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ECONOMIC INDICATORS, QUEENSLAND, DECEMBER 1989

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MAIN FEATURES

National Accounts (Page 2)

Seasonally adjusted Gross National Product (current prices) for September quarter 1989 increased by 1.8 per cent from that of June quarter 1989 compared with an increase of 2.4 per cent from March quarter to June quarter 1989.

Employment and Unemployment (Page 4)

The number of persons employed in Queensland increased by 7.7 per cent to 1,323,300 over the year to November 1989. The unemployment rate for November 1989 was 6.1 per cent, compared with 6.5 per cent for October 1989 and 6.8 per cent for November 1988.

Dwelling Units Approved (Page 6)

The number of dwelling units approved in Queensland, in trend estimate terms, decreased by 3.7 per cent between September 1989 and October 1989 and by 30.7 per cent between October 1988 and October 1989.

Price Index of Materials Used in House Building (Page 6)

The Price Index of Materials Used in House Building for Brisbane increased by 9.0 per cent between September 1988 and September 1989. The increase between August and September 1989 was 0.6 per cent.

Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building (Page 6)

The All Groups Price Index of Materials Used in Other Than House Building for Brisbane increased by 10.2 per cent between September 1988 and September 1989. The increase between August 1989 and September 1989 was 1.6 per cent.

New Motor Vehicle Registrations (Page 7)

Total new motor vehicle registrations in Queensland, in trend estimate terms, increased by 2.0 per cent between September 1989 and October 1989 and increased by 9.2 per cent between October 1988 and October 1989.

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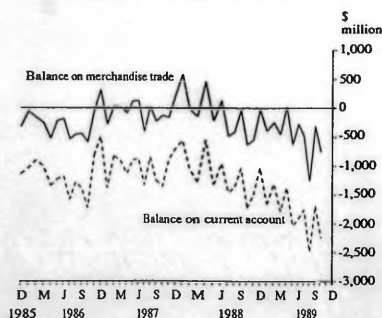
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AGGREGATE INDICATORS

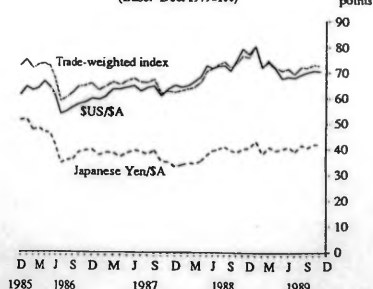
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1989							
Balance of payments, Australia							%
Exports	\$m	October	3,989	4,006	3,989	3,419	+16.7
Imports	\$m	October	4,740	4,321	5,244	4,050	+17.0
Balance on merchandise trade	\$m	October	-751	-315	-1,255	-484	..
Balance on goods and services	\$m	October	-1,171	-781	-1,646	-913	..
Net income and unrequited transfers	\$m	October	-1,071	-912	-825	-854	-877
Balance on current account	\$m	October	-2,242	-1,693	-2,471	-1,767	-1,725
Trade and foreign investment							
Foreign trade, Queensland (a)							
Exports	\$m	September	921.7	915.9	896.8	864.8	748.9
Imports	\$m	September	393.3	384.0	341.5	356.7	260.4
Foreign investment in Australia							
Official	\$m	June qtr	-2,112	933	2,201	-220	-131
Non-official	\$m	June qtr	5,946	8,491	3,535	7,335	7,195
Export Price Index: All groups (Base: 1974-75 = 100)	Index No.	September	297	299	304	301	280
Import Price Index: All groups (Base: 1981-82 = 100.0)	Index No.	June qtr	156.2	147.9	149.9	152.5	159.6
National accounts: Main aggregates, Australia, percentage changes (current prices, seasonally adjusted)							
Final consumption expenditure							
Private	%	Sept. qtr	2.2	3.1	3.8	2.8	2.4
Government	%	Sept. qtr	2.0	5.4	1.2	1.9	2.8
Gross fixed capital expenditure	%	Sept. qtr	1.6	4.1	3.7	9.7	2.9
Exports of goods and services	%	Sept. qtr	2.5	7.0	1.8	1.5	1.4
Imports of goods and services	%	Sept. qtr	1.9	8.0	5.7	8.3	1.9
Gross farm product	%	Sept. qtr	20.8	-5.9	-2.1	-3.8	15.6
Gross non-farm product	%	Sept. qtr	1.1	2.8	4.9	3.9	1.4
Gross domestic product	%	Sept. qtr	1.8	2.4	4.6	3.6	2.0
Exchange rate levels at end of period (b)							
SUS/\$A		November	0.7815	0.7831	0.7764	0.7656	0.8781
Yen/\$A		November	111.78	111.58	108.23	110.44	106.91
Trade-weighted index of value of \$A (Base: May 1970 = 100.0)		November	60.4	60.7	59.8	60.0	63.7

