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DATA NOTES

ABS statistical series are being impacted to varying degrees as a result of The New Tax System (TNTS), introduced in Australia from 1 July 2000. TNTS included the removal of Wholesale Sales Tax and the introduction of a Goods and Services Tax (GST), and as a result, a wide range of ABS data series will reflect significant immediate and subsequent impacts. For further information see *Australian Economic Indicators, July 2000* (Cat. no. 1350.0).

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. 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. For an explanation of seasonal adjustment derivation, refer to the publication *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (Cat. no. 1308.0).

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

kWh	kilowatt hour
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

EMPLOYMENT	Employment in NSW rose by 0.3% in December 2000 to a seasonally adjusted figure of 3,023,900. National employment in December 2000 was 9,086,700.
UNEMPLOYMENT	Unemployment in NSW was a seasonally adjusted figure of 192,500 in December 2000. The unemployment rate was 6.0%, an increase of 0.2 percentage points from November 2000. The national unemployment rate remained steady at 6.6% in December 2000.
INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES	In NSW in October 2000 there were 5,300 working days lost due to industrial disputes, a decrease of 36.1% on the working days lost in the previous month. Nationally there were 29,300 working days lost due to industrial disputes in October 2000.
JOB VACANCIES	There were 40,400 job vacancies in NSW in November 2000, a decrease of 8.0% on the previous period. Nationally there were 118,200 vacancies.
BUILDING APPROVALS	The seasonally adjusted number of new dwelling units approved for NSW in November 2000 decreased by 14.4% from the previous month to 3,057 dwelling units. This was a decrease of 29.9% on the corresponding month of the previous year. Nationally, there were 9,919 new dwelling units, an increase of 2.8% from the previous month.
RETAIL	In seasonally adjusted terms, total retail sales for NSW in November 2000 was \$4,361.5 million. This was a decrease of 2.4% on the previous month.
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	New motor vehicle registrations for NSW in seasonally adjusted terms in December 2000 increased by 11.3% compared to the previous month to 25,229 registrations.
CPI	The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the December Quarter 2000 for Sydney was 132.2, an increase of 0.5% since the September Quarter and an increase of 6.0% since the December Quarter 1999.
FINANCE	The seasonally adjusted value of housing finance commitments for owner occupation in NSW in November 2000 was \$2,241 million, an increase of 9.3% on the previous month and a decrease of 20.4% on November 1999.
GOVERNMENT FINANCE STATISTICS (GFS)	The underlying General Government operating surplus for the five months ended 30 November 2000 was \$944 million. The General Government Net Lending result for the five months ended 30 November 2000 was \$977 million.
IMPORTS AND EXPORTS	The customs value of imports into NSW during November 2000 was \$4,943 million, an increase of 1.6% on October 2000. The value of exports (FOB) from NSW in November 2000 was \$1,957 million, a decrease of 4.0% over the same period.

MAIN FEATURES

BUILDING APPROVALS

There has been a decrease in the number of new houses approved in the month of November. The number of new houses (seasonally adjusted) was 1,557 in NSW, a decrease of 10.2% on the previous month and a decrease of 45.2% from the corresponding period of the previous year. The number of new dwelling units (seasonally adjusted) in November 2000 was 3,057, a decrease of 14.4% on October 2000 and a decrease of 29.9% from November 1999. Nationally, the number of new dwelling units was 9,919, an increase of 2.8% from October 2000 but a decrease of 34.6% from November 1999.

From July 2000, value data for both residential and non-residential building approved is on a GST inclusive basis.

For NSW in November 2000 the seasonally adjusted value of new residential building was \$409.9 million, a decrease of 10.5% from October 2000 and a decrease of 22.1% from November 1999. The value (seasonally adjusted) of alterations and additions to residential building in November 2000 decreased 28.7% from the previous month to \$82.4 million.

The value (in original terms) of non-residential building in NSW decreased 29.2% from October 2000 to \$269.6 million and decreased 2.4% from November 1999. The value of all building (in original terms) in NSW was \$855.1 million, a decrease of 8.9% from October 2000. Nationally, the value of all building was \$2,678 million which represented an increase of 4.7% on October 2000 but a decrease of 18.5% on the corresponding period of the previous year.

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

In NSW in December 2000 the seasonally adjusted number of new motor vehicle registrations (excluding motor cycles) was 25,229, an increase of 11.3% on the previous month and an increase of 8.5% from the corresponding period last year. Nationally the number of registrations (seasonally adjusted) was 75,259, an increase of 15.4% from November 2000 and 19.1% from December 1999.

Passenger vehicle registrations in NSW increased to 21,804 (seasonally adjusted) in December 2000, an increase of 11.2% on the previous month and 14.7% on December 1999. Passenger vehicles increased to 64,322 nationally which is an increase of 25% from December 1999 and a 15.5% increase from November 2000.

