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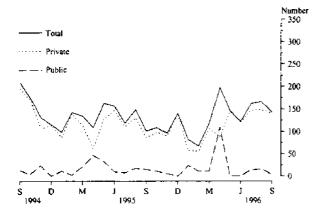
BUILDING APPROVALS, NORTHERN TERRITORY, SEPTEMBER 1996

MAIN FEATURES

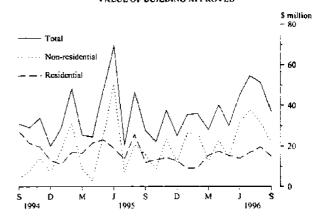
NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

	September 1995	August 1996	September 1996	September 1995 to September 1996 change	August 1996 to September 1996 change
Original series	102	166	143	40.2%	-13.9%
Trend estimate	119	158	155	30.3%	-1.9%

TOTAL DWELLING UNITS APPROVED



VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED



Residential building

- The trend for the total number of dwelling units approved has flattened out in September following strong growth in the early months of 1996.
- In original terms, the number of dwelling units approved was 143. Of the total, 70 were private sector houses and 68 were new dwelling units within other residential buildings.
- There were 29 new houses approved in Palmerston-East Arm, followed by Darwin Rural Areas (13) and Alice Springs (10). There were 32 new other residential dwelling units approved in Alice Springs and 23 in Darwin City.

- The value of new residential building approved was \$13.6 million, down by \$4.2 million from the previous month.
- Alterations and additions to residential buildings in September was \$1.4 million.

Non-residential building

- Non-residential approvals for September were valued at \$22.1 million. The office category with \$18.3 million accounted for a majority of the total value and this in turn was mostly due to the approval of two large projects.
- One project valued at \$5 million or more and one other project valued at more than \$1 million were approved this month.

INQUIRIES

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TABLE 1. DWELLING UNITS APPROVED (2)

	λ	lew houses		New other	residential bui	ldings	_	Total (b)				
Period	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Conv- = ersions, etc.	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Trend estimate	
1993-94	922	171	1,093	464	14	478	6	1,392	185	1,577		
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		
1995-96												
July-September	213	40	253	107		107	10	329	41	370	٠.	
1996-97 July-September	192	32	224	241	2	243	4	437	34	471		
1995—												
July	68	8	76	35		35	8	111	8	119	137	
August	82	17	99	48	_	48	2	131	18	149	129	
September	63	15	78	24	_	24	_	87	15	102	119	
October	82	11	93	15	-	15	1	98	11	109	109	
November	66	4	70	25	2	27		91	6	97	101	
December	73	_	73	68	_	68	_	141	-	141	101	
1996—												
January	24	16	40	33	7	40	2	58	24	82	105	
February	49	10	59	6	2	В	l	56	12	68	112	
March	82	10	92	25	2	27	_	107	12	119	122	
April	67	4	71	21	106	127	_	88	110	198	134	
May	87		87	58	_	5B	1	145	1	146	146	
June	92	1	93	28		28	1	121	1	122	154	
July	56	14	70	91		91	1	148	14	162	157	
August	66	15	81	82	2	84	1	149	17	1 66	158	
September	70	3	73	68	_	68	2	140	3	143	155	

⁽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)

