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Most of the original and all of the seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

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POPULATION AND VITAL

POPULATION (a)
(^{'000 persons})

As at 30 June -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1971 (b)	4,679.4	3,520.4	1,881.4	1,185.3	1,043.1	390.2	91.9	145.6	12,937.2
1972	4,746.9	3,577.4	1,932.5	1,202.4	1,070.9	392.2	96.6	158.0	13,177.0
1973	4,793.4	3,628.4	1,987.3	1,217.9	1,089.8	395.7	99.7	168.1	13,380.4
1974	4,839.4	3,676.8	2,046.1	1,236.2	1,117.4	399.3	104.4	179.6	13,599.1
1975	4,884.5	3,719.1	2,084.0	1,252.1	1,146.7	404.7	89.4	190.9	13,771.4
1976 (b)	4,914.3	3,746.0	2,111.7	1,261.6	1,169.8	407.4	101.4	203.3	13,915.5
1977	4,956.7	3,782.3	2,136.8	1,276.8	1,197.1	410.6	105.5	208.2	14,074.1

(a) Revised. See NOTE at the bottom of this page. (b) Census results adjusted for underenumeration.

MEAN POPULATION (a)
(^{'000 persons})

Calendar Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1972	4,747.4	3,577.3	1,933.4	1,202.2	1,070.7	392.4	96.4	157.4	13,177.2
1973	4,793.3	3,627.4	1,988.9	1,218.3	1,090.6	395.8	99.8	168.2	13,382.3
1974	4,841.3	3,676.5	2,044.0	1,235.6	1,117.7	399.6	104.6	178.9	13,598.2
1975	4,885.3	3,718.6	2,084.7	1,252.8	1,146.9	404.5	90.3	191.0	13,774.1
1976	4,913.9	3,747.5	2,110.7	1,261.9	1,170.3	407.5	101.7	203.2	13,916.8
1977 p	4,956.5	3,781.9	2,137.0	1,276.7	1,197.0	410.6	106.3	208.8	14,074.8
<i>Financial year</i>									
1971-72	4,717.8	3,549.2	1,906.5	1,194.7	1,058.2	391.6	94.4	151.5	13,063.9
1972-73	4,771.4	3,603.4	1,961.2	1,210.0	1,080.4	394.0	98.1	162.9	13,281.2
1973-74	4,816.4	3,651.4	2,017.3	1,226.7	1,103.4	397.3	102.1	173.6	13,488.2
1974-75	4,865.9	3,700.3	2,066.3	1,245.1	1,133.1	402.1	98.5	184.4	13,695.7
1975-76	4,898.2	3,732.6	2,098.6	1,256.5	1,158.2	406.2	97.8	198.3	13,846.2
1976-77	4,933.5	3,764.4	2,122.8	1,268.8	1,183.3	409.1	103.8	206.1	13,991.8

(a) Revised. See NOTE below. For the method of calculation see *Population and Vital Statistics (Preliminary)* (3211.0) June quarter 1977.

VITAL AND POPULATION STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA

Period	Marriage registrations	Birth registrations	Death registrations	Components of population growth			Population at end of period (^{'000})
				Natural increase (a)	Net migration (b)	Total increase (c) (^{'000})	
1973-74	113,115	243,658	110,179	133,479	82,936	218.7	13,599.1
1974-75	107,056	239,794	114,501	125,293	44,675	172.3	13,771.4
1975-76	103,919	231,135	110,610	120,525	21,229	144.1	(d)13,915.5
1976-77	111,690	226,954	111,494	115,460	43,103	158.6	14,074.1
1975-76 - June qtr	26,567	57,279	28,059	29,220	-419	29.4	(d)13,915.5
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	23,919	57,186	33,423	23,763	7,232	31.0	13,946.5
Dec. qtr	30,996	55,118	26,208	28,910	15,780	44.7	13,991.2
Mar. qtr	29,914	57,012	25,354	31,658	13,167	44.8	14,036.0
June qtr	26,861	57,638	26,509	31,129	6,924	38.1	14,074.1
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	20,343	58,078	31,118	26,960	12,460	39.4	14,113.5
Dec. qtr p	27,773	53,528	25,839	27,689	18,756	46.4	14,159.9

(a) Excess of births registered over deaths registered. (b) Excess of recorded overseas arrivals over recorded overseas departures, excluding, short term (less than one year) movement. Minus sign (-) denotes an excess of departures over arrivals. (c) Increase consists of natural increase, net migration and adjustment in the light of Census results. (d) Census results adjusted for underenumeration.

NOTE. Population estimates shown above for dates prior to 30 June 1976 incorporate revisions following the completion of an examination of evidence for underenumeration in the 1971 and 1976 Censuses. An explanation of the basis for these revised estimates is given in *Population and Vital Statistics (Preliminary)*, (3211.0) for the June quarter 1977.

OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES (a)

Permanent movement — persons arriving with the stated intention of settling permanently in Australia, and Australian residents departing with the stated intention of residing permanently abroad.

Long-term movement — arrival of visitors and temporary departure of residents with the stated intention of staying (in Australia or abroad respectively) for twelve months or more and the departure of visitors and return of Australian residents who have stayed (in Australia or abroad respectively) for twelve months or more.

Short-term movement — all other overseas arrivals and departures.

These statistics exclude crew members, transit passengers passing through Australia who are not cleared for entry and passengers on short pleasure cruises commencing and finishing in Australia on ships not then engaged in regular voyages.

ARRIVALS

Period	Short-term movement						Total arrivals		Excess of arrivals over departures	
	Permanent movement		Long-term movement		Overseas visitors arriving		Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	Permanent and long-term	Total
	Settlers arriving	Australian residents returning	Overseas visitors arriving	Australian residents returning	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted				
1974-75	89,147	60,239	23,615	815,930	519,549	..	1,508,480	..	44,675	38,706
1975-76	52,748	60,224	21,687	931,725	539,656	..	1,596,040	..	21,229	20,259
1976-77	70,916	59,193	26,133	963,729	540,394	..	1,660,366	..	43,138	56,347
1976-77 —										
Nov.	6,075	5,102	1,590	65,603	53,683	45,852	132,053	135,303	3,741	17,637
Dec.	7,662	9,536	1,775	53,602	67,371	44,453	139,947	136,965	6,168	-49,765
Jan.	6,205	5,846	3,545	155,433	48,605	45,596	219,634	142,118	2,802	56,940
Feb.	6,583	4,133	3,640	70,739	48,393	45,632	133,487	136,480	6,777	30,681
Mar.	6,557	4,067	2,343	57,211	50,641	47,545	120,819	137,457	3,588	-15,630
Apr.	6,372	3,529	2,107	56,629	41,684	47,596	110,321	138,197	3,114	-27,878
May	6,279	3,565	1,992	67,825	36,205	41,549	115,865	127,341	2,009	-30,636
June	5,259	3,284	1,921	66,833	31,690	46,555	108,988	139,180	1,801	-16,876
1977-78 —										
July	6,028	4,645	2,079	77,797	40,832	49,384	131,382	153,128	4,121	3,845
Aug.	4,867	4,664	2,136	85,765	42,763	43,598	140,196	136,838	2,935	-14,496
Sept.	5,670	4,454	2,184	117,081	37,471	46,135	166,861	149,800	5,403	57,598
Oct.	6,900	4,334	1,905	90,928	45,875	43,539	150,542	134,393	6,952	37,360
Nov.	5,951	5,278	1,830	74,420	65,095	55,980	152,574	157,502	6,580	36,706
Dec.	8,969	9,300	1,791	53,014	74,026	48,297	147,101	143,103	8,696	-38,072

DEPARTURES

Period	Short-term movement						Total departures		
	Permanent movement		Long-term movement		Australian residents departing		Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	
	Former settlers departing	Other residents departing	Australian residents departing	Overseas visitors departing	Overseas visitors departing				
1974-75	20,184	11,361	72,397	24,386	824,890	..	516,557	1,469,774	..
1975-76	17,150	10,277	64,475	21,528	951,290	..	511,062	1,575,781	..
1976-77	15,447	9,141	68,792	19,724	965,659	..	525,256	1,604,019	..
1976-77 —									
Nov.	1,266	650	5,122	1,989	58,819	81,526	46,571	114,416	130,512
Dec.	1,632	926	6,729	3,518	134,847	81,125	42,060	189,712	138,110
Jan.	1,228	987	8,705	1,874	81,163	83,734	68,737	162,694	137,700
Feb.	827	635	5,017	1,099	47,722	75,342	47,507	102,807	122,006
Mar.	1,278	737	5,968	1,396	76,232	72,700	50,839	136,450	131,409
Apr.	1,249	739	5,594	1,313	81,897	76,695	47,407	138,199	135,260
May	1,465	819	5,999	1,544	95,386	77,940	41,289	146,501	127,460
June	1,173	679	5,391	1,420	85,410	83,857	31,791	125,864	138,495
1977-78 —									
July	1,283	702	5,086	1,561	84,368	90,055	34,537	127,537	149,504
Aug.	1,280	702	5,216	1,534	103,360	83,636	42,600	154,692	137,200
Sept.	1,018	632	4,113	1,142	62,972	81,262	39,386	109,263	134,113
Oct.	1,071	623	3,865	1,228	65,540	91,557	40,857	113,183	135,659
Nov.	918	555	5,307	1,500	59,195	82,328	50,194	115,868	136,101
Dec.	1,381	781	5,630	3,572	128,008	75,186	45,800	185,173	131,959

(a) Changes in definitions which date from 1 January 1974 are described in *Overseas Arrivals and Departures*, March 1974 (3402.0).

NOTE: Minus sign (-) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER (a), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Month	Unemployed (a)			Total	Labour force (a)	Not in labour force (a)	Civilian population aged 15 years and over (a)	Unemployment rate (b)	Participation rate (c)
	Employed (a)	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
- '000 -									
- per cent -									
MALES									
1977: Feb.	3,890.2	166.1	20.0	186.1	4,076.2	963.1	5,039.4	4.6	80.9
May	3,891.5	163.0	21.7	184.7	4,076.2	985.8	5,062.0	4.5	80.5
Aug.	3,866.8	168.5	21.6	190.1	4,056.9	1,024.9	5,081.8	4.7	79.8
Nov.	3,867.3	165.1	18.0	183.1	4,050.4	1,055.7	5,106.1	4.5	79.3
1978: Feb.	3,857.4	235.4	19.5	255.0	4,112.4	1,023.2	5,135.6	6.2	80.1
Mar.	3,870.1	200.2	17.3	217.6	4,087.6	1,056.6	5,144.2	5.3	79.5
Apr.	3,867.7	196.2	14.6	210.9	4,078.5	1,073.9	5,152.4	5.2	79.2
MARRIED WOMEN									
1977: Feb.	1,355.5	42.2	40.5	82.8	1,438.3	1,963.3	3,401.6	5.8	42.3
May	1,382.0	42.7	36.3	79.0	1,456.6	1,950.4	3,407.0	5.1	42.8
Aug.	1,374.5	42.0	34.7	76.8	1,431.2	1,953.5	3,404.7	5.3	42.6
Nov.	1,368.9	34.4	33.4	67.7	1,436.6	1,963.7	3,400.3	4.7	42.3
1978: Feb.	1,320.9	53.2	39.6	92.8	1,413.6	1,994.4	3,408.1	6.6	41.5
Mar.	1,352.8	50.7	37.6	88.3	1,441.1	1,958.2	3,399.3	6.1	42.4
Apr.	1,354.0	47.3	35.4	82.9	1,437.0	1,956.2	3,393.2	5.8	42.4
ALL FEMALES									
1977: Feb.	2,095.1	124.4	61.8	186.2	2,281.3	2,874.0	5,155.3	8.2	44.3
May	2,132.7	112.8	56.3	169.1	2,301.8	2,878.4	5,180.2	7.3	44.4
Aug.	2,128.6	114.8	54.4	169.2	2,297.8	2,904.3	5,202.1	7.4	44.2
Nov.	2,128.2	112.4	51.4	163.7	2,291.9	2,935.3	5,227.2	7.1	43.8
1978: Feb.	2,074.8	160.3	61.8	222.1	2,296.9	2,961.8	5,258.7	9.7	43.7
Mar.	2,117.8	145.4	57.3	202.7	2,320.5	2,947.5	5,268.0	8.7	44.0
Apr.	2,136.1	137.3	53.0	190.3	2,326.4	2,951.7	5,278.0	8.2	44.1
PERSONS									
1977: Feb.	5,985.2	290.5	81.8	372.3	6,357.5	8,837.1	10,194.6	5.9	62.4
May	6,074.2	275.8	78.0	353.8	6,378.0	8,878.2	10,242.2	5.5	62.3
Aug.	5,995.4	283.3	76.0	359.3	6,354.7	9,929.2	10,283.9	5.7	61.8
Nov.	5,995.4	277.4	69.4	346.8	6,342.2	9,991.0	10,333.2	5.5	61.4
1978: Feb.	5,932.3	395.8	81.3	477.0	6,409.3	9,985.0	10,394.3	7.4	61.7
Mar.	5,987.9	345.7	74.6	420.3	6,408.1	10,044.1	10,412.2	6.6	61.5
Apr.	5,971.8	333.5	67.6	401.1	6,404.9	9,925.6	10,430.5	6.2	61.4

(a) The estimates relate to all persons aged 15 years and over, except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, non-Australians holidaying in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces in Australia. For definitions see explanatory notes in *The Labour Force, February 1978* (6203.0). (b) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (c) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES: AUSTRALIA (a) ('000)
(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic work)

Month	Total civilian employees				Private/Government					
	Males		Females		Persons		Private		Government	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)
1973 - June	(c)1,985.2	(c)2,980.7	1,617.7	1,615.8	(c)4,402.9	(c)4,596.5	(c)3,315.0	(c)3,314.0	1,287.9	1,282.5
1974 - June	3,066.2	3,061.9	1,738.3	1,735.8	4,806.5	4,797.7	3,470.1	3,467.9	1,336.4	1,329.8
1975 - June	(c)3,043.5	(c)3,035.4	1,709.2	1,706.1	(c)4,752.7	(c)4,741.5	(c)3,315.7	(c)3,312.5	1,436.9	1,429.0
1976 - June	3,006.1	2,997.0	1,733.0	1,730.1	4,739.1	4,727.1	3,305.9	3,302.2	1,433.2	1,424.9
1976-77 -										
Jan.	2,981.5	2,993.0	1,722.5	1,747.9	4,704.0	4,740.9	3,275.3	3,295.5	1,428.7	1,445.4
Feb.	2,991.2	2,990.2	1,741.1	1,745.6	4,732.3	4,735.8	3,284.6	3,288.7	1,447.7	1,447.1
Mar.	2,994.7	2,987.1	1,749.7	1,745.8	4,744.5	4,733.0	3,288.9	3,282.6	1,455.5	1,450.4
Apr.	2,987.7	2,986.8	1,750.9	1,745.8	4,738.6	4,724.6	3,278.9	3,273.0	1,459.8	1,453.6
May	2,983.2	2,971.8	1,749.3	1,745.0	4,732.6	4,716.8	3,270.3	3,263.1	1,462.3	1,453.7
June	2,979.2	2,969.6	1,747.1	1,744.6	4,726.2	4,714.1	3,262.5	3,258.9	1,463.8	1,455.2
1977-78 -										
July	2,968.9	2,967.6	1,748.8	1,747.4	4,717.7	4,715.0	3,251.0	3,255.9	1,466.8	1,459.1
Aug.	2,964.5	2,968.4	1,752.5	1,752.7	4,717.0	4,721.1	3,246.5	3,254.4	1,470.5	1,466.7
Sept. (c)	2,958.3	2,961.9	1,756.8	1,754.6	4,712.1	4,716.5	3,241.3	3,245.5	1,470.8	1,471.2
Oct. (c)	2,954.4	2,960.9	1,762.5	1,756.6	4,716.9	4,717.5	3,241.9	3,239.2	1,475.0	1,475.3
Nov.	2,959.6	2,963.4	1,770.1	1,760.1	4,729.7	4,723.5	3,251.9	3,240.6	1,477.8	1,482.9
Dec.	2,960.3	2,966.3	1,763.5	1,769.3	4,723.7	4,735.6	3,251.9	3,248.1	1,471.8	1,487.5
Jan.	2,954.6	2,966.2	1,748.0	1,773.3	4,702.6	4,739.7	3,226.1	3,245.9	1,476.5	1,493.8
Feb.	2,962.6	2,961.9	1,761.9	1,766.7	4,724.6	4,728.6	3,233.7	3,238.0	1,490.8	1,496.6

(a) The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1971 population census and other relevant sources. For the period subsequent to the census the employment data are obtained from three main sources, namely (i) current payroll tax returns, (ii) current returns from Government bodies, and (iii) some other current returns of employment (e.g. for hospitals); the balance, i.e. unrecorded private employment, is estimated. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked with the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. At June 1971 recorded employment obtained from the foregoing sources accounted for about 90 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered, as determined by the census. The estimates shown are based on the Australian Standard Industrial Classification. For further details on these series see *Employment and Unemployment* (6213.0) published monthly. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates in this statement have been revised. For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1978* (1308.0) to be released shortly. (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA : INDUSTRY (a) ('000)
(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	Manu- facturing	Con- struction	Whole- sale and retail trade	Trans- port and storage	Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	Public admin- istration and defence (b)	Commu- nity services	Entertain- ment, recreation, hotels and personal services (c)	Other Indus- tries (d)	Total
MALES										
1973 - June	(a)940.1	381.5	536.6	211.2	193.2	138.0	241.0	100.2	243.4	(e)2,985.2
1974 - June	960.5	383.7	552.8	218.4	202.8	143.0	252.5	105.1	247.4	3,068.2
1975 - June	895.8	(e)393.3	549.1	218.8	198.3	154.0	268.7	110.9	254.6	(e)3,043.5
1976 - June	888.7	352.8	558.3	214.6	197.3	153.3	280.1	111.3	249.9	3,006.1
1976-77 -										
Jan.	875.9	346.6	557.4	214.6	196.8	151.8	282.5	111.6	250.2	2,981.5
Feb.	878.7	343.1	557.9	213.8	197.5	152.1	287.0	111.1	250.0	2,991.2
Mar.	878.6	343.4	558.1	213.1	198.0	152.4	288.9	111.7	250.4	2,994.7
Apr.	874.2	342.8	556.7	212.5	197.2	152.5	290.3	110.9	250.6	2,987.7
May	870.5	342.1	555.7	212.2	197.5	152.9	290.6	111.0	250.7	2,983.2
June	866.0	342.9	554.9	212.2	197.4	152.9	291.4	110.7	251.0	2,979.2
1977-78 -										
July	859.8	340.9	553.3	211.7	196.7	152.5	292.3	110.2	251.4	2,968.9
Aug.	858.4	338.7	551.9	211.2	196.4	152.8	293.3	110.5	251.4	2,964.5
Sept.	(e)855.9	336.3	550.7	211.0	196.0	152.9	293.0	110.9	(e)248.6	(e)2,953.3
Oct.	(e)853.5	336.0	550.4	211.1	195.3	152.9	293.5	111.0	250.5	(e)2,954.4
Nov.	854.0	335.9	552.5	213.2	194.9	153.0	293.8	111.7	250.6	2,959.6
Dec.	849.9	334.8	554.4	214.8	195.8	153.0	292.8	112.8	251.9	2,960.3
Jan.	848.8	333.0	550.9	212.2	196.0	153.7	295.5	112.4	252.1	2,954.6
Feb.	852.4	336.9	549.6	211.2	196.6	153.8	298.3	111.5	252.3	2,962.6
FEMALES										
1973 - June	347.3	17.9	388.7	33.9	171.9	67.9	397.4	150.3	42.4	1,617.7
1974 - June	370.9	19.1	412.3	36.9	185.0	76.0	428.4	160.5	45.1	1,738.3
1975 - June	309.0	18.2	406.7	36.7	181.2	89.3	458.7	163.6	45.7	1,709.2
1976 - June	308.2	18.2	410.1	36.2	183.0	90.2	480.9	161.0	45.2	1,733.0
1976-77 -										
Jan.	296.7	18.2	410.1	36.7	186.0	90.6	477.4	161.2	45.7	1,722.5
Feb.	298.4	18.2	411.2	36.5	187.1	91.7	492.3	160.6	45.1	1,741.1
Mar.	298.9	18.2	412.2	36.6	187.8	92.5	497.1	161.2	45.0	1,749.7
Apr.	295.0	18.1	414.4	36.8	187.6	92.8	499.7	161.3	45.1	1,750.9
May	291.9	18.1	413.7	37.0	188.0	93.4	500.4	161.5	45.3	1,742.3
June	290.2	18.1	414.0	37.1	187.6	93.3	501.1	160.6	45.0	1,747.1
1977-78 -										
July	288.5	18.0	413.9	37.0	187.7	94.4	503.9	160.1	45.5	1,748.8
Aug.	289.1	18.1	413.4	37.0	187.5	95.3	506.8	160.0	45.5	1,752.5
Sept.	289.2	17.9	414.4	37.1	187.6	94.8	508.6	161.8	45.4	(e)1,756.8
Oct.	289.2	18.0	417.2	37.3	187.8	94.7	510.2	162.6	45.5	1,762.5
Nov.	290.2	17.9	421.9	37.4	187.4	95.0	511.5	163.3	45.6	1,770.1
Dec.	286.4	18.0	425.7	37.4	188.0	95.2	503.4	163.0	46.3	1,763.5
Jan.	283.9	18.0	413.4	37.0	187.8	95.2	504.1	162.4	46.2	1,748.0
Feb.	286.2	18.0	415.2	37.1	188.5	95.9	513.5	161.6	45.9	1,761.9
PERSONS										
1973 - June	(e)1,287.4	399.4	925.4	245.1	365.1	205.9	638.3	250.4	285.9	(e)4,602.9
1974 - June	1,311.4	404.7	969.2	255.3	387.9	219.0	681.0	265.7	292.4	4,806.5
1975 - June	1,204.8	(e)411.5	955.7	255.5	379.5	243.5	727.4	274.5	300.3	(e)4,752.7
1976 - June	1,196.9	370.9	968.4	250.8	380.3	243.5	761.0	272.3	295.0	4,739.1
1976-77 -										
Jan.	1,172.5	358.8	967.4	251.3	382.8	242.4	760.0	272.9	295.9	4,704.0
Feb.	1,177.1	361.3	969.1	250.4	384.5	243.8	779.3	271.7	295.1	4,732.3
Mar.	1,177.5	361.6	970.4	249.7	385.9	244.9	786.0	272.9	295.3	4,744.5
Apr.	1,149.2	350.9	971.2	249.3	384.9	245.3	790.0	272.2	296.8	4,738.6
May	1,162.3	360.2	969.4	248.2	385.5	246.4	791.0	272.4	296.1	4,732.6
June	1,156.2	361.0	968.9	249.3	385.0	246.1	792.4	271.3	296.0	4,724.2
1977-78 -										
July	1,148.3	358.9	967.2	248.6	384.4	246.9	796.2	270.3	296.9	4,717.7
Aug.	1,147.4	358.8	965.2	248.2	383.8	248.1	800.1	270.6	296.7	4,717.0
Sept.	(e)1,145.1	354.2	965.1	248.1	383.6	247.6	801.6	272.7	(e)294.0	(e)4,712.1
Oct.	(e)1,142.7	354.0	967.6	248.3	383.1	247.7	803.7	273.6	296.8	(e)4,716.9
Nov.	1,144.2	353.8	974.4	250.6	382.3	247.9	805.3	274.9	296.1	4,729.7
Dec.	1,136.4	352.8	980.1	252.1	383.8	248.2	796.1	275.9	298.3	4,723.7
Jan.	1,132.7	350.9	964.3	249.2	383.9	248.9	799.6	274.7	298.4	4,702.6
Feb.	1,138.6	354.9	964.7	248.3	385.1	249.7	811.7	273.1	298.5	4,724.6

(a) See footnote (a) on page 4. (b) Excludes permanent defence forces. (c) Excludes private households employing staff. (d) Includes forestry, fishing and hunting; mining; electricity, gas and water; and communication. (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES: STATES (a) ('000)