Other vehicle (excluding motor cycles) registrations also rose 11.2% from the previous month to 3,425, however fell 19% from the corresponding period last year. Nationally other vehicles rose by 15.3% from November 2000 but fell 6.7% from the corresponding period last year.

In November 2000 all figures in the seasonally adjusted series were revised as a result of the annual re-estimation of seasonal factors.

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1 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION — NSW

	<i>Estimated resident population at end of period</i>			<i>Increase during period</i>			<i>Mean estimated resident population for year ended</i>	
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Natural increase(a)</i>	<i>Net estimated migration</i>	<i>Total increase</i>	<i>30 June</i>	<i>31 December</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1997	3 129.0	3 171.5	6 300.5	40.9	17.6	58.5	6 240.9	6 276.1
1998	3 164.5	3 204.0	6 368.5	39.9	28.1	68.1	6 303.5	6 335.7
1999	3 199.8	3 236.9	6 436.7	42.3	25.8	68.2	6 367.3	6 398.3
1999								
March qtr	3 171.0	3 210.5	6 381.5	10.7	2.3	13.0	..	..
June qtr	3 179.2	3 217.5	6 396.7	10.1	5.1	15.2	..	..
September qtr	3 187.8	3 224.7	6 412.5	8.1	7.7	15.8	..	..
December qtr	3 198.5	3 235.1	6 433.6	13.4	7.7	21.1	..	..
2000								
March qtr	3 205.0	3 240.6	6 445.7	7.6	4.5	12.1	..	..
June qtr	3 214.6	3 248.9	6 463.5	12.5	5.2	17.8	..	..

(a) Excess of live births over deaths.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0).

2 LABOUR — NSW AND AUSTRALIA

				New South Wales		Australia		
				Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
				%	%	no.	%	%
	Unit	Latest period	Latest figure					
Employed persons (seasonally adjusted)	'000	December 2000	3 023.9	0.3	1.8	9 086.7	0.4	2.0
Unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted)	'000	December 2000	192.5	3.8	-3.7	643.2	1.0	-4.3
Labour force (seasonally adjusted)	'000	December 2000	3 216.4	0.5	1.4	9 729.9	0.5	1.5
Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)	%	December 2000	62.1	0.3	0.2	63.6	0.5	0.2
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	%	December 2000	6.0	3.4	-4.8	6.6	—	-5.7
Industrial disputes — working days lost	'000	October 2000	5.3	-36.1	-68.3	29.3	-5.5	-27.5
Job vacancies	'000	November 2000	40.4	-8.0	9.5	118.2	-7.4	14.5
Average weekly employee earnings — full-time adult ordinary time earnings (seasonally adjusted)	\$	August 2000	834.9	1.2	5.9	798.3	1.9	6.1

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

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	Seasonally adjusted						
	Employed persons	Unemployed persons	Labour force	Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Industrial disputes (working days lost)	Job vacancies
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000
1999							
October	2 967.0	190.0	3 157.0	61.9	6.0	16.7	..
November	2 960.5	176.9	3 137.4	61.5	5.6	121.4	36.9
December	2 971.5	199.9	3 171.4	62.0	6.3	29.1	..
2000							
January	2 974.0	189.5	3 163.5	61.8	6.0	7.5	..
February	3 004.5	186.4	3 190.9	62.3	5.8	20.1	46.4
March	3 013.9	193.3	3 207.2	62.5	6.0	11.8	..
April	3 038.2	181.8	3 220.0	62.7	5.6	20.0	..
May	3 053.4	185.1	3 238.5	63.0	5.7	47	41.8
June	3 038.4	187.9	3 226.3	62.7	5.8	16.3	..
July	3 060.2	173.4	3 233.6	62.7	5.4	7.5	..
August	3 070.3	178.6	3 248.9	63.0	5.5	8.7	43.9
September	3 059.7	176.8	3 236.5	62.7	5.5	8.3	..
October	3 040.5	176.2	3 216.7	62.2	5.5	5.3	..
November	3 013.8	185.4	3 199.2	61.9	5.8	n.y.a.	40.4
December	3 023.9	192.5	3 216.4	62.1	6.0	n.y.a.	..

