

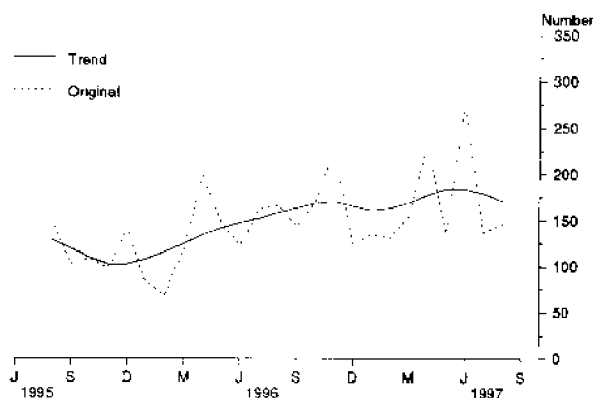
## BUILDING APPROVALS, NORTHERN TERRITORY, AUGUST 1997

### MAIN FEATURES

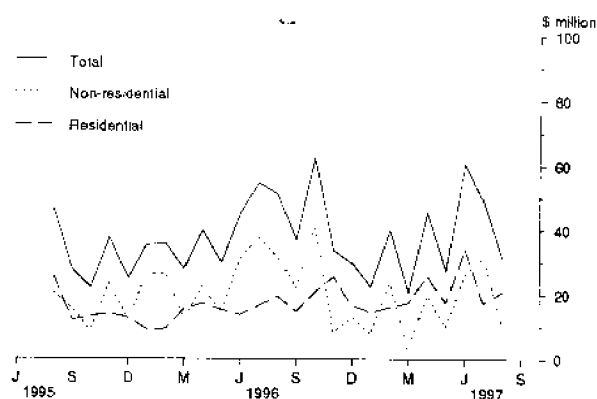
#### NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

	August 1996	July 1997	August 1997	August 1996 to August 1997 change	July 1997 to August 1997 change
Original series *	166	137	146	-12.0%	6.6%
Trend estimate	158	179	171	8.2%	-4.5%

TOTAL DWELLING UNITS APPROVED



VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED



#### Residential building

- In August there were 146 dwelling units approved, compared with 137 in July and 166 in August 1996.
- The total for August included 108 new houses and 37 new other residential dwellings. There were 79 new houses approved in Palmerston-East Arm and 12 in Darwin Rural Areas. There were 15 new other residential dwelling units in Palmerston-East Arm and 13 in Darwin City.

- The value of new residential buildings approved was \$19.0 million and the value of residential alterations and additions was \$1.9 million.

#### Non-residential building

- The value of non-residential building approved in August was \$10.5 million. Of the total, offices contributed \$3.9 million, followed by other business premises with \$3.1 million.

#### INQUIRIES

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TABLE 1. DWELLING UNITS APPROVED (a)

Period	New houses			New other residential buildings			Conversions, etc.	Total (b)			Trend estimate
	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total		Private sector	Public sector	Total	
1994-95	868	161	1,029	554	58	612	20	1,442	219	1,661	..
1995-96	835	96	931	386	119	505	16	1,234	218	1,452	..
1996-97	947	206	1,153	837	26	863	41	1,813	244	2,057	..
1996-97 July-August	122	29	151	173	2	175	2	297	31	328	..
1997-98 July-August	151	39	190	89	--	89	4	244	39	283	..
1996--											
June	92	1	93	28	--	28	1	121	1	122	147
July	56	14	70	91	--	91	1	148	14	162	152
August	66	15	81	82	2	84	1	149	17	166	158
September	70	3	73	68	--	68	2	140	3	143	163
October	94	16	110	59	--	59	--	153	16	169	168
November	76	25	101	119	7	126	1	196	32	228	170
December	69	30	99	11	--	11	13	81	42	123	165
1997--											
January	63	14	77	39	2	41	17	119	16	135	161
February	59	13	72	58	--	58	1	118	13	131	163
March	69	22	91	53	10	63	--	122	32	154	169
April	73	16	89	137	5	142	3	213	21	234	177
May	101	6	107	28	--	28	1	130	6	136	184
June	151	32	183	92	--	92	1	244	32	276	184
July	79	3	82	52	--	52	3	134	3	137	179
August	72	36	108	37	--	37	1	110	36	146	171

