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# NOTES

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**CHANGES IN THIS  
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For Table 1, data for the Estimated Resident Population has been replaced for this issue only by data showing the latest financial year information for various sectors of the economy. Also shown with the latest financial year data is the proportion of each sector to the Australian totals for each sector.

**GENERAL**

This publication provides information on a wide range of economic indicators which are the latest available at the time of publication. In a number of cases, figures appearing in this summary are preliminary and are subject to revision in subsequent issues.

**SEASONAL  
ADJUSTMENT  
AND TREND  
ESTIMATION**

Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from a series so that the effects of other variations on that series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present. This means that movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. Smoothing seasonally adjusted series produces a measure of the underlying trend by reducing the impact of the irregular component of the series. This smoothing technique does result in revisions to the most recent estimates as additional observations become available. For an explanation of seasonal adjustment derivation, refer to the publication *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (Cat. no. 1308.0).

**STANDARD ERRORS  
OF ESTIMATES**

One measure of the variability which occurs as a result of surveying only samples of the total business population is the standard error. There are about two chances in three that a survey estimate is within one standard error of the figure that would have been obtained if all businesses had been included, and about 19 chances in 20 that it is within two standard errors. The standard error can also be expressed as a percentage of the estimate and this is known as the relative standard error (RSE). For detailed explanatory notes and definitions for the items shown in this publication, readers are referred to the specific ABS publications.

**SYMBOLS AND  
OTHER USAGES**

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kWh	kilowatt hour
teraJ	terajoule
n.a.	not available
n.p.	not available for publication but included in totals where applicable
n.y.a.	not yet available
r	figure or series revised since previous issue
..	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero
—	break in continuity of series (where a line is drawn across a column between two consecutive figures)

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# NSW OVERVIEW

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## EMPLOYMENT

Employment in NSW increased by 13,400 (0.5%) in July 1999 to 2,942,500 in seasonally adjusted terms. This was the third consecutive monthly increase in employment in NSW. National employment rose by 0.2% in July.

## UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment in NSW fell by 4.4% to a seasonally adjusted figure of 191,300 in July 1999. This was the fourth consecutive monthly fall in unemployment, now 13.0% below the level of March. The unemployment rate fell from 6.4% in June to 6.1% in July, the lowest rate since March 1990. The national unemployment rate was 7.0% in July, down 0.2 percentage points over the month.

## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

Average weekly earnings in NSW in May 1999 were \$791.80 per week (full-time adult ordinary time earnings, seasonally adjusted). This was a rise of 1.1% over the quarter and 5.7% over the past year. The corresponding national increases were 1.1% and 3.3%.

## BUILDING APPROVALS

The seasonally adjusted number of new dwelling units approved for NSW in June 1999 rose by 7.0% from the previous month to 4,548.

## RETAIL

In seasonally adjusted terms, total retail sales for NSW in June 1999 was \$4,205.8m. For May 1999, the figure was \$4,215.6m.

## NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

New motor vehicle registrations for NSW in seasonally adjusted terms in June 1999 rose 6.9% from the previous month to 23,432.

## FINANCE

The seasonally adjusted value of housing finance commitments for owner occupation in NSW in June 1999 was \$2,545m. This represented an increase of 5.7% on the previous month and an increase of 24.9% since June 1998.

## MAIN FEATURES

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### BUILDING APPROVALS

In seasonally adjusted terms, the number of new dwelling units approved in NSW for June 1999 was 4,548 (including 2,464 houses). This represented an increase of 7.0% on the previous month but was down 11.1% on June 1998. Nationally, the figure was 13,772 (including 9,374 houses), a rise of 6.9% on May 1999 but 3.3% lower than the figure a year ago.

The value of new residential building for NSW in June 1999 was \$605.4m, a rise of 14.9% on the previous month and 6.3% up on the figure a year ago. Nationally, there were increases of 14.6% and 9.0% respectively over the same periods.

In original terms, the value of total building in NSW was \$1,171.2m, a rise of 2.6% from May 1999. Nationally, the figure was \$2,831.1m, representing a slight fall over the same period.

The trend for the value of total building for NSW has been reversed and is now showing increases totalling 16.7% since October 1998.

### LABOUR MARKET

Three consecutive monthly rises in employment since April brought the July 1999 estimate of employment in NSW to 2,942,500 in seasonally adjusted terms. This was 1.4% (or 41,500) higher than in April. Full-time employment increased by 47,800 over this period while there was a fall of 6,300 in part-time employment. The employment level in July 1999 was the highest seasonally adjusted monthly estimate recorded in the past 20 years.

Four consecutive monthly falls have seen the seasonally adjusted estimate of unemployment in NSW drop to 191,300 in July 1999. This was the lowest level recorded since October 1990. Associated with the fall in unemployment was a sharp fall in the unemployment rate from 7.0% in March this year to 6.1% in July, the lowest seasonally adjusted rate in over nine years (since March 1990).

The participation rate was 61.7% in July 1999. The rate has been fairly steady since last November.

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<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Latest figure for New South Wales</i>	<i>Proportion of Australian total %</i>
<b>Population</b>				
Estimated resident population (at end December)	'000	1998	6 384	33.8
<b>National accounts</b>				
Gross State Product	\$m	1997-98	200 160	35.4
State final demand	\$m	1997-98	194 814	34.3
<b>Overseas trade</b>				
Overseas imports into NSW	\$m	1998-99	42 149	43.2
Total overseas exports	\$m	1998-99	17 979	22.1
<b>Production</b>				
Value of agricultural commodities produced	\$m	1996-97	8 262	29.4
Mining operations—turnover	\$m	1997-98	5 562	15.7
Manufacturing Industry—turnover	\$m	1997-98	69 289	32.3
Electricity operations—turnover	\$m	1997-98	6 888	31.4
Tourist accommodation—takings	\$m	1997-98	1 326	35.1
Building approvals	\$m	1998-99	11 872	36.5
Building commencements	\$m	1997-98	12 620	37.7
Engineering construction—value of work done	\$m	1997-98	5 227	30.7
<b>Consumption and investment</b>				
New motor vehicle registrations	No.	1998-99	273 348	34.3
Private new capital expenditure	\$m	1997-98	14 608	31.6
Retail Turnover	\$m	1998-99	49 433	34.6
<b>Finance</b>				
Housing finance commitments	\$m	1998-99	24 921	40.5
<b>Selected service industries</b>				
Net takings of gambling industry	\$m	1997-98	4 498	40.6
Income of film and video production industry	\$m	1996-97	624	55.3
<b>Telecommunications services</b>				
Internet service providers	No.	1996-97	101	33.0
<b>Research and development</b>				
Research and development expenditure	\$m	1997-98	1 413	35.0