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

4 LABOUR FORCE STATUS, NSW — ORIGINAL

	<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	%	%
MALES									
December									
1996	1 450.3	1 624.8	120.2	140.9	1 765.7	642.2	2 407.9	8.0	73.3
1997	1 457.6	1 638.4	115.1	133.5	1 771.9	668.6	2 440.5	7.5	72.6
1998	1 467.6	1 658.3	107.6	121.5	1 779.8	695.0	2 474.7	6.8	71.9
1999									
October	1 504.7	1 688.4	87.4	105.5	1 793.9	712.6	2 506.4	5.9	71.6
November	1 498.9	1 681.8	81.4	95.1	1 777.0	733.5	2 510.5	5.4	70.8
December	1 530.2	1 711.0	95.2	116.1	1 827.0	687.5	2 514.5	6.4	72.7
2000									
January	1 497.6	1 680.2	104.8	119.9	1 800.1	717.6	2 517.7	6.7	71.5
February	1 503.6	1 694.0	95.8	113.8	1 807.8	713.1	2 520.9	6.3	71.7
March	1 494.2	1 701.8	93.5	114.1	1 815.9	708.2	2 524.0	6.3	71.9
April	1 504.7	1 716.6	81.8	100.5	1 817.1	710.5	2 527.6	5.5	71.9
May	1 504.2	1 719.5	79.7	98.2	1 817.7	713.5	2 531.1	5.4	71.8
June	1 517.3	1 718.7	86.3	100.5	1 819.2	715.5	2 534.7	5.5	71.8
July	1 528.2	1 732.5	81.4	99.6	1 832.1	705.5	2 537.6	5.4	72.2
August	1 492.5	1 701.7	87.1	101.2	1 802.8	737.7	2 540.5	5.6	71.0
September	1 519.3	1 738.0	85.8	106.6	1 844.6	698.9	2 543.5	5.8	72.5
October	1 506.1	1 719.3	85.0	101.5	1 820.9	724.6	2 545.5	5.6	71.5
November	1 489.4	1 700.1	88.3	104.8	1 805.0	742.5	2 547.4	5.8	70.9
December	1 512.9	1 727.2	94.4	113.4	1 840.5	708.9	2 549.4	6.2	72.2
FEMALES									
December									
1996	748.0	1 226.4	69.4	101.9	1 328.4	1 171.2	2 499.6	7.7	53.1
1997	733.0	1 237.1	65.5	94.9	1 332.0	1 199.0	2 531.0	7.1	52.6
1998	762.7	1 276.6	57.4	86.6	1 363.3	1 199.2	2 562.5	6.4	53.2
1999									
October	767.2	1 289.1	51.3	77.1	1 366.2	1 225.1	2 591.3	5.6	52.7
November	756.5	1 283.3	50.5	71.8	1 355.1	1 239.7	2 594.8	5.3	52.2
December	788.4	1 307.0	54.7	80.9	1 387.9	1 210.4	2 598.3	5.8	53.4
2000									
January	776.9	1 257.2	55.3	80.7	1 337.9	1 262.8	2 600.7	6.0	51.4
February	755.7	1 282.3	57.0	98.2	1 380.5	1 222.7	2 603.2	7.1	53.0
March	771.1	1 307.8	57.0	92.4	1 400.2	1 205.4	2 605.6	6.6	53.7
April	791.3	1 318.7	52.1	82.4	1 401.1	1 207.3	2 608.4	5.9	53.7
May	784.9	1 324.9	53.2	83.7	1 408.7	1 202.5	2 611.2	5.9	53.9
June	783.4	1 326.0	39.8	76.1	1 402.2	1 211.8	2 614.0	5.4	53.6
July	812.3	1 344.0	36.0	60.9	1 404.8	1 211.8	2 616.7	4.3	53.7
August	787.2	1 329.4	40.1	72.3	1 401.7	1 217.6	2 619.3	5.2	53.5
September	805.6	1 356.4	43.0	73.9	1 430.3	1 191.7	2 622.0	5.2	54.6
October	784.8	1 332.5	40.1	67.7	1 400.2	1 223.3	2 623.5	4.8	53.4
November	787.6	1 318.1	43.6	70.6	1 388.7	1 236.2	2 624.9	5.1	52.9
December	799.2	1 344.3	53.4	76.2	1 420.5	1 205.9	2 626.4	5.4	54.1

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4 LABOUR FORCE STATUS, NSW — ORIGINAL — continued

