1,617                                      |            |                                                               |            |                      |            |          |                                                                                                                     | 2,309    | 44.8                                                       | 40.7     | 11.2                                               | 11.5 |
|               | April                                                                | 1,557      | 1,609                                      |            |                                                               |            |                      |            |          |                                                                                                                     |          | 40.4                                                       | 42.3     | 11.6                                               | 12.2 |

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other: excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, new agreements made. (c) Includes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, new agreements made. (d) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other: excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) At end of month, amounts financed to new agreements made were: January \$m120; February \$m122; March \$m147.0. (d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (e) Replaces previously published series Gold and net foreign assets.

† Based on the 1968-69 census of retail establishments.

## INTERNAL TRADE - continued

## WAGES, RETAIL PRICES AND FACTORY OVERTIME

| Consumer price index, six capitals, year 1966-67 = 100.0 |                                                         |            |                                                   |            |                                                     |            |          |                      |          |                                  |                     |                                                        |            |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|----------------------|----------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Month                                                    | New wheeled tractors sold for agricultural purposes No. |            | Average weekly earnings per employed male unit \$ |            | Weekly wage rates index, adult males (a) 1954 = 100 | All groups | Food     | Clothing and drapery | Housing  | Household supplies and equipment | Miscellaneous group | Factory overtime (b) at larger private factories hours |            |
|                                                          | Original                                                | Seas. adj. | Original                                          | Seas. adj. |                                                     | Original   | Original | Original             | Original | Original                         | Original            | Original                                               | Seas. adj. |
| 1974-75 -January                                         | 3,335                                                   | 3,433      | 143.60                                            | 152.00     | 374.4                                               | 174.1      | 163.4    | 175.2                | 190.2    | 149.2                            | 187.2               | 1.8                                                    | 2.1        |
| February                                                 |                                                         |            |                                                   |            | 375.5                                               |            |          |                      |          |                                  |                     | 2.3                                                    | 2.2        |
| March                                                    |                                                         |            |                                                   |            | 380.1                                               |            |          |                      |          |                                  |                     | 2.2                                                    | 2.1        |
| April                                                    |                                                         |            |                                                   |            | 380.8                                               |            |          |                      |          |                                  |                     | 2.0                                                    | 2.2        |
| May                                                      |                                                         |            |                                                   |            | 397.8                                               |            |          |                      |          |                                  |                     | 2.0                                                    | 1.9        |
| June                                                     | 399.1                                                   | 1.6        | 1.6                                               |            |                                                     |            |          |                      |          |                                  |                     |                                                        |            |
| 1975-76 -July                                            | 2,953                                                   | 3,375      | 157.70                                            | 158.80     | 399.9                                               | 181.6      | 171.6    | 187.1                | 207.5    | 158.1                            | 188.2               | 1.6                                                    | 1.7        |
| August                                                   |                                                         |            |                                                   |            | 400.8                                               |            |          |                      |          |                                  |                     | 1.8                                                    | 1.8        |
| September                                                |                                                         |            |                                                   |            | 416.1                                               |            |          |                      |          |                                  |                     | 1.8                                                    | 1.8        |
| October                                                  |                                                         |            |                                                   |            | 416.3                                               |            |          |                      |          |                                  |                     | 1.9                                                    | 1.9        |
| November                                                 |                                                         |            |                                                   |            | 416.3                                               |            |          |                      |          |                                  |                     | 2.1                                                    | 2.0        |
| December                                                 | 417.0                                                   | 2.1        | 1.9                                               |            |                                                     |            |          |                      |          |                                  |                     |                                                        |            |
| January                                                  | 3,662                                                   | 3,910      | 175.40                                            | 166.00     | 417.2                                               | 191.7      | 176.9    | 200.0                | 218.4    | 162.9                            | 203.2               | 1.6                                                    | 2.0        |
| February                                                 |                                                         |            |                                                   |            | 443.3                                               |            |          |                      |          |                                  |                     | 2.3                                                    | 2.3        |
| March                                                    |                                                         |            |                                                   |            | 443.3                                               |            |          |                      |          |                                  |                     | 2.5                                                    | 2.4        |

(a) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (b) Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations. Average hours worked in survey week.

