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n.y.a. not yet available
n.a. not available

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PRODUCTION

| Month | Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes | Lead (b) '000 tonnes | Electricity mil. kWh | | Gas (c) mil. megajoules | | Raw steel '000 tonnes | | Cement '000 tonnes | | Motor vehicles (d) '000 | | Total Electric motors (g) July 1989 '000 | | Four weeks ended | Coal (e) '000 tonnes |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--|------------|------------------|----------------------|
| | | | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | | |
| | | | f | f | f | f | f | f | f | f | f | f | f | f | | |
| 1987-88— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | | 37.0 | 11,772 | 11,471 | 47,062 | 43,866 | 484 | 474 | 537 | 529 | 28.5 | 25.6 | 262 | 26.8 | 1987-88— | 12,605 |
| June | 25,671 | 38.7 | 12,104 | 11,243 | 50,610 | 44,101 | 536 | 532 | 586 | 584 | 28.3 | 26.0 | 269 | 25.5 | April 30 | 14,863 |
| June 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | May 28 | 10,111 |
| 1988-89— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | | 42.4 | 12,634 | 11,067 | 54,766 | 44,349 | 555 | 521 | 556 | 537 | 26.0 | 23.4 | 252 | 24.6 | 1988-89— | 12,073 |
| August | | 41.3 | 12,758 | 11,666 | 54,647 | 46,695 | 565 | 532 | 603 | 580 | 31.4 | 26.7 | 286 | 25.9 | July 23 | 17,029 |
| September | 24,665 | 40.8 | 11,762 | 11,770 | 48,693 | 45,332 | 564 | 536 | 609 | 573 | 30.8 | 27.2 | 294 | 25.3 | August 20 | 16,331 |
| October | | 39.7 | 11,934 | 12,094 | 43,176 | 42,259 | 573 | 566 | 684 | 547 | 30.1 | 26.7 | 249 | 21.6 | September 17 | 13,374 |
| November | | 40.5 | 11,634 | 12,214 | 42,311 | 45,547 | 569 | 587 | 513 | 578 | 34.1 | 29.1 | 302 | 25.3 | October 15 | 15,977 |
| December | 22,085 | 44.9 | 11,735 | 12,339 | 40,160 | 46,923 | 588 | 596 | 594 | 581 | 23.8 | 26.9 | 240 | 24.8 | November 12 | 13,971 |
| January | | 35.6 | 11,460 | 12,280 | 37,783 | 46,449 | 546 | 555 | 415 | 607 | 7.9 | 26.6 | 131 | 27.7 | December 10 | 14,797 |
| February | | 38.8 | 11,231 | 12,437 | 37,483 | 45,016 | 523 | 590 | 586 | 600 | 27.2 | 28.5 | 285 | 29.5 | January 14 | 10,773 |
| March | n.y.a. | 40.7 | 12,225 | 12,403 | 41,992 | 44,385 | 560 | 555 | 621 | 608 | 26.6 | 26.0 | 246 | 25.3 | February 11 | 14,903 |
| April | | 42.2 | 11,655 | 12,376 | 42,737 | 46,974 | 558 | 612 | 529 | 537 | 27.3 | 29.0 | 230 | 26.0 | March 11 | 15,748 |
| May | | 46.6 | 12,419 | 11,992 | 49,872 | 46,763 | 487 | 472 | 495 | 585 | 30.2 | 26.7 | 289 | 28.3 | April 8 | 12,962 |
| June | n.y.a. | 46.0 | 13,271 | 12,386 | 58,104 | 50,988 | 514 | 502 | 596 | 593 | 31.0 | 28.8 | 273 | 26.0 | May 6 | 13,498 |
| June 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |
| 1989-90— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 13,908 | 12,232 | 62,337 | 50,681 | (f) | (f) | 637 | 618 | 30.1 | 27.1 | 240 | 24.2 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic content of mine product. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for use through main, includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite. (f) Production figures no longer available from July 1989. (g) Electric Motors under 720w no longer collected in this format from July 1989.

