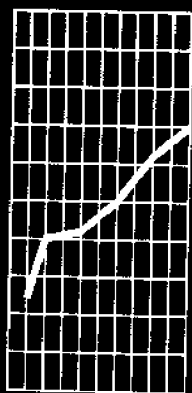




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SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

n.a.	not available
n.y.a.	not yet available
*	subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes
..	not applicable
0, 0.0	nil or rounded to zero

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REVIEW

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OVERVIEW

- Merchandise exports where the final stage of production was in South Australia were valued at \$377.8m in September 1997.
- The value of merchandise imports released from Customs control in South Australia were \$344.0m in September 1997, a 12.4% increase on the previous month.
- The trend estimate for retail turnover increased by 0.7% in September 1997.
- The trend for total new vehicle registrations increased by 0.8% in September 1997 and is the fourth month of increase after the recent low in May.
- The September 1997 trend estimate for dwelling unit approvals continued its downward movement with a 2.9% decrease from August.
- There were 7,465 short-term overseas visitor arrivals and 11,245 short-term departures overseas in August 1997.
- The trend estimate of employed persons in South Australia was 663,900 in October 1997.
- The trend unemployment rate has remained at 9.7% for six consecutive months.
- The number of industrial disputes recorded for August 1997 remained low, with South Australia accounting for less than 0.5% of the Australian total of 31,800 working days lost.
- The trend estimate of average weekly ordinary time earnings of full-time adult male employees has increased 1.4%.
- Total housing finance commitments (original figures including alterations and additions) increased 0.4% to \$262.6m in September 1997.
- Personal finance total commitments increased 6.8% to \$218.5m to give the highest recorded September figure.
- Total commercial finance commitments increased 47.5% to \$556.2m following the low August figure.

STATE ACCOUNTS

NOTE: Deficiencies in the data sources used to estimate gross operating surplus for recent quarters may at times lead to the current price estimates of gross state product GSP(I) being under or over stated for particular States. Consequently, the measured growth rate for constant price GSP(I) for those States will also be affected.

The constant price series for gross state product (GSP) have been labelled as 'experimental'. Users are cautioned that these estimates are derived indirectly by calculating a deflator from the expenditure components. It is emphasised that, at times, movements that can not be fully explained may be introduced into the constant price GSP(I) series through the use of this proxy deflator.

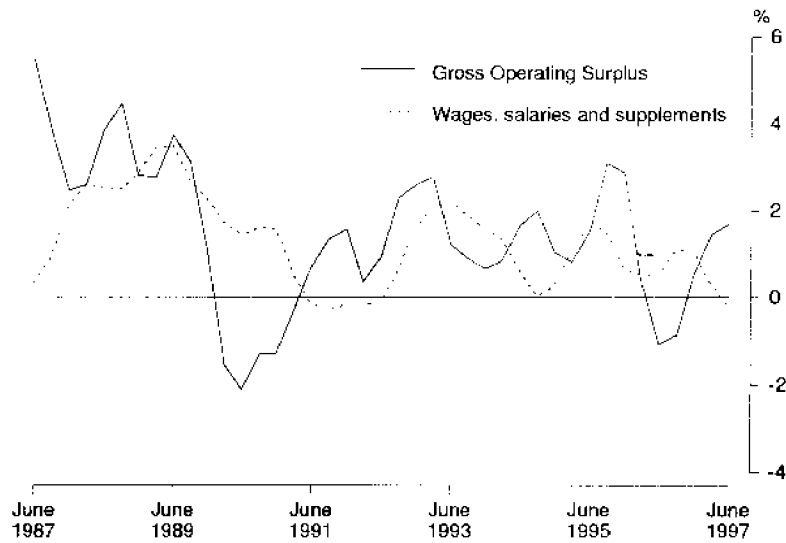
STATE ACCOUNTS *continued*

Trend estimates (current prices)

The trend estimate for GSP grew by 0.7% in the June quarter, a growth rate which has remained fairly constant for the past three quarters. GDP(I) for Australia increased 1.2% for the June quarter. South Australia has now been below the national rate for the past six quarters.

Contributing to the low June growth rate was a fall of 0.2% in wages, salaries and supplements. Growth through the year to June quarter 1997 was 2.2%, significantly below the national average of 5.6%.

Gross operating surplus grew by 1.7% in the June quarter continuing an upward trend. The national average was 1.6% for the period. Indirect taxes less subsidies rose by 1.6% in the June quarter and by 2.6% through the year.

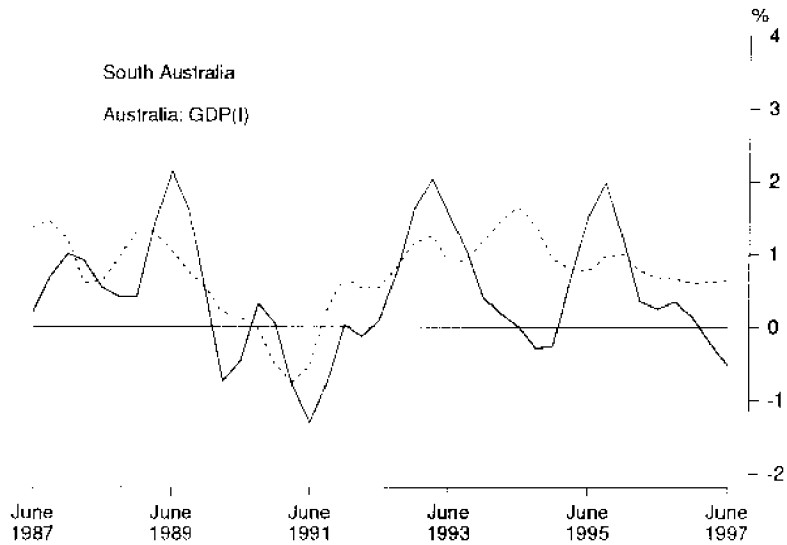


Trend estimates (constant prices)

The experimental estimate of GSP at constant prices fell by 0.5% in the June quarter compared with an increase in GDP(I) for Australia of 0.6%. South Australia and Tasmania were the only States to record a decrease.

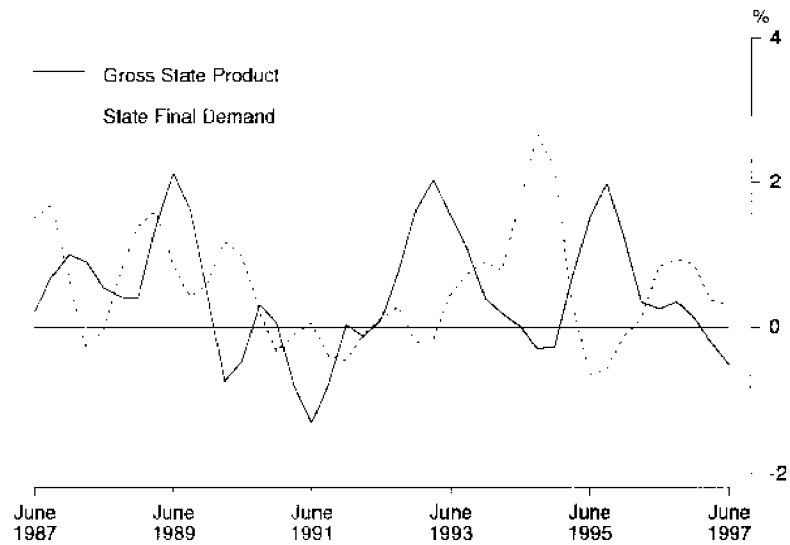
The annual growth rate in GSP at constant prices fell by 0.2% compared with the national increase of 2.6%. Tasmania (-1.4%) and the ACT (-1.0%) also recorded negative annual growth rates.

GROSS STATE PRODUCT: **Trend** (Constant Prices)(a)



(a) Quarterly changes.

State final demand (SFD) increased by 0.3% in the June quarter and has, for the past five quarters, grown at a faster rate than GSP. Contributing to the modest increase in SFD was a 1.5% fall in public final demand, the largest fall for any State in the June quarter. The fall in public final demand reflects a large fall in gross fixed capital expenditure by public trading enterprises.



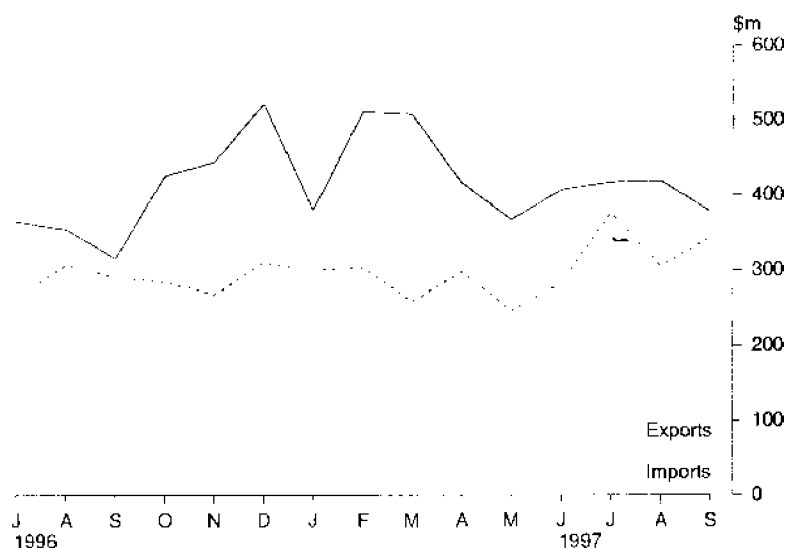
Private gross fixed capital expenditure increased by 1.5% in the June quarter (due mainly to an increase in dwelling and non-dwelling construction) and by 9.9% in the year to June quarter 1997.

INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Merchandise exports

Merchandise exports where the final stage of production was in South Australia were valued at \$377.8m in September 1997, a 9.7% decrease on August but a 19.6% increase on the same period last year. The major commodity groups exported during the month were wine \$61.9m, the second consecutive record month, metals and metal manufactures \$50.7m, and machinery \$38.5m.

The major destinations of South Australian exports in September 1997 were Japan \$73.6m and the United Kingdom \$43.4m. The reduction in the export of road vehicles, parts and accessories affected exports to the United States of America which decreased from \$80.3m reported in August to \$25.2m in September 1997. Exports to China also fell, from \$21.4m to \$10.9m whilst exports to the European Community remained high at \$78.5m.



Merchandise imports

The value of merchandise imports released from Customs control in South Australia were \$344.0m in September 1997, a 12.4% increase on the previous month and an 18.6% increase on September 1996. The increase in the importation petroleum and petroleum products up \$31.2m to \$61.1m and other manufactured goods up \$28.5m to \$81.3m were partly offset by a reduction in motor vehicles imports, down \$24.3m to \$57.9m.

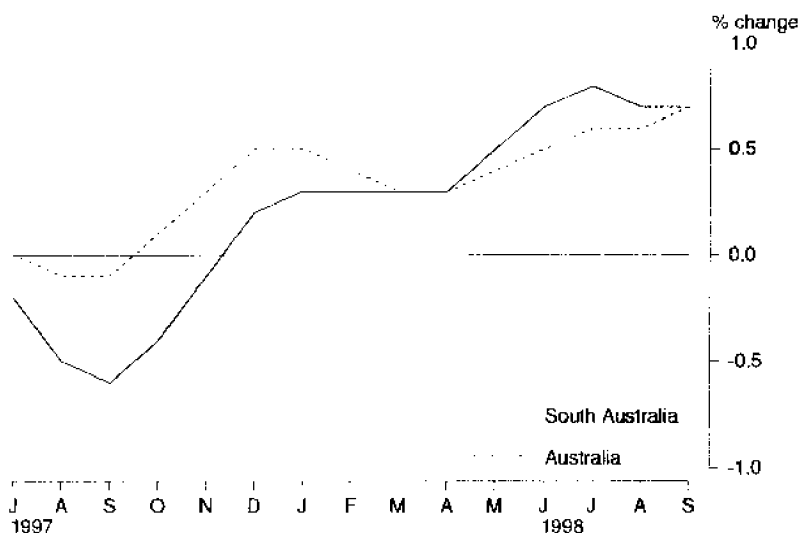
CONSUMPTION AND INVESTMENT

Retail turnover

The trend estimate for retail turnover rose by 0.7% in September 1997 and the growth rate has been around this level for the past 4 months.

Over the three months to September 1997 the trend estimate has increased by \$18.0m. The major contributors to this growth were food retailing (\$11.5m) and household good retailing (\$5.9m) which was partly offset by a decrease in hospitality and services (\$3.1m).

RETAIL TURNOVER: Trend

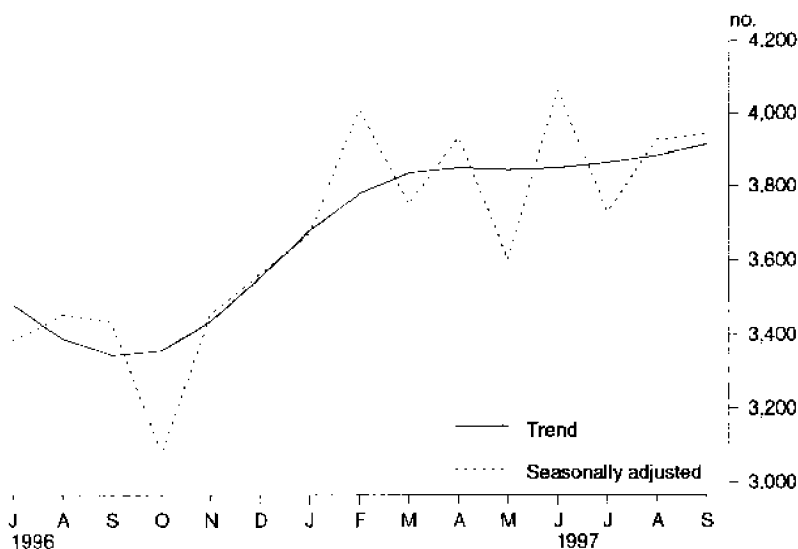


In original terms, South Australian retail turnover was \$784.5m, an increase of 6.0% on September 1996. The Australian turnover increased 7.2% to \$10,762.5m in the same period whilst the South Australian share of the Australian total was 7.3%.

New motor vehicle registrations

The trend for total new vehicle registrations increased by 0.8% in September 1997 and is the fourth month of increase after the recent low in May. The Australian trend rose for the twelfth consecutive month, with September 1997, 14.8% above September 1996.

In original terms there were 4,173 new motor vehicles registered in September 1997, an increase of 7.7% on August and a 21.4% increase on September 1996. For new passenger vehicles, the leading makes registered in September 1997 were Holden (686 vehicles), Mitsubishi (656), Ford (621), Toyota (620), and Hyundai (213).