(a) Buildings for Aboriginal Communities are included in the Private Sector. However, if the building is owned by a Community Government Council it will be included in the Public Sector. (b) Includes Conversions, etc. See paragraphs 10-12 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 2. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED (\$'000)

Period	New residential building									Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building	
	Houses			Other residential buildings			Total				Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total					
1994-95	84,947	29,137	114,085	63,327	10,319	73,645	148,274	39,456	187,730	29,958	98,145	184,496	268,058	402,184
1995-96	83,369	15,473	98,841	38,318	7,640	45,958	121,687	23,113	144,800	27,426	112,754	222,043	255,839	394,269
1996-97	112,972	29,574	142,546	71,795	2,337	74,132	184,767	31,911	216,678	23,976	154,202	245,995	359,764	486,649
1996-97 July-August	14,156	4,347	18,502	14,095	400	14,495	28,251	4,747	32,998	3,349	49,964	69,609	81,553	105,956
1997-98 July-August	19,996	6,255	26,251	8,488	--	8,488	28,484	6,255	34,738	3,825	15,780	42,173	47,764	80,736
1996--														
June	9,616	85	9,701	2,021	--	2,021	11,637	85	11,722	2,115	8,272	31,296	22,009	45,133
July	6,475	2,479	8,954	6,231	--	6,231	12,706	2,479	15,185	1,611	37,303	37,807	51,620	54,603
August	7,681	1,867	9,548	7,864	400	8,264	15,545	2,267	17,813	1,738	12,661	31,802	29,933	51,353
September	7,511	690	8,201	5,421	--	5,421	12,931	690	13,621	1,355	16,106	22,138	30,392	37,114
October	10,401	2,571	12,972	5,294	--	5,294	15,695	2,571	18,266	2,500	40,352	41,732	57,985	62,497
November	8,246	3,329	11,575	11,257	654	11,911	19,503	3,983	23,486	2,024	6,342	8,367	27,366	33,878
December	8,585	4,806	13,391	820	--	820	9,405	4,806	14,211	2,365	4,111	13,161	15,467	29,737
1997--														
January	7,532	2,205	9,736	2,845	250	3,095	10,377	2,455	12,831	1,815	5,088	7,790	17,279	22,435
February	7,245	2,318	9,563	5,244	--	5,244	12,489	2,318	14,807	1,493	3,849	23,702	17,619	40,002
March	9,241	2,160	11,401	3,649	580	4,229	12,890	2,740	15,630	2,038	2,736	3,234	16,943	20,902
April	9,554	1,992	11,546	11,173	453	11,626	20,726	2,445	23,172	2,638	6,233	19,898	29,204	45,708
May	12,879	1,115	13,995	1,716	--	1,716	14,595	1,115	15,710	1,866	2,639	10,129	18,950	27,705
June	17,622	4,041	21,663	10,283	--	10,283	27,905	4,041	31,946	2,533	16,782	26,235	47,008	60,714
July	10,510	524	11,034	4,731	--	4,731	15,241	524	15,765	1,884	8,928	31,638	25,988	49,287
August	9,487	5,731	15,217	3,757	--	3,757	13,243	5,731	18,974	1,940	6,852	10,535	21,776	31,449

TABLE 3. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, (a) BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND OWNERSHIP  
(\$'000)