(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.(b)	Australia
MALES									
1973 - June	(c)1,104.5	(c)819.9	398.9	270.5	233.8	87.9	25.1	44.8	(c)2,985.2
1974 - June	1,123.7	842.9	415.2	278.4	243.0	89.6	26.8	48.5	3,068.2
1975 - June	1,102.3	(c)832.9	414.4	278.3	247.9	90.7	24.5	52.4	(c)3,043.5
1976 - June	1,076.5	827.7	410.6	278.5	248.4	88.2	24.9	51.4	3,006.1
1976-77 -									
Jan.	1,062.8	826.0	401.9	277.8	250.6	88.8	23.6	50.0	2,981.5
Feb.	1,064.7	827.8	404.8	278.2	252.9	89.1	23.6	50.2	2,991.2
Mar.	1,065.3	827.6	405.6	278.9	254.2	89.5	23.4	50.3	2,994.7
Apr.	1,062.6	822.7	407.0	277.3	255.1	89.4	23.4	50.2	2,987.7
May	1,060.8	821.2	407.3	276.8	254.2	89.2	23.6	50.3	2,983.2
June	1,058.8	818.8	409.7	275.5	253.8	88.7	23.7	50.2	2,979.2
1977-78 -									
July	1,056.3	814.3	408.0	274.3	253.8	88.1	23.9	50.2	2,968.9
Aug.	1,055.7	812.5	407.5	273.1	253.7	88.1	23.8	50.2	2,964.5
Sept.	1,054.2	(c)807.0	407.6	271.6	253.3	87.8	23.6	50.2	(c)2,955.3
Oct.	1,054.8	(c)807.3	406.0	271.4	253.7	87.4	23.5	50.1	(c)2,954.4
Nov.	1,056.3	811.1	403.7	272.0	255.0	87.9	23.2	50.4	2,959.6
Dec.	1,057.8	814.9	398.4	272.5	254.7	88.4	23.2	50.4	2,963.0
Jan.	1,055.2	814.7	396.7	271.2	254.8	88.3	23.2	50.4	2,954.6
Feb.	1,060.1	815.3	398.2	271.2	255.9	88.3	23.1	50.7	2,962.6
FEMALES									
1973 - June	604.0	470.5	194.2	145.9	123.1	41.3	11.5	27.3	1,617.7
1974 - June	643.9	502.2	210.0	161.0	133.3	44.1	13.3	31.5	1,738.3
1975 - June	625.2	487.3	210.3	159.5	132.1	46.6	11.7	35.4	1,709.2
1976 - June	623.3	495.1	216.1	166.5	136.8	46.8	12.6	35.8	1,733.0
1976-77 -									
Jan.	613.8	494.9	215.7	164.6	138.2	48.0	12.5	34.8	1,722.5
Feb.	622.4	497.0	216.1	167.9	141.7	48.2	12.7	35.1	1,741.1
Mar.	624.7	498.4	216.6	170.3	142.7	48.6	12.8	35.6	1,749.7
Apr.	625.2	498.0	216.9	170.0	143.5	48.7	12.9	35.8	1,750.9
May	624.2	497.6	217.4	169.3	143.3	48.6	13.1	35.9	1,749.3
June	624.4	495.4	218.0	168.8	142.9	48.4	13.2	35.8	1,747.1
1977-78 -									
July	624.4	495.1	218.8	169.3	143.5	48.5	13.3	36.1	1,748.8
Aug.	625.5	496.5	219.1	169.1	144.4	48.6	13.1	36.2	1,752.5
Sept.	627.2	(c)497.0	221.0	168.4	145.2	48.8	13.1	36.1	(c)1,756.8
Oct.	629.8	498.6	221.1	168.8	146.2	48.8	13.0	36.2	1,762.5
Nov.	632.0	500.7	220.9	171.1	147.0	49.3	13.0	36.1	1,770.1
Dec.	630.3	502.4	218.4	169.2	144.8	49.3	13.1	36.0	1,763.5
Jan.	619.5	500.3	218.3	167.0	144.8	49.3	13.0	35.9	1,748.0
Feb.	626.6	501.5	219.1	169.8	146.5	49.4	13.0	36.1	1,761.9
PERSONS									
1973 - June	(c)1,708.5	(c)1,290.3	593.1	416.3	356.8	129.2	36.6	72.0	(c)4,602.9
1974 - June	1,767.7	1,345.2	625.3	439.4	373.3	133.7	40.1	80.0	4,806.5
1975 - June	1,727.5	(c)1,320.3	624.6	437.8	381.0	137.3	36.2	87.9	(c)4,752.7
1976 - June	1,699.8	1,322.8	626.7	445.0	385.2	135.0	37.5	87.1	4,739.1
1976-77 -									
Jan.	1,676.6	1,320.8	617.6	442.3	388.8	136.8	36.2	84.7	4,704.0
Feb.	1,687.1	1,324.8	620.9	446.1	394.6	137.4	36.2	85.3	4,732.3
Mar.	1,690.0	1,326.0	622.3	449.2	396.9	138.1	36.2	85.9	4,744.5
Apr.	1,687.8	1,320.7	623.9	447.3	398.6	138.1	36.3	86.0	4,738.6
May	1,684.9	1,318.8	624.7	446.0	397.5	137.8	36.7	86.1	4,732.6
June	1,683.3	1,314.2	627.7	444.3	396.7	137.1	36.9	86.0	4,726.2
1977-78 -									
July	1,680.7	1,309.4	626.8	443.5	397.3	136.6	37.1	86.3	4,717.7
Aug.	1,681.2	1,309.0	626.6	442.1	398.1	136.7	36.9	86.4	4,717.0
Sept.	1,681.4	(c)1,304.0	628.6	439.9	398.5	136.6	36.8	86.3	(c)4,712.1
Oct.	1,684.6	(c)1,305.9	627.1	440.2	400.0	136.2	36.6	86.3	(c)4,716.9
Nov.	1,688.3	1,311.8	624.6	443.2	402.0	137.2	36.2	86.5	4,729.7
Dec.	1,688.1	1,317.4	616.8	441.7	399.5	137.7	36.3	86.4	4,723.7
Jan.	1,674.7	1,315.0	615.1	438.2	397.6	137.6	36.2	86.4	4,702.6
Feb.	1,686.7	1,316.7	617.3	441.0	402.4	137.7	36.1	86.7	4,724.6

(a) See footnote (a) on page 4. (b) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations)

Month (b)	N.S.W. (c)	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia		
								Males	Females	Persons
1974 - June	28,957	21,258	9,537	7,128	7,782	3,310	855	47,478	31,349	78,827
1975 - June	94,595	70,360	37,491	19,119	17,003	6,190	1,217	184,536	91,439	245,975
1976 - June	111,127	66,118	38,586	17,593	21,103	8,986	1,738	182,988	92,263	265,251
1976-77 -										
Feb.	150,453	77,263	54,697	25,856	25,506	10,044	2,849	224,044	122,624	346,668
Mar.	141,790	72,721	51,195	24,484	24,170	8,685	3,504	208,315	118,234	326,549
Apr.	139,911	73,223	49,484	25,516	23,451	7,975	3,629	208,791	114,398	323,189
May	138,869	72,838	48,474	25,917	23,524	8,116	3,445	208,937	112,246	321,183
June	140,957	77,613	48,582	27,590	25,573	8,786	3,692	217,642	115,151	332,793
1977-78 -										
July	139,688	78,713	49,819	29,134	26,588	9,505	3,944	223,856	113,535	337,391
Aug.	137,130	79,289	47,923	29,299	26,595	9,740	4,002	225,621	108,357	333,978
Sept.	133,640	77,568	47,712	30,155	25,749	9,416	3,972	223,122	105,090	328,212
Oct.	133,087	119,002	48,143	30,663	26,135	9,334	3,971	261,829	108,506	370,335
Nov.	138,502	87,508	57,618	32,350	27,334	9,857	3,788	240,408	116,549	356,957
Dec.	154,694	99,286	65,716	36,832	30,964	12,621	3,972	270,109	133,976	404,085
Jan.	170,815	106,372	74,484	41,205	35,236	12,807	4,381	295,090	150,210	445,300
Feb.	163,036	103,370	71,957	39,896	35,571	12,879	4,547	281,848	149,408	431,256
Mar.	154,427	98,051	68,665	39,190	33,364	12,051	4,246	268,362	141,632	409,994

(a) Persons who claimed, when registering with the Commonwealth Employment Service, that they were not employed and who were recorded as unplaced. Includes those referred to employers and those who may have obtained employment without notifying the C.E.S. Includes also persons receiving unemployment benefit. (b) Generally at Friday nearest end of month. (c) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

VACANCIES REGISTERED WITH COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations)

Month (b)	N.S.W.(c)	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia					
								Adults	Juniors (d)	Total			
								Seasonally adjusted (e)	Seasonally adjusted (e)	Seasonally adjusted (e)			
1974 - June	23,160	23,561	6,180	4,231	3,302	1,078	668	48,128	51,520	14,052	22,459	62,180	73,979
1975 - June	8,984	7,868	2,484	2,381	2,346	823	631	21,622	23,059	3,895	6,325	25,517	29,384
1976 - June	5,950	7,187	1,605	1,749	1,626	654	423	16,735	17,716	2,459	4,070	19,194	21,786
1976-77 -													
Feb.	10,446	9,907	1,966	2,051	3,007	1,252	241	20,885	18,268	7,985	6,435	28,870	24,703
Mar.	7,609	8,145	1,906	1,678	2,616	1,293	221	18,491	17,319	4,977	5,862	23,468	23,181
Apr.	6,742	7,534	1,929	1,310	2,295	922	276	16,632	16,253	4,376	6,018	21,008	22,271
May	6,771	6,977	1,791	1,165	1,995	918	277	15,959	15,697	3,935	5,877	19,894	21,574
June	6,405	6,816	1,911	1,063	1,760	947	227	15,332	16,236	3,797	6,304	19,129	22,540
1977-78 -													
July	6,557	6,792	1,749	1,125	1,771	840	252	15,055	16,240	4,031	6,467	19,086	22,707
Aug.	7,041	6,661	2,114	1,482	1,972	864	241	15,844	16,219	4,531	6,749	20,375	22,968
Sept.	6,802	6,609	1,932	1,422	1,959	924	230	14,982	14,996	4,896	6,393	19,878	21,389
Oct.	7,856	6,713	2,026	1,306	2,129	804	265	15,723	15,777	5,376	5,595	21,099	21,372
Nov.	7,619	6,377	1,740	1,442	1,928	834	316	14,129	15,081	6,127	4,468	20,256	19,549
Dec.	8,631	5,684	1,569	1,182	1,635	991	271	12,208	14,658	7,755	4,249	19,963	18,907
Jan.	11,008	7,188	1,825	1,662	1,909	1,033	263	15,474	13,745	9,394	5,580	24,868	19,325
Feb.	8,371	7,260	1,875	1,641	1,947	911	232	15,589	13,592	6,668	5,447	22,257	19,039
Mar.	6,963	6,255	2,034	1,501	1,622	882	266	14,030	13,169	5,493	6,568	19,523	19,737

(a) Vacancies which employers claimed were available immediately or would be available by the end of the following calendar month. (b) At Friday nearest end of month. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Juniors comprise all persons under 21 years of age, including school leavers. (e) Seasonally adjusted estimates in this statement have been revised. For details of the methods used see Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1978 (1308.0) to be released shortly.

NOTE: Sample surveys have been conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in March each year since 1974 to obtain information on the nature and composition of job vacancies. To reduce to a minimum the delay in collection of data and publication of the results a quarterly telephone survey in respect of vacancies was commenced in May 1977. These surveys will be conducted in February, May, August and November each year. For a number of reasons the estimates obtained from these surveys differ substantially from the numbers of vacancies registered with the C.E.S. at those dates. For example, the survey estimate of total vacancies at February 1978 was 36,000 while the C.E.S. figure was 22,257. Results of the surveys and reasons why the survey estimates differ from C.E.S. statistics were published in *Job Vacancies, November 1977* (6231.0).

PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
(Source : Department of Social Security)

Date	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Qld	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1975 June 28	57,599	45,624	27,682	14,393	11,011	4,439	108,024	52,724	160,748
1976 July 2	83,361	43,638	26,494	13,148	14,554	7,228	129,788	58,635	188,423
1977 July 29	112,186	54,982	34,340	24,533	19,790	7,978	176,414	77,395	253,809
1976-77 -									
Apr. 22	108,018	43,583	34,274	19,391	n.a.	6,575	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
May 20	110,492	n.a.	34,350	n.a.	16,489	6,554	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1977-78 -									
July 1	111,703	n.a.	33,592	23,494	18,942	7,078	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July 29	112,186	54,982	34,340	24,533	19,790	7,978	176,414	77,395	253,809
Aug. 26	111,505	57,256	33,710	25,268	19,207	7,917	179,604	75,259	254,863
Sept. 23	106,696	54,669	33,500	25,890	20,713	8,083	177,668	71,883	249,551
Oct. 21	105,277	61,425	33,354	25,732	19,499	8,037	182,162	71,162	253,324
Dec. 2	95,170	60,372	33,709	25,321	16,581	7,179	172,028	66,304	238,332
Dec. 30	105,021	57,626	39,146	28,043	18,777	7,610	185,211	71,012	256,223
Jan. 27	108,165	64,795	39,924	28,540	19,228	9,244	192,871	77,025	269,896
Feb. 24	117,917	69,245	47,732	31,744	22,240	9,577	206,991	91,464	298,455
Mar. 24	119,113	64,693	45,953	31,519	20,293	8,785	199,236	91,120	290,356
Apr. 21	109,856	66,479	43,865	32,577	21,412	9,119	195,981	87,327	283,308

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

PERSONS RECEIVING SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA
(Source : Department of Social Security)

Date	Sickness	Special	
		Ordinary	Migrant (a)
1975 June 28	25,478	5,552	49
1976 July 2	30,468	7,224	209
1977 July 29	35,102	9,315	169
1976-77 -			
Apr. 22	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
May 20	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1977-78 -			
July 1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July 29	35,102	9,315	169
Aug. 26	35,929	9,481	176
Sept. 23	35,665	9,179	210
Oct. 21	35,647	9,492	247
Dec. 2	36,980	9,609	551
Dec. 30	31,915	8,912	564
Jan. 27	33,684	9,958	508
Feb. 24	34,670	10,083	540
Mar. 24	32,396	10,014	446
Apr. 21	35,285	10,825	539

(a) In Australian Government centres or hostels awaiting their first placement in employment in Australia.

INTERNAL TRADE

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES (a) (\$ million)

Retail sales figures in the table below relate principally to sales to the final consumer of new and used goods for personal and household purposes. The series covers retail sales by all establishments included in the Australian Standard Industrial Classification subdivision 48 except motor establishments, bread and milk vendors, footwear repairers and household electrical appliance repairers. The following establishments are also included: cafes and restaurants, licensed hotels, motels and wine saloons, licensed clubs and hairdressers. The estimates are obtained from a survey based on the 1973-74 Census of Retail Establishments. For further explanation see *Retail Sales of Goods* (8503.0) December quarter 1977.

Commodity groups													
Period	Groceries (b)	Butchers' meat	Other food (c)	Beer, wine and spirits	Clothing and drapery	Footwear	Hardware (d)	Electrical goods (e)	Furniture	Chemists' goods	News, papers, books and stationery	Other goods (f)	Total (excl. motor vehicles, etc.)
ORIGINAL													
1974-75	2,656.0	1,046.9	1,643.6	2,083.1	2,612.7	399.1	659.6	1,372.5	941.2	900.6	593.1	1,431.5	16,339.7
1975-76	3,156.7	1,114.0	1,837.3	2,534.9	2,925.9	453.3	768.4	1,742.9	1,088.5	1,053.5	686.3	1,663.5	19,045.2
1976-77	3,711.5	1,269.4	2,082.1	2,840.6	3,241.3	508.1	838.2	1,929.9	1,211.3	1,138.1	773.2	1,832.1	21,375.8
1976-77 -													
Sept. qtr	867.6	302.0	487.2	648.9	758.2	116.0	181.2	479.9	301.0	271.9	173.7	416.4	5,004.0
Dec. qtr	979.3	323.4	548.0	781.3	925.2	138.6	276.5	579.1	344.2	319.9	211.6	568.0	5,995.1
Mar. qtr	899.8	306.1	514.5	710.8	677.3	112.7	185.4	418.8	267.5	264.0	199.7	416.8	4,974.4
June qtr	964.8	337.9	532.4	699.6	880.6	140.8	194.1	452.1	298.6	282.3	188.2	430.9	5,402.3
1977-78 -													
Sept. qtr	998.4	343.0	545.4	715.2	825.9	130.9	206.7	447.6	321.4	294.6	194.9	462.1	5,486.1
Dec. qtr	1,127.8	361.4	609.6	860.0	1,019.9	153.5	314.2	553.8	362.2	341.2	247.5	619.7	6,570.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
1976-77 -													
Sept. qtr	873.8	298.3	496.7	687.5	781.8	119.5	198.5	496.7	291.0	278.3	185.3	436.8	5,146.7
Dec. qtr	915.2	314.9	516.5	703.7	808.9	124.5	210.7	493.4	308.1	281.6	190.8	463.3	5,318.5
Mar. qtr	942.9	321.7	525.9	710.2	819.6	129.7	213.4	473.5	305.9	285.2	196.5	460.6	5,394.8
June qtr	982.0	335.4	542.6	742.6	826.7	134.0	214.3	464.7	306.8	293.9	201.4	469.9	5,513.8
1977-78 -													
Sept. qtr	1,005.3	337.0	556.0	758.1	857.5	136.2	226.5	461.7	311.5	299.6	206.5	484.5	5,642.8
Dec. qtr	1,053.8	352.9	576.7	771.8	889.9	136.7	239.7	474.5	323.5	301.9	224.4	504.4	5,832.9
MONTHLY ESTIMATES													
Period	Total (excluding motor vehicles, etc.)			Total (excluding motor vehicles, etc.)									
	Original	Seasonally adjusted		Period	Original	Seasonally adjusted							
1976-77 -													
Jan.	1,628.2	1,762.3		1977-78 -									
Feb.	1,589.2	1,801.4		Aug.	1,841.6	1,877.1							
Mar.	1,757.0	1,811.4		Sep.	1,867.6	1,901.0							
Apr.	1,746.7	1,794.7		Oct.	1,906.9	1,921.4							
May	1,869.0	1,859.5		Nov.	2,018.0	1,949.0							
June	1,786.6	1,863.4		Dec.	2,645.9	1,978.3							
1977-78 -													
July	1,776.9	1,852.8		Jan. p	1,795.0	1,943.0							
				Mar. p	1,949.0	1,995.0							

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. Series based on 1973-74 Retail Census. (b) Includes bacon, butter, etc. (c) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (d) Excludes basic building materials, builders' hardware and supplies such as tools of trade, paint, etc. (e) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (f) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., sporting goods, etc., but excludes grain and produce and business machines.

NOTE. Figures from September quarter 1975 are subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new businesses.

INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES (\$ million)

The following statistics cover all types of schemes which relate primarily to the financing of retail sales of consumer goods and in which repayment is made by regular predetermined instalments. Types of schemes covered include hire purchase, time payment, budget account and personal loans relating to financing of retail sales of goods.

Period	Amount financed during period (excluding hiring charges, interest, insurance, etc.)			Cash collections and other liquidations of balances during period	Balances outstanding at end of period (including hiring charges, etc.)
	Motor vehicles, etc	Household and personal goods	Total		
FINANCE COMPANIES					
1976-77 : Feb.	95.1	23.1	117.2	153.3	2,511.5
Mar.	107.7	25.9	133.6	175.3	2,524.6
Apr.	91.5	25.4	116.8	145.0	2,546.8
May	104.5	29.7	134.2	167.1	2,571.2
June	105.8	27.7	133.4	161.4	2,604.3
1977-78 : July	99.4	26.3	125.7	155.7	2,628.4
Aug.	107.9	24.9	132.8	168.1	2,649.6
Sept.	105.5	25.9	131.4	163.6	2,676.0
Oct.	95.2	29.4	124.6	158.7	2,699.3
Nov.	101.4	30.9	132.3	163.9	2,724.9
Dec.	95.2	32.3	127.6	154.6	2,747.0
Jan.	95.2	19.1	114.3	154.0	2,762.7
Feb.	93.5	21.6	115.2	171.8	2,754.1
Mar.	101.0	22.4	123.4	173.2	2,762.1
States, March 1978 -					
N.S.W.	33.7	9.8	43.5	56.7	963.5
Vic.	23.7	4.5	28.2	39.5	599.2
Qld	14.9	3.7	18.6	27.6	469.3
S.A.	9.3	1.5	10.8	(a) 18.2	(a) 265.8
W.A.	11.5	1.8	13.3	19.9	291.2
Tas.	4.4	0.5	4.9	7.2	103.2
N.T.	1.1	0.1	1.2	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	2.4	0.5	2.9	3.9	69.8
OTHER BUSINESSES					
1976-77 : Feb.	0.1	18.3	18.4	26.2	174.5
Mar.	0.1	20.5	20.6	27.0	170.0
Apr.	0.1	19.3	19.4	24.9	166.2
May	0.1	21.4	21.5	26.1	163.8
June	0.1	21.4	21.5	25.6	161.8
1977-78 : July	..	22.0	22.0	23.8	160.8
Aug.	0.1	21.1	21.2	23.4	160.7
Sept.	0.1	19.0	19.1	22.2	159.5
Oct.	..	19.1	19.1	21.8	158.4
Nov.	..	21.9	21.9	22.2	160.0
Dec.	0.1	26.3	26.4	21.4	166.8
Jan.	..	15.3	15.3	21.1	162.7
Feb.	..	15.3	15.3	21.6	158.2
Mar.	..	16.4	16.5	20.4	156.1
States, March 1978 -					
N.S.W.	..	4.2	4.2	4.5	45.3
Vic.	..	6.2	6.2	7.3	48.4
Qld	..	1.7	1.7	2.3	15.2
S.A.	..	2.5	2.6	(a) 3.5	(a) 28.7
W.A.	..	1.5	1.5	2.1	15.1
Tas.	..	0.4	0.4	0.5	3.3
N.T.	..	..	..	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	..	..	..	..	0.2
ALL BUSINESSES					
1976-77 : Feb.	95.2	40.4	135.6	179.5	2,686.0
Mar.	107.8	46.4	154.2	202.3	2,694.6
Apr.	91.6	44.7	136.2	169.9	2,712.9
May	104.6	51.2	155.7	193.2	2,735.0
June	105.8	49.1	154.9	187.0	2,766.2
1977-78 : July	99.4	48.3	147.7	179.5	2,789.1
Aug.	108.0	46.0	154.0	191.5	2,810.2
Sept.	105.6	44.9	150.5	185.8	2,835.4
Oct.	95.2	48.5	143.7	180.5	2,856.7
Nov.	101.4	52.8	154.2	186.1	2,884.9
Dec.	95.3	58.6	153.9	176.0	2,913.8
Jan.	95.2	34.4	129.6	175.1	2,925.4
Feb.	93.6	36.9	130.5	193.5	2,912.3
Mar.	101.1	38.8	139.9	193.6	2,918.2
States, March 1978 -					
N.S.W.	33.7	14.0	47.7	61.2	1,008.9
Vic.	23.7	10.6	34.3	46.9	647.5
Qld	14.9	5.4	20.3	30.0	484.5
S.A.	9.3	4.0	13.4	(a) 21.8	(a) 294.5
W.A.	11.5	3.3	14.8	22.1	306.3
Tas.	4.4	0.9	5.3	7.7	106.5
N.T.	1.1	0.1	1.2	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	2.4	0.5	3.0	4.0	70.0

(a) Includes Northern Territory. (b) Not available separately for publication; included in South Australia.

OVERSEAS TRADE

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASS
(£ million)

Producers' materials for use in -																	
Manufacturing																	
Period	Building and construction		Rural industries		Motor vehicle assembly		Other		Total	Fuels and lubricants	Auxiliary aids to production	Munitions and war stores					
	Class I.A	Class I.B	Class I.C(5)	Class I.C(1-4)	Class I.	Class II.	Class III.	Class VII.									
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%					
1974-75	239.0	3.0	115.2	1.4	413.5	5.2	2,511.7	31.6	3,279.4	41.2	234.3	2.9	156.2	2.0	47.3	0.6	
1975-76	249.4	3.1	87.2	1.1	515.1	6.3	2,441.6	29.9	3,293.4	40.4	282.6	3.5	156.1	1.9	68.5	0.8	
1976-77	342.8	3.3	94.1	0.9	636.7	6.2	3,166.3	30.7	4,240.0	41.0	337.4	3.3	86.3	0.8	116.4	1.1	
1976-77 -																	
Feb.	27.3	3.0	14.5	1.6	56.8	6.2	266.8	29.3	365.4	40.2	39.0	4.3	8.3	0.9	5.7	0.6	
Mar.	34.3	3.5	6.0	0.6	54.3	5.6	278.8	28.7	373.3	38.4	39.6	4.1	7.5	0.8	10.2	1.1	
Apr.	29.9	3.4	7.0	0.8	56.0	6.4	268.9	30.5	361.8	41.1	37.3	4.2	6.6	0.7	6.4	0.7	
May	27.1	2.8	11.4	1.2	61.5	6.4	321.5	33.2	421.4	43.5	23.5	2.4	7.7	0.8	11.7	1.2	
June	32.5	3.5	8.8	0.9	54.8	5.9	274.2	29.5	370.3	39.8	25.7	2.8	7.2	0.8	30.5	3.3	
1977-78 p -																	
July	26.4	2.8	6.6	0.7	51.7	5.4	311.9	33.4	396.6	42.5	25.2	2.9	7.6	0.8	4.2	0.5	
Aug.	27.6	2.7	14.1	1.4	58.5	5.8	293.4	29.2	393.5	39.2	22.1	2.2	7.1	0.7	4.7	0.5	
Sept.	24.1	2.8	7.0	0.8	45.4	5.2	279.4	32.1	356.0	40.9	26.2	3.0	6.5	0.7	5.1	0.6	
Oct.	29.2	3.2	8.7	1.0	39.9	4.4	305.6	33.5	383.5	42.0	36.2	4.0	7.1	0.8	7.8	0.9	
Nov.	27.5	2.9	7.5	0.8	45.5	4.8	288.9	30.7	369.4	39.2	46.0	4.9	8.2	0.9	4.9	0.5	
Dec.	20.0	2.7	3.5	0.5	37.0	4.9	231.6	30.8	292.1	38.9	17.6	2.3	8.8	1.2	6.5	0.9	
Jan.	30.0	3.1	11.9	1.2	49.0	5.0	325.2	33.3	416.1	42.6	48.9	5.0	11.6	1.2	6.8	0.7	
Feb.	26.5	3.1	11.9	1.4	41.8	4.9	271.5	32.1	351.7	41.5	18.8	2.2	8.3	1.0	6.9	0.8	
Mar.	28.4	3.0	9.8	1.0	49.9	5.2	290.4	30.4	378.5	39.7	37.6	3.9	9.2	1.0	12.6	1.3	
Capital equipment																	
Transport equipment																	
Finished consumer goods																	
Total imports																	
Period	Producers' equipment		Complete road vehicles and assembled chassis	Railway equipment, vessels and civil aircraft	Food beverages and tobacco	Clothing and accessories		All other		Total	Total imports of merchandise		Seasonally adjusted				
	Class IV.	Class V.B	V.A.C.D	Class VI.A,B,C	Class VI.D	Class VI.E-J	Class VI.	%	%	%	Original	(a)					
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%					
1974-75	1,674.8	21.0	526.5	6.6	144.4	1.8	280.5	3.5	233.0	2.9	1,384.2	17.4	1,897.7	23.8	7,961	8,080	..
1975-76	1,685.4	20.7	502.9	6.2	114.1	1.4	287.7	3.5	243.2	3.0	1,524.0	18.7	2,054.8	25.2	8,158	8,240	..
1976-77	2,086.5	20.2	700.9	6.8	132.5	1.3	449.9	4.4	307.4	3.0	1,872.7	18.1	2,630.1	25.3	10,330	10,411	..
1976-77 -																	
Feb.	183.8	20.2	56.0	6.2	8.3	0.9	45.5	5.0	42.5	4.7	155.2	17.1	243.2	26.7	909.8	917	988
Mar.	200.3	20.6	74.5	7.7	14.0	1.4	41.0	4.2	36.5	3.8	174.0	17.9	251.5	25.9	970.9	976	931
Apr.	185.8	21.1	62.6	7.1	8.0	0.9	40.9	4.6	20.3	2.3	150.3	17.1	211.6	24.0	880.2	886	1,004
May	199.6	20.6	63.0	6.5	13.5	1.4	41.0	4.2	18.1	1.9	169.0	17.5	228.1	23.6	968.4	976	927
June	199.1	21.4	64.6	6.9	9.3	1.0	46.1	5.0	21.0	2.3	156.0	16.8	223.1	24.0	929.8	939	967
1977-78 p -																	
July	184.0	19.7	63.9	6.8	14.6	1.6	49.1	5.3	30.0	3.2	155.7	16.7	234.7	25.2	933.0	940	934
Aug.	209.0	20.8	64.2	6.4	20.9	2.1	60.2	6.0	37.5	3.7	184.4	18.4	282.1	28.1	1,003.7	1,011	906
Sept.	172.4	19.8	53.7	6.2	15.4	1.8	48.3	5.5	26.9	3.1	160.7	18.4	235.9	27.1	871.2	878	877
Oct.	190.9	20.9	45.6	5.0	28.9	3.2	36.5	4.0	21.4	2.3	155.6	17.0	213.4	23.4	913.3	921	923
Nov.	208.3	22.1	56.9	6.0	13.2	1.4	41.2	4.4	22.6	2.4	171.8	18.2	235.6	25.0	942.5	951	902
Dec.	170.7	22.7	56.5	7.5	14.5	1.9	32.8	4.4	23.0	3.1	128.2	17.1	184.1	24.5	750.8	757	843
Jan.	196.4	20.1	56.2	5.8	12.1	1.2	46.1	4.7	38.6	4.0	143.4	14.7	228.1	23.4	976.2	986	935
Feb.	189.5	22.4	41.1	4.9	9.2	1.1	40.2	4.7	46.2	5.5	135.0	15.9	221.4	26.1	846.8	854	920
Mar.	205.6	21.5	67.8	7.1	21.5	2.3	38.9	4.1	33.7	3.5	149.0	15.6	221.6	23.2	954.5	967	945

