

BUILDING ACTIVITY, NORTHERN TERRITORY DECEMBER QUARTER 1993

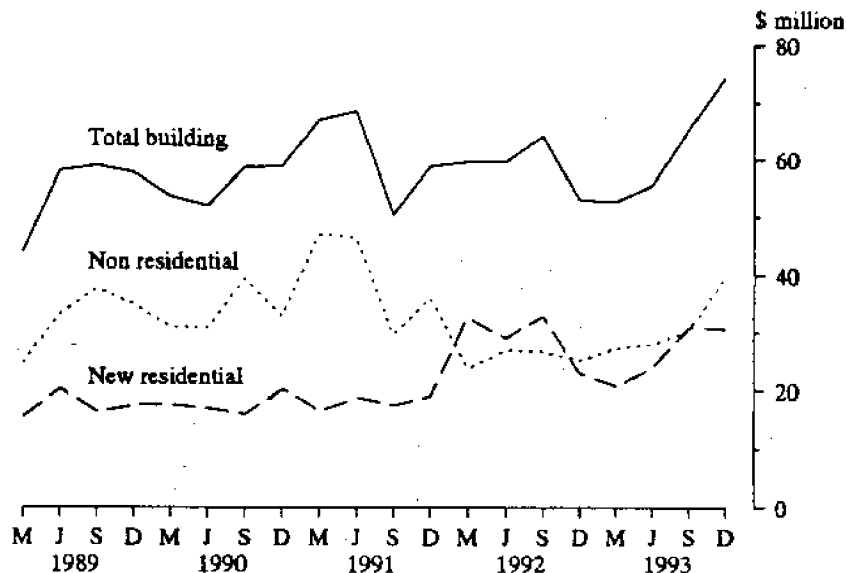
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Value of building work done at average 1989-90 prices

	Percentage change on	
	Sept. quarter 1993	Dec. quarter 1992
New residential building	-0.6	33.5
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	—	-16.7
Non-residential building	30.2	56.9
Total building	13.8	40.1

- Expressed in average 1989-90 prices the total value of building work done during the December quarter 1993 was \$74.4 million, 13.8% higher than the September quarter figure and the highest level for this statistical series since it reached \$89.0 million for the December quarter 1987.
- The increase in total building work done was entirely due to a 30.2% increase in non-residential building to \$39.7 million. The value of residential building work done, both new and alterations and additions, remained virtually static at \$30.7 million and \$4.0 million respectively.

VALUE OF WORK DONE AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES



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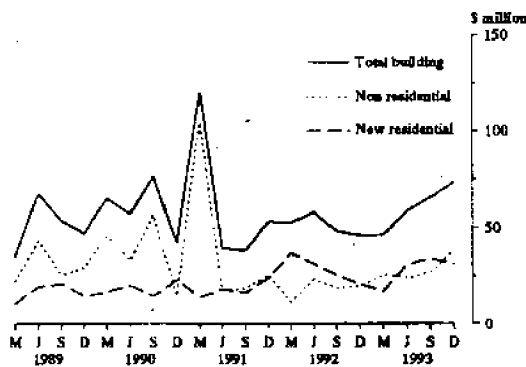
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – *continued*

Value of building work commenced at average 1989–90 prices

	Percentage change on	
	Sept. quarter 1993	Dec. quarter 1992
New residential building	-8.3	51.0
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	-11.4	-29.1
Non-residential building	40.8	93.4
Total building	11.9	59.7

- Expressed in average 1989–90 prices the total value of building work commenced during the December quarter 1993 was \$73.3 million, 11.9% higher than for the previous quarter and the fourth successive increase for this data item. In fact the December value was the highest since the March quarter of 1991.
- The rise for December was due to an \$11.1 million increase to \$38.3 million in the value of non-residential commencements. This was countered to some extent by falls in the values of commencements of new residential buildings and residential alterations and additions to \$31.1 million and \$3.9 million respectively.
- The value of non-residential commencements for the December quarter 1993 was also the highest since the March quarter 1991.

VALUE OF WORK COMMENCED AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES

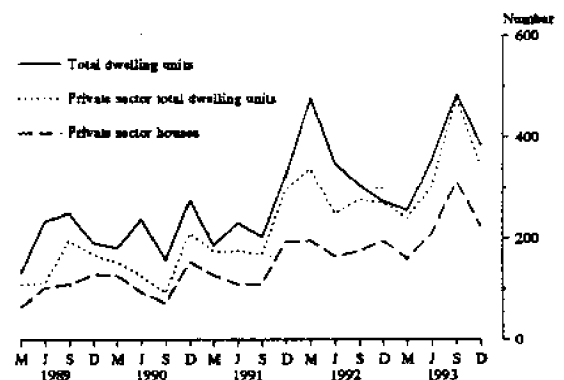


Number of dwelling units commenced

	Percentage change on	
	Sept. quarter 1993	Dec. quarter 1992
Private sector houses	-28.3	14.8
Private sector dwelling units	-27.4	26.3
Total dwelling units	-20.8	39.6

- The total number of dwelling units commenced during the December quarter 1993 was 384. Although this was 20.8% lower than the September quarter figure of 485 it was still higher than the five quarters preceding September.
- Private sector houses and private sector dwelling units commenced were lower in December by 28.3% and 27.4% respectively. However the 225 recorded for houses and the 344 for dwelling units were, apart from the September quarter figures, the highest levels reached since the December quarter 1988.

NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED

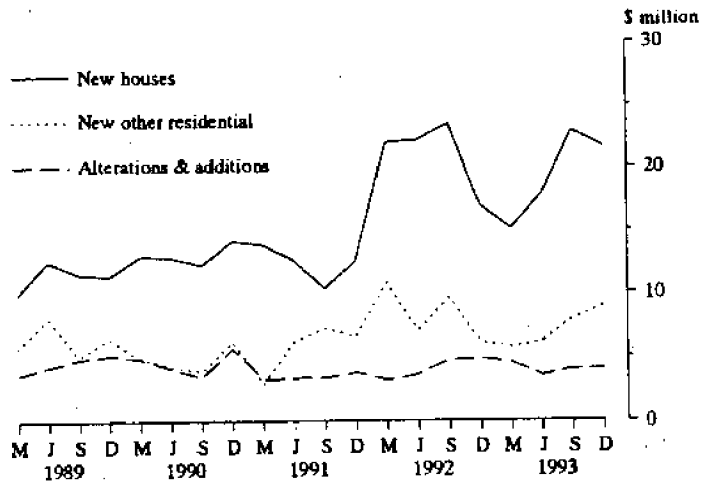


Value of building activity at current prices

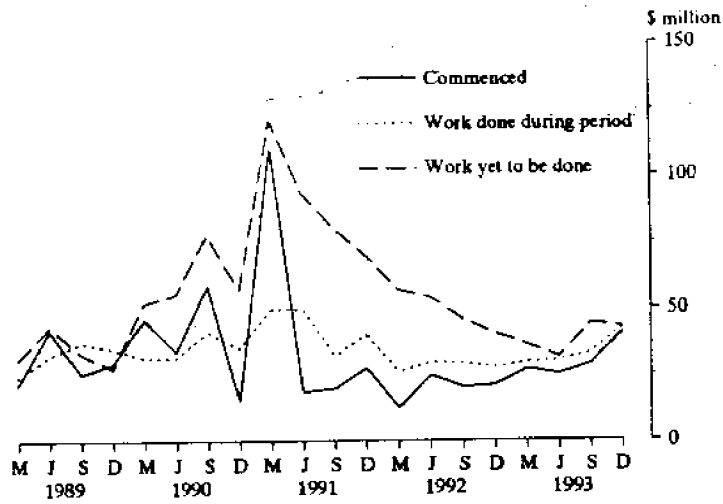
- The total value at current prices of building work commenced during the December quarter 1993 was \$82.1 million of which \$36.6 million was for new residential building.
- The value of work done during the December quarter was \$85.3 million and the value of work yet to be done on jobs under construction at the end of the quarter was \$74.8 million.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS - continued

**VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL WORK DONE
AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES**



VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING



VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL WORK DONE

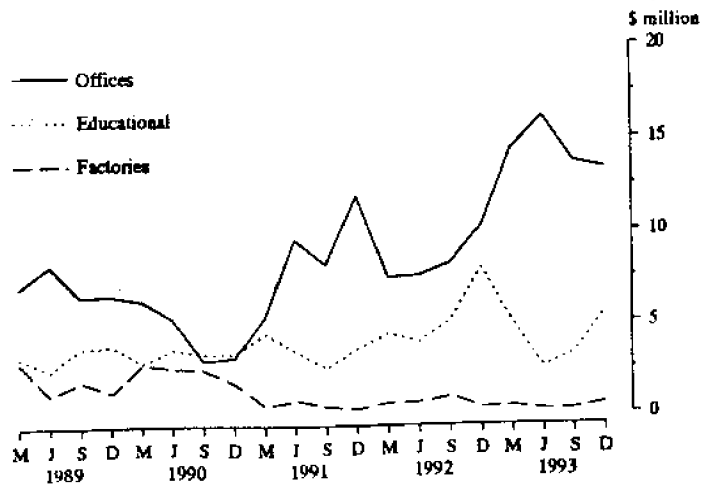


TABLE I. SUMMARY OF BUILDING ACTIVITY, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Period	New residential building						Non-residential building											Total building	
	Houses			Other residential buildings			Value (\$m)												
	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Alterations and additions to residential buildings						Other business premises						
							Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Hotels etc.	Shops	Factories	Offices	Religious	Educational	Health		Entertainment and recreational
COMMENCED																			
1990-91	596	53.9	258	22.1	854	76.0	17.6	8.9	6.7	2.1	77.6	63.2	10.3	0.5	0.7	5.8	35.8	201.6	295.3
1991-92	921	89.7	436	32.2	1,357	121.9	16.5	1.7	9.3	2.0	7.2	16.7	21.3	0.2	6.6	2.5	16.4	83.8	222.2
1992-93	828	82.5	366	26.3	1,194	108.8	19.6	1.6	2.7	1.9	25.4	12.4	17.2	0.2	10.1	0.8	20.9	93.2	221.6
1992 Sept. qtr	199	20.4	108	8.6	307	28.9	4.5	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.1	5.5	6.6	0.1	1.1	0.1	3.5	30.0	53.5
Dec. qtr	199	18.2	76	5.6	275	23.8	6.1	0.5	0.2	0.2	10.9	2.2	4.2	0.1	1.6	0.1	1.3	21.0	50.9
1993 Mar. qtr	176	15.4	81	4.5	257	19.9	4.2	1.5	0.6	0.4	7.5	2.0	0.9	—	0.4	0.5	13.2	27.1	51.2
June qtr	254	28.5	101	7.7	355	36.2	4.7	—	0.7	0.1	5.8	2.7	5.5	0.1	7.0	0.1	2.9	25.1	66.0
Sept. qtr	323	28.7	162	11.1	485	39.8	5.1	7.2	3.4	0.6	10.5	5.6	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.9	29.1	74.0
Dec. qtr	263	24.8	121	11.8	384	36.6	4.7	1.0	2.3	0.2	6.6	4.2	10.7	0.3	0.3	3.9	11.5	40.8	82.1
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD																			
1990-91	340	30.6	150	12.5	490	43.2	8.5	7.7	4.0	0.1	72.4	60.7	9.2	0.6	0.2	11.2	60.7	226.8	278.5
1991-92	491	50.8	223	24.0	714	74.8	10.5	1.2	5.1	1.5	70.6	10.6	12.9	0.2	4.7	1.4	12.8	121.0	206.3
1992-93	397	43.2	177	12.2	574	55.3	9.2	1.5	2.3	0.2	86.7	9.0	15.8	0.3	7.0	0.2	15.1	138.1	202.6
1992 Sept. qtr	459	50.2	157	11.8	616	62.0	8.1	0.1	3.9	1.0	71.1	9.0	18.7	0.2	4.2	0.9	14.3	123.4	193.5
Dec. qtr	415	39.5	162	13.3	577	52.8	10.2	0.1	2.5	0.3	81.1	8.5	19.4	0.3	5.4	0.5	2.1	120.2	183.2
1993 Mar. qtr	349	34.2	154	11.7	503	45.9	9.1	1.7	2.7	0.5	85.1	7.6	12.4	0.2	4.2	0.1	13.2	127.6	182.6
June qtr	397	43.2	177	12.2	574	55.3	9.2	1.5	2.3	0.2	86.7	9.0	15.8	0.3	7.0	0.2	15.1	138.1	202.6
Sept. qtr	510	52.1	231	15.1	741	67.3	10.1	7.2	3.1	0.7	104.2	5.5	6.9	0.3	6.5	0.7	10.9	151.0	228.4
Dec. qtr	515	50.1	225	18.3	740	68.3	10.3	7.5	4.2	0.3	112.7	6.1	16.8	0.2	6.5	4.0	12.1	170.4	249.0
COMPLETED																			
1990-91	639	63.0	270	22.1	909	85.1	16.9	3.6	11.9	8.2	14.4	18.2	11.1	0.9	4.7	2.9	22.4	98.2	200.1
1991-92	765	70.4	363	25.2	1,128	95.5	14.9	8.6	8.3	0.9	9.2	67.8	18.8	0.4	2.1	11.4	67.2	194.7	305.2
1992-93	914	90.5	409	39.3	1,323	129.8	21.7	1.5	5.5	3.0	8.7	14.6	12.9	0.1	8.6	2.0	19.1	76.1	227.6
1992 Sept. qtr	229	21.4	171	20.8	400	42.2	7.1	1.2	1.9	1.5	0.6	7.6	0.8	0.1	1.8	0.6	2.4	18.4	67.7
Dec. qtr	241	29.1	71	5.2	312	34.3	4.2	—	2.0	0.9	0.8	2.8	3.6	—	1.2	0.4	13.6	25.4	63.9
1993 Mar. qtr	240	20.1	89	6.0	329	26.1	5.7	0.3	0.4	0.3	3.5	2.9	6.4	0.1	1.7	0.9	2.1	18.2	50.0
June qtr	204	19.8	78	7.3	282	27.2	4.7	0.3	1.1	0.4	3.8	1.3	2.1	—	3.9	—	1.1	14.1	46.0
Sept. qtr	211	19.6	108	10.8	319	27.6	3.9	1.5	0.6	0.1	4.6	9.0	11.0	—	0.8	0.1	5.2	33.0	64.5
Dec. qtr	257	24.9	127	8.9	384	33.8	4.5	0.7	1.4	0.7	3.6	3.5	0.9	0.1	0.3	0.6	10.3	22.0	60.3

TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF BUILDING ACTIVITY, NORTHERN TERRITORY—continued

Period	New residential building				Non-residential building										Total building				
	Houses		Other residential buildings		Total		Alterations and additions to residential buildings					Other business premises							
	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Hotels etc.	Shops	Factories	Offices	Educational	Religious	Health	Entertainment and recreational		Miscellaneous			
VALUE OF WORK DONE DURING PERIOD																			
1990-91	..	60.3	..	20.1	..	80.4	17.9	7.1	7.9	5.3	20.5	65.9	14.2	0.7	1.5	10.9	41.1	175.0	273.3
1991-92	..	79.1	..	34.8	..	113.8	16.4	4.4	8.2	2.0	34.6	23.8	14.3	0.2	3.8	2.6	33.4	127.4	257.7
1992-93	..	85.6	..	31.4	..	117.0	20.4	1.7	3.8	2.0	48.8	14.7	20.6	0.2	7.5	1.1	16.4	116.9	254.3
1992 Sept. qtr	..	26.5	..	11.0	..	37.5	5.2	0.1	2.1	1.0	8.2	7.3	5.1	0.1	3.0	0.1	2.3	29.2	71.9
Dec. qtr	..	19.5	..	7.0	..	26.5	5.5	0.1	0.8	0.3	10.2	2.7	7.9	..	2.0	0.2	3.4	27.7	59.7
1993 Mar. qtr	..	18.3	..	6.4	..	24.8	5.5	1.1	0.3	0.4	14.4	2.5	5.1	..	1.5	0.7	3.8	29.7	60.0
June qtr	..	21.3	..	6.9	..	28.2	4.2	0.4	0.6	0.2	16.1	2.3	2.6	..	1.0	0.1	6.9	30.3	62.8
Sept. qtr	..	28.3	..	9.0	..	37.4	4.9	3.2	1.1	0.2	13.7	5.2	3.3	0.1	1.8	0.5	4.0	33.1	75.3
Dec. qtr	..	26.9	..	10.3	..	37.2	5.0	3.8	2.2	0.5	13.3	4.4	5.5	..	4.1	0.9	8.3	43.1	85.3
VALUE OF WORK YET TO BE DONE																			
1990-91	..	13.1	..	7.2	..	20.3	3.5	2.3	1.9	..	59.4	10.1	1.9	0.2	..	1.4	15.3	92.6	116.4
1991-92	..	24.6	..	9.1	..	33.7	4.2	0.1	3.1	0.3	32.0	4.0	10.1	..	2.8	0.3	1.3	54.1	91.9
1992-93	..	22.6	..	5.2	..	27.8	4.2	0.2	1.9	0.1	9.3	2.4	5.2	0.1	6.2	0.1	6.2	31.6	63.7
1992 Sept. qtr	..	19.2	..	6.7	..	25.9	3.7	0.1	1.7	0.3	25.0	2.7	11.5	..	1.1	0.4	2.8	45.7	75.4
Dec. qtr	..	18.2	..	6.4	..	24.6	4.5	..	1.5	0.1	25.6	2.3	7.9	0.1	1.5	0.3	0.8	40.2	69.3
1993 Mar. qtr	..	14.8	..	4.4	..	19.2	3.6	0.5	1.8	0.2	18.7	1.9	2.2	..	0.6	..	10.2	36.1	59.0
June qtr	..	22.6	..	5.2	..	27.8	4.2	0.2	1.9	0.1	9.3	2.4	5.2	0.1	6.2	0.1	6.2	31.6	63.7
Sept. qtr	..	22.8	..	7.4	..	30.2	4.4	4.3	2.2	0.4	22.7	2.7	4.1	..	4.7	0.2	3.2	44.5	79.1
Dec. qtr	..	18.8	..	9.1	..	27.9	4.1	1.5	2.4	0.1	16.5	2.4	9.3	..	0.9	3.2	6.4	42.8	74.8

NOTE: The number of self-contained dwelling units commenced as part of the construction of non-residential building and alterations and additions to existing buildings (including conversions to dwelling units) are excluded from this table. There was 1 such dwelling unit commenced in the December quarter 1993.

