

# PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND EXPECTED EXPENDITURE to June 2002 AUSTRALIA

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## MARCH QTR KEY FIGURES

## TREND ESTIMATES (a)

	Mar 2000	Dec 2000	Mar 2001		% change Mar 2000 to
	\$m	\$ <i>m</i>	\$m	Mar 2001	Mar 2001
Total new capital					
expenditure	11 000	10 453	10 166	-2.7	-7.6
Buildings & structures	2 866	2 293	2 034	-11.3	-29.0
Equipment, plant &					
machinery	8 134	8 157	8 179	0.3	0.6

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED(a)

	Mar 2000	Dec 2000	Mar 2001	Ū	% change Mar 2000 to
	\$m	\$m	\$m	Mar 2001	Mar 2001
Total new capital					
expenditure	11 182	10 335	10 113	-2.1	-9.6
Buildings & structures	2 932	2 277	1 928	-15.3	-34.2
Equipment, plant &					
machinery	8 250	8 058	8 185	1.6	-0.8
(a) In volume terms.					

## MARCH QTR KEY POINTS

## ACTUAL EXPENDITURE

- The trend estimate for total new capital expenditure (in volume terms) has decreased by 2.7% this quarter following decreases in the previous three quarters.
- The decrease in total new capital expenditure has been largely driven by a fall in expenditure by Other selected industries, continuing the decreases reported in the previous two quarters.
- Expenditure on buildings and structures fell by 11.3%, continuing