(a) Seasonally adjusted figures from 1976-77 are derived from the values of total imports on the new basis of valuation. The series has been revised following annual re-valuation.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES
(\$ million)

Period	Meats	Dairy produce	Wheat and flour	Dried, fresh and preserved fruit	Sugar	Coal, coke and briquettes	Ores and concentrates	
							Non-ferrous	Iron
1974-75	443.8	157.4	1,078.6	91.2	644.6	733.4	421.8	706.5
1975-76	667.9	189.5	961.5	96.1	569.9	1,069.8	526.6	771.0
1976-77	884.8	189.3	893.4	98.9	637.5	1,291.5	645.1	901.7
1976-77 -								
Feb.	64.7	13.9	68.6	3.6	28.2	89.7	45.0	97.4
Mar.	85.6	19.4	50.2	6.7	31.9	94.3	41.2	62.9
Apr.	78.2	12.8	85.7	9.0	46.0	135.8	57.3	69.2
May	99.6	17.0	79.6	14.1	39.0	119.5	57.4	80.4
June	94.3	16.9	77.2	13.2	28.4	108.1	71.3	68.1
1977-78 p -								
July	93.3	14.7	91.6	10.3	56.3	98.5	46.5	75.2
August	91.0	12.3	79.0	12.7	68.9	140.4	50.4	86.8
September	80.6	13.9	94.6	11.7	68.7	108.5	50.5	93.3
October	92.2	13.2	61.5	6.7	63.6	137.1	63.2	83.7
November	95.9	19.0	107.9	7.9	77.6	130.0	52.2	73.9
December	76.1	18.5	87.8	3.3	49.3	98.2	39.9	76.2
January	79.4	21.0	79.9	6.3	54.2	103.6	58.5	79.0
February	108.5	16.1	95.2	4.5	1.8	134.5	51.7	68.4
March	95.9	16.8	78.1	8.0	18.2	119.7	31.3	66.5

Period	Road motor vehicles	Wool		Total exports of merchandise	Total exports	
		Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)		Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)
1974-75	136.7	753.5	..	8,540.6	8,726	..
1975-76	95.1	961.9	..	9,399.7	9,640	..
1976-77	91.7	1,477.1	..	11,483.9	11,646	..
1976-77 -						
Feb.	4.6	142.4	121.7	903.3	913	982
Mar.	8.2	136.9	122.3	944.0	958	1,005
Apr.	9.0	122.4	125.7	1,012.8	1,024	1,013
May	8.9	109.3	105.6	1,019.0	1,029	1,007
June	9.3	92.9	91.8	968.7	979	944
1977-78 p -						
July	8.4	84.2	83.7	955.8	980	995
August	10.7	56.8	57.2	1,051.7	1,088	1,022
September	10.0	62.8	88.1	990.2	1,010	974
October	7.0	52.8	73.7	953.3	965	974
November	6.0	110.9	113.3	1,096.5	1,115	1,070
December	8.8	131.2	133.1	975.4	992	1,024
January	5.0	138.5	105.1	993.4	1,016	1,047
February	5.5	96.6	82.1	938.3	951	1,015
March	5.5	103.8	103.0	940.8	952	1,008

(a) Series revised following annual re-analysis.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT AVERAGE 1966-67 PRICES
(*\$ million*)

Period	Meat and meat preparations	Cereal grains and cereal preparations	Sugar, sugar preparations and honey	Other (dairy produce, fruit, etc.)	Wool and sheepskins	Metaliferous ores and metal scrap	Coal, coke and briquettes	Metals, metal manufactures, machinery, transport equipment	Other exports	All exports of merchandise	
										Original	Seasonally adjusted
1974-75	380	646	124	249	653	976	267	642	761	4,898	..
1975-76	506	646	124	294	819	927	246	773	793	5,128	..
1976-77	601	681	157	325	952	976	279	797	857	5,625	..
1975-76 - June qtr	134	200	30	80	185	243	73	200	204	1,349	1,325
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	156	189	54	88	250	267	66	215	229	1,514	1,503
Dec. qtr	135	142	53	77	257	240	69	208	216	1,397	1,414
Mar. qtr	139	171	27	75	253	221	67	185	195	1,333	1,355
June qtr	171	179	23	86	191	248	77	190	216	1,381	1,356
1977-78 p - Sept. qtr	172	200	48	71	129	257	69	216	239	1,401	1,388

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT AVERAGE 1966-67 PRICES
(*\$ million*)

Period	Food, beverages and tobacco	Fuels	Basic materials	Chemicals (incl. plastics)	Textiles, fabrics etc.	Metals, metal manufactures, machinery, transport equipment	Other imports	All imports of merchandise	
								Original	Seasonally adjusted
1974-75 (a)	251	156	243	496	332	2,446	1,175	5,099	..
1975-76 (a)	234	148	248	408	451	2,105	1,140	4,734	..
1976-77	269	167	256	491	473	2,354	1,277	5,287	..
1975-76 - June qtr (a)	56	35	63	120	112	551	288	1,225	1,270
1976-77 - Sept. qtr	65	48	62	123	119	556	325	1,298	1,246
Dec. qtr	73	33	70	124	123	575	334	1,332	1,302
Mar. qtr	70	43	60	119	112	626	329	1,359	1,403
June qtr	61	43	63	125	119	597	289	1,297	1,345
1977-78 p - Sept. qtr	77	41	65	121	120	549	322	1,296	1,241

(a) Prior to September quarter 1976, the recorded value of imports was the higher of actual selling price or current domestic value (in the country of export). Since then a system of valuation based on the Brussels Definition of Value has been used. It has been estimated that if the previous basis of valuation had continued, the current price values of total imports would have been about 2% higher than the recorded values on the new basis. The estimates at average 1966-67 prices would be affected to a much lesser degree.

PRICES AND WAGES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index has been compiled for periods from September quarter 1948. The composition of groups and the group structure of the index has been altered with the introduction of the ninth Consumer Price Index series as from September quarter 1976. A brief description of the latest link is contained in the Appendix to the December quarter 1976 *Consumer Price Index* bulletin (6401.0).

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted)

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (a)	Recreation (b)	All groups
1974-75	164.0	173.0	187.4	153.8	173.0	170.4	186.5	..	171.1
1975-76	180.2	201.0	221.1	178.3	203.8	211.1	151.6	..	193.3
1976-77	201.2	232.5	251.8	196.3	221.9	229.8	265.8	104.1	220.0
1976-77 -									
Dec. qtr	199.6	232.1	249.4	193.0	218.6	229.2	295.4	101.6	219.3
Mar. qtr	203.4	235.6	255.0	198.9	225.0	230.3	301.3	105.8	224.3
June qtr	209.4	244.1	261.6	203.5	228.7	233.4	304.9	108.8	229.6
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	217.4	248.2	266.7	206.4	232.3	236.0	307.1	110.1	234.1
Dec. qtr	222.1	256.5	273.2	211.7	239.2	239.2	311.0	112.6	239.6
Mar. qtr	223.5	259.3	276.9	213.8	243.0	241.9	317.8	114.9	242.7

(a) Base: December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (b) Base: September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS
(Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Weighted average of seven capital cities
1974-75	171.1	176.1	167.9	168.7	169.7	166.1	166.7	164.9	171.0
1975-76	193.3	199.0	189.5	190.9	190.5	189.6	190.0	187.3	193.3
1976-77	220.0	223.4	216.6	218.0	220.1	219.4	217.7	212.9	219.9
1976-77 -									
Dec. qtr	219.3	222.8	215.3	217.8	220.0	219.0	217.2	213.0	219.2
Mar. qtr	224.3	227.4	221.0	222.5	224.7	224.0	221.4	216.5	224.2
June qtr	229.6	232.3	227.0	226.6	230.1	229.3	226.7	220.3	229.4
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	234.1	236.0	231.6	231.3	235.6	234.9	232.0	224.8	233.9
Dec. qtr	239.6	241.8	236.6	236.3	241.0	242.5	238.1	231.9	239.5
Mar. qtr	242.7	245.1	239.2	240.6	243.1	245.3	240.8	234.2	242.5

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) GROUP INDEX NUMBERS

A detailed description of the index is contained in the initial bulletin (6411.0) of 4 July 1975.

(Base: Year 1968-69 = 100.0)

Period	Manufactured materials (imported) (b)						Total imported materials	Total home produced materials	All groups
	Metal manufacturing components			Other materials (imported and home produced) (c)					
	Chemicals	for transport equipment and machinery	Other manufactured materials (b)	Food, live animals and tobacco	Crude materials (excl. fuels)	Electricity, gas and fuels			
Value weight (%)	6.67	5.21	5.76	45.87	20.66	15.83	27.16	72.84	100.00
1974-75	141.9	148.7	137.4	132.4	149.3	179.5	181.5	131.6	145.1
1975-76	149.4	179.6	148.4	132.5	163.0	229.0	202.9	142.0	158.6
1976-77 p	160.3	211.6	164.5	154.9	191.5	254.8	233.2	163.1	182.2
1976-77 -									
Jan.	164.3	221.4	169.5	152.0	196.3	258.2	239.7	162.4	183.4
Feb.	165.6	224.5	171.6	155.1	198.2	269.0	247.7	164.8	187.3
Mar.	167.6	226.9	174.2	161.4	199.9	268.0	250.9	168.3	190.8
Apr.	168.6	227.5	174.7	165.5	200.7	268.6	251.5	171.1	192.9
May	167.7	229.0	175.5	165.2	200.3	269.7	252.6	170.9	193.1
June	168.1	231.7	176.0	168.7	196.1	268.7	253.7	171.5	193.9
1977-78 -									
July	168.2	233.4	179.5	169.5	195.4	268.8	253.7	172.3	194.4
Aug.	169.0	234.8	181.6	166.9	194.8	281.6	255.3	172.9	195.3
Sept.	169.2	237.0	182.8	163.3	197.6	292.4	255.9	173.9	196.2
Oct.	168.4	238.1	183.7	158.8	199.6	293.6	255.7	172.0	194.8
Nov.	168.6	240.8	183.2	155.0	197.0	292.9	255.4	169.1	192.5
Dec.	169.9	241.8	184.1	161.6	197.5	291.2	255.1	173.4	195.6
Jan. p	170.0	252.8	185.1	165.1	199.5	294.7	256.6	181.8	198.8
Feb. p	172.7	253.5	185.4	172.6	199.9	294.3	257.9	181.8	202.5

(a) The index is on a net basis and relates in concept only to materials that enter Australian manufacturing industry from other sectors of the Australian economy or from overseas. (b) Excluding the manufactured imported crude materials listed in footnote (c). (c) Includes imported fuel oil and the following manufactured imported crude materials: synthetic rubber, hardwood, softwood, woodpulp, synthetic fibre, vegetable oils.

PRICE INDEXES OF ARTICLES PRODUCED BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) DIVISION AND SUB-DIVISION INDEX NUMBERS

A detailed description of the indexes is contained in the initial bulletin (6412.0) of 26 October 1976. Index numbers for special groupings are published in monthly issues of this bulletin.

(Base: Year 1968-69 = 100.0)

Period	Selected net sub-division indexes (c)										
	All Manufacturing Industry Index (b)	Food, beverages and tobacco (21-22)	Clothing and footwear (24)	Wood, wood products and furniture (25)	Paper, paper products and printing (26)	Chemical, petroleum and coal products (27)	Glass, clay and other non-metallic mineral products (28)	Basic metal products (29)	Fabricated metal products (31)	Transport equipment (32)	Other industrial machinery and equipment and household appliances (33)
1974-75	158.1	153.0	161.3	190.0	168.5	142.4	158.3	151.9	183.2	151.2	158.9
1975-76	177.8	163.5	185.2	219.9	196.3	168.2	183.2	174.0	217.1	175.8	179.2
1976-77	196.9	180.0	208.1	246.8	212.8	182.4	202.5	200.6	244.9	195.0	199.4
1976-77 -											
Jan.	198.0	180.7	207.1	248.7	214.3	184.3	203.0	203.2	246.1	195.6	200.3
Feb.	200.4	183.6	210.5	251.6	215.5	185.6	205.9	205.2	248.0	196.3	203.0
Mar.	202.4	186.1	212.5	252.0	216.1	186.3	206.3	208.4	249.5	199.3	204.9
Apr.	204.0	187.5	213.3	254.0	219.2	188.1	206.9	209.0	251.4	200.2	208.8
May	204.3	187.5	213.9	256.6	219.3	188.0	206.9	209.3	251.8	200.6	207.2
June	205.0	187.9	214.9	257.8	219.9	188.5	208.1	207.4	254.3	202.3	208.5
1977-78 -											
July	206.7	189.3	217.7	259.4	221.2	189.9	210.9	209.7	257.8	203.9	209.5
Aug.	207.6	189.4	219.4	260.1	222.3	190.7	212.6	210.2	261.0	205.3	210.1
Sept.	209.4	190.3	223.7	261.1	225.4	195.6	214.8	210.5	263.3	206.3	210.9
Oct.	210.9	191.8	224.0	261.6	228.4	200.1	215.8	211.5	264.4	208.0	211.4
Nov.	211.6	191.3	224.3	262.5	230.2	200.4	218.4	214.2	266.6	208.7	213.7
Dec.	212.4	192.0	224.3	262.7	231.1	200.4	218.8	215.3	268.3	210.6	214.5
Jan. p	213.8	194.1	224.7	263.0	233.3	202.7	221.4	215.3	269.1	211.4	216.5
Feb. p	215.6	197.1	227.1	263.3	236.0	203.8	222.6	214.4	270.2	213.8	217.4

(a) For a full description of Division C, 'Manufacturing' and the selected sub-divisions see Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), Preliminary Edition, 1969. (b) This index is on a 'net 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. (c) Indexes for the remaining sub-divisions of Manufacturing Division are in process of development. The indexes are on a 'net sub-division' basis. ASIC sub-division codes are shown in brackets at the head of the columns.

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING

A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973. The separate city indexes shown below measure price movements within each city individually. They do not compare price levels as between cities.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

(Base: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six state capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1974-75	189.4	178.4	187.0	195.4	172.4	179.1	183.4
1975-76	211.1	200.1	218.5	222.5	201.9	209.2	208.1
1976-77	234.5	223.6	243.5	250.7	229.8	235.1	232.9
1976-77 -							
Mar.	242.0	228.4	249.7	256.2	237.3	239.8	239.2
Apr.	242.6	230.6	251.2	259.5	237.7	240.8	240.6
May	241.2	230.6	251.3	260.0	238.5	241.2	240.3
June	244.3	231.9	253.3	260.4	241.9	244.1	242.6
1977-78 -							
July	247.2	233.4	257.7	262.7	245.3	248.3	245.2
Aug.	247.6	234.7	259.7	266.4	249.1	251.5	247.0
Sept.	249.7	234.9	260.5	267.0	249.5	252.7	248.0
Oct.	251.2	235.7	261.5	268.3	251.4	254.4	249.2
Nov.	251.3	236.8	262.0	268.5	252.4	255.3	249.8
Dec.	252.7	237.8	263.5	269.8	252.9	256.1	251.0
Jan.	253.8	238.6	265.0	270.9	253.6	256.7	251.9
Feb.	255.7	240.4	268.6	272.0	254.5	258.0	253.7
Mar. p	256.6	241.6	269.1	273.3	257.2	260.9	255.1
Apr. p	259.8	242.6	270.3	274.3	257.5	261.3	256.7

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

(Base: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical instal- lation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscel- laneous materials	All groups
Value weight (%)	5.73	8.10	12.85	36.16	5.86	7.20	3.74	1.63	5.13	5.64	7.96	100.00
1974-75	165.7	193.1	180.3	203.5	192.1	170.3	174.5	168.3	146.4	147.8	161.5	183.4
1975-76	195.1	227.0	205.1	226.2	229.3	187.1	201.5	183.5	165.9	167.7	187.9	208.1
1976-77	217.8	258.9	227.8	254.1	263.2	207.9	224.3	201.8	181.9	178.8	210.7	232.9
1976-77 -												
Mar.	222.1	265.0	231.7	263.5	269.4	212.5	228.1	204.6	184.1	181.2	217.8	239.2
Apr.	222.4	265.5	233.0	265.5	270.6	215.0	228.4	208.9	184.4	181.3	219.0	240.6
May	222.3	265.6	230.0	265.9	271.0	214.3	228.5	208.0	184.8	181.3	218.9	240.3
June	223.8	269.9	234.9	267.9	273.0	215.2	229.3	208.0	185.8	182.2	220.4	242.6
1977-78 -												
July	227.2	276.5	237.3	269.8	276.5	215.9	232.4	208.1	188.9	185.9	224.1	245.2
Aug.	231.4	278.9	238.8	271.8	280.3	215.1	233.9	207.4	188.8	186.2	225.4	247.0
Sept.	232.3	279.9	241.9	271.6	282.7	215.5	234.6	206.8	191.0	189.2	225.7	248.0
Oct.	237.7	281.0	243.6	272.1	283.8	218.3	236.0	211.0	191.6	189.4	226.7	249.2
Nov.	237.9	282.4	244.3	272.4	286.1	218.5	236.7	215.5	191.6	189.4	227.0	249.8
Dec.	238.3	282.6	244.9	273.2	289.5	218.9	240.3	217.1	192.5	191.5	228.8	251.0
Jan.	240.5	283.9	246.6	273.7	290.0	220.4	241.3	219.0	192.5	193.0	229.7	251.9
Feb.	242.5	285.8	247.5	276.1	290.7	221.2	242.4	218.1	194.8	193.4	233.8	253.7
Mar. p	243.5	287.9	248.4	277.9	291.2	221.7	242.8	217.9	195.7	195.3	234.9	255.1
Apr. p	244.4	291.5	251.3	279.5	292.2	223.9	243.1	218.8	195.6	195.4	235.8	256.7

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973. The separate city indexes shown below measure price movements within each city individually. They do not compare price levels at between cities.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1974-75	176.0	180.6	186.6	181.0	176.7	179.3	179.2
1975-76	199.0	209.4	216.3	210.4	208.3	210.4	206.2
1976-77	221.5	234.8	241.2	234.3	235.4	234.8	230.3
1976-77 -							
Mar.	227.1	239.5	246.0	238.5	242.2	239.1	235.5
Apr.	228.8	242.5	247.8	240.9	243.7	241.2	237.6
May	228.7	242.4	247.9	241.1	244.1	241.9	237.6
June	230.0	243.8	249.3	242.2	245.0	243.4	238.9
1977-78 -							
July	232.4	246.7	253.1	245.3	248.7	245.7	241.9
Aug.	233.3	248.3	254.4	247.7	252.0	247.6	243.3
Sept.	234.7	249.2	256.2	249.2	253.4	249.6	244.7
Oct.	236.2	250.0	257.1	250.2	254.6	250.8	245.8
Nov.	237.3	252.7	259.3	252.3	256.9	252.6	247.7
Dec.	239.3	254.3	260.6	253.8	258.1	253.9	249.4
Jan.	240.7	255.7	262.1	255.2	259.3	254.7	250.7
Feb.	242.0	256.5	263.2	256.3	259.7	255.5	251.8
Mar. p	243.2	257.7	264.1	257.8	261.4	256.4	252.9
Apr. p	245.1	258.8	264.9	259.1	263.1	257.6	254.4

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscellaneous materials	Electrical installation materials (%)	Mechanical services components	All groups
	10.41	3.64	5.28	11.90	30.58	6.01	2.59	1.19	7.09	8.61	12.70	100.00
1974-75	164.6	183.9	179.4	194.7	189.2	169.2	162.7	197.7	163.4	157.4	181.3	179.2
1975-76	193.0	220.0	202.7	219.3	223.4	193.6	173.3	232.1	186.8	177.4	201.3	206.2
1976-77	215.6	244.7	224.0	243.6	251.7	213.7	195.0	251.2	204.2	199.6	225.4	230.3
1976-77 -												
Mar.	220.5	247.6	227.8	251.2	256.1	218.2	201.2	252.3	209.2	206.6	231.1	235.5
Apr.	220.4	249.5	229.2	253.3	258.7	220.6	203.2	252.8	210.5	209.9	233.9	237.6
May	220.2	249.8	226.8	253.6	259.3	220.7	199.5	252.8	210.7	208.1	235.1	237.6
June	221.3	252.6	230.9	255.2	260.6	221.5	197.8	253.1	211.8	207.9	236.5	238.9
1977-78 -												
July	223.9	258.0	232.3	257.5	265.0	222.9	197.1	257.3	215.0	209.7	239.0	241.9
Aug.	227.4	260.5	234.5	258.5	257.2	223.3	194.8	258.8	216.3	205.0	239.5	243.3
Sept.	227.7	262.7	238.2	259.0	268.5	228.2	194.3	261.0	217.2	209.1	241.3	244.7
Oct.	232.3	263.2	239.2	259.9	268.4	230.2	195.9	261.7	218.3	210.5	242.2	245.8
Nov.	234.1	265.9	239.7	260.1	272.0	230.6	195.9	261.8	215.7	212.3	244.5	247.7
Dec.	234.6	266.7	239.9	261.5	274.1	231.5	196.6	262.0	222.0	215.3	245.8	249.4
Jan.	237.3	269.8	242.1	262.1	274.7	232.0	198.1	265.2	222.9	217.7	247.7	250.7
Feb.	239.6	271.4	243.1	264.6	275.6	232.0	197.8	265.8	224.4	216.8	248.6	251.8
Mar. p	240.7	273.5	243.6	266.1	276.6	232.3	198.0	266.5	225.8	216.9	251.4	252.9
Apr. p	241.4	276.9	245.0	268.4	277.3	232.5	200.8	266.9	226.7	219.8	253.3	254.4

(a) The Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials is used as the indicator for this group.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS (Base: Year 1959-60 = 100)

Figures since June 1969 have been compiled on a basis which incorporates a re-weighting (on a 1969-70 basis) of the items contained in the previous series and the inclusion of some additional items.

Period	Wool	Meats	Dairy produce	Cereals	Dried and condensed fruits	Sugar	Hides and tallow	Metals and coal (a)	Gold	All groups (b)
1974-75	121	132	127	256	176	378	141	263	391	181
1975-76	127	150	122	240	162	335	151	286	359	187
1976-77	164	169	128	219	184	314	203	330	370	206
1976-77 -										
Jan.	182	174	132	219	167	299	201	338	395	212
Feb.	178	180	133	216	185	304	207	339	409	213
Mar.	174	183	135	209	188	317	214	346	434	213
Apr.	171	196	135	216	240	317	219	354	437	219
May	169	195	141	221	241	324	246	351	430	219
June	167	191	141	206	241	313	245	341	415	214
1977-78 -										
July	(c)167	188	143	199	240	300	241	343	412	212
Aug.	163	187	144	192	242	293	236	342	422	210
Sept.	164	189	147	189	242	(d)295	228	340	433	210
Oct.	169	193	147	186	241	(d)287	223	340	460	211
Nov.	169	194	147	187	242	(d)258	206	336	462	208
Dec.	167	199	147	191	244	(d)248	201	346	457	209
Jan.	186	210	147	187	246	(d)237	209	346	488	210
Feb.	170	224	148	192	241	(c)(d)237	212	339	500	212

(a) Comprises coal, iron and steel, copper, zinc, lead and silver. Does not include iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands, which however have been included in the "All groups" index from July 1969 on. (b) As from 1969-70 "All groups" includes the following items, in addition to the specified groups: iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands. (c) Nominal. (d) Incorporate contract prices which may be subject to revision.

CONSUMER (RETAIL) PRICE INDEXES, VARIOUS COUNTRIES
(Base of each index: Year 1970 = 100.0)

(Source: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the Statistical Office of the United Nations)

The index numbers show fluctuations in prices in each country and do not measure relative price levels as between countries.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the various countries. A short dash on each side of an index number (e.g., -107.6-) indicates that the two series have been linked at that period.