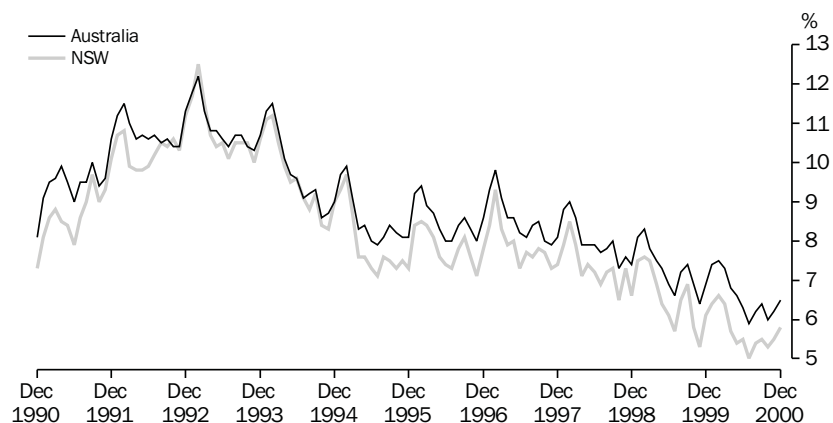
	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate(a)	Participation rate(b)
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Total					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
PERSONS									
December									
1996	2 198.3	2 851.3	189.6	242.8	3 094.1	1 813.4	4 907.5	7.8	63.0
1997	2 190.6	2 875.4	180.6	228.5	3 103.9	1 867.6	4 971.5	7.4	62.4
1998	2 230.2	2 934.9	165.0	208.1	3 143.1	1 894.2	5 037.2	6.6	62.4
1999									
October	2 271.8	2 977.5	138.6	182.6	3 160.1	1 937.7	5 097.8	5.8	62.0
November	2 255.4	2 965.1	131.9	167.0	3 132.1	1 973.2	5 105.3	5.3	61.3
December	2 318.6	3 017.9	149.9	197.0	3 214.9	1 897.9	5 112.8	6.1	62.9
2000									
January	2 274.5	2 937.4	160.1	200.6	3 138.0	1 980.4	5 118.4	6.4	61.3
February	2 259.3	2 976.3	152.8	212.0	3 188.3	1 935.7	5 124.0	6.6	62.2
March	2 265.4	3 009.6	150.4	206.5	3 216.1	1 913.6	5 129.7	6.4	62.7
April	2 296.0	3 035.3	133.9	182.9	3 218.2	1 917.8	5 136.0	5.7	62.7
May	2 289.1	3 044.4	132.8	181.9	3 226.3	1 916.0	5 142.3	5.6	62.7
June	2 300.6	3 044.7	126.0	176.6	3 221.3	1 927.3	5 148.6	5.5	62.6
July	2 340.5	3 076.5	117.4	160.5	3 237.0	1 917.3	5 154.3	5.0	62.8
August	2 279.7	3 031.1	127.2	173.4	3 204.6	1 955.3	5 159.9	5.4	62.1
September	2 324.9	3 094.4	128.9	180.5	3 274.9	1 890.6	5 165.5	5.5	63.4
October	2 290.9	3 051.8	125.1	169.2	3 221.1	1 947.9	5 169.0	5.3	62.3
November	2 277.0	3 018.2	131.9	175.4	3 193.7	1 978.7	5 172.4	5.5	61.7
December	2 312.2	3 071.4	147.8	189.6	3 261.0	1 914.8	5 175.8	5.8	63.0

(a) The number of unemployed in each group expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

(b) 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).

5 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE — ORIGINAL



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

6 COAL AND ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION, NSW AND AUSTRALIA — ORIGINAL

		New South Wales				Australia		
				Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year			Change from same period prior year
	Unit	Latest period	Latest figure	%	%	Latest figure	%	%
Raw coal won								
Underground	'000 tonnes	Oct 2000	4 523	17.8	10.3	8 465	24.5	19.7
Open cut	'000 tonnes	Oct 2000	6 976	-3.1	14.6	19 046	-0.7	10.6
Total	'000 tonnes	Oct 2000	11 499	4.2	12.9	27 511	5.9	13.3
Electricity	mill. kWh	Sept qtr 2000	19 289	11.3	13.6	49 387	4.2	5.6

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

7 COAL AND ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION, NSW — ORIGINAL

		Raw coal won			Electricity
		Underground	Open cut	Total	
		'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	mill. kWh
1997-98		58 299	75 710	134 009	61 804
1998-99		51 158	80 209	131 367	63 743
1999-2000		52 709	80 186	132 895	65 934
1999					
July		4 560	6 706	11 266	16 977
August		3 861	6 442	10 303	
September		5 552	8 215	13 767	
October		r 4 102	r 6 088	r 10 189	15 284
November		4 573	6 323	10 596	
December		5 918	6 967	11 985	
2000					
January		3 633	5 907	9 541	16 339
February		3 834	6 376	10 210	
March		4 799	6 549	11 348	
April		3 854	5 084	8 938	17 334
May		5 601	8 611	14 212	
June		3 793	6 443	10 237	
July		3 958	6 161	10 119	19 289
August		5 609	8 310	13 919	
September		r 3 838	r 7 198	r 11 036	
October		4 523	6 976	11 499	

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

8 BUILDING APPROVALS — NSW AND AUSTRALIA

	Unit	Latest period	Latest figure	New South Wales		Australia		
				%	%	Latest figure	%	%
				Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year		Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
Number of dwelling units(a) (seasonally adjusted (b))								
New houses	no.	Nov 2000	1 557	-10.2	-45.2	6 649	12.2	-40.2
Total	no.	Nov 2000	3 057	-14.4	-29.9	9 919	2.8	-34.6
Value of new residential building (seasonally adjusted)	\$m	Nov 2000	409.9	-10.5	-22.1	1 313.6	6.4	-27.0
Value of alterations and additions to residential building(c) (seasonally adjusted)	\$m	Nov 2000	82.4	-28.7	-22.2	235.9	-17.2	-15.5
Value of non-residential building(d) (original)	\$m	Nov 2000	269.6	-29.2	-2.4	961.5	-6.9	-5.6
Value of all building (original)	\$m	Nov 2000	855.1	-8.9	-15.0	2 678.0	4.7	-18.5

(a) 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).

