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AUSTRALIAN BANKING STATISTICS, BANKING ACT 1959

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - DECEMBER, 1963

Tables 1 and 2 of this statement have been prepared from returns submitted under the Banking Act and contain the averages of selected liabilities and assets within Australia of the Trading Banks as at the close of business on Wednesdays in December, 1963. The figures are preliminary and subject to confirmation or amendment when the statement of Average Liabilities and Assets is published in the Commonwealth Gazette. Totals for November, 1963, are included for comparative purposes.

Table 3 of this statement shows details for the Trading Banks of New and Increased Lending Commitments (weekly averages for periods ended second Wednesday) and Overdraft Limits (as at second Wednesday in the month). This information is compiled by the Reserve Bank. For a fuller description of these items see Australian Banking Statistics : Monthly Bulletin No. 218, October, 1963.

TABLE 1. - LIABILITIES

(£'000)

(2000)

Bank	Deposits				Balances due to other Banks (a)	Bills Payable and all other Liabilities to Public	Total Liabilities
	Fixed	Current		Total			
		Bearing Interest	Not Bearing Interest				
Commonwealth Trading Bank	113,568	19,282	211,963	344,813	2,039	5,098	351,950
Australia and New Zealand Bank	80,399	11,732	200,815	292,946	2,081	2,992	298,019
The Bank of Adelaide	13,718	1,518	23,551	38,787	1,265	305	40,357
Bank of New South Wales	158,614	36,392	319,381	514,387	721	8,073	523,181
The Commercial Bank of Australia	64,919	8,596	131,631	205,146	1,864	4,110	211,120
The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	66,965	17,362	131,642	215,969	1,433	12,882	230,284
The English, Scottish and Australian Bank	42,659	10,457	117,674	170,790	364	9,691	180,845
The National Bank of Australasia	119,693	25,271	184,754	329,718	1,420	2,781	333,919
<u>Total : December, 1963</u>	660,535	130,610	1,321,411	2,112,556	11,187	45,932	2,169,675
<u>Total : November, 1963</u>	653,844	135,227	1,271,388	2,060,459	11,643	41,434	2,113,536

(a) Includes short-term loans from the Reserve Bank.

NOTE: Averages for December calculated from returns for three weeks only. Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for the fourth Wednesday.

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TABLE 2. - ASSETS

(£'000)

Bank	Coin, Bullion and Notes	Cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government Securities			Loans to Authorized Dealers in the short-term money market	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank	Loans (other than those to authorized dealers in the short-term money market), advances and bills discounted	All Other Assets (a)	Total Assets
			Treasury Bills	Treasury Notes	Other Securities					
Commonwealth Trading Bank	12,201	704	333	3,389	78,118	9,213	36,262	178,374	34,130	352,724
Australia and New Zealand Bank	12,240	828	..	12,784	40,257	7,704	30,135	157,907	24,459	286,314
The Bank of Adelaide	1,381	39	..	..	6,447	580	3,986	20,145	6,061	38,639
Bank of New South Wales	14,830	554	..	20,367	123,540	2,160	53,928	273,617	39,193	528,189
The Commercial Bank of Australia	7,166	1,023	..	3,750	35,894	6,204	21,582	115,557	17,109	208,285
The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	7,278	602	..	17,092	41,477	4,551	22,652	108,207	21,744	223,603
The English, Scottish and Australian Bank	7,032	887	..	1,667	39,835	3,013	17,746	84,575	18,187	172,942
The National Bank of Australasia	11,062	625	..	7,353	79,013	2,078	34,345	159,894	33,841	328,211
Total: December, 1963	73,190	5,262	333	66,402	444,581	35,503	220,636	(b) 1,098,276	194,724	2,138,907
Total: November, 1963	60,674	5,380	625	69,099	426,167	36,841	215,477	(b) 1,104,372	189,407	2,108,042

(a) Includes Term Loan Fund Accounts with Reserve Bank. (b) Includes temporary advances to woolbuyers, November, £63,365,000; December, £71,976,000 and term loans outstanding November, £37,344,000; December, £40,466,000.

TABLE 3. - NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS AND OVERDRAFT LIMITS (see paragraph 2 page 1)

New and Increased Lending Commitments .. November, 1963 - £million 10.4; December, 1963 - £million 10.9.
Overdraft Limits .. November, 1963 - £million 1,873.4; December, 1963 - £million 1,882.7.

NOTE: See Note at foot of page 1.

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