Period	Australia (a)	Belgium (b)	Brazil (Sao Paulo) (c)	Canada	France	Federal Republic of Germany	India	Indonesia (Djakarta)	Italy	Japan	Netherlands
1975	162.8	149.5	187.9	142.5	152.2	134.7	174.5	243.8	171.1	172.4	151.3
1976	184.9	163.2	254.3	153.2	166.9	140.8	160.9	292.2	199.8	188.4	164.6
1977	207.6	174.8		165.4	182.7	146.3				203.6	175.6
1976 -											
Sept. qtr	185.2	164.9	263.3	154.3	168.6	141.2	162.5	299.4	202.2	189.8	165.5
Dec. qtr	196.3	167.6	282.9	156.6	172.9	142.0	165.9	306.1	215.1	194.5	169.6
1977 -											
Mar. qtr	200.7	170.9	312.7	159.9	175.6	144.6	168.3	311.7	225.2	198.9	170.8
June qtr	205.5	173.7	349.0	163.7	181.0	146.5	172.3	319.3	233.8	204.2	175.8
Sept. qtr	209.5	176.3	370.6	167.3	185.3	146.9	178.1	329.0	239.7	204.8	176.9
Dec. qtr	214.5	178.3		170.9	188.8	147.2				206.5	178.8
Period	New Zealand	Norway	Pakistan (Karachi) (d)	Philippines (e)	Singapore (f)	South Africa (g)	Sweden	Switzerland	United Kingdom	United States of America	Malaysia (Peninsular) (h)
1975	162.6	149.5	198.2	166.9	125.5	156.7	146.6	144.8	184.4	138.6	142.2
1976	190.2	163.2	212.4	182.3	123.1	174.1	161.7	147.3	214.9	146.6	145.9
1977	217.4	178.0	233.9		127.0	193.8	180.1	149.2	249.0	156.1	
1976 -											
Sept. qtr	193.7	165.6	213.5	185.1	122.2	177.1	162.8	147.3	216.8	147.8	146.4
Dec. qtr	199.1	166.7	222.3	188.1	122.6	180.8	166.8	147.9	226.8	149.4	147.6
1977 -											
Mar. qtr	204.3	172.1	230.9	192.6	125.4	185.8	171.2	148.5	238.2	152.1	150.9
June qtr	214.1	176.9	230.8	196.9	124.9	191.2	177.8	148.8	248.8	153.3	150.8
Sept. qtr	221.7	180.7	235.9	204.2	128.4	197.0	183.8	149.5	252.7	157.6	153.7
Dec. qtr	229.6	182.3	238.2		129.3	201.1	187.7	149.9	255.7	159.3	

(a) Consumer Price Index converted to base: 1970 = 100.0. (b) Rent is not included. (c) Beginning 1972, base: 1972 = 100.0. (d) Prior to 1972: Karachi only; industrial workers. Beginning 1972: base: 1971 = 100.0. (e) Base: 1972 = 100.0. (f) Prior to 1976: Manila only. (g) Beginning 1974, new series, base: 1973 = 100.0. (h) White population. (i) Formerly known as West Malaysia.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK

End of -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia	
							Rates	Index Nos (Base: Year 1954 = 100)
WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE (\$) (a)								
Adult Males								
June -								
1974	95.63	95.60	96.89	93.49	90.46	95.39	95.24	337.2
1975	113.31	112.73	115.83	111.01	106.35	112.59	112.78	399.3
1976	130.51	128.59	133.61	126.77	125.89	128.75	129.68	459.2
1976-77 -								
Jan.	136.23	134.10	139.14	132.24	132.33	134.14	135.34	479.2
Feb.	136.28	134.11	139.14	132.24	136.26	134.14	135.63	480.2
Mar.	142.07	139.82	144.89	137.96	138.04	139.88	141.10	499.6
Apr.	142.14	139.85	144.91	137.96	139.72	139.93	141.26	500.2
May	144.86	142.47	147.63	140.53	141.97	142.50	143.90	509.5
June	144.85	142.47	147.63	140.63	141.97	142.50	143.91	509.5
1977-78 -								
July	144.86	142.47	147.63	140.65	142.00	142.50	143.92	509.6
Aug.	147.66	145.30	150.53	143.41	143.98	145.35	146.68	519.4
Sept.	147.63	145.30	150.53	143.39	145.56	145.35	146.78	519.7
Oct.	147.63	145.32	150.54	143.41	145.59	145.35	146.79	519.7
Nov.	147.64	145.32	150.54	143.41	145.60	145.35	146.79	519.8
Dec.	149.80	147.44	152.76	145.54	147.48	147.46	148.92	527.3
Jan.	149.81	147.44	152.76	145.54	147.55	147.46	148.93	527.3
Feb.	152.08	149.61	155.02	147.70	149.36	149.62	151.13	535.1
Adult Females								
June -								
1974	82.78	80.84	76.96	78.00	75.41	76.30	80.65	405.1
1975	105.22	104.98	102.88	99.42	98.29	101.04	104.02	522.5
1976	120.48	120.70	122.04	120.28	115.34	116.94	120.36	604.6
1976-77 -								
Jan.	125.72	125.98	127.52	125.62	123.38	122.15	125.79	631.9
Feb.	125.78	126.05	127.71	125.84	127.87	122.15	126.11	633.5
Mar.	131.52	131.77	133.41	131.68	129.29	127.85	131.61	661.1
Apr.	131.52	131.77	133.41	131.68	129.66	127.85	131.64	661.2
May	134.01	134.26	135.94	134.17	131.85	130.28	134.11	673.7
June	134.01	134.26	135.94	134.20	131.85	130.28	134.12	673.7
1977-78 -								
July	134.01	134.26	135.94	134.20	132.13	130.28	134.13	673.8
Aug.	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.87	134.46	132.90	136.79	687.1
Sept.	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.87	134.46	132.90	136.79	687.1
Oct.	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.87	134.75	132.90	136.80	687.2
Nov.	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.87	134.75	132.90	136.80	687.2
Dec.	138.72	138.97	140.73	138.91	136.54	134.91	138.83	697.4
Jan.	138.72	138.97	140.73	138.91	137.19	134.91	138.87	697.5
Feb.	140.78	141.04	142.84	140.98	138.98	136.93	140.92	707.8
WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK (b) SEPTEMBER 1977								
Adult males	39.74	39.92	39.84	39.92	39.80	39.89	39.83	99.67
Adult females	39.53	39.81	39.70	39.77	39.78	39.63	39.67	100.00

(a) For a full weeks work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and collective agreements. The wage rates for adult males exclude rural industry. The wage rates for adult females exclude rural industry; mining and quarrying and building and construction. Rates shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms indicative of trends. They do not measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States. Figures for the last twelve months are subject to revision. (b) The hours for adult males exclude rural industry; and shipping and stevedoring. The hours for adult females exclude rural industry; mining and quarrying; and building and construction.

NOTE: For further information regarding these statistics reference should be made to the monthly bulletin *Wage Rates* (6312.0).

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (a)
(Revised Series)

Original Series. Estimates of average weekly earnings are made each quarter in respect of both full-time and part-time civilian wage and salary earners in all industries combined. The earnings figures used in the calculation of the averages comprise award and over-award wages and salaries, the earnings of employees not covered by awards, overtime earnings, etc., and include payments made retrospectively or in advance during the quarter. Particulars of employment and wages and salaries are derived from payroll tax returns and from direct returns from government and other bodies. For a more detailed explanation of the methods used, see *Average Weekly Earnings* (6302.0).

Seasonally adjusted series. Quarterly estimates are affected by seasonal influences. For example special payments, including prepayments for holiday periods tend to raise the December quarter and to depress the March quarter averages. In addition, figures for all quarters are affected by the varying incidence of pay-days in successive quarters. Allowance for the varying incidence of pay-days and for seasonal factors has been made in calculating the seasonally adjusted estimates. It should also be noted that seasonal adjustment factors were estimated from a series adjusted to allow for the effects of major awards and determinations of Federal and State industrial authorities. The effects of these awards and determinations are retained in the seasonally adjusted data. A detailed description of the methods of seasonal adjustment is given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0).

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Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (b)	A.C.T. (b)	Aus.
ORIGINAL									
1974-75	152.10	147.80	1		145.60	140.20	168.50	184.30	148.30
1975-76	172.70	170.50	163.50	168.00	169.10	157.80	190.00	209.00	169.60
1976-77	193.60	191.20	184.50	179.50	190.80	181.30	216.80	237.70	190.80
1975-76 -									
June qtr	183.60	180.70	175.00	167.60	178.80	165.10	199.60	221.90	179.80
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	187.30	183.00	182.00	175.00	184.00	175.60	209.30	230.00	184.80
Dec. qtr	197.90	197.40	189.80	182.80	194.50	188.70	220.00	243.90	195.50
Mar. qtr	187.30	183.60	174.00	172.90	186.60	175.20	212.20	231.00	183.80
June qtr	201.80	200.80	192.30	187.40	198.20	185.50	225.60	243.80	199.00
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	207.30	205.10	195.60	195.90	206.10	196.50	228.70	251.10	204.20
Dec. qtr	217.10	211.90	206.80	200.10	211.10	205.40	245.40	263.10	212.60
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1975-76 -									
June qtr	183.20	182.50	174.20	168.00	177.30	165.90	199.60	216.30	178.80
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	187.00	182.80	183.00	173.50	182.80	177.20	208.60	233.10	184.90
Dec. qtr	190.20	187.90	179.60	177.60	189.10	178.80	213.40	238.50	187.40
Mar. qtr	194.00	191.10	184.90	177.30	193.70	184.00	215.70	240.30	192.10
June qtr	202.80	203.00	189.60	190.60	197.10	185.00	226.30	243.70	198.40
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	208.10	205.70	197.40	194.10	205.60	196.90	232.40	251.40	204.60
Dec. qtr	209.20	201.50	197.40	195.00	206.00	196.80	237.30	259.20	204.70

(a) Particulars of wages and salaries paid are not available for males and females separately; estimates have therefore been calculated in terms of male units, i.e. total male employees plus a proportion of female employees, the proportion being derived from the estimated ratio of female to male average earnings in each State. The ratio used in the current quarter for Australia is approximately 67 per cent. For further details on the separate State ratios see *Average Weekly Earnings* (6302.0). (b) Original series estimates have been calculated on a basis which excludes the effects of varying numbers of Australian Government pay-days in each quarter.

BUILDING JOBS APPROVED

Period	N. S. W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A. C. T.	Aust.
NUMBERS OF NEW DWELLINGS APPROVED ('000)									
1974-75	38.13	30.61	18.11	12.68	12.80	3.32	1.52	4.15	121.32
1975-76	32.13	39.40	24.61	16.82	21.39	4.44	2.79	4.54	146.11
1976-77	36.80	36.63	25.67	14.39	19.06	4.40	1.58	2.84	141.37
1977-77 -									
Feb.	2.59	3.56	1.65	0.78	1.48	0.38	0.17	0.21	10.84
Mar.	2.49	3.09	2.10	0.98	1.42	0.41	0.08	0.11	10.68
Apr.	2.60	2.41	1.92	0.97	1.46	0.34	0.11	0.08	9.89
May	3.00	2.97	2.25	0.94	1.70	0.38	0.20	0.15	11.59
June	3.16	2.64	2.24	1.38	1.64	0.38	0.08	0.32	11.85
1977-78 -									
July	3.00	2.51	2.11	0.83	1.60	0.34	0.16	0.16	10.73
Aug.	3.54	2.50	2.19	0.95	1.59	0.37	0.04	0.18	11.36
Sept.	2.76	2.48	2.43	0.94	1.26	0.33	0.22	0.24	10.67
Oct.	3.25	2.45	2.23	0.96	1.40	0.31	0.26	0.19	11.04
Nov.	3.73	2.38	2.23	0.84	1.53	0.33	0.07	0.25	11.37
Dec.	3.07	2.26	2.07	0.73	1.26	0.32	0.06	0.14	9.90
Jan.	2.88	1.56	1.55	0.64	0.78	0.15	0.05	0.16	7.76
Feb.	2.59	2.22	1.76	0.56	1.22	0.28	0.02	0.10	8.74
Mar.	2.84	2.48	2.32	0.76	1.19	0.31	0.07	0.11	10.06
VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS APPROVED (\$m)									
1974-75	683.6	590.4	334.8	214.6	220.7	61.1	43.6	97.2	2,246.2
1975-76	704.0	907.2	508.7	360.2	438.5	101.5	97.2	139.4	3,256.8
1976-77	890.1	962.0	613.0	356.0	469.0	110.5	52.3	87.8	3,540.9
1976-77 -									
Feb.	62.2	89.3	39.1	20.5	35.6	9.4	5.2	6.7	267.9
Mar.	61.9	83.9	52.3	24.8	35.6	9.9	2.5	3.8	274.6
Apr.	68.1	65.6	46.4	25.1	39.2	8.3	3.8	2.8	259.3
May	74.8	80.3	59.0	24.5	43.1	9.5	6.6	4.7	302.6
June	81.9	75.1	56.6	35.3	43.4	10.1	3.1	9.3	314.8
1977-78 -									
July	78.2	72.5	51.7	21.8	41.4	9.1	6.5	5.8	287.1
Aug.	90.7	71.5	54.7	25.4	40.4	9.0	1.4	6.0	299.0
Sept.	72.2	72.5	60.4	25.5	33.4	8.8	7.5	6.9	287.2
Oct.	91.3	70.0	54.0	25.3	37.6	7.7	8.1	5.7	299.9
Nov.	98.3	71.6	54.3	23.1	40.8	8.6	2.4	7.3	306.6
Dec.	83.6	65.8	50.7	20.0	32.1	8.3	1.9	4.0	266.4
Jan.	77.2	46.6	38.8	17.4	21.6	4.4	1.9	4.7	212.7
Feb.	69.6	63.2	43.5	15.9	34.3	6.7	0.9	3.5	237.6
Mar.	78.2	68.4	57.8	20.3	32.7	7.8	2.1	3.3	270.7
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS APPROVED (\$m) (a)									
1974-75	48.1	27.8	7.2	5.1	4.7	1.7	1.5	4.6	100.8
1975-76	77.2	53.2	11.3	12.2	10.2	2.3	35.2	9.6	211.1
1976-77	94.0	77.6	16.5	18.1	16.2	3.9	15.4	8.8	250.6
1976-77 -									
Feb.	6.7	5.5	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.3	0.7	0.7	17.8
Mar.	6.8	6.8	1.5	1.8	1.4	0.2	0.9	0.8	20.3
Apr.	7.3	6.5	1.0	1.3	1.5	0.4	0.8	0.6	19.5
May	8.3	7.4	1.9	1.5	1.8	0.4	1.0	0.6	22.8
June	9.0	6.8	1.5	2.2	1.7	0.4	1.5	0.8	23.8
1977-78 -									
July	9.6	7.2	1.3	1.3	2.1	0.3	0.5	0.7	23.0
Aug.	10.5	8.1	1.7	1.5	2.0	0.4	1.1	1.0	26.3
Sept.	8.6	7.6	1.6	1.9	2.1	0.4	2.4	0.7	25.3
Oct.	10.7	7.8	1.8	1.7	2.0	0.5	2.7	0.7	27.7
Nov.	9.3	8.6	1.5	1.8	2.3	0.5	0.8	0.6	25.4
Dec.	8.4	6.8	1.3	1.7	1.5	0.3	1.1	0.4	21.5
Jan.	9.0	5.4	1.1	1.4	1.9	0.3	0.6	0.6	20.3
Feb.	8.5	6.2	0.9	1.4	2.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	20.7
Mar.	9.6	7.1	1.3	2.0	2.1	0.4	1.0	0.5	24.0

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

BUILDING JOBS APPROVED - continued

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING APPROVED (\$m)									
1974-75	486.5	470.5	268.3	150.2	170.4	49.2	26.3	164.8	1,786.3
1975-76	554.1	512.8	370.5	99.4	182.5	54.8	41.7	60.2	1,876.1
1976-77	618.4	536.2	324.3	171.9	214.7	r86.1	59.5	86.5	r2,097.6
1976-77 -									
Feb.	46.1	41.0	15.6	18.4	16.3	9.5	7.5	2.7	157.2
Mar.	56.4	52.8	43.2	12.8	17.0	10.8	0.7	15.0	208.8
Apr.	45.4	56.1	26.1	36.6	14.2	6.7	3.5	5.0	193.7
May	44.5	65.1	25.8	7.6	19.4	r7.1	6.8	2.5	r178.9
June	50.3	43.3	42.5	10.5	21.4	r7.1	12.5	4.0	r191.7
1977-78 -									
July	52.4	64.8	27.4	16.3	22.4	4.2	3.6	1.0	192.0
Aug.	44.9	58.3	33.5	21.4	15.7	r5.6	9.3	12.3	r200.9
Sept.	41.8	48.7	55.0	12.4	16.5	4.8	5.7	12.4	197.3
Oct.	57.0	67.8	24.5	23.9	19.7	r8.7	2.6	10.6	r214.7
Nov.	49.7	46.7	31.6	20.1	38.3	6.8	14.5	14.0	222.2
Dec.	77.3	47.0	23.0	10.4	23.5	r9.8	6.2	7.4	r204.6
Jan.	51.1	48.5	21.8	26.5	17.0	r3.7	1.4	4.2	r174.2
Feb.	52.9	54.3	28.1	8.4	24.0	6.5	1.1	1.3	176.6
Mar.	53.2	57.6	49.5	12.5	16.4	5.8	3.7	6.8	205.6

VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING APPROVED (\$m)									
1974-75	1,218.3	1,088.7	610.4	369.9	395.9	112.1	71.4	266.6	4,133.3
1975-76	1,335.4	1,473.2	890.5	471.8	631.1	158.7	174.1	209.2	5,344.1
1976-77	1,602.5	1,575.8	953.9	546.0	700.0	r200.6	127.2	183.1	r5,889.0
1976-77 -									
Feb.	115.1	135.8	55.9	40.2	53.3	19.2	13.5	10.1	442.9
Mar.	125.2	143.5	96.9	39.4	54.0	21.0	4.1	19.6	503.7
Apr.	120.7	128.2	73.5	63.0	54.9	15.5	8.1	8.5	472.5
May	127.7	152.8	86.7	33.6	64.3	r17.0	14.4	7.8	r504.3
June	141.2	125.2	100.6	48.0	66.6	r17.6	17.1	14.0	r530.2
1977-78 -									
July	140.2	144.5	80.4	39.5	65.9	13.5	10.6	7.5	502.1
Aug.	146.1	137.8	89.9	48.3	58.1	r15.0	11.8	39.2	r526.2
Sept.	122.6	128.8	117.0	39.9	52.0	14.0	15.6	20.0	509.8
Oct.	r158.9	145.6	80.3	50.9	59.3	r16.9	13.4	17.0	r542.3
Nov.	157.2	126.9	87.4	45.6	81.4	15.9	17.7	22.0	554.2
Dec.	169.3	119.6	75.0	32.1	57.1	r18.5	9.2	11.8	r492.6
Jan.	137.4	100.5	61.6	45.3	40.5	r8.5	3.9	9.5	r407.2
Feb.	131.0	123.8	72.5	25.7	60.8	13.5	2.5	5.2	434.9
Mar.	141.0	133.2	108.6	34.8	51.1	14.0	6.8	10.7	500.2

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMMENCED : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of new dwellings ('000)				Value (\$ million)				
	Houses	Other dwellings		Total	New dwellings	Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building
		Private	Total				Private	Total	
ORIGINAL									
1974-75	86.5	31.6	99.1	118.1	2,227.3	101.8	915.4	1,834.1	4,163.1
1975-76	106.6	30.5	123.8	137.1	3,116.3	206.1	963.7	1,907.8	5,230.2
1976-77	108.8	32.9	126.4	141.7	3,665.0	266.4	1,224.0	2,253.3	6,184.6
1975-76 -									
June qtr	28.7	7.6	33.8	36.4	879.1	61.8	301.7	580.1	1,521.0
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	29.0	9.3	34.3	38.3	963.6	64.8	294.7	580.9	1,609.3
Dec. qtr	26.9	8.1	31.6	35.1	897.3	65.3	284.0	507.8	1,470.3
Mar. qtr	26.8	7.7	30.4	34.5	898.1	65.8	267.7	532.2	1,496.1
June qtr	26.1	7.8	30.1	33.9	906.0	70.5	377.5	632.4	1,608.9
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	25.8	7.3	29.8	33.1	919.4	72.8	343.6	693.8	1,596.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1975-76 -							(a)		
June qtr	27.4	7.3	32.5	34.9	841.1		301.7	539.1	1,445.5
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	27.9	8.8	33.1	36.8	918.4	n.a.	294.7	576.1	1,578.8
Dec. qtr	28.9	9.1	33.6	37.7	973.1		284.0	569.6	1,593.3
Mar. qtr	27.3	7.7	31.0	35.0	912.8		267.7	522.5	1,488.4
June qtr	24.9	7.4	28.9	32.5	866.7		377.5	585.0	1,526.2
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	24.9	6.9	28.7	31.7	876.2		343.6	598.8	1,565.9

(a) Series shows only insignificant seasonal pattern in recent years. Figures shown are the original figures.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMPLETED : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of new dwellings ('000)				Value (\$ million)				
	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total	New dwellings	Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building
							Private	Total	
ORIGINAL									
1974-75	97.0	44.1	125.7	141.1	2,454.2	92.1	1,154.6	1,784.5	4,330.8
1975-76	99.9	32.1	112.3	132.0	2,799.3	169.7	1,249.6	2,266.6	5,235.7
1976-77	110.4	34.4	129.6	144.8	3,635.1	252.5	1,336.4	2,446.5	6,334.1
1975-76 -									
June qtr	27.4	9.2	31.1	36.7	818.7	50.1	330.3	578.5	1,447.4
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	28.6	8.7	33.1	37.3	882.2	60.9	324.0	585.0	1,528.0
Dec. qtr	30.1	8.9	35.2	39.1	977.2	65.2	329.1	601.0	1,643.4
Mar. qtr	24.5	7.6	29.2	32.1	824.8	57.3	335.3	586.1	1,468.2
June qtr	27.2	9.1	32.1	36.4	950.9	69.2	348.1	674.5	1,694.5
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	26.9	7.5	30.3	34.4	927.4	69.4	355.5	641.2	1,638.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1975-76 -									
June qtr	27.1	8.9	31.0	36.0	811.2	n.a.	331.5	611.7	1,483.3
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	28.5	8.8	33.1	37.3	878.0	n.a.	332.4	602.3	1,539.4
Dec. qtr	27.6	8.2	32.4	35.8	893.1	n.a.	285.0	544.8	1,489.9
Mar. qtr	27.4	8.5	32.1	36.0	924.0	n.a.	383.5	598.1	1,581.0
June qtr	26.9	8.8	31.9	35.7	941.8	n.a.	348.8	713.4	1,736.6
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	26.8	7.6	30.4	34.4	923.9	n.a.	365.4	660.3	1,650.5
VALUE OF WORK DONE : AUSTRALIA \$ million									
Period	New dwellings			Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building		
	Houses	Other dwellings	Total		Private	Total			
ORIGINAL									
1974-75	1,844.3	551.2	2,395.5	99.1	1,291.9	2,218.7	4,713.1		
1975-76	2,480.3	563.1	3,043.4	190.7	1,214.3	2,348.5	5,582.6		
1976-77	3,040.8	676.4	3,717.2	263.3	1,343.9	2,464.9	6,445.5		
1975-76 -									
June qtr	720.4	152.3	872.7	57.1	332.3	619.6	1,549.3		
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	776.2	173.8	950.0	63.8	335.7	620.6	1,634.5		
Dec. qtr	773.7	173.7	947.4	67.8	335.4	622.1	1,637.2		
Mar. qtr	718.1	153.7	871.9	62.1	312.9	564.4	1,498.3		
June qtr	772.7	175.3	948.0	69.7	359.9	657.8	1,675.5		
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	788.2	168.3	956.5	72.1	375.0	668.3	1,696.8		
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1975-76 -									
June qtr	707.7	152.7	859.9	n.a.	327.6	618.3	1,534.9		
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	744.3	165.8	911.8	n.a.	316.3	588.0	1,562.4		
Dec. qtr	767.8	170.0	937.8	n.a.	333.4	612.1	1,615.5		
Mar. qtr	770.5	164.4	933.9	n.a.	340.7	609.1	1,607.9		
June qtr	759.4	175.9	934.3	n.a.	354.6	656.9	1,660.4		
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	755.7	160.6	918.2	n.a.	353.4	632.8	1,622.0		

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1977

State or Territory	Commenced		Completed		Under construction		Value of work done during period		Value of work yet to be done	
	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total
NUMBER OF NEW DWELLINGS ('000)										
N.S.W.	8.21	9.00	8.06	8.85	15.35	18.51				
Vic.	7.74	8.05	8.20	9.07	20.70	22.36				
Qld	5.93	6.35	5.57	6.06	6.80	7.62				
S.A.	2.36	3.14	2.71	3.48	4.76	6.77				
W.A.	4.04	4.43	4.11	4.60	7.09	7.67				
Tas.	0.78	1.04	0.78	0.97	2.21	2.71				
N.T.	0.15	0.29	0.13	0.46	0.55	1.01				
A.C.T.	0.55	0.80	0.70	0.89	1.19	1.90				
Aust.	29.77	33.09	30.26	34.39	58.65	68.55				
VALUE OF NEW HOUSES (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	185.4	193.3	178.7	189.7	302.4	321.1	186.2	195.3	156.5	165.6
Vic.	200.1	205.2	199.3	215.1	500.0	529.0	209.0	224.2	250.8	259.5
Qld	127.6	137.4	115.4	125.9	136.7	155.0	123.1	134.3	68.2	75.3
S.A.	62.9	76.8	66.7	79.6	109.0	140.1	65.8	78.0	54.9	69.7
W.A.	92.1	101.3	91.4	99.0	150.3	162.3	93.2	101.6	75.3	81.4
Tas.	17.9	20.9	17.7	20.8	43.8	49.6	18.5	21.8	21.8	24.4
N.T.	5.9	9.7	5.3	16.8	17.0	29.1	6.1	11.7	8.2	13.6
A.C.T.	15.2	17.6	19.4	23.6	32.9	40.5	17.6	21.2	16.8	19.3
Aust.	707.0	762.2	693.8	770.5	1,292.1	1,426.7	719.3	788.2	652.4	708.9
VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	220.6	238.3	206.3	221.9	417.6	483.0	221.6	238.6	218.9	254.7
Vic.	233.7	240.1	240.8	259.4	612.9	646.7	247.8	265.4	305.0	314.9
Qld	154.9	165.1	144.0	154.8	186.4	206.0	149.5	161.2	93.8	101.3
S.A.	70.3	88.5	78.8	95.7	144.3	190.1	78.5	94.9	72.3	93.2
W.A.	114.0	124.4	112.1	123.3	204.8	220.4	117.1	128.5	102.6	110.0
Tas.	21.9	27.7	22.5	26.4	59.4	69.8	23.1	28.3	30.1	35.1
N.T.	6.3	11.1	5.5	18.7	20.4	35.4	6.8	13.7	10.0	16.8
A.C.T.	17.8	24.2	23.1	27.3	41.9	60.1	21.2	25.9	20.6	28.2
Aust.	839.4	919.4	832.9	927.4	1,687.7	1,911.6	865.6	956.5	853.3	954.1
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	28.1	28.2	26.7	26.8	32.7	32.7	27.9	27.9	15.8	15.8
Vic.	23.4	23.5	21.6	21.6	39.5	39.6	22.6	22.6	19.4	19.4
Qld	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.6	1.6	1.6	4.4	4.4	0.8	0.8
S.A.	5.2	5.3	4.4	4.4	5.9	5.9	5.0	5.0	2.9	2.9
W.A.	5.4	5.4	4.9	4.9	5.7	5.8	5.5	5.6	2.7	2.7
Tas.	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.3	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.6
N.T.	2.6	3.0	1.9	4.0	9.9	11.6	2.4	3.5	4.8	5.2
A.C.T.	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.2	3.1	3.1	2.1	2.1	1.4	1.4
Aust.	72.2	72.8	67.1	69.4	99.7	101.6	70.9	72.1	48.3	48.9
VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	89.3	162.4	94.6	179.5	437.4	967.5	101.5	177.8	163.1	452.4
Vic.	85.9	145.0	91.6	131.3	408.3	790.9	104.2	172.1	176.5	380.5
Qld	66.3	127.3	70.2	113.0	179.0	464.9	73.8	121.5	68.6	190.8
S.A.	31.0	55.0	37.6	76.5	79.1	199.5	32.1	58.6	44.3	100.0
W.A.	52.3	72.2	26.2	43.9	88.0	250.0	37.0	63.0	47.3	126.7
Tas.	9.5	17.9	14.5	28.0	17.3	77.3	10.2	24.7	9.0	44.7
N.T.	4.4	16.2	6.7	36.5	16.3	108.9	7.9	22.9	6.2	46.5
A.C.T.	4.8	7.8	14.0	32.6	50.5	256.6	8.3	27.6	18.0	129.6
Aust.	343.6	603.8	355.5	641.2	1,275.9	3,115.6	375.0	668.3	533.0	1,471.0
TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	338.1	428.9	327.6	428.2	887.7	1,483.3	351.0	444.3	397.8	722.8
Vic.	343.0	408.5	354.0	412.3	1,060.7	1,477.2	374.6	460.1	500.9	714.8
Qld	225.5	296.7	218.8	272.3	367.0	672.5	227.7	287.2	163.2	292.8
S.A.	106.5	148.8	120.9	176.6	229.2	395.5	115.5	158.5	119.5	196.1
W.A.	171.8	202.0	143.2	172.1	298.5	476.2	159.6	197.1	152.6	239.5
Tas.	32.4	46.6	37.8	55.1	77.9	148.4	34.3	53.9	39.7	80.4
N.T.	13.3	30.4	14.1	59.2	46.7	155.9	17.2	40.1	21.0	68.4
A.C.T.	24.7	34.0	39.2	62.1	95.5	319.8	31.5	55.7	40.0	159.2
Aust.	1,255.1	1,596.0	1,255.6	1,638.0	3,063.3	5,128.9	1,311.5	1,696.8	1,434.6	2,474.0

NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES, SELECTED INDUSTRIES AND TYPE OF ASS.-T (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in expenditure by private enterprises, on new fixed tangible assets. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *Gross fixed capital expenditure* in the table on page 36 of this publication as a result of the different methods of compilation of the two sets of statistics.

