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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

FOB free on board  
 kWh kilowatt hour  
 n.a. not available  
 n.e.c. not elsewhere classified  
 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 in April 2001 was a seasonally adjusted figure of 3,070,100 people. National employment in April 2001 was 9,155,600.
UNEMPLOYMENT	Unemployment in NSW was a seasonally adjusted figure of 187,300 in April 2001. The unemployment rate in NSW was 5.7% while the national unemployment rate was 6.8%.
INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES	In NSW in February 2001 there were 8,600 working days lost due to industrial disputes, an increase of 48.3% on the working days lost in the previous month but a decrease of 57.2% from February 2000. Nationally, there were 23,300 working days lost due to industrial disputes in February 2001.
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS	The seasonally adjusted full-time adult ordinary time earnings for NSW in February 2001 was \$840.90. Nationally, the figure was \$808.70.
PRODUCTION	Coal production for March 2001 in NSW was 13,317,000 tonnes, an increase of 31.3% from the previous month and an increase of 15.0% from the same period last year. Nationally, there were 28,137,000 tonnes of coal produced.
BUILDING APPROVALS	The seasonally adjusted number of new dwelling units approved for NSW in March 2001 increased from the previous month to 2,745 dwelling units. This was a decrease of 36.3% on the corresponding month of the previous year. Nationally, there were 9,546 new dwelling units approved.
RETAIL	In seasonally adjusted terms, total retail sales for NSW in March 2001 were \$4,591.1 million. Nationally, total retail sales were \$13,307.6 million.
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	In April 2001 there were 21,246 new motor vehicle registrations for NSW (seasonally adjusted). Nationally, there were 65,471 new motor vehicle registrations.
FINANCE	The seasonally adjusted value of housing finance commitments for owner occupation in NSW in March 2001 was \$2,802 million, an increase of 13.7% on the previous month and an increase of 12.4% on March 2000.
GOVERNMENT FINANCE STATISTICS (GFS)	The underlying General Government operating surplus for NSW for the nine months ended 31 March 2001 was \$926 million. The General Government Net Lending result for the nine months ended 31 March 2001 was \$1,133 million.
IMPORTS AND EXPORTS	The customs value of imports into NSW during April 2001 was \$4,116 million, an increase of 16.5% on April 2000. The value of exports (FOB) from NSW in April 2000 was \$1,972 million, an increase of 22.4% over the same period.

## MAIN FEATURES

### LABOUR FORCE

The April 2001 Labour Force Survey was conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional data items and some minor definitional changes. Although the impact on core labour force series has been minor, revisions have been made to estimates previously published in this publication to ensure continuity. The revised series was released on 3 May 2001. The *Information Paper: Implementing the Redesigned Labour Force Survey Questionnaire* (Cat. no. 6295.0) contains further information about the questionnaire changes and the revised series. For details on the content of the redesigned questionnaire, see *Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (Cat. no. 6232.0).

In seasonally adjusted terms, the total employment in NSW in April 2001 was an estimated 3,070,100 people. The estimated number of unemployed people in NSW was 187,300. Nationally, the estimated number of employed people was 9,155,600 while the number of unemployed people was 670,800.

The unemployment rate in NSW was 5.7% which was 1.1 percentage points below the national rate of 6.8%. The participation rate for NSW was 62.8% which was 1.1 percentage points lower than the national rate of 63.9%.

### IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

In April 2001, the customs value of imports into NSW was \$4,116 million and the value of exports (FOB) from NSW was \$1,972 million. In terms of annual movements, imports into NSW increased by 16.5% compared to April 2000, and exports increased by 22.4% over the same period. At the national level, imports at \$9,581 million increased 19.7% on the corresponding period last year while exports at \$9,740 million increased 23.5% from April 2000.

Commodities exported from NSW in April 2001 included Meat and meat preparations (\$127 million), Cereal and cereal preparations (\$125 million), Wool and other animal hair (\$82 million), Coal, coke and briquettes (\$404 million), Iron and steel (\$14 million), Aluminium (\$136 million) and Office machines and automatic data processing machines (\$31 million). Significant changes from the previous month occurred for Wool and animal hair (down 33.2%), Iron and steel (up 23.9%), Coal, coke and briquettes (up 23.5%), Aluminium (down 18.7%) and Office machines and automatic data processing machines (down 11.5%). Changes from April 2000 were significant for all commodities including Iron and steel (down 85.5%), Meat and meat preparations (up 45.4%), Coal, coke and briquettes (up 41.5%), Wool and other animal hair (up 38.8%) and Cereals and cereal preparations (up 32.9%). Nationally, significant annual movements occurred for Iron and steel (down 55.9%), Coal, coke and briquettes (up 38.9%), Meat and meat preparations (up 34.6%), Aluminium (up 27.5%) and Wool and other animal hair (up 24.4%).