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## BUILDING, ETC.

| Month             | Building approvals<br>\$m |            | Building approvals<br>dwellings<br>'000 units |            | Government<br>building<br>approved<br>\$m |          | Building<br>commenced<br>total<br>\$m |          | Dwellings<br>commenced<br>'000 units |          | Buildings, other than<br>dwellings<br>commenced<br>\$m |                                    | New capital expenditure<br>by private businesses (a) |                                   |            |  |
|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|--|
|                   | Original                  | Seas. adj. | Original                                      | Seas. adj. | Original                                  | Original | Seas. adj.                            | Original | Seas. adj.                           | Original | Seas. adj.                                             | Buildings and<br>structures<br>\$m |                                                      | Other capital<br>equipment<br>\$m |            |  |
|                   |                           |            |                                               |            |                                           |          |                                       |          |                                      |          |                                                        | Original                           | Seas. adj.                                           | Original                          | Seas. adj. |  |
| 1974-75 - January | 263.2                     | 320.0      | 7.5                                           | 9.5        | 88.9                                      | 1,085.6  | 1,088.6                               | 28.4     | 29.2                                 | 515.9    | 507.7                                                  | 441.4                              | 517.9                                                | 641.1                             | 712.3      |  |
| February          | 257.1                     | 280.7      | 8.3                                           | 9.2        | 70.4                                      |          |                                       |          |                                      |          |                                                        |                                    |                                                      |                                   |            |  |
| March             | 324.2                     | 363.9      | 9.9                                           | 10.5       | 94.3                                      |          |                                       |          |                                      |          |                                                        |                                    |                                                      |                                   |            |  |
| April             | 398.6                     | 381.1      | 11.1                                          | 10.6       | 140.9                                     |          |                                       |          |                                      |          |                                                        |                                    |                                                      |                                   |            |  |
| May               | 426.6                     | 394.8      | 11.9                                          | 10.8       | 141.4                                     | 1,203.6  | 1,175.7                               | 32.9     | 31.7                                 | 510.4    | 496.9                                                  | 585.4                              | 550.5                                                | 852.7                             | 813.2      |  |
| June              | 484.6                     | 414.9      | 12.8                                          | 12.2       | 209.6                                     |          |                                       |          |                                      |          |                                                        |                                    |                                                      |                                   |            |  |
| 1975-76 - July    | 461.1                     | 400.2      | 12.5                                          | 11.2       | 133.8                                     | 1,345.8  | 1,322.2                               | 35.1     | 34.1                                 | 551.0    | 560.9                                                  | 545.5                              | 549.5                                                | 814.8                             | 826.9      |  |
| August            | 359.6                     | 395.0      | 10.4                                          | 10.5       | 79.5                                      |          |                                       |          |                                      |          |                                                        |                                    |                                                      |                                   |            |  |
| September         | 530.4                     | 527.9      | 12.4                                          | 11.6       | 168.8                                     |          |                                       |          |                                      |          |                                                        |                                    |                                                      |                                   |            |  |
| October           | 401.6                     | 370.1      | 12.1                                          | 11.5       | 72.4                                      |          |                                       |          |                                      |          |                                                        |                                    |                                                      |                                   |            |  |
| November          | 405.5                     | 418.5      | 12.4                                          | 12.5       | 73.7                                      | 1,060.8  | 1,105.5                               | 31.4     | 32.7                                 | 330.5    | 339.5                                                  | 582.1                              | 532.7                                                | 858.6                             | 802.8      |  |
| December          | 405.2                     | 431.0      | 12.0                                          | 12.7       | 63.8                                      |          |                                       |          |                                      |          |                                                        |                                    |                                                      |                                   |            |  |
| January           | 343.2                     | 437.7      | 8.8                                           | 11.7       | 52.2                                      |          |                                       |          |                                      |          |                                                        |                                    |                                                      |                                   |            |  |
| February          | 396.2                     | 426.5      | 11.7                                          | 12.8       | 65.7                                      |          |                                       |          |                                      |          |                                                        |                                    |                                                      |                                   |            |  |
| March             | 476.9                     | 437.0      | 13.6                                          | 12.0       | 88.0                                      | 1,088.8  | 1,098.8                               | 33.3     | 32.5                                 | 519.8    | 509.8                                                  | 397.0                              | 464.6                                                | 796.7                             | 891.2      |  |
| April             | 482.3                     | 531.4      | 12.2                                          | 13.3       | 109.8                                     |          |                                       |          |                                      |          |                                                        |                                    |                                                      |                                   |            |  |