Class of building	1995-96	1996-97	July-August		1997		
			1996-97	1997-98	June	July	August
PRIVATE SECTOR							
New houses	83,369	112,972	14,156	19,996	17,622	10,510	9,487
New other residential buildings	38,318	71,795	14,095	8,488	10,283	4,731	3,757
<i>Total new residential building</i>	<i>121,687</i>	<i>184,767</i>	<i>28,251</i>	<i>28,484</i>	<i>27,905</i>	<i>15,241</i>	<i>13,243</i>
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	21,398	20,796	3,338	3,500	2,321	1,819	1,681
Hotels, etc.	38,821	26,940	22,100	780	4,560	530	250
Shops	14,599	71,774	18,440	3,439	7,104	2,804	635
Factories	3,212	4,996	515	1,730	560	1,650	80
Offices	13,302	18,880	1,677	2,278	1,568	403	1,875
Other business premises	19,837	18,289	3,335	4,612	730	1,466	3,146
Educational	5,255	6,476	1,768	1,419	1,630	908	511
Religious	609	180	—	591	—	591	—
Health	3,210	373	—	—	—	—	—
Entertainment and recreational	10,216	2,004	—	606	630	476	130
Miscellaneous	3,693	4,290	2,130	325	—	100	225
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>112,754</i>	<i>154,202</i>	<i>49,964</i>	<i>15,780</i>	<i>16,782</i>	<i>8,928</i>	<i>6,852</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>255,839</b>	<b>359,764</b>	<b>81,553</b>	<b>47,764</b>	<b>47,008</b>	<b>25,988</b>	<b>21,776</b>
PUBLIC SECTOR							
New houses	15,473	29,574	4,347	6,255	4,041	524	5,731
New other residential buildings	7,640	2,337	400	—	—	—	—
<i>Total new residential building</i>	<i>23,113</i>	<i>31,911</i>	<i>4,747</i>	<i>6,255</i>	<i>4,041</i>	<i>524</i>	<i>5,731</i>
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	6,028	3,180	11	325	213	65	260
Hotels, etc.	—	1,648	—	—	103	—	—
Shops	4,246	3,369	1,816	—	—	—	—
Factories	1,824	12,691	12,601	—	—	—	—
Offices	13,412	8,987	520	2,000	250	—	2,000
Other business premises	14,147	5,424	4,108	21,000	—	21,000	—
Educational	26,037	39,899	180	1,710	9,100	1,710	—
Religious	2,361	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health	1,433	2,460	420	—	—	—	—
Entertainment and recreational	11,551	4,458	—	128	—	—	128
Miscellaneous	34,279	12,858	—	1,555	—	—	1,555
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>109,290</i>	<i>91,793</i>	<i>19,643</i>	<i>26,393</i>	<i>9,452</i>	<i>22,710</i>	<i>3,683</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>138,430</b>	<b>126,884</b>	<b>24,403</b>	<b>32,972</b>	<b>13,706</b>	<b>23,299</b>	<b>9,673</b>
TOTAL							
New houses	98,841	142,546	18,502	26,251	21,663	11,034	15,217
New other residential buildings	45,958	74,132	14,495	8,488	10,283	4,731	3,757
<i>Total new residential building</i>	<i>144,800</i>	<i>216,678</i>	<i>32,998</i>	<i>34,738</i>	<i>31,946</i>	<i>15,765</i>	<i>18,974</i>
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	27,426	23,976	3,349	3,825	2,533	1,884	1,940
Hotels, etc.	38,821	28,588	22,100	780	4,663	530	250
Shops	18,845	75,143	20,256	3,439	7,104	2,804	635
Factories	5,036	17,686	13,115	1,730	560	1,650	80
Offices	26,715	27,867	2,197	4,278	1,818	403	3,875
Other business premises	33,984	23,713	7,443	25,612	730	22,466	3,146
Educational	31,293	46,375	1,948	3,129	10,730	2,618	511
Religious	2,969	180	—	591	—	591	—
Health	4,643	2,833	420	—	—	—	—
Entertainment and recreational	21,767	6,462	—	734	630	476	258
Miscellaneous	37,972	17,148	2,130	1,880	—	100	1,780
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>222,043</i>	<i>245,995</i>	<i>69,609</i>	<i>42,173</i>	<i>26,235</i>	<i>31,638</i>	<i>10,535</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>394,269</b>	<b>486,649</b>	<b>105,956</b>	<b>80,736</b>	<b>60,714</b>	<b>49,287</b>	<b>31,449</b>