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# 1 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION — NSW

	Estimated resident population at end of period			Increase during period			Mean estimated resident population for year ended	
	Males	Females	Persons	Natural increase(a)	Net estimated migration	Total increase	30 June	31 December
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
<b>1998</b>	3 164.5	3 204.0	6 368.5	39.9	28.1	68.1	6 303.5	6 335.7
<b>1999</b>	3 198.5	3 235.1	6 433.6	42.3	r 22.7	r 65.0	6 367.3	6 397.6
<b>2000</b>	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	r 6 433.3	n.y.a.
<b>1999</b>								
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	..	..
<b>2000</b>								
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	
			Latest figure	Change from prior period	Latest figure	Change from prior period
	Unit	Latest period	Latest figure	%	no.	%
Employed persons (seasonally adjusted)	'000	April 2001	3 070.1	1.1	9 155.6	0.4
Unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted)	'000	April 2001	187.3	7.1	670.8	6.0
Labour force (seasonally adjusted)	'000	April 2001	3 257.4	1.5	9 826.4	0.8
Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)	%	April 2001	62.8	1.5	63.9	0.6
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	%	April 2001	5.7	5.6	6.8	4.6
Industrial disputes — working days lost	'000	February 2001	8.6	48.3	23.3	109.9
Job vacancies	'000	February 2001	32.0	-20.8	95.5	-12.1
Average weekly employee earnings — full-time adult ordinary time earnings (seasonally adjusted)	\$	February 2001	840.9	-0.4	808.7	0.8

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).

## 3 LABOUR — NSW

	Seasonally adjusted(a)(b)					
	Employed persons	Unemployed persons	Labour force	Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Industrial disputes (working days lost)
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
<b>2000</b>						
February r	3 012.5	176.9	3 189.4	62.2	5.5	20.1
March r	3 021.7	183.0	3 204.7	62.5	5.7	12.0
April r	3 040.1	177.4	3 217.6	62.6	5.5	20.0
May r	3 054.6	180.3	3 234.9	62.9	5.6	47.1
June r	3 043.0	181.7	3 224.7	62.6	5.6	16.5
July r	3 059.8	167.1	3 226.9	62.6	5.2	7.5
August r	3 082.1	168.4	3 250.5	63.0	5.2	8.8
September r	3 060.6	169.6	3 230.3	62.5	5.3	8.3
October r	3 046.2	168.8	3 215.0	62.2	5.3	5.3
November r	3 028.3	176.5	3 204.8	62.0	5.5	9.2
December r	3 033.4	184.2	3 217.6	62.2	5.7	4.4
<b>2001</b>						
January r	3 035.3	179.5	3 214.9	62.1	5.6	5.8
February r	3 032.1	190.8	3 222.9	62.2	5.9	8.6
March r	3 035.7	174.9	3 210.6	61.9	5.4	n.y.a.
April	3 070.1	187.3	3 257.4	62.8	5.7	n.y.a.

(a) Seasonally adjusted estimates have been revised from February 1978 to reflect the annual reanalysis of seasonal factors which occurs in February each year. For further information please see the feature article in the February 2001 edition of *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

(b) The April 2001 Labour Force Survey was conducted using a redesigned questionnaire. Revisions have been made to estimates previously published in this publication. For further information please see the labour force main features article in this publication.