(a) From January 1988, foreign trade data are based on the Harmonised Commodity Description Coding System, not the Standard International Trade Classification (Revision 2), as previously. (b) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. .. Not applicable.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, AUSTRALIA



MOVEMENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR AGAINST SELECTED CURRENCIES AND IN THE TRADE-WEIGHTED INDEX (Base: Dec. 1979=100)

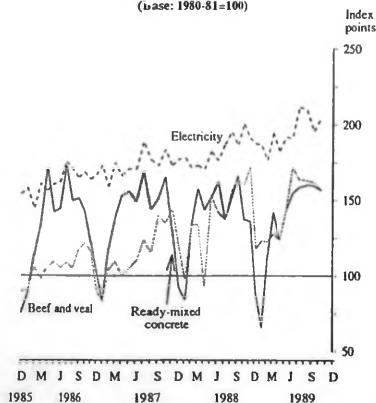


PRODUCTION

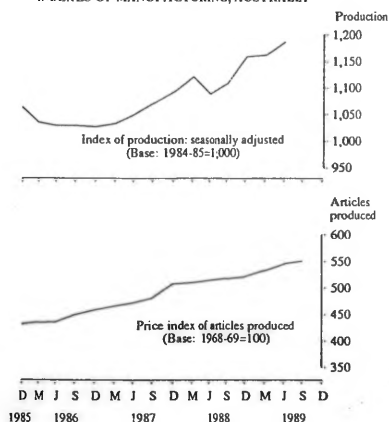
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Selected production statistics, <i>Queensland</i>								
Black coal (saleable) (a)	'000 tonnes	Sept. qtr	17,885	19,301	16,767	19,655	18,394	-2.8
Beef and veal	'000 tonnes	October	56.8	57.8	58.0	57.5	50.0	+13.6
Wheat flour	tonnes	October	15,194	15,904	17,984	15,687	14,294	+6.3
Electricity generated	m kWh	October	2,286.7	2,190.2	2,349.8	2,361.2	2,237.1	+2.2
Clay bricks	'000	October	31,693	21,774	30,105	26,917	25,663	+23.5
Ready-mixed concrete	'000 cu m	October	371.8	384.6	387.2	388.6	381.0	-2.4
Log timber processed	'000 cu m	June qtr	401.0	360.7	402.8	404.0	343.5	+16.8
Quarterly index of manufacturing production, <i>Australia</i> (Base: 1984-85 = 1,000)								
Food, beverages and tobacco	Index No.	June qtr	1,067	1,124	1,225	1,086	1,039	+2.7
Chemicals, petroleum and coal products	Index No.	June qtr	1,426	1,374	1,374	1,386	1,348	+5.8
Basic metal products	Index No.	June qtr	1,234	1,151	1,183	1,130	1,102	+12.0
Transport equipment	Index No.	June qtr	1,001	776	994	926	908	+10.2
All groups	Index No.	June qtr	1,180	1,082	1,205	1,147	1,083	+9.0
Price indexes of articles produced by manufacturing industry, <i>Australia</i> (Base: 1968-69 = 100.0)								
Food, beverages and tobacco	Index No.	September	511.9	510.9	510.4	506.6	480.2	+6.6
Chemicals, petroleum and coal products	Index No.	September	517.9	523.6	526.3	521.3	488.7	+6.0
Basic metal products	Index No.	September	549.0	545.1	547.0	548.3	502.4	+9.3
Transport equipment	Index No.	September	587.2	583.7	578.5	573.5	555.5	+5.7
All groups	Index No.	September	550.7	549.0	548.5	545.4	517.2	+6.5
Price indexes of materials used in manufacturing industry, <i>Australia</i> (Base: 1984-85 = 100.0)								
Imported	Index No.	September	120.1	121.5	122.2	121.3	118.3	+1.5
Home produced	Index No.	September	116.4	117.9	118.9	119.1	109.9	+5.9
All materials	Index No.	September	117.7	119.2	120.1	119.9	112.8	+4.3

(a) Source: Queensland Coal Board. Periods vary: March quarter and September quarter, 12 weeks; June quarters, 14 weeks; December quarter 1988, 15 weeks.