ASIC Subdivision										
Manufacturing										
Quarter	Mining	Food beverages and tobacco	Textiles, clothing and footwear	Paper, paper products, printing and publishing	Chemicals, petroleum and coal products	Basic metal products	Transport equipment	Fabricated metal products (a)	Other (b)	Total
1976-77 -	(11-16)	(21,22)	(23,24)	(26)	(27)	(29)	(32)	(31,33)	(25,28,34)	(21-34)
Sept.	119.7	92.3	11.3	24.3	45.9	64.9	35.9	52.3	64.1	391.0
Dec.	120.9	103.1	15.5	30.7	58.2	79.9	45.5	61.9	79.2	474.0
Mar.	108.5	86.6	8.2	30.4	51.7	55.6	35.1	52.4	66.5	386.5
June	140.5	123.5	11.6	35.7	63.6	63.6	54.1	66.0	77.9	496.0
1977-78 -										
Sept.	154.2	113.6	12.4	30.0	81.7	58.2	48.3	59.0	80.1	483.3
Dec.	230.4	123.3	13.0	38.4	84.1	72.9	56.6	70.4	88.6	547.3
Mar. p	178.4	128.8	9.0	28.7	73.5	53.0	54.2	75.2	89.5	511.9

ASIC Subdivision										
Non-manufacturing					Type of asset					
Quarter	Electricity, gas and water	Wholesale and retail trade	Transport	All other (c)	Total new capital expenditure (d)		New buildings and structures (e)		Other new capital equipment (f)	
					Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
1976-77 -	(36,37)	(46-48)	(51-55)	(56,61-63, 91-93)	(11-37,46-91-93)	(11-37,46-91-93)				
Sept.	8.5	216.5	57.2	559.0	1,351.9	r1,353.7	459.7	r452.6	892.2	r901.0
Dec.	10.7	257.9	110.0	620.6	1,594.1	r1,472.4	467.4	r420.8	1,126.7	r1,051.9
Mar.	4.7	208.7	63.7	r509.4	r1,281.5	r1,491.2	r359.9	r432.5	921.6	r1,047.4
June	6.5	277.9	r80.6	r610.4	r1,611.9	r1,521.4	r484.1	r465.2	r1,127.8	r1,064.9
1977-78 -										
Sept.	6.1	273.5	r62.2	r619.6	r1,599.0	r1,601.0	r504.1	r496.0	r1,094.9	r1,105.5
Dec.	6.6	276.2	r102.4	r642.5	r1,805.4	r1,668.1	r559.9	r503.5	r1,245.5	r1,163.3
Mar. p	3.9	186.8	77.9	585.1	1,544.0	1,796.9	433.7	521.4	1,110.3	1,262.9

(a) Fabricated metal products, other industrial machinery and equipment and household appliances. (b) Wood, wood products and furniture (except sheet metal), glass, clay and other non-metallic mineral products, leather, rubber and plastic products and other manufacturing, n.s.i. (c) Finance, insurance, real estate, business services, communication, entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services. (d) Excludes enterprises coded to rural activity, community services and construction. (e) Includes houses, flats and home units, water and sewerage installations, lifts, heating, ventilating and similar equipment forming an integral part of buildings and structures, land and construction site development, roads, bridges, wharves, harbours, railway lines, pipelines, power and telephone lines. Also included is the value of expenditure on mine development (e.g. construction of shafts in underground mines, preparation of mining and quarrying sites for open-cut extraction, other developmental operations undertaken primarily for commencing or extending production). (f) Includes plant, machinery, vehicles, electrical apparatus, office equipment, furniture, fixtures and fittings not forming an integral part of buildings, durable containers, special tooling, etc.; also includes goods imported from overseas whether previously used outside Australia or not. r - revised, p - preliminary.

INCREASE IN BOOK VALUE OF STOCKS HELD BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in investment in stocks by private enterprises. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *Increase in stocks* in the table on page 36 as a result of the different methods of compilation of these two sets of statistics.

Quarter	Increase in book value of stocks for selected ASIC subdivisions					Less stock valuation adjustment (b)	Increase in stocks after stock valuation adjustment (b)
	Mining	Manufacturing	Wholesale trade	Retail trade (a)	Total		
1976-77 -	(11-16)	(21-34)	(46,47)	(36,37,48,92)	(11-37,46-48,92)		
Sept.	+15	+237	+68	+296	+616	+280	+336
Dec.	+22	+125	+265	+118	+526	r372	r+154
Mar.	+26	+415	+189	+140	+770	r+589	r+181
June	+8	+332	+159	+203	+702	+327	+375
1977-78 -							
Sept.	+59	+263	+71	+230	+603	r+390	r+213
Dec.	+46	r-105	r+192	+12	r+145	r+320	r-175

(a) Includes electricity and gas, restaurants, hotels and clubs. (b) Informants are asked to report the book value of their stocks at the end of each quarter according to their normal practices of valuing stocks for balance sheet purposes. Increases in the book value of stocks between the beginning and end of a quarter will partly reflect changes in the physical quantities of all component items and partly changes in prices at which stocks are valued. A stock valuation adjustment is deducted from the increase in book value of stocks to arrive at the increase in stocks valued at the average price of the quarter. r - revised.

PRODUCTION

MINE PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS

Period	Copper (a)	Lead (a)	Zinc (a)	Tin (a)	Nickel (a)	Bauxite	Iron ore	Gold (a) (b)	Mineral sands concentrates		
									Ilmenite	Rutile	Zircon
tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	kg	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1974-75	235,590	416,500	508,174	10,168	59,109	22,205	98,159	15,061	891,090	334,205	392,751
1975-76	217,439	395,633	481,610	9,442	81,030	21,084	92,672	17,422	948,792	362,769	384,833
1976-77	210,426	416,971	475,557	10,015	82,088	25,469	95,602	15,305	1,048,217	380,684	420,186
1976-77 -											
Nov.	17,372	37,093	44,848	820	19,837	6,249	23,823	1,065	87,001	31,850	36,717
Dec.	16,771	26,775	30,967	902				1,244	98,764	41,577	41,504
Jan.	15,996	21,825	25,411	906				1,008	88,047	21,224	27,841
Feb.	15,453	31,100	39,526	756	18,675	6,245	24,940	1,243	83,194	29,641	30,206
Mar.	18,002	8,321	46,896	894				1,450	99,307	35,145	37,482
Apr.	17,958	32,367	35,418	732				1,042	73,750	26,300	30,325
May	18,885	9,177	41,502	788	21,427	6,729	21,778	1,224	79,956	27,329	33,233
June	18,815	41,212	43,041	798				1,957	80,676	35,442	38,873
1977-78 -											
July	19,489	39,097	44,521	822				2,345	96,397	36,218	36,880
Aug.	21,204	42,726	51,238	813	24,246	6,451	26,462	1,773	99,321	35,770	39,393
Sept.	16,739	38,619	44,207	751				1,750	97,704	24,415	31,588
Oct.	17,651	37,778	41,841	1,041				1,664	95,255	25,535	35,493
Nov.	18,970	41,033	46,560	1,031	21,366	6,649	24,285	1,848	95,806	28,051	32,998
Dec.	17,397	28,804	30,071	976				2,040	81,303	21,549	27,497
Jan.	16,429	21,294	24,136	1,008				1,674			
Feb.	15,413	31,710	42,299	915				1,701			

(a) Quantities shown are metallic contents of mine products based on chemical assay. (b) Western Australian and Northern Territory gold production figures (in respect of major producers) normally relate to a four-week period ending in the calendar month indicated. However, two such periods ended in the calendar month of March 1977 for Western Australia and July 1977 for the Northern Territory.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS AND METALS

Period	Fuel minerals										Refined metals (a)				
	Black coal		Brown coal	Crude oil	Natural gas	Alumina (b)	Aluminium (b)	Copper (b)	Lead (b) (c)	Zinc (b)	Tin (b)	Gold (b)			
	Original	Seasonally adjusted													
'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 cu m	million cu m	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	kg				
1974-75	70,142	..	27,514	23,096	4,633	5,073	222,876	178,451	170,508	243,209	5,973	10,744			
1975-76	69,466	..	29,212	23,891	5,388	5,619	220,027	164,279	168,183	204,534	5,386	12,829			
1976-77	75,678	..	31,028	24,555	6,365	6,474	236,943	157,452	165,582	258,564	5,373	11,127			
1976-77 -															
Nov.	6,919	5,676	2,603	1,765	473	482	19,483	11,309	14,583	21,104	496	976			
Dec.	5,505	5,955	2,260	1,983	470	605	20,058	11,806	15,205	20,940	405	768			
Jan.	3,715	6,294	1,986	2,097	411	563	19,833	9,048	13,754	20,806	161	740			
Feb.	6,724	6,549	2,050	1,897	463	514	18,015	13,939	13,292	17,558	393	842			
Mar.	7,149	6,600	2,562	2,167	514	557	20,154	15,286	13,888	19,390	570	629			
Apr.	5,497	6,331	2,671	1,834	521	531	19,769	12,145	8,652	22,100	394	1,081			
May	7,206	6,259	2,716	2,214	601	529	20,201	13,671	1,820	20,628	358	864			
June	7,517	6,831	3,015	2,146	651	492	19,760	16,233	16,539	22,227	477	1,346			
1977-78 -															
July	6,954	6,505	2,885	2,165	711	602	21,023	11,272	18,550	22,021	422	1,591			
Aug.	6,630	7,433	2,752	2,196	651	580	22,112	13,859	17,892	21,307	378	1,415			
Sept.	6,901	6,926	2,162	2,006	622	572	21,311	13,609	20,151	21,954	694	1,859			
Oct.	7,085	6,558	1,503	2,207	543	604	21,924	10,542	17,368	21,633	524	1,500			
Nov.	7,532	6,139	2,312	1,986	538	532	21,354	13,562	18,265	19,537	524	1,709			
Dec.	5,329	5,907	2,681	2,071	502	584	22,121	10,990	19,588	19,682	666	1,474			
Jan.	4,721	7,400	2,265	2,218	478			11,767	18,084	21,613	336	1,380			
Feb.	6,704	6,509		1,985	488			13,155	14,129	18,781	469	1,451			

(a) Primary origin only. (b) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources. (c) Refined lead including lead content of lead alloys from primary sources; excludes lead content of lead silver bullion produced for export.

PRODUCTION OF ENERGY, IRON AND STEEL AND BUILDING MATERIALS

Period	<i>Heat, light and power</i>				<i>Iron and steel</i>				
	<i>Gas available for issue through mains (a)</i>		<i>Total electricity generated</i>		<i>Pig iron</i>		<i>Iron ore pellets (b)</i>	<i>Raw steel (c)</i>	
	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>		<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>
	million megajoules	million megajoules	million kWh	million kWh	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes
1974-75p	182,825	..	73,933	..	7,598	..	9,614	8,063	..
1975-76p	203,623	..	76,597	..	7,519	..	9,980	7,937	..
1976-77p	233,138	..	82,532	..	6,958	..	9,761	7,473	..
1976-77p -									
Feb.	16,058	19,322	6,138	6,956	527	570	886	566	622
Mar.	18,137	19,595	6,717	6,924	580	570	815	564	545
Apr.	18,471	19,638	6,470	6,950	574	592	878	637	660
May	21,398	20,049	7,312	6,989	601	589	940	651	637
June	23,854	20,454	7,763	7,059	541	577	659	603	651
1977-78p -									
July	25,529	21,430	8,161	7,210	508	499	709	588	590
Aug.	23,227	19,623	7,777	6,909	613	586	834	619	607
Sept.	22,012	20,313	7,301	7,038	546	546	984	617	604
Oct.	18,886	18,384	6,665	6,668	564	553	952	638	602
Nov.	18,902	20,122	6,692	7,085	549	565	869	537	564
Dec.	17,593	20,617	6,715	7,232	546	530	733	594	574
Jan.	16,384	20,700	6,544	7,288	592	567	611	669	650
Feb.	17,385	20,906	6,420	7,271	597	644	607	603	663
Mar.	19,941	21,700	7,098	7,462	673	662	898	675	657

Period	<i>Iron and steel - continued</i>				<i>Building materials</i>			
	<i>Blooms and slabs</i>		<i>Tinplate</i>		<i>Clay bricks</i>		<i>Roofing tiles (terracotta and concrete)</i>	<i>Sawn Aust. grown timber (d)</i>
	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>		
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	million	million	'000	'000 cu. metres
1974-75p	6,215	..	311,023	..	1,698	..	200,080	3,431
1975-76p	5,566	..	282,241	..	1,834	..	218,645	3,462
1976-77p	6,028	..	340,556	..	2,042	..	229,892	3,468
1976-77p -								
Feb.	391	424	26,251	29,538	168	173	19,650	259
Mar.	517	527	29,932	29,501	181	168	20,454	278
Apr.	569	605	29,272	29,000	163	171	16,344	306
May	597	596	29,850	29,257	175	163	19,987	312
June	573	581	29,496	30,046	175	167	19,891	313
1977-78p -								
July	535	538	29,473	29,146	171	164	19,466	317
Aug.	549	546	29,591	28,777	181	160	20,075	290
Sept.	582	550	28,062	28,935	165	154	18,978	336
Oct.	587	554	31,625	29,958	159	154	15,687	327
Nov.	483	475	27,974	27,526	171	157	20,781	287
Dec.	425	513	31,251	31,244	140	157	14,588	266
Jan.	583	575	26,922	26,626	101	160	7,394	202
Feb.	522	566	28,341	31,977	156	160	16,462	306
Mar.	550	586	26,773	27,201	164	165	17,345	

(a) Includes natural gas. (b) Gross wet weight. (c) Includes recovery from scrap. (d) Source: Australian Forestry and Timber Bureau. Figures are expressed in terms of green off-sawn volumes.

**PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS, BUILDING FITTINGS,
FLOOR COVERINGS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES**

Period	Building materials - continued							Household appliances			
	Portland cement			Building fittings				Floor coverings (a)		Electric blankets (including mattress overlays) (b)	Electric propeller type fans (complete) (c)
	Seasonally adjusted	Plaster sheets (non-acoustic)	Plaster of parts	Baths C.I.P.E. and other	Wash basins earthen-ware	Sinks-stainless steel	Original	Seasonally adjusted			
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 sq.m.	'000 tonnes	No.	No.	No.	'000 sq.m.	'000 sq.m.	No.	No.
1974-75p	5,086	..	41,911	336	174,565	273,883	205,533	31,468	..	737,580	616,358
1975-76p	5,007	..	46,076	355	180,629	355,120	243,862	38,545	..	520,574	533,323
1976-77p	5,039	..	50,503	387	178,694	297,278	259,683	35,004	..	599,117	499,210
1976-77p -											
Feb.	409	430	3,977	80.6	15,837	24,889	21,505	2,901	2,907	57,824	34,693
Mar.	410	399	5,059		18,457	30,897	23,045	3,366	2,875	85,783	46,244
Apr.	434	434	3,427		13,594	28,784	17,373	2,687	2,947	57,705	23,593
May	421	394	4,545	96.8	17,519	28,835	22,280	2,040	2,613	80,674	29,649
June	429	428	4,790		16,251	25,582	19,290	2,830	2,873	70,970	31,316
1977-78p -											
July	461	424	4,096		16,168	24,927	21,225	2,808	2,745	37,568	14,973
Aug.	430	421	4,960	100.5	16,621	27,093	22,098	3,419	3,110	31,171	36,624
Sept.	430	409	4,249		14,124	24,697	20,544	3,246	2,804	38,292	41,749
Oct.	432	411	3,328		11,221	16,039	16,698	2,081	1,922	56,275	23,246
Nov.	472	441	5,666		11,621	18,997	19,287	3,254	2,807	75,745	51,115
Dec.	413	422	3,544	88.1	13,323	16,863	13,396	2,524	2,821	50,233	35,555
Jan.	278	412	1,413		3,721	5,480	6,962	977	2,255	16,547	18,842
Feb.	421	442	4,411	79.5	14,549	17,821	18,863	2,816	2,822	75,780	27,343
Mar.	423	424	4,212		14,924	18,509	18,267	3,000	2,805	84,074	24,057

Household appliances - continued

Period	Domestic cooking stoves			Domestic refrigerators		Domestic clothes washing machines		Hot water jugs and kettles
	Solid fuel	Gas (d) upright or elevated	Electric (e)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
1974-75p	4,751	106,301	307,626	222,016	..	314,816	..	543,890
1975-76p	4,184	109,608	335,570	240,276	..	354,779	..	655,371
1976-77p	3,801	109,197	306,861	267,771	..	298,689	..	610,633
1976-77p -								
Feb.	225	9,322	25,017	21,717	22,124	22,742	24,274	37,592
Mar.	284	11,039	28,128	24,408	21,893	25,637	22,686	47,647
Apr.	246	10,100	19,196	15,479	19,956	16,908	22,594	42,707
May	351	10,394	23,825	21,599	23,604	26,632	24,038	46,415
June	426	9,556	24,750	23,200	24,067	26,327	25,188	46,264
1977-78p -								
July	328	8,890	25,660	22,905	23,272	25,532	23,878	41,876
Aug.	330	10,676	27,990	26,800	23,087	27,437	23,537	56,254
Sept.	311	9,673	26,658	29,590	24,326	25,810	22,230	54,847
Oct.	178	4,439	21,865	24,607	22,092	24,944	22,426	54,630
Nov.	321	10,259	29,725	27,204	22,181	26,209	21,757	65,123
Dec.	240	6,614	21,805	18,248	19,582	17,521	21,353	50,007
Jan.	(a)	2,514	10,883	12,565	20,628	10,527	20,638	17,845
Feb.	(a)	8,931	24,605	23,965	24,347	21,463	22,911	56,434
Mar.	230	8,335	25,642	20,140	19,296	21,733	21,765	55,955

(a) Excludes underfelts and underlays. (b) Excludes beating pads. (c) Excludes fans incorporated in other equipment or used with ducting. (d) Town, liquefied petroleum and natural gas stoves and ranges. Includes wall ovens. (e) Includes fixed ranges, wall ovens, cooking tops, grill-boilers and other ranges.

**PRODUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, ELECTRIC MOTORS, ENGINES,
DAIRY PRODUCTS, MEAT, AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERED**

Period	Household appliances - continued					Electric motors				Internal combustion engines - petrol (c)	
	Radios and radiograms		Television sets (a)		Room air- conditioners (b)	Under 1 hp		1 hp and over		Original	Seasonally adjusted
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	'000	'000	'000	'000	No.	No.
1974-75p	284,718	..	465,401	..	73,466	4,083	..	415	..	374,230	..
1975-76p	80,212	..	531,806	..	52,600	3,765	..	317	..	358,790	..
1976-77p	38,418	..	525,202	..	64,009	2,922	..	315	..	291,596	..
1976-77p -											
Feb.	2,945	3,151	46,486	46,826	4,063	211	233	24.5	23.3	18,958	23,510
Mar.	3,795	3,344	47,882	42,992	5,271	260	239	28.1	24.7	16,166	23,297
Apr.	1,959	2,469	37,260	41,022	2,947	185	214	22.4	25.3	12,520	19,923
May	1,248	1,312	38,925	37,889	3,524	195	196	24.5	24.1	5,575	11,337
June	1,699	1,824	42,833	39,649	3,371	244	228	22.0	24.7	13,860	22,985
1977-78p -											
July	1,646	1,648	41,597	40,663	3,665	239	232	25.7	23.9	33,661	26,780
Aug.	2,117	1,967	37,162	33,539	4,992	258	225	29.5	24.8	39,604	34,083
Sept.	2,875	2,269	41,261	33,789	6,136	269	238	24.3	22.0	24,103	16,497
Oct.	2,736	2,133	26,786	24,530	6,974	212	191	21.0	18.1	27,298	16,523
Nov.	1,795	1,532	31,149	26,667	8,587	255	201	35.6	30.3	40,163	26,241
Dec.	950	899	20,781	24,016	7,331	199	217	26.9	28.2	13,779	13,231
Jan.	297	767	6,203	15,501	3,835	87	179	11.7	32.2	6,731	10,019
Feb.	916	975	26,816	26,972	5,788	195	215	25.2	24.2	13,827	17,371
Mar.	666	615	22,035	20,772	4,539	205	200	30.0	19.2	14,686	23,819

Period	Dairy products (factory production)					Meat (carcass weight)					Dressed weight of poultry slaughtered (f)	
	Whole milk for all purposes		Butter (d)	Cheese (e)	Processed milk products	Beef and veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat	Total		
	Original	Seasonally adjusted								Original		Seasonally adjusted
	million litres	million litres	tonnes	tonnes	million litres (g)	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes		'000 tonnes
1974-75	6,496.8	..	161,274	98,630	626.6	1,547.0	257.8	269.3	175.1	2,249.2	..	189.4
1975-76	6,248.2	..	147,635	112,617	630.8	1,840.4	325.5	262.2	173.8	2,602.0	..	204.2
1976-77	5,764.6	..	118,092	103,667	734.3	1,987.8	303.7	245.5	185.1	2,722.1	..	218.1
1976-77 -												
Feb.	444.9	496.3	8,645	8,767	57.4	167.2	32.8	19.2	13.5	232.8	246.4	16.3
Mar.	411.5	513.2	7,884	7,305	48.7	187.2	29.6	20.2	16.3	253.4	239.8	18.9
Apr.	310.7	484.5	4,720	5,428	32.0	166.8	22.2	17.6	14.6	221.2	235.7	18.3
May	244.6	448.8	2,678	3,875	19.2	186.4	19.9	17.8	15.6	239.6	228.1	18.9
June	218.3	422.3	1,893	3,319	17.5	196.9	14.9	17.7	17.3	246.8	230.0	19.7
1977-78p -												
July	260.3	389.5	3,127	5,599	37.2	188.6	14.8	19.2	17.0	239.7	229.6	19.7
Aug.	391.8	400.7	7,691	9,321	61.1	186.3	17.0	21.6	17.3	242.3	233.1	19.6
Sept.	543.7	442.7	15,339	12,567	79.5	191.7	20.9	25.2	16.6	254.3	242.8	20.3
Oct.	678.6	455.4	18,849	15,936	90.8	183.0	27.3	26.9	16.2	253.4	248.4	21.1
Nov.	575.8	434.3	18,337	15,251	96.1	183.3	31.4	25.0	17.5	257.2	253.7	20.9
Dec.	623.5	429.0	14,660	14,095	85.1	146.4	29.6	20.4	16.4	212.8	237.0	20.3
Jan.	476.2	390.7	10,470	9,867	71.9	154.3	28.6	21.2	13.6	217.6	248.8	20.5
Feb.	420.5	470.1	9,106	8,217	58.9	160.2	26.2	18.1	14.7	219.2	232.8	19.9
Mar.	372.0	457.9	6,906	7,132	49.4	181.2	23.8	20.0	16.7	241.8	241.8	19.6
Apr.						164.8	15.9	18.1	15.7	214.6	219.9	

(a) Includes combinations with radio and/or record player. (b) Includes package unit air conditioners. (c) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor, aero, etc., and marine engines. (d) Includes the butter equivalent of butter oil production. Source: Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalisation Committee Ltd and by producers not within the equalisation scheme. (e) As reported by Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalisation Committee Ltd and by producers not within the equalisation scheme. (f) Dressed weight of all birds (chickens, other fowls, ducks and drakes, and turkeys) including pieces and giblets. (g) Whole milk equivalent.

PRODUCTION OF FLOUR, SUGAR, BEER, TOBACCO, CHEMICALS, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TYRES

Chemicals and allied products

Period	Chemicals and allied products											
	Beer (b)				Tobacco and cigarettes		Sulphuric acid (100%)		Paints			
	Wheaten flour	Refined sugar (a)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original (c)	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Super phosphate (d)	Sulphate of ammonia	Ready mixed paints and enamels	Lacquers nitro-cellulose
'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	million litres	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	'000 litres	
1974-75p	1,263	729.1	1,957	..	31,729	..	1,770	..	3,309	266	81.3	4,886
1975-76p	1,240	723.2	1,932	..	31,161	..	1,295	..	2,185	220	91.0	4,909
1976-77p	1,182	732.2	1,939	..	29,846	..	1,741	..	3,137	202	89.2	4,392
1976-77p -												
Feb.	85	59.8	158	167	2,779	2,639	138	137	281	15.61	7.14	373
Mar.	105	65.2	168	153	3,047	2,606	142	170	318	14.75	8.74	406
Apr.	94	58.8	158	169	2,537	2,615	165	149	340	12.68	6.16	274
May	105	59.1	152	158	2,964	2,842	172	157	334	13.66	7.63	366
June	117	53.1	142	169	3,170	2,982	177	196	310	14.37	7.62	339
1977-78p -												
July	91	56.1	136	162	3,029	2,683	109	141	155	15.50	7.22	354
Aug.	98	60.9	151	157	3,084	2,728	104	128	162	22.56	7.42	356
Sept.	96	60.7	165	161	2,346	2,587	142	142	277	18.59	7.73	351
Oct.	84	63.1	164	161	2,275	2,177	135	139	205	18.19	6.62	289
Nov.	95	72.9	196	170	2,945	2,618	157	152	338	19.75	8.88	459
Dec.	78	67.8	199	164	2,147	2,558	158	139	315	17.47	6.87	339
Jan.	78	61.5	169	168	1,231	2,420	172	157	270	20.36	5.10	205
Feb.	89		163	173	2,999	2,849	160	153	317	15.11	7.18	409
Mar.	92		178	167	2,989	2,762	170	168	357	18.78	7.74	435

Motor vehicles (e)

Period	Motor vehicles (e)						Pneumatic tyres-tyre-cycle, car, truck, aero, etc. (g)			
	Cars and station wagons		Utilities and panel vans		Trucks and truck-type vehicles		Total motor vehicles (f)			
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Utilities	Panel vans	Seasonally adjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	'000	
1974-75p	361,389	..	30,295	29,503	..	32,759	..	456,167	..	7,501
1975-76p	369,339	..	25,179	29,857	..	30,988	..	456,164	..	8,384
1976-77p	367,272	..	24,902	26,031	..	33,294	..	452,483	..	7,859
1976-77p -										
Feb.	29,545	30,390	1,965	2,019	4,105	2,733	2,832	36,315	37,574	645
Mar.	33,671	29,414	2,596	1,962	4,047	3,107	2,851	41,397	36,339	659
Apr.	26,963	30,070	1,656	1,489	3,275	2,330	2,529	32,490	36,501	537
May	33,047	28,506	2,343	1,926	3,724	2,997	2,752	40,337	34,663	659
June	28,828	26,375	2,126	2,090	3,934	2,689	2,496	35,747	32,682	728
1977-78p -										
July	27,306	27,152	1,867	2,194	3,770	2,858	2,670	34,243	34,120	653
Aug.	29,387	26,895	1,923	2,130	3,645	2,912	2,404	36,390	32,706	679
Sept.	28,781	24,229	1,765	1,779	2,986	2,576	2,129	34,927	29,480	654
Oct.	13,744	12,453	1,303	1,040	2,296	1,382	1,314	17,515	15,710	405
Nov.	33,166	28,892	2,232	2,272	3,940	2,771	2,635	40,490	35,738	650
Dec.	23,874	27,720	1,786	1,723	4,065	1,991	2,294	29,391	34,596	599
Jan.	10,892	32,879	751	548	4,006	941	2,449	13,140	38,191	278
Feb.	28,540	29,352	1,953	1,703	3,770	2,451	2,538	34,681	35,888	662
Mar.	31,690	29,755	1,856	1,724	3,455	2,470	2,469	37,240	35,913	569

(a) Source: Monthly figures, Department of Primary Industry. (b) Excludes waste beer. (c) Source: Department of Business and Consumer Affairs. (d) Includes double and triple superphosphate and ammonium phosphate expressed in terms of single superphosphate, i.e. 22% P₂O₅ equivalent. (e) Finished and partly finished motor vehicles. (f) Includes buses and ambulances. (g) Source: Australian Tyre Manufacturers Association Limited.