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(a)

	<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(b)</i>	<i>Participation rate(c)</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									
<b>April</b>									
1997 r	1 423.0	1 612.9	117.8	134.5	1 747.5	670.7	2 418.2	7.7	72.3
1998 r	1 443.8	1 627.2	102.7	118.6	1 745.8	705.7	2 451.5	6.8	71.2
1999 r	1 457.2	1 660.5	93.8	112.0	1 772.6	714.0	2 486.6	6.3	71.3
<b>2000</b>									
February r	1 505.0	1 697.0	93.6	110.0	1 807.0	713.9	2 520.9	6.1	71.7
March r	1 494.6	1 704.6	92.8	111.0	1 815.5	708.5	2 524.0	6.1	71.9
April r	1 506.1	1 719.0	80.4	98.0	1 817.1	710.5	2 527.6	5.4	71.9
May r	1 504.9	1 720.8	79.0	96.8	1 817.7	713.5	2 531.1	5.3	71.8
June r	1 518.4	1 720.1	84.6	98.4	1 818.5	716.2	2 534.7	5.4	71.7
July r	1 529.6	1 736.5	78.9	94.2	1 830.7	706.9	2 537.6	5.1	72.1
August r	1 492.9	1 704.6	86.1	97.5	1 802.2	738.4	2 540.5	5.4	70.9
September r	1 519.5	1 742.4	85.2	101.2	1 843.6	699.9	2 543.5	5.5	72.5
October r	1 507.8	1 724.6	82.9	95.9	1 820.5	725.0	2 545.5	5.3	71.5
November r	1 489.4	1 701.9	87.6	102.4	1 804.3	743.2	2 547.4	5.7	70.8
December r	1 513.6	1 729.5	93.4	110.4	1 839.9	709.5	2 549.4	6.0	72.2
<b>2001</b>									
January r	1 475.8	1 685.8	104.5	120.3	1 806.1	745.2	2 551.3	6.7	70.8
February r	1 479.1	1 684.9	103.8	124.4	1 809.2	743.9	2 553.2	6.9	70.9
March r	1 484.0	1 700.1	90.8	108.5	1 808.5	746.5	2 555.1	6.0	70.8
April	1 480.8	1 714.1	89.1	105.1	1 819.1	738.5	2 557.6	5.8	71.1
FEMALES									
<b>April</b>									
1997 r	732.3	1 217.4	67.3	99.2	1 316.6	1 193.0	2 509.6	7.5	52.5
1998 r	722.5	1 232.6	61.7	90.0	1 322.7	1 218.1	2 540.8	6.8	52.1
1999 r	727.0	1 247.7	61.5	93.5	1 341.2	1 232.0	2 573.2	7.0	52.1
<b>2000</b>									
February r	755.7	1 289.0	56.3	90.8	1 379.8	1 223.4	2 603.2	6.6	53.0
March	771.5	1 312.8	56.7	87.4	1 400.2	1 205.4	2 605.6	6.2	53.7
April r	791.3	1 322.0	52.1	78.8	1 400.8	1 207.6	2 608.4	5.6	53.7
May r	785.6	1 327.3	52.5	81.4	1 408.7	1 202.5	2 611.2	5.8	53.9
June r	783.4	1 329.0	39.4	72.4	1 401.4	1 212.6	2 614.0	5.2	53.6
July r	812.3	1 346.6	36.0	57.8	1 404.4	1 212.2	2 616.7	4.1	53.7
August r	787.5	1 334.4	39.7	67.3	1 401.7	1 217.6	2 619.3	4.8	53.5
September r	805.6	1 359.4	42.6	70.6	1 429.9	1 192.1	2 622.0	4.9	54.5
October r	785.4	1 336.8	39.4	63.4	1 400.2	1 223.3	2 623.5	4.5	53.4
November r	787.6	1 320.8	43.0	67.2	1 388.0	1 236.9	2 624.9	4.8	52.9
December r	799.2	1 345.9	53.4	74.3	1 420.2	1 206.2	2 626.4	5.2	54.1
<b>2001</b>									
January r	787.5	1 305.9	46.2	69.2	1 375.1	1 252.6	2 627.7	5.0	52.3
February	790.6	1 321.2	59.6	91.0	1 412.1	1 216.9	2 629.0	6.4	53.7
March	800.3	1 331.2	45.7	81.0	1 412.2	1 218.1	2 630.3	5.7	53.7
April	785.7	1 357.1	48.2	81.4	1 438.5	1 193.7	2 632.3	5.7	54.7

For footnotes see end of table.