TABLE 2. SUMMARY OF PRIVATE SECTOR BUILDING ACTIVITY, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Period	New residential building										Non-residential building																								
	Houses					Other residential buildings					Total					Alterations and additions to residential buildings					Other business premises					Ewer-entertainment and recreational					Total building				
	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Value (\$m)	Hotels etc.	Shops	Factories	Offices	Business premises	Educational	Religious	Health	Recreational	Miscellaneous	Total	Value (\$m)																
COMMENCED																																			
1990-91	465	38.3	189	16.0	654	54.3	11.4	8.9	6.7	1.9	4.5	13.7	1.5	0.5	4.0	4.4	46.3	111.9																	
1991-92	669	53.2	390	27.8	1,059	81.0	11.8	1.5	7.6	0.8	5.6	6.6	1.5	1.7	0.6	1.1	27.0	119.8																	
1992-93	744	67.3	353	25.0	1,097	92.3	17.3	1.6	2.3	1.8	11.1	11.6	1.6	0.2	0.4	1.4	35.1	144.7																	
1992 Sept. qtr	177	16.2	102	7.8	279	24.0	4.1	—	0.9	1.1	0.2	5.5	0.8	0.1	0.5	—	9.0	37.1																	
Dec. qtr	196	17.9	76	5.6	272	23.5	4.3	—	0.5	0.2	0.4	2.2	0.2	0.1	1.4	0.1	5.2	33.0																	
1993 Mar. qtr	160	13.4	81	4.5	241	17.9	4.1	1.5	0.2	0.4	7.4	2.0	0.3	—	0.4	0.2	13.6	35.5																	
June qtr	211	19.8	94	7.2	305	27.0	4.7	—	0.7	0.1	3.1	1.9	0.4	0.1	0.8	0.1	7.4	39.1																	
Sept. qtr	314	27.1	160	10.9	474	38.0	5.1	7.2	1.3	0.6	0.7	5.6	1.7	—	0.6	0.9	18.6	61.8																	
Dec. qtr	225	18.7	119	11.6	344	30.4	4.2	1.0	2.4	0.2	3.3	2.2	4.0	—	0.2	1.2	20.9	55.4																	
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD																																			
1990-91	298	25.4	112	8.4	410	33.8	7.8	7.7	4.0	1.5	8.4	1.2	0.6	2.8	2.5	28.7	70.2																		
1991-92	363	31.9	158	13.8	521	45.7	8.7	1.2	3.6	0.1	2.3	3.1	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.7	12.8	67.2																	
1992-93	344	32.8	170	11.7	514	44.5	9.2	1.5	2.3	0.2	5.2	3.5	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.2	14.4	68.1																	
1992 Sept. qtr	349	32.3	138	9.6	487	41.8	7.6	0.1	2.3	0.9	2.0	3.2	0.9	0.2	0.6	0.4	11.1	60.5																	
Dec. qtr	398	37.7	162	13.3	560	51.0	8.7	0.1	2.5	0.2	1.8	3.9	0.9	0.3	0.9	0.2	10.9	70.6																	
1993 Mar. qtr	330	32.1	154	11.7	484	43.9	8.2	1.7	2.3	0.5	6.3	3.0	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.1	15.8	67.9																	
June qtr	344	32.8	170	11.7	514	44.5	9.2	1.5	2.3	0.2	5.2	3.5	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.2	14.4	68.1																	
Sept. qtr	468	43.0	222	14.5	690	57.4	10.1	7.2	3.1	0.7	1.5	5.5	1.9	0.3	0.7	0.6	21.6	89.1																	
Dec. qtr	459	41.4	225	18.3	684	59.7	9.8	7.5	4.2	0.2	3.8	5.1	5.4	0.2	1.3	6.1	33.8	103.3																	
COMPLETED																																			
1990-91	443	39.2	187	15.8	630	54.9	9.3	3.6	11.9	2.4	5.1	9.0	0.7	0.9	1.0	2.4	43.2	107.5																	
1991-92	599	47.0	344	23.5	943	70.5	11.1	8.4	8.1	0.7	4.8	11.5	2.6	0.4	0.9	2.6	43.1	124.6																	
1992-93	755	66.4	338	28.4	1,093	94.7	17.4	1.5	3.4	1.7	7.6	10.9	1.6	0.1	3.0	0.9	32.7	144.8																	
1992 Sept. qtr	189	16.2	119	11.9	308	28.1	5.4	1.2	1.9	0.3	0.5	5.2	—	0.1	0.7	0.3	10.5	44.1																	
Dec. qtr	145	12.7	52	3.1	197	15.8	3.4	—	0.4	0.9	0.5	1.6	0.2	—	1.0	0.3	5.3	24.5																	
1993 Mar. qtr	226	18.3	89	6.0	315	24.3	4.7	—	0.4	0.2	2.9	2.9	1.0	0.1	0.3	0.3	8.6	37.7																	
June qtr	195	19.1	78	7.3	273	26.4	3.9	0.3	0.7	0.4	3.8	1.2	0.4	—	1.0	—	8.2	38.6																	
Sept. qtr	187	16.9	108	8.0	295	24.8	3.9	1.5	0.5	0.1	4.5	3.5	0.1	—	0.8	0.1	11.6	40.3																	
Dec. qtr	233	20.4	116	8.0	349	28.4	4.5	0.7	1.4	0.7	1.1	2.6	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.6	8.6	41.5																	