PRODUCTION—continued

STOCKS(a)

| Month | Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m | | Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m | | Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m | | Price index manufac- turing division(b) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0) | | Meat '000 tonnes | | Whole milk intake by factories(c) mil. litres | | Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool | | Book value at end of quarter \$ m | |
|-----------------|--|------------|---|------------|--------------------------------|------------|---|------------|------------------|------------|---|------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|------------|
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Total | % of total received by tonnes brokers(d) | Original | Seas. adj. |
| | f | f | f | f | f | f | f | f | f | f | f | f | f | f | f | f |
| 1987-88— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 3,305 | 2,932 | 833 | 822 | 14,793 | 13,678 | 507.0 | 187 | 182 | 307 | 513 | 38,695 | 86.8 | | | |
| June | 3,396 | 3,104 | 827 | 816 | 16,122 | 14,017 | 507.8 | 185 | 178 | 290 | 508 | 34,107 | 85.6 | 47,932 | 48,336 | |
| 1988-89— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 3,869 | 3,142 | 847 | 867 | 15,890 | 14,545 | 509.6 | 166 | 165 | 341 | 501 | 56,656 | 85.0 | | | |
| August | 3,568 | 3,136 | 978 | 878 | 17,318 | 15,029 | 513.8 | 200 | 195 | 494 | 512 | 105,658 | 85.0 | | | |
| September | 3,637 | 3,073 | 888 | 864 | 17,031 | 15,253 | 517.2 | 213 | 211 | 670 | 521 | 120,956 | 85.3 | 49,850 | 49,656 | |
| October | 3,045 | 2,926 | 894 | 857 | 15,659 | 14,555 | 519.7 | 197 | 192 | 786 | 507 | 131,152 | 85.0 | | | |
| November | 3,304 | 3,011 | 995 | 797 | 18,273 | 16,446 | 520.3 | 219 | 207 | 738 | 504 | 103,468 | 83.7 | | | |
| December | 951 | 2,866 | 677 | 861 | 13,875 | 16,161 | 521.0 | 178 | 200 | 693 | 515 | 63,134 | 84.2 | 50,505 | 50,463 | |
| January | 2,832 | 3,382 | 498 | 822 | 7,394 | 23,571 | 523.7 | 161 | 181 | 624 | 524 | 50,961 | 87.3 | | | |
| February | 2,832 | 2,890 | 797 | 730 | 16,872 | 16,215 | 529.0 | 188 | 195 | 475 | 523 | 60,808 | 87.7 | | | |
| March | 3,033 | 2,821 | 832 | 748 | 16,753 | 15,575 | 532.6 | 192 | 182 | 430 | 539 | 59,542 | 85.2 | p51,567 | p51,385 | |
| April | 2,994 | 3,089 | 665 | 707 | 14,448 | 15,282 | 536.1 | 177 | 177 | 373 | 585 | 47,336 | 83.8 | | | |
| May | 3,767 | 3,237 | 795 | 729 | 18,026 | 16,762 | p543.1 | r199 | r186 | 554 | 591 | 47,404 | 85.2 | | | |
| June | 3,223 | 2,858 | 775 | 786 | 19,048 | 16,266 | p545.4 | 196 | 199 | 308 | 539 | 42,417 | 84.1 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | |
| 1989-90— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 3,536 | 3,012 | 767 | 824 | 16,307 | 15,360 | n.y.a. | 200 | 203 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |

(a) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629/0. (b) This index is on a 'ten division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (d) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia.