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### LABOUR, NSW AND AUSTRALIA

Indicator	Unit	Latest period	New South Wales				Australia		
			Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	
				%	%		%	%	
Employed persons (seasonally adjusted)	'000	July 99	2 942.5	0.5	1.8	8 792.4	0.2	2.2	
Unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted)	'000	July 99	191.3	-4.4	-17.2	661.1	-2.7	-13.6	
Labour force (seasonally adjusted)	'000	July 99	3 133.8	0.2	0.4	9 453.5	0.0	0.9	
Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)	%	July 99	61.7	0.0	-1.0	63.0	-0.2	-0.6	
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	%	July 99	6.1	-4.7	-17.6	7.0	-2.8	-14.6	
Industrial disputes—working days lost	'000	May 99	2.6	23.8	-90.7	16.0	-43.1	-83.4	
Job vacancies	'000	May 99	29.7	21.6	44.8	71.1	6.9	-2.9	
Average weekly employee earnings—full-time adult ordinary time earnings (seasonally adjusted)	\$	May 99	791.8	1.1	5.7	750.9	1.1	3.3	

Source: Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 6202.0), Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia (Cat. no. 6354.0), Industrial Disputes, Australia (Cat. no. 6321.0), Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0).

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### LABOUR, NSW

Period	Seasonally adjusted						
	Employed persons	Unemployed persons	Labour force	Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Industrial disputes (working days lost)	Job vacancies
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000
<b>1998</b>							
May	2 845.3	229.9	3 075.2	61.5	7.5	28.1	20.5
June	2 868.8	233.5	3 102.3	62.0	7.5	32.9	..
July	2 890.0	230.9	3 120.9	62.3	7.4	10.3	..
August	2 851.9	230.8	3 082.7	61.5	7.5	20.8	26.4
September	2 895.0	227.3	3 122.3	62.2	7.3	7.6	..
October	2 904.6	207.2	3 111.8	61.9	6.7	8.9	..
November	2 859.4	238.2	3 097.6	61.6	7.7	10.6	24.1
December	2 891.5	211.5	3 103.0	61.6	6.8	28.8	..
<b>1999</b>							
January	2 884.6	215.2	3 099.8	61.5	6.9	2.7	..
February	2 906.0	208.7	3 114.7	61.7	6.7	40.3	24.4
March	2 903.5	219.8	3 123.3	61.8	7.0	7.8	..
April	2 901.0	216.1	3 117.1	61.6	6.9	12.1	..
May	2 918.7	203.5	3 122.2	61.6	6.5	2.6	29.7
June	2 929.1	200.0	3 129.1	61.7	6.4	n.y.a.	..
July	2 942.5	191.3	3 133.8	61.7	6.1	n.y.a.	..

Source: Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 6202.0), Industrial Disputes, Australia (Cat. no. 6321.0), Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia (Cat. no. 6354.0).

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## LABOUR FORCE STATUS, NSW—ORIGINAL