## 4 LABOUR FORCE STATUS, NSW — ORIGINAL(a) — continued

	<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(b)</i>	<i>Participation rate(c)</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	%	%
PERSONS									
<b>April</b>									
1997 r	2 155.3	2 830.3	185.1	233.7	3 064.1	1 863.7	4 927.7	7.6	62.2
1998 r	2 166.3	2 859.8	164.4	208.6	3 068.5	1 923.9	4 992.4	6.8	61.5
1999 r	2 184.2	2 908.2	155.3	205.5	3 113.7	1 946.0	5 059.8	6.6	61.5
<b>2000</b>									
February r	2 260.6	2 986.0	149.9	200.8	3 186.8	1 937.2	5 124.0	6.3	62.2
March r	2 266.1	3 017.4	149.4	198.3	3 215.7	1 913.9	5 129.7	6.2	62.7
April r	2 297.4	3 041.0	132.5	176.9	3 217.9	1 918.1	5 136.0	5.5	62.7
May r	2 290.5	3 048.1	131.4	178.2	3 226.3	1 916.0	5 142.3	5.5	62.7
June r	2 301.7	3 049.1	124.0	170.8	3 219.9	1 928.7	5 148.6	5.3	62.5
July r	2 341.9	3 083.1	114.9	152.0	3 235.1	1 919.1	5 154.3	4.7	62.8
August r	2 280.4	3 039.0	125.8	164.9	3 203.9	1 956.0	5 159.9	5.1	62.1
September r	2 325.2	3 101.7	127.8	171.8	3 273.5	1 892.0	5 165.5	5.2	63.4
October r	2 293.3	3 061.4	122.3	159.3	3 220.7	1 948.3	5 169.0	4.9	62.3
November r	2 277.0	3 022.7	130.5	169.6	3 192.3	1 980.1	5 172.4	5.3	61.7
December r	2 312.8	3 075.4	146.8	184.7	3 260.1	1 915.7	5 175.8	5.7	63.0
<b>2001</b>									
January r	2 263.4	2 991.7	150.8	189.4	3 181.2	1 997.8	5 179.0	6.0	61.4
February r	2 269.7	3 006.0	163.4	215.3	3 221.4	1 960.8	5 182.2	6.7	62.2
March r	2 284.3	3 031.3	136.5	189.5	3 220.8	1 964.6	5 185.4	5.9	62.1
April	2 266.5	3 071.2	137.2	186.5	3 257.7	1 932.2	5 189.9	5.7	62.8

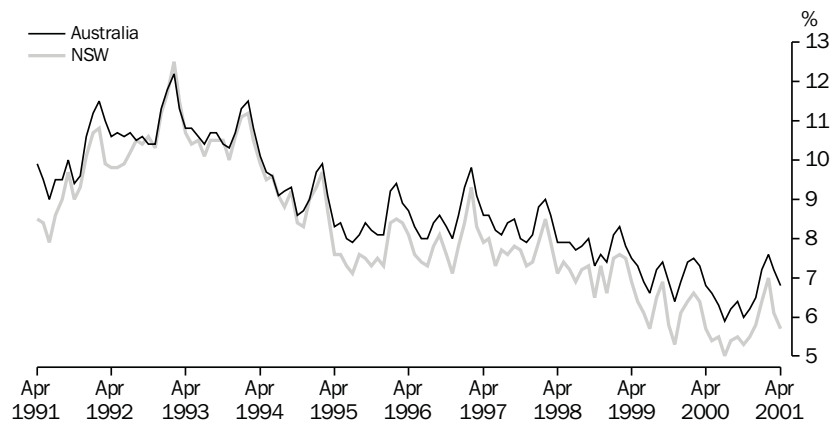
(a) The April 2001 Labour Force Survey was conducted using a redesigned questionnaire. Revisions have been made to estimates previously published in this publication. For further information please see the labour force main features article in this publication.

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

(c) 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

	Unit	Latest period	Latest figure	New South Wales		Australia		
				Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	
				%	%	%	%	%
Raw coal won								
Underground	'000 tonnes	Mar 2001	5 475	30.1	9.6	8 327	18.2	-0.6
Open cut	'000 tonnes	Mar 2001	7 842	32.2	19.1	19 810	11.8	10.9
Total	'000 tonnes	Mar 2001	13 317	31.3	15.0	28 137	13.6	7.2
Electricity	mill. kWh	Mar qtr 2001	16 644	-0.6	1.9	46 865	1.9	1.8