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				New res	idential b	uilding				Alterations	,			
		Houses			Other residential buildings			Total		and additions	Non-residential building		Total building	
	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total	to residential buildings	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Tota
1993-94	84.997	29.312	114,309	40,105	1,038	41,144	125,102	30,350	155,452	17,307	68,342	158,946	210,026	331,70
994-95	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
1995-96										2242	10.004	42.461	56,846	94,766
luly-September 1996-97	21.098	6,697	27,795	16,178	_	16,178	37,276	6.697	43,973	7,342	12,884	43,451	30,840	•
July-September	21.667	5,037	26,703	19,516	400	19,916	41,182	5,437	46,619	4,704	66,069	91,747	111.945	143,07
1995							4 000	1.60	11 400	2,138	6,380	7,066	18,407	20,69
July	6,743	1,601	8,344	3,145	_	3,145	9,888	1,601	11,490	3,186	4,702	20,725	26,715	46,42
August	8,442	3,541	11,983	10,535	-	10,535	18,977	3,541	22,518	2,018	1.801	15,660	11.724	27,64
September	5.912	1,555	7,467	2,498	_	2,498	8,410	1,555	9,965	1,574	6,057	8,886	18,243	22,21
October	8.303	1,145	9,448	2,308		2,308	10,611	1,145	11,756	4,636	6,998	23,451	16,956	37,64
November December	6,871 6,412	329	7,200 6,412	1,965 4,981	394	2,359 4,981	8,836 11,393	723	9 ,559 11,393	1,397	12,065	12,189	24,855	24,97
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1996—	2 7 1 1	2 025	5,036	2,564	540	3,104	4,775	3.365	8,140	1,064	25,801	26,191	31,220	35,39
January	2, 2 11 4, 90 1	2.825 1.783	6,685	435	510	945	5,336	2,293	7,630	1.658	16.666	26.556	23,609	35,84
February			10,158	1,290	116	1,406	9,338	2,226	11,564	3,934	3,735	12.620	15,994	28,11
March	8,048 6,977	2,110 498	7,475	1,920	6,080	8,000	8,897	6.578	15,475	1,961	11,999	22,699	22,842	40,13
April	8,931		8,931	4,656	0,000	4,656	13,587		13.587	1,746	8,277	14,705	23,265	30,03
May	9,616	 85	9,701	2,021	_	2.021	11.637	85	11.722	2,115	8,272	31,296	22,009	45,13
June toto	6,475	2,479	8,954	6,231	_	6.231	12,706	2,479	15,185	1,611	37,303	37,807	51,620	54,60
July	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	51,35
August							12,931	690	13,621	1,355	16,106	22,138	30.392	37,11
September	7,511	690	8,201	5,421		5.421	12,931	690	13,621	17333	19,106		30.374	

TABLE 3. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, (a) BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND OWNERSHIP