PRODUCTION OF WOOL, YARNS AND TEXTILES

Period	Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool (a)			Yarns (d)					Cellulosic fibre (including mixtures) Original
	Total receipts	Percentage of total received by brokers (b)	Scoured and carbonized wool (c)	Cotton		Wool		Original	
				Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
1974-75p	729.2	81.5	51.8	23,463	..	17,903	..	1,396	
1975-76p	686.9	76.5	69.9	24,761	..	22,439	..	2,338	
1976-77p	628.0	75.9	72.8	20,735	..	19,332	..	1,456	
1976-77p -									
Feb.	36.7	76.4	19.83	1,701	1,708	1,607	1,563	111	
Mar.	38.1	76.6		1,844	1,642	1,735	1,505	104	
Apr.	29.4	75.8		1,461	1,560	1,365	1,510	149	
May	28.4	75.6	17.27	1,700	1,544	1,727	1,573	109	
June	22.9	75.0		1,878	1,696	1,735	1,591	61	
1977-78p -									
July	37.4	74.1		2,058	1,883	1,832	1,754	150	
Aug.	72.8	77.9	14.4	2,177	1,819	1,868	1,568	122	
Sept.	93.8	77.3		2,294	2,027	1,612	1,506	105	
Oct.	94.9	78.6		1,617	1,547	1,258	1,110	37	
Nov.	85.7	78.0	18.1	2,143	1,935	2,131	1,874	88	
Dec.	49.1	73.2		1,650	2,122	1,340	1,692	73	
Jan.	26.6	76.5		721	1,872	772	1,705	(a)	
Feb.	32.6	74.5	18.6	1,759	1,760	1,668	1,621	(a)	
Mar.	38.5	68.7		1,899	1,704	1,801	1,741	(a)	

Textiles

Period	Woven cloth (d) (e)								
	Cotton (f)		Wool (g)		Cellulosic fibre		Synthetic fibre		Blankets (h)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
1974-75p	41,364	..	7,308	..	16,237	..	84,831	..	1,472
1975-76p	46,661	..	8,004	..	16,725	..	97,847	..	2,031
1976-77p	39,608	..	6,539	..	16,595	..	96,909	..	1,581
1976-77p -									
Feb.	3,290	3,331	606	527	1,423	1,613	9,178	9,451	138
Mar.	3,130	3,054	653	499	1,372	1,293	9,645	8,817	177
Apr.	2,754	2,987	482	537	1,264	1,266	7,490	8,361	151
May	3,414	3,223	506	496	1,396	1,323	9,651	8,777	165
June	3,889	3,655	444	488	1,511	1,361	10,098	8,534	145
1977-78p -									
July	3,882	3,404	481	498	1,432	1,313	8,448	8,257	152
Aug.	3,524	3,143	569	539	1,468	1,335	10,524	9,008	148
Sept.	3,779	3,113	560	556	1,333	1,176	10,564	9,186	115
Oct.	2,742	2,535	451	427	1,221	1,129	7,556	7,210	63
Nov.	3,297	3,090	730	579	1,349	1,272	11,015	10,458	139
Dec.	2,828	3,195	496	571	983	1,108	7,956	9,545	94
Jan.	1,233	3,137	295	569	288	589	3,563	7,500	50
Feb.	3,087	3,117	568	493	1,251	1,423	8,461	8,709	115
Mar.	2,798	2,593	648	550	1,321	1,267	8,463	8,271	127

(a) Amounts of taxable wool received by brokers and dealers from wool producers. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) As from April 1976 published on a quarterly basis. (d) Includes mixtures predominantly of the fibre named. (e) Over 30 centimetres wide. (f) Excludes towels and towelling. (g) Excludes blanketing and rug material. (h) Prior to 1975-76 excludes tufted blankets.

PRODUCTION OF CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS

Period	Clothing								
	Hosiery		Men's and youths -				Underwear		Boots, shoes and sandals (c)
	Men's	Women's full length (a)	Short length coats and jackets (b)		Sports trousers	Shirts, men's and boys'	Men's and boys'	Women's and girls'	
			Suit	Other					
'000 doz. pairs	'000 doz. pairs	'000	'000	'000	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 pairs	
1974-75p	1,727	6,763	876	754	4,416	2,281	2,461	3,667	27,074
1975-76p	2,007	6,316	825	1,148	4,344	2,861	2,125	3,647	30,072
1976-77p	1,881	6,030	773	892	4,071	2,501	2,382	3,945	26,576
1976-77p -									
Feb.	156	455	59.0	71.8	366	173	206	356	2,276
Mar.	167	510	68.0	93.8	445	184	249	361	2,615
Apr.	119	442	49.7	77.7	326	144	186	293	2,152
May	142	490	64.8	78.3	332	166	204	334	2,258
June	144	545	61.9	69.3	331	179	199	332	2,351
1977-78p -									
July	152	536	61.3	58.1	308	231	219	297	2,292
Aug.	177	451	81.1	56.4	356	279	250	339	2,633
Sept.	149	446	71.0	47.5	380	270	223	312	2,558
Oct.	108	324	75.9	40.3	365	271	178	313	2,250
Nov.	153	377	68.7	51.8	393	318	257	364	2,639
Dec.	123	371	58.0	38.6	306	198	199	278	1,967
Jan.	68	175	17.9	22.4	129	73	65	101	1,141
Feb.	133	491	49.8	65.1	370	200	207	287	2,407
Mar.	131	476	48.6	72.2	397	192	211	299	2,508

Period	Lawn mowers petrol (rotary)		Motor spirit (d)	Aviation turbine fuel (d)	Furnace fuel (d)	Plastics and synthetic resins (e)	Newsprint	Soap	Margarine	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted							Table	Other
	No.	No.	million litres	million litres	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1974-75p	298,125	..	12,508	2,124	4,656	363	196,405	59,462	30,928	55,377
1975-76p	334,857	..	12,501	2,088	4,340	407	206,227	58,154	43,211	55,899
1976-77p	307,173	..	13,056	2,115	4,604	464	206,590	57,281	69,140	51,620
1976-77p -										
Feb.	20,369	22,668	1,099	198	392	40.6	16,375	5,531	5,001	3,370
Mar.	20,050	25,946	1,129	180	400	41.6	18,613	4,876	5,764	4,183
Apr.	14,691	21,118	1,145	174	306	35.3	17,337	3,870	5,660	4,118
May	5,301	14,128	1,185	160	360	41.7	18,069	5,131	6,815	4,785
June	13,190	28,465	1,053	149	389	42.5	17,435	5,034	7,442	5,237
1977-78p -										
July	23,382	26,565	1,096	195	287	40.3	17,876	5,602	6,839	4,312
Aug.	32,112	27,679	1,216	135	382	45.6	17,860	4,935	7,248	4,281
Sept.	26,138	17,233	1,208	199	400	40.0	17,935	4,937	6,517	3,619
Oct.	37,295	20,383	1,146	206	416	36.8	18,155	4,464	7,411	4,141
Nov.	52,744	33,257	1,152	227	322	44.6	17,102	5,224	6,650	3,876
Dec.	17,469	16,310	1,225	197	338	36.0	13,870	3,986	4,733	2,617
Jan.	10,655	14,154	1,176	203	359	38.4	16,323	2,282	5,373	2,544
Feb.	19,033	21,289	1,024	195	305	42.8	16,810	5,133	7,458	3,187
Mar.	18,958	24,834	1,221	198	328	44.3	18,293	4,645	4,848	2,353

(a) Includes panty hose. (b) Excludes plastic coats and dust coats. (c) Includes slippers of cemented, vulcanised-moulded rubber and injection-moulded plastic construction. (d) Source: Department of National Resources. (e) Liquid resins or emulsion forms are shown in terms of dry weight of resin content.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a)

Period	Cars and station wagons		Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)		Total (excluding motor cycles)		Motor cycles	Total motor vehicles
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
1974-75	502,720	..	121,467	..	624,187	..	67,563	691,750
1975-76	454,637	..	129,726	..	584,363	..	60,017	644,380
1976-77	447,102	..	134,709	..	581,811	..	50,321	632,132
1976-77 -								
Mar.	38,453	35,343	11,590	10,875	50,043	46,218	3,503	53,546
Apr.	29,303	30,792	8,806	9,324	38,109	40,116	3,007	41,116
May	37,645	35,107	11,319	10,465	48,964	45,572	3,264	52,228
June	40,514	38,100	13,262	12,099	53,776	50,199	3,121	56,897
1977-78 -								
July	38,123	37,904	12,174	11,592	50,297	49,496	3,239	53,536
Aug.	40,057	37,097	11,899	10,837	51,956	47,934	3,407	55,363
Sept.	34,515	35,111	10,190	10,368	44,705	45,479	3,367	48,072
Oct.	33,975	33,716	10,536	10,439	44,511	44,155	3,768	48,279
Nov.	36,651	35,409	10,565	10,171	47,016	45,580	3,249	50,265
Dec.	35,177	36,530	10,296	10,873	45,473	47,403	3,102	48,575
Jan.	30,125	35,950	8,476	10,402	38,531	46,352	2,821	41,352
Feb.	33,615	36,862	9,768	11,167	43,383	48,029	3,028	46,411
Mar.:r	34,881	34,092	10,266	10,715	45,147	44,807	2,970	48,117
Apr.:p	36,982	37,702	11,161	11,048	48,143	48,750	3,140	51,283

(a) Registrations during period. Includes Government-owned vehicles except those belonging to the defence services. Excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

Period	Government railways				Shipping (a)					
	Goods and livestock				Overseas cargo				Interstate cargo shipped	
	Tonnes consigned	Net tonne-kilometres		Passenger journeys	Shipped from Australian ports		Discharged at Australian ports		Tonnes	Cubic metres
		'000	million		million	\$ million	Tonnes	Cubic metres		
1973-74	87,341	28,329.3	373.6	691.1	150,471	3,071	23,055	7,641	29,471	3,033
1974-75	94,798	29,791.6	340.0	809.4	164,866	2,926	21,893	8,029	28,454	3,143
1975-76	95,039	30,809.3	317.2	939.8	156,133	2,488	19,718	7,170	28,241	2,937
1976-77					164,370	2,041	20,083	6,857	28,221	1,969
1976-77 -										
Sept.	8,615	2,772.6	29.5	84.4	12,474	182	1,653	478	2,470	140
Oct.	8,585	2,697.7	25.5	84.0	15,935	191	1,695	581	2,407	172
Nov.	8,306	2,747.0	26.7	85.2	12,743	154	1,559	626	2,107	156
Dec.	8,201	2,596.2	26.2	83.0	13,255	184	1,663	599	2,184	162
Jan.	7,150	2,217.5	23.8	81.8	14,790	178	2,073	511	2,483	123
Feb.	7,884	2,494.0	31.4	78.8	13,614	124	1,325	473	2,322	166
Mar.	8,687	2,713.5	25.1	86.2	12,621	192	1,727	584	2,384	197
Apr.	7,811	2,539.0	26.0	79.7	12,471	146	1,577	495	1,988	176
May	8,641	2,857.6	29.4	87.5	14,583	203	1,731	620	2,391	167
June	9,079				12,169	149	1,572	597	1,982	158
1977-78 -										
July					13,815	216	1,801	518	2,131	160
Aug.					15,105	157	1,851	514	2,649	163
Sept.					13,160	192	1,816	350	2,312	156
Oct.					15,270	189	1,756	323	2,520	184
Nov.					13,796	187	1,691	376	2,533	155

(a) Part of the shipping cargo is recorded in tonnes and part in cubic metres. As the total cannot be stated accurately as either tonnes or cubic metres each is recorded and published separately.

TELEPHONE AND TELEX SERVICES

Period	Telephone subscribers' services				Telex Services			
	Effective applications during period (a)	Services connected during period	Services cancelled during period	Services in operation at end of period	Effective applications during period (a)	Services connected during period	Services cancelled during period	Services in operation at end of period
	'000	'000	'000	'000				'000
1974-75	560.3	573.5	387.7	3,539	3,360	3,375	1,469	14.8
1975-76	596.1	613.6	448.4	3,700	(b)3,986	(c)4,117	1,822	17.0
1976-77	666.5	665.7	456.9	3,907	4,610	4,538	2,015	19.6
1976-77 -								
Feb.	57.4	56.7	37.4	3,828	331	377	164	18.6
Mar.	61.4	61.2	40.8	3,849	516	374	156	18.9
Apr.	50.6	50.9	34.7	3,865	404	357	146	19.1
May	62.9	62.2	41.1	3,885	408	474	177	19.4
June	60.9	61.7	39.5	3,907	506	446	206	19.6
1977-78 -								
July	58.3	58.1	39.5	3,926	472	455	203	19.8
Aug.	62.0	63.5	41.3	3,948	520	484	188	20.1
Sept.	61.4	61.6	40.0	3,969	437	460	178	20.4
Oct.	55.8	56.3	36.4	3,988	337	387	154	20.6
Nov.	60.2	62.0	38.5	4,012	437	426	144	20.9
Dec.	51.6	56.4	37.9	4,030	287	375	159	21.1
Jan.	60.6	56.4	43.3	4,043	473	377	155	21.3
Feb.	67.0	62.2	39.9	4,065	462	416	180	21.4
Mar.	60.2	63.2	39.4	4,089	513	477	198	21.9

(a) Demand for services, allowing for applications withdrawn during period. (b) From July 1975 includes in place services. (c) From July 1975 includes in place connections.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

(\$ million)

Period	Invisible credits							Invisible debits			Balance on current account	
	Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.	Balance of trade	Transportation and travel	Property income	Transfers	Other	Transportation and travel	Property income	Transfers		Other
1974-75	8,490	7,652	838	1,161	416	429	284	1,914	1,100	627	441	-954
1975-76	9,408	7,924	1,484	1,271	341	359	226	2,085	1,556	701	428	-1,089
1976-77	11,409	10,341	1,059	1,509	366	276	181	3,475	1,725	704	444	-1,957
1976-77 -												
Dec. qtr	2,804	2,406	398	396	92	75	49	577	452	164	100	-284
Mar. qtr	2,799	2,788	11	392	92	67	47	602	398	173	112	-676
June qtr	2,940	2,752	189	374	97	72	44	696	461	192	125	-699
1977-78 -												
Sept. qtr	3,013	2,824	189	393	84	86	45	672	491	236	135	-737
Dec. qtr	3,081	2,627	454	447	92	93	55	602	456	141	133	-191
Mar. qtr	2,835	2,875	-41	446	82	91	52	606	454	203	139	-771

CAPITAL ITEMS

Period	Government		Private		Non-official monetary sector transactions	Balancing item	Net apparent capital inflow	Change in official reserve assets	Other transactions	Net official monetary movements
	Securities	Other	Trade credit	Other						
1974-75	21	-85	-69	792	51	-250	490	-460	-4	-464
1975-76	46	-184	104	615	-25	-488	68	-1,053	32	-1,020
1976-77	371	-235	240	1,392	24	-326	1,467	-190	-301	-491
1976-77 -										
Dec. qtr	145	-17	97	434	79	-462	275	-7	-1	-9
Mar. qtr	-4	-28	80	518	-11	256	812	127	9	136
June qtr	-5	-119	21	391	34	26	349	-352	2	-350
1977-78 -										
Sept. qtr	482	-74	-137	117	46	-432	1	-584	-152	-736
Dec. qtr	357	-13	-142	292	-19	-357	118	-43	-30	-73
Mar. qtr	463	19	76	329	(a)	186	1,073	187	116	302

(a) Not yet available, included in the balancing item.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)
(\$ million)

Period	Components of gross domestic product										
	Gross domestic product at factor cost										
				Gross domestic product			Gross operating surplus				
	Gross national expenditure	Plus Exports of goods and services	Less Imports of goods and services	Farm	Non-farm	Total	Wages, salaries and supplements	Trading enterprises - Companies	Financial enterprises, etc. (b)	Indirect taxes less subsidies	
ORIGINAL											
1974-75	60,644	9,926	9,993	3,685	56,891	60,576	35,409	7,203	11,928	-584	6,619
1975-76	70,833	10,886	10,442	3,780	67,499	71,279	40,589	8,341	13,973	-151	8,526
1976-77	82,410	13,066	13,251	4,034	78,190	83,224	46,053	9,920	16,664	-165	9,752
1976-77 -											
Sept. qtr	19,555	3,239	3,098	790	18,906	19,696	11,086	2,431	3,954	-64	2,289
Dec. qtr	22,006	3,246	3,084	1,580	20,588	22,168	11,868	2,960	5,028	-27	2,339
Mar. qtr	20,031	3,233	3,508	1,135	18,622	19,757	11,131	2,030	4,126	-17	2,487
June qtr	20,818	3,348	3,562	529	20,074	20,603	11,968	2,499	3,556	-57	2,637
1977-78 -											
Sept. qtr	22,040	3,444	3,638	895	20,951	21,846	12,237	2,652	4,576	-76	2,457
Dec. qtr	23,969	3,572	3,401	1,756	22,384	24,140	12,890	3,087	5,786	-110	2,487
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED											
1976-77 -											
Sept. qtr	19,526	3,247	2,982	950	18,841	19,791	11,122	2,423	3,922	-59	2,383
Dec. qtr	20,133	3,167	3,112	973	19,215	20,188	11,265	2,480	4,081	-10	2,372
Mar. qtr	21,217	3,315	3,590	1,046	19,896	20,942	11,677	2,568	4,259	-34	2,472
June qtr	21,598	3,340	3,584	1,077	20,277	21,354	11,986	2,479	4,431	-61	2,519
1977-78 -											
Sept. qtr	21,942	3,449	3,506	1,011	20,874	21,885	12,276	2,646	4,481	-72	2,554
Dec. qtr	21,945	3,494	3,438	979	21,022	22,001	12,348	2,600	4,616	-92	2,529

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (5206.0). (b) Financial enterprises less imputed bank service charge.

COMPONENTS OF GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)
(\$ million)

Period	Gross fixed capital expenditure											
	Private											
	Final consumption expenditure		Dwellings			Other building and construction		Public enterprises	General government	Increase in stocks	Statistical discrepancy	Gross national expenditure
	Private	Government			All other	Total private						
ORIGINAL												
1974-75	35,127	9,150	2,442	1,943	4,309	8,694	2,833	2,829	955	1,056	60,644	
1975-76	41,568	11,316	3,232	1,967	5,055	10,254	3,168	3,478	110	940	70,833	
1976-77	47,814	13,249	4,029	1,945	6,040	12,014	3,539	3,616	1,010	1,169	82,410	
1976-77 -												
Sept. qtr	11,249	3,162	1,025	501	1,309	2,835	780	762	42	725	19,555	
Dec. qtr	12,590	3,388	1,033	519	1,645	3,197	907	923	674	368	22,006	
Mar. qtr	11,577	3,132	963	430	1,412	2,805	805	762	262	688	20,031	
June qtr	12,438	3,567	1,008	495	1,674	3,177	1,047	1,170	32	-612	20,818	
1977-78 -												
Sept. qtr	12,685	3,536	1,022	575	1,575	3,172	919	806	17	906	22,040	
Dec. qtr	14,016	3,867	976	640	1,823	3,439	1,095	970	315	268	23,969	
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1976-77 -												
Sept. qtr	11,359	3,208	990	495	1,345	2,830	828	852	52	397	19,526	
Dec. qtr	11,855	3,247	1,028	472	1,540	3,040	866	856	140	130	20,133	
Mar. qtr	12,135	3,352	1,007	500	1,590	3,097	890	910	174	659	21,217	
June qtr	12,470	3,443	1,005	483	1,563	3,051	939	984	655	56	21,598	
1977-78 -												
Sept. qtr	12,813	3,587	987	566	1,620	3,173	976	900	-27	521	21,942	
Dec. qtr	13,238	3,702	971	583	1,707	3,261	1,048	899	-411	208	21,945	

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (5206.0).

VALUE OF MAIN AGGREGATES AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES (a)
(\$ million)

Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross capital expenditure		Increase in stocks	Statistical discrepancy	Gross national expenditure	Plus exports of goods and services	Less imports of goods and services	Expenditure on gross domestic product	Gross farm product	Gross non-farm product
	Private	Government	Private	Public								
ORIGINAL												
1974-75	35,127	9,150	8,694	5,662	955	1,054	60,642	9,927	9,994	60,575	3,685	36,890
1975-76	36,000	9,833	8,821	5,790	114	865	61,423	9,990	9,200	62,213	3,920	38,293
1976-77	37,186	10,367	9,153	5,527	792	941	63,966	11,020	10,357	64,629	3,934	40,695
1976-77 -												
Sept. qtr	9,089	2,542	2,261	1,239	31	584	15,746	3,006	2,624	16,128	757	15,371
Dec. qtr	9,978	2,666	2,487	1,440	689	288	17,448	2,810	2,552	17,706	1,660	16,046
Mar. qtr	8,894	2,450	2,088	1,195	197	528	15,352	2,571	2,629	15,294	1,140	14,154
June qtr	9,325	2,709	2,317	1,653	-127	-458	15,419	2,633	2,551	15,501	378	15,123
1977-78 -												
Sept. qtr	9,314	2,626	2,268	1,275	18	664	16,165	2,772	2,513	16,424	792	15,632
Dec. qtr	10,072	2,800	2,417	1,505	351	192	17,337	2,940	2,374	17,903	1,706	16,197
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1976-77 -												
Sept. qtr	9,168	2,573	2,258	1,352	83	301	15,735	2,958	2,522	16,171	973	15,198
Dec. qtr	9,375	2,595	2,376	1,358	76	96	14,873	2,720	2,570	16,023	996	15,027
Mar. qtr	9,321	2,597	2,299	1,377	115	408	16,117	2,669	2,671	16,115	992	15,123
June qtr	9,318	2,603	2,218	1,430	516	172	16,257	2,663	2,594	16,326	984	15,342
1977-78 -												
Sept. qtr	9,397	2,658	2,268	1,389	-40	344	16,016	2,728	2,418	16,326	876	15,450
Dec. qtr	9,558	2,722	2,305	1,420	-442	100	15,663	2,849	2,395	16,117	863	15,254

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (5206.0).

FINANCE

NEW MONEY RAISED BY LISTED COMPANIES IN AUSTRALIA AND BY INDUSTRY GROUP (a)
(\$ million)

This table shows the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to listed companies in Australia through the types of capital specified. For definitions see *New Capital Raisings by Companies Listed on Australian Stock Exchanges* (5628.0). Excluded are bank overdrafts, loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market or deposits accepted by banks, insurance companies, pastoral companies or building societies.