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	
<b>1997–1998</b>	58 299	75 710	134 009	61 804
<b>1998–1999</b>	51 158	80 209	131 367	63 743
<b>1999–2000 r</b>	52 786	79 768	132 554	65 934
<b>1999</b>				
November	4 340	6 213	10 553	15 284
December	4 662	7 066	11 728	
<b>2000</b>				
January	3 633	5 922	9 555	16 339
February r	3 834	6 394	10 228	
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	3 838	7 198	11 036	
October	4 523	6 976	11 499	16 749
November	5 679	7 830	13 509	
December	3 166	6 253	9 419	
<b>2001</b>				
January	3 216	6 343	9 559	16 644
February	4 209	5 934	10 143	
March	5 475	7 842	13 317	

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		Latest figure	Australia	
				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.	Mar 2001	1 515	-8.7	-46.3	6 194	-7.6	-43.0
Total	no.	Mar 2001	2 745	9.3	-36.3	9 546	6.8	-35.5
Value of new residential building (seasonally adjusted)	\$m	Mar 2001	376.2	11.7	-31.3	1 332.6	6.5	-29.2
Value of alterations and additions to residential building(c) (seasonally adjusted)	\$m	Mar 2001	101.4	15.4	-20.3	296.4	15.0	1.3
Value of non-residential building(d) (original)	\$m	Mar 2001	207.2	-44.1	-54.2	1 256.0	45.2	30.8
Value of all building (original)	\$m	Mar 2001	651.0	-16.1	-42.1	2 888.5	24.2	-10.1

(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) Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates to November 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	New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential building(c)	Non-residential building(d)	All building
	no.	no.	no.	no.	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1997-1998</b>	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 910.9	13 348.6
<b>1998-1999</b>	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 555.3	12 026.7
<b>1999-2000</b>	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 477.3	12 560.8
<b>2000</b>								
January	2 755	2 769	4 359	4 452	633.1	93.6	361.6	961.1
February	2 914	2 930	4 305	4 419	574.7	124.9	284.0	961.5
March	2 810	2 820	4 281	4 310	547.3	127.3	452.2	1 124.8
April	2 191	2 212	3 606	3 747	484.6	121.9	533.7	1 064.1
May	2 048	2 066	3 870	3 955	533.6	124.3	311.5	1 098.8
June	1 876	1 883	3 162	3 285	447.8	83.3	350.0	860.9
July	1 302	1 309	1 829	1 916	283.5	75.0	286.2	667.3
August	1 472	1 481	2 370	2 439	372.0	78.2	274.5	761.4
September	1 402	1 408	2 698	2 783	397.6	81.3	309.4	765.1
October	1 725	1 735	3 529	3 573	458.5	115.6	380.8	938.8
November	1 555	1 564	2 984	3 064	410.6	83.1	269.9	857.0
December	1 470	1 482	2 840	2 940	382.9	154.6	195.1	676.5
<b>2001</b>								
January	1 567	1 575	2 857	2 903	429.8	74.5	552.9	1 000.6
February	1 654	1 660	2 345	2 511	336.7	87.9	370.7	775.7
March	1 503	1 515	2 666	2 745	376.2	101.4	207.2	651.0

(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 period	Latest figure \$m	Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %	Latest figure \$m	Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %
Food retailing	Mar 2001	1 676.5	0.1	8.3	5 290.7	0.7	8.7
Department stores	Mar 2001	386.8	-0.8	3.5	1 132.5	0.9	6.0
Clothing and soft good retailing	Mar 2001	317.3	6.2	0.0	892.1	4.3	8.3
Household good retailing	Mar 2001	491.7	1.8	8.3	1 493.3	0.2	5.0
Recreational good retailing	Mar 2001	240.6	0.1	21.2	637.8	-0.5	5.2
Other retailing	Mar 2001	470.3	-0.2	10.3	1 486.2	0.6	15.7
Hospitality and services	Mar 2001	1 007.9	1.2	16.4	2 375.0	1.5	12.2
<b>Total value of retail sales</b>	<b>Mar 2001</b>	<b>4 591.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>13 307.6</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>9.2</b>