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TABLE 4. BUILDING APPROVED (a) IN SELECTED AREAS, AUGUST 1997

Selected statistical areas	New residential building (b)								Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
	Houses				Other residential buildings						
	Private sector		Public sector		Private sector		Public sector				
	Number	Value (\$'000)	Number	Value (\$'000)	Number	Value (\$'000)	Number	Value (\$'000)			
Darwin City (SSD)	11	1,989	—	—	13	1,716	—	—	707	3,082	7,494
Palmerston-East Arm (SSD)	43	5,360	36	5,731	15	1,175	—	—	186	3,368	15,820
Darwin (SD)	54	7,349	36	5,731	28	2,891	—	—	894	6,450	23,313
Alice Springs (T)	5	642	—	—	6	521	—	—	387	544	2,094
Katherine (T)	1	145	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	130	275
Tennant Creek (T)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Darwin Rural Areas (SSD)	12	1,351	—	—	—	—	—	—	660	3,186	5,197
Remainder of Balance (SD)	—	—	—	—	3	345	—	—	—	225	570
Northern Territory Balance (SD)	18	2,138	—	—	9	866	—	—	1,047	4,085	8,135
<b>Northern Territory</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>9,487</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>5,731</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3,757</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,940</b>	<b>10,535</b>	<b>31,449</b>

(a) Buildings for Aboriginal Communities are included in the Private Sector. However, if the building is owned by a Community Government Council it will be included in the Public Sector. (b) Excludes Conversions, etc.

TABLE 5. NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES (a) APPROVED BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS IN SELECTED AREAS AUGUST 1997

Selected statistical areas	Material of outer walls						Total
	Double brick(b)	Brick veneer	Fibre cement	Timber	Metal clad and other	Not stated	
Darwin (SD)	82	1	—	—	6	1	90
Alice Springs (T)	4	—	—	—	1	—	5
Darwin Rural Areas (SSD)	5	—	1	—	6	—	12
<b>Northern Territory</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>108</b>

(a) Excludes Conversions, etc. (b) Includes houses constructed with outer walls of stone or concrete.

TABLE 6. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES (a) (\$ million)

Period	New residential building				Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building	
	Houses		Other residential buildings	Total		Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
	Private sector	Total							
1994-95	65.9	88.3	64.9	153.2	23.1	90.2	169.8	230.4	346.0
1995-96	61.9	73.4	39.5	112.9	20.3	101.7	200.5	214.4	333.8
1996-97	80.4	101.5	62.9	164.4	17.0	137.8	219.5	296.0	401.0
<b>1996—</b>									
Mar. qtr.	11.2	16.2	4.7	20.9	4.9	41.7	59.0	61.0	84.8
June qtr.	18.8	19.2	12.5	31.8	4.3	25.6	61.7	56.3	97.8
Sept. qtr.	15.9	19.6	17.0	36.6	3.4	59.2	82.2	95.7	122.2
Dec. qtr.	19.4	27.0	15.3	42.3	4.9	45.4	56.6	84.1	103.8
<b>1997—</b>									
Mar. qtr.	17.0	21.8	10.7	32.5	3.8	10.4	30.9	40.8	67.1
June qtr.	28.1	33.1	20.0	53.0	4.9	22.8	49.9	75.4	107.8

(a) See paragraphs 16-18 of the Explanatory Notes. Constant price estimates are subject to revision each quarter as more up to date information on prices and commodity compositions becomes available.

TABLE 7. NEW DWELLING UNITS (a) APPROVED IN SELECTED AREAS, BY TYPE  
AUGUST 1997

Selected statistical area	New other residential building									Total new residential building
	New houses	Semi-detached, row or terrace houses, townhouses, etc. of			Flats, units or apartments in a building of				Total	
		1 storey	2 or more storeys	Total	1-2 storeys	3 storeys	4 or more storeys	Total		
NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS										
Darwin City (SSD)	11	4	—	4	9	—	—	9	13	24
Palmerston-East Arm (SSD)	79	—	—	—	—	15	—	15	15	94
<i>Darwin (SD)</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>118</i>
Alice Springs (T)	5	2	—	2	4	—	—	4	6	11
Katherine (T)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Tennant Creek (T)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Darwin Rural Areas (SSD)	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
Remainder of Balance (SD)	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
<i>Northern Territory Balance (SD)</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>27</i>
<b>Northern Territory</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>145</b>
VALUE (\$'000)										
Darwin City (SSD)	1,989	600	—	600	1,116	—	—	1,116	1,716	3,705
Palmerston-East Arm (SSD)	11,090	—	—	—	—	1,175	—	1,175	1,175	12,265
<i>Darwin (SD)</i>	<i>13,079</i>	<i>600</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>600</i>	<i>1,116</i>	<i>1,175</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>2,291</i>	<i>2,891</i>	<i>15,970</i>
Alice Springs (T)	642	170	—	170	351	—	—	351	521	1,163
Katherine (T)	145	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	145
Tennant Creek (T)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Darwin Rural Areas (SSD)	1,351	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,351
Remainder of Balance (SD)	—	345	—	345	—	—	—	—	345	345
<i>Northern Territory Balance (SD)</i>	<i>2,138</i>	<i>515</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>515</i>	<i>351</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>351</i>	<i>866</i>	<i>3,004</i>
<b>Northern Territory</b>	<b>15,217</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>1,467</b>	<b>1,175</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,642</b>	<b>3,757</b>	<b>18,974</b>