FOREIGN TRADE

| Month | Value of total exports (a)(b) \$m | Value of total imports (a)(b) \$m | Values at average 1984-85 prices \$m | | Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100.0) | Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0) | Balance of Payments—current transactions \$m | | Official reserve assets (c) \$m |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | Exports f.o.b. | | | | Balance on goods and services | Balance on current account | |
| | | | Seas. adj. | Imports f.o.b. Seas. adj. | | | | | |
| 1987-88— | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 3,471 | 3,656 | | | 283 | | -349 | -1,321 | 19,457 |
| June | 3,468 | 3,324 | 8,451 | -8,629 | 282 | 159.6 | -135 | -956 | 20,182 |
| 1988-89— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 3,176 | 3,635 | | | 280 | | -684 | -1,460 | 20,226 |
| August | 3,530 | 3,823 | | | 279 | | -577 | -1,377 | 20,176 |
| September | 3,448 | 3,270 | 8,553 | -9,269 | 280 | 152.5 | -292 | -1,049 | 20,628 |
| October | 3,473 | 3,782 | | | 277 | | -868 | -1,742 | 20,118 |
| November | 3,623 | 4,313 | | | 276 | | -659 | -1,480 | 19,499 |
| December | 3,694 | 3,268 | 8,647 | -10,183 | 271 | 149.9 | -134 | -1,043 | 19,772 |
| January | 3,512 | 4,468 | | | 270 | | -625 | -1,617 | 18,790 |
| February | 3,540 | 3,886 | | | 280 | | -340 | -1,251 | 20,888 |
| March | 3,427 | 3,757 | 8,646 | -11,127 | 284 | 147.9 | -641 | -1,733 | 19,509 |
| April | 3,961 | 4,005 | | | 293 | | -262 | -1,184 | 20,245 |
| May | 4,082 | 4,665 | | | p300 | | -987 | -1,866 | 20,223 |
| June | 3,984 | 4,201 | 8,891 | -11,452 | p301 | n.y.a. | -652 | -1,624 | 20,410 |
| 1989-90— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | | | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | -942 | -1,706 | 20,765 |

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Total exports and imports for periods from 1 July 1987 includes exports and imports of gold coins, whether or not they are legal tender, and other coins which are legal tender. See Appendix A of the January issues of *Exports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables* (5432.0) and *Imports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables* (5433.0). (c) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

RETAIL TRADE

| Month | Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) (a) \$m | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|---|------------|----------------|------------------------|------------|----------|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|--|----------|---|
| | Total | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Current prices | | | Average 1984-85 prices | | | Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists | | Department stores | | New motor cars and station wagons registered (b) | | Other new motor vehicles registered (b) |
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Trend estimate | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Trend estimate | Original | Trend estimate | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. |
| 1987-88— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 5,870 | r6,105 | r6,081 | 13,623 | 14,141 | 1,609 | 1,653 | 710 | r738 | 36.8 | 33.5 | 9.6 | 8.1 |
| 1988-89— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 5,848 | 6,069 | 6,118 | | | 1,610 | 1,666 | 673 | 744 | 32.3 | 32.8 | 7.9 | 7.5 |
| August | 5,878 | 6,229 | 6,156 | | | 1,654 | 1,682 | 640 | 753 | 37.1 | 33.7 | 9.1 | 8.6 |
| September | 6,101 | 6,289 | 6,198 | 13,654 | 14,075 | 1,700 | 1,702 | 711 | 763 | 40.5 | 39.2 | 9.6 | 9.7 |
| October | 6,187 | 6,254 | 6,248 | | | 1,706 | 1,724 | 718 | 770 | 36.4 | 38.2 | 9.6 | 10.1 |
| November | 6,504 | 6,331 | 6,309 | | | 1,759 | 1,747 | 856 | 775 | 42.2 | 40.8 | 10.8 | 11.0 |
| December | 6,787 | 6,540 | 6,375 | 16,251 | 14,310 | 2,085 | 1,768 | 1,545 | 774 | 30.4 | 39.3 | 10.0 | 11.3 |
| January | 6,133 | 6,551 | 6,438 | | | 1,726 | 1,786 | 621 | 748 | 27.5 | 33.8 | 7.9 | 10.1 |
| February | 6,680 | 6,500 | 6,492 | | | 1,674 | 1,800 | 543 | 762 | 34.9 | 38.7 | 10.2 | 11.2 |
| March | 6,461 | 6,599 | 6,545 | 13,688 | 14,648 | 1,895 | 1,811 | 707 | 760 | 41.5 | 40.1 | 11.5 | 11.4 |
| April | 6,215 | 6,890 | 6,597 | | | 1,762 | 1,820 | 686 | 762 | 34.1 | 36.4 | 9.9 | 9.8 |
| May | r6,502 | 6,358 | 6,648 | | | r1,782 | 1,827 | 752 | 766 | 40.2 | 36.3 | 12.5 | 10.8 |
| June | 6,543 | 6,847 | 6,690 | 14,145 | 14,642 | 1,815 | 1,832 | 774 | 772 | 42.2 | 39.3 | 12.1 | 10.3 |
| 1989-90— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | p40.3 | p40.6 | p10.3 | p9.4 |