1995-96 1995-96 1995-96 1995-97 Aday Augusta Section PREVATE SECTION PREVATE SECTION Augusta Section S	Class Charlet		(5'06	July-Septer	nber		1996		
PRIVATE SECTOR	Class of bialding	1994-95	1995-96			July		Septembe	
New other residential buildings 63.327 38.318 16.178 19.516 6.231 7.864 7.000 7.000 7.500 7.000 7.000 7.500 7.000						,			
New other residential buildings		^ ^ ~	an n.c.						
Total procession and additions to remainder and additions to remainder and buildings 21,640 21,398 6,686 4,693 1,611 1,737					•	•		7,511	
Alterations and additions to residential buildings								5,421	
Processing 1,640 21,398 6,886 4,693 1,611 1,727	Total new residential building	148,274	121,687	37,276	41,182	12,706	15,545	12,931	
Hotels, etc. 25.584 38,821 2.760 22,100 22,100 -									
Shope	residential buildings	21,640	21,398	6.686	4.693	1.611	1.727	1.355	
Factories 3,940 3,212 339 920 515 516 Offices 6,261 13,302 411 15,161 1,433 244 Other business premises 10,489 19,837 1,406 4,727 765 2,571 Educational 3,922 5,255 594 1,950 190 1,578 Religious — 609 288 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	Hotels, etc.	25,584	38,821	2,760	22,100	22,100	_	_	
Offices 6,261 13,302 411 15,161 1,433 244 Other business premises 10,489 19,837 1,406 4,727 765 2,571 Educational 3,922 5,255 594 1,950 190 1,578 Religious — 609 288 — — — Health 1,077 3,210 3,150 — — — Miscellaseous 5,524 3,693 1,217 — — — Miscellaseous 5,524 3,693 1,217 — 2,333 2,50 1,890 Total 268,858 255,839 56,846 111,945 51,620 29,933 Total 28,958 255,839 56,846 111,945 51,620 29,933 Total 28,958 255,839 56,846 111,1945 51,620 29,933 Total 28,969 5,315 5,317 2,479 2,879 <td>Shops</td> <td>37,862</td> <td>14,599</td> <td>2.819</td> <td>18,890</td> <td>12,051</td> <td>6,389</td> <td>451</td>	Shops	37,862	14,599	2.819	18,890	12,051	6,389	451	
Other business premises	Factories	3,940	3,212	339	920	515	_	40:	
Educacional 1,922 5,255 594 1,950 190 1,578 Religious — 609 288 — — — — Health 1,077 3,210 3,150 — — — — Miscelhancous 3,536 10,216 1,117 — — — — Miscelhancous 5,524 3,693 — 2,323 250 1,880 70ain non-residential building 92,45 122,754 12,864 66,869 37,103 12,667 12,767 12,864 111,945 1,862 29,933 1,2667 1,2767	Offices	6,261	13,302	411	15,161	1.433	244	13,484	
Religious	Other business premises	10,489	19,837	1.406	4,727	765	2.571	1,392	
Heatin	Educational	3,922	5,255	594	1,950	190	1,578	182	
Entertainment and recreational 3,536 10,216 1,117	Religious	<u> </u>	609	288		_	_	_	
Exterizationeal and recessational 3,536 10,216 1,117	-	1.027	3.210	3,150	_				
Miscellaneous 5,24 3,693 — 2,223 250 1,880 Total mon-residential building 98,145 112,754 12,884 66,069 37,393 12,661 Total 268,058 255,839 56,846 111,945 51,620 29,933	Entertainment and recreational				_	_	_	_	
Total 268,058 255,839 56,846 111,945 51,620 29,933 12,661	Miscellaneous			· —	2.323	250	1.880	193	
New houses 29.137 15.473 6.697 5.037 2.479 1.867 New other residential buildings 10.319 7.640 400		·		12,884				16.106	
New houses 29.137 15.473 6.697 5.037 2.479 1.867 New other residential buildings 10.319 7.640 400	Total	268,058	255,839	56,846	111,945	51,620	29,933	30,392	
New houses			PUBLIC S	ECTOR			.	<u>_</u>	
New other residential buildings 10.319 7,640 400 .									
Alterations and additions to residential buildings Same Sam				6,697		2,479		690	
Alterations and additions to residential buildings 8,318 6,028 656 11 — 11 Hotels, etc. — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	-		•			_		_	
Hotels. etc.	Total new residential building	39.456	23,113	6,697	5,437	2,479	2,267	690	
Hotels. etc.									
Shops	residential buildings	8,318	6,028	656	11	_	11	_	
Factories	Hotels, etc.	_	-		_	_	_	.—	
Offices 3,466 13,412 8,050 5,315 105 415 Other business premises 2,354 14,147 5,133 4,108 230 3,878 Educational 28,985 26,037 8,497 278 — 180 Religious — 2,361 2,361 — — — Health 1,631 1,433 278 1,253 169 251 Entertainment and recreational 2,016 11,551 4,039 307 — — — Miscellaneous 34,431 34,279 1,950 — — — — Total non-residential building 86,351 109,290 30,567 25,678 504 19,141 Total 134,125 138,430 37,920 31,125 2,983 21,419 Total new residential buildings 13,645 45,958 16,178 19,916 6,231 3,264 Total new residential buildings 187,730 144,896<	Shops	1,762	4,246	-	1,816	_	1.816		
Other business premises 2,354 14,147 5,133 4,108 230 3,878 Educational 28,985 26,037 8,497 278 — 180 Religious — 2,361 2,361 — — — Health 1,631 1,433 278 1,253 169 251 Entertainment and recreational 2,016 11,551 4,039 307 — — Miscellaneous 34,431 34,279 1,950 — — — — Total new-residential building 86,331 109,299 30,567 25,678 504 19,141 Total 134,125 138,430 37,920 31,125 2,983 21,419 Total TOTAL Total TOTAL Total Total 27,795 26,703 8,954 9,548 New houses 114,085 98,841 27,795 26,703 8,95	Factories	11,706	1.824	259	12.601	_	12,601		
Educational 28,985 26,037 8,497 278 — 180 Religious — 2,361 2,361 — — — — — — — — —	Offices	3,466	13,412	8,050	5,315	105	415	4,795	
Religious	Other business premises	2,354	14,147	5,133	4,108	230	3,878	_	
Health	Educational	28,985	26,037	8.497	278		180	98	
Health	Religious	· _	2,361	2,361	_				
Entertainment and recreational 2,016 11,551 4,039 307 — —	•	1.631			1.253	169	251	833	
Miscellaneous 34,431 34,279 1,950 —<		· ·						307	
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New houses 114,085 98,841 27,795 26,703 8,954 9,548 New other residential buildings 73,645 45,958 16,178 19,916 6,231 8,264 Total new residential building 187,730 144,800 43,973 46,619 15,185 17,813 Alterations and additions to residential buildings 29,958 27,426 7,342 4,704 1,611 1,738 Hotels, etc. 25,584 38,821 2,760 22,100 22,100 — Shops 39,624 18,845 2,819 20,706 12,051 8,204 Factories 15,646 5,036 598 13,520 515 12,601 Offices 9,727 26,715 8,461 20,476 1,538 659 Other business premises 12,844 33,984 6,539 8,835 995 6,449 Educational 32,907 31,293 9,091 2,228 190 1,758 Religious — 2,969					,				
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Hotels, etc. 25,584 38,821 2,760 22,100 22,100 —	Total new residential building	187,730	144,800	43,973	46,619	15,185	17,813	13,621	
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Educational 32.907 31.293 9.091 2.228 190 1,758 Religious — 2,969 2,649 — — — Health 2,658 4,643 3,428 1,253 169 251 Entertainment and recreational 5,552 21,767 5,156 307 — —	Offices	9,727	26.715	8,461	20.476	1,538	659	18,279	
Educational 32.907 31.293 9.091 2.228 190 1.758 Religious — 2,969 2,649 — — — Health 2,658 4,643 3,428 1,253 169 251 Entertainment and recreational 5,552 21.767 5,156 307 — —	Other business premises	12,844	33,984	6,539	8,835	99 5	6,449	1,392	
Religious — 2,969 2,649 — — — Health 2,658 4,643 3,428 1,253 169 251 Entertainment and recreational 5,552 21,767 5,156 307 — —		32,907	31,293	9,091	2.228	190	1,758	280	
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Entertainment and recreational 5,552 21,767 5,156 307 — —	-	2,658			1,253	169	251	833	
						-		307	
	Miscellaneous	39,955	37,972	1,950	2,323	250	1,880	193	
Total non-residential building 184,496 222,043 43,451 91,747 37,807 31,802								22,138	
Total 402,184 394,269 94,766 143,070 54,603 51,353	Total	402 1 8 4	394,269	94,766	143,070	54,603	51.353	37,114	