TABLE 2. SUMMARY OF PRIVATE SECTOR BUILDING ACTIVITY, NORTHERN TERRITORY - continued

Period	New residential building												Non-residential building																																
	Houses			Other residential buildings			Total			Alterations and additions to residential buildings			Hotels etc.			Shops			Factories			Offices			Other business premises			Educational			Religious			Health			Recreational			Entertainment and miscellaneous			Total building		
	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Hotels etc.	Shops	Factories	Offices	Other business premises	Educational	Religious	Health	Recreational	Entertainment and miscellaneous	Total building																									
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1990-91	..	39.0	..	14.0	..	53.1	11.1	7.1	7.1	7.9	2.2	3.9	11.0	1.4	0.7	0.6	3.7	6.9	45.3	109.5																									
1991-92	..	50.5	..	25.6	..	76.1	11.7	4.1	6.8	0.8	0.8	4.9	9.0	2.0	0.2	1.2	1.4	1.1	31.5	119.2																									
1992-93	..	67.3	..	29.3	..	96.6	17.4	1.7	3.1	1.8	1.8	12.2	11.3	1.6	0.2	3.3	0.4	1.6	37.1	151.1																									
1992 Sept. qtr	..	16.2	..	9.6	..	25.8	4.6	0.1	1.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	5.4	0.4	0.1	0.8	—	0.2	10.3	40.7																									
Dec. qtr	..	15.3	..	6.4	..	21.7	4.0	0.1	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.4	2.0	0.6	—	1.0	0.1	0.3	5.6	31.3																									
1993 Mar. qtr	..	17.0	..	6.4	..	23.5	4.6	1.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	6.2	2.5	0.3	—	0.7	0.2	0.7	12.2	40.3																									
June qtr	..	18.8	..	6.9	..	25.7	4.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	5.0	1.4	0.2	—	0.8	0.1	0.5	9.1	38.8																									
Sept. qtr	..	23.1	..	8.6	..	31.7	4.9	3.2	1.0	0.2	1.3	4.7	4.7	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.5	12.2	48.8																									
Dec. qtr	..	20.3	..	9.8	..	30.1	4.5	3.8	2.2	0.5	2.4	2.9	2.9	2.4	—	0.2	0.6	4.2	19.2	53.8																									
VALUE OF WORK YET TO BE DONE																																													
1990-91	..	11.3	..	4.5	..	15.8	3.2	2.3	1.9	—	—	0.6	4.6	0.5	0.2	—	1.0	0.3	11.3	30.3																									
1991-92	..	14.4	..	7.8	..	22.1	3.7	0.1	2.8	—	—	1.3	1.7	0.1	—	0.5	0.1	0.3	7.0	32.9																									
1992-93	..	15.0	..	4.8	..	19.9	4.2	0.2	1.9	0.1	0.1	0.8	1.9	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	5.5	29.6																									
1992 Sept. qtr	..	15.0	..	5.9	..	20.9	3.5	0.1	1.7	0.3	1.0	1.7	1.7	0.5	—	0.2	—	0.1	5.5	29.9																									
Dec. qtr	..	17.8	..	6.4	..	24.2	3.9	—	1.5	0.1	0.8	2.0	2.0	—	0.1	0.5	—	0.1	5.1	33.3																									
1993 Mar. qtr	..	13.8	..	4.4	..	18.2	3.5	0.5	1.5	0.2	2.0	1.5	1.5	—	—	0.2	—	0.5	6.4	28.1																									
June qtr	..	15.0	..	4.8	..	19.9	4.2	0.2	1.9	0.1	0.8	1.9	1.9	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	5.5	29.6																									
Sept. qtr	..	19.0	..	7.1	..	26.1	4.4	4.3	2.2	0.4	0.3	2.7	2.7	1.3	—	—	—	0.2	0.5	12.0	42.5																								
Dec. qtr	..	17.6	..	9.1	..	26.7	4.1	1.5	2.4	0.1	1.3	2.0	2.0	2.9	—	—	—	0.8	2.6	13.7	44.4																								

TABLE 3. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC SECTOR BUILDING ACTIVITY, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Period	New residential building										Non-residential building														
	Houses					Other residential buildings					Total					Other residential building					Total building				
	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Alterations to and additions to residential buildings	Hotels etc.	Shops	Factories	Offices	Other business premises	Educational	Religious	Health	Entertainment and recreational	Miscellaneous	Total building					
COMMENCED																									
1990-91	131	15.6	69	6.1	200	21.7	6.2	0.1	73.1	8.8	0.7	1.8	21.4	155.4	183.3										
1991-92	252	36.4	46	4.5	298	40.9	4.7	0.2	1.7	1.2	1.6	10.1	19.8	56.8	102.4										
1992-93	84	15.2	13	1.3	97	16.5	2.3	0.4	0.1	14.3	0.8	15.6	19.4	58.1	76.9										
1992 Sept. qtr	22	4.2	6	0.8	28	5.0	0.4	0.1	0.9	5.8	0.6	0.1	3.5	11.0	16.4										
Dec. qtr	3	0.3	—	—	3	0.3	1.9	—	10.6	4.0	0.3	—	1.0	15.8	17.9										
1993 Mar. qtr	16	2.0	—	—	16	2.0	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.7	—	0.3	12.1	13.5	15.6										
June qtr	43	8.8	7	0.5	50	9.2	—	—	2.8	0.8	6.2	—	2.8	17.7	26.9										
Sept. qtr	9	1.5	2	0.2	11	1.7	—	0.1	9.8	0.3	0.3	—	10.5	12.3											
Dec. qtr	38	6.1	2	0.2	40	6.3	0.5	0.1	3.3	1.9	0.1	2.7	5.1	20.0	26.7										
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT ENDS OF PERIOD																									
1990-91	42	5.2	38	4.2	80	9.4	0.7	0.1	70.9	8.0	0.2	8.3	58.2	198.2	208.2										
1991-92	128	18.9	65	10.2	193	29.1	1.7	1.5	68.3	7.5	3.9	0.7	12.2	108.2	139.1										
1992-93	53	10.3	7	0.5	60	10.8	—	—	81.5	5.5	6.2	—	14.9	123.7	134.5										
1992 Sept. qtr	110	18.0	19	2.2	129	20.2	0.5	1.6	69.1	5.8	3.6	0.5	13.9	112.3	133.0										
Dec. qtr	17	1.8	—	—	17	1.8	1.5	0.1	79.3	4.6	4.6	0.4	1.9	109.3	112.5										
1993 Mar. qtr	19	2.1	—	—	19	2.1	0.9	0.4	78.8	4.6	3.2	—	12.6	111.8	114.8										
June qtr	53	10.3	7	0.5	60	10.8	—	—	81.5	5.5	6.2	—	14.9	123.7	134.5										
Sept. qtr	42	9.2	9	0.7	51	9.8	—	—	107.6	—	6.5	—	10.3	129.4	139.3										
Dec. qtr	56	8.6	—	—	56	8.6	0.5	0.1	109.0	1.0	6.5	2.7	5.9	136.6	145.7										
COMPLETED																									
1990-91	196	23.8	83	6.3	279	30.1	7.6	5.8	9.3	10.3	3.7	0.5	16.2	55.0	92.6										
1991-92	166	23.4	19	1.7	185	25.1	3.9	0.2	4.3	16.2	1.2	8.7	64.3	151.6	180.6										
1992-93	159	24.1	71	10.9	230	35.1	4.3	2.0	1.1	11.3	5.6	1.1	17.2	43.4	82.8										
1992 Sept. qtr	40	5.2	52	8.9	92	14.1	1.7	1.2	0.1	0.8	1.1	0.3	2.0	7.9	23.7										
Dec. qtr	96	16.4	19	2.0	115	18.5	0.8	1.6	0.3	3.4	0.2	0.1	13.2	20.1	39.4										
1993 Mar. qtr	14	1.7	—	—	14	1.7	1.0	0.1	0.6	—	1.4	0.6	1.5	9.6	12.3										
June qtr	9	0.8	—	—	9	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.1	1.8	2.9	—	0.6	5.8	7.4										
Sept. qtr	24	2.7	—	—	24	2.7	0.1	0.1	5.5	11.0	—	—	4.7	21.5	24.2										
Dec. qtr	24	4.5	11	0.9	35	5.4	—	—	2.4	0.5	0.1	—	9.5	13.4	18.8										