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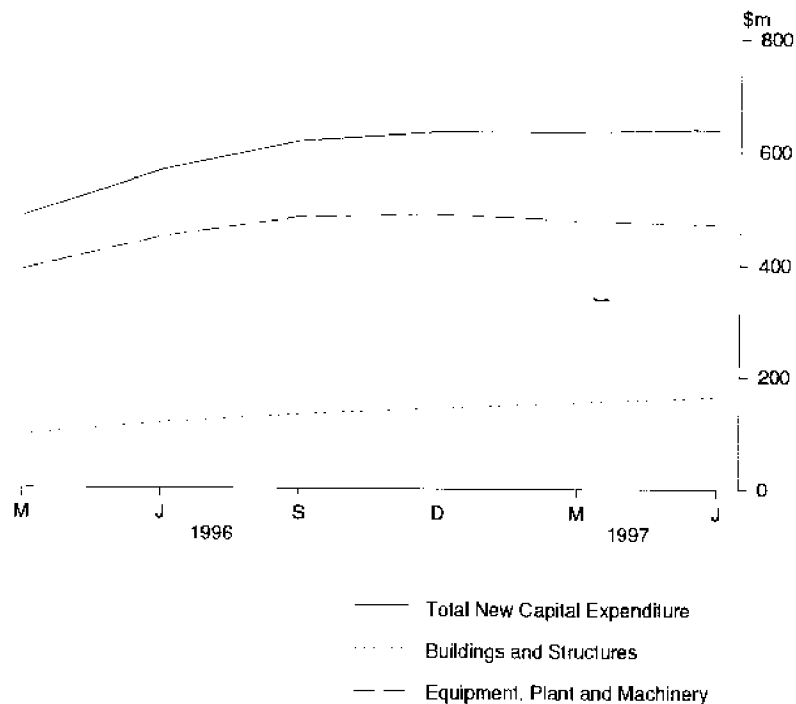
CONSUMPTION AND INVESTMENT *continued*

Private new capital expenditure

The trend estimate at current prices for private new capital expenditure for the June quarter 1997 rose by \$5m (0.8%) to \$639m. Expenditure on buildings increased by 6.4%, while expenditure on equipment fell by 1.3%. The Australian total rose by 2.9%.

Private new capital expenditure in original terms for the June quarter 1997 was \$720m, an increase of 32.1% from the June quarter 1996. Buildings and structures accounted for \$159m, and equipment, plant and machinery \$561m. For the financial year 1996-97, there was a 37.6% increase on the previous year, mainly due to the large capital expenditure by the mining industry, increasing from \$196m to \$488m.

TYPE OF ASSET: **Trend**



Tourist accommodation

When June quarter 1997 is compared with June quarter 1996, the number of rooms available in hotels, motels and guesthouses in South Australia was largely unchanged, with 10,842 rooms, 23 less than the previous year. The room occupancy rate fell marginally to 51.1%. Takings from accommodation increased by 3.2% from \$39.1m to \$40.4m with the average takings per room night occupied rising from \$77 to \$80.

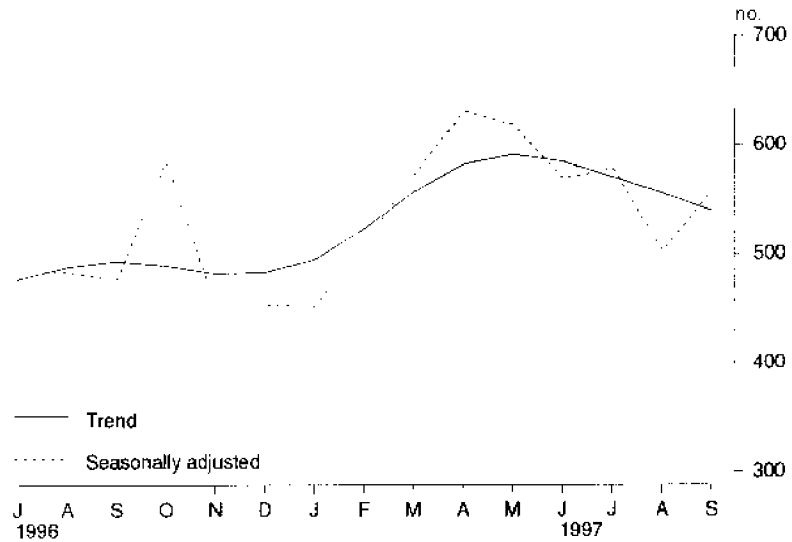
PRODUCTION

Building approvals

The September 1997 trend estimate for dwelling unit approvals continued its downward movement with a 2.9% decrease to 539 from August but was still 9.3% higher than the September 1996 trend estimate.

In original terms, the number of dwelling unit approvals actually rose 7.0% to 608 from the August 1997 figure of 568.

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED



The national trend estimate for the total number of dwelling units approved is relatively flat with an increase of 0.8% over the last three months. For September 1997 the trend estimate (11,991) was 0.4% higher than for August and 11.8% above September 1996.

In original terms, South Australia accounted for 4.8% of the total dwelling units approved in Australia during September 1997.

The total value of building approved in September 1997 was \$121.4m of which \$52.3m was new residential building and \$58.4m non-residential building. Of the total value of non-residential building approved, Education accounted for \$22.7m, followed by Shops (\$11.1m), and Health (\$9.1m).

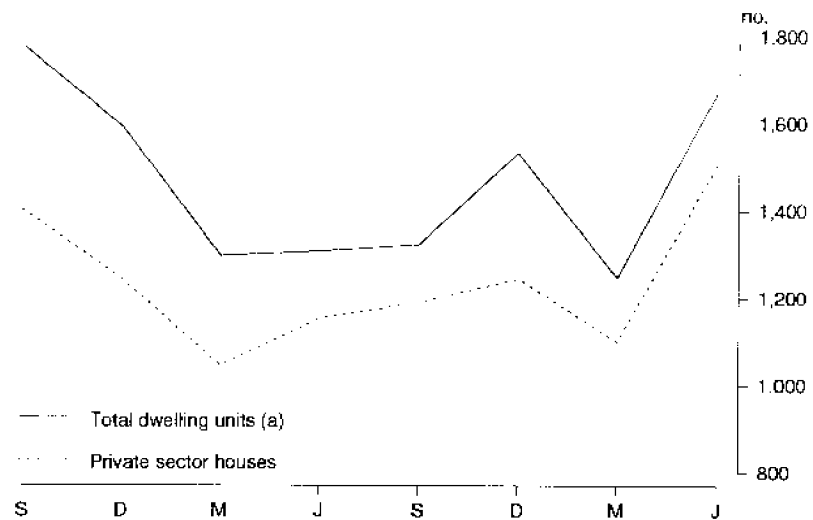
Building activity

The trend for the number of dwelling units commenced rose by 8.3% in the June quarter 1997. This follows a rise of 6.6% in the March quarter 1997 and was 17.9% above the level of a year ago.

In original terms, 1,670 dwelling units were commenced in the June quarter 1997, an increase of 423 or 33.9% from the previous quarter.

During 1996-97 there were 5,671 total dwellings commenced, a decrease of 4.8% from 1995-96. The number of new houses commenced fell by 1.1% to 5,014 and new other residential dwellings fell by 24.3% to 632.

DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED



(a) Includes conversions

The total value of building work commenced in South Australia during the June quarter 1997 increased by 51.2% to \$383.5m. This can be attributed to increases in both the residential and non-residential sectors of 33.8% and 70.3% respectively.

During 1996-97 \$1,157.0m of building work commenced in Australia, 7.4% less than the previous year.

For the June quarter 1997, the total value of building work done rose by 21.5% to \$351.4m. Nationally the value of building work done also recorded an increase, rising 45.6% to \$7,124.8m. For 1996-97, \$1,271.7m of building work was done in South Australia, 5.3% more than the previous year.

The total value of building work yet to be done in South Australia was \$370.4m, an increase of 14.7% from the previous quarter while the corresponding national figure increased by 1.0%.

Expressed as a proportion of the national total, the total value of building work yet to be done in South Australia was up 3.6% for the June quarter 1997 when compared with the previous quarter.

VALUE OF BUILDING ACTIVITY



Engineering construction

The value of engineering construction work done increased by 53.6% to \$307.7m for the June quarter 1997. South Australia had a 7.2% share of the national total of \$4,256.4m. The value of work commenced during the quarter increased by 23.3% to \$309.8m for South Australia while the corresponding national figure increased by 36.9% to \$4,513.7m. The South Australian proportion of national commencements was 6.9% for the June quarter 1997.

Manufacturing production

Note: The frequency of compilation and publication of Manufacturing Production has been reduced from monthly to quarterly. There is also a reduced range of data items collected on a State basis which impacts on the time series available in tables 15 & 16 of this bulletin.

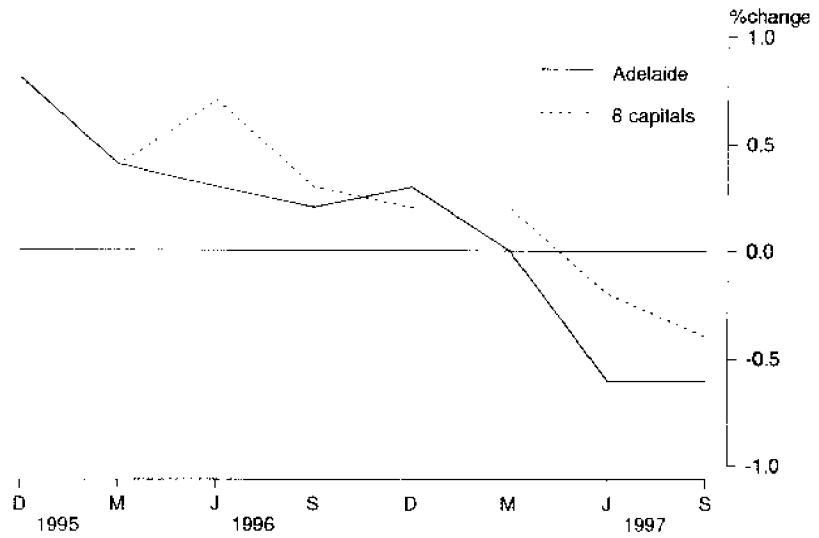
PRICES

Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (all groups) in Adelaide decreased by 0.6% between the June and September quarters 1997. This was the second consecutive quarterly decrease. Contributing most to the overall decrease for the September quarter were falls in the health and personal care, and housing groups.

The annual movement in the Adelaide index was a decrease of 0.8%.

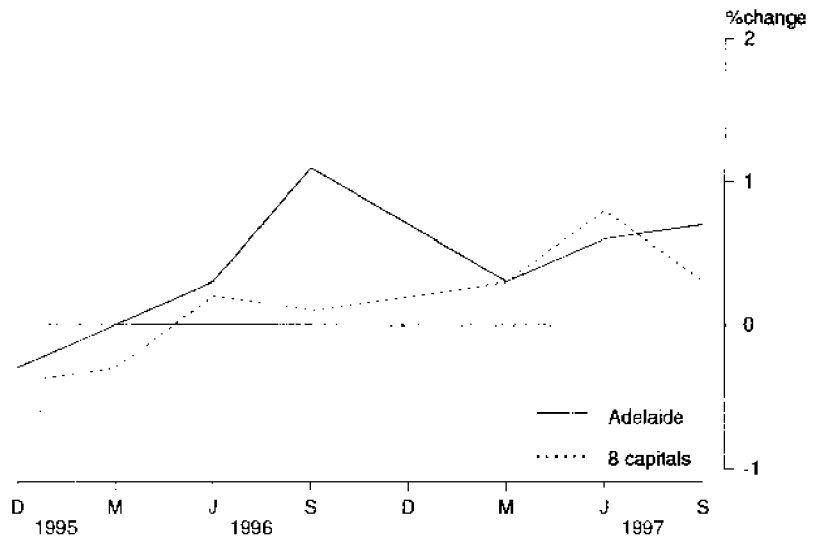
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX



House building materials index

The Price Index of Materials Used in House Building rose 0.7% in Adelaide for the September quarter 1997. The increase can be attributed to rises in softwood and electrical cable. The weighted average of the six State capitals rose 0.3%.

For the year to September quarter 1997 the index increased 2.3% in Adelaide with the weighted average of the six State capitals increasing 1.5% for the same period.

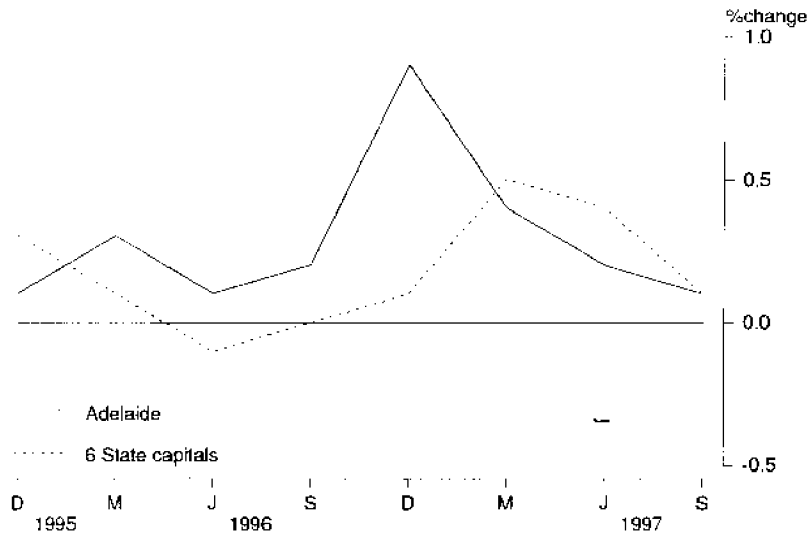


PRICES *continued*

Non-house building materials index

A rise of 0.1% in the Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building was recorded for the September quarter 1997 in Adelaide. Softwood, non-ferrous pipes and electrical cable were the main contributors to the rise. The weighted average of the six State capitals also rose 0.1% for the quarter.

For the year to September quarter 1997 the index increased 1.5% in Adelaide with the weighted average of the six State capitals increasing 1.2% for the same period.



House prices indexes

During the June quarter 1997 the Price Index of Established Houses in Adelaide fell by 0.3% and the Project Home Index decreased 0.7%. The weighted average of the eight capital cities index, over the same period showed a 1.3% increase for established houses and no change for project houses.

Over the year to the June quarter 1997 the Established House Price Index for Adelaide rose 1.0% whilst the Project Home Price Index fell by 4.6%. Nationally, the indexes showed a 2.8% increase and a 0.4% decrease respectively.

Passenger transport cost index

The Passenger Transport Cost Index measures changes in the costs of operating a public transport passenger bus service in Adelaide. Costs covered include labour costs, leasing charges, registration and insurance, repairs and maintenance, fuel and overheads. The index has been compiled on a quarterly basis from September 1995 with a base of 100.0 in 1993-94. The September quarter 1997 index was 108.2, a 0.2% increase from the June quarter 1997. The index showed a 3.9% increase in the 12 months to September 1997.