Month	<i>Employed</i>		<i>Unemployed</i>		<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population aged 15 years and over</i>	<i>Unemployment rate(a)</i>	<i>Participation rate(b)</i>
	<i>Full-time workers</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Looking for full-time work</i>	<i>Total</i>					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
<b>MALES</b>									
<b>July</b>									
1995	1 430.9	1 581.8	116.8	130.5	1 712.2	648.6	2 360.8	7.6	72.5
1996	1 420.9	1 594.3	115.1	131.9	1 726.2	667.1	2 393.3	7.6	72.1
1997	1 422.0	1 600.1	128.5	143.6	1 743.8	681.9	2 425.7	8.2	71.9
<b>1998</b>									
May	1 435.3	1 616.3	114.6	132.1	1 748.4	705.9	2 454.3	7.6	71.2
June	1 444.7	1 626.2	116.7	133.8	1 760.0	697.0	2 457.0	7.6	71.6
July	1 465.0	1 641.6	114.2	126.6	1 768.2	691.5	2 459.7	7.2	71.9
August	1 424.3	1 599.4	115.5	134.6	1 734.1	728.4	2 462.4	7.8	70.4
September	1 466.6	1 649.3	117.0	134.2	1 783.4	681.8	2 465.2	7.5	72.3
October	1 460.5	1 648.9	96.8	110.5	1 759.4	709.0	2 468.4	6.3	71.3
November	1 441.2	1 633.0	112.0	129.4	1 762.4	709.1	2 471.5	7.3	71.3
December	1 467.6	1 658.3	107.6	121.5	1 779.8	695.0	2 474.7	6.8	71.9
<b>1999</b>									
January	1 447.1	1 633.0	124.6	140.8	1 773.8	703.8	2 477.5	7.9	71.6
February	1 453.4	1 644.9	113.5	133.1	1 778.0	702.4	2 480.3	7.5	71.7
March	1 454.3	1 661.9	102.9	126.1	1 788.0	695.2	2 483.1	7.1	72.0
April	1 456.1	1 657.8	95.6	115.5	1 773.3	713.3	2 486.6	6.5	71.3
May	1 460.0	1 662.7	93.3	110.1	1 772.8	717.2	2 490.0	6.2	71.2
June	1 459.4	1 668.1	91.6	108.0	1 776.1	717.3	2 493.4	6.1	71.2
July	1 491.8	1 687.4	83.2	101.3	1 788.7	707.7	2 496.4	5.7	71.7
<b>FEMALES</b>									
<b>July</b>									
1995	715.1	1 189.9	59.0	80.1	1 270.0	1 177.3	2 447.3	6.3	51.9
1996	733.6	1 207.9	62.1	90.3	1 298.2	1 186.2	2 484.4	7.0	52.3
1997	731.3	1 214.8	61.0	92.0	1 306.7	1 210.2	2 516.9	7.0	51.9
<b>1998</b>									
May	710.2	1 224.1	68.2	93.7	1 317.8	1 225.5	2 543.3	7.1	51.8
June	730.2	1 245.8	57.1	88.3	1 334.1	1 211.8	2 545.9	6.6	52.4
July	765.8	1 259.0	59.7	88.2	1 347.2	1 201.3	2 548.5	6.5	52.9
August	724.7	1 220.6	62.4	85.0	1 305.5	1 245.5	2 551.1	6.5	51.2
September	756.9	1 276.0	61.7	97.1	1 373.1	1 180.6	2 553.7	7.1	53.8
October	751.4	1 258.7	54.8	90.3	1 349.0	1 207.6	2 556.6	6.7	52.8
November	733.3	1 235.5	61.0	96.8	1 332.3	1 227.2	2 559.6	7.3	52.1
December	762.7	1 276.6	57.4	86.6	1 363.3	1 199.2	2 562.5	6.4	53.2
<b>1999</b>									
January	739.5	1 218.0	62.6	90.1	1 308.0	1 257.1	2 565.1	6.9	51.0
February	738.4	1 236.4	67.4	104.5	1 340.9	1 226.8	2 567.7	7.8	52.2
March	728.8	1 238.3	64.3	108.7	1 347.0	1 223.3	2 570.2	8.1	52.4
April	726.0	1 242.6	62.5	98.5	1 341.2	1 232.0	2 573.2	7.3	52.1
May	729.5	1 250.2	56.8	90.0	1 340.3	1 235.9	2 576.1	6.7	52.0
June	746.9	1 264.6	52.3	81.5	1 346.2	1 232.9	2 579.1	6.1	52.2
July	754.9	1 265.7	53.2	76.5	1 342.2	1 239.8	2 582.0	5.7	52.0

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## LABOUR FORCE STATUS, NSW—ORIGINAL *continued*

Month	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate(a)	Participation rate(b)
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Total					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
<b>PERSONS</b>									
<b>July</b>									
1995	2 145.9	2 771.6	175.8	210.6	2 982.2	1 825.8	4 808.0	7.1	62.0
1996	2 154.6	2 802.2	177.2	222.2	3 024.5	1 853.2	4 877.7	7.3	62.0
1997	2 153.3	2 814.9	189.6	235.6	3 050.5	1 892.1	4 942.6	7.7	61.7
<b>1998</b>									
May	2 145.5	2 840.4	182.8	225.8	3 066.2	1 931.4	4 997.6	7.4	61.4
June	2 174.8	2 872.0	173.8	222.1	3 094.1	1 908.8	5 002.9	7.2	61.8
July	2 230.8	2 900.5	173.8	214.8	3 115.3	1 892.8	5 008.2	6.9	62.2
August	2 149.1	2 820.0	177.9	219.6	3 039.6	1 973.9	5 013.5	7.2	60.6
September	2 223.5	2 925.2	178.7	231.3	3 156.5	1 862.4	5 018.9	7.3	62.9
October	2 211.9	2 907.6	151.6	200.8	3 108.4	1 916.6	5 025.0	6.5	61.9
November	2 174.5	2 868.5	173.0	226.3	3 094.7	1 936.4	5 031.1	7.3	61.5
December	2 230.2	2 934.9	165.0	208.1	3 143.1	1 894.2	5 037.2	6.6	62.4
<b>1999</b>									
January	2 186.6	2 850.9	187.1	230.9	3 081.8	1 960.9	5 042.6	7.5	61.1
February	2 191.8	2 881.3	180.9	237.5	3 118.8	1 929.2	5 048.0	7.6	61.8
March	2 183.2	2 900.2	167.2	234.8	3 134.9	1 918.4	5 053.4	7.5	62.0
April	2 182.1	2 900.4	158.1	214.0	3 114.5	1 945.3	5 059.8	6.9	61.6
May	2 189.6	2 912.9	150.2	200.1	3 113.1	1 953.1	5 066.1	6.4	61.4
June	2 206.3	2 932.7	143.9	189.6	3 122.3	1 950.3	5 072.5	6.1	61.6
July	2 246.7	2 953.2	136.4	177.8	3 131.0	1 947.5	5 078.5	5.7	61.7

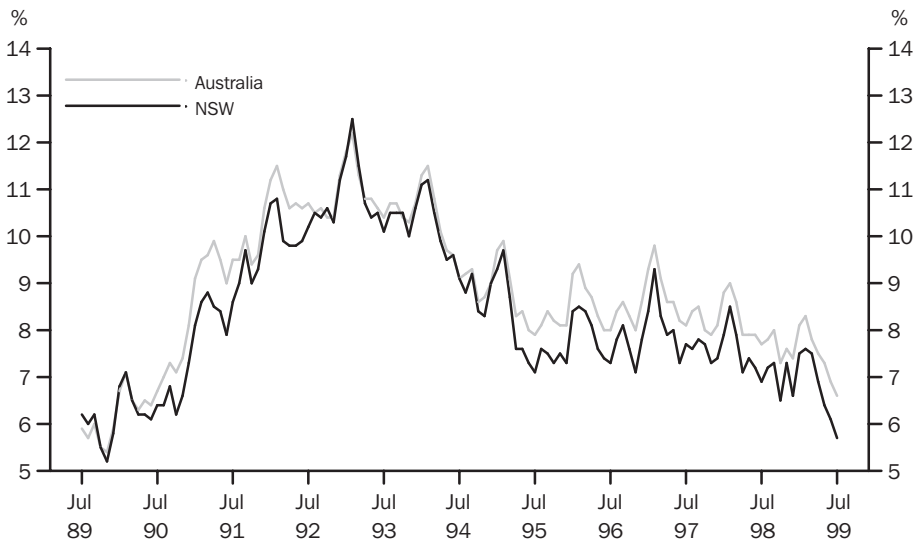
<sup>a</sup> The number of unemployed in each group expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

<sup>b</sup> The labour force in each group expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

Source: Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 6202.0).