For the figures on building and other capital expenditure, see the Statistical Tables of the Department of Statistics, Wellington, New Zealand.

## FINANCE

## Major Trading Banks †

| Month             | Savings banks † |            | Housing<br>loans<br>\$m | Deposits<br>\$m |            | Advances<br>\$m |            | New and<br>increased<br>lending<br>commit-<br>ments<br>\$m | Finance<br>companies,<br>balances<br>outstanding<br>(a)<br>\$m | Common-<br>wealth<br>bond yield<br>short dated<br>Per cent | Listed companies<br>new money raised<br>\$m |          | Taxation revenue,<br>Commonwealth and<br>State consolidated<br>revenue funds<br>\$m |            |          |            |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|
|                   | Deposits<br>\$m |            |                         | Original        | Seas. adj. | Original        | Seas. adj. |                                                            |                                                                |                                                            | Original                                    | Original | Original                                                                            | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. |
|                   | Original        | Seas. adj. |                         |                 |            |                 |            |                                                            |                                                                |                                                            |                                             |          |                                                                                     |            |          |            |
| 1974-75 – January | 12,012          | 12,025     | 4,038                   | 13,179          | 12,640     | 9,504           | 9,620      | 89.2                                                       | 8,153                                                          | 8.20                                                       | 255.9                                       | 311.4    | {                                                                                   | 1,305      | 1,379    |            |
| February          | 12,184          | 12,214     | 4,158                   | 13,628          | 12,928     | 9,526           | 9,732      | 108.0                                                      | 8,128                                                          | 8.10                                                       |                                             |          |                                                                                     |            |          |            |
| March             | 12,218          | 12,309     | 4,315                   | 13,983          | 13,432     | 9,485           | 9,632      | 132.4                                                      | 8,125                                                          | 8.12                                                       |                                             |          |                                                                                     |            |          |            |
| April             | 12,259          | 12,437     | 4,460                   | 14,159          | 13,788     | 9,643           | 9,517      | 126.7                                                      | 8,090                                                          | 8.24                                                       |                                             |          |                                                                                     |            |          |            |
| May               | 12,407          | 12,590     | 4,583                   | 13,700          | 13,848     | 9,913           | 9,709      | 129.0                                                      | 8,075                                                          | 8.18                                                       |                                             |          |                                                                                     |            |          |            |
| June              | 12,790          | 12,828     | 4,717                   | 13,665          | 14,189     | 9,932           | 9,743      | 115.2                                                      | 8,105                                                          | 8.30                                                       | 279.6                                       | 306.7    | {                                                                                   | 2,787      | 1,372    |            |
|                   |                 |            |                         |                 |            |                 |            |                                                            |                                                                |                                                            |                                             |          | {                                                                                   | 1,807      | 1,375    |            |
| 1975-76 – July    | 12,946          | 12,920     | 4,826                   | 13,910          | 14,547     | 10,046          | 9,870      | 100.4                                                      | 8,094                                                          | 8.22                                                       | 286.9                                       | 282.5    | {                                                                                   | 1,081      | 1,379    |            |
| August            | 13,198          | 13,103     | 4,909                   | 14,179          | 14,782     | 10,014          | 10,005     | 90.8                                                       | 8,176                                                          | 8.23                                                       |                                             |          |                                                                                     |            |          |            |
| September         | 13,442          | 13,591     | 5,016                   | 14,497          | 14,935     | 10,057          | 10,107     | 93.3                                                       | 8,240                                                          | 8.22                                                       |                                             |          |                                                                                     |            |          |            |
| October           | 13,744          | 13,557     | 5,170                   | 14,943          | 15,112     | 10,195          | 10,166     | 102.3                                                      | 8,401                                                          | 8.31                                                       |                                             |          |                                                                                     |            |          |            |
| November          | 13,804          | 13,688     | 5,255                   | 15,067          | 15,182     | 10,072          | 10,185     | 101.1                                                      | 8,480                                                          | 8.26                                                       |                                             |          |                                                                                     |            |          |            |
| December          | 14,006          | 13,976     | 5,395                   | 15,500          | 15,230     | 10,177          | 10,293     | 99.0                                                       | 8,543                                                          | 8.20                                                       | 360.5                                       | 287.2    | {                                                                                   | 1,658      | 1,451    |            |
| January           | 14,044          | 14,043     | 5,437                   | 15,679          | 15,087     | 10,290          | 10,416     | 98.5                                                       | 8,525                                                          | 8.32                                                       | 244.6                                       | 296.2    | {                                                                                   | 1,604      | 1,481    |            |
| February          | 14,150          | 14,166     | 5,525                   | 15,536          | 14,748     | 10,169          | 10,386     | 96.5                                                       | 8,609                                                          | 8.28                                                       |                                             |          |                                                                                     |            |          |            |
| March             | 14,277          | 14,331     | 5,712                   | 15,770          | 15,234     | 10,306          | 10,462     | 119.4                                                      | 8,700                                                          | 8.27                                                       |                                             |          |                                                                                     |            |          |            |
| April             |                 |            |                         | 15,779          | 15,399     | 10,795          | 10,653     | 121.0                                                      |                                                                | 8.24                                                       |                                             |          |                                                                                     |            |          |            |