(a) Series based on 1985-86 Retail Census, excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Computer light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

| Month | Average weekly earnings of employees (\$) | | Average weekly ordinary earnings, full-time adult persons (\$) | Index of minimum award rates of pay, full-time adult persons (June 1985 = 100) | Average weekly overtime hours per employee | Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated) | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|---|-------------|--|--|--|--|-------|----------|---------|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | All males | All females | | | | All groups | Food | Clothing | Housing | Household equipment and operation | Transportation | Tobacco and alcohol | Health and personal care | Recreation and education(a) |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1987-88— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| April | | | | 114.1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | | | | 114.2 | 1.38 | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 481.70 | 316.40 | 464.80 | 114.3 | | 179.0 | 170.4 | 170.1 | 180.8 | 176.1 | 188.2 | 203.0 | 179.2 | 156.9 |
| 1988-89— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | | | | 114.5 | | | | | | | | | | |
| August | | | | 114.7 | 1.33 | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 486.20 | 319.60 | 470.90 | 117.1 | | 182.4 | 175.1 | 170.8 | 188.0 | 179.0 | 191.1 | 205.6 | 180.6 | 158.1 |
| October | | | | 117.4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| November | | | | 117.5 | 1.48 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 505.20 | 328.70 | 484.90 | 117.7 | | 186.2 | 177.9 | 176.0 | 199.7 | 181.8 | 191.7 | 206.0 | 181.5 | 161.9 |
| January | | | | 118.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | | | | 118.1 | 1.41 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 511.60 | 334.80 | 492.30 | 120.2 | | 188.0 | 180.5 | 175.9 | 197.7 | 183.1 | 193.6 | 210.1 | 191.1 | 163.2 |
| April | | | | 121.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| May p | 521.80 | 338.30 | 501.40 | 121.1 | 1.46 | | | | | | | | | |
| June | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 121.2 | | 192.6 | 186.2 | 180.8 | 208.1 | 185.0 | 198.2 | 214.6 | 192.1 | 165.0 |

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

| Month | Building approvals \$ m | | Building approvals dwellings '000 units | | Government building approved \$ m | Building commenced, total \$ m | | Dwellings commenced '000 units | | Price indexes(a) | | Private new capital expenditure(b) \$ m | | | | |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|--|--|---|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| | Original | Seas adj. | Original | Seas adj. | | Original | Seas adj. | Original | Seas adj. | Materials used in building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0) | Materials used in house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0) | Buildings and structures | | Equipment, plant and machinery | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Original | Seas adj. | Original | Seas adj. | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1987-88— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 2,562.3 | 2,201.5 | 15.3 | 14.2 | 457.2 | | | | | 118.8 | | 204.8 | | | | |
| June | 2,182.2 | 2,064.0 | 16.0 | 15.1 | 355.0 | 6,014.2 | 6,003.6 | 38.2 | 38.9 | 119.7 | | 206.2 | 2,400 | 2,377 | 4,352 | 4,037 |
| 1988-89— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,272.1 | 2,346.8 | 15.0 | 15.3 | 160.5 | | | | | 120.5 | | 207.0 | | | | |
| August | 2,313.1 | 1,979.4 | 17.9 | 16.2 | 218.9 | | | | | 121.5 | | 208.1 | | | | |
| September | 2,336.4 | 2,316.8 | 16.9 | 16.4 | 190.7 | 6,884.5 | 6,578.8 | 44.9 | 42.6 | 122.4 | | 209.4 | 2,242 | 2,272 | 3,675 | 3,848 |
| October | 2,100.2 | 2,153.4 | 15.6 | 15.3 | 203.1 | | | | | 123.6 | | 211.3 | | | | |
| November | 2,491.3 | 2,283.9 | 17.3 | 15.5 | 216.4 | | | | | 124.8 | | 213.4 | | | | |
| December | 2,248.1 | 2,428.4 | 13.9 | 15.3 | 530.8 | 7,311.2 | 7,259.4 | 46.5 | 45.2 | 125.5 | | 214.3 | 2,730 | 2,384 | 4,767 | 4,461 |
| January | 2,290.4 | 2,699.4 | 12.5 | 15.5 | 262.4 | | | | | 126.5 | | 215.8 | | | | |
| February | 2,070.0 | 2,496.3 | 14.5 | 15.7 | 259.3 | | | | | 127.3 | | 216.5 | | | | |
| March | 2,659.4 | 2,718.8 | 15.4 | 15.9 | 357.2 | 7,403.3 | 7,819.8 | 40.4 | 43.1 | p128.8 | | 218.2 | r2,263 | 2,650 | r4,074 | 4,534 |
| April | 2,432.4 | 2,472.4 | 14.8 | 15.5 | 321.1 | | | | | p129.9 | | 220.0 | | | | |
| May | 3,024.2 | 2,626.2 | 17.2 | 15.5 | 365.4 | | | | | p130.7 | | 222.0 | | | | |
| June | 2,584.4 | 2,458.2 | 15.4 | 14.8 | 369.2 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | p131.3 | | 222.6 | 2,940 | 2,916 | 4,748 | 4,391 |
| 1989-90— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,040.9 | 2,084.8 | 12.0 | 12.1 | 227.0 | | | | | n.y.a. | | n.y.a. | | | | |