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## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE—ORIGINAL



Source: Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 6202.0).

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## COAL, ELECTRICITY AND GAS PRODUCTION, NSW AND AUSTRALIA—ORIGINAL

Indicator	Unit	Latest period	New South Wales				Australia		
			Latest figure	Change from	Change from	Latest figure	Change from	Change from	
				prior period	same period		prior year	prior period	same period
				%	%		%	%	
Raw coal won—									
Underground	'000 tonnes	May 99	4 664	19.5	0.9	7 911	39.4	24.1	
Open cut	'000 tonnes	May 99	6 303	2.1	8.7	17 638	0.8	19.7	
Total	'000 tonnes	May 99	10 967	8.8	5.2	25 549	10.2	21.0	
Electricity	mill. kWh	Jun qtr 99	16 365	4.8	5.2	45 227	0.3	2.1	
Gas(a)	teraJ	Jun qtr 99	30 428	36.0	2.8	181 952	25.5	4.3	

<sup>a</sup> Available for issue through mains. Includes ACT.

Source: Joint Coal Board for NSW and Australia from ABS unpublished statistics, *Manufacturing Production, Australia* (Cat. no. 8301.0).

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## COAL, ELECTRICITY AND GAS PRODUCTION, NSW—ORIGINAL

Period	Raw coal won			Electricity mill. kWh	Gas(a) teraJ
	Underground	Open cut	Total		
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes		
<b>1996–97</b>	54 642	69 036	123 678	62 788	109 284
<b>1997–98</b>	58 299	75 710	134 009	61 804	111 665
<b>1998–99</b>	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	63 743	110 092
<b>1998</b>					
April	5 160	7 052	12 212	} 15 561	29 614
May	4 648	5 851	10 499		
June	4 842	6 811	11 653		
July	5 130	7 241	12 371	} 16 543	32 258
August	3 788	5 616	9 404		
September	4 734	6 372	11 106		
October	4 732	7 131	11 863	} 15 227	25 039
November	3 988	6 931	10 919		
December	3 346	6 500	9 846		
<b>1999</b>					
January	3 273	6 159	9 432	} 15 609	22 367
February	3 848	6 913	10 761		
March	4 921	7 827	12 748		
April	3 525	5 768	9 293	} 16 365	30 428
May	4 664	6 303	10 967		
June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

<sup>a</sup> Available for issue through mains. Includes ACT.

Source: Joint Coal Board, *Manufacturing Production, Australia* (Cat. no. 8301.0).

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## BUILDING APPROVALS, NSW AND AUSTRALIA

Indicator	Unit	Latest period	Latest figure	New South Wales		Australia		
				%	%	Latest figure	%	%
Number of dwelling units(a) (seasonally adjusted)—								
New houses	No.	Jun 99	2 464	-5.6	-6.2	9 374	-1.4	-1.1
Total	No.	Jun 99	4 548	7.0	-11.1	13 772	6.9	-3.3
Value of new residential building (seasonally adjusted)	\$m	Jun 99	605.4	14.9	6.3	1 663.4	14.6	9.0
Value of alterations and additions to residential building(b) (seasonally adjusted)	\$m	Jun 99	91.1	-16.0	-35.8	242.6	-0.1	-15.4
Value of non-residential building(c) (original)	\$m	Jun 99	503.7	18.7	-5.7	948.6	-2.6	-22.6
Value of all building (original)	\$m	Jun 99	1 171.2	2.6	-3.6	2 831.1	-0.2	-6.3

<sup>a</sup> Includes dwelling units approved as part of the construction of non-residential building and alterations and additions to existing buildings (including conversions to dwelling units).

<sup>b</sup> Valued at \$10,000 or more. Includes conversions of existing buildings into residential buildings.

<sup>c</sup> Valued at \$50,000 or more.

Source: *Building Approvals, Australia* (Cat. no. 8731.0).

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## BUILDING APPROVALS, NSW

Period	Number of dwelling units(a), seasonally adjusted				Value of building approvals			
	New houses		Total		Seasonally adjusted		Original	
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total	New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential building(b)	Non-residential building(c)	All building
	no.	no.	no.	no.	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1996-97</b>	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 169.2	11 356.6
<b>1997-98</b>	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 910.9	13 348.6
<b>1998-99</b>	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 534.9	11 872.4
<b>1998</b>								
April	2 537	2 545	4 866	4 982	554.4	146.3	527.0	1 263.2
May	2 449	2 463	4 129	r4 227	509.9	131.7	645.7	1 335.0
June	2 585	2 628	5 027	5 116	569.3	141.9	534.3	1 214.8
July	2 305	2 492	4 628	4 954	569.0	127.0	329.9	1 103.2
August	1 999	r2 017	3 696	3 866	453.9	94.1	612.0	1 158.0
September	2 051	r2 073	3 810	r3 904	423.1	101.5	322.9	867.3
October	2 336	2 346	4 062	r4 225	488.4	88.7	313.5	862.1
November	2 272	2 337	4 109	4 420	535.4	92.9	461.5	1 180.1
December	2 333	2 358	4 274	4 451	530.7	91.9	234.8	840.5
<b>1999</b>								
January	2 237	2 262	4 182	4 286	503.7	92.5	297.4	757.2
February	2 413	2 428	4 052	4 108	508.7	104.8	432.0	996.2
March	2 459	2 476	4 141	4 277	497.8	90.0	395.5	1 013.6
April	2 266	2 275	4 194	4 265	482.8	89.1	207.3	781.6
May	2 582	2 610	4 174	4 252	527.0	108.5	424.4	1 141.4
June	2 452	2 464	4 478	4 548	605.4	91.1	503.7	1 171.2

<sup>a</sup> Includes dwelling units approved as part of the construction of non-residential building and alterations and additions to existing buildings (including conversions to dwelling units).