TABLE 3. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC SECTOR BUILDING ACTIVITY, NORTHERN TERRITORY—continued

Period	New residential building										Non-residential building																																																																																																																																																								
	Houses					Other residential buildings					Total					Alterations and additions to residential buildings					Hotels etc.					Shops Factories					Offices					Other business premises					Educational					Religious					Health					Entertainment and recreational					Miscellaneous					Total building																																																																																																	
	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Total	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Total	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)																																																																																																																										
VALUE OF WORK DONE DURING PERIOD																																																																																																																																																																			
1990-91	21.3	6.1	27.4	6.8	3.0	16.6	54.9	12.8	0.9	7.2	34.3	163.9	1991-92	28.6	9.2	37.7	4.7	1.4	29.8	14.8	12.4	2.6	1.2	28.4	138.4	1992-93	18.3	2.1	20.4	3.1	0.7	36.6	3.4	19.1	4.2	0.7	14.8	79.7	103.2	1992 Sept qtr	10.3	1.4	11.7	0.7	0.3	7.6	1.9	4.7	2.2	0.1	2.1	18.8	31.2	Dec. qtr	4.2	0.6	4.8	1.5	—	9.8	0.7	7.3	1.1	0.3	3.2	22.1	28.4	1993 Mar qtr	1.3	—	1.3	0.8	0.1	8.2	—	4.8	0.8	0.5	3.1	17.5	19.7	June qtr	2.5	0.1	2.6	0.1	0.3	11.0	0.9	2.3	0.3	—	6.4	21.3	23.9	Sept qtr	5.2	0.4	5.6	—	0.1	12.4	0.5	2.7	1.6	—	3.5	20.8	26.4	Dec. qtr	6.6	0.4	7.0	0.5	—	10.9	1.6	3.2	3.9	0.3	4.1	24.0	31.5	VALUE OF WORK YET TO BE DONE																																							
1990-91	1.8	2.7	4.5	0.3	58.8	5.6	1.4	7.0	0.4	0.4	15.0	86.1	1991-92	10.2	1.3	11.6	0.5	0.3	30.8	2.2	9.9	2.3	0.3	47.0	59.1	1992-93	7.6	0.4	8.0	—	—	8.4	0.5	5.0	6.0	—	6.1	26.1	34.1	1992 Sept qtr	4.2	0.8	5.0	0.2	—	24.1	1.0	11.1	0.9	0.4	2.7	40.2	45.4	Dec. qtr	0.3	—	0.3	0.6	—	24.8	0.4	7.9	1.1	0.3	0.7	35.1	36.0	1993 Mar qtr	1.0	—	1.0	0.1	0.3	16.7	0.4	2.2	0.4	—	9.7	29.7	30.8	June qtr	7.6	0.4	8.0	—	—	8.4	0.5	5.0	6.0	—	6.1	26.1	34.1	Sept qtr	3.9	0.2	4.1	—	—	22.3	—	2.8	4.7	—	2.7	32.5	36.6	Dec. qtr	1.2	—	1.2	—	—	15.2	0.4	6.4	0.9	2.4	3.8	29.1	30.4																																								

**TABLE 4. VALUE OF BUILDING ACTIVITY, AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES (a), NORTHERN TERRITORY
(\\$ million)**

Period	New residential building			Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building
	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total		Private Sector	Total	
COMMENCED							
1990-91	47.9	21.0	68.9	16.1	44.1	192.6	277.6
1991-92	78.5	29.2	107.7	14.9	25.3	78.3	200.9
1992-93	70.2	23.6	93.8	17.1	33.1	87.7	198.6
1992 Sept. qtr	17.6	7.7	25.3	4.0	8.4	18.7	48.0
Dec. qtr	15.6	5.0	20.6	5.5	4.9	19.8	45.9
1993 Mar. qtr	13.0	4.0	17.0	3.6	12.8	25.5	46.1
June qtr	24.0	6.9	30.9	4.0	7.0	23.7	58.6
Sept. qtr r	24.0	9.9	33.9	4.4	17.4	27.2	65.5
Dec. qtr	20.6	10.5	31.1	3.9	19.6	38.3	73.3
VALUE OF WORK DONE DURING PERIOD							
1990-91	52.7	19.0	71.7	15.5	43.0	166.1	253.3
1991-92	66.8	31.5	98.3	13.7	29.9	116.8	228.8
1992-93	73.2	27.6	100.8	17.5	34.2	107.4	225.7
1992 Sept. qtr	23.4	9.6	33.0	4.7	9.4	26.6	64.3
Dec. qtr	16.9	6.1	23.0	4.8	5.1	25.3	53.1
1993 Mar. qtr	15.1	5.7	20.8	4.5	11.3	27.4	52.7
June qtr	17.8	6.2	24.0	3.5	8.4	28.1	55.6
Sept. qtr r	22.9	8.0	30.9	4.0	11.3	30.5	65.4
Dec. qtr	21.7	9.0	30.7	4.0	17.6	39.7	74.4

(a) See paragraphs 22 and 23 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 5. NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS BY OWNERSHIP,
CLASS OF BUILDER AND STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION,
NORTHERN TERRITORY