Period	Manufacturing			Finance and property			Commerce		
	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total
1974-75	84.3	368.1	452.2	18.1	421.6	439.6	36.0	89.2	125.2
1975-76	115.0	142.1	257.1	68.5	853.3	921.8	57.5	20.8	78.3
1976-77	182.4	147.4	329.8	212.2	939.7	1,151.9	9.5	31.3	40.8
1976-77 -									
Dec. qtr	80.1	24.7	104.8	113.1	411.2	524.3	2.5	10.6	13.1
Mar. qtr	23.1	..	23.1	64.7	104.9	169.6	0.2	3.6	3.8
June qtr	69.1	117.0	186.1	15.8	78.5	94.3	4.7	14.8	19.5
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	41.8	58.8	100.6	31.0	292.8	323.8	0.6	12.5	13.1
Dec. qtr	46.9	11.1	58.0	15.7	275.7	291.4	7.2	(b)-1.4	5.8
Mar. qtr	5.8	39.3	45.1	51.8	82.9	134.7	0.8	27.3	28.1
Other industries									
All industries									
Period	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total			
1974-75	32.7	69.8	102.5	171.1	948.6	1,119.7			
1975-76	91.3	78.2	169.5	332.3	1,094.4	1,426.7			
1976-77	68.1	91.0	159.1	472.0	1,209.6	1,681.6			
1976-77 -									
Dec. qtr	25.3	14.7	40.0	220.9	461.3	682.2			
Mar. qtr	10.4	77.6	88.0	98.4	186.2	284.5			
June qtr	21.4	(b)-5.5	15.9	110.9	204.8	315.7			
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	16.1	(b)-3.2	12.9	89.5	361.1	450.6			
Dec. qtr	22.5	35.3	57.8	92.4	320.7	413.1			
Mar. qtr	6.0	6.2	12.2	64.3	155.8	220.1			

(a) Holding companies are classified according to the predominant activity of the group. (b) Excess of payments over receipts of new money.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS (INCLUDING NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Accounts of trading banks							Commonwealth Government securities				
	Notes on issue		Statutory Reserve Deposit	Term Loan Fund	Farm Development Loan Fund	Other deposits of trading banks	Deposits of savings banks	All Other liabilities (a)	Gold and foreign exchange	Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other	All other assets
	Held by public	Total										
1974-75	2,061.9	2,373.9	462.2	22.9	19.8	9.7	1,056.9	1,448.0	3,110.9	146.5	1,041.4	1,094.5
1975-76	2,417.7	2,762.5	909.0	17.0	14.7	9.9	1,089.9	998.9	2,778.7	1,290.4	906.6	826.2
1976-77	2,768.3	3,171.8	1,303.6	35.5	25.3	8.4	1,213.4	1,517.9	2,612.1	1,758.3	2,189.7	715.7
1976-77 -												
Mar.	2,794.8	3,206.0	1,861.4	27.9	20.2	7.4	1,455.3	1,546.8	2,881.4	2,122.3	2,176.2	945.1
Apr.	2,887.6	3,310.5	1,879.6	23.1	18.4	8.3	1,330.5	1,553.6	2,843.5	2,048.1	2,247.3	985.2
May	2,868.5	3,274.6	1,847.2	21.4	16.4	6.3	1,073.1	1,610.3	2,786.5	1,482.2	2,600.2	980.4
June	2,887.4	3,293.1	1,704.2	16.9	10.1	6.9	1,044.6	1,673.8	2,596.7	1,433.8	2,735.5	983.7
1977-78 -												
July	2,922.4	3,327.8	1,396.4	10.1	4.7	5.6	1,096.0	1,691.9	2,302.5	1,478.8	2,707.5	1,043.8
Aug.	2,973.3	3,384.5	1,369.5	7.3	2.2	5.7	1,091.5	2,228.9	2,517.8	1,822.2	2,842.9	906.6
Sept.	3,010.3	3,412.4	1,178.1	27.7	9.9	5.7	1,116.6	2,366.1	2,403.0	2,011.6	2,812.4	887.5
Oct.	3,008.0	3,423.5	1,120.1	41.8	15.1	7.1	1,155.6	2,449.7	2,622.7	2,254.6	2,602.4	733.0
Nov.	3,040.6	3,458.7	1,144.5	46.7	20.1	5.0	1,193.8	2,537.4	2,790.2	2,449.9	2,403.2	762.8
Dec. (b)	3,263.1	3,786.0	1,163.5	39.6	14.3	4.6	1,121.8	2,651.3	2,875.7	2,671.5	2,323.7	910.3
Jan.	3,147.7	3,595.4	1,176.0	32.0	9.5	15.9	1,100.1	2,620.7	2,671.7	2,978.1	1,935.0	964.8
Feb.	3,108.8	3,558.4	1,187.2	31.8	8.3	6.4	1,056.8	2,746.5	2,627.9	2,971.3	1,955.3	1,040.6
Mar.	3,192.6	3,649.2	1,204.8	29.7	7.9	5.8	1,111.3	2,960.6	2,682.3	3,211.5	2,080.9	994.5
Apr.		3,723.1	1,040.5	25.5	4.3	23.7	1,168.0	2,798.4	3,102.6			814.5

(a) Includes Special Reserve - I.M.F. Special Drawing Rights, capital and reserves. (b) Excludes one Wednesday.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, RURAL CREDITS DEPARTMENT : ADVANCES

Average of weekly figures	\$ million	Average of weekly figures	\$ million
1974-75	200.2	1977-78 -	
1975-76	258.5	Aug.	450.5
1976-77	350.3	Sept.	402.9
		Oct.	417.3
1976-77		Nov.	429.0
Mar.	643.3	Dec. (a)	482.9
Apr.	640.4	Jan.	715.6
May	637.6	Feb.	811.1
June	586.7	Mar.	779.0
1977-78		Apr.	569.0
July	516.0		

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AUSTRALIA: ADVANCES
(3 million)

<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Hire purchase</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Hire purchase</i>	<i>Other</i>
1974-75	63.8	262.4	1977-78 -		
1975-76	63.2	288.0	Aug.	94.5	317.1
1976-77	77.2	303.8	Sept.	93.8	319.7
1976-77 -			Oct.	94.0	318.0
Mar.	78.9	304.6	Nov.	96.1	314.8
Apr.	82.0	305.1	Dec. (a)	97.9	330.1
May	85.2	304.2	Jan.	96.9	327.7
June	89.7	316.0	Feb.	93.1	325.8
1977-78 -			Mar.	89.5	330.9
July	94.6	316.5	Apr.	90.7	349.5

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a): SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(3 million)

<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Deposits</i>				<i>Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank</i>	<i>Commonwealth and State Government securities</i>			<i>Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market</i>	<i>Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank</i>	<i>Loans, advances and bills discounted (c)</i>	
	<i>Fixed</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>		<i>Treasury bills and Treasury notes</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Reserve Bank</i>			<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>
1974-75	7,260	5,449	12,709	..	274.6	752.6	2,118.4	143.7	455.8	9,348	..	
1975-76	8,585	6,547	15,132	..	311.5	658.2	3,079.4	120.5	895.9	10,344	..	
1976-77	10,286	7,023	17,309	..	357.3	591.3	3,609.3	129.7	1,287.7	11,616	..	
1976-77 -												
Mar.	11,149	7,479	18,629	17,743	359.5	1,500.9	3,792.0	97.2	1,841.5	11,425	11,668	
Apr.	10,880	7,281	18,161	17,707	375.4	854.9	3,702.5	59.6	1,860.0	11,836	11,724	
May	10,456	6,945	17,401	17,676	357.4	261.9	3,369.6	125.6	1,827.8	12,013	11,850	
June	10,129	7,069	17,198	17,793	358.2	37.7	3,305.8	102.5	1,685.7	12,177	12,046	
1977-78 -												
July	9,831	7,001	16,832	17,595	353.2	47.2	3,246.5	100.6	1,379.9	12,364	12,224	
Aug.	9,957	6,997	16,954	17,529	356.2	27.8	3,203.0	139.1	1,352.7	12,371	12,372	
Sept.	10,027	7,008	17,035	17,551	349.2	73.1	3,246.9	182.0	1,163.2	12,529	12,590	
Oct.	10,233	7,196	17,429	17,656	360.4	76.6	3,342.6	124.0	1,105.1	12,926	12,767	
Nov.	10,351	7,377	17,728	17,713	362.6	88.3	3,352.6	211.3	1,127.5	12,964	12,930	
Dec. (d)	10,288	7,572	17,860	17,627	454.0	83.0	3,423.0	151.3	1,145.9	12,970	13,028	
Jan.	10,417	7,639	18,056	17,452	394.4	218.4	3,741.2	176.3	1,158.8	12,857	12,920	
Feb.	10,648	7,694	18,342	17,590	385.0	399.5	3,725.9	178.0	1,170.4	12,869	13,194	
Mar.	11,005	7,740	18,745	17,846	390.0	478.8	3,741.9	168.5	1,188.5	13,159	13,443	
Apr.	10,868	7,751	18,620	18,147	478.4	498.6	3,553.8	188.7	1,025.4	13,463	13,340	

(a) Commonwealth Trading Bank, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd, The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd, The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd, and The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. (d) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(per cent)

Average of weekly figures	Liquid assets and Commonwealth Government securities				Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans advances and bills discounted (c)	Deposits not bearing interest
	Cash and cash at Reserve Bank	Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other Commonwealth and State Government securities	Total			
1974-75	2.2	5.9	16.7	24.8	3.6	73.6	38.6
1975-76	2.1	4.4	20.4	26.8	5.9	68.4	38.5
1976-77	2.1	3.4	20.9	26.3	7.4	67.1	36.3
1976-77 -							
Mar.	1.9	8.1	20.4	30.3	9.9	61.3	36.1
Apr.	2.1	4.7	20.4	27.2	10.2	65.2	35.9
May	2.1	1.5	19.4	22.9	11.5	69.0	35.7
June	2.1	0.2	19.2	21.5	9.8	70.8	36.3
1977-78 -							
July	2.1	0.3	19.3	21.7	8.2	73.5	36.9
Aug.	2.1	0.2	18.9	21.2	8.0	73.0	36.7
Sept.	2.1	0.4	19.1	21.5	6.8	73.6	36.7
Oct.	2.1	0.4	19.2	21.7	6.3	74.2	36.7
Nov.	2.1	0.5	18.9	21.5	6.4	73.1	37.2
Dec. (d)	2.5	0.5	19.2	22.2	6.4	72.6	38.2
Jan.	2.2	1.2	20.7	24.1	6.4	71.2	38.1
Feb.	2.1	2.2	20.3	24.6	6.4	70.2	37.7
Mar.	2.1	2.6	19.7	24.6	6.3	70.2	37.1
Apr.	2.6	2.7	19.1	24.3	5.5	72.3	37.2

(a) See footnote (a) page 39. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. (d) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS AND OVERDRAFT LIMITS

(Source: Reserve Bank of Australia)
(\$ million)

Weekly average for period ending second Wednesday of -	New and increased lending commitments (b)				Overdraft limits (c)		
	Term loan approvals	Farm development loan approvals	Overdraft approvals	Total approvals	Cancellations and reductions (d)	Net movement in limits	Overdraft limits outstanding (end of period)
Year to July -							
1975	6.6	1.3	82.9	90.8			
1976	6.1	2.0	95.9	104.1			
1977	6.4	2.8	95.6	104.9			
1976-77 -							
Mar.	7.9	3.0	89.6	100.5			
Apr.	3.2	2.6	91.5	97.3			
May	8.0	3.0	94.0	105.0			
June	6.4	3.3	98.7	108.3	(e)	(e)	(e)
1977-78 -							
July	8.3	2.8	98.4	109.5			
Aug.	7.1	2.8	92.8	102.7			
Sept.	7.7	2.7	104.6	115.0			
Oct.	6.3	2.8	116.8	125.9			
Nov.	14.8	3.3	116.7	134.8			
Dec.	10.6	3.6	102.5	116.7			
Jan.	6.9	3.1	99.6	109.6			15,680.0
Feb.	7.7	2.8	102.3	112.8	70.6	31.7	15,806.7
Mar.	8.0	4.2	113.2	125.4	88.3	24.9	15,906.2
Apr.	6.9	3.8	116.4	127.1	58.3	58.1	16,197.0

(a) See footnote (a) on page 39. (b) Excludes commitments in respect of temporary advances to woolbuyers and informal arrangements entered into, mainly with other financial institutions for meeting temporary needs. Includes commitments not subject to maximum overdraft rate. (c) Excludes commitments in respect of term loans and farm development loans. (d) Derived by subtracting weekly average of change in overdraft limits outstanding from overdraft approvals. Figures are approximations only due to unavoidable differences in the basis of compilation of the two series. (e) Due to changes in accounting procedures data are not available on a comparable basis with subsequent months.

ALL TRADING BANKS (a) : SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Deposits				Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government securities		Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans (other than loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market), advances and bills discounted
	Fixed	Bearing interest	Not bearing interest	Total		Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other			
1974-75	8,004.8	682.0	5,185.8	13,872.5	291.3	780.8	2,268.0	187.1	462.2	10,629.6
1975-76	9,587.2	861.4	6,160.7	16,609.4	330.4	698.6	3,285.8	157.5	909.0	11,793.2
1976-77	11,550.4	907.7	6,660.7	19,118.8	380.6	641.1	3,852.9	165.2	1,303.6	13,328.6
1976-77 -										
Mar.	12,451.5	935.7	7,149.0	20,536.2	382.8	1,601.3	4,037.5	121.8	1,861.4	13,185.5
Apr.	12,178.6	927.0	6,916.2	20,021.7	398.3	927.7	3,947.8	76.7	1,879.6	13,605.0
May	11,785.5	885.7	6,606.2	19,277.3	379.4	313.6	3,624.5	150.0	1,847.2	13,814.1
June	11,462.7	992.3	6,640.8	19,095.8	379.9	78.8	3,567.9	144.8	1,704.2	13,985.3
1977-78 -										
July	11,219.4	954.3	6,576.9	18,750.6	374.8	74.5	3,517.5	145.0	1,396.4	14,234.7
Aug.	11,342.7	932.7	6,586.3	18,861.7	378.2	50.5	3,483.0	178.9	1,369.5	14,263.4
Sept.	11,447.7	911.6	6,614.7	18,974.0	371.7	101.7	3,530.9	217.3	1,178.1	14,438.7
Oct.	11,743.8	946.6	6,777.5	19,468.0	384.6	114.9	3,633.3	166.0	1,120.1	14,891.1
Nov.	11,836.5	925.9	6,993.4	19,755.8	385.7	125.3	3,636.6	254.1	1,144.5	14,904.2
Dec. (c)	11,760.7	898.3	7,229.8	19,888.7	479.0	117.4	3,707.7	184.8	1,163.5	14,918.6
Jan.	11,941.8	934.6	7,307.4	20,183.9	407.0	262.3	4,032.8	227.7	1,176.0	14,864.4
Feb.	12,203.7	971.5	7,371.1	20,512.3	410.3	452.7	4,008.8	220.3	1,187.2	14,913.0
Mar.	12,625.8	979.9	7,375.7	20,981.4	414.7	543.9	4,017.6	212.8	1,204.8	15,334.9
Apr.	12,415.8	1,023.4	7,346.4	20,785.6	506.6	570.9	3,828.4	239.1	1,040.5	15,596.4

(a) Covers the major trading banks, and in addition Bank of New Zealand, Bank of Queensland Limited, Banque Nationale de Paris, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, State Bank of South Australia and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes one Wednesday.

ALL TRADING BANKS : DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS (a)
(Excluding debits to Australian Government Accounts at city branches in State capitals)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total
1974-75	3,805.9	2,898.8	817.9	456.6	515.9	119.4	22.7	78.6	8,715.6
1975-76	4,462.0	3,808.0	1,027.4	578.0	680.0	150.2	27.8	118.1	10,851.5
1976-77	5,156.3	4,588.4	1,230.7	690.0	814.4	179.8	35.6	138.7	12,833.8
1976-77 -									
Mar.	5,362.4	4,760.4	1,255.8	725.4	855.2	185.8	29.0	134.3	13,308.3
Apr.	5,363.9	4,569.9	1,212.8	692.4	837.7	188.0	28.2	122.5	13,015.3
May	5,646.1	5,252.4	1,284.8	748.4	909.2	200.9	33.5	173.6	14,249.0
June	5,443.8	5,209.3	1,421.8	789.7	875.5	184.0	36.3	150.7	14,111.2
1977-78 -									
July	5,684.5	5,525.5	1,400.9	766.9	920.8	213.0	34.0	147.2	14,692.7
Aug.	5,437.9	4,819.2	1,260.9	716.9	880.1	181.0	31.0	120.8	13,447.8
Sept.	5,869.3	5,082.7	1,391.2	737.5	873.1	186.3	32.0	143.4	14,315.5
Oct.	5,840.1	5,372.6	1,335.0	703.0	924.6	188.0	29.7	125.4	14,518.3
Nov.	6,238.5	5,267.4	1,381.8	773.0	993.7	199.3	32.2	134.0	15,019.8
Dec.	6,650.7	5,454.6	1,477.7	811.9	1,014.9	206.7	31.4	224.7	15,872.7
Jan.	6,761.7	5,105.6	1,271.7	726.1	956.9	169.5	28.7	155.0	15,175.3
Feb.	6,458.9	5,485.1	1,640.7	790.6	1,062.1	180.8	28.3	146.1	15,792.5
Mar.	5,626.4	4,774.6	1,258.0	747.6	963.2	179.3	29.6	146.6	13,725.3
Apr.	6,854.9	6,052.2	1,385.5	808.8	1,027.9	216.1	33.6	200.1	16,579.3

(a) Includes the banks listed in footnote (a) above, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank.

SAVINGS BANKS : SELECTED ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (a)
(\$ million)

At end of -	Coin, bullion and notes	Deposits with Reserve Bank	Deposits with trading banks	Commonwealth and State Government securities (b)	Local and semi-government securities	Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	Loans, advances and bills discounted	
							Housing	Other
June 1974	27.3	1,052.7	230.3	2,940.6	2,830.3	51.9	3,672.8	513.3
June 1975	32.6	907.6	391.0	2,962.1	(c)3,285.2	80.2	4,717.4	(c)573.6
June 1976	40.4	1,053.8	266.2	2,824.7	3,893.6	70.1	6,049.7	695.3
1976-77 -								
Feb.	45.7	1,381.9	224.7	2,975.6	4,344.5	36.2	6,843.6	729.5
Mar.	34.1	1,434.5	165.4	2,819.1	4,386.3	31.5	7,003.8	752.9
Apr.	40.6	1,250.5	202.0	2,808.1	4,404.2	52.8	7,090.5	754.8
May	43.8	1,042.1	154.6	2,893.3	4,426.8	53.7	7,172.1	771.2
June	40.4	1,055.6	169.3	2,720.7	4,461.4	70.8	7,258.7	775.1
1977-78 -								
July	39.5	1,097.8	201.2	2,670.9	4,507.3	69.3	7,323.2	796.1
Aug.	38.9	1,077.0	195.3	2,775.7	4,533.5	60.0	7,444.4	803.1
Sept.	35.8	1,114.2	262.9	2,736.8	4,553.5	109.7	7,570.5	824.2
Oct.	40.4	1,208.2	210.0	2,857.0	4,597.3	56.0	7,639.7	869.6
Nov.	55.8	1,177.3	181.0	2,779.2	4,649.1	55.0	7,711.9	885.3
Dec.	55.2	1,096.8	203.9	2,892.6	4,720.5	96.9	7,821.1	827.8
Jan.	51.1	1,093.6	214.4	2,954.9	4,763.3	87.4	7,875.2	835.5
Feb.	54.1	1,034.2	239.5	3,086.4	4,791.5	102.9	7,940.3	839.7
Mar.	46.0	1,158.6	183.3	2,967.3	4,840.2	49.8	8,098.9	863.9

(a) Includes External Territories. (b) Includes Treasury bills and Treasury notes. (c) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedures by one bank.

SAVINGS BANKS : DEPOSITORS' BALANCES
(\$ million)

At end of -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Original (a)	Seasonally adjusted
June 1974	3,503.7	3,930.1	1,428.4	1,174.8	685.0	328.0	45.1	100.4	11,195.6	11,211.9
June 1975	3,835.9	(b)4,668.5	1,618.2	1,394.6	779.4	382.3	71.4	118.2	(b)12,868.5	(b)12,899.1
June 1976	4,348.9	5,377.6	1,940.3	1,617.3	897.7	430.6	76.3	133.8	14,822.5	14,838.1
1976-77 -										
Feb.	4,678.9	5,897.0	2,101.8	1,760.5	965.1	471.5	75.5	140.0	16,090.3	16,020.0
Mar.	4,647.5	5,866.1	2,073.1	1,739.2	954.9	469.8	74.2	139.8	15,964.5	16,031.2
Apr.	4,646.3	5,856.1	2,059.1	1,728.1	945.7	467.3	73.4	137.6	15,913.6	16,173.8
May	4,698.7	5,856.9	2,094.2	1,735.3	950.0	470.0	73.2	138.5	16,016.9	16,266.4
June	4,803.2	5,977.5	2,148.7	1,780.8	960.5	477.1	74.7	142.7	16,365.3	16,401.4
1977-78 -										
July	4,828.9	6,046.2	2,175.6	1,789.4	966.2	480.3	75.5	142.7	16,504.8	16,542.2
Aug.	4,861.7	6,120.2	2,204.3	1,796.5	973.0	491.9	75.6	143.4	16,666.6	16,635.3
Sept.	4,904.2	6,201.0	2,245.5	1,811.9	994.9	497.0	76.2	145.3	16,876.0	16,755.0
Oct.	4,963.9	6,229.5	2,323.4	1,830.6	1,007.3	501.6	77.4	148.2	17,082.0	16,866.4
Nov.	4,965.2	6,224.7	2,332.4	1,838.1	1,013.3	503.8	77.1	148.6	17,103.2	16,981.3
Dec.	4,997.7	6,283.8	2,347.4	1,870.6	1,017.0	503.7	76.9	150.8	17,247.9	17,131.7
Jan.	5,037.3	6,353.7	2,350.6	1,879.6	1,026.3	508.0	73.6	150.6	17,379.6	17,340.8
Feb.	5,079.2	6,419.4	2,364.2	1,899.6	1,034.5	520.5	72.9	152.8	17,543.1	17,515.6
Mar.	5,060.4	6,379.8	2,343.7	1,892.4	1,028.5	521.2	72.2	154.5	17,452.7	17,528.1

(a) Interest added 1973-74, \$404.0m; 1974-75, \$513.9m; 1975-76, \$613.4m; 1976-77, \$715.6m. (b) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedures by one bank.

The following series of statistics cover the main types of lending by finance companies in Australia, including instalment credit for retail sales, personal loans, wholesale finance, factoring, other consumer and commercial loans, leasing and bills of exchange. Definitions of items and information on the relationship of this series with the finance companies series prior to July 1973 are contained in the annual bulletin *Finance Companies Assets, Liabilities, Income and Expenditure 1971-72 to 1975-76* (5616.0). More detailed statistics are also contained in the monthly bulletin *Finance Companies* (5614.0) and a further dissection of "amount financed" by purpose of loan for instalment credit for retail sales provided by finance companies is given in the monthly bulletin *Instalment Credit for Retail Sales* (5631.0).

FINANCE COMPANIES : AMOUNT FINANCED CLASSIFIED BY TYPE OF FINANCE AGREEMENT
(\$ million)

Period	Other consumer and commercial loans									Total amount financed
	Instalment credit for retail sales	Personal loans (a)	Wholesale finance	Factoring	Finance for housing			Other commercial loans		
					Purchase of existing housing	Construction of housing (b)	Purchase of individual residential blocks of land	Construction other than housing	Other purposes (c)	
AUSTRALIA										
1974-75	1,142.3	347.7	2,143.5	183.2	179.1	304.6	90.2	299.0	1,031.8	5,721.3
1975-76	1,379.8	523.6	2,873.6	237.4	418.1	439.4	132.4	421.8	1,223.3	7,649.5
1976-77	1,530.3	647.4	3,869.2	247.1	516.2	514.3	165.1	569.5	1,430.8	9,490.2
1976-77 -										
Jan.	109.9	42.3	251.4	11.8	32.4	25.5	9.7	32.3	81.5	596.8
Feb.	117.2	51.2	297.8	20.8	39.8	36.6	12.9	42.5	99.4	718.3
Mar.	133.6	58.6	365.0	25.4	45.3	39.4	13.6	44.9	108.3	834.0
Apr.	116.8	50.0	301.2	19.5	42.2	35.8	12.6	47.0	139.7	764.8
May	134.2	60.6	355.8	22.7	43.4	41.0	11.9	60.4	132.2	862.3
June	133.4	59.5	336.5	20.4	40.8	39.5	17.3	64.6	178.2	890.2
1977-78 -										
July	125.7	53.1	322.1	20.0	41.5	40.0	12.9	59.8	157.9	833.0
Aug.	132.8	57.2	346.4	26.1	44.4	40.0	13.7	55.6	139.8	855.8
Sept.	131.4	54.5	331.5	26.0	42.0	33.8	13.9	56.8	146.3	836.4
Oct.	124.6	52.6	295.4	23.5	37.4	36.6	13.3	49.8	134.3	767.6
Nov.	132.3	63.1	366.1	25.9	41.3	35.7	14.4	64.9	119.1	862.7
Dec.	127.6	57.2	334.8	24.8	47.0	38.8	15.2	82.2	192.6	920.1
Jan.	114.3	46.9	243.5	14.8	31.6	26.9	10.1	63.3	140.0	691.5
Feb.	115.3	52.6	312.7	23.0	39.8	27.3	13.1	47.4	137.4	768.6
STATES - JANUARY 1978										
N.S.W.	37.5	17.4	80.5	(d)	9.1	10.1	2.7	22.5	45.8	225.6
Vic.	26.9	13.2	73.1	(d)	6.1	4.5	1.3	24.6	60.3	209.9
Qld	17.5	7.6	35.6	(d)	5.1	3.9	3.5	4.8	9.6	87.7
S.A.	10.6	(e)4.4	(e)23.6	(d)	4.6	2.5	0.9	1.8	3.1	55.2
W.A.	13.6	2.2	30.4	(d)	5.7	3.8	1.5	8.3	18.7	84.4
Tas.	5.0	0.7	7.2	..	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	1.9	2.8
N.T.	0.7	(e)	(e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	15.1
A.C.T.	2.4	1.4	2.8	..	0.6	1.7	0.2	1.1	0.6	10.8
STATES - FEBRUARY 1978										
N.S.W.	41.4	19.4	122.1	(d)	10.2	6.3	2.8	9.4	54.0	265.6
Vic.	24.9	14.9	92.6	(d)	7.2	6.7	1.8	17.6	54.1	219.4
Qld	17.0	9.2	45.1	(d)	6.7	4.5	4.9	5.9	9.1	102.4
S.A.	10.3	(e)4.4	(e)31.4	(d)	4.9	3.6	1.2	5.2	4.0	63.7
W.A.	13.5	2.6	32.1	(d)	9.5	3.6	2.3	7.8	14.2	85.6
Tas.	4.6	0.8	7.8	..	..	..	..	0.3	0.4	3.1
N.T.	0.9	(e)	(e)	..	0.7	0.6	..	..	..	13.3
A.C.T.	2.8	1.3	4.5	..	0.7	2.1	0.2	1.2	0.5	13.3

(a) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost less than \$10,000 to existing dwelling units. (b) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost \$10,000 or more to existing dwelling units. (c) Includes loans for the purpose of developing tracts of land into residential blocks. (d) Not available separately; included in "wholesale finance". (e) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

FINANCE COMPANIES : BALANCES OUTSTANDING CLASSIFIED BY TYPE OF FINANCE AGREEMENT
(\$ million)

At end of -	Instalment credit for retail sales	Personal loans	Wholesale finance	Factoring	Other consumer and commercial loans				Total all contracts
					Finance for housing		Other commercial loans		
					Contracts including charges	Contracts excluding charges	Contracts including charges	Contracts excluding charges	
AUSTRALIA									
1974-75	1,900.7	601.1	360.9	45.1	1,260.2	978.4	715.1	2,238.7	8,100.2
1975-76	2,230.2	803.9	589.3	51.3	1,368.9	1,021.2	946.1	2,238.3	9,249.1
1976-77	2,604.3	1,048.2	913.2	60.9	1,637.9	1,090.5	1,123.8	2,561.6	11,060.4
1976-77 -									
Jan.	2,491.1	951.9	784.1	51.6	1,532.3	1,067.2	1,073.4	2,329.2	10,280.7
Feb.	2,511.5	970.1	805.0	52.7	1,555.0	1,078.2	1,057.6	2,385.8	10,415.9
Mar.	2,524.6	988.4	844.8	60.2	1,579.6	1,075.0	1,059.1	2,410.8	10,542.5
Apr.	2,546.8	1,005.3	871.9	62.5	1,608.4	1,083.6	1,073.5	2,496.7	10,748.7
May	2,571.2	1,024.7	895.6	62.5	1,632.8	1,086.6	1,095.6	2,554.2	10,923.4
June	2,604.3	1,048.2	913.2	60.9	1,637.9	1,090.5	1,123.8	2,561.6	11,060.4
1977-78 -									
July	2,628.4	1,064.8	926.0	59.9	1,677.5	1,088.1	1,143.8	2,470.9	11,059.3
Aug.	2,649.6	1,081.7	941.9	66.5	1,679.1	1,073.0	1,152.9	2,488.2	11,132.9
Sept.	2,676.0	1,094.1	967.9	69.6	1,689.8	1,076.5	1,163.3	2,487.2	11,224.6
Oct.	2,698.3	1,105.6	966.3	71.5	1,682.7	1,076.8	1,186.2	2,470.9	11,258.3
Nov.	2,724.9	1,125.8	996.4	72.7	1,694.3	1,074.2	1,192.3	2,546.3	11,426.9
Dec.	2,747.0	1,137.7	1,012.4	73.4	1,711.5	1,076.7	1,197.7	2,565.1	11,521.5
Jan.	2,762.7	1,141.5	968.3	64.6	1,711.5	1,082.6	1,195.3	2,559.8	11,486.5
Feb.	2,756.9	1,152.1	972.1	66.1	1,716.3	1,066.2	1,193.9	2,542.1	11,465.7
STATES - JANUARY 1978									
N.S.W.	960.1	460.8	333.4	(a)	437.1	380.2	365.0	1,086.6	4,023.2
Vic.	598.3	347.9	297.6	(a)	338.9	301.8	277.7	912.6	3,074.9
Qld	470.5	150.2	134.4	(a)	489.5	165.9	239.4	249.4	1,899.3
S.A. (b)	270.8	92.1	96.4	(a)	246.1	91.4	105.0	67.5	969.2
W.A.	290.0	45.0	141.4	(a)	140.9	95.3	152.6	93.7	958.8
Tas.	103.1	17.2	21.2	..	4.0	14.3	31.0	8.1	199.0
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	69.9	28.3	8.7	..	55.0	33.6	24.5	141.9	362.0
STATES - FEBRUARY 1978									
N.S.W.	958.4	464.7	336.3	(a)	432.1	371.4	362.8	1,078.0	4,003.7
Vic	597.5	349.8	301.1	(a)	339.3	296.2	279.1	901.7	3,064.9
Qld	468.7	152.5	133.4	(a)	493.3	164.3	238.6	248.2	1,899.0
S.A.	270.3	92.4	92.4	(a)	247.1	89.3	107.5	67.2	966.2
W.A.	289.4	46.4	143.8	(a)	145.6	98.1	150.9	97.3	971.6
Tas.	103.0	17.5	21.4	..	4.1	14.4	30.9	8.2	199.6
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	..	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	69.5	28.8	9.7	..	54.8	32.5	24.0	141.6	360.8