<sup>b</sup> Valued at \$10,000 or more. Includes conversions of existing buildings into residential buildings.

<sup>c</sup> Valued at \$50,000 or more.

Source: *Building Approvals, Australia* (Cat. no. 8731.0).

## 10

## TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS(a), NSW AND AUSTRALIA—SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Indicator	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
		\$m	%	%	\$m	%	%
Food retailing	Jun 99	1 585.2	2.3	3.5	4 890.4	1.0	5.0
Department stores	Jun 99	323.0	-8.8	6.1	986.8	-3.3	5.0
Clothing and soft good retailing	Jun 99	288.4	2.3	6.1	833.7	1.2	10.7
Household good retailing	Jun 99	420.1	2.6	-0.5	1 320.1	0.0	6.2
Recreational good retailing	Jun 99	238.2	5.2	6.1	677.6	-0.1	7.0
Other retailing	Jun 99	428.1	-6.7	1.7	1 282.0	0.9	7.0
Hospitality and services	Jun 99	922.8	-1.2	19.1	2 167.4	-1.0	12.9
<b>Total value of retail sales</b>	<b>Jun 99</b>	<b>4 205.8</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>12 158.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>7.2</b>

<sup>a</sup> The figures shown are derived from a monthly survey of retail establishments. Excludes motor vehicle, boat and caravan dealers, service stations, smash repairers, tyre and battery retailers, bread and milk vendors, footwear repairers and electrical appliance repairers n.e.c. Retail establishments which do not have employees are excluded from the survey. Turnover includes retail sales, wholesale sales, takings from repairs, meals and hiring of goods; and commissions from agency activity (e.g. commissions received from collecting dry cleaning, selling lottery tickets etc.).

Source: Retail Trade, Australia (Cat. no. 8501.0).

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## TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS(a), NSW—SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Period	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1998</b>								
April	1 515.8	347.2	269.6	433.7	229.8	412.7	762.3	3 971.1
May	1 509.9	354.0	286.8	426.4	221.5	416.6	775.3	3 990.6
June	1 531.9	304.4	271.8	422.0	224.4	420.9	775.1	3 950.5
July	1 514.6	387.6	281.4	427.1	219.5	414.1	801.9	4 046.2
August	1 483.4	340.0	286.5	425.7	205.2	405.0	785.5	3 931.3
September	1 530.2	347.7	296.4	416.3	221.5	412.5	794.4	4 019.1
October	1 552.5	350.7	310.7	400.4	224.5	401.4	808.9	4 049.2
November	1 528.6	373.4	294.9	391.4	221.3	403.2	851.7	4 064.6
December	1 534.6	335.3	295.8	389.0	222.3	403.6	820.7	4 001.5
<b>1999</b>								
January	1 575.5	407.8	298.6	435.3	235.3	421.0	893.2	4 266.7
February	1 557.8	349.2	285.1	409.3	226.6	424.0	923.4	4 175.5
March	1 613.2	351.9	290.6	396.0	244.7	412.5	939.0	4 247.8
April	1 541.0	371.8	307.4	418.0	243.9	446.8	937.8	4 266.8
May	1 550.1	354.2	282.0	409.6	226.4	458.8	934.4	4 215.6
June	1 585.2	323.0	288.4	420.1	238.2	428.1	922.8	4 205.8

<sup>a</sup> The figures shown are derived from a monthly survey of retail establishments. Excludes motor vehicle, boat and caravan dealers, service stations, smash repairers, tyre and battery retailers, bread and milk vendors, footwear repairers and electrical appliance repairers n.e.c. Retail establishments which do not have employees are excluded from the survey. Turnover includes retail sales, wholesale sales, takings from repairs, meals and hiring of goods; and commissions from agency activity (e.g. commissions received from collecting dry cleaning, selling lottery tickets etc.).

Source: Retail Trade, Australia (Cat. no. 8501.0).

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## NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS(a), NSW AND AUSTRALIA—SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Indicator	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
		no.	%	%	no.	%	%
Passenger vehicles	Jun 99	20 137	7.1	-4.2	56 278	5.0	-11.5
Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)	Jun 99	3 295	5.4	1.5	10 214	3	-5.5
Total registrations (excluding motor cycles)	Jun 99	23 432	6.9	-3.4	66 492	4.7	-10.6

<sup>a</sup> Includes vehicles (other than those of the defence forces) owned by Government departments and authorities. Excludes mobile plant and equipment, tractors, trailers and non-motorised caravans.

Source: *New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 9301.0)*.

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## NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS(a), NSW—SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Period	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)	Total (excluding motor cycles)
	no.	no.	no.
<b>1998</b>			
April	18 913	3 363	22 276
May	18 745	3 207	21 952
June	21 013	3 245	24 258
July	21 482	3 315	24 796
August	19 089	3 266	22 355
September	20 003	3 214	23 217
October	18 356	3 375	21 731
November	19 815	3 398	23 212
December	19 616	3 501	23 117
<b>1999</b>			
January	18 567	3 610	22 177
February	18 151	3 353	21 504
March	19 978	3 623	23 601
April	19 040	3 370	22 410
May	18 801	3 126	21 927
June	20 137	3 295	23 432

<sup>a</sup> Includes vehicles (other than those of the defence forces) owned by Government departments and authorities. Excludes mobile plant and equipment, tractors, trailers and non-motorised caravans.

Source: *New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 9301.0)*.