LABOUR FORCE AND DEMOGRAPHY

Population

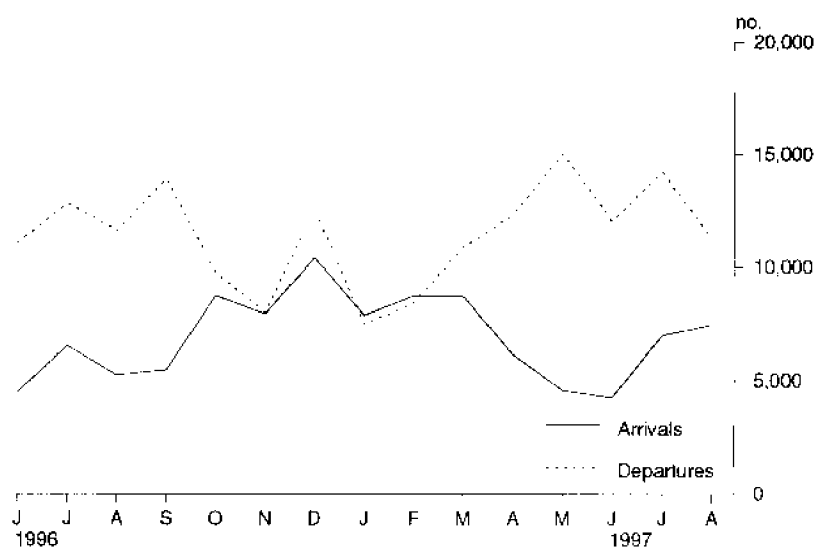
At 31 March 1997 the estimated resident population of South Australia was 1,478,689. This was an increase (1,916) persons from the December quarter. The continuing low growth for South Australia is attributable to an inflow of 1,228 persons, mostly offset by an outflow of 1,192 persons. In the March quarter there was a natural increase of 1,880 persons.

Short-term overseas visitor arrivals

There were 7,465 short term overseas visitor arrivals to South Australia in August 1997. This represents a 6.7% increase from last month and a 42.4% increase when compared with the same time last year (5,244). In contrast, arrivals to Australia fell by 16.8% when compared to July 1997, while a comparison with August 1996 reveals little change, an increase of 0.4%. South Australia accounted for 2.3% of short-term visitor arrivals in August 1997, up from 1.7% last month.

Short-term resident departures

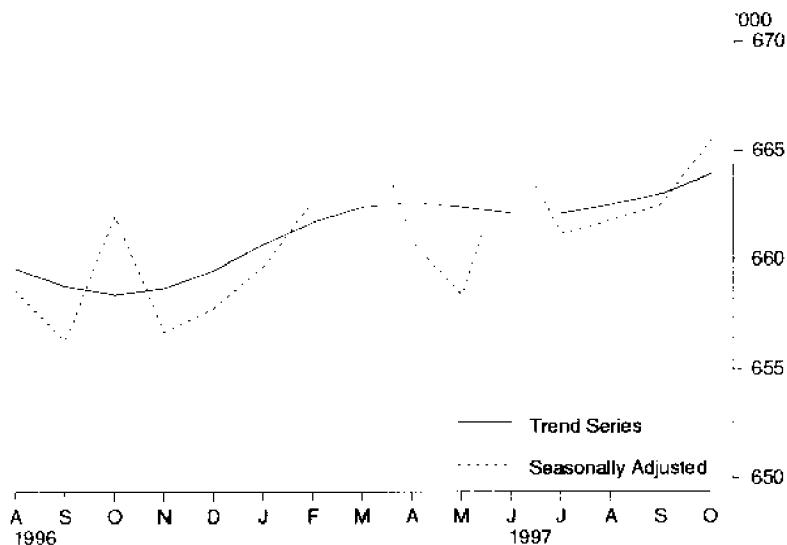
During August 1997 there were 11,245 short-term resident departures from South Australia, a fall of 3.3% compared with August 1996 (11,631). Departures also fell from July 1997, down 21.0%. In contrast, departures for Australia were 7.9% more than August 1996 (222,437), however they were 3.7% fewer than July 1997. South Australia's share of short-term resident departures fell to 4.7%, down from 5.7% last month.



Employment

The trend estimate of employed persons in South Australia was 663,900 in October 1997. This was 0.8% higher than the level (658,400) in October 1996. The main contributing factor has been a rise in part-time employment of 3.3% over the past 12 months.

EMPLOYED PERSONS



Unemployment

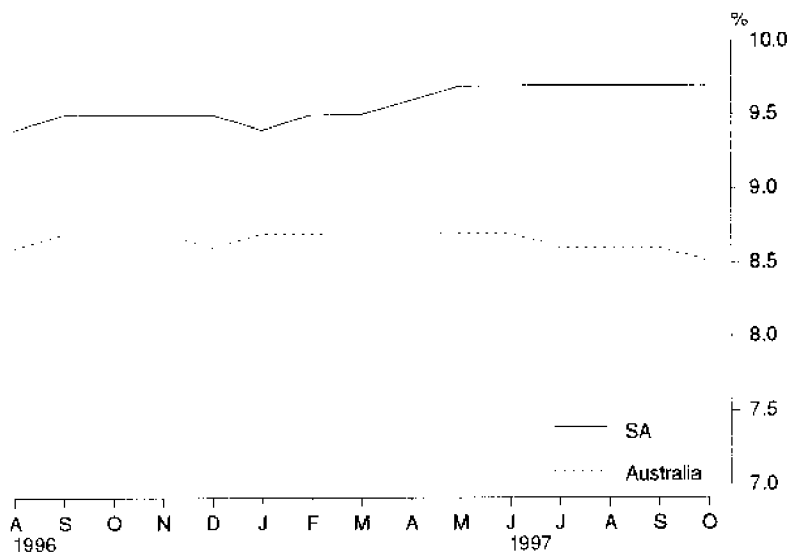
The October 1997 trend unemployment rate has remained at 9.7% and has been at this level for 6 consecutive months. Current levels are higher than the 9.5% recorded in October 1996.

At October 1997, the median duration of unemployment (one half of all observations lie above this value, and the other half below) was 38 weeks, higher than the 26 weeks recorded 12 months ago.

In original terms, the teenage full-time unemployment rate was 32.3% in October 1997, compared with 32.8% in October 1996. Recent levels are much lower than the April 1997 high of 42.7%.

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate for Australia has decreased from 8.7% in October 1996 to 8.5% in October 1997.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES: **Trend**



LABOUR FORCE AND DEMOGRAPHY *continued*

Overtime

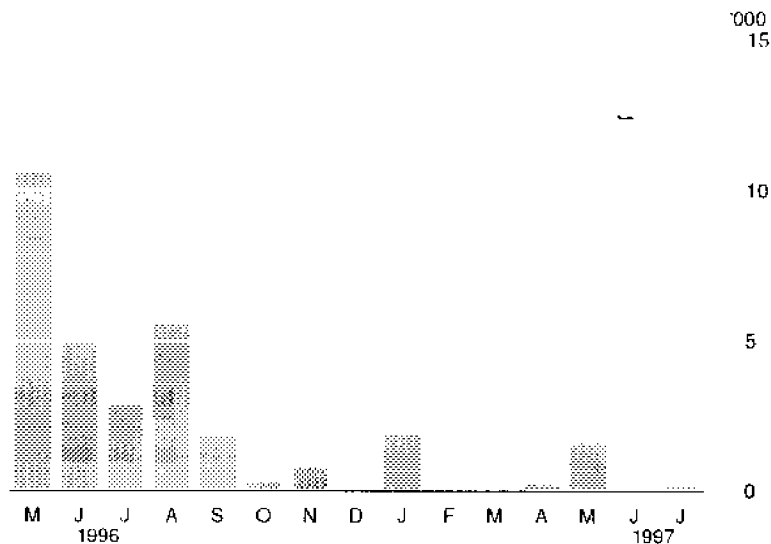
In original terms, the proportion of employees who worked overtime in South Australia in August 1997 was 16.7%. This was considerably higher than the August 1996 estimate of 14.3%.

In August 1997, employees who worked overtime in South Australia recorded an average of 6.0 overtime hours per week. This was lower than the 6.7 overtime hours recorded 12 months earlier.

Industrial disputes

The number of industrial disputes recorded for August 1997 remained low, with South Australia accounting for less than 0.5% of the Australian total of 31,800 working days lost. For the year ending August 1997, the number of working days lost was 7,000, a large decrease from the previous year when there were 40,000 days lost through dispute.

WORKING DAYS LOST



INCOMES

Average weekly earnings

The trend estimate of average weekly ordinary time earnings of full-time adult male employees in South Australia has increased by 1.4% from \$693.10 in May 1997 to \$703.00 in August 1997. For females, the corresponding increase was less pronounced at 0.3% from \$582.30 in May 1997 to \$584.10 in August 1997.

Between May 1997 and August 1997, the trend estimate of average weekly total earnings of all employees (including part-time workers) in South Australia rose by 1.6% to \$545.70. Over the same period, the national level increased by 0.6% to \$583.60.

Note: Since it is an average of earnings across all employees, changes in average weekly earnings may occur through changes in employment as well as changes in pay levels.

INCOMES *continued*

Award rates of pay

In the 12 months to June 1997, the weekly award rates of pay index for full-time employees in both South Australia and Australia increased by 1.4%.

Note: June was the last month of issue of this index. It will be replaced by a wage costs index, due for release in May 1998 and covering the December 1997 quarter. Non-wage costs, for example fringe benefits tax and payroll tax, will be added in consecutive stages to produce a composite labour costs index. This indicator should be available in early 1999.

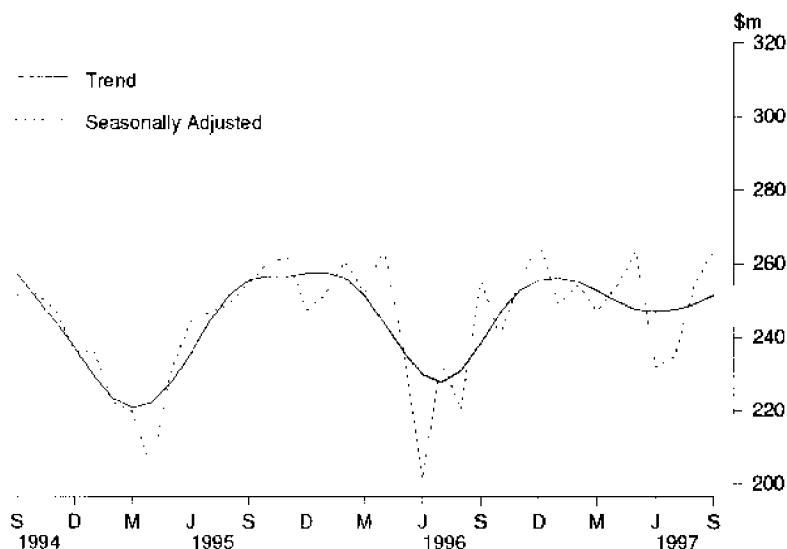
FINANCIAL MARKETS

Commitments for construction of houses rose 1.0% to \$251.6m in September reversing the previous downward trend. Commitments are now 5.5% higher than the previous September. Nationally the trend rose marginally, up 1.2% for the month to be 13.0% higher than the previous year. Seasonally adjusted, the value of commitments in South Australia was \$263.7m, up 3.7% for the month and up 3.3% on the previous September.

Total housing finance commitments (original figures including alterations and additions) increased 0.4% to \$262.6m, 2.7% below the previous September. The number of dwellings financed fell 1.7% to 3,034 coinciding with the rise in the average borrowing size of 2.3% to \$83,300. Nationally there was an increase in total new lending commitments of 5.1% for the month, 14.0% above September 1996.

Construction of dwellings increased 21.3% to \$35.7m, 53.1% above the previous September. The past six months have all been significantly above the corresponding months of the previous year. Commitments for newly erected dwellings were down 16.5% to \$6.8m, 18.7% below the previous September. Commitments for the purchase of established dwellings were up 1.1% to \$149.1m following four consecutive monthly decreases.

SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (a)



(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

FINANCIAL MARKETS *continued*

Refinancing fell 7.4% to \$61.1m, 10.9% below September 1996. Alterations and additions decreased 4.3% to \$9.9m to be only 3.8% of total new lending.

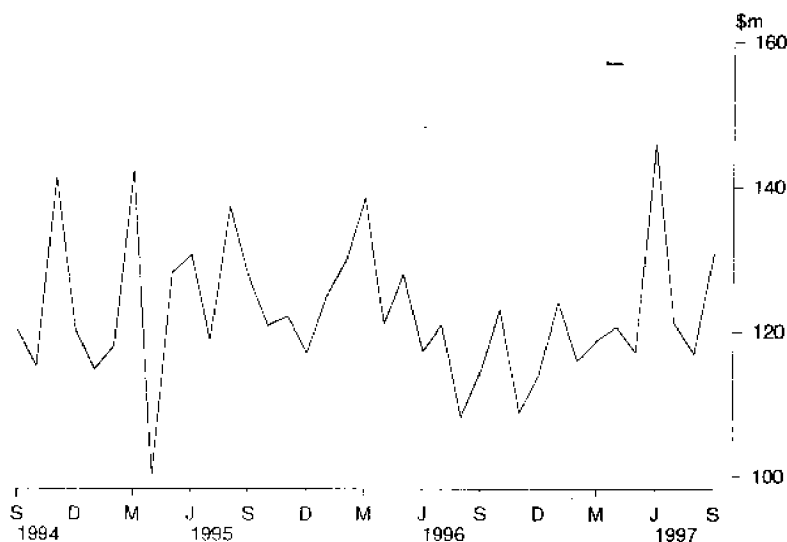
Personal finance

Total commitments increased 6.8% to \$218.5m to give the highest September recorded. Nationally, total commitments fell 1.8%, but were 28.0% higher than September 1996.

Fixed loan commitments increased 12.1% to \$131.0m following falls in the past two months. The largest increase was for refinancing up 21.1% to \$20.2m to be 14.2% above the previous September. Used motor cars and station wagons, the largest category, increased 5.6% to \$38.1m, 7.7% above the previous September. The only falls were for household and personal goods (down 10.6%) and travel and holidays (down 8.8%).

Revolving credit facilities decreased marginally to \$87.5m while nationally the decrease was 7.0%. Unsecured credit facilities fell back again from the peak in July, decreasing 16.4% to \$37.0m, offsetting the gain in secured credit facilities which were up 16.1% to \$50.5m.

FIXED LOAN COMMITMENTS, All Lenders



Commercial finance

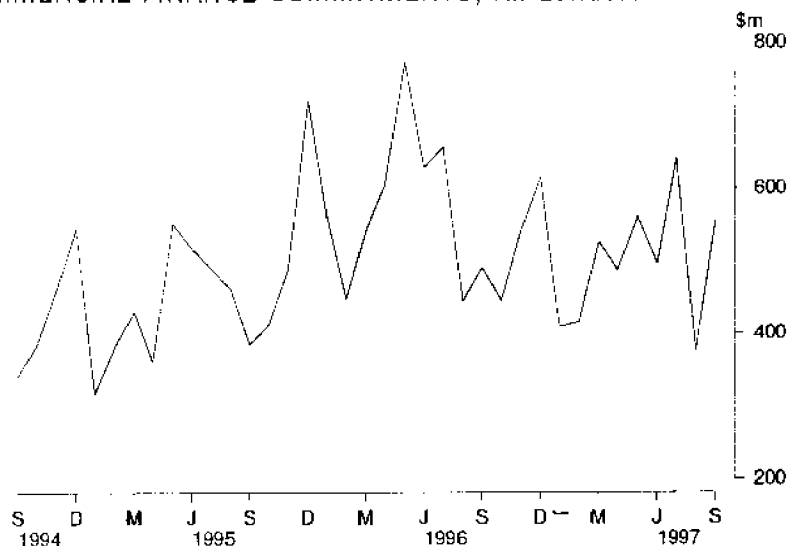
Total commercial finance commitments increased 47.5% to \$556.2m following the low August figure. For the first time this year the monthly figure was higher than the corresponding month of the previous year. Nationally commercial finance commitments decreased 0.5% for the month but were 33.4% higher than the previous September.