(a) Not available separately; included in 'wholesale finance'. (b) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

FINANCE COMPANIES : OTHER TRANSACTIONS
(\$ million)

Period	Leasing of business plant and equipment		Bills of exchange			Liquidity placements	Loans to non-finance companies in group
	Value of goods newly leased during period	Value of all leasing agreements at end of period	Amounts paid for bills acquired during period	Amounts received for bills disposed of during period	Balances outstanding at end of period	Balances outstanding at end of period	Balances outstanding at end of period
AUSTRALIA							
1974-75	586.2	1,430.0	3,578.8	3,516.0	547.8	471.2	197.9
1975-76	1,016.4	1,923.8	4,179.6	4,057.4	658.6	334.2	259.5
1976-77	1,410.0	2,737.1	5,421.3	5,309.5	718.2	272.5	302.9
1976-77 -							
Jan.	95.8	2,331.2	343.3	337.0	743.4	509.4	294.5
Feb.	111.3	2,421.9	564.3	616.4	688.1	532.9	318.0
Mar.	134.4	2,483.1	666.9	726.6	630.5	494.5	338.8
Apr.	117.8	2,556.6	487.5	481.9	572.3	414.3	347.4
May	128.2	2,630.4	499.7	444.7	623.2	381.1	359.8
June	156.5	2,737.1	510.8	422.0	718.2	272.5	302.9
1977-78 -							
July	133.0	2,802.2	570.2	538.9	749.5	276.4	302.9
Aug.	134.7	2,912.2	670.3	682.8	737.7	348.2	321.4
Sept.	132.6	2,957.6	637.0	644.2	734.9	284.5	341.6
Oct.	129.1	3,036.7	593.7	575.4	753.1	344.6	284.3
Nov.	142.1	3,150.2	484.2	477.8	718.6	376.7	294.6
Dec.	147.3	3,229.0	596.1	574.8	740.0	497.0	301.0
Jan.	113.8	3,269.7	488.4	513.4	715.0	498.9	340.2
Feb.	128.7	3,333.6	469.8	456.2	728.3	487.1	326.3
STATES - JANUARY 1978							
N.S.W.	37.3	1,035.0					
Vic.	33.5	1,011.4					
Qld.	17.2	547.2					
S.A. (a)	10.2	279.3			Not available		
W.A.	10.8	286.1					
Tas.	2.3	55.6					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	2.4	54.9					
STATES - FEBRUARY 1978							
N.S.W.	42.4	1,060.6					
Vic.	38.9	1,029.8					
Qld.	19.8	553.1					
S.A.	10.3	283.1			Not available		
W.A.	12.4	293.0					
Tas.	2.2	56.9					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	2.6	58.4					

(a) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES : LOANS APPROVED DURING MONTH (\$'000)

Period	To individuals for				Alterations and additions	Other purposes
	Construction of dwellings	Purchase of newly erected dwellings	Purchase of established dwellings	Total		
AUSTRALIA						
1976-77 -						
Feb.	15,658	23,138	95,184	133,980	2,117	5,790
Mar.	21,149	24,646	103,833	149,628	2,202	8,597
Apr.	16,017	20,548	85,034	121,599	1,978	8,172
May	21,678	22,086	104,802	148,566	2,356	7,160
June	19,373	22,561	96,009	137,943	2,417	5,183
1977-78 -						
July	21,555	26,544	107,733	155,832	2,411	8,047
Aug.	27,280	31,549	115,042	173,871	5,602	8,211
Sept.	23,190	28,139	114,760	166,089	3,621	5,945
Oct.	19,449	23,999	90,556	134,004	2,997	8,338
Nov.	19,043	26,259	98,538	143,840	2,795	6,031
Dec.	17,939	21,804	87,226	126,969	2,461	4,194
Jan.	17,998	18,918	82,454	119,370	2,466	2,782
Feb.	17,324	22,536	93,788	133,648	2,632	3,314
Mar.	17,765	20,860	92,699	131,324	2,527	3,214
STATES - MARCH 1978						
N.S.W.	5,394	8,542	48,052	61,988	1,338	511
Vic.	2,028	5,954	17,041	25,023	251	840
Qld	1,095	1,755	6,366	9,216	223	231
S.A.	638	840	4,421	5,899	252	33
W.A.	8,247	2,623	13,588	24,458	390	1,543
Tas.	89	116	1,369	1,574	33	56
A.C.T. and N.T.	274	1,030	1,862	3,166	40	..

PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES : SUMMARY OF MONTHLY OPERATIONS (\$'000)

Period	Loans advanced during month to individuals	Cancellations of loans previously approved to individuals	Loans approved but not advanced at end of month to individuals	Amount owing by borrowers at end of month	Paid-up share capital at end of month	Other borrowings by Societies at end of month	
						Unsecured	Secured
AUSTRALIA							
1976-77 -							
Feb.	120,205	7,800	284,152	4,671,893	4,551,494	1,308,217	193,139
Mar.	138,122	8,411	289,449	4,761,217	4,532,958	1,303,991	213,771
Apr.	117,892	6,894	288,240	4,838,903	4,538,195	1,294,300	201,916
May	141,017	7,715	290,474	4,931,282	4,643,060	1,293,917	203,812
June	138,808	7,456	284,516	5,021,897	4,711,087	1,309,910	224,104
1977-78 -							
July	138,920	8,080	296,090	5,139,195	4,843,333	1,362,445	201,592
Aug.	157,393	8,738	308,086	5,246,376	4,928,464	1,397,377	210,437
Sept.	158,250	6,987	312,459	5,357,315	4,971,107	1,427,482	248,857
Oct.	142,299	8,285	298,876	5,448,700	4,923,787	1,454,328	267,510
Nov.	148,128	9,644	287,739	5,546,547	5,028,347	1,474,146	276,939
Dec.	156,408	8,068	252,693	5,639,154	5,133,048	1,520,924	248,237
Jan.	94,844	6,731	273,484	5,695,420	5,228,965	1,553,784	247,451
Feb.	126,209	6,535	277,109	5,775,486	5,286,513	1,580,181	250,259
Mar.	131,351	6,891	272,705	5,845,329	5,282,690	1,566,378	272,859
STATES - MARCH 1978							
N.S.W.	57,239	3,887	158,953	2,353,749	2,916,107	19,787	59,741
Vic.	23,769	1,104	49,576	1,112,048	340,768	968,862	18,617
Qld	12,259	816	11,252	778,507	810,986	24,034	42,925
S.A.	9,034	209	8,997	261,279	300,289	8,395	16,732
W.A.	23,584	607	35,321	1,072,295	701,733	470,097	100,129
Tas.	2,120	100	2,246	114,550	103,703	38,649	2,027
A.C.T. and N.T.	3,346	168	6,360	152,881	109,104	36,554	32,688

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : NEW POLICIES ISSUED, PREMIUMS RECEIVED AND CLAIMS, ETC., PAID

Period	New policies issued (excluding annuities) (a)						Premiums received (b)			Claims, etc. paid (c)			New loans paid over (e)
	Ordinary business		Industrial business		Superannuation business (d)		Ordinary	Industrial	Superannuation (d)	Ordinary	Industrial	Superannuation (d)	
	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured							
	'000	\$m	'000	\$m	'000	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
1974-75	492.8	7,285.6	72.7	199.4	104.0	6,233.0	743.0	57.7	513.1	470.1	48.6	258.8	279.7
1975-76	467.3	8,383.9	60.2	192.9	1120.4	7,461.1	791.6	56.3	617.5	491.7	50.5	329.1	204.0
1976-77	468.8	10,167.3	51.7	187.0	117.7	8,093.1	804.3	55.9	703.5	545.0	55.6	403.5	257.8
1976-77 -													
Nov.	45.0	980.5	4.7	17.1	9.9	842.3	62.3	5.7	49.0	44.0	4.9	29.4	19.6
Dec.	40.1	1,040.4	1.8	6.2	13.1	1,115.6	64.0	7.3	51.5	45.2	3.9	34.1	23.8
Jan.	22.5	530.3	1.5	6.1	6.1	327.3	58.0	0.7	63.1	34.1	2.6	40.8	13.4
Feb.	30.9	664.6	4.0	14.2	8.2	436.4	61.4	4.2	64.1	40.6	4.2	29.7	19.3
Mar.	40.9	888.4	4.3	15.3	9.9	511.2	72.0	4.4	59.6	48.4	4.9	35.7	21.6
Apr.	33.4	760.0	3.5	13.0	7.8	450.6	61.3	5.2	60.2	39.7	4.6	32.9	25.0
May	42.5	904.4	5.0	18.4	9.6	609.7	71.3	4.9	65.4	48.9	5.7	30.1	22.6
June	43.7	1,003.9	5.1	18.6	9.9	812.6	91.7	4.5	69.6	59.8	5.1	34.6	23.7
1977-78 -													
July	40.6	932.6	4.9	18.3	10.3	771.7	79.7	5.0	71.3	53.9	4.8	47.4	19.9
Aug.	45.3	1,041.0	5.2	19.5	11.3	745.1	68.1	4.8	58.8	52.0	5.6	37.7	20.4
Sept.	41.3	958.3	4.3	16.4	10.2	1,122.8	67.7	4.8	66.8	52.0	3.9	34.9	20.5
Oct.	39.6	944.5	5.0	19.9	8.6	670.2	65.4	4.3	64.5	47.2	5.5	32.3	19.8
Nov.	40.8	983.8	3.9	15.5	9.2	1,101.7	68.1	5.4	64.7	49.8	5.5	38.7	18.7
Dec.	34.9	1,085.2	2.3	9.0	9.6	982.7	66.6	7.3	65.0	46.9	4.1	40.5	22.5

(a) *F* relates to periods during which policies were recorded in company registers, which may be subsequent to periods in which written. (b) Includes consideration for annuities. (c) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (d) Includes investment-linked superannuation business. (e) Excludes 'advances of premiums'.

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : SELECTED ASSETS HELD IN AUSTRALIA (a) BY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES (\$ million)

At end of -	Loans (b)					Investments			
	Fixed assets	On mortgage			Other	Govt. securities	Local and semi-govt. securities	Debentures and notes	Shares
		Housing	Other incl. rural	On policies					
June 1975 (c)	1,818.4	491.1	840.6	284.4	80.9	1,946.9	808.1	846.2	1,406.7
June 1976	2,115.3	487.1	821.8	279.5	62.7	2,108.3	861.1	936.4	1,595.1
June 1977	2,364.6	499.8	795.8	287.7	77.5	2,328.0	908.9	915.1	1,791.9
1976-77 -									
Sept.	2,196.3	492.3	804.7	277.2	69.5	2,182.8	852.9	925.6	1,651.1
Dec.	2,300.1	494.9	808.9	277.4	65.6	2,283.6	873.5	916.5	1,711.5
Mar.	2,336.4	495.9	806.3	280.9	69.7	2,276.6	898.5	927.5	1,751.6
June	2,364.6	499.8	795.8	287.7	77.5	2,328.0	908.9	915.1	1,791.9
1977-78 -									
Sept.	2,427.1	515.0	780.1	288.7	77.7	2,416.8	954.3	922.9	1,821.2
Dec.	2,573.2	505.4	792.5	292.0	85.4	2,507.8	995.5	920.2	1,901.4

(a) Items shown are the balances according to the companies' ledgers as at the date at which the information was supplied without adjustment for any accrued or outstanding interest or other items which had not been brought into account as at that date. (b) Excludes 'advances of premiums'. (c) Includes Papua New Guinea.

HOUSING FINANCE : VALUE OF LOANS APPROVED TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR PURCHASE OF DWELLINGS,
BY TYPE OF LENDER - AUSTRALIA
(\$'000)

Month	Banks		Building societies		Government			Credit unions	Insurance companies	Total
	Savings	Trading	Permanent	Terminals	Finance companies	Housing authorities	Other			
HOUSES										
1976-77 -										
Feb.	156,329	47,947	117,301	11,667	30,264	20,577	3,853	1,665	8,118	397,721
Mar.	173,034	49,205	129,931	14,985	32,874	20,591	5,000	1,697	8,993	436,310
Apr.	129,140	42,106	105,752	11,146	28,226	14,527	4,452	1,231	7,172	343,752
May	151,970	42,076	128,226	9,686	29,946	18,310	4,334	1,618	8,214	394,380
June	166,767	49,470	120,223	10,890	28,861	18,704	3,724	1,607	7,904	408,150
1977-78 -										
July	157,168	41,436	136,713	8,715	25,638	27,653	2,983	1,471	8,588	410,365
Aug.	170,841	53,352	152,740	14,832	24,661	20,805	3,989	1,450	7,922	450,622
Sept.	151,653	41,654	145,929	23,536	22,282	21,608	2,536	1,665	7,724	418,587
Oct.	156,092	45,471	117,689	30,959	24,769	21,482	3,898	1,669	8,837	410,866
Nov.	197,790	65,265	125,860	26,616	25,415	24,758	4,177	1,333	9,193	480,407
Dec.	141,583	39,230	110,439	19,386	22,095	20,923	2,765	1,003	8,336	365,760
Jan.	165,139	50,432	105,823	16,150	19,833	19,424	2,864	1,171	6,796	387,632
Feb.	171,819	60,927	118,196	18,436	22,968	21,353	3,074	2,199	10,190	429,152
Mar.	181,592	65,142	115,462	16,391	25,378	18,021	3,499	1,541	8,717	435,743
OTHER DWELLINGS										
1976-77 -										
Feb.	8,384	3,672	16,679	1,142	1,929	710	145	183	450	33,294
Mar.	11,065	3,634	19,697	1,317	1,947	619	283	104	614	39,280
Apr.	8,497	2,749	15,847	903	1,179	281	184	112	807	30,559
May	9,799	2,854	20,340	918	3,221	604	226	107	613	38,682
June	9,512	3,335	17,720	822	2,343	576	219	74	691	35,292
1977-78 -										
July	9,045	2,797	19,119	730	1,588	861	99	200	744	35,183
Aug.	9,879	3,685	21,131	978	1,989	719	48	226	646	39,301
Sept.	8,893	3,804	20,160	2,335	1,325	1,235	163	103	581	38,599
Oct.	8,973	3,274	16,315	1,331	1,718	714	183	158	632	33,298
Nov.	9,980	4,534	17,980	1,183	2,166	458	191	113	472	37,077
Dec.	7,579	3,012	16,530	824	2,620	804	126	271	371	32,137
Jan.	6,896	2,936	13,547	867	2,098	590	60	59	485	27,538
Feb.	11,099	4,127	15,452	1,081	1,709	722	268	263	468	35,189
Mar.	11,205	4,562	15,862	792	3,075	567	145	206	712	37,126
TOTAL										
1976-77 -										
Feb.	164,713	51,619	133,980	12,809	32,193	21,287	3,998	1,848	8,568	431,015
Mar.	184,099	52,839	149,628	16,302	34,821	21,210	5,283	1,801	9,607	475,590
Apr.	137,637	44,855	121,599	12,049	29,405	14,808	4,636	1,343	7,979	374,311
May	161,769	44,930	148,566	10,604	33,167	18,914	4,560	1,725	8,827	433,062
June	176,279	52,805	137,943	11,712	31,204	19,280	3,943	1,681	8,595	443,442
1977-78 -										
July	166,213	44,233	155,832	9,445	27,226	28,514	3,082	1,671	9,332	445,548
Aug.	180,720	57,037	173,871	15,810	26,650	21,524	4,037	1,676	8,598	489,923
Sept.	160,546	45,458	166,089	25,871	23,607	22,843	2,699	1,768	8,305	457,186
Oct.	165,065	48,745	134,004	32,290	26,487	22,196	4,081	1,827	9,469	444,164
Nov.	207,770	69,799	143,840	27,799	27,581	25,216	4,368	1,446	9,665	517,484
Dec.	149,162	42,242	126,969	20,210	24,715	21,727	2,891	1,274	8,707	397,897
Jan.	172,035	53,368	119,370	17,017	21,931	20,014	2,924	1,230	7,281	415,170
Feb.	182,918	65,054	133,648	19,517	24,677	22,075	3,332	2,462	10,658	464,341
Mar.	192,797	69,704	131,324	17,183	28,453	18,588	3,644	1,747	9,429	472,869

**SHORT TERM MONEY MARKET
SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF AUTHORISED DEALERS AND RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS**
(Source : Reserve Bank of Australia)

Month	Asset holdings (face value)											Weighted average interest rates on loans outstanding (a)		
	Liabilities to clients			Commonwealth Government securities			Trading Banks certificates of deposit	Interest rates on loans accepted during month						
	All Trading Banks	Other clients	Total	Treasury notes		Other		Commercial bills	At call		For fixed periods			
				Min.	Max.		Min.		Max.					
Average of weekly figures - \$ million											per cent per annum			
June 1974	65.4	322.0	387.4	131.2	154.7	285.9	79.2	42.2	0.50	13.00	1.00	13.00	6.82	
June 1975	167.4	558.7	726.1	479.2	134.1	613.3	83.7	47.9	1.50	14.10	3.00	11.50	6.72	
June 1976	182.3	636.1	818.4	53.3	696.4	749.7	129.2	61.3	2.00	14.00	4.50	9.50	8.03	
1976-77 -														
Feb.	208.0	847.5	1,055.5	551.3	482.9	1,034.2	70.0	12.1	1.00	16.15	1.50	11.30	7.12	
Mar.	121.8	832.3	954.1	388.0	506.9	894.9	85.7	10.9	1.00	17.00	3.00	13.50	7.16	
Apr.	76.7	722.9	799.6	196.8	515.1	711.9	101.6	14.0	0.50	16.85	2.00	11.50	6.96	
May	150.0	640.2	790.2	129.8	580.9	710.7	124.5	18.2	0.50	17.05	2.50	12.65	8.60	
June	144.8	701.5	846.3	54.6	774.9	829.5	129.8	21.6	3.00	15.30	5.00	13.80	9.33	
1977-78 -														
July	145.0	746.8	891.8	20.8	927.8	948.6	99.8	16.1	1.75	19.00	5.20	12.25	9.41	
Aug.	178.9	773.7	952.6	10.6	935.6	946.2	136.2	18.7	2.00	18.00	4.00	13.00	9.81	
Sept.	217.3	811.4	1,028.7	19.1	995.2	1,014.3	124.1	27.9	1.50	18.35	4.00	12.80	9.36	
Oct.	166.0	992.3	1,158.3	30.3	1,065.1	1,095.4	113.1	19.0	1.60	17.60	2.50	12.60	8.79	
Nov.	254.1	947.7	1,201.8	41.9	1,107.2	1,149.1	118.8	15.6	1.00	18.35	2.00	11.80	9.46	
Dec. (b)	184.8	963.7	1,148.5	46.2	1,069.2	1,115.4	137.0	14.5	2.00	18.85	4.00	14.00	8.99	
Jan.	227.7	1,071.3	1,299.0	49.2	1,141.7	1,190.9	118.5	5.2	2.50	18.45	5.60	11.60	8.65	
Feb.	220.3	1,149.3	1,370.1	78.4	1,201.4	1,279.8	114.1	6.1	1.00	18.80	3.00	11.10	8.32	
Mar.	212.8	1,097.1	1,309.9	52.0	1,160.0	1,212.0	111.5	7.8	2.00	18.50	5.00	11.01	8.15	

(a) To June 1975, weighted average on clients' loans outstanding on each Wednesday of the month. From July 1975, weighted average of rates paid on all days of the four or five weeks ending on the last Wednesday of the month. (b) Excludes one Wednesday.

OFFICIAL RESERVE ASSETS (a)
(\$ million)

End of period	Gold	Special Drawing Rights	IMF gold tranches	Foreign exchange			Total (b)	
				US\$	Other	Total	Original	Seasonally adjusted
June 1974	210	150	149	1,852	1,199	3,051	3,560	3,483
June 1975	238	89	156	2,252	758	3,010	3,493	3,420
June 1976	749	37	155	1,457	688	2,145	3,086	3,018
1976-77 -								
Feb.	933	38	176	1,850	835	2,684	3,831	3,906
Mar.	1,009	36	175	1,680	831	2,511	3,731	3,807
Apr.	1,014	36	176	1,723	831	2,554	3,780	3,821
May	997	27	176	1,548	844	2,392	3,591	3,568
June	947	27	174	1,312	851	2,164	3,312	3,243
1977-78 -								
July	959	27	174	1,040	853	1,893	3,053	2,997
Aug.	985	25	175	655	861	1,517	2,701	2,658
Sept.	1,013	25	174	763	844	1,607	2,820	2,789
Oct.	1,061	25	174	874	865	1,739	3,000	2,992
Nov.	1,079	23	175	780	881	1,661	2,938	2,945
Dec.	1,076	23	177	683	919	1,603	2,879	2,892
Jan.	1,164	29	177	567	924	1,491	2,861	2,930
Feb.	1,199	135	179	481	954	1,435	2,948	2,986
Mar.	1,229	123	180	792	939	1,731	3,262	3,314

(a) Up to 30 June 1974, SDR and IMF gold tranches are valued on the basis of Australia's official parity established with the IMF; subsequent figures are based on the IMF basket valuation for the SDR, which is published in terms of U.S. dollars, crossed with the representative rate for the Australian dollar in terms of the U.S. dollar. Gold is valued at the Reserve Bank buying price up to the end of January 1976; from February 1976 to end May 1976 gold is valued at the IMF official price in SDR converted to Australian dollars at the derived SDR/\$A rate; subsequently, the basis of valuation is the average London gold price for the month, converted to Australian dollars at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. Since June 1973, the foreign currency value of all other overseas assets has been based, where applicable, on market quotations; accrued interest is normally taken into account; figures for earlier periods are on a historical cost basis. Conversion to Australian dollar equivalent is based on market rates of exchange. (b) Changes in the value of holdings of official reserve assets reflect both balance of payments transactions and valuation effects arising from changes in exchange rates.

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT SHORT-TERM DEBT AND BANK BALANCES
(£ million)

<i>End of period</i>	<i>Treasury bills</i>	<i>Treasury notes</i>	<i>Bank balances</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>End of period</i>	<i>Treasury bills</i>	<i>Treasury notes</i>	<i>Bank balances</i>	<i>Total</i>
June -					1977-78 -				
1973	..	424.7	944.4	-519.7	July	1,500.0	213.3	142.0	1,571.3
1974	..	386.9	1,424.9	-1,038.0	Aug.	1,700.0	294.6	111.2	1,883.4
1975	..	2,076.0	765.0	1,311.0	Sept.	1,800.0	466.8	46.5	2,220.3
1976	850.0	456.3	469.4	837.1	Oct.	2,300.0	446.1	103.7	2,642.4
1976-77 -					Nov.	2,400.0	472.4	93.0	2,779.4
Mar.	2,300.0	2,028.9	87.4	4,241.5	Dec.	2,900.0	560.6	127.2	3,333.4
Apr.	1,800.0	1,165.8	164.9	2,800.9	Jan.	2,900.0	789.2	61.4	3,627.8
May	1,200.0	707.6	187.1	1,720.5	Feb.	2,800.0	989.2	53.0	3,842.2
June	1,300.0	369.6	442.0	1,227.6	Mar.	3,300.0	979.0	135.9	4,414.9
					Apr.	2,400.0	777.2	71.7	3,248.9

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT AND STATE FINANCE (a): CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS

NOTE: This table is based on information published in monthly statements issued by the Commonwealth Treasury and each State Treasury.

(\$ million)

<i>Period</i>	<i>N.S.W. (b)</i>	<i>Vic. (c)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Six States</i>	<i>Commonwealth Government</i>
REVENUE								
1974-75	2,452.1	1,752.2	1,112.9	789.0	734.2	268.5	7,108.9	15,399.5
1975-76	2,909.1	2,155.8	1,349.5	1,037.0	950.9	322.1	8,724.4	19,712.3
1976-77	3,403.7	2,528.9	1,610.5	1,174.0	1,144.5	396.6	10,258.4	21,435.4
1977-78 -								
July-Oct.	1,186.1	898.8	577.9	352.2	407.7	136.7	3,559.4	5,522.7
July-Nov.	1,489.4	1,099.2	746.6	441.0	508.2	168.0	4,452.5	7,537.9
July-Dec.	1,850.3	1,317.5	901.5	547.3	639.4	210.5	5,466.4	9,207.2
July-Jan.	2,134.4	1,549.6	1,069.4	639.9	738.7	243.8	6,375.8	10,917.1
July-Feb.	2,433.2	1,765.6	1,210.1	734.0	838.0	275.4	7,256.3	12,829.9
July-Mar.	2,742.5	1,974.6	1,357.5	844.5	946.0	321.7	8,186.7	14,619.3
EXPENDITURE								
1974-75	2,492.6	1,767.3	1,121.2	780.6	743.4	282.1	7,187.2	15,399.5
1975-76	2,910.1	2,143.7	1,348.8	1,034.7	950.3	317.9	8,705.5	19,712.3
1976-77	3,404.2	2,519.8	1,611.6	1,183.2	1,141.1	395.0	10,254.9	21,435.4
1977-78 -								
July-Oct.	1,111.1	894.5	536.3	369.1	374.5	141.6	3,427.1	8,364.0
July-Nov.	1,470.7	1,110.0	700.5	474.4	500.0	184.7	4,440.3	10,581.4
July-Dec.	1,771.6	1,345.4	847.2	574.4	615.4	225.9	5,380.0	12,678.7
July-Jan.	2,052.2	1,553.4	1,011.9	667.1	707.1	261.5	6,253.3	14,588.5
July-Feb.	2,386.0	1,803.5	1,143.0	761.2	909.5	298.8	7,207.0	16,599.2
July-Mar.	2,677.4	1,996.7	1,270.2	855.7	922.4	335.3	8,057.6	18,662.6

(a) Aggregates for the six States and the Commonwealth Government together, as obtained from particulars in this table, contain duplications due to State payments to the Commonwealth Government in respect of payroll tax before October 1971 and Commonwealth Government payments to the States of gross for specific and general purposes. (b) Figures for New South Wales represent combined transactions of consolidated revenue fund and trading enterprises (Public Transport Commission and Maritime Services Board) included in annual Budget papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (c) Figures for Victoria cover the Victorian Consolidated Revenue Fund excluding the Works and Services section.