(a) Contracts including charges, plus contracts excluding charges. Amounts shown are intended to provide a broad overall measure of total balances outstanding; however, movements may be affected by changes in the proportion of the two components to the total. For further details see the monthly publication *Finance Companies*, (Reference No. 5.14).

† Includes external territories.

# NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

|                               |           | Final consumption expenditure                  |            |                                      |            |                               |            |                                        |            |                                                  |            | Gross fixed capital expenditure |                                       |                                    |            |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|
|                               |           | Gross domestic product<br>\$m                  |            | Gross farm product<br>\$m            |            | Gross non-farm product<br>\$m |            | Private<br>\$m                         |            | Government<br>\$m                                |            | Private<br>\$m                  |                                       | Public<br>\$m                      |            |
| Quarter                       |           | Original                                       | Seas. adj. | Original                             | Seas. adj. | Original                      | Seas. adj. | Original                               | Seas. adj. | Original                                         | Seas. adj. | Original                        | Seas. adj.                            | Original                           | Seas. adj. |
| AT CURRENT PRICES             |           |                                                |            |                                      |            |                               |            |                                        |            |                                                  |            |                                 |                                       |                                    |            |
| 1974-75                       | December  | 16,255                                         | 14,623     | 1,608                                | 886        | 14,647                        | 13,737     | 8,867                                  | 8,397      | 2,297                                            | 2,199      | 2,264                           | 2,138                                 | 1,384                              | 1,316      |
|                               | March     | 14,168                                         | 14,755     | 1,037                                | 898        | 13,131                        | 13,857     | 8,428                                  | 8,810      | 2,198                                            | 2,374      | 1,970                           | 2,205                                 | 1,245                              | 1,380      |
|                               | June      | 15,055                                         | 14,716     | 327                                  | 879        | 14,728                        | 14,837     | 9,201                                  | 9,251      | 2,621                                            | 2,490      | 2,423                           | 2,323                                 | 1,693                              | 1,487      |
| 1975-76                       | September | 15,829                                         | 16,227     | 621                                  | 918        | 15,208                        | 15,309     | 9,451                                  | 9,531      | 2,552                                            | 2,614      | 2,433                           | 2,424                                 | 1,401                              | 1,545      |
|                               | December  | 18,987                                         | 16,909     | 1,874                                | 912        | 17,113                        | 15,997     | 10,455                                 | 9,903      | 2,909                                            | 2,781      | 2,616                           | 2,475                                 | 1,664                              | 1,576      |
|                               | March     | 16,746                                         | 17,550     | 904                                  | 992        | 15,842                        | 16,547     | 9,844                                  | 10,277     | 2,607                                            | 2,815      | 2,354                           | 2,623                                 | 1,326                              | 1,479      |
| AT AVERAGE 1966-67 PRICES     |           |                                                |            |                                      |            |                               |            |                                        |            |                                                  |            |                                 |                                       |                                    |            |
| 1974-75                       | December  | 8,947                                          | 8,055      | 1,141                                | 721        | 7,806                         | 7,334      | 5,281                                  | 5,027      | 982                                              | 963        | 1,256                           | 1,192                                 | 741                                | 709        |
|                               | March     | 7,706                                          | 8,057      | 807                                  | 740        | 6,899                         | 7,317      | 4,883                                  | 5,102      | 910                                              | 975        | 1,058                           | 1,174                                 | 651                                | 715        |