Commitments under fixed loan facilities increased 24.2% to \$335.0m, the highest ever recorded for September. The main increases were manufacturing, up 58.5% to \$14.7m, property and business services, up 17.0% to \$35.6m, and other industries which more than doubled. Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting decreased 21.0% to \$25.5m, and community services decreased by over 50% for the second consecutive month.

FINANCIAL MARKETS *continued*

Revolving credit facilities doubled, reaching \$221.2m, following the lowest month since 1986. Increases of over \$44.0m were recorded for manufacturing which reached \$62.4m, and recreational, personal and other services which reached \$48.5m. The main falls were for construction, down 61.5% to \$3.6m and wholesale trade, down 58.9% to \$4.2m.

COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, All Lenders



Lease finance

New finance lease commitments continued the downward trend from the June peak, with a marginal fall to \$21.9m, 1.6% below the previous September. The national total decreased 34.4% but is 27.9% higher than September 1996. South Australia's proportion of the national figure rose to 3.2%.

The main decrease in South Australia was electronic data processing equipment, down 63.5% to \$1.1m following two high months. New and used motor cars and station wagons not subject to depreciation also decreased significantly for the second consecutive month, new down 21.9% to \$4.4m and used down 25.8% to \$2.1m. The main rise was for office machines which increased 70.1% to \$7.3m, the highest recorded month.

FORWARD OUTLOOK

Composite leading indicator

The Composite Leading Indicator (CLI) is a single time series produced by aggregating eight individual economic indicators, and has been developed by the ABS as an experimental series to supplement existing forms of economic analysis and modelling.

The CLI summarises the early signals contained in a selection of economic indicators and is designed to assist the detection of turning points between successive expansions and slow downs of economic activity as measured by constant price GDP(A). It does not attempt to forecast the level of economic activity.

FORWARD OUT_LOOK *continued*

In the June quarter 1997 :

- the experimental CLI rose 0.10%, following rises of 0.18% and 0.20% in the December quarter 1996 and March quarter 1997 respectively.
- Of the eight components used in its compilation, five made positive contributions and three made negative contributions to the change in the June quarter 1997. The largest positive contribution continued to come from the production expectations, while the largest negative contribution was again from the (lagged) inverted real interest rate.

The quarterly data are released in more detail in the *Australian Economic Indicators* (Cat. no. 1350.0). The CLI was the topic of the Focus article in the September 1993 edition of *South Australian Economic Indicators* (Cat. no. 1307.4). A review of the performance of the CLI and its components was published in the July 1997 issue of Cat. no. 1350.0.

Australian business expectations

Surveys of business expectations have been available to decision makers for a number of years from several sources. These surveys provided *qualitative* indicators in the form of the net proportion of businesses expecting a rise or fall in future business conditions. Since the December quarter 1993, the ABS has been compiling a *quantitative* indicator of business expectations in the form of an expected weighted aggregate change in a range of economic variables. These data are available on a quarterly basis in *Australian Business Expectations* (Cat. no. 5250.0).

SALES OF GOODS AND SERVICES, South Australia and Australia

Reference period	SHORT TERM EXPECTED AGGREGATE CHANGE BETWEEN.....		MEDIUM TERM EXPECTED AGGREGATE CHANGE BETWEEN.....	
	June 1997 and Sep 1997	Sep 1997 and Dec 1997	June 1997 and June 1998	Sep 1997 and Sep 1998
	%	%	%	%
South Australia	0.0	5.1	3.4	4.8
Australia	0.7	3.0	2.4	3.9

Short term—Businesses in South Australia expect an increase of 5.1% in sales of goods and services in the December quarter 1997 compared with the September quarter while the Australian expectation was a 3.0% increase. Nationally, sales of goods and services are expected to increase in all industries with the exception of electricity, gas and water which expects a decrease of 1.0%.

Medium term—Businesses in South Australia expect sales of goods and services in the September quarter 1998 to be 4.8% above September quarter 1997. The Australian expectation was for 3.9% growth. The South Australian expectation of 4.8% was the largest of all States and Territories.

Expected new capital expenditure

State estimates of actual new capital expenditure by private businesses in Australia are compiled each quarter. Details appear on page 9, and in tables 1 and 10 of this publication.

Each December businesses in the survey are asked for details of their longer term expectations for capital expenditure by State enabling estimates to be made for periods 6 months and 18 months ahead of the reference period. The collection of expectations in the December quarter survey also allows the derivation of a composite estimate (6 months actual plus 6 months expectations) for that financial year.

The following table shows the forward estimates made with the December 1996 collection.

SELECTED INDUSTRY AND TYPE OF ASSET

Selected industries and type of asset	6 months to June 1997	1996-97	1997-98
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Mining	140	280	228
Manufacturing	642	1 051	702
Other	502	1 240	857
Total expenditure	1 284	2 571	1 787
Buildings etc.	302	596	511
Equipment etc.	982	1 975	1 276

Once actual expenditure for a financial year is known, it is useful to investigate the relationship between previous expectations and the expenditure that was actually incurred. The resultant realisation ratios (subsequent actual expenditure divided by expected expenditure) then indicates how much expenditure was actually incurred against the amount expected to be incurred at various times of reporting.

Realisation ratios provide an important tool in understanding and interpreting statistics for future periods. The application of realisation ratios enables the adjustment of expectation data for known under (or over) realisation patterns in the past and hence provides a valid basis for comparison with other expectation data and actual expenditure estimates.

The following table shows the average realisation ratios over the past four years for the composite estimate (6 months actual and 6 months expected) and the 12 month expectation from the December quarter surveys.

REVIEW *continued*

FORWARD OUTLOOK *continued*

REALISATION RATIOS OF NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

<i>Selected industries and type of asset</i>	<i>Composite estimate</i>	<i>12 month expectation</i>
Mining	0.88	1.18
Manufacturing	0.97	1.06
Other	0.98	1.58
Total expenditure	0.96	1.25
Buildings etc.	0.96	1.53
Equipment etc.	0.96	1.19

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.....

AUSTRALIA.....

Indicator	Unit	Period	Number	% change from		Number	% change from		SA as a % of Aust.	Source index
				Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year		
State accounts										
Gross domestic product (I)										
Current prices	\$m	June qtr 97	9 006	4.3	3.2	128 419	4.5	5.0	7.0	1
1989-90 prices trend	\$m	June qtr 97	7 662	-0.5	-0.2	112 600	0.6	2.6	6.8	1
Wages, salaries and supplements										
Current prices trend	\$m	June qtr 97	4 492	-0.2	2.2	65 018	0.6	5.6	6.9	1
Private final consumption expenditure										
Current prices	\$m	June qtr 97	5 776	4.2	1.9	79 087	4.3	3.7	7.3	1
1989-90 prices trend	\$m	June qtr 97	4 968	0.7	1.2	67 724	0.7	2.4	7.3	1
Private gross fixed capital expenditure										
1989-90 prices trend	\$m	June qtr 97	1 135	1.5	9.9	20 942	3.1	8.6	5.4	1
International accounts										
Exports	\$m	Sep 97	377.8	-9.7	19.6	6 829.2	-0.4	14.9	5.5	2
Imports	\$m	Sep 97	344.0	12.4	18.6	7 335.5	4.0	16.9	4.7	2
Consumption and investment										
Retail turnover										
Current prices original	\$m	Sep 97	784.5	0.9	6.0	10 762.5	0.3	7.2	7.3	3
Current prices trend	\$m	Sep 97	821.0	0.7	4.5	11 179.1	0.7	5.2	7.3	3
1989-90 prices original	\$m	Sep qtr 97	1 961.3	2.7	2.6	26 988.6	3.0	3.8	7.3	3
New motor vehicle registrations										
Original	no.	Sep 97	4 173	7.7	21.4	62 511	8.6	22.3	6.7	4
Trend	no.	Sep 97	3 916	0.8	17.1	60 960	1.3	14.8	6.4	4
Private new capital expenditure										
Current prices original	\$m	June qtr 97	720	38.2	32.1	11 771	18.2	-3.1	6.1	6
Current prices trend	\$m	June qtr 97	639	0.8	12.9	11 197	1.7	3.4	5.7	6
Private new capital expenditure	\$m	1996-97	2 577	..	37.6	43 714	..	8.0	5.9	6
Takings, licensed hotels, motels and guesthouses with facilities	\$m	June qtr 97	40.4	-6.2	3.2	853.2	-7.6	2.1	4.7	5
Production										
Dwelling unit approvals										
Original	no.	Sep 97	608	7.0	18.3	12 779	-3.5	25.5	4.8	7
Trend	no.	Sep 97	539	-2.9	9.3	11 991	0.4	11.8	4.5	7
New dwelling units commenced	no.	Jun qtr 97	1 597	30.7	22.2	32 458	3.0	4.3	4.9	8a
Value of non-residential building approvals	\$m	Sep 97	58.4	-8.5	-1.2	1 035.7	-24.3	-9.7	5.6	7
Value of total building activity										
Commenced	\$m	June qtr 97	383.5	51.2	-5.0	7 015.2	0.1	4.5	5.5	8
Work done	\$m	June qtr 97	351.4	21.5	13.9	7 124.8	4.6	7.1	4.9	8
Work yet to be done	\$m	June qtr 97	370.4	14.7	-12.5	10 387.8	1.0	11.2	3.6	8
Value of engineering construction work done	\$m	June qtr 97	307.7	53.6	36.0	4,256.4	26.4	3.3	7.2	9
Manufacturing production										
Electricity (SA and NT)	mill. kWh	June 97	806	-5.2	2.3	14 938	3.2	4.0	5.4	10
Red meat	tonnes	Sep 97	17 951	8.7	15.8	237 371	2.8	13.1	7.6	11
Mineral exploration expenditure (other than for petroleum)	\$m	June qtr 97	21.0	191.7	208.8	355.6	50.9	24.8	5.9	12

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.....

AUSTRALIA.....

Indicator	Unit	Period	Number	% change from....		Number	% change from....		SA as a % of Aust.	Source index
				Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year		
Prices										
CPI - All groups	1989-90=100	Sep qtr 97	121.2	-0.6	-0.8	119.7	-0.4	-0.3	..	13
Price index of materials used in house building	1989-90=100	Sep qtr 97	122.4	0.7	2.3	117.3	0.3	1.5	..	14
Price index of materials used in building other than houses	1989-90=100	Sep qtr 97	114.8	0.1	1.5	114.0	0.1	1.2	..	15
Price index of established houses	1989-90=100	June qtr 97	109.0	-0.3	1.0	116.8	1.3	2.8	..	16
Price index of project homes	1989-90=100	June qtr 97	106.9	-0.7	-4.6	109.2	0.0	-0.4	..	16
Labour force and demography										
Population (resident at end qtr)	'000	Mar qtr 97	1 478.7	0.1	0.5	18 492.0	0.4	1.3	8.0	17
Short-term overseas visitors arrivals	no.	Aug 97	7 465	6.7	42.4	330 432	-16.8	0.4	2.3	21
Short-term resident departures	no.	Aug 97	11 245	-21.0	-3.3	239 963	-3.7	7.9	4.7	21
Labour force										
Original	'000	Sep 97	732.3	-0.7	0.7	9 200.3	-1.3	0.5	8.0	18
Trend	'000	Sep 97	735.1	0.1	1.0	9 218.3	0.1	0.4	8.0	18
Employed persons										
Original	'000	Sep 97	662.5	-0.4	0.5	8 463.9	-0.7	0.9	7.8	18
Trend	'000	Sep 97	663.9	0.1	0.8	8 434.0	0.1	0.6	7.9	18
Participation rate										
Original(a)	%	Sep 97	61.7	-0.1	0.0	62.9	-0.9	-0.6	..	18
Trend(a)	%	Sep 97	61.9	0.0	0.2	63.0	-0.1	-0.6	..	18
Unemployment rate										
Original(a)	%	Sep 97	9.5	-0.3	0.2	8.0	-0.5	-0.4	..	18
Trend(a)	%	Sep 97	9.7	0.0	0.2	8.5	-0.1	-0.2	..	18
Job vacancies	'000	Aug 97	4.8	60.0	-4.0	69.3	19.3	9.1	6.9	19
Average weekly overtime per employee working overtime	hours	Aug 97	6.0	-11.3	-10.0	6.6	-6.8	-3.4	..	19
Industrial disputes	'000 working days lost	July 97	0.0	..	..	31.8	-18.3	-74.1	..	20
Incomes										
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time)										
Original	\$	Aug 97	663.4	1.2	4.9	706.6	1.4	4.4	..	22
Trend	\$	Aug 97	663.4	1.1	4.4	706.0	1.1	4.0	..	22
Award rates of pay index (full-time adults, weekly)										
	Jun 1985=100	June 97	151.8	0.4	1.4	146.2	0.2	1.4	..	23
Financial markets										
Secured housing finance										
Finance commitments										
Personal	\$m	Sep 97	218.5	6.8	25.5	3 453.5	-1.8	28.0	6.3	25
Commercial	\$m	Sep 97	556.2	47.5	13.1	14 469.7	-0.5	33.4	3.8	25
Lease	\$m	Sep 97	21.9	-0.5	-1.6	683.5	-34.4	27.9	3.2	25
Interest rates										
Banks new housing loans(a)	%	Oct 97	..	..	..	6.70	0.0	-2.6	..	26
Banks business loans(a)										
Small, medium sized business	%	Oct 97	..	..	..	8.75	0.0	-2.0	..	26
Large business	%	Oct 97	..	..	..	8.45	0.0	-1.8	..	26

(a) Change is shown in terms of percentage points.