(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 \$m	Department stores \$m	Clothing and soft good retailing \$m	Household good retailing \$m	Recreational good retailing \$m	Other retailing \$m	Hospitality and services \$m	Total \$m
<b>2000</b>								
January	1 545.4	374.1	318.4	435.6	198.6	424.1	853.0	4 149.3
February	1 539.2	375.9	294.2	457.9	195.3	428.3	862.4	4 153.1
March	1 548.3	373.6	317.2	454.0	198.5	426.2	865.9	4 183.7
April	1 564.2	376.7	302.6	447.6	201.7	428.9	874.9	4 196.6
May	1 552.1	382.5	314.0	460.4	209.4	438.0	872.1	4 228.5
June	1 585.7	463.4	373.6	580.2	203.7	479.0	887.1	4 572.8
July	1 602.0	299.6	276.8	425.6	221.0	395.2	927.5	4 147.7
August	1 635.5	396.9	299.6	473.6	213.3	424.5	991.7	4 435.0
September	1 649.7	393.4	365.1	466.6	207.3	462.0	1 055.9	4 600.1
October	1 632.3	387.2	309.0	469.8	212.6	450.0	983.5	4 444.4
November	1 606.9	373.6	305.0	481.9	211.5	439.4	952.4	4 370.8
December	1 641.7	392.7	312.3	487.9	209.5	450.4	937.9	4 432.4
<b>2001</b>								
January	1 667.2	388.5	304.1	493.2	227.0	455.4	987.1	4 522.4
February	1 675.2	390.0	298.8	483.1	240.3	471.3	996.2	4 554.9
March	1 676.5	386.8	317.3	491.7	240.6	470.3	1 007.9	4 591.1

(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	Apr 2001	18 160	-0.7	3.1	55 426	4.4	10.7
Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)	Apr 2001	3 086	-0.7	-13.8	10 045	-1.2	-3.6
Total registrations (excluding motor cycles)	Apr 2001	21 246	-0.7	0.3	65 471	3.5	8.2

(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.
<b>2000</b>			
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	3 430	25 234
<b>2001</b>			
January	18 585	3 529	22 114
February	17 706	3 290	20 996
March r	18 293	3 108	21 401
April	18 160	3 086	21 246

(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		Latest figure	Australia	
				Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year		Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
				%	%		%	%
Room nights	'000	Dec qtr 2000	3 498.0	-1.3	2.2	10 543.0	0.9	1.2
Room occupancy rate	%	Dec qtr 2000	58.7	-1.7	-3.6	58.8	0.7	-1.5
Takings(b)	\$'000	Dec qtr 2000	460 756	-17.0	16.6	1 239 908	-4.8	11.5

(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
<b>1999</b>						
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
<b>2000</b>						
March qtr	1 980.0	71.7	279 374	3 388.1	60.3	397 869
June qtr	1 902.6	67.1	258 225	3 324.0	58.1	374 005
September qtr	2 093.6	69.6	412 378	3 543.3	59.7	555 244
December qtr	2 096.0	68.8	334 433	3 498.0	58.7	460 756

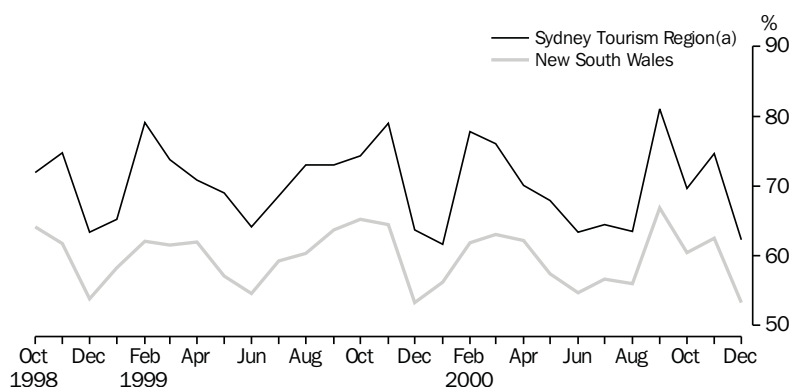
(a) Licensed hotels with facilities, motels and guest houses and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms or units.

(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	Mar qtr 2001	134.0	1.4	6.5	132.7	1.1	6.0
Price index of materials used in house building (all groups)	1989-90 = 100.0	Mar qtr 2001	129.8	—	1.4	124.2	-0.2	0.3
Price index of materials used in building other than house building (all groups)	1989-90 = 100.0	Mar qtr 2001	116.4	0.6	—	116.7	0.3	0.3

(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).