|                               | June      | 7,849                                          | 8,189      | 403                                  | 714        | 7,446                         | 7,476      | 5,193                                  | 5,197      | 1,066                                            | 1,005      | 1,269                           | 1,213                                 | 847                                | 750        |
| 1975-76                       | September | 7,943                                          | 8,141      | 593                                  | 767        | 7,350                         | 7,374      | 5,124                                  | 5,170      | 1,004                                            | 1,018      | 1,221                           | 1,222                                 | 685                                | 752        |
|                               | December  | 9,038                                          | 8,063      | 1,265                                | 757        | 7,773                         | 7,306      | 5,408                                  | 5,145      | 1,056                                            | 1,035      | 1,261                           | 1,199                                 | 781                                | 745        |
|                               | March     | 7,854                                          | 8,321      | 729                                  | 788        | 7,125                         | 7,433      | 4,952                                  | 5,150      | 942                                              | 1,009      | 1,104                           | 1,222                                 | 601                                | 661        |
| AT CURRENT PRICES - continued |           |                                                |            |                                      |            |                               |            |                                        |            |                                                  |            |                                 |                                       |                                    |            |
|                               |           | Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises |            |                                      |            |                               |            | Wages, salaries and supplements<br>\$m |            | Income of farm unincorporated enterprises<br>\$m |            | Other household income<br>\$m   | Less direct taxes, etc.<br>(a)<br>\$m | Household disposable income<br>\$m |            |
| Quarter                       |           | Imports of goods and services<br>\$m           |            | Exports of goods and services<br>\$m |            | Companies<br>\$m              |            | Other<br>\$m                           |            |                                                  |            |                                 |                                       |                                    |            |
|                               |           | Original                                       | Seas. adj. | Original                             | Seas. adj. | Original                      | Seas. adj. | Original                               | Seas. adj. | Original                                         | Seas. adj. | Original                        | Original                              | Original                           | Original   |
| 1974-75                       | December  | 2,676                                          | 2,635      | 2,555                                | 2,442      | 1,844                         | 1,604      | 3,754                                  | 2,829      | 9,201                                            | 8,757      | not yet available               |                                       |                                    |            |
|                               | March     | 2,314                                          | 2,401      | 2,475                                | 2,509      | 1,208                         | 1,369      | 2,927                                  | 2,935      | 8,538                                            | 8,968      |                                 |                                       |                                    |            |
|                               | June      | 2,348                                          | 2,375      | 2,591                                | 2,615      | 1,802                         | 1,887      | 2,293                                  | 3,024      | 9,237                                            | 9,173      |                                 |                                       |                                    |            |
| 1975-76                       | September | 2,489                                          | 2,409      | 2,471                                | 2,541      | 1,769                         | 1,747      | 3,049                                  | 3,225      | 9,412                                            | 9,523      | not yet available               |                                       |                                    |            |
|                               | December  | 2,509                                          | 2,479      | 2,696                                | 2,566      | 2,122                         | 1,848      | 4,567                                  | 3,344      | 10,480                                           | 9,932      |                                 |                                       |                                    |            |
|                               | March     | 2,672                                          | 2,774      | 2,731                                | 2,759      | 1,527                         | 1,727      | 3,292                                  | 3,568      | 9,870                                            | 10,193     |                                 |                                       |                                    |            |