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

FINANCE

| Month | Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m | | Major trading banks (b) | | | | Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c) | | | Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent |
|-----------------|--|----------|-------------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|--|---|-----------------------------|---|
| | Original | Seas adj | Deposits \$m | | Advances \$m | | Banks \$m | Permanent building societies \$m | Other lenders (d) \$m | |
| | | | Original | Seas adj | Original | Seas adj | | | | |
| <i>1987-88—</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| April | 58,799 | 59,134 | 47,544 | 46,695 | 47,743 | 46,933 | 1,324 | 322 | 82 | 10.90 |
| May | 60,150 | 60,124 | 47,026 | 47,239 | 47,526 | 47,159 | 1,610 | 421 | 101 | 12.30 |
| June | 61,756 | 61,142 | 48,938 | 48,660 | 48,831 | 48,945 | 1,926 | 405 | 100 | 11.70 |
| <i>1988-89—</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | | | | | | | | | | |
| August | 63,240 | 62,263 | 48,943 | 48,896 | 48,998 | 48,657 | 1,458 | 339 | 82 | 12.05 |
| September | 64,581 | 63,650 | 48,354 | 49,062 | 49,734 | 50,054 | 1,682 | 322 | 96 | 12.30 |
| October | 65,277 | 64,754 | 49,151 | 49,626 | 50,720 | 51,188 | 1,458 | 336 | 88 | 12.90 |
| November | 64,818 | 64,548 | 52,066 | 52,213 | 52,834 | 52,506 | 1,475 | 300 | 93 | 13.05 |
| December | 65,711 | 65,853 | 53,413 | 53,499 | 53,660 | 53,976 | 1,904 | 333 | 99 | 13.30 |
| January | 67,628 | 67,134 | 55,652 | 55,364 | 54,365 | 54,084 | 1,485 | 241 | 102 | 13.85 |
| February | n.a. | n.a. | 55,782 | 56,154 | n.a. | n.a. | 1,319 | 183 | 84 | 14.65 |
| March | n.a. | n.a. | 57,504 | 57,924 | n.a. | n.a. | 1,523 | 213 | 97 | 15.05 |
| April | n.a. | n.a. | 59,503 | 58,875 | n.a. | n.a. | 1,614 | 190 | 107 | 15.15 |
| May | n.a. | n.a. | 60,816 | 59,718 | n.a. | n.a. | 1,346 | 160 | 96 | 14.85 |
| June | n.a. | n.a. | 60,637 | 60,633 | n.a. | n.a. | 1,649 | 165 | 143 | 15.70 |
| | n.a. | n.a. | 60,728 | 62,506 | n.a. | n.a. | 1,059 | 144 | 128 | 15.40 |