(a) Excludes Conversions, etc.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Introduction

This publication contains monthly details of building work approved.

2. For purposes of comparison, it should be noted that statistics of building approvals are affected from month to month by large projects (e.g. blocks of flats, multi-storey office buildings) approved in particular months and also by the administrative arrangements of government authorities.

### Scope and Coverage

3. Statistics of building work approved are compiled from:

- (a) permits issued by licensed Private Building Certifiers or the Building Branch, Northern Territory Department of Lands, Planning and Environment, in areas subject to building control by those authorities;
- (b) contracts let or day labour work authorised by Commonwealth, State, semi-government and local government authorities;
- (c) major building activity which takes place in areas not subject to the normal administrative approval processes (e.g. buildings on remote mine sites).

4. The statistics relate to building activity which includes construction of new buildings, and alterations and additions to existing buildings. Construction activity not defined as building (e.g. construction of roads, bridges, railways, earthworks etc.) is excluded from this publication, but can be found in the ABS publication *Engineering Construction Survey* (8762.0).

5. In relation to work carried out on existing buildings, the statistics include details of non-structural renovation and refurbishment work and the installation of integral building fixtures for which building approval was obtained.

6. From July 1990, the statistics cover:

- (a) all approved new residential building jobs valued at \$10,000 or more (previously \$5,000 or more)
- (b) approved alterations and additions to residential buildings valued at \$10,000 or more
- (c) all approved non-residential building jobs valued at \$50,000 or more (previously \$30,000 or more).

These changes in coverage do not have a statistically significant effect on broad building approvals aggregate data. However, care should be taken in interpreting data for specific classes of non-residential building.

### Definitions

7. A *building* is defined as a rigid, fixed and permanent structure which has a roof. Its intended purpose is primarily to house people, plant, machinery, vehicles, goods or livestock. An integral feature of a building's design, to satisfy its intended use, is the provision for regular access by persons.

8. A *dwelling unit* is defined as a self-contained suite of rooms, including cooking and bathing facilities and intended for long term residential use. Units (whether self-contained or not) within buildings offering institutional care such as hospitals or temporary accommodation, such as motels, hostels and holiday apartments are not defined as dwelling units. The value of units of this type is included in the appropriate category of non-residential buildings' approved.

9. A *residential building* is defined as a building predominantly consisting of one or more dwelling units. Residential buildings can be either houses or other residential buildings.

- (a) A *house* is defined as a detached building predominantly used for long term residential purposes and consisting of only one dwelling unit. Thus detached granny flats and detached dwelling units such as caretaker's residences associated with non-residential buildings are defined as houses for the purpose of these statistics.
- (b) An *other residential building* is defined as a building which is predominantly used for long term residential purposes and which contains (or has attached to it) more than one dwelling unit (e.g. includes townhouses, duplexes, apartment buildings etc.).

10. From the January 1995 issue of this publication, the number of dwelling units approved as part of alterations and additions to or conversions of existing residential or non-residential buildings and as part of the construction of non-residential building is shown separately in Tables I under the heading of 'Conversions, etc.', and is included in the total number of dwelling units shown in these tables. Previously, such dwellings were only included as a footnote.

11. In addition, from the January 1995 issue, the trend estimates for the number of dwelling units approved, shown in Table I, includes these conversions, etc. Previously, only dwelling units approved as part of the construction of new residential buildings were included in these estimates.