⁽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.

TABLE 4. BUILDING APPROVED (2) IN SELECTED AREAS, SEPTEMBER 1996

			Nev	v residentio	al building	(b)			Alterations		
		Нои	Houses			Other residential buildings					
	Private	Private sector		Public sector		Private sector		sector	additions to	Non- residential	Tr
Selected statistical areas	Number	Value (\$ '000)	Number	Value (\$'000)	Number	Value (\$'000)	Number	Value (\$'000)	residential buildings (\$`000)	bidlding (\$ 000)	Total building (\$'000)
Darwin City (SSD)	7	1,012	_	_	23	2.395	_	_	717	6,213	10,337
Palmerston-East Arm (SSD)	29	3,381			6	422	_		262	12.180	16,245
Darwin (SD)	36	4.393	-		2 9	2,817	_		979	18,393	26,583
Alice Springs (T)	10	921	_	_	32	2.382		_	157	1,029	4,488
Katherine (T)	9	739	_	_	7	222	_		148	_	1,108
Tenuant Creek (T)	1	26		_	_	_	_	_		1,200	1,226
Darwin Rural Areas (SSD)	13	1,255		_	_	_	_	_	71	682	2.008
Remainder of Balance (SD)	1	176	3	690	_	_			_	835	1.701
Northern Territory Balance (SD)	34	3,117	3	690	39	2,604	_	_	3 75	3,745	10,532
Northern Territory	70	7,511	3	690	68	5,421	_	_	1,355	22,138	37,114