(a) Excludes external liabilities. (b) Includes external liabilities. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-estate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
(\$ million)

| Quarter | Gross domestic product | | Gross farm product | | Gross non-farm product | | Final consumption expenditure | | | | Gross fixed capital expenditure | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|--|
| | | | | | | | Private | | Government | | Private | | Public | | |
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | |
| AT CURRENT PRICES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1987-88— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March qtr | 71,979 | 75,412 | 2,429 | 3,205 | 69,550 | 72,207 | 42,024 | 43,680 | 12,920 | 13,634 | 12,727 | 14,014 | 3,910 | 4,526 | |
| June qtr | 75,326 | 77,815 | 1,821 | 2,924 | 73,505 | 74,891 | 43,781 | 44,588 | 13,819 | 13,422 | 15,783 | 15,343 | 4,476 | 3,597 | |
| 1988-89— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September qtr | 79,889 | 79,314 | 2,672 | 3,348 | 77,217 | 75,966 | 45,633 | 45,693 | 13,722 | 13,800 | 15,462 | 15,260 | 3,759 | 4,269 | |
| December qtr | 89,037 | 82,254 | 6,085 | 3,219 | 82,952 | 79,035 | 49,930 | 47,022 | 14,462 | 14,056 | 17,638 | 16,798 | 4,825 | 4,582 | |
| March qtr | 81,337 | 85,795 | 2,269 | 3,159 | 79,068 | 82,636 | 46,566 | 48,678 | 13,470 | 14,232 | 16,045 | 17,684 | 3,952 | 4,563 | |
| June qtr | 85,333 | 87,970 | 1,853 | 2,978 | 83,480 | 84,992 | 49,202 | 50,037 | 15,440 | 14,995 | 18,450 | 17,968 | 5,589 | 4,641 | |
| AT AVERAGE: 1984-85 PRICES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1987-88— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March qtr | 57,491 | 60,143 | 1,475 | 2,106 | 56,016 | 58,037 | 33,119 | 34,426 | 10,778 | 11,424 | 9,839 | 10,838 | 3,106 | 3,598 | |
| June qtr | 58,807 | 60,638 | 1,165 | 1,906 | 57,642 | 58,732 | 33,894 | 34,494 | 11,515 | 11,107 | 11,977 | 11,620 | 3,529 | 2,830 | |
| 1988-89— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September qtr | 60,255 | 60,360 | 1,394 | 2,050 | 58,861 | 58,310 | 34,730 | 34,740 | 11,184 | 11,307 | 11,457 | 11,335 | 2,951 | 3,355 | |
| December qtr | 66,949 | 61,471 | 4,285 | 2,592 | 62,664 | 59,379 | 37,345 | 35,205 | 11,643 | 11,291 | 13,093 | 12,453 | 3,763 | 3,271 | |
| March qtr | 59,407 | 62,605 | 1,426 | 2,112 | 57,981 | 60,493 | 34,403 | 35,984 | 10,823 | 11,475 | 11,820 | 13,073 | 2,976 | 3,442 | |
| June qtr | 60,986 | 62,991 | 1,226 | 2,157 | 59,760 | 60,834 | 35,635 | 36,221 | 12,187 | 11,760 | 13,467 | 13,040 | 4,159 | 3,448 | |

AT CURRENT PRICES—continued

| Quarter | Imports of goods and services | | Exports of goods and services | | Wages, salaries and supplements | | Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises | | | | Household income (original) | | | | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|--|------------|----------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | | Private corporate | | Other | | Wages, salaries and supplements | | Total household income | Less direct taxes, etc. (a) | Household disposable income | |
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | | | | |
| 1987-88— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March qtr | 13,331 | 13,880 | 13,394 | 13,463 | 36,246 | 37,109 | 10,716 | 11,916 | 16,166 | 17,761 | 36,225 | 56,559 | 12,064 | | 44,495 | |
| June qtr | 13,099 | 13,370 | 12,946 | 12,877 | 38,083 | 38,046 | 11,930 | 12,400 | 15,960 | 18,062 | 38,068 | 59,931 | 15,914 | | 44,017 | |
| 1988-89— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September qtr | 14,279 | 13,702 | 12,726 | 13,055 | 39,096 | 38,770 | 13,228 | 12,882 | 18,548 | 18,370 | 39,082 | 60,996 | 12,252 | | 48,744 | |
| December qtr | 15,169 | 14,839 | 13,508 | 13,221 | 41,873 | 40,429 | 15,002 | 13,546 | 22,936 | 19,024 | 41,852 | 69,024 | 11,781 | | 57,243 | |
| March qtr | 15,003 | 15,642 | 13,397 | 13,478 | 40,796 | 42,259 | 13,696 | 14,092 | 17,747 | 19,560 | 40,745 | 62,702 | 13,381 | | 49,321 | |
| June qtr | 16,294 | 16,652 | 14,393 | 14,327 | 43,344 | 43,374 | 14,808 | 14,364 | 17,815 | 20,040 | 33,336 | 67,977 | 18,482 | | 49,495 | |