INDEX OF VOLUME PRODUCED: SELECTED PRODUCTS, QUEENSLAND (base: 1980-81=100)



INDEXES OF MANUFACTURING, AUSTRALIA

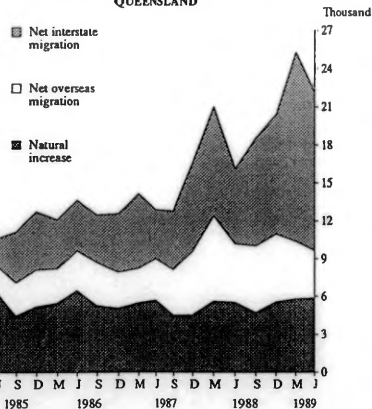


POPULATION, VITAL AND LABOUR STATISTICS, QUEENSLAND

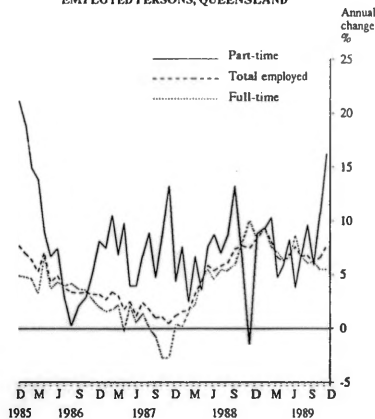
Indicator	Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Percentage change over year
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Estimated resident population at end of period	'000 June qtr	2,830.2	2,808.1	2,782.8	2,762.3	2,743.8	+3.2
Population increase during period							
Natural increase	No. June qtr	5,909	5,858	5,628	4,759	5,573	+6.0
Net estimated interstate migration	No. June qtr	12,453	14,897	9,455	8,539	5,946	+109.4
Net estimated overseas migration	No. June qtr	3,768	4,550	5,354	5,263	4,600	-18.1
Total	No. June qtr	22,130	25,305	20,437	18,561	16,119	+37.3
Short-term overseas movement							
Arrivals	'000 August	62.6	69.0	54.5	49.8	77.4	-19.1
Departures	'000 August	69.2	57.1	53.4	54.0	79.6	-13.0
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	'000 November	2,202.8	2,196.3	2,189.8	2,183.2	2,124.4	+3.7
Persons in the labour force	'000 November	1,408.7	1,396.8	1,396.7	1,371.6	1,318.1	+6.9
Employed persons	'000 November	1,323.3	1,305.7	1,303.1	1,281.2	1,228.5	+7.7
Full-time	'000 November	713.2	718.9	716.0	701.2	688.3	+3.6
Males	'000 November	317.0	310.6	306.9	301.8	287.9	+10.1
Females	'000 November	221.8	213.0	217.5	215.2	193.0	+14.9
Part-time	'000 November	610.3	587.8	587.1	580.0	540.6	+10.2
Males	'000 November	221.8	213.0	217.5	215.2	193.0	+14.9
Females	'000 November	388.5	374.8	369.6	364.8	347.6	+10.2
Unemployed persons	'000 November	85.5	91.1	93.5	90.4	89.7	-4.7
Males	'000 November	44.6	45.1	47.1	49.3	49.1	-9.2
Females	'000 November	40.9	46.0	46.4	41.2	40.6	+0.7
Unemployment rate							
Males	% November	5.4	5.4	5.7	6.1	6.2	..
Females	% November	7.1	8.1	8.1	7.4	7.8	..
Persons	% November	6.1	6.5	6.7	6.6	6.8	..
Persons aged 15 to 19 years	% October	14.0	16.3	15.4	13.1	15.4	..