(b) Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates to April 2000 have been revised. See *Building Approvals, Australia* (Cat. no. 8731.0).

(c) Valued at \$10,000 or more. Includes conversions of existing buildings into residential buildings.

(d) Valued at \$50,000 or more.

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

9 BUILDING APPROVALS — NSW

	Number of dwelling units(a), seasonally adjusted				Value of building approvals(b)			
	New houses		Total		Seasonally adjusted		Original	
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total	Alterations and additions to residential building	Non-residential building(d)	All building	
	no.	no.	no.	no.	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1996-97	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 169.2	11 356.6
1997-98	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 910.9	13 348.6
1998-99	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 543.4	11 932.3
1999								
September	2 330	2 364	4 456	4 501	542.0	111.9	260.6	939.0
October	2 714	2 739	4 617	4 758	582.5	116.0	266.3	909.6
November	2 822	2 841	4 289	4 362	526.0	105.9	276.1	1 006.5
December	3 048	3 065	4 606	4 652	591.7	114.6	280.5	980.9
2000								
January	2 742	2 756	4 302	4 395	627.6	92.8	361.6	956.0
February	2 882	2 898	4 264	4 378	569.3	123.7	283.5	954.6
March	2 635	2 645	4 036	4 065	515.1	125.1	444.9	1 083.4
April	2 184	2 205	3 599	3 740	483.8	121.1	533.4	1 062.4
May	2 045	2 063	3 867	3 952	533.2	124.1	311.4	1 098.1
June	1 872	1 879	3 158	3 281	447.2	81.6	350.0	858.7
July	1 301	1 308	1 828	1 915	283.3	74.7	286.2	666.7
August	1 471	1 480	2 370	2 439	371.9	77.8	274.4	760.8
September	1 400	1 406	2 696	2 781	397.6	81.2	309.0	r 764.7
October	1 723	1 733	3 527	3 571	458.2	115.6	380.7	938.4
November	1 548	1 557	2 977	3 057	409.9	82.4	269.6	855.1

(a) 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).

(b) From July 2000, value data for both residential and non-residential building approvals will be on a GST inclusive basis.

(c) Valued at \$10,000 or more. Includes conversions of existing buildings into residential buildings.

(d) Valued at \$50,000 or more.

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

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

		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
	Latest period	\$m	%	%	\$m	%	%
Food retailing	Nov 2000	1 600.2	-2.9	0.5	5 020.1	-1.0	1.7
Department stores	Nov 2000	371.0	-5.0	-0.6	1 060.3	-3.8	-1.7
Clothing and soft good retailing	Nov 2000	306.6	-1.1	-6.9	842.7	3.5	-2.0
Household good retailing	Nov 2000	481.1	1.8	10.9	1 504.2	1.6	6.2
Recreational good retailing	Nov 2000	213.0	0.1	15.3	593.4	0.4	-2.3
Other retailing	Nov 2000	438.0	-2.7	0.7	1 398.5	-0.8	7.9
Hospitality and services	Nov 2000	951.6	-3.6	12.2	2 246.0	-1.2	6.7
Total value of retail sales	Nov 2000	4 361.5	-2.4	3.9	12 665.3	-0.6	3.0

(a) 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.).

(b) Data from July 2000 reference month onwards are recorded inclusive of GST.

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

11 TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS(a), NSW(b) — SEASONALLY ADJUSTED(c)

	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
1999								
September	1 591.6	364.6	317.7	449.0	192.9	427.7	868.0	4 211.5
October	1 584.5	376.7	318.7	460.0	189.2	425.8	847.1	4 202.1
November	1 592.4	373.2	329.5	434.0	184.8	434.8	848.5	4 197.3
December	1 601.0	371.4	321.9	419.1	185.0	444.2	853.8	4 196.5
2000								
January	1 542.3	373.5	311.7	440.2	198.7	422.3	854.1	4 143.0
February	1 546.5	377.3	293.7	457.1	197.4	430.3	861.6	4 163.9
March	1 547.6	371.8	320.8	451.1	200.1	425.3	871.8	4 188.6
April	1 562.1	378.9	303.5	446.8	201.8	428.7	874.0	4 195.7
May	1 553.7	382.9	313.4	460.2	208.9	438.4	875.7	4 233.2
June	1 587.0	460.8	371.4	582.4	204.2	479.0	887.4	4 572.2
July	1 596.5	300.7	274.8	428.4	220.3	393.6	932.3	4 146.7
August	1 644.1	402.0	297.4	471.9	216.1	426.1	988.0	4 445.5
September	1 641.6	392.6	370.2	462.6	206.8	455.8	1 057.3	4 587.0
October	1 647.9	390.5	310.1	472.4	212.7	450.3	986.7	4 470.6
November	1 600.2	371.0	306.6	481.1	213.0	438.0	951.6	4 361.5

(a) 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.).