⁽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 SEPTEMBER 1996

	Material of outer walls										
Selected statistical areas	Double brick(b)	Brick veneer	Fibre cement	Timber	Metal clad and other	Not stated	Tota				
Darwin (SD)	31	1	_	_	4	-	36				
Alice Springs (T)	7	ì	1	1	_	_	10				
Darwin Rural Areas (SSD)	4	1	-	_	7	1	13				
Northern Territory	44	4	2	1	21	1	73				

⁽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	1)				
		New residentic	ni building		Alterations	Non-residen bælding		Total building	
	Houses		Other		and — additions to				
Period	Private sector	Total	residential buildings	Total	residential buildings	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Tota
1993-94	70.1	94.1	36.7	130.7	14.3	64.1	149.0	184.6	294.0
1994-95	65.9	88.3	64.9	153.2	23,1	90.3	169.9	230.4	346.1
1995-96	61.9	73.4	39.4	112.9	20.3	101.5	200.2	214.2	333.4
1995—									
Mar. qtr.	15.8	17.4	13.7	31.2	4.6	17.2	53.4	49.4	89.2
June qtr.	18.2	31.5	8.5	40.1	9.6	46.3	70.8	77.0	120.5
Sept. qtr.	15.9	20.9	14.0	34.9	5.5	11.7	39.5	47.1	80.0
Dec. qtr.	16.0	17.1	8.2	25.3	5.6	22.7	40.2	50 .1	71.2
1996									
Mar. qtr.	11.2	16.2	4.7	20.9	4.9	41.6	58.9	60.9	84.7
June qtr.	18.8	19.2	12.5	31.7	4.3	25.5	61.5	56.1	97.5

⁽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 SEPTEMBER 1996

		New other residential building								
Selected			ched, raw or ter ownhouses, etc.		Flats, u		Total			
statistical area	New houses	1 storey	2 or more storeys	Total	1-2 storeys	3 storeys	4 or more storeys	Total	Total	new residential building
			NU	MBER OF I	OWELLING UI	nts .				
Darwin City (SSD)	7	4	_	4	5	_	14	19	23	30
Palmerston-East Arm (SSD)	30	,		,					,	
	29	6		6		-		_	6	35
Darwin (SD)	36	10	-	10	5	_	14	19	29	65
Alice Springs (T)	10	_	32	32	_	_	_	_	32	42
Katherine (T)	9	_			7	_	_	7	7	16
Tennant Creek (T)	î			_						1
Darwin Rural Areas	_									•
(SSD)	13	_	_	_	-		_	_	_	13
Remainder of										
Balance (SD)	4	_	-		-	_	_	_	_	4
Northern Territory										
Balance (SD)	37	_	32	32	7	_	_	7	39	76
Northern Territory	73	10	32	42	12	_	14	26	68	141
				VALU	Æ (\$1000)		1.11			
Darwin City (SSD)	1,012	345		345	550	_	1,500	2,050	2,395	3,407
Palmerston-East	7 701	422		100					400	2.002
Arm (SSD) Darwin (SD)	3,381 4,393	42 2 767		422 767		_		7.050	422	3,803
Darwin (SD)	4,393	/0/		/0/	550	_	1.500	2,050	2,817	7,210
Alice Springs (T)	921	_	2,382	2,382	_	_	_	_	2.382	3,303
Katherine (T)	739				222	_		222	222	960
Tennant Creek (T)	26	_			_	_	_	_		26
Darwin Rural Areas (SSD)	1,255		_							1,255
Remainder of	رون <u>ت</u> و د		_	_	_	_		· -		1,23
Balance (SD) Northern Territory	866	_	_	_	_		_	_	-	866
Balance (SD)	3,807	_	2,382	2,382	222	_	_	222	2,604	6,411
Northern Territory	8,201	767	2,382	3,149	772	_	1,500	2,272	5,421	13,621

⁽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

- 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)
 - 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 1 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 1, 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 I 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: microfiche, 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:

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