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid or payable by persons to general government. These include income tax payable and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

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# LABOUR FORCE (a)

# UNEMPLOYMENT AND JOB VACANCIES

| Month     | Labour force male civilian '000 |            | Labour force, married women civilian '000 |            | Labour force, total civilian '000 persons |            | Unemployed persons '000 |            | Persons registered for employment (b) '000 |            | Unemployment benefit number on (c) '000 persons |            | Job vacancies registered (b) '000 |            |
|-----------|---------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
|           | Original                        | Seas. adj. | Original                                  | Seas. adj. | Original                                  | Seas. adj. | Original                | Seas. adj. | Original                                   | Seas. adj. | Original                                        | Seas. adj. | Original                          | Seas. adj. |
| 1974-75   |                                 |            |                                           |            |                                           |            |                         |            |                                            |            |                                                 |            |                                   |            |
| January   |                                 |            |                                           |            |                                           |            |                         |            | 311.6                                      | 235.8      | 182.3                                           | 134.4      | 42.5                              | 35.0       |
| February  | (d)3,916.8                      | (d)3,892.3 | (d)1,289.7                                | (d)1,294.5 | (d)5,976.5                                | (d)5,938.0 | (d)272.4                | (d)222.3   | 297.7                                      | 249.7      | 184.2                                           | 157.0      | 38.4                              | 33.8       |
| March     |                                 |            |                                           |            |                                           |            |                         |            | 270.8                                      | 262.2      | 157.5                                           | 157.4      | 34.5                              | 33.1       |
| April     |                                 |            |                                           |            |                                           |            |                         |            | 265.4                                      | 276.9      | 165.1                                           | 165.1      | 31.3                              | 32.0       |
| May       | 3,896.3                         | 3,897.3    | 1,288.6                                   | 1,295.7    | 5,940.1                                   | 5,955.6    | 229.6                   | 259.5      | 248.1                                      | 269.6      | 159.0                                           | 166.6      | 28.8                              | 30.2       |
| June      |                                 |            |                                           |            |                                           |            |                         |            | 246.0                                      | 270.4      | 160.7                                           | 168.7      | 25.5                              | 29.0       |
| 1975-76   |                                 |            |                                           |            |                                           |            |                         |            |                                            |            |                                                 |            |                                   |            |
| July      |                                 |            |                                           |            |                                           |            |                         |            | 251.6                                      | 286.2      | 169.6                                           | 179.1      | 25.5                              | 29.8       |
| August    | 3,872.7                         | 3,893.6    | 1,293.0                                   | 1,299.7    | 5,921.5                                   | 5,961.1    | 233.5                   | 295.3      | 248.2                                      | 296.7      | 170.9                                           | 192.6      | 26.2                              | 29.2       |
| September |                                 |            |                                           |            |                                           |            |                         |            | 246.1                                      | 303.9      | 179.9                                           | 214.8      | 26.0                              | 27.4       |
| October   |                                 |            |                                           |            |                                           |            |                         |            | 247.2                                      | 305.5      | 176.5                                           | 221.6      | 25.0                              | 24.4       |
| November  | 3,918.9                         | 3,921.5    | 1,356.4                                   | 1,337.3    | 6,078.2                                   | 6,061.5    | 279.1                   | 277.2      | 265.6                                      | 281.8      | 184.5                                           | 214.5      | 28.4                              | 27.9       |
| December  |                                 |            |                                           |            |                                           |            |                         |            | 328.7                                      | 278.4      | 231.3                                           | 191.8      | 29.3                              | 28.1       |
| January   |                                 |            |                                           |            |                                           |            |                         |            | 343.9                                      | 257.7      | 248.6                                           | 182.7      | 35.2                              | 29.1       |
| February  | 3,959.2                         | 3,934.3    | 1,345.2                                   | 1,349.9    | 6,094.6                                   | 6,055.0    | 273.3                   | 222.8      | 303.7                                      | 252.3      | 215.3                                           | 184.1      | 31.0                              | 27.1       |
| March     |                                 |            |                                           |            |                                           |            |                         |            | 278.0                                      | 268.9      | 192.0                                           | 191.4      | 23.0                              | 21.8       |
| April     |                                 |            |                                           |            |                                           |            |                         |            | 268.0                                      | 281.8      | 178.8                                           | 175.0      | 7                                 | 22.0       |