Period	FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE....		GROSS FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE....		State final demand	Gross State product (f)	Wages, salaries and supplements
	Private	Government	Private	Government			
ANNUAL (\$m)							
1991-92	18 958	5 812	4 021	1 429	30 220	28 719	14 718
1992-93	19 493	5 969	3 980	1 372	30 814	29 989	15 131
1993-94	20 400	6 654	4 019	1 150	32 223	32 057	16 351
1994-95	21 579	6 698	4 933	1 230	34 440	33 437	16 707
1995-96	22 787	6 734	4 236	1 073	34 830	35 457	17 422
1996-97	23 094	6 858	4 703	1 165	35 820	36 023	17 899
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR							
1991-92	4.6	6.1	-5.0	-6.5	2.9	1.0	-0.2
1992-93	2.8	2.7	-1.0	-4.0	2.0	4.4	2.8
1993-94	4.7	11.5	1.0	-16.2	4.6	6.9	8.1
1994-95	5.8	0.7	22.7	7.0	6.9	4.3	2.2
1995-96	5.6	0.5	-14.1	-12.8	1.1	6.0	4.3
1996-97	1.3	1.8	11.0	8.6	2.8	1.6	2.7
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$m)							
1995-96							
March	5 464	1 616	919	278	8 277	8 473	4 234
June	5 667	1 716	1 118	366	8 867	8 724	4 425
1996-97							
September	5 716	1 694	1 143	226	8 779	8 534	4 416
December	6 057	1 725	1 263	271	9 316	9 849	4 605
March	5 544	1 592	1 013	332	8 481	8 634	4 381
June	5 776	1 847	1 284	336	9 243	9 006	4 497
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$m)							
1995-96							
March	5 699	1 687	1 064	275	8 725	8 909	4 371
June	5 711	1 678	1 106	276	8 771	8 894	4 395
1996-97							
September	5 732	1 680	1 130	296	8 838	8 909	4 443
December	5 761	1 700	1 150	310	8 921	8 976	4 490
March	5 789	1 718	1 169	301	8 977	9 049	4 502
June	5 832	1 726	1 208	271	9 037	9 116	4 492
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND							
1995-96							
March	0.2	-1.3	1.9	4.6	0.2	0.5	0.5
June	0.2	-0.5	3.9	0.4	0.5	-0.2	0.5
1996-97							
September	0.4	0.1	2.2	7.2	0.8	0.2	1.1
December	0.5	1.2	1.8	4.7	0.9	0.8	1.1
March	0.5	1.1	1.7	-2.9	0.6	0.8	0.3
June	0.7	0.5	3.3	-10.0	0.7	0.7	-0.2

Period	FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE....		GROSS FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE....		State final demand	Gross State product (f)
	Private	Government	Private	Government		
ANNUAL (\$m)						
1991-92	17 447	5 328	3 849	1 364	27 988	27 023
1992-93	17 491	5 358	3 896	1 292	27 837	28 077
1993-94	18 045	5 668	3 653	1 082	28 448	29 004
1994-95	18 908	5 758	4 496	1 155	30 317	29 226
1995-96	19 618	5 699	3 826	1 006	30 149	30 465
1996-97	19 709	5 734	4 498	1 082	31 023	30 868
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR						
1991-92	1.6	2.3	-6.0	-7.8	1.4	-2.4
1992-93	0.3	0.6	-4.0	-5.3	-0.5	3.9
1993-94	3.2	5.8	-1.2	-16.3	2.2	3.3
1994-95	4.8	1.6	23.1	6.7	6.6	0.8
1995-96	3.8	-1.0	-14.9	-12.9	-0.6	4.2
1996-97	0.5	0.6	17.6	7.6	2.9	1.3
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$m)						
1995-96						
March	4 690	1 373	838	260	7 161	7 267
June	4 873	1 431	1 027	340	7 671	7 437
1996-97						
September	4 898	1 428	1 105	212	7 643	7 363
December	5 170	1 428	1 226	251	8 075	8 701
March	4 713	1 339	965	306	7 323	7 280
June	4 928	1 539	1 202	313	7 982	7 524
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$m)						
1995-96						
March	4 901	1 418	964	258	7 541	7 660
June	4 909	1 404	1 033	258	7 604	7 679
1996-97						
September	4 913	1 406	1 081	275	7 675	7 706
December	4 922	1 424	1 107	288	7 741	7 717
March	4 935	1 437	1 118	280	7 770	7 701
June	4 968	1 439	1 135	252	7 794	7 662
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND						
1995-96						
March	-0.1	-2.0	3.3	3.6	0.1	0.4
June	0.2	-1.0	7.2	0.0	0.8	0.2
1996-97						
September	0.1	0.1	4.6	6.6	0.9	0.4
December	0.2	1.3	2.4	4.7	0.9	0.1
March	0.3	0.9	1.0	-2.8	0.4	-0.2
June	0.7	0.1	1.5	-10.0	0.3	-0.5

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, By Selected Commodity Group(a)

Period	Meat and meat preparations \$'000	Cereals and cereal preparations \$'000	Wine \$'000	Wool and sheepskins \$'000	Machinery \$'000	Metals and metal manu- factures \$'000	Fish and crustaceans \$'000	Road vehicles, parts and accessories \$'000	Petroleum and petroleum products \$'000	Total \$'000
ANNUAL										
1991-92	270 237	565 582	165 914	351 096	176 536	489 030	147 532	137 091	341 477	3 431 139
1992-93	282 181	573 375	192 255	318 999	211 428	490 594	154 608	338 359	372 445	3 760 602
1993-94	324 796	436 517	238 366	290 963	223 760	462 355	188 861	351 229	276 473	3 889 783
1994-95	307 785	261 052	250 527	301 645	285 309	571 094	191 386	332 321	285 310	3 829 336
1995-96	244 508	713 092	318 534	240 148	340 205	610 899	196 629	249 237	220 915	4 498 532
1996-97	182 478	745 242	397 949	260 958	378 962	542 211	191 072	655 895	285 458	5 013 101
MONTHLY										
1996-97										
July	11 235	58 143	28 756	17 046	28 499	37 616	10 316	44 328	25 877	364 816
August	9 355	43 399	41 848	12 545	33 395	53 358	10 441	23 287	19 738	353 974
September	10 417	43 137	38 598	16 764	31 955	35 430	10 554	36 844	6 262	315 960
October	14 922	44 586	40 663	22 285	26 217	46 325	16 063	75 999	20 187	425 409
November	18 388	23 261	25 814	22 961	32 122	46 400	16 170	99 763	41 799	443 477
December	21 065	85 128	34 865	30 635	45 346	60 849	16 009	70 076	17 719	521 428
January	13 701	108 010	21 366	18 392	17 653	33 405	20 477	46 808	4 275	379 289
February	17 065	124 924	30 844	22 350	27 097	39 512	20 942	58 234	46 014	510 731
March	17 492	118 000	34 185	22 682	39 617	46 769	23 664	58 579	25 712	507 123
April	17 415	61 511	34 047	25 234	31 992	39 508	19 935	45 176	26 197	416 299
May	16 003	16 146	36 804	26 233	35 328	55 444	15 449	39 711	15 488	367 687
June	15 421	18 998	30 160	23 831	29 641	47 560	11 051	57 089	36 706	406 357
1997-98										
July	12 695	18 849	38 625	31 249	41 559	47 372	16 678	53 331	14 509	416 872
August	11 642	18 718	44 661	16 973	31 025	43 631	16 753	60 444	39 320	418 417
September	14 511	27 684	61 864	23 275	38 499	50 654	17 338	18 672	26 563	377 751

(a) Final stage of production in South Australia.

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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, By Selected Countries(a)

Period	EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.....				EAST ASIA.....					
	United States of America	Middle East	United Kingdom	Total European Community	New Zealand	Japan	China	Hong Kong	ASEAN	Total East Asia
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
ANNUAL										
1991-92	300 139	381 761	220 048	550 258	214 522	647 674	148 308	108 583	437 670	1 627 108
1992-93	352 764	314 049	237 520	594 701	288 421	649 684	208 135	171 803	487 174	1 820 065
1993-94	393 611	280 499	263 092	571 047	311 999	625 481	220 211	165 163	533 977	1 898 975
1994-95	329 878	184 342	246 118	553 051	376 262	682 937	177 875	193 014	551 433	2 004 013
1995-96	279 555	525 348	287 727	691 996	376 628	672 885	293 360	202 307	572 529	2 057 945
1996-97	707 732	563 409	304 647	641 143	382 086	612 099	244 917	234 546	615 018	2 034 471
MONTHLY										
1996-97										
July	26 282	19 794	23 491	40 076	58 202	37 820	13 448	14 210	62 818	154 167
August	24 015	30 364	28 940	57 177	39 337	51 371	17 025	20 786	42 611	158 897
September	45 339	32 344	25 007	41 103	26 836	36 244	13 183	18 520	37 428	128 271
October	74 338	30 300	28 488	58 604	40 477	67 681	20 077	12 600	45 513	173 485
November	100 612	23 047	32 472	56 564	33 279	57 312	17 778	27 444	64 655	189 397
December	71 258	81 329	28 905	65 684	27 378	59 114	29 176	21 721	47 761	186 464
January	47 334	83 789	13 228	29 012	32 659	31 483	17 714	16 327	28 376	119 338
February	57 587	66 413	22 843	49 748	29 728	56 641	27 861	23 395	74 529	208 991
March	69 002	96 254	26 863	67 132	28 245	59 413	22 364	26 579	39 860	182 126
April	59 320	49 119	26 023	52 619	22 885	51 075	33 261	18 598	61 197	185 838
May	49 397	30 815	26 604	63 287	21 142	47 286	17 553	16 373	50 567	166 869
June	83 248	19 843	21 783	60 136	21 859	56 659	15 479	17 994	59 211	180 139
1997-98										
July	75 314	33 014	27 348	60 324	25 534	52 571	31 626	15 779	55 728	188 844
August	80 031	22 174	43 700	72 491	22 836	50 891	21 443	16 474	56 407	174 606
September	25 240	14 791	43 387	78 451	30 706	73 581	10 874	21 869	53 187	179 041

(a) Final stage of production in South Australia.

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, By Industry of Origin(a)

MANUFACTURING.....

Period	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	Mining	Food, beverages and tobacco	Petroleum, coal, chemical associated product	Metal product	Machinery and equipment	Other manu- facturing	Other industries/ confidential	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
ANNUAL									
1991-92	882 011	248 846	702 148	201 681	541 522	381 737	178 485	294 709	3 431 139
1992-93	853 725	294 586	766 518	195 387	509 303	641 930	178 726	290 427	3 760 602
1993-94	733 014	245 247	884 737	180 147	475 060	665 066	208 573	497 938	3 889 783
1994-95	592 129	268 537	886 337	186 661	584 838	711 529	243 314	355 991	3 829 336
1995-96	1 014 521	226 309	978 332	172 285	639 267	674 131	226 496	567 191	4 498 532
1996-97	1 067 829	216 279	981 748	279 534	569 734	1 139 963	229 491	528 523	5 013 101
MONTHLY									
1996-97									
July	90 390	27 283	64 583	17 238	37 653	80 451	18 424	28 794	364 816
August	58 417	21 111	87 452	16 126	54 535	65 002	19 604	31 727	353 974
September	63 746	2 163	81 493	13 729	36 910	77 137	19 503	21 279	315 960
October	68 176	12 456	85 814	28 892	51 440	111 387	20 149	47 095	425 409
November	58 151	21 794	71 302	28 399	47 286	140 287	19 269	56 989	443 477
December	119 518	25 596	87 427	25 499	63 810	122 815	22 225	54 537	521 428
January	133 106	1 294	72 585	10 035	33 508	69 654	15 632	43 473	379 289
February	151 003	39 021	86 482	33 856	43 376	93 004	18 502	45 485	510 731
March	140 271	734	97 840	33 486	50 142	106 475	18 809	59 366	507 123
April	88 768	30 741	85 922	17 247	40 321	96 254	19 110	37 936	416 299
May	42 278	991.0	85 039	27 168	59 594	84 923	20 725	46 969	367 687
June	54 005	32 623	75 807	27 832	51 123	92 575	17 531	54 860	406 357
1997-98									
July	79 684	30 787	83 250	14 727	48 601	105 144	24 710	29 969	416 872
August	51 633	11 810	93 435	37 683	48 745	99 386	23 588	51 938	418 417
September	55 121	23 759	111 870	23 635	55 244	65 138	21 472	21 514	377 751

(a) Final stage of production in South Australia.

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MERCHANDISE IMPORTS, By Selected Commodity Group(a)

Period	Food, beverages and tobacco \$'000	Petroleum and petroleum products \$'000	Chemicals \$'000	Textiles \$'000	Metals and metal manu- factures \$'000	Machinery \$'000	Road, vehicles, parts and accessories \$'000	Other manu- factured goods \$'000	Total \$'000
ANNUAL									
1991-92	82 095	362 777	153 574	62 884	151 165	523 848	435 121	513 012	2 396 954
1992-93	91 756	570 334	186 001	57 434	255 924	609 212	661 714	521 723	3 068 122
1993-94	99 177	404 626	200 225	60 172	180 937	595 238	663 617	484 590	2 803 446
1994-95	115 930	330 430	220 536	64 524	214 432	695 038	749 658	563 368	3 099 510
1995-96	118 237	346 397	254 102	76 847	213 487	675 869	546 445	728 096	3 114 309
1996-97	136 699	505 633	225 195	79 707	223 294	868 373	538 690	695 238	3 413 108
MONTHLY									
1996-97									
July	10 309	31 507	13 842	7 463	17 070	66 901	42 448	62 917	265 195
August	14 251	54 974	16 395	6 952	24 177	70 218	55 143	50 007	307 628
September	10 374	23 728	12 227	7 797	18 405	69 155	39 198	101 380	290 140
October	15 412	50 886	14 652	6 584	18 722	72 108	48 332	46 905	283 909
November	13 043	25 966	15 236	5 015	21 111	76 107	42 335	58 621	267 488
December	13 786	47 488	25 644	5 443	12 397	75 884	33 169	82 398	310 393
January	9 935	24 997	24 943	8 035	20 890	107 391	42 244	52 370	300 286
February	9 788	52 619	16 510	6 087	20 531	96 667	45 732	46 861	303 870
March	8 356	50 383	28 119	5 064	14 786	50 785	44 387	46 897	257 380
April	10 432	58 416	18 075	7 691	19 499	62 146	55 140	50 015	297 629
May	11 588	45 354	19 293	6 467	15 125	54 510	35 983	48 198	246 010
June	9 424	39 315	20 261	7 108	20 581	66 501	54 586	48 571	283 184
1997-98									
July	10 522	66 543	14 284	6 788	22 111	107 319	83 398	56 469	376 067
August	12 139	29 929	13 887	6 372	24 951	75 417	82 196	52 799	305 931
September	13 368	61 141	13 493	7 031	21 982	79 619	57 850	81 293	343 976

(a) Goods released from Customs control in South Australia.

TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS, By Industry

Period	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ANNUAL (\$m)								
1991-92	3 223.7	1 087.4	472.4	833.1	289.6	537.7	1 198.4	7 642.5
1992-93	3 081.8	1 101.5	440.4	829.9	324.5	645.0	1 181.8	7 604.9
1993-94	3 253.3	1 107.8	479.0	917.8	378.1	684.0	1 338.8	8 158.8
1994-95	3 477.3	1 128.8	538.0	959.6	383.8	793.5	1 654.4	8 935.4
1995-96	3 786.5	1 138.5	546.7	1 025.6	431.2	902.8	1 762.0	9 593.2
1996-97	4 065.0	1 121.0	467.0	937.0	425.0	792.8	1 648.1	9 455.8

MONTHLY, ORIGINAL (\$m)								
1996-97								
July	322.1	90.6	41.7	83.2	34.8	64.2	130.7	766.4
August	335.3	86.8	40.8	84.3	34.7	67.7	134.6	778.6
September	317.2	80.4	33.4	77.1	33.7	63.0	135.1	739.8
October	350.2	93.0	37.0	77.6	37.4	64.0	133.3	792.5
November	343.5	105.6	37.4	80.0	39.3	64.9	141.2	812.0
December	382.2	170.4	51.9	101.8	56.6	91.1	178.7	1 032.7
January	351.1	79.3	37.1	70.3	33.4	60.5	142.1	774.0
February	317.3	69.7	28.1	67.0	28.7	56.5	127.1	694.5
March	350.0	82.7	34.9	70.1	32.0	60.7	131.9	762.4
April	331.2	86.2	45.3	73.3	32.6	65.0	128.4	762.1
May	344.6	96.2	45.3	77.2	32.0	71.3	132.4	798.8
June	320.2	80.0	40.7	74.9	29.6	63.9	132.5	741.8
1997-98								
July	355.0	97.9	45.8	83.1	31.6	67.5	123.7	804.6
August	349.6	80.5	38.7	83.6	32.0	65.9	127.5	777.8
September	348.9	84.8	38.8	84.3	33.1	65.8	128.6	784.5

MONTHLY, TREND (\$m)								
1996-97								
July	330.3	93.9	39.7	82.7	36.7	68.9	142.7	794.8
August	332.5	93.7	38.8	81.6	37.0	66.7	140.2	790.5
September	333.9	93.7	37.9	80.2	37.2	64.8	137.7	785.9
October	335.7	93.8	37.1	78.6	36.9	63.4	136.1	783.1
November	338.2	93.9	36.8	77.1	36.2	62.7	135.6	782.7
December	341.0	94.1	37.0	76.0	35.3	62.9	135.7	784.2
January	343.2	94.0	37.5	75.4	34.4	63.7	136.1	786.4
February	344.4	93.7	38.3	75.5	33.8	64.9	136.6	788.5
March	344.5	93.3	39.4	75.9	33.4	66.3	137.2	790.5
April	344.5	93.1	40.6	76.7	33.4	67.5	137.3	793.0
May	345.3	93.3	41.8	78.2	33.7	68.2	137.1	797.2
June	347.5	93.7	42.8	80.0	34.0	68.4	136.7	803.0
1997-98								
July	351.2	94.1	43.5	82.0	34.3	68.3	135.9	809.3
August	355.2	94.5	43.9	84.0	34.6	67.9	134.7	815.2
September	359.0	94.8	44.0	85.9	34.8	67.5	133.6	821.0

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND								
1996-97								
August	0.7	-0.2	-2.3	-1.3	0.8	-3.2	-1.8	-0.5
September	0.4	0.0	-2.3	-1.7	0.5	-2.8	-1.8	-0.6
October	0.5	0.1	-2.1	-2.0	-0.8	-2.2	-1.2	-0.4
November	0.7	0.1	-0.8	-1.9	-1.9	-1.1	-0.4	-0.1
December	0.8	0.2	0.5	-1.4	-2.5	0.3	0.1	0.2
January	0.6	-0.1	1.4	-0.8	-2.5	1.3	0.3	0.3
February	0.3	-0.3	2.1	0.1	-1.7	1.9	0.4	0.3
March	0.0	-0.4	2.9	0.5	-1.2	2.2	0.4	0.3
April	0.0	-0.2	3.0	1.1	0.0	1.8	0.1	0.3
May	0.2	0.2	3.0	2.0	0.9	1.0	-0.1	0.5
June	0.6	0.4	2.4	2.3	0.9	0.3	-0.3	0.7
1997-98								
July	1.1	0.4	1.6	2.5	0.9	-0.1	-0.6	0.8
August	1.1	0.4	0.9	2.4	0.9	-0.6	-0.9	0.7
September	1.1	0.3	0.2	2.3	0.6	-0.6	-0.8	0.7

NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTRATIONS, By Type of Vehicle

Period	ORIGINAL.....			SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....			TREND ESTIMATE.....		
	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total
ANNUAL									
1991-92	32 351	5 333	37 684	..	..	..	..	..	..
1992-93	32 894	5 577	38 471	..	..	..	..	..	..
1993-94	32 806	5 781	38 587	..	..	..	..	..	..
1994-95	35 830	6 736	42 566	..	..	..	..	..	..
1995-96	36 067	6 828	42 895	..	..	..	..	..	..
1996-97	36 146	6 970	43 116	..	..	..	..	..	..
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1991-92	-6.9	-19.4	-8.9	..	..	..	..	..	..
1992-93	1.7	4.6	2.1	..	..	..	..	..	..
1993-94	-0.3	3.7	0.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
1994-95	9.2	16.5	10.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
1995-96	0.7	1.4	0.8	..	..	..	..	..	..
1996-97	0.2	2.1	0.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
MONTHLY									
1996-97									
July	2 862	595	3 457	2 813	572	3 384	2 875	604	3 479
August	3 024	545	3 569	2 853	600	3 453	2 804	585	3 389
September	2 939	498	3 437	2 883	548	3 431	2 780	564	3 344
October	2 817	548	3 365	2 520	557	3 077	2 810	547	3 357
November	2 976	539	3 515	2 953	503	3 456	2 892	545	3 437
December	2 997	585	3 582	2 978	585	3 563	2 998	556	3 554
January	2 493	449	2 942	3 109	564	3 673	3 102	578	3 679
February	3 302	525	3 827	3 439	573	4 012	3 179	600	3 779
March	3 034	593	3 627	3 128	623	3 750	3 223	614	3 837
April	3 015	701	3 716	3 221	714	3 935	3 235	616	3 851
May	3 028	612	3 640	3 045	555	3 600	3 240	607	3 846
June	3 659	780	4 439	3 463	602	4 066	3 258	593	3 850
1997-98									
July	3 351	545	3 896	3 196	532	3 729	3 286	579	3 866
August	3 368	508	3 876	3 354	575	3 930	3 314	569	3 884
September	3 619	554	4 173	3 358	587	3 945	3 355	560	3 916
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH									
1996-97									
July	-7.4	-29.3	-12.1	-6.2	-14.5	-7.7	-2.8	-2.1	-2.7
August	5.7	-8.4	3.2	1.4	4.9	2.0	-2.5	-3.1	-2.6
September	-2.8	-8.6	-3.7	1.1	-8.7	-0.6	-0.9	-3.6	-1.3
October	-4.2	10.0	-2.1	-12.8	1.6	-10.3	1.1	-3.0	0.4
November	5.6	-1.6	4.5	17.2	-9.7	12.3	2.9	-0.4	2.4
December	0.7	8.5	1.9	0.8	16.3	3.1	3.7	2.0	3.4
January	-16.8	-23.2	-17.9	4.4	-3.6	3.1	3.5	4.0	3.5
February	32.5	16.9	30.1	10.6	1.6	9.2	2.5	3.8	2.7
March	-8.1	13.0	-5.2	-9.0	8.7	-6.5	1.4	2.3	1.5
April	-0.6	18.2	2.5	3.0	14.6	4.9	0.4	0.3	0.4
May	0.4	-12.7	-2.0	-5.5	-22.3	-8.5	0.2	-1.5	-0.1
June	20.8	27.5	22.0	13.7	8.5	12.9	0.6	-2.3	0.1
1997-98									
July	-8.4	-30.1	-12.2	-7.7	-11.6	-8.3	0.9	-2.4	0.4
August	0.5	-6.8	-0.5	4.9	8.1	5.4	0.9	-1.7	0.5
September	7.5	9.1	7.7	0.1	2.1	0.4	1.2	-1.6	0.8

Period	INDUSTRY.....			Total	TYPE OF ASSET.....	
	Mining	Manu- facturing	Other selected industries		New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
ANNUAL (\$m)						
1991-92	193	763	668	1 625	392	1 233
1992-93	218	564	739	1 522	416	1 105
1993-94	97	613	773	1 484	356	1 128
1994-95	115	829	1 162	2 106	351	1 755
1995-96	196	756	921	1 873	358	1 515
1996-97	488	839	1 250	2 577	593	1 984
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR						
1991-92	58.4	2.9	-32.3	-12.2	-37.5	0.8
1992-93	12.8	-26.1	10.6	-6.4	6.1	-10.4
1993-94	-55.5	8.7	4.6	-2.5	-14.5	2.0
1994-95	18.3	35.2	50.3	41.9	-1.4	55.6
1995-96	70.4	-8.8	-20.7	-11.1	2.0	-13.7
1996-97	149.0	11.0	35.7	37.6	65.6	31.0
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$m)						
1995-96						
March	51	167	184	403	77	326
June	59	210	276	545	117	428
1996-97						
September	61	187	399	647	133	514
December	82	234	373	688	172	517
March	79	198	245	521	130	391
June	266	221	233	720	159	561
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, ORIGINAL						
1995-96						
March	4.1	-18.5	-35.4	-25.1	-13.5	-27.6
June	15.7	25.7	50.0	35.2	51.9	31.3
1996-97						
September	3.4	-11.0	44.6	18.7	13.7	20.1
December	34.4	25.1	-6.5	6.3	29.3	0.6
March	-3.7	-15.4	-34.3	-24.3	-24.4	-24.4
June	236.7	11.6	-4.9	38.2	22.3	43.5
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$m)						
1995-96						
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	485	95	390
June	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	566	117	449
1996-97						
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	618	133	485
December	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	634	146	488
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	634	156	478
June	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	639	166	472
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND						
1995-96						
March	..	..	..	14.7	21.8	13.0
June	..	..	..	16.7	23.2	15.1
1996-97						
September	..	..	..	9.2	13.7	8.0
December	..	..	..	2.6	9.0	0.6
March	..	..	..	0.0	7.6	-2.0
June	..	..	..	0.8	6.4	-1.3

Period	HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUESTHOUSES WITH FACILITIES.....			HOLIDAY FLATS, UNITS AND HOUSES.....			SHORT-TERM CARAVAN PARKS.....		
	Guest rooms	Room occupancy	Takings	Flats, units and houses	Unit occupancy	Takings	Sites	Site occupancy	Takings
	no.	%	\$'000	no.	%	\$'000	no.	%	\$'000
ANNUAL									
1991-92	10 745	46.6	130 578	1 302	40.4	10 492	20 601	17.1	19 111
1992-93	10 632	46.5	129 882	1 338	40.2	10 740	20 038	22.3	20 113
1993-94	10 597	48.6	138 782	1 338	40.9	11 700	19 591	23.7	20 790
1994-95	10 594	51.3	149 698	1 342	40.0	11 644	20 175	24.5	22 537
1995-96	10 772	52.4	161 136	1 356	41.5	12 844	20 187	24.9	23 578
1996-97	10 895	52.6	164 227	1 467	42.2	14 615	20 248	25.2	24 336
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1991-92	2.9	..	1.5	7.6	..	1.5	4.1	..	5.6
1992-93	-1.1	..	-0.5	2.8	..	2.4	-2.7	..	5.2
1993-94	-0.3	..	6.9	0.0	..	8.9	-2.2	..	3.4
1994-95	0.0	..	7.9	0.3	..	-0.5	3.0	..	8.4
1995-96	1.7	..	7.6	1.0	..	10.3	0.1	..	4.6
1996-97	1.1	..	1.9	8.1	..	13.8	0.3	..	3.2
QUARTERLY									
1995-96									
March	10 757	55.1	41 938	1 388	54.9	4 512	20 154	27.8	6 931
June	10 865	51.4	39 121	1 451	38.0	2 640	20 122	25.0	5 736
1996-97									
September	10 879	48.9	37 587	1 426	35.1	2 885	20 247	21.0	4 735
December	10 951	54.9	43 266	1 470	40.7	3 651	20 260	25.2	6 340
March	10 909	55.4	43 033	1 493	54.1	4 895	20 251	30.4	7 742
June	10 842	51.1	40 361	1 477	38.8	3 184	20 233	24.3	5 519
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER									
1995-96									
March	-0.1	..	-2.5	7.0	..	44.6	0.2	..	13.6
June	1.0	..	-6.7	4.5	..	-34.8	-0.2	..	-17.2
1996-97									
September	0.1	..	-4.0	-1.7	..	-1.9	0.6	..	-17.5
December	0.7	..	15.2	3.1	..	26.6	0.1	..	33.9
March	-0.4	..	-0.5	1.6	..	34.1	0.0	..	22.1
June	-0.6	..	-6.2	-1.1	..	-35.0	-0.1	..	-28.7

Period	NEW HOUSES.....		TOTAL DWELLING UNITS.....		New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential building	Non-residential building	Total building
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total				
	no.	no.	no.	no.				
ANNUAL								
1991-92	8 613	8 931	10 254	11 290	756	124	627	1 506
1992-93	9 710	10 087	11 548	12 341	841	133	418	1 392
1993-94	9 470	9 901	11 046	11 777	839	122	375	1 336
1994-95	7 757	8 147	9 208	9 762	740	120	493	1 353
1995-96	4 930	5 109	5 760	5 968	469	119	566	1 155
1996-97	5 508	5 604	6 148	6 264	515	117	584	1 217
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL								
1996-97								
August	484	492	536	547	45.2	10.3	60.9	116.4
September	458	462	510	514	43.4	10.7	59.1	113.2
October	401	414	553	566	43.7	12.0	28.5	84.2
November	438	438	488	488	39.9	8.8	39.7	88.5
December	382	383	409	410	34.8	9.7	28.0	72.5
January	340	340	351	351	29.6	8.6	41.9	80.1
February	429	434	467	472	39.7	9.8	53.1	102.6
March	486	501	526	543	41.8	8.9	35.4	86.1
April	559	568	615	628	52.6	10.9	39.2	102.8
May	537	551	599	620	52.5	9.9	64.7	127.1
June	518	540	571	597	49.5	9.2	92.0	150.7
1997-98								
July	571	583	622	634	51.1	10.8	125.1	187.0
August	513	529	552	568	49.3	10.1	63.8	123.2
September	512	535	577	608	52.3	10.8	58.4	121.4
MONTHLY, TREND								
1996-97								
August	418	427	479	488	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
September	417	427	482	493	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
October	416	425	479	489	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
November	420	428	474	482	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
December	433	439	476	483	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
January	455	460	490	495	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	483	488	516	523	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	508	514	547	556	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
April	522	530	570	582	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
May	521	532	577	591	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
June	510	523	568	584	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1997-98								
July	495	509	553	570	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
August	480	496	537	555	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
September	464	482	520	539	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND								
1996-97								
September	-0.2	0.0	0.6	1.0	..	..	..	..
October	-0.2	-0.5	-0.6	-0.8	..	..	..	..
November	1.0	0.7	-1.0	-1.4	..	..	..	..
December	3.1	2.6	0.4	0.2	..	..	..	..
January	5.1	4.8	2.9	2.5	..	..	..	..
February	6.2	6.1	5.3	5.7	..	..	..	..
March	5.2	5.3	6.0	6.3	..	..	..	..
April	2.8	3.1	4.2	4.7	..	..	..	..
May	-0.2	0.4	1.2	1.5	..	..	..	..
June	-2.1	-1.7	-1.6	-1.2
1997-98								
July	-2.9	-2.7	-2.6	-2.4
August	-3.0	-2.6	-2.9	-2.6
September	-3.3	-2.8	-3.2	-2.9

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BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS

Period	NEW HOUSES.....		TOTAL DWELLING UNITS(a).....		Alterations New and additions residential to residential building building		NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING.....		Total building \$m
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total	
	no.	no.	no.	no.	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
ANNUAL									
1991-92	8 036	8 344	9 635	10 700	727.2	125.1	344.5	607.8	1 460.1
1992-93	9 122	9 416	10 889	11 646	816.2	122.4	205.5	458.7	1 397.2
1993-94	9 159	9 590	10 712	11 501	845.3	126.5	209.9	373.0	1 344.8
1994-95	7 745	8 210	9 132	9 796	765.5	125.3	251.7	518.5	1 409.3
1995-96	4 836	5 070	5 691	5 960	496.5	121.7	452.8	631.8	1 250.0
1996-97	4 959	5 014	5 611	5 671	494.9	117.2	399.5	544.9	1 157.0
QUARTERLY									
1995-96									
March	1 044	1 089	1 237	1 295	109.2	29.4	80.1	139.9	278.4
June	1 153	1 183	1 269	1 307	111.0	28.8	217.7	264.0	403.9
1996-97									
September	1 191	1 207	1 297	1 321	108.7	26.2	67.9	104.2	239.1
December	1 245	1 262	1 511	1 530	133.8	33.8	85.3	113.2	280.8
March	1 099	1 102	1 241	1 247	106.3	26.2	76.6	121.2	253.6
June	1 504	1 523	1 637	1 670	146.1	31.0	169.7	206.4	383.5

(a) Includes conversions.