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

**SURVEY
OF JOB
VACANCIES
(c)**

LABOUR FORCE(a)

| Month | Employed ('000 persons) | | | | Unemployed ('000 persons) | | | | Unemployment rate (per cent) | Participation rate (per cent) | | Number of job vacancies ('000) | |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|------|
| | Full-time workers | | Total | | Looking for full-time work | | Total | | | Original | Season adj. | | |
| | Original | Season adj. | Original | Season adj. | Original | Season adj. | Original | Season adj. | | | | | |
| 1988— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 5,877.4 | 5,892.6 | 7,354.9 | 7,347.9 | 466.0 | 466.3 | 593.0 | 591.0 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 62.3 | 62.2 | 58.5 |
| June | 5,883.3 | 5,915.4 | 7,378.3 | 7,380.8 | 459.6 | 467.3 | 549.1 | 582.6 | 7.2 | 7.3 | 62.2 | 62.3 | |
| July | 5,933.6 | 5,926.1 | 7,383.1 | 7,379.5 | 431.5 | 446.3 | 518.8 | 541.0 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 61.8 | 61.9 | 65.8 |
| August | 5,876.6 | 5,945.8 | 7,353.4 | 7,422.2 | 445.4 | 458.6 | 538.7 | 563.0 | 6.8 | 7.1 | 61.6 | 62.3 | |
| September | 5,981.0 | 5,972.0 | 7,503.2 | 7,465.8 | 438.7 | 448.6 | 556.6 | 559.1 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 62.4 | 62.5 | 66.7 |
| October | 6,016.3 | 6,006.4 | 7,477.3 | 7,465.0 | 406.0 | 438.5 | 507.9 | 548.4 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 62.1 | 62.3 | |
| November | 5,992.6 | 6,003.6 | 7,508.7 | 7,483.6 | 391.3 | 423.3 | 484.4 | 537.1 | 6.1 | 6.7 | 62.1 | 62.3 | 66.7 |
| December | 6,103.3 | 6,026.8 | 7,622.9 | 7,531.2 | 442.4 | 436.4 | 563.3 | 556.1 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 63.4 | 62.7 | |
| 1989— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 6,015.3 | 6,025.4 | 7,454.9 | 7,573.0 | 477.2 | 437.5 | 592.4 | 565.6 | 7.4 | 6.9 | 62.0 | 63.0 | 72.5 |
| February | 6,076.8 | 6,058.2 | 7,569.3 | 7,617.8 | 471.6 | 432.1 | 598.1 | 551.4 | 7.3 | 6.7 | 63.1 | 63.1 | |
| March | 6,081.4 | 6,049.6 | 7,638.3 | 7,569.9 | 416.6 | 397.5 | 546.3 | 501.5 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 63.1 | 62.2 | 73.1 |
| April | 6,113.5 | 6,127.4 | 7,683.2 | 7,662.9 | 380.8 | 386.9 | 516.1 | 497.3 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 63.1 | 62.8 | |
| May | 6,122.5 | 6,138.2 | 7,729.3 | 7,721.2 | 402.8 | 402.4 | 518.5 | 516.3 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 63.4 | 63.3 | 73.1 |
| June | 6,125.3 | 6,160.1 | 7,720.5 | 7,723.2 | 378.2 | 344.1 | 477.4 | 449.3 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 62.9 | 63.0 | |
| July | 6,172.2 | 6,164.6 | 7,751.8 | 7,749.0 | 380.6 | 393.8 | 433.4 | 506.5 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 63.1 | 63.2 | |

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about three-fifths of one per cent of the population of Australia. (b) Estimates from December 1987 onwards are based on 1986 census benchmarks. For further information see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6209.0). (c) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see *Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0).