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Registered with Commonwealth Employment Service at Friday nearest the end of the month. (c) At Saturday nearest the end of month up to February 1976. (d) Excludes Darwin.

## CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a)

| Month     | Total civilian employees '000 |            |          |            |            |            | Private/Government '000 persons |            |            |            |          |            | Principal industries '000 persons |            |                            |            |
|-----------|-------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|------------|-----------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|
|           | Males                         |            | Females  |            | Persons    |            | Private                         |            | Government |            | Original | Seas. adj. | Manufacturing                     |            | Wholesale and Retail Trade |            |
|           | Original                      | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original   | Seas. adj. | Original                        | Seas. adj. | Original   | Seas. adj. |          |            | Original                          | Seas. adj. | Original                   | Seas. adj. |
| 1974-75   |                               |            |          |            |            |            |                                 |            |            |            |          |            |                                   |            |                            |            |
| September | 3,044.8                       | 3,057.2    | 1,721.1  | 1,724.7    | 4,765.9    | 4,782.1    | 3,449.6                         | 3,558.8    | 1,216.3    | 1,220.3    | 1,297.9  | 1,301.6    | 958.1                             | 964.1      |                            |            |
| October   | 3,044.1                       | 3,058.5    | 1,718.0  | 1,718.4    | 4,762.1    | 4,776.9    | 3,541.7                         | 3,558.8    | 1,220.4    | 1,227.7    | 1,283.1  | 1,284.2    | 964.1                             | 966.2      |                            |            |
| November  | 3,041.9                       | 3,037.3    | 1,712.7  | 1,703.7    | 4,754.6    | 4,737.2    | 3,529.9                         | 3,505.1    | 1,224.7    | 1,230.7    | 1,265.5  | 1,258.5    | 967.8                             | 955.0      |                            |            |
| December  | 3,029.4                       | 3,021.8    | 1,691.6  | 1,689.8    | 4,721.0    | 4,711.0    | 3,492.9                         | 3,480.6    | 1,228.2    | 1,231.4    | 1,239.4  | 1,242.4    | 964.3                             | 945.7      |                            |            |
| January   | 3,015.9                       | 3,018.5    | 1,662.8  | 1,685.6    | 4,678.7    | 4,705.0    | 3,455.3                         | 3,467.7    | 1,223.4    | 1,234.5    | 1,225.6  | 1,230.7    | 946.0                             | 950.8      |                            |            |
| February  | 3,028.6                       | 3,017.7    | 1,686.6  | 1,688.1    | 4,715.2    | 4,705.3    | 3,462.8                         | 3,455.8    | 1,252.4    | 1,248.1    | 1,233.4  | 1,219.3    | 947.5                             | 951.8      |                            |            |