Period	NEW HOUSES...		NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING.....		Alterations and additions to residential building	NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING.....		TOTAL BUILDING...	
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total		Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ANNUAL									
1991-92	591.5	607.5	693.4	748.5	125.1	310.3	484.1	1 127.5	1 357.6
1992-93	647.2	660.9	743.8	780.6	127.1	297.9	570.9	1 166.3	1 478.6
1993-94	719.1	746.4	828.9	876.3	132.0	217.7	462.1	1 177.2	1 470.4
1994-95	659.6	693.6	766.1	816.4	129.4	271.6	476.9	1 164.3	1 422.7
1995-96	441.4	460.5	512.9	534.8	130.6	311.4	542.1	953.2	1 207.5
1996-97	433.1	438.1	484.8	490.0	122.0	441.2	659.7	1 046.2	1 271.7
QUARTERLY									
1995-96									
March	101.6	105.4	118.8	123.1	26.7	63.4	122.0	208.6	271.8
June	102.6	105.0	117.6	120.3	32.6	88.1	155.6	238.3	308.5
1996-97									
September	97.3	99.3	109.4	111.3	28.0	83.4	143.8	219.4	283.1
December	109.1	110.6	121.3	122.8	35.4	119.6	189.8	276.0	348.0
March	99.9	100.3	114.1	114.6	26.8	100.8	147.8	241.6	289.2
June	126.8	128.0	140.0	141.2	31.9	137.4	178.3	309.2	351.4

Period	Footwear	Gas	Electricity (including NT)	Coal	Sawn timber(a)
	pairs	m MJ	'000 kWh	tonnes	m ³
ANNUAL					
1991-92	1 852 890	78 210	10 025 649	2 819 880	271 603
1992-93	1 406 178	83 000	10 226 734	2 753 610	317 096
1993-94	1 382 949	89 382	10 560 251	2 643 000	364 961
1994-95	1 430 417	86 123	10 051 056	2 554 560	392 349
1995-96	1 423 814	76 074	8 733 503	2 409 120	413 545
1996-97	1 572 621	76 495	9 166 719	2 633 820	n.y.a.

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

1991-92	0.8	6.7	12.9	15.5	13.1
1992-93	-24.1	6.1	2.0	-2.4	16.7
1993-94	-1.7	7.7	3.3	-4.0	15.1
1994-95	3.4	-3.6	-4.8	-3.3	7.5
1995-96	-0.5	-11.7	-13.1	-5.7	5.4
1996-97	10.5	0.6	5.0	9.3	n.y.a.

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY(b), ORIGINAL

1995-96					
June	163 135	7 047	788 337	216 120	90 862
1996-97					
July	132 078	7 478	805 153	242 820	..
August	139 938	7 077	780 265	231 720	..
September	140 736	6 545	715 080	203 820	95 037
October	118 507	6 788	701 744	150 480	..
November	134 859	5 468	692 551	202 920	..
December	82 581	5 417	724 795	196 980	86 509
January	68 587	6 016	801 786	239 760	..
February	170 775	6 499	857 703	206 820	..
March	124 771	5 429	717 610	238 200	67 726
April	137 880	5 544	713 484	216 840	..
May	144 946	6 979	850 366	259 980	..
June	176 983	7 255	806 173	243 480	n.y.a.

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH/QUARTER(b)

1995-96					
June	21.1	23.0	8.7	15.8	2.5
1996-97					
July	-19.0	6.1	2.1	12.4	..
August	6.0	-5.4	-3.1	-4.6	..
September	0.6	-7.5	-8.4	-12.0	4.6
October	-15.8	3.7	-1.9	-26.2	..
November	13.8	-19.4	-1.3	34.8	..
December	-38.8	-0.9	4.7	-2.9	-9.0
February	149.0	8.0	7.0	-13.7	..
January	-16.9	11.1	10.6	21.7	..
March	-26.9	-16.5	-16.3	15.2	-21.7
April	10.5	2.1	-0.6	-9.0	..
May	5.1	25.9	19.2	19.9	..
June	22.1	4.0	-5.2	-6.3	n.y.a.

(a) From Australian softwood logs only.

(b) Sawn timber production data available quarterly only.

Period	Chicken	Pigmeat	Beef	Mutton	Lamb	Cheese	Wheat flour, other than self-raising
ANNUAL (tonnes)							
1991-92	36 978	34 538	90 661	72 578	29 941	23 494	81 065
1992-93	38 619	38 153	96 338	65 689	39 334	26 140	87 761
1993-94	40 671	38 394	94 395	71 354	45 199	26 674	84 683
1994-95	39 103	32 063	99 108	66 759	36 147	29 154	80 666
1995-96	37 691	31 695	89 704	55 600	37 735	31 496	97 425
1996-97	38 907	29 853	85 350	58 025	35 081	n.y.a.	90 449

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR							
1991-92	15.8	-10.6	4.2	10.9	-6.5	-4.2	-3.2
1992-93	4.4	10.5	6.3	-9.5	31.4	11.3	8.3
1993-94	5.3	0.6	-2.0	8.6	14.9	2.0	-3.5
1994-95	-3.9	-16.5	5.0	-6.4	-20.0	9.3	-4.7
1995-96	-3.6	-1.1	-9.5	-16.7	4.4	8.0	20.8
1996-97	3.2	-5.8	-4.9	4.4	-7.0	n.y.a.	-7.2

MONTHLY (tonnes)							
1996-97							
August	2 827	2 864	5 190	2 749	1 856	2 452	7 468
September	3 042	2 308	6 650	3 733	2 776	3 092	7 089
October	3 155	2 232	8 130	5 528	3 422	3 699	6 866
November	3 167	2 629	8 930	7 351	2 983	3 326	7 331
December	3 600	2 000	6 681	4 500	2 574	2 889	8 187
January	3 502	2 136	7 333	5 815	3 247	2 536	8 010
February	2 819	2 570	7 223	6 057	3 154	2 043	8 566
March	3 440	2 202	6 854	5 397	2 899	1 911	8 374
April	3 595	2 508	8 355	5 632	3 501	2 255	7 379
May	3 321	2 828	7 606	4 637	3 469	n.y.a.	6 983
June	3 327	2 533	7 168	3 957	3 304	n.y.a.	7 097
1997-98							
July	3 743	2 446	6 809	3 146	3 006	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
August	n.a.	2 669	6 033	4 016	1 166	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
September	n.a.	2 320	6 670	6 087	2 782	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH							
1996-97							
August	-9.1	-5.9	-10.0	3.0	-2.1	15.7	5.2
September	7.6	-19.4	28.1	35.8	49.6	26.1	-5.1
October	3.7	-3.3	22.3	48.1	23.3	19.6	-3.1
November	0.4	17.8	9.8	33.0	-12.8	-10.1	6.8
December	13.7	-23.9	-25.2	-38.8	-13.7	-13.1	11.7
January	-2.7	6.8	9.8	29.2	26.1	-2.2	-2.2
February	-19.5	20.3	-1.5	4.2	-2.9	-19.4	6.9
March	22.0	-14.3	-5.1	-10.9	-8.1	-6.5	-2.2
April	4.5	13.9	21.9	4.4	20.8	18.0	-11.9
May	-7.6	12.8	-9.0	-17.7	-0.9	n.y.a.	-5.4
June	0.2	-0.4	-5.8	-14.7	-4.8	n.y.a.	1.6
1997-98							
July	12.5	-3.4	-5.0	-20.5	-9.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
August	n.a.	9.1	-11.4	27.7	-61.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
September	n.a.	-13.1	10.6	51.6	138.6	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transport- ation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	All groups
ANNUAL AVERAGE (1989-90 = 100)									
1991-92	108.0	105.3	100.4	107.5	110.5	118.6	127.8	107.7	108.9
1992-93	109.3	107.0	94.3	107.6	115.0	131.2	134.9	110.7	111.2
1993-94	111.7	106.6	92.1	108.0	117.8	141.5	142.7	113.7	113.4
1994-95	115.1	104.9	97.8	109.2	120.2	148.9	151.3	116.3	116.9
1995-96	118.2	105.1	103.6	112.1	124.5	160.1	158.9	118.0	121.2
1996-97	120.8	105.5	98.9	113.4	124.6	165.3	165.4	121.1	122.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, ANNUAL AVERAGE									
1991-92	2.1	1.6	-3.6	2.0	3.3	5.9	12.7	2.8	2.5
1992-93	3.1	1.6	-6.1	0.1	4.1	10.6	5.6	2.8	2.1
1993-94	2.2	-0.4	-2.3	0.4	2.4	7.9	5.8	2.7	2.0
1994-95	3.0	-1.6	6.2	1.1	2.0	5.2	6.0	2.2	3.1
1995-96	2.7	0.2	5.9	2.7	3.6	7.6	5.0	1.5	3.7
1996-97	2.2	0.3	-4.5	1.2	0.0	3.3	4.1	2.6	0.9
QUARTERLY (1989-90 = 100.0)									
1995-96									
June	118.4	105.5	103.9	112.3	125.3	163.6	160.6	119.2	122.0
1996-97									
September	119.2	105.5	103.5	113.0	124.4	164.7	160.9	119.2	122.2
December	120.7	106.0	100.5	113.8	125.5	164.9	164.9	119.8	122.6
March	121.2	105.1	97.5	113.3	125.6	165.2	167.7	122.3	122.6
June	121.9	105.2	94.1	113.6	122.7	166.5	168.0	122.9	121.9
1997-98									
September	122.0	105.4	92.2	113.6	123.2	167.2	158.6	123.7	121.2
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM SAME QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR									
1995-96									
June	2.3	0.4	1.7	1.9	3.2	6.8	3.4	2.3	2.7
1996-97									
September	1.2	0.7	0.8	1.3	0.0	6.4	3.5	2.3	1.7
December	2.1	0.8	-3.2	1.6	1.0	3.3	3.9	2.1	1.2
March	2.5	0.2	-6.2	0.8	1.4	1.8	4.2	2.9	0.8
June	3.0	-0.3	-9.4	1.2	-2.1	1.8	4.6	3.1	-0.1
1997-98									
September	2.3	-0.1	10.9	0.5	-1.0	1.5	-1.4	3.8	-0.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER									
1995-96									
June	0.2	0.6	0.0	-0.1	1.1	0.9	-0.2	0.3	0.3
1996-97									
September	0.7	0.0	-0.4	0.6	-0.7	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.2
December	1.3	0.5	-2.9	0.7	0.9	0.1	2.5	0.5	0.3
March	0.4	-0.8	-3	-0.4	0.1	0.2	1.7	2.1	0.0
June	0.6	0.1	-3.5	0.3	-2.3	0.8	0.2	0.5	-0.6
1997-98									
September	0.1	0.2	-2.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	-5.6	0.7	-0.6

QUARTER.....

Item	Unit	Sep	Dec	Mar	June	Sep
		1996	1996	1996	1997	1997
		cents	cents	cents	cents	cents
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 L	114	116	116	122	122
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	322	318	318	320	323
Butter	500 g	160	172	167	161	164
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	154	157	153	160	161
Self-raising flour	2 kg	243	227	240	235	239
Beef						
Rump steak	1 kg	1 123	1 061	1 157	1 141	1 135
Corned silverside	1 kg	624	625	597	602	626
Lamb						
Leg	1 kg	586	563	572	574	565
Loin chops	1 kg	808	778	799	792	794
Forequarter chops	1 kg	555	528	568	547	534
Pork						
Leg	1 kg	621	617	616	574	622
Loin chops	1 kg	778	793	799	792	802
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	369	375	351	370	362
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	292	317	325	295	321
Sausages	1 kg	351	351	359	360	360
Potatoes	1 kg	67	73	78	108	111
Onions	1 kg	83	128	134	114	127
Peaches, canned	825 g	174	190	182	185	188
Eggs, 55g	doz	239	248	246	246	239
Sugar, white	2 kg	182	182	183	182	185
Tea	250 g	168	172	169	175	182
Coffee, instant, jar	150 g	509	513	500	539	573
Margarine, polyunsaturated	500 g	139	143	141	133	144
Petrol						
Leaded	1 L	73.8	76.1	77.5	75.4	74.5
Unleaded	1 L	71.3	73.7	75.2	73.0	72.2

NET MIGRATION...

<i>Period</i>	<i>Live births(a)</i>	<i>Deaths(a)</i>	<i>Natural increase</i>	<i>Interstate</i>	<i>Overseas(b)</i>	<i>Total increase</i>	<i>Population at end of period(c)</i>
ANNUAL							
1991-92	19 530	11 035	8 532	- 133	2 897	11 296	1 456 523
1992-93	19 685	11 163	8 403	-4 650	1 546	5 299	1 460 730
1993-94	20 036	11 743	7 949	-3 466	1 994	6 477	1 466 127
1994-95	19 559	11 496	7 902	-5 529	2 883	4 256	1 469 411
1995-96	10 916	11 186	7 645	-6 238	4 119	5 526	1 474 389
MONTHLY/QUARTERLY							
1995-96							
June	1 448	886	1 818	-1 093	697	1 423	1 474 389
1996-97							
July	1 732	1 102	..	..	..	..	..
August	1 662	1 207	..	..	..	..	..
September	1 464	977	1 575	-1 589	1 042	1 028	1 475 417
October	1 779	1 196	..	..	..	..	..
November	1 536	835	..	..	..	..	..
December	1 424	920	1 780	-1 427	1 003	1 356	1 476 773
January	1 582	909	..	..	..	..	..
February	1 498	827	..	..	..	..	..
March	1 301	753	1 880	-1 192	1 228	1 916	1 478 689
April	1 673	925	..	..	..	..	..
May	1 791	1 022	..	..	..	..	..
June	1 492	904	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Registrations.