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)

('000 persons)

| Month | Australia | | | | | | | | | | Total Public and Private | | | |
|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|---------|--------------|--------------------------|----------|---------|---------|
| | Public | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | NSW | Vic | Qld | SA | WA | Tas | NT | ACT | Private | Commonwealth | | State(b) | Local | Total |
| 1988— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2,042.1 | 1,610.9 | 876.8 | 483.4 | 506.5 | 148.0 | 50.3 | 121.4 | 4,097.3 | 428.5 | 1,087.3 | 154.2 | 1,670.0 | 5,767.4 |
| February | 2,090.0 | 1,642.5 | 818.8 | 491.7 | 516.8 | 149.6 | 49.8 | 125.1 | 4,177.8 | 432.1 | 1,118.3 | 156.2 | 1,706.7 | 5,884.4 |
| March | 2,093.7 | 1,656.1 | 828.7 | 494.7 | 522.7 | 150.6 | 50.7 | 126.2 | 4,193.2 | 432.8 | 1,141.1 | 156.2 | 1,730.0 | 5,923.2 |
| April | 2,090.0 | 1,640.6 | 830.0 | 491.0 | 518.7 | 148.7 | 52.0 | 125.0 | 4,169.9 | 430.4 | 1,148.7 | 155.0 | 1,734.0 | 5,903.9 |
| May | 2,115.6 | 1,652.4 | 843.1 | 492.7 | 521.8 | 149.5 | 53.0 | 126.4 | 4,209.9 | 432.9 | 1,155.9 | 155.7 | 1,744.6 | 5,954.5 |
| June | 2,109.1 | 1,646.3 | 842.2 | 491.2 | 520.8 | 148.6 | 54.1 | 126.6 | 4,184.9 | 431.7 | 1,152.9 | 155.5 | 1,738.8 | 5,938.7 |
| July | 2,063.6 | 1,662.9 | 817.7 | 482.0 | 509.5 | 149.0 | 56.9 | 125.5 | 4,202.0 | 426.6 | 1,137.6 | 154.8 | 1,719.1 | 5,921.1 |
| August | 2,089.7 | 1,685.0 | 843.9 | 487.6 | 512.8 | 151.3 | 58.0 | 126.0 | 4,235.8 | 427.3 | 1,155.8 | 155.8 | 1,738.4 | 5,994.3 |
| September (c) | 2,115.8 | 1,701.5 | 864.9 | 492.4 | 519.5 | 152.3 | 57.9 | 125.4 | 4,260.6 | 440.1 | 1,155.2 | 155.0 | 1,799.3 | 6,059.9 |
| October | 2,108.7 | 1,696.4 | 864.1 | 487.7 | 515.3 | 150.9 | 56.0 | 126.0 | 4,304.4 | 426.7 | 1,148.5 | 155.5 | 1,730.7 | 6,035.1 |
| November | 2,123.2 | 1,713.4 | 898.0 | 491.9 | 517.4 | 152.4 | 55.7 | 126.8 | 4,345.7 | 427.8 | 1,148.4 | 156.8 | 1,733.1 | 6,078.8 |
| December | 2,127.0 | 1,729.9 | 895.5 | 492.3 | 521.6 | 154.3 | 55.7 | 126.2 | 4,369.2 | 434.6 | 1,141.9 | 157.8 | 1,724.3 | 6,093.5 |
| 1989— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2,085.0 | 1,688.3 | 906.0 | 488.6 | 507.0 | 149.7 | 53.9 | 118.9 | 4,341.5 | 419.5 | 1,090.4 | 153.9 | 1,653.7 | 5,995.3 |
| February | 2,118.8 | 1,715.3 | 927.7 | 497.7 | 518.5 | 150.2 | 54.6 | 120.7 | 4,418.0 | 422.2 | 1,107.2 | 156.2 | 1,685.5 | 6,103.5 |
| March | 2,131.2 | 1,730.3 | 934.2 | 499.8 | 528.2 | 151.5 | 55.1 | 122.4 | 4,434.2 | 424.3 | 1,137.4 | 156.4 | 1,718.5 | 6,152.7 |

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 15,000 private sector employers and 2,500 public sector employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners, Australia* (6248.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence force. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government. (c) Total, Public and Commonwealth values include temporary Australian Electoral Commission employees.

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