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## ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS(a) NSW AND AUSTRALIA—ORIGINAL

Indicator	Unit	Latest period	New South Wales				Australia		
			Latest figure	Change from	Change from	Latest figure	Change from	Change from	
				prior period	same period		prior period	same period	
			%	%		%	%		
Room nights	'000	Mar qtr 99	3 213.2	0.1	6.5	9 585.8	-3.2	5.8	
Room occupancy rate	%	Mar qtr 99	60.6	1.3	1.3	58.1	-2.2	0.2	
Takings	\$'000	Mar qtr 99	360 674	0.4	5.1	1 003 060	-3.8	5.0	

<sup>a</sup> Licensed hotels with facilities, motels and guest houses and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms or units.

Source: *Tourist Accommodation, Australia (Cat. no. 8635.0)*.

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## ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS(a) SYDNEY AND NSW—ORIGINAL

Period	Sydney Tourism Region(b)			New South Wales		
	Room nights	Room occupancy rate	Takings	Room nights	Room occupancy rate	Takings
	'000	%	\$'000	'000	%	\$'000
<b>1997</b>						
December qtr	1 653.5	73.0	235 244	3 081.0	60.8	343 650
<b>1998</b>						
March qtr	1 664.9	71.9	235 516	3 017.3	59.8	343 248
June qtr	1 568.3	66.3	216 500	2 890.3	56.3	316 721
September qtr	1 640.0	66.1	222 944	3 077.3	57.9	342 102
December qtr	1 777.0	70.0	246 125	3 210.5	59.8	359 172
<b>1999</b>						
March qtr	1 828.8	72.5	248 997	3 213.2	60.6	360 674

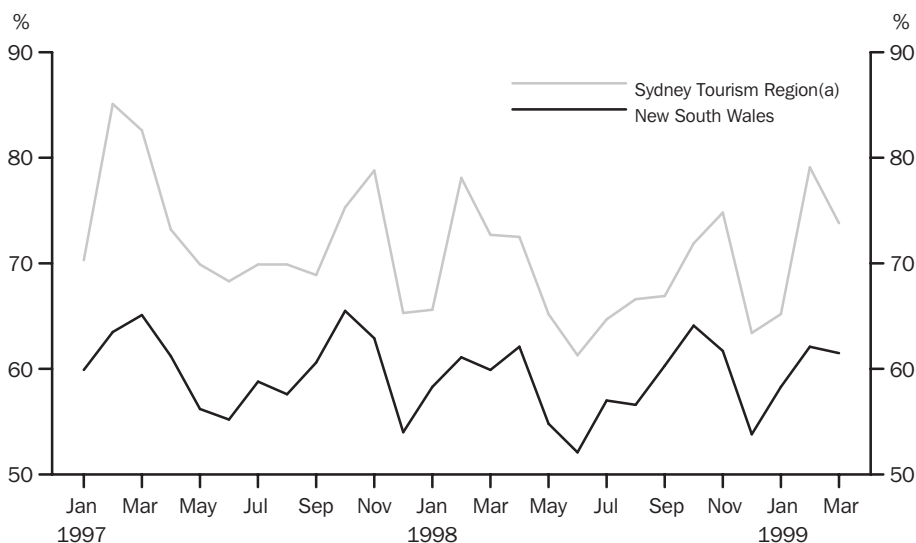
<sup>a</sup> Licensed hotels with facilities, motels and guest houses and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms or units.

<sup>b</sup> Excludes Gosford, Wyong and Blue Mountains Statistical Local Areas.

Source: *Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, NSW (Prod. no. 8635.1.40.001)*.

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## ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS MONTHLY ROOM OCCUPANCY RATE—ORIGINAL



(a) Excludes Gosford, Wyong and Blue Mountains Statistical Local Areas. Source: *Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, NSW (Prod. no. 8635.1.40.001)*.

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## CONSUMER AND PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES, NSW AND AUSTRALIA

Indicator	Unit	Latest period	New South Wales(a)			Australia(b)		
			Latest figure	Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %	Latest figure	Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %
Consumer Price Index (all groups)	1989-90 =100.0	Jun qtr 99	123.0	0.3	1.3	122.3	0.4	1.1
Price index of materials used in house building (all groups)	1989-90 =100.0	Jun qtr 99	121.8	-0.2	0.9	119.2	-0.3	0.2
Price index of materials used in building other than house building (all groups)	1989-90 =100.0	Jun qtr 99	115.4	0.2	0.5	115.4	0.2	0.8

<sup>a</sup> Refers to State capital city—Sydney.

<sup>b</sup> For the Consumer Price Index this is the weighted average of eight capital cities and for the other two indexes, the weighted average of the six State capital cities.

Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (Cat. no. 6401.0), Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6407.0), Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6408.0).

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## CONSUMER AND PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES, NSW(a)

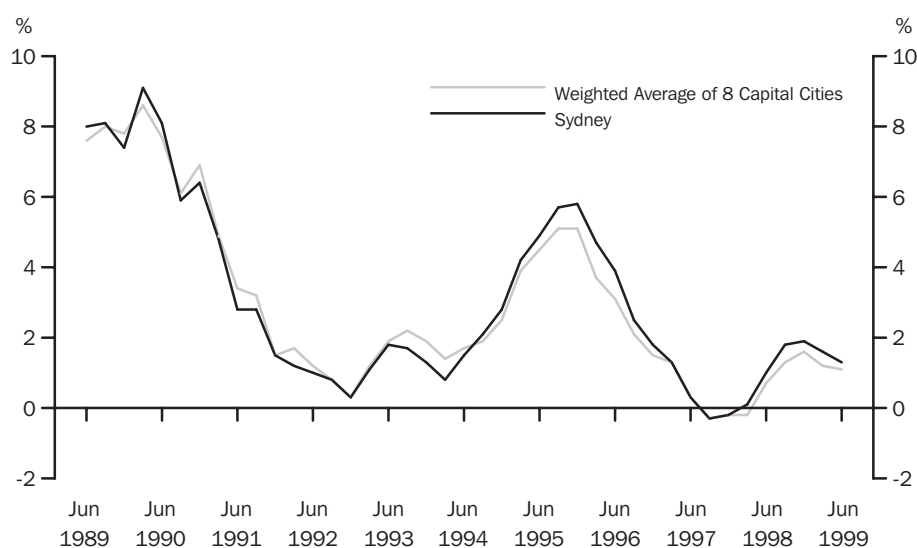
Period	Consumer Price Index, all groups	Price Index of materials used in house building, all groups	Price Index of materials used in building other than house building, all groups
	1989-90 = 100.0	1989-90 = 100.0	1989-90 = 100.0
<b>1998</b>			
March qtr	120.7	120.8	114.4
June qtr	121.4	120.7	114.8
September qtr	121.9	120.8	115.0
December qtr	122.4	121.8	115.1
<b>1999</b>			
March qtr	122.6	122.0	115.2
June qtr	123.0	121.8	115.4