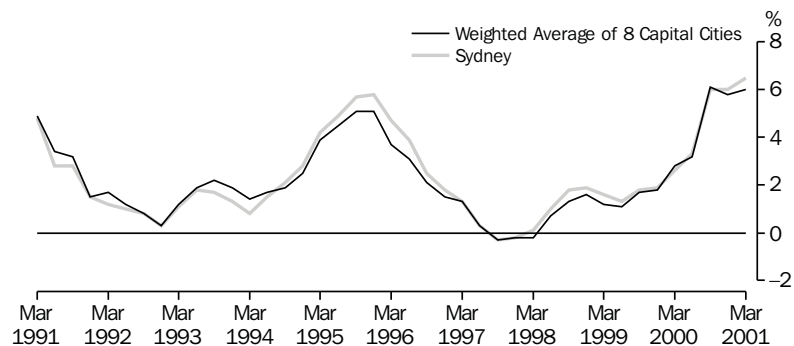
## 18 CONSUMER AND PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES — NSW(a)

	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
<b>1999</b>			
December qtr	124.7	124.4	115.3
<b>2000</b>			
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
<b>2001</b>			
March qtr	134.0	129.8	116.4

(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	Mar 2001	189	25.2	–36.1	678	31.4	–27.6
Purchase of newly erected dwellings	Mar 2001	120	36.4	18.8	270	31.1	5.1
Purchase of established dwellings(a)	Mar 2001	2 103	29.0	7.5	4 736	24.6	3.3
Refinancing of existing dwellings	Mar 2001	619	36.0	26.8	1 459	27.8	24.7
Lending commitments for alterations and additions	Mar 2001	111	15.6	–9.8	291	22.8	–4.9
Total lending commitments to individuals for housing(b)	Mar 2001	3 030	30.4	6.6	7 144	26.1	2.9
Total lending commitments to individuals for housing (seasonally adjusted)(b)	Mar 2001	2 802	13.7	12.4	6 656	13.7	9.0

(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
<b>1997–1998</b>	2 625	1 280	14 445	3 573	1 174	21 923	..
<b>1998–1999</b>	2 990	1 147	16 761	4 026	1 126	24 925	..
<b>1999–2000</b>	3 268	1 129	21 637	4 993	1 271	31 027	..
<b>2000</b>							
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	151	65	1 397	492	90	2 105	2 123
November	160	82	1 757	542	85	2 542	2 357
December	143	88	1 688	483	80	2 402	2 690
<b>2001</b>							
January	121	97	1 497	426	79	2 141	2 644
February	151	88	1 630	455	96	2 323	2 464
March	189	120	2 103	619	111	3 030	2 802

(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 9 months to 31/03/2001 \$m
<b>State revenues</b>		
Taxation	12 412	9 728
Commonwealth grants	12 780	9 390
Financial distributions	1 210	927
Fines, regulatory fees and other	792	684
<i>Total state revenues</i>	<i>27 194</i>	<i>20 729</i>
<b>Operating revenues</b>		
Sale of goods and services	2 171	1 658
Investment income	391	368
Grants and contributions	421	406
Other revenue	280	202
<i>Total operating revenues</i>	<i>3 263</i>	<i>2 634</i>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Employee related — superannuation	1 540	1 243
Employee related — other	12 157	9 179
Other operating	6 765	5 124
Maintenance	1 120	705
Depreciation and amortisation	995	1 070
Recurrent grants and subsidies	3 944	3 286
Capital grants and subsidies	1 397	783
Finance costs	1 287	1 030
<i>Total expenses</i>	<i>29 205</i>	<i>22 420</i>
<b>Gain/(loss) on sale of non-current assets</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-17</b>
<b>Net cost of services</b>	<b>25 956</b>	<b>19 803</b>
<b>Surplus (underlying)</b>	<b>1 238</b>	<b>926</b>
<b>Abnormal items</b>	<b>2 400</b>	<b>2 582</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	<b>3 638</b>	<b>3 508</b>
less valuation gains	-1 888	-1 964
<b>GFS net operating balance</b>	<b>1 750</b>	<b>1 544</b>
less capital acquisitions	-2 493	-1 568
plus depreciation	995	1 070
plus asset sales & other	407	87
<i>GFS net lending</i>	<i>659</i>	<i>1 133</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	Dec qtr 2000	836	-7.4	-12.2	2 625	-7.2	-4.9
Equipment, plant and machinery	Dec qtr 2000	2 839	-2.5	6.7	7 464	-0.5	-1.7
<b>Total</b>	Dec qtr 2000	<b>3 675</b>	<b>-3.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>10 089</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>-2.5</b>