12. The value of new residential building approved continues to exclude the value of dwelling units approved as part of alterations and additions to or conversions of existing residential or non-residential buildings and as part of the construction of non-residential building. Approved building work represented by these conversions, etc. jobs continues to be included in the value of alterations and additions to residential buildings or in the value of non-residential building as appropriate.

13. Value data are derived by aggregation of the estimated value (when completed) of building work (excluding value of land and landscaping but including site preparation) as reported on approval documents. For 'houses', these estimates are usually a reliable indicator of the completed value of the building. However, for 'other residential buildings' and 'non-residential buildings' these estimates can differ significantly from the completed value of the building.

### Building Classification

14. *Ownership of a building* is classified as either Public Sector or Private Sector according to the sector of the intended owner of the completed building as evident at the time of approval. Residential buildings being constructed by private sector builders under government housing authority schemes whereby the authority has contracted, or intends to contract, to purchase the buildings on or before completion, are classified as public sector.

15. *Functional classification of buildings*: a building is classified according to its intended major function. Hence a building which is ancillary to other buildings or forms a part of a group of related buildings is classified to the function of the building and not to the function of the group as a whole. An example of this can be seen in the treatment of building work approved for a factory complex. In this case a detached administration building would be classified to Offices, a detached cafeteria building to Shops, while factory buildings

would be classified to Factories. An exception to this rule is the treatment of group accommodation buildings e.g. a student accommodation building on a university campus would be classified to Educational.

### Estimates at Constant Prices

16. Estimates of the quarterly value of building approvals at average 1989-90 prices are presented in Table 6. (Note: monthly value data at constant prices are not available.)

17. Constant price estimates measure changes in value after the direct effects of price changes have been eliminated. The deflators used to revalue the current price estimates are derived from the same price data underlying the deflators compiled for the dwelling and non-dwelling construction components of the national accounts aggregate 'Gross fixed capital expenditure'.

18. Estimates at constant prices are subject to a number of approximations and assumptions. Further information on the nature and concepts of constant price estimates is contained in Chapter 4 of *Australian National Accounts: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (5216.0).

### Trend Estimates

19. Table 1 shows trend estimates for total dwellings. These are obtained by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months of the respective seasonally adjusted series except the last six months. Trend series are created for the last six months by applying surrogates of the Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted time series. For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series - Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (1348.0).

20. While the smoothing technique described in paragraph 19 enables trend estimates to be produced for the latest few months, it does result in revisions to the trend estimates as new data become available. Generally, revisions become smaller over time and, after three months, usually have a negligible impact on the series. Revisions to the original data and re-analysis of seasonal factors may also lead to revisions to the trend.

### Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC)

21. Area statistics are now being classified to the *Australian Standard Geographical Classification, 1996 Edition* (1216.0), effective from 1 July 1996, and ASGC terminology has been adopted in the presentation of building statistics.

Further details are:

- (a) The boundaries of the Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) of Alice Springs (T) and Sandover - Balance were amended by the transfer of part of Sandover - Balance to Alice Springs (T).
- (b) The boundaries of the SLAs of Katherine (T) and Elsey - Balance were amended by the transfer of part of Katherine (T) to Elsey - Balance.
- (c) The LGA/SLA of Alice Springs (T) has been split into five SLAs. These new SLAs are: Alice Springs (T) - Charles, Alice Springs (T) - Heavitree, Alice Springs (T) - Larapinta, Alice Springs (T) - Ross, Alice Springs (T) - Stuart.

### Unpublished Data and Related Publications

22. The ABS can also make available certain building approvals data which are not published. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided in the following forms: photocopy, computer printout and clerically extracted tabulation. A charge may be made for providing unpublished information in these forms.

23. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

*Building Approvals, Australia* (8731.0) - issued monthly  
*Building Activity, Australia: Dwelling Unit Commencements, Preliminary* (8750.0) - issued quarterly  
*Building Activity, Northern Territory* (8752.7) - issued quarterly

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### Symbols and Other Usages

SD	Statistical Division
SSD	Statistical Subdivision
(T)	town
—	nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
r	figure or series revised since previous issue

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

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