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COMPONENTS OF POPULATION INCREASE, QUEENSLAND



EMPLOYED PERSONS, QUEENSLAND

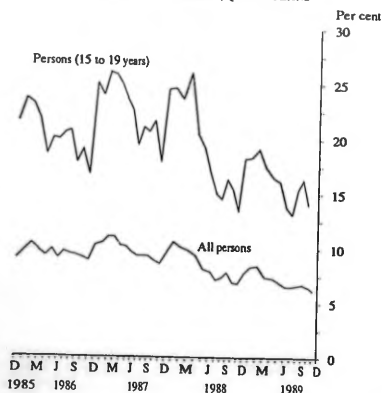


LABOUR STATISTICS, QUEENSLAND - continued

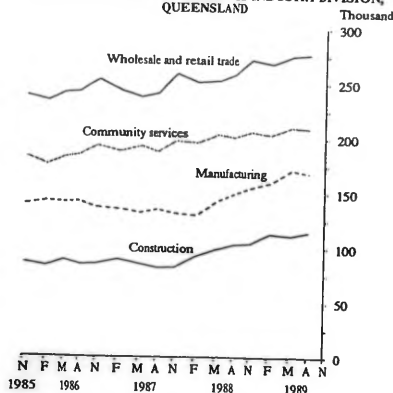
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				1989				
Participation rate: Persons	%	November	64.0	63.6	63.8	62.8	62.0	%
Males	%	November	75.9	76.0	76.1	75.2	75.7	..
Females	%	November	52.2	51.4	51.7	50.7	48.6	..
Industry of employed persons (a)								
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	'000	August	91.0	94.1	90.4	85.5	85.9	+5.9
Mining	'000	August	27.2	23.6	24.6	20.3	22.1	+23.1
Manufacturing	'000	August	168.5	171.4	160.1	155.2	149.5	+12.7
Electricity, gas and water	'000	August	14.0	16.4	15.1	12.1	14.4	-2.8
Construction	'000	August	115.0	111.4	113.2	104.4	103.2	+11.4
Wholesale and retail trade	'000	August	277.0	275.6	268.4	272.1	258.4	+7.2
Transport and storage	'000	August	77.7	76.3	76.8	79.7	77.3	+0.5
Communication	'000	August	23.5	21.3	20.0	22.1	22.7	+3.5
Finance, property and business services	'000	August	128.4	128.7	124.4	120.7	114.1	+12.5
Public administration and defence	'000	August	44.1	50.4	46.4	47.7	45.7	-3.5
Community services	'000	August	209.4	210.2	203.7	206.4	201.4	+4.0
Recreation, personal and other services	'000	August	105.4	103.4	99.1	102.2	104.5	+0.9
Total	'000	August	1,281.2	1,282.7	1,242.2	1,228.5	1,199.3	+6.8
Employed wage and salary earners								
Private	'000	June	683.0	685.5	680.0	679.8	588.7	+16.0
Government								
Commonwealth	'000	June	255.4	257.7	257.1	254.3	253.5	+0.7
State	'000	June	49.9	50.1	50.1	49.4	50.2	-0.6
Local	'000	June	177.5	179.5	179.2	177.6	176.5	+0.6
	'000	June	28.1	28.1	27.9	27.3	26.9	+4.5
Job vacancies (a)	'000	August	9.6	10.4	10.0	8.0	7.2	+33.9
Overtime, average hours per employee (a)	No.	August	1.47	1.53	1.35	1.45	1.34	+10.0
Industrial disputes: Working days lost	'000	August	10.2	4.0	5.2	3.8	12.8	-20.3

(a) Figures collected in a quarterly survey conducted in February, May, August and November. .. Not applicable.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, QUEENSLAND