(b) Data from July 2000 reference month onwards are recorded inclusive of GST.

(c) Data for previous months have been revised due to concurrent seasonal adjustment methodology. See Explanatory Notes in Retail Trade, Australia (Cat. no. 8501.0).

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

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

	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	Dec 2000	21 804	11.2	14.7	64 322	15.5	25.0
Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)	Dec 2000	3 425	11.8	-19.0	10 937	15.3	-6.7
Total registrations (excluding motor cycles)	Dec 2000	25 229	11.3	8.5	75 259	15.4	19.1

(a) 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.

(b) The changes to the seasonally adjusted series result from the annual re-estimation of seasonal factors.

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

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

	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)	Total (excluding motor cycles)
	no.	no.	no.
1999			
October	17 762	3 835	21 597
November	18 565	3 871	22 436
December	19 017	4 230	23 247
2000			
January	17 846	3 751	21 597
February	18 467	3 865	22 332
March	17 932	3 538	21 470
April	17 608	3 581	21 189
May	16 985	3 670	20 655
June	13 466	3 651	17 117
July	23 670	3 066	26 736
August	23 809	3 616	27 425
September	19 247	3 387	22 634
October	18 823	3 328	22 151
November	19 611	3 063	22 673
December	21 804	3 425	25 229

(a) 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.

(b) The changes to the seasonally adjusted series result from the annual re-estimation of seasonal factors.

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

14 ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS(a) NSW AND AUSTRALIA — ORIGINAL

	Unit	Latest period	Latest figure	New South Wales		Australia		
				Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
				%	%		%	%
Room nights	'000	Sept qtr 2000	3 543.3	6.6	5.9	10 448.6	4.5	0.5
Room occupancy rate	%	Sept qtr 2000	59.7	2.8	-2.3	58.4	2.3	-3.9
Takings(b)	\$'000	Sept qtr 2000	555 244	48.5	48.1	1 302 158	25.3	20.8

(a) Licensed hotels with facilities, motels and guest houses and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms or units.

(b) Includes GST.

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

15 ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS(a) SYDNEY AND NSW — ORIGINAL

	Sydney Tourism Region(b)			New South Wales		
	Room nights	Room occupancy rate	Takings(c)	Room nights	Room occupancy rate	Takings
	'000	%	\$'000	'000	%	\$'000
1999						
June qtr	1 731.3	68.0	226 273	3 099.9	57.9	332 827
September qtr	1 865.9	71.6	247 543	3 345.0	61.1	375 014
December qtr	1 962.5	72.3	276 165	3 423.1	60.9	395 165
2000						
March qtr 2000	1 980.0	71.7	279 374	3 388.1	60.3	397 869
June qtr 2000	1 902.6	67.1	258 225	3 324.0	58.1	374 005
September qtr 2000	2 093.6	69.6	412 378	3 543.3	59.7	555 244

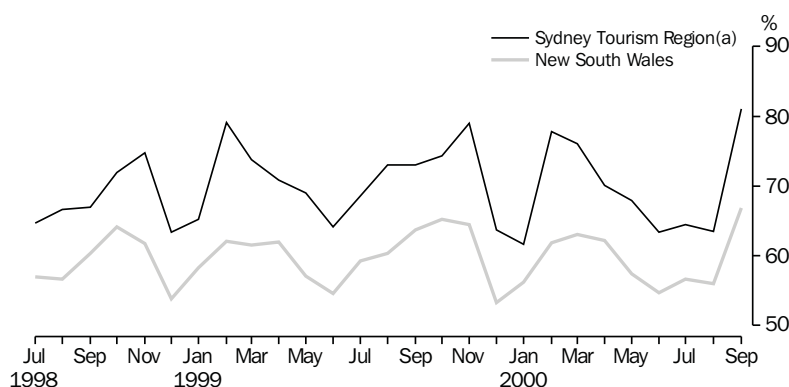
(a) Licensed hotels with facilities, motels and guest houses and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms or units.

(b) Excludes Gosford, Wyong and Blue Mountains Statistical Local Areas.

(c) Takings after 1 July 2000 are on a GST inclusive basis.

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, New South Wales (Cat. no. 8635.1.40.001).

16 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).

17 CONSUMER AND PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES — NSW AND AUSTRALIA

	Unit	Latest period	Latest figure	New South Wales(a)		Latest figure	Australia(b)	
				Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %		Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %
Consumer Price Index (all groups)	1989-90 = 100.0	Dec qtr 2000	132.2	0.5	6.0	131.3	0.3	5.8
Price index of materials used in house building (all groups)	1989-90 = 100.0	Dec qtr 2000	129.8	-0.2	4.3	124.4	-0.1	2.4
Price index of materials used in building other than house building (all groups)	1989-90 = 100.0	Dec qtr 2000	115.7	0.3	0.3	116.3	0.7	0.8

(a) Refers to State capital city — Sydney.