(b) Includes category jumping.

Period	EMPLOYED FULL-TIME.....		EMPLOYED PART-TIME.....		TOTAL EMPLOYED.....		UNEMPLOYED..		LABOUR FORCE.....	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
ANNUAL AVERAGE ('000)										
1991-92	323.3	145.7	37.5	121.6	360.8	267.3	50.0	29.3	410.8	296.6
1992-93	322.2	143.2	39.2	126.8	361.4	270.0	51.9	29.9	413.3	299.9
1993-94	322.0	146.3	40.0	127.0	362.0	273.3	47.3	29.9	409.3	303.2
1994-95	323.1	151.5	42.6	131.3	365.7	282.8	44.6	28.7	410.3	311.5
1995-96	325.2	150.0	45.5	136.7	370.7	286.7	42.6	26.0	413.2	312.7
1996-97	320.8	150.5	48.6	140.7	369.4	291.2	42.1	27.5	411.5	318.7
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL ('000)										
1996-97										
October	321.0	151.8	45.9	140.5	366.9	292.3	40.7	27.0	407.6	319.4
November	321.0	149.7	47.8	138.9	368.7	288.7	41.3	25.1	410.0	313.7
December	327.6	153.0	46.3	139.7	373.8	292.7	41.3	29.3	415.1	322.0
January	321.3	151.3	44.8	133.5	366.2	284.8	44.9	28.8	411.0	313.6
February	320.5	152.4	47.6	140.0	368.1	292.3	44.2	30.2	412.3	322.5
March	318.6	148.6	54.9	145.6	373.5	294.1	41.6	29.5	415.1	323.6
April	319.9	148.2	49.3	143.2	369.2	291.5	43.8	27.4	413.0	318.8
May	318.3	149.2	51.6	140.2	369.9	289.4	44.0	25.7	413.9	315.1
June	324.9	151.1	49.1	141.6	374.0	292.7	41.4	26.8	415.4	319.5
1997-98										
July	325.9	149.3	47.5	140.1	373.4	289.4	40.9	27.0	414.3	316.5
August	323.3	148.8	50.3	141.6	374.1	290.4	42.5	27.4	415.3	311.6
September	324.0	148.5	50.6	141.7	374.7	290.3	42.5	27.3	419.9	317.5
October	324.1	145.2	49.6	143.6	373.7	288.8	43.2	26.6	416.9	315.4
MONTHLY, TREND ('000)										
1996-97										
September	319.4	150.6	48.4	140.4	367.8	291.0	41.5	27.7	409.3	318.7
October	319.5	150.4	48.1	140.4	367.6	290.8	41.7	27.7	409.3	318.5
November	320.1	150.2	47.6	140.8	367.7	291.0	41.7	27.5	409.4	318.5
December	320.7	150.1	47.3	141.3	368.0	291.4	41.6	27.3	409.6	318.7
January	321.1	150.1	47.6	141.9	368.7	292.0	41.6	27.1	410.3	319.1
February	321.2	150.3	48.1	142.1	369.3	292.4	42.0	27.1	411.3	319.5
March	321.1	150.7	48.9	141.7	370.0	292.4	42.6	27.1	412.6	319.5
April	321.4	150.8	49.4	140.9	370.8	291.7	43.1	27.3	413.9	319.0
May	322.2	150.5	49.7	140.0	371.9	290.5	43.4	27.6	415.3	318.1
June	323.3	149.6	49.7	139.5	373.0	289.1	43.5	27.8	416.5	316.9
1997-98										
July	324.1	148.4	49.8	139.8	373.9	288.2	43.4	27.9	417.3	316.1
August	324.7	147.0	50.0	140.8	374.7	287.8	43.4	28.0	418.1	315.8
September	324.8	145.6	50.4	142.2	375.2	287.8	43.4	27.9	418.6	315.7
October	324.7	144.4	51.0	143.8	375.7	288.2	43.3	27.8	419.0	316.0
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND										
1996-97										
October	0.0	-0.1	-0.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1
November	0.2	-0.1	-1.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.7	0.0	0.0
December	0.2	-0.1	-0.6	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.7	0.0	0.1
January	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.7	0.2	0.1
February	0.0	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.2	0.1
March	0.0	0.3	1.7	-0.3	0.2	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.3	0.0
April	0.1	0.1	1.0	-0.6	0.2	-0.2	1.2	0.7	0.3	-0.2
May	0.2	-0.2	0.6	-0.6	0.3	-0.4	0.7	1.1	0.3	-0.3
June	0.3	-0.6	0.0	-0.4	0.3	-0.5	0.2	0.7	0.3	-0.4
1997-98										
July	0.2	-0.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.4	0.2	-0.3
August	0.2	-0.9	0.4	0.7	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.4	0.2	-0.1
September	0.0	-1.0	0.8	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.1	0.0
October	0.0	-0.8	1.2	1.1	0.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	0.1	0.1

(a) Population aged 15 and over.

Period	CIVILIAN POPULATION.....		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....				PARTICIPATION RATE..		
	Males aged 15 and over	Females aged 15 and over	Persons aged 15-19	Males all ages	Females all ages	Persons all ages	Males	Females	Persons
	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
ANNUAL AVERAGE									
1991-92	563.9	585.4	25.0	12.1	9.9	11.2	72.9	50.7	61.6
1992-93	567.4	588.9	26.6	12.6	10.0	11.5	72.8	51.0	61.7
1993-94	570.6	592.0	28.3	11.5	9.8	10.8	71.7	51.2	61.3
1994-95	573.7	594.7	25.2	10.9	9.2	10.2	71.5	52.4	61.8
1995-96	576.2	597.1	27.2	10.3	8.3	9.5	71.7	52.4	61.9
1996-97	579.8	600.6	23.7	10.2	8.6	9.5	71.0	53.1	61.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR,									
1991-92	1.0	1.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1992-93	0.6	0.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1993-94	0.6	0.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1994-95	0.6	0.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1995-96	0.4	0.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1996-97	0.6	0.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL									
1996-97									
August	578.4	599.2	23.8	10.2	8.4	9.4	70.4	52.9	61.5
September	578.8	599.6	23.7	10.5	8.6	9.7	70.6	53.5	61.9
October	579.1	599.9	20.7	10.0	8.5	9.3	70.4	53.2	61.7
November	579.5	600.2	22.2	10.1	8.0	9.2	70.8	52.3	61.4
December	579.8	600.5	25.9	9.9	9.1	9.6	71.6	53.6	62.5
January	580.0	600.7	22.9	10.9	9.2	10.2	70.9	52.2	61.4
February	580.3	601.0	23.5	10.7	9.4	10.1	71.1	53.7	62.2
March	580.5	601.2	22.7	10.0	9.1	9.6	71.5	53.8	62.5
April	580.8	601.5	26.7	10.8	8.6	9.7	71.1	53.0	61.9
May	581.1	601.8	23.7	10.6	8.2	9.6	71.2	52.4	61.6
June	581.5	602.2	24.3	10.0	8.4	9.3	71.4	53.1	62.1
1997-98									
July	581.9	602.6	21.6	9.9	8.5	9.3	71.2	52.5	61.7
August	582.3	602.9	21.2	10.1	8.2	9.3	71.3	51.7	61.3
September	582.7	603.3	23.2	10.6	8.7	9.8	72.1	52.6	62.2
October	583.1	603.7	22.5	10.4	8.4	9.5	71.5	52.2	61.7
MONTHLY, TREND									
1996-97									
August	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.1	8.7	9.4	70.8	53.2	61.9
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.1	8.7	9.5	70.7	53.1	61.8
October	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.2	8.7	9.5	70.7	53.1	61.7
November	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.2	8.6	9.5	70.6	53.1	61.7
December	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.1	8.6	9.5	70.6	53.1	61.7
January	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.1	8.5	9.4	70.7	53.1	61.8
February	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.2	8.5	9.5	70.9	53.2	61.9
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.3	8.5	9.5	71.1	53.2	62.0
April	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.4	8.6	9.6	71.3	53.1	62.0
May	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.5	8.7	9.7	71.5	52.9	62.0
June	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.4	8.8	9.7	71.6	52.6	62.0
1997-98									
July	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.4	8.8	9.7	71.7	52.5	61.9
August	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.4	8.9	9.7	71.8	52.4	61.9
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.4	8.8	9.7	71.8	52.3	61.9
October	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.3	8.8	9.7	71.9	52.3	61.9

(a) Population aged 15 and over.

Period	FULL-TIME ADULTS						ALL EMPLOYEES.....		
	Ordinary time earnings.....			Total earnings.....			Total earnings.....		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
ANNUAL AVERAGE (\$ per week)									
1991-92	588.40	524.10	567.80	624.90	534.00	595.80	564.80	386.90	483.70
1992-93	610.10	534.90	585.40	646.40	548.80	613.70	560.00	382.60	477.40
1993-94	625.10	547.60	600.00	667.50	560.10	632.70	595.10	396.60	503.30
1994-95	632.70	559.10	608.20	681.70	572.50	645.30	599.90	411.90	513.40
1995-96	653.80	555.90	622.80	703.15	568.50	660.05	620.10	403.90	520.65
1996-97	678.20	575.10	644.33	735.08	589.35	687.20	636.85	408.73	529.78
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1991-92	4.8	7.8	5.6	4.3	7.6	5.1	3.3	8.0	4.7
1992-93	3.7	2.1	3.1	3.4	2.4	3.0	-0.8	-1.1	-1.3
1993-94	2.5	2.4	2.5	3.3	2.4	3.1	6.3	3.7	5.4
1994-95	1.2	2.1	1.4	2.1	2.2	2.0	0.8	3.9	2.0
1995-96	3.3	-0.6	2.4	3.1	-0.7	2.3	3.4	-1.9	1.4
1996-97	3.7	3.5	3.5	4.5	3.7	4.1	2.7	1.2	1.8
QUARTERLY (\$ per week)									
1995-96									
17 May	668.90	557.10	633.80	721.40	571.80	674.40	640.50	408.30	534.60
1996-97									
16 August	666.70	562.40	632.40	720.10	574.40	672.30	628.50	403.60	523.60
15 November	669.60	575.30	639.50	728.30	591.80	684.80	626.80	402.30	522.20
21 February	685.60	578.20	649.70	741.90	594.00	692.40	639.80	409.50	530.80
16 May	690.90	584.50	655.70	750.00	597.20	699.30	652.30	419.50	542.50
1997-98									
15 August	703.9	583.7	663.4	756.2	593.5	701.4	651.0	420.0	542.5
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING REFERENCE DATE IN PREVIOUS YEAR									
1995-96									
17 May	5.3	-1.2	3.6	5.3	-1.0	3.8	6.6	-0.6	4.1
1996-97									
16 August	4.2	0.4	3.0	5.2	0.5	3.8	4.6	-1.2	2.6
15 November	3.4	4.8	3.2	5.1	5.5	5.2	3.2	1.5	2.3
21 February	4.1	3.8	3.7	4.0	4.3	3.8	1.3	1.8	0.7
16 May	3.3	4.9	3.5	4.0	4.4	3.7	1.8	2.7	1.5
1997-98									
15 August	5.6	3.8	4.9	5.0	3.3	4.3	3.6	4.1	3.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS REFERENCE DATE									
1995-96									
17 May	1.5	0.0	1.2	1.1	0.4	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.4
1996-97									
16 August	-0.3	1.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	-0.3	-1.9	-1.2	-2.1
15 November	0.4	2.3	1.1	1.1	3.0	1.9	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
21 February	2.4	0.5	1.6	1.9	0.4	1.1	2.1	1.8	1.6
16 May	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.5	1.0	2.0	2.4	2.2
1997-98									
15 August	1.9	-0.1	1.2	0.8	-0.6	0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.0

SECURED HOUSING
FINANCE COMMITMENTS ..

Period	Dwelling units	Value	Alterations and additions	Personal finance commitments	Commercial finance commitments	Lease finance commitments
	no.	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ANNUAL						
1991-92	31 765	2 083.8	88.8	1 456.7	6 667.9	256.2
1992-93	36 960	2 569.5	102.8	1 656.9	5 122.5	249.5
1993-94	45 725	3 387.9	221.8	1 840.3	5 467.2	250.6
1994-95	36 429	2 879.7	242.2	2 152.2	5 405.6	271.4
1995-96	38 707	2 982.2	240.7	2 211.5	6 516.2	265.4
1996-97	36 680	2 958.1	188.1	2 612.0	6 092.4	232.0

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

1991-92	10.7	20.4	51.0	-3.1	6.6	-20.7
1992-93	16.4	23.3	15.8	13.7	-23.2	-2.6
1993-94	23.7	31.9	115.7	11.1	6.7	0.5
1994-95	-20.3	-15.0	9.2	18.9	-1.1	8.3
1995-96	6.3	3.6	-0.6	2.8	20.5	-2.2
1996-97	-5.2	-0.9	-21.9	18.1	-6.5	-12.6

MONTHLY

1996-97						
July	3 013	237.8	21.7	188.3	656.7	22.8
August	2 776	216.9	18.8	180.8	444.0	18.9
September	3 064	250.6	19.4	175.0	491.6	22.2
October	2 965	233.6	14.0	203.6	444.8	15.3
November	3 115	248.1	14.2	188.8	541.7	17.8
December	2 995	251.5	13.1	220.7	615.6	19.2
January	2 885	231.3	15.3	221.0	409.1	13.7
February	3 013	246.6	16.4	214.4	415.3	15.3
March	3 117	251.4	12.9	241.7	526.5	13.9
April	3 318	270.4	15.5	251.6	487.5	21.6
May	3 228	264.5	14.8	251.7	561.6	20.7
June	3 172	253.3	11.9	249.8	497.9	30.6
1997-98						
July	3 004	243.4	10.8	278.3	640.2	30.0
August	3 085	251.1	10.4	204.6	377.0	22.0
September	3 034	252.7	9.9	218.5	556.2	21.9

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH

1996-97						
August	-7.9	-8.8	-13.4	-4.0	-32.4	-17.2
September	10.4	15.5	3.4	-3.2	10.7	17.8
October	-3.2	-6.8	-27.9	16.3	-9.5	-31.2
November	5.1	6.2	1.6	-7.3	21.8	16.6
December	-3.9	1.4	-8.4	16.9	13.6	7.7
January	-3.7	-8.0	17.5	0.1	-33.5	-28.6
February	4.4	6.6	7.0	-3	1.5	11.5
March	3.5	2.0	-21.3	12.8	26.8	-8.7
April	6.4	7.5	19.6	4.1	-7.4	55.3
May	-2.7	-2.2	-4.3	0.0	15.2	-4.2
June	-1.7	-4.2	-19.8	-0.7	-11.3	47.6
1997-98						
July	-5.3	-3.9	-9.0	11.4	28.6	-2.1
August	2.7	3.1	-3.9	-26.5	-41.1	-26.8
September	-1.7	0.6	-4.3	6.8	47.5	-0.5

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