EMPLOYED PERSONS BY SELECTED INDUSTRY DIVISION, QUEENSLAND

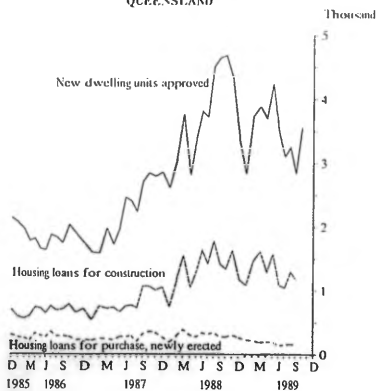


BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Percentage change over year
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1989								
Selected building statistics, Queensland								
Dwelling units approved								
New houses	No.	October	2,427	2,017	2,298	1,977	3,092	-21.5
New other residential buildings	No.	October	1,129	819	957	1,129	1,585	-28.8
Total residential buildings	No.	October	3,556	2,836	3,255	3,106	4,677	-24.0
Total residential buildings (trend estimate)	No.	October	2,830	2,940	3,089	3,294	4,084	-30.7
Value of all building approved	\$m	October	627.1	351.5	456.0	427.0	430.5	+45.7
Dwelling units commenced								
New houses	No.	June qtr	7,720	6,410	8,520	7,720	6,980	+10.6
New other residential buildings	No.	June qtr	3,319	3,323	3,817	3,167	2,942	+12.8
Value of all building commenced	\$m	June qtr	1,535.2	1,474.7	1,524.2	1,409.1	1,085.4	+41.4
Housing finance for owner occupation								
Savings banks	\$m	September	128.9	143.2	112.4	124.2	203.8	-36.8
Trading banks	\$m	September	13.3	16.2	11.8	14.7	18.6	-28.5
Permanent building societies	\$m	September	30.4	23.2	19.8	27.3	58.7	-48.2
Other lenders	\$m	September	41.8	46.3	40.3	29.9	21.2	+97.2
Total commitments	\$m	September	214.3	228.9	184.4	196.0	302.3	-29.1
Interest rates on new housing loans:								
Savings banks (a)	%	October	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	14.50	+17.2
Price indexes, Brisbane								
Materials used in house building (Base: 1985-86 = 100.0)								
All groups	Index No.	September	131.6	130.8	129.4	128.8	120.7	+9.0
Materials used in building other than house building (Base: 1979-80 = 100.0)								
Ready-mixed concrete	Index No.	September	213.9	208.4	204.9	200.6	195.3	+9.5
Structural steel	Index No.	September	216.5	215.6	212.6	210.5	202.9	+6.7
All groups	Index No.	September	228.7	225.2	223.7	222.2	207.6	+10.2

(a) Predominant rate.

NEW DWELLINGS AND LOANS APPROVED, QUEENSLAND



PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS, BRISBANE

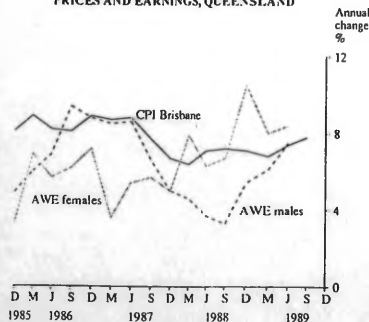


PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING

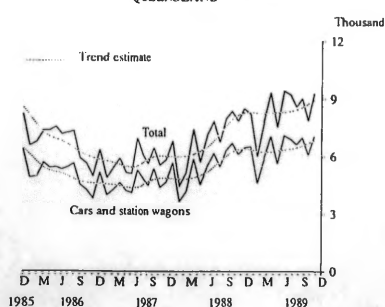
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1989								
Consumer Price Index, Brisbane (Base: 1980-81 = 100.0)								
Food	Index No.	Sept. qtr	186.8	183.8	177.6	173.4	172.3	+8.4
Housing	Index No.	Sept. qtr	195.7	186.6	179.0	180.0	171.5	+14.1
Transportation	Index No.	Sept. qtr	205.4	201.3	190.4	195.2	195.2	+5.2
All groups (a)	Index No.	Sept. qtr	194.5	191.0	186.4	183.7	180.5	+7.8
Average weekly earnings (full-time adult ordinary time), Queensland (b)								
Males	\$	May	501.80	488.70	483.60	472.10	466.80	+7.5
Females	\$	May	421.50	411.90	411.20	394.80	388.90	+8.4
Index of weekly award rates of pay, Queensland (Base: June 1985 = 100.0)								
Full-time adult employees								
Males	Index No.	October	123.4	123.2	122.6	122.6	118.7	+4.0
Females	Index No.	October	123.9	123.6	123.3	123.3	119.0	+4.2
Retail trade, Queensland								
Current prices								
Original series	\$m	September	1,167.3	1,122.3	1,106.2	1,129.2	1,055.6	+10.6
Trend estimate	\$m	September	1,160.9	1,152.9	1,143.0	1,132.1	1,049.4	+10.6
Short-term accommodation, Queensland								
Licensed hotels, motels etc. with facilities								
Rooms available	'000	Sept. qtr	35.6	35.8	34.9	34.7	33.5	+6.0
Room nights sold	'000	Sept. qtr	1,803	1,526	1,590	1,792	2,278	-20.9
Room occupancy rate	%	Sept. qtr	55.1	47.7	51.1	57.0	74.4	"
Takings from accommodation	\$m	Sept. qtr	125.3	105.8	113.8	133.0	166.6	-24.8
Self-contained units, flats and houses								
Units available	'000	Sept. qtr	15.1	14.6	14.4	14.7	14.8	+2.3
Unit nights occupied	'000	Sept. qtr	824	574	723	825	1,071	-23.1
Unit occupancy rate	%	Sept. qtr	59.9	43.8	57.1	61.4	79.5	"
Takings from accommodation	\$m	Sept. qtr	38.1	24.0	36.5	39.2	50.8	-25.0
New motor vehicle registrations, Queensland								
Cars and station wagons	No.	October	7,035	6,098	6,984	6,616	6,117	+15.0
Total (c)	No.	October	9,254	7,841	8,990	8,545	7,824	+18.3
Seasonally adjusted								
Cars and station wagons	No.	October	7,633	5,960	6,304	6,983	6,853	+11.4
Total (c)	No.	October	9,899	7,804	8,239	8,946	8,629	+14.7
Trend estimate								
Cars and station wagons	No.	October	6,824	6,695	6,565	6,461	6,359	+7.3
Total (c)	No.	October	8,875	8,697	8,527	8,394	8,128	+9.2