<sup>a</sup> Refers to State capital city—Sydney.

Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (Cat. no. 6401.0), Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6407.0), Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6408.0).

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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE



Source: Consumer Price Index (Cat. no. 6401.0).

Indicator	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
		\$m	%	%	\$m	%	%
Lending commitments for the construction or purchase of dwellings—							
Construction of dwellings	Jun 99	299	8.1	13.8	946	8	13.7
Purchase of newly erected dwellings	Jun 99	116	20.5	0.1	259	10.4	1
Purchase of established dwellings(a)	Jun 99	1 848	3.4	35.9	4 079	2.7	28.9
Refinancing of existing dwellings	Jun 99	419	15.1	16.7	971	11.2	7.3
Lending commitments for alterations and additions	Jun 99	105	-4.5	2.8	281	1.8	14.5
Total lending commitments to individuals for housing(b)	Jun 99	2 682	6.2	27.9	6 255	5	21.3
Total lending commitments to individuals for housing (seasonally adjusted)(b)	Jun 99	2 545	5.7	24.9	5 840	-1.8	20.9

<sup>a</sup> Excludes refinancing.

<sup>b</sup> Excludes alterations and additions.

Source: Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0).

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## SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR OWNER OCCUPATION, NSW

Period	Lending commitments for the construction or purchase of dwellings					Total lending commitments to individuals for housing(b)	
	Construction of dwellings	Purchase of newly erected dwellings	Purchase of established dwellings(a)	Refinancing of existing dwellings	Lending commitments for alterations and additions	Original	Seasonally adjusted
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1996-97</b>	2 117	1 234	12 566	4 062	1 221	19 979	..
<b>1997-98</b>	2 625	1 280	14 445	3 573	1 174	21 973	..
<b>1998-99</b>	2 989	1 147	16 758	4 027	1 126	24 921	..
<b>1998</b>							
April	223	107	1 305	285	95	1 920	1 885
May	216	95	1 261	312	99	1 885	1 818
June	262	116	1 360	359	102	2 097	2 037
July	263	123	1 284	376	97	2 045	1 827
August	224	93	1 171	307	85	1 796	1 796
September	242	105	1 158	326	86	1 831	1 755
October	222	95	1 220	302	85	1 838	1 902
November	229	100	1 357	337	91	2 024	2 004
December	235	96	1 343	295	82	1 970	2 095
<b>1999</b>							
January	176	63	1 025	249	74	1 512	2 094
February	239	75	1 223	312	89	1 849	1 907
March	341	106	1 741	407	126	2 595	2 207
April	r242	79	r1 600	r333	97	r2 255	r2 293
May	r276	96	r1 787	r364	110	r2 524	r2 408
June	299	116	1 848	419	105	2 682	2 545

<sup>a</sup> Excludes refinancing.

<sup>b</sup> Excludes alterations and additions.

Source: Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0).



Item	Actual	Estimates
	4 months ended 30 May 1999	12 months ended 30 June 1999
	\$m	\$m
<b>Current receipts—</b>		
Stamp duties	3 588	3 459
Payroll tax	3 317	3 621
Land tax	835	945
Motor vehicle taxes	947	1 002
Gaming and betting	1 221	1 440
Commonwealth safety net taxes	1 801	1 873
Other taxes	1 112	1 095
Commonwealth general purpose grants	4 238	4 731
Commonwealth specific purpose grants	3 118	3 230
Dividends/tax equivalents	1 126	1 251
Other current receipts	1 104	1 202
<i>Total current receipts</i>	<i>22 407</i>	<i>23 849</i>
<b>Current payments—</b>		
Interest payments	1 060	1 276
Superannuation	1 344	1 462
Subsidies to non-budget sector—		
Redundancies	73	77
Services	845	798
Departmental payments—		
Redundancies	60	53
Health	5 298	5 706
Education	4 902	5 364
Law and order	1 636	1 733
Community services	1 126	1 217
Other	5 257	5 693
Treasurer's advances	..	125
Less User charges	-1 865	-2 014
<i>Total current outlays</i>	<i>19 736</i>	<i>21 490</i>
<b>Current result surplus/deficit(-)</b>	<b>2 671</b>	<b>2 359</b>
<b>Capital receipts—</b>		
Commonwealth specific purpose grants	738	788
Other capital receipts	379	10
<i>Total capital receipts</i>	<i>1 117</i>	<i>798</i>
<b>Capital outlays—</b>		
Gross fixed capital payments	2 466	2 841
Capital grants	973	1 016
Less Asset sales	-504	-745
<i>Total capital outlays</i>	<i>2 935</i>	<i>3 112</i>
<b>Capital result surplus/deficit(-)</b>	<b>-1 818</b>	<b>-2 314</b>
<b>Government Finance Statistics result surplus/deficit(-)</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>45</b>

<sup>a</sup> Includes Department of Training and Education Co-ordination, Department of School Education, Office of the Board of Studies and TAFE.