(b) 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).

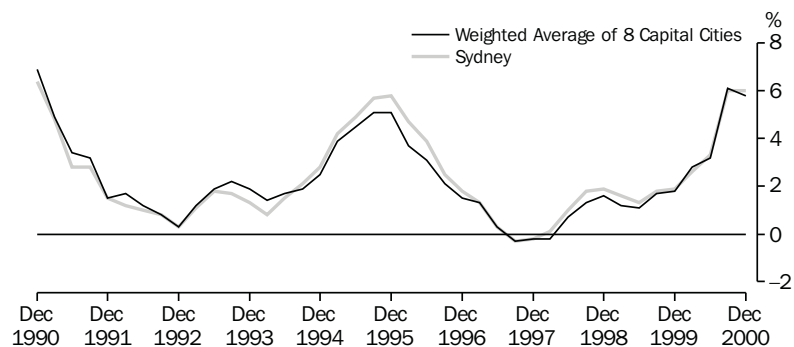
18 CONSUMER AND PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES — NSW(a)

	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
1999			
September qtr	124.1	123.7	115.1
December qtr	124.7	124.4	115.3
2000			
March qtr	125.8	128.0	116.4
June qtr	127.0	131.2	117.3
September qtr	131.6	130.0	115.4
December qtr	132.2	129.8	115.7

(a) 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).

19 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE



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

20 SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR OWNER OCCUPATION — NSW AND AUSTRALIA

	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	Nov 2000	152	3.4	-53.8	540	3.6	-49.5
Purchase of newly erected dwellings	Nov 2000	86	24.6	-25.2	207	13.7	-19.5
Purchase of established dwellings(a)	Nov 2000	1 690	24.1	-20.4	4 003	16.8	-15.7
Refinancing of existing dwellings	Nov 2000	489	7.5	6.3	1 165	9.6	4.9
Lending commitments for alterations and additions	Nov 2000	87	-1.1	-27.5	260	8.8	-11.0
Total lending commitments to individuals for housing(b)	Nov 2000	2 416	18.8	-20.2	5 915	13.9	-17.7
Total lending commitments to individuals for housing (seasonally adjusted)(b)	Nov 2000	2 241	9.3	-20.4	5 428	4.7	-18.8

(a) Excludes refinancing.

(b) Excludes alterations and additions.

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

21 SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR OWNER OCCUPATION — NSW

	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
1997-98	2 625	1 280	14 445	3 573	1 174	21 923	..
1998-99	2 990	1 147	16 761	4 026	1 126	24 925	..
1999-2000	3 268	1 129	21 637	4 993	1 271	31 027	..
1999							
September	315	101	1 841	394	106	2 652	2 600
October	290	104	1 956	418	110	2 768	2 894
November	329	115	2 122	460	120	3 026	2 816
December	275	90	1 893	415	105	2 672	2 768
2000							
January	226	70	1 404	309	83	2 010	2 713
February	324	103	1 759	423	114	2 609	2 656
March	296	101	1 956	488	123	2 842	2 492
April	213	77	1 581	358	94	2 229	2 407
May	246	94	1 909	524	119	2 772	2 402
June	197	86	1 629	474	105	2 386	2 232
July	170	71	1 436	451	89	2 129	2 166
August	166	88	1 710	480	91	2 444	2 336
September	152	83	1 467	418	84	2 120	2 165
October	147	69	1 362	455	88	2 033	2 051
November	152	86	1 690	489	87	2 416	2 241

(a) Excludes refinancing.

(b) Excludes alterations and additions.

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

22 NSW GOVERNMENT FINANCE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR(a)

	Budget 12 months to 30/06/2001 \$m	Actual 5 months to 30/11/2000 \$m
State revenues		
Taxation	12 412	5 237
Commonwealth grants	12 780	5 432
Financial distributions	1 210	476
Fines, regulatory fees and other	792	385
<i>Total state revenues</i>	<i>27 194</i>	<i>11 530</i>
Operating revenues		
Sale of goods and services	2 171	948
Investment income	391	220
Grants and contributions	421	266
Other revenue	280	122
<i>Total operating revenues</i>	<i>3 263</i>	<i>1 556</i>
Expenses		
Employee related — superannuation	1 540	650
Employee related — other	12 157	4 988
Other operating	6 765	2 700
Maintenance	1 120	374
Depreciation and amortisation	995	591
Recurrent grants and subsidies	3 944	1 668
Capital grants and subsidies	1 397	490
Finance costs	1 287	689
<i>Total expenses</i>	<i>29 205</i>	<i>12 150</i>
Gain/(loss) on sale of non-current assets	-14	8
Net cost of services	25 956	10 586
Surplus (underlying)	1 238	944
Abnormal items	2 400	2 582
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	3 638	3 526
less valuation gains	-1 888	-2 228
GFS net operating balance	1 750	1 298
less capital acquisitions	-2 493	-960
plus depreciation	995	591
plus asset sales & other	407	48
<i>GFS net lending</i>	<i>659</i>	<i>977</i>

(a) Prior to the 2000–2001 Budget, NSW Government Finance Statistics were published on a cash basis. Monthly Government Finance Statistics reporting has now moved to an accruals framework.