(a) Including also: clothing; household equipment and operation; tobacco and alcohol; health and personal care and recreation and education. (b) The last pay period ending on or before the third Friday of the month shown. (c) Excluding motor cycles, mobile equipment and trailers. .. Not applicable.

PRICES AND EARNINGS, QUEENSLAND



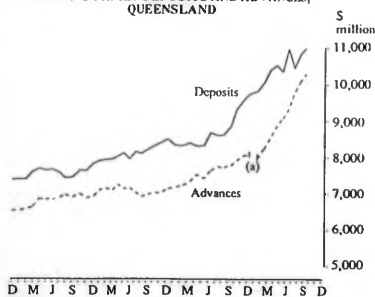
NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED, QUEENSLAND



BANKING AND FINANCE, QUEENSLAND

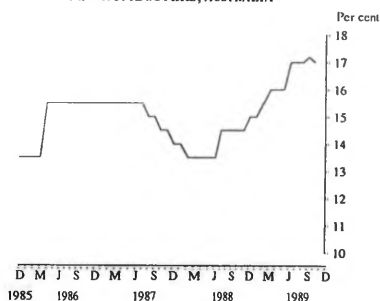
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1989								
Savings banks								%
Depositors' balances	\$m	September	9,954.7	9,807.9	9,735.1	9,687.0	8,893.8	+11.9
Depositors' balances per head of population	\$	September	3,517	3,465	3,440	3,423	3,241	+8.5
Trading banks								
Deposits	\$m	September	10,997.2	10,813.3	10,449.4	10,197.0	8,829.3	+24.6
Advances	\$m	September	10,278.5	10,070.0	9,779.0	9,321.0	7,777.6	+32.2
Building societies								
Lending operations								
Loans advanced	\$m	September	36.6	36.6	-38.9	38.1	71.4	-48.7
Lending commitments unused	\$m	September	56.9	53.2	58.8	70.9	106.8	-46.7
Borrowing operations								
Receipts	\$m	September	1,156.1	1,535.2	1,198.1	981.2	931.1	+24.2
Withdrawals	\$m	September	1,146.6	1,507.1	1,220.8	882.9	898.1	+27.7
Personal finance commitments								
All banks	\$m	August	201.7	161.4	178.7	226.4	202.7	-0.5
Credit co-operatives	\$m	August	27.7	25.3	27.7	33.4	25.5	+8.6
Finance companies	\$m	August	88.2	77.1	80.7	73.0	79.0	+11.6
Other	\$m	August	1.0	1.2	0.8	0.8	1.1	-9.1
Total	\$m	August	318.6	265.0	287.8	333.7	308.3	+3.3
Commercial finance commitments								
All banks	\$m	August	554.9	603.3	798.9	962.0	674.0	-17.7
Finance companies	\$m	August	193.7	238.0	288.8	259.1	227.7	-14.9
Money market corporations	\$m	August	30.7	37.4	27.6	11.1	14.3	+114.7
Total	\$m	August	779.8	878.6	1,115.3	1,232.2	932.1	-16.3
Lease finance commitments	\$m	September	112.8	144.5	131.1	165.5	110.8	+1.8

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