| March     | 3,031.8                       | 3,019.8    | 1,693.0  | 1,682.9    | 4,724.8    | 4,706.4    | 3,459.4                         | 3,444.6    | 1,265.4    | 1,256.4    | 1,216.7  | 1,210.5    | 949.6                             | 950.4      |                            |            |
| April     | (b)3,032.9                    | (b)3,030.3 | 1,702.0  | 1,695.4    | (b)4,734.9 | 4,725.7    | 3,462.6                         | 3,458.6    | (b)1,269.6 | (b)1,263.7 | 1,213.4  | 1,212.7    | 955.1                             | 956.4      |                            |            |
| May       | 3,047.3                       | 3,038.3    | 1,704.8  | 1,698.4    | 4,752.0    | 4,736.2    | 3,467.1                         | 3,458.6    | 1,289.4    | 1,282.4    | 1,208.4  | 1,207.1    | 955.9                             | 953.5      |                            |            |
| June      | (b)3,043.5                    | (b)3,043.0 | 1,709.2  | 1,704.8    | (b)4,752.7 | (b)4,748.0 | (b)3,457.1                      | (b)3,460.2 | 1,295.5    | 1,290.0    | 1,204.8  | 1,203.6    | 955.7                             | 954.9      |                            |            |
| 1975-76   |                               |            |          |            |            |            |                                 |            |            |            |          |            |                                   |            |                            |            |
| July      | (b)3,028.5                    | (b)3,036.7 | 1,712.2  | 1,715.6    | (b)4,740.7 | (b)4,751.8 | (b)3,444.9                      | (b)3,464.1 | 1,295.8    | 1,293.9    | 1,202.7  | 1,206.6    | 955.3                             | 962.5      |                            |            |
| August    | 3,015.0                       | 3,024.9    | 1,713.6  | 1,719.4    | 4,728.6    | 4,743.1    | 3,436.8                         | 3,454.7    | 1,291.8    | 1,292.6    | 1,199.7  | 1,203.3    | 951.5                             | 959.7      |                            |            |
| September | 3,006.0                       | 3,020.1    | 1,718.5  | 1,722.0    | 4,724.5    | 4,742.4    | 3,440.9                         | 3,449.5    | 1,285.6    | 1,289.7    | 1,200.3  | 1,203.7    | 954.8                             | 960.8      |                            |            |
| October   | 3,004.2                       | 3,018.4    | 1,725.5  | 1,725.9    | 4,729.8    | 4,744.6    | 3,448.3                         | 3,454.2    | 1,281.4    | 1,289.1    | 1,204.5  | 1,205.5    | 960.0                             | 962.1      |                            |            |
| November  | 3,000.2                       | 2,995.6    | 1,732.4  | 1,723.5    | 4,732.6    | 4,715.1    | 3,454.6                         | 3,430.1    | 1,278.0    | 1,284.3    | 1,207.0  | 1,200.2    | 965.7                             | 952.9      |                            |            |
| December  | 2,996.2                       | 2,988.8    | 1,719.6  | 1,718.0    | 4,715.8    | 4,706.2    | 3,447.8                         | 3,436.0    | 1,268.1    | 1,271.5    | 1,200.6  | 1,203.6    | 968.4                             | 949.8      |                            |            |

(a) The estimates contained in this table are based on benchmarks established by analysing data from the 1971 population census and other relevant sources. Employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and defence forces are excluded. (b) Affected by industrial disputes.



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