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

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

Type of asset	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	%	%
New buildings and structures	Sep qtr 2000	985	2.0	5.3	3 012	3.1	5.1
Equipment, plant and machinery	Sep qtr 2000	3 181	6.3	24.3	7 523	-0.3	-1.1
Total	Sep qtr 2000	4 166	5.3	19.2	10 535	0.6	0.9

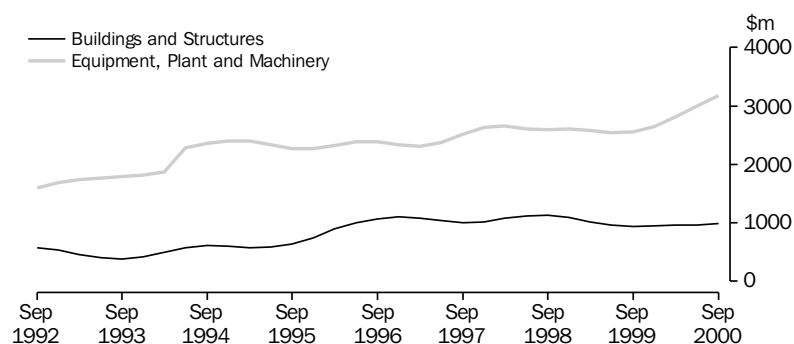
Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0).

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

	Type of asset		Total
	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery	
	\$m	\$m	\$m
1999			
June qtr	959	2 543	3 502
September qtr	935	2 559	3 494
December qtr	948	2 647	3 595
2000			
March qtr	956	2 818	3 774
June qtr	966	2 992	3 958
September qtr	985	3 181	4 166

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

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



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

26 INTERNATIONAL TRADE, IMPORTS(a) AND EXPORTS(b) — NSW AND AUSTRALIA

	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	%	%
Overseas imports into NSW	Nov 2000	4 943	1.6	15.7	11 018	0.6	13.6
Total overseas exports(c)	Nov 2000	1 957	-4.0	23.9	9 975	-1.4	26.1
Export commodities and SITC(d) code							
Meat and meat preparations (01)	Nov 2000	115	-4.6	27.1	484	-9.3	22.9
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	Nov 2000	139	-13.2	29.5	425	-6.9	21.5
Wool and other animal hair (268)	Nov 2000	109	-4.0	17.7	373	2.8	40.2
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	Nov 2000	283	-16.2	15.7	795	-12.4	19.3
Iron and steel (67)	Nov 2000	11	-0.7	-84.0	39	-23.5	-65.2
Aluminium (684)	Nov 2000	152	2.3	46.6	398	-13.9	30.8
Office machines and automatic data processing machines (75)	Nov 2000	26	-29.3	-24.0	52	-20.9	-16.2

(a) Figures shown are Customs value.

(b) Figures shown are Free On Board (FOB) values.

(c) Excludes re-exported goods.

(d) Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3.

Source: ABS unpublished data, International Trade database.

27 INTERNATIONAL TRADE, IMPORTS(a) AND EXPORTS(b) — NSW

	Overseas exports of SITC(c) commodities								
	Overseas imports into NSW	Total overseas exports(d)	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
1998-1999	42 142	17 948	948	1 234	685	3 766	958	1 151	333
1999-2000	r 47 927	r 18 966	1 047	1 271	826	3 092	r 831	1 341	379
1999									
September	4 098	1 573	81	94	69	249	59	107	29
October	3 765	1 550	91	103	78	239	53	105	29
November	4 272	1 579	90	107	93	244	67	104	34
December	3 975	1 583	94	112	83	211	68	112	28
2000									
January	3 462	1 331	68	68	55	261	50	101	22
February	3 731	1 515	86	114	72	226	60	122	32
March	4 341	1 637	95	123	78	238	79	132	43
April	3 534	1 612	87	94	59	285	98	109	35
May	r 4 580	r 1 771	93	118	69	295	r 109	122	30
June	r 4 866	1 768	93	112	66	268	94	129	29
July	r 4 493	1 779	101	138	66	318	64	129	31
August	r 4 947	r 1 826	99	143	66	301	67	r 135	27
September	r 4 473	r 1 887	89	149	78	292	r 10	134	30
October	r 4 863	r 2 039	r 121	r 160	r 114	r 337	11	r 149	r 37
November	4 943	1 957	115	139	109	283	11	152	26

(a) Figures shown are Customs value.

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(c) Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3.

(d) Excludes re-exported goods.

Source: ABS unpublished data, International Trade database.

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