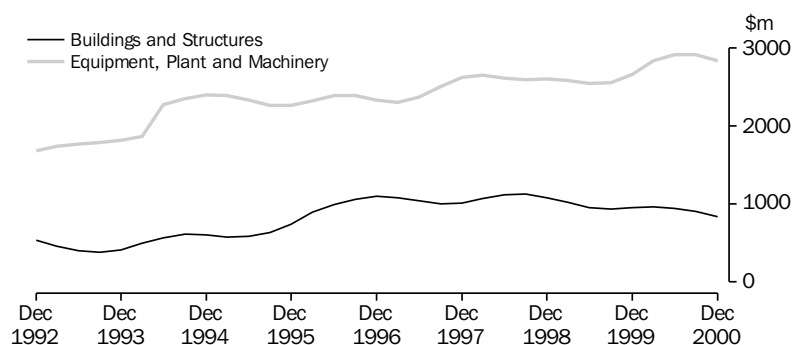
Source: Private New Capital Expenditure, State Estimates (Cat. no. 5646.0).

## 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
<b>1999</b>			
September qtr	935	2 559	3 494
December qtr	952	2 661	3 613
<b>2000</b>			
March qtr	960	2 838	3 798
June qtr	944	2 917	3 861
September qtr	903	2 911	3 814
December qtr	836	2 839	3 675

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

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



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

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

	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	Apr 2001	4 116	-4.8	16.5	9 581	-3.6	19.7
Total overseas exports(d)	Apr 2001	1 972	-4.1	22.4	9 740	-3.0	23.5
Export commodities and SITC(e) code							
Meat and meat preparations (01)	Apr 2001	127	-3.4	45.4	517	-8.6	34.6
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	Apr 2001	125	5.4	32.9	447	-8.1	4.6
Wool and other animal hair (268)	Apr 2001	82	-33.2	38.8	295	-27.9	24.4
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	Apr 2001	404	23.5	41.5	992	12.6	38.9
Iron and steel (67)	Apr 2001	14	23.9	-85.5	68	7.1	-55.9
Aluminium (684)	Apr 2001	136	-18.7	25.1	426	-8.2	27.5
Office machines and automatic data processing machines (75)	Apr 2001	31	-11.5	-13.3	52	-12.8	-1.5

(a) Figures shown are Customs value.

(b) Restrictions are placed on the release of statistics for certain commodities for reasons of confidentiality. The restrictions do not affect total export and import figures, but they can affect figures at State and commodity levels. More information on the treatment of confidential data in international merchandise trade statistics can be obtained from the *Information Paper, International Merchandise Trade Statistics, Australia: Data Confidentiality* (Cat. no. 5487.0), or the International Trade Confidentiality Manager on 02 6252 5409. Figures shown are Free On Board (FOB) values.

(c) All percentages are calculated using unrounded figures.

(d) Excludes re-exported goods.

(e) 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
<b>1998-1999</b>	42 142	17 948	948	1 234	685	3 766	958	1 151	333
<b>1999-2000</b>	47 927	18 966	1 047	1 270	826	3 092	831	1 341	379
<b>2000</b>									
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	4 580	1 771	93	118	69	295	109	122	30
June	4 866	1 768	93	112	66	268	94	129	29
July	4 493	1 779	101	138	66	318	64	129	31
August	4 947	1 826	99	143	66	301	67	135	27
September	4 472	r 1 843	89	149	78	292	10	134	30
October	5 071	2 042	120	160	114	337	10	148	37
November	4 936	r 1 973	118	139	112	283	11	149	26
December	r 4 243	2 017	105	118	103	309	12	129	36
<b>2001</b>									
January	r 3 881	1 561	r 94	87	r 63	313	r 9	125	19
February	r 3 493	r 1 705	r 117	116	r 84	262	10	r 125	r 27
March	4 323	2 057	131	118	123	327	12	167	34
April	4 116	1 972	127	125	82	404	14	136	31

(a) Figures shown are Customs value.

(b) Restrictions are placed on the release of statistics for certain commodities for reasons of confidentiality. The restrictions do not affect total export and import figures, but they can affect figures at State and commodity levels. More information on the treatment of confidential data in international merchandise trade statistics can be obtained from the *Information Paper, International Merchandise Trade Statistics, Australia: Data Confidentiality* (Cat. no. 5487.0), or the International Trade Confidentiality Manager on 02 6252 5409. Figures shown are Free On Board (FOB) values.

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