

FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN ENTERPRISES IN AUSTRALIA
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MAIN FEATURES

The quarterly net inflow of foreign investment (excluding undistributed income) in enterprises in Australia was \$1,094m. This represents decreases of 43 per cent on the June quarter 1983 inflow (\$1,935m) and 40 per cent on the inflow in the September quarter 1982 (\$1,813m).

Net inflows of direct investment (\$663m) and portfolio investment and institutional loans (\$432m) were recorded.

Of that part of foreign investment identified by country, the major inflows were from U.K. (\$427m), U.S.A. (\$353m) and Japan (\$187m).

Of that part of foreign investment identified by industry, the major inflows were recorded for mining (\$773m), finance, property, etc. (\$207m) and electricity, gas and water (\$204m). A net disinvestment of \$281m in the manufacturing industry was also recorded.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication presents preliminary estimates of foreign investment in enterprises in Australia during the September quarter 1983. More detailed preliminary estimates are available on request subject to confidentiality restrictions. The statistics are compiled from information collected in quarterly surveys of foreign investment. More reliable and detailed quarterly statistics derived from the same surveys will be published in *Foreign Investment in Enterprises in Australia* (5306.0).

Scope and coverage

2. While it is not possible to publish quarterly the same range and detail as presented in the annual publication *Foreign Investment, Australia* (5305.0), the statistics in this publication are consistent in terms of scope with the equivalent statistics in the annual publication. A detailed description of the scope of foreign investment statistics is contained in that publication.

3. Coverage of the quarterly surveys, while considered adequate, is not as complete as that of the annual surveys and the statistics derived from the former are subject to revision as additional information, particularly the results of the annual surveys, becomes available.

Main aggregates

4. These statistics cover inflows of foreign investment in enterprises in Australia (other than undistributed income) classified by:

- Type of investment
- Country of investor
- Industry of the enterprise receiving the investment.

Concepts, definitions and terms

5. The concepts, definitions and terms used are consistent with those used in the annual publication and are fully described and defined therein. However, for convenience, the main terms used in this publication are described briefly below:

Direct investment: investment in Australian branches of foreign enterprises by head offices and other related foreign enterprises; and, broadly speaking, investment by related foreign enterprises in companies in Australia in which 25% or more of the equity is owned by a single foreign enterprise or group of related foreign enterprises.

Portfolio investment and institutional loans: all foreign investment in enterprises in Australia, other than direct investment.

Enterprises: incorporated and unincorporated businesses including public non-monetary enterprises.

Corporate equities: ordinary shares or voting stock.

Branch liabilities to head office: net liabilities of a branch to its head office and, in the case of interest, goods and services, net liabilities to other related foreign enterprises.

Intercompany indebtedness: net amounts owing to related foreign enterprises, for dividends, interest, imports, exports, royalties, management fees and other goods and services.

Borrowings: corporate securities (other than ordinary shares), loans, advances, deposits, debentures, notes, bank overdrafts drawn, mortgages, trade credit owing to unrelated foreign enterprises for imports with a contractual maturity of over six months.

Related publications

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The *Catalogue and Publications Advice* are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- nil or rounded to zero
- .. not applicable

7. Amounts shown are on a net basis; a negative value denotes a net withdrawal of investment.

8. All figures have been rounded, and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

R. J. CAMERON
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TABLE 1. INFLOW OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT (EXCLUDING UNDISTRIBUTED INCOME)
IN ENTERPRISES IN AUSTRALIA, BY TYPE OF INVESTMENT
(\$A million)

Period	Direct investment					Portfolio investment and institutional loans				
	Corporate equities	Branch liabilities to head office	Inter-company indebtedness	Borrowings	Total	Borrowings				
						Corporate equities	Public non-monetary enterprises	Other	Total	
Year—										
1980-81	540	228	272	564	1,604	1,284	394	1,913	3,591	5,195
1981-82	-114	627	381	1,129	2,024	632	1,076	5,352	7,059	9,083
1982-83	386	557	47	402	1,392	695	1,569	5,003	7,267	8,660
1982—										
June qtr	3	244	134	738	1,119	236	596	2,470	3,303	4,422
September qtr	48	154	104	-162	145	181	701	786	1,668	1,813
December qtr	206	128	-125	112	321	56	479	1,853	2,387	2,707
1983—										
March qtr	122	156	-252	328	354	184	329	1,336	1,850	2,204
June qtr	9	119	320	124	573	274	60	1,028	1,362	1,935
September qtr	61	(a)655	-8	(a)-25	663	195	122	115	432	1,094

(a) Includes the purchase, by a foreign company, of certain Australian assets of a related Australian company, partly financed by cash and partly by the issue of promissory notes to the Australian vendor; the latter transaction is treated as negative direct borrowings in these statistics.

TABLE 2. INFLOW OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT (EXCLUDING UNDISTRIBUTED INCOME)
IN ENTERPRISES IN AUSTRALIA, BY COUNTRY(a)
(SA million)

Period	EEC		Switzerland	U.S.A.	Canada	Japan	ASEAN(c)	Other countries(d)	Un-allocated	Total
	U.K.	Other(b)								
Year—										
1980-81	1,679	551	320	952	88	717	384	505	..	5,195
1981-82	2,377	542	209	2,401	47	1,110	1,481	916	..	9,083
1982-83	2,005	695	134	1,289	20	1,068	927	818	1,702	8,660
1982—										
June qtr	764	356	92	1,249	5	332	956	486	182	4,422
September qtr	457	186	42	236	-23	207	-115	146	676	1,813
December qtr	791	174	52	319	7	384	432	98	451	2,707
1983—										
March qtr	326	44	1	340	26	141	583	494	249	2,204
June qtr	430	291	39	394	11	336	26	81	327	1,935
September qtr	527	41	-1	353	-2	187	-4	-19	113	1,094

(a) That part of portfolio investment and institutional loans placed through brokers and nominees is not allocated by country on a quarterly basis. For this reason the sums of the four quarters do not always equal the corresponding annual country totals. (b) Belgium, Denmark, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg and Netherlands. (c) Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. (d) Includes bonds, etc. issued on the international capital market for which no individual country details are available.

TABLE 3. INFLOW OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT (EXCLUDING UNDISTRIBUTED INCOME)
IN ENTERPRISES IN AUSTRALIA, BY INDUSTRY(a)
(SA million)

Period	ASIC Division	Industry							Unallocated	Total
		Mining (Div. B)	Manufacturing (Div. C)	Electricity, gas & water (Div. D)	Wholesale & retail trade (Div. F)	Transport & storage (Div. G)	Finance, property, etc. (Div. I)	Other industries		
Year—										
1980-81		1,293	1,101	266	1,007	94	1,201	234	..	5,195
1981-82		1,794	2,460	966	985	580	1,928	370	..	9,083
1982-83		2,608	1,265	1,054	554	310	899	267	1,702	8,660
1982—										
June qtr		694	878	613	484	304	1,066	201	182	4,422
September qtr		544	341	326	-18	81	-86	-52	676	1,813
December qtr		907	322	181	469	20	242	117	451	2,707
1983—										
March qtr		502	292	352	-98	67	759	82	249	2,204
June qtr		656	310	195	202	143	-17	120	327	1,935
September qtr		773	-281	204	-86	22	207	143	113	1,094

(a) That part of portfolio investment and institutional loans placed through brokers and nominees is not allocated by industry on a quarterly basis. For this reason, the sums of the four quarters do not always equal the corresponding annual totals for industry groups.