Period	Private sector					Public sector			Total		
	Houses			Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total
	Contractor- built	Other	Total								
COMMENCED											
1990-91	290	176	465	189	654	131	69	200	596	258	854
1991-92	439	230	669	390	1,059	252	46	298	921	436	1,357
1992-93	490	254	744	353	1,097	84	13	97	828	366	1,194
1992 Sept. qtr	105	72	177	102	279	32	6	28	199	108	307
Dec. qtr	131	65	196	76	272	3	—	3	199	76	275
1993 Mar. qtr	111	49	160	81	241	16	—	16	176	81	257
June qtr	143	68	211	94	305	43	7	50	254	101	355
Sept. qtr	203	111	314	160	474	9	2	11	323	162	485
Dec. qtr	166	59	225	119	344	38	2	40	263	121	384
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD											
1990-91	97	202	298	112	410	42	38	80	340	150	490
1991-92	166	197	363	158	521	128	65	193	491	223	714
1992-93	152	192	344	170	514	53	7	60	397	177	574
1992 Sept. qtr	135	213	349	138	487	110	19	129	459	157	616
Dec. qtr	179	219	398	162	560	17	—	17	415	162	577
1993 Mar. qtr	129	201	330	154	484	19	—	19	349	154	503
June qtr	152	192	344	170	514	53	7	60	397	177	574
Sept. qtr	233	236	468	222	690	42	9	51	510	231	741
Dec. qtr	241	218	459	225	684	56	—	56	515	225	740
COMPLETED											
1990-91	317	126	443	187	630	196	83	279	639	270	909
1991-92	378	221	599	344	943	166	19	185	765	363	1,128
1992-93	524	231	755	338	1,093	159	71	230	914	409	1,323
1992 Sept. qtr	138	51	189	119	308	40	52	92	229	171	400
Dec. qtr	86	59	145	52	197	96	19	115	241	71	312
1993 Mar. qtr	167	59	226	89	315	14	—	14	240	89	329
June qtr	133	62	195	78	273	9	—	9	204	78	282
Sept. qtr	135	52	187	108	295	24	—	24	231	108	319
Dec. qtr	157	76	233	116	349	24	11	35	257	127	384

TABLE 6. NUMBER AND VALUE OF NEW HOUSES BUILT BY CONTRACT BUILDERS FOR PRIVATE OWNERSHIP, BY COMPLETION VALUE RANGE AND STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION NORTHERN TERRITORY

Period	Commenced				Under construction at end of period				Completed			
	Less than \$40,000	\$40,000 to \$59,999	\$60,000 and over	Total	Less than \$40,000	\$40,000 to \$59,999	\$60,000 and over	Total	Less than \$40,000	\$40,000 to \$59,999	\$60,000 and over	Total
NUMBER												
1990-91	3	18	269	290	3	12	82	97	4	21	292	317
1991-92	13	108	318	439	4	27	135	166	10	94	274	378
1992-93	25	78	387	490	6	21	125	152	24	88	412	524
1992 Sept. qtr	6	21	78	105	4	22	109	135	4	27	107	138
Dec. qtr	7	23	101	131	4	30	145	179	7	15	64	86
1993 Mar. qtr	4	14	93	111	6	18	105	129	5	28	134	167
June qtr	8	20	115	143	6	21	125	152	8	18	107	133
Sept. qtr	10	34	159	203	14	35	184	233	3	21	111	135
Dec. qtr	6	24	136	166	15	35	191	241	4	25	128	157
VALUE (\$m)												
1990-91	0.1	0.9	23.4	24.4	0.1	0.6	7.6	8.2	0.1	1.0	25.9	27.1
1991-92	0.4	5.6	26.9	32.9	0.1	1.3	12.5	13.9	0.3	5.0	23.1	28.4
1992-93	0.7	4.2	36.2	41.1	0.1	1.1	12.6	13.8	0.7	4.6	37.9	43.2
1992 Sept. qtr	0.2	1.1	7.6	8.8	0.1	1.0	11.3	12.5	0.1	1.4	9.6	11.2
Dec. qtr	0.2	1.2	10.0	11.5	0.1	1.5	15.1	16.8	0.2	0.8	6.0	7.0
1993 Mar. qtr	0.1	0.8	7.9	8.8	0.2	0.9	11.8	12.8	0.2	1.4	11.0	12.6
June qtr	0.2	1.1	10.7	12.0	0.1	1.1	12.6	13.8	0.2	1.0	11.3	12.5
Sept. qtr	0.3	1.8	14.9	17.0	0.3	1.8	18.7	20.8	0.1	1.1	10.7	11.9
Dec. qtr	0.2	1.3	12.2	13.7	0.4	1.8	19.4	21.5	0.1	1.3	11.4	12.8

**TABLE 7. SUMMARY OF BUILDING ACTIVITY, NORTHERN TERRITORY
RELATIVE STANDARD ERRORS (PER CENT)
DECEMBER QUARTER 1993**

Ownership and stage of construction	New residential building				Value	
	Houses		Total		Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Total building
	Number	Value	Number of dwelling units	Value		
PRIVATE SECTOR						
Commenced	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.7	2.2	0.4
Under construction at end of period	1.4	0.9	0.9	0.6	1.3	0.4
Completed	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.7	1.8	0.5
Value of work done	...	0.8	...	0.5	1.6	0.3
Value of work yet to be done	...	1.0	...	0.7	1.5	0.4
TOTAL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS						
Commenced	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.6	2.0	0.3
Under construction at end of period	1.2	0.7	0.8	0.5	1.2	0.2
Completed	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.6	1.8	0.4
Value of work done	...	0.6	...	0.4	1.5	0.2
Value of work yet to be done	...	0.9	...	0.6	1.5	0.2

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains detailed results from the quarterly Building Activity Survey.

2. The statistics are compiled on the basis of returns collected from builders and other individuals and organisations engaged in building activity. The quarterly survey consists of two components.

- (a) A complete enumeration of new residential building construction or alterations and additions valued at \$10,000 or more to residential buildings.
- (b) A complete enumeration of all non-residential building jobs, including alterations and additions, with an approval value of \$50,000 or more.

3. Prior to the June quarter 1991, private sector housing activity was measured by a sample survey. Due to the relatively small size of the total building industry in the Northern Territory the differences resulting between the two survey methods is minimal. The change from a sample survey to a complete enumeration has allowed the collection of accurate small area data, available on request in unpublished form.

4. From the September quarter 1990, only non-residential building jobs (both new and alterations and additions) with an approval value of \$50,000 or more are included in the survey. For the September quarter 1985 to June quarter 1990, the cut-off for inclusion was \$30,000 or more and prior to that it was \$10,000 or more. Care should be taken in interpreting data for specific classes of non-residential building.

5. The use of complete enumeration techniques in the Building Activity Survey for the Northern Territory means that reliable estimates of private sector house building activity, including alterations and additions to houses, are available at the Statistical Local Area (SLA) level. Local government areas, or parts thereof, or any unincorporated area can be an SLA. Dwelling unit commencement data for regions below State level are shown in the monthly series of dwelling unit commencements compiled by State offices of the ABS. Data from this series, unlike those compiled from the Building Activity Survey, are based on information reported by government authorities.

Scope and coverage

6. 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.

7. Building jobs included in each quarter in the Building Activity Survey comprise those building jobs selected in previous quarters which have not been completed (or commenced) by the end of the previous quarter and those building jobs newly selected in the current quarter. The population list from which building jobs are selected for inclusion comprises all approved building jobs which were notified to the ABS up to but not including the last month of the reference quarter (e.g. up to the end of August in respect of the September quarter survey). This introduces a lag to the statistics in respect of those building jobs notified and commenced in the last month of the reference quarter (e.g. for the month of September in respect of the September quarter survey). For example, building jobs which were notified as approved in the month of June and which actually commenced in that month are shown as commencements in the September quarter. Similarly, building jobs

which were notified in the month of September and which actually commenced in that month are shown as commencements in the December quarter.

Definitions

8. 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.

9. 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 building.

10. 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 caretakers' 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.).

11. The number of dwelling units created by alterations and additions to existing buildings, and through the construction of new non-residential buildings, is not included in the tables but is shown as a footnote to Table 1.

12. *Commenced*. A building job is regarded as commenced when the first physical building activity has been performed on site in the form of materials fixed in place and/or labour expended (this includes site preparation but excludes delivery of building materials, the drawing of plans and specifications and the construction of non-building infrastructures such as roads).

13. *Under construction*. A building job is regarded as being under construction at the end of a period if it has been commenced but has not been completed, and work on it has not been abandoned.

14. *Completed*. A building job is regarded as completed when building activity has progressed to the stage when the building can fulfil its intended function. In practice, the ABS regards buildings as completed when notified as such by respondents to the survey.

Valuation of building jobs

15. The value series in this publication are derived from estimates reported on survey returns as follows.

- (a) *Value of building commenced or under construction* represents the anticipated completion value based, where practicable, on estimated market or contract

price of building jobs excluding the value of land and landscaping. Site preparation costs are included. Where building jobs proceed over several quarters, the anticipated completion value reported on the return for the first (commencement) quarter may be amended on returns for subsequent (under construction) quarters as the job nears completion.

- (b) *Value of building completed* represents the actual completion value based, where practicable, on the market or contract price of building jobs including site preparation costs but excluding the value of land and landscaping.
- (c) *Value of building work done during the period* represents the estimated value of building work actually carried out during the quarter on building jobs which have commenced.
- (d) *Value of building work yet to be done* represents the difference between the anticipated completion value and the estimated value of work done on building jobs up to the end of the period.

Building classification

16. *Ownership.* The 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.

17. *Builder type.* Houses are classified according to the type of builder as follows.

- (a) *Contractor-built houses* are those constructed by a private recognised building contractor, either under contract, or in anticipation of sale or rental.
- (b) *Houses built by other than contract builders* are those constructed by an owner (other than a recognised building contractor) or under the owner's direction, without the services of a single contractor responsible for the whole job. Houses built by businesses (other than recognised building contractors) and public sector organisations are also included in this category.

18. *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 where, for example, a student accommodation building on a university campus would be classified to Educational.

19. Examples of the types of buildings included under each main functional heading are shown in the following list.

- (a) *Houses.* Includes cottages, bungalows, detached caretakers'/managers' cottages, rectories.

- (b) *Other residential buildings.* Includes blocks of flats, home units, attached townhouses, villa units, terrace houses, semi-detached houses, maisonettes.
- (c) *Hotels, etc.* Includes motels, hostels, boarding houses, guesthouses, holiday apartment buildings.
- (d) *Shops.* Includes retail shops, restaurants, cafes, taverns, dry cleaners, laundromats, hair salons, shopping arcades.
- (e) *Factories.* Includes paper mills, oil refinery buildings, brickworks, foundries, powerhouses, manufacturing laboratories, workshops as part of a manufacturing process.
- (f) *Offices.* Includes banks, post offices, council chambers, head and regional offices.
- (g) *Other business premises.* Includes warehouses, storage depots, service stations, transport depots and terminals, electricity substation buildings, pumping station buildings, telephone exchanges, mail sorting centres, broadcasting stations, film studios.
- (h) *Educational.* Includes schools, colleges, kindergartens, libraries, museums, art galleries, research and teaching laboratories, theological colleges.
- (i) *Religious.* Includes churches, chapels, temples.
- (j) *Health.* Includes hospitals, nursing homes, surgeries, clinics, medical centres.
- (k) *Entertainment and recreational.* Includes clubs, theatres, cinemas, public halls, gymnasiums, grandstands, squash courts, sports and recreation centres.
- (l) *Miscellaneous.* Includes law courts, homes for the aged (where medical care is not provided as a normal service), orphanages, gaols, barracks, mine buildings, glasshouses, livestock sheds, shearing sheds, fruit and skin drying sheds, public toilets, and ambulance, fire and police stations.

Reliability of the estimates

20. Since the figures for private sector house building activity (including alterations and additions) are derived from information obtained from a complete enumeration of approved building jobs they are not subject to sampling error, as may be found in sample surveys. Prior to the June quarter 1991, private sector housing activity was measured by a sample survey and there is a small residual proportion of these sampled jobs which are still under construction included in the survey. The effect of this small number of sampled jobs on these estimates and those that would have been obtained if information for all approved jobs for the relevant period had been included in the survey is not considered to be significant.

21. Despite the precise nature of complete enumeration, inaccuracies may occur because of inadequacies in the source of building approval information, imperfections in reporting by respondents, and errors made in the coding and processing of data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling error, and may occur in any enumeration whether it be a full count or only a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by the careful design of questionnaires, efforts to obtain responses for all selected building jobs, and efficient operating procedures.

Estimates at constant prices

22. Estimates of the value of commencements and work done at average 1989-90 prices are shown in Table 4. 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 in this publication are derived from the same price data underlying the deflators compiled for the dwellings and non-dwelling construction components of the national accounts aggregate 'Gross fixed capital expenditure'.

23. 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).

Unpublished data and related publications

24. The ABS can also make available certain building approvals and activity 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, floppy disk and clerically extracted tabulation. For details of what further information is available and its cost, please telephone this publication's contact officer (shown on the front page).

25. Users may also wish to refer to the following building and construction publications which are available on request:

Building Approvals, Australia (8731.0) - monthly (\$13.50)

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