<sup>b</sup> Includes Attorney Generals Department, Department of Corrective Services and Police Services.

<sup>c</sup> Expenditure from the Treasurer's Advance is included in the relevant current payments figures.

Note: Please note that comparative figures for 1997-98 are not available due to changes in coverage of data from General Government Budget to all General Government by the New South Wales Treasury.

Source: Financial Statement released by NSW Treasury. Figures may differ from data published in annual ABS publications.

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## ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, CURRENT PRICES—NSW AND AUSTRALIA, TREND

Indicator	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
		\$m	%	%	\$m	%	%
Type of asset—							
New buildings and structures	Mar qtr	1 044	-4.5	-3.1	3 511	-5.8	4.8
Equipment, plant and machinery	Mar qtr	2 712	4.0	1.8	8 068	1.7	-4.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>Mar qtr</b>	<b>3 756</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>11 579</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-1.9</b>

Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0).

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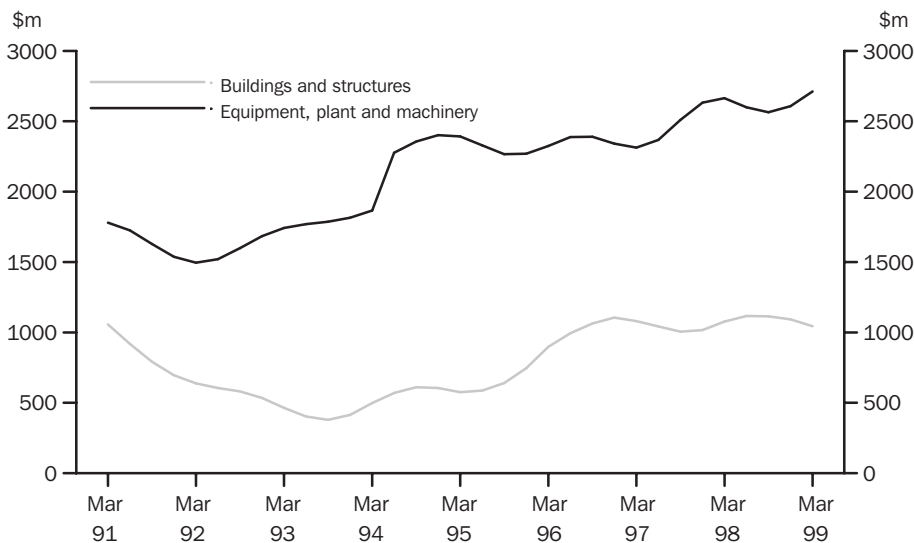
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Period	Type of asset		
	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1997</b>			
December qtr	1 017	2 633	3 651
<b>1998</b>			
March qtr	1 077	2 665	3 742
June qtr	1 117	2 600	3 717
September qtr	1 114	2 564	3 678
December qtr	1 093	2 608	3 701
<b>1999</b>			
March qtr	1 044	2 712	3 756

Source: State Estimates of New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0).

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## ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, CURRENT PRICES—NSW, TREND



Source: State Estimates of New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0).

Item	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
Overseas imports into NSW	June 99	3 596	-0.3	-0.1	8 142	5.0	-3.8
Total overseas exports(c)	June 99	1 436	-5.0	-12.6	6 533	-1.3	-10.1
Export commodities and SITC(d) code—							
Meat and meat preparations (01)	June 99	75	0.2	-4.6	322	-4.1	-5.8
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	June 99	109	30.6	25.8	415	23.9	-2.9
Wool and other animal hair (268)	June 99	45	-21.9	-9.3	163	-23.1	-19.4
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	June 99	261	-7.8	-28.6	682	-4.8	-20.6
Iron and steel (67)	June 99	58	-43.3	-50.5	110	-36.1	-35.3
Aluminium (684)	June 99	93	1.0	-25.7	282	12.7	3.1
Office machines and automatic data processing machines (75)	June 99	32	-22.2	-22.7	60	-6.6	-18.7

<sup>a</sup> Figures shown are Customs value.

<sup>b</sup> Figures shown are Free On Board (FOB) values.

<sup>c</sup> Excludes re-exported goods.

<sup>d</sup> Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3.

Source: International Trade database.

Period	Overseas exports of SITC(d) commodities								
	Overseas imports into NSW	Total overseas exports(c)	Meat and meat preparations (01)	Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	Wool and other animal hair (268)	Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	Iron and steel (67)	Aluminium (684)	Office machines and automatic data processing machines (75)
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1996-97</b>	34 229	17 730	784	1 540	859	3 426	968	993	535
<b>1997-98</b>	38 481	19 680	923	1 588	1 061	4 048	1 168	1 226	522
<b>1998-99</b>	42 149	17 979	947	1 178	683	3 769	957	1 157	359
<b>1998</b>									
April	3 070	1 481	64	104	66	337	104	100	37
May	3 271	1 672	82	97	67	346	118	109	38
June	3 594	1 643	79	86	49	366	118	126	42
July	3 770	1 610	79	96	65	342	112	104	41
August	3 473	1 599	69	87	43	356	92	99	32
September	3 551	1 635	88	118	60	328	95	111	33
October	3 680	r1 529	77	59	74	356	68	106	28
November	3 746	r1 518	85	r78	73	332	81	91	26
December	3 466	1 690	84	139	67	363	70	91	23
<b>1999</b>									
January	3 020	r1 339	70	r101	42	337	68	r104	18
February	3 093	r1 328	79	99	61	272	70	78	25
March	3 761	r1 494	91	112	55	305	84	r107	29
April	r3 387	r1 291	74	95	r42	234	55	80	29
May	3 606	r1 511	75	83	57	r283	r103	r93	r42
June	3 596	1 436	75	109	45	261	58	93	32

<sup>a</sup> Figures shown are Customs value.

<sup>b</sup> Figures shown are Free On Board (FOB) values.

<sup>c</sup> Excludes re-exported goods.

<sup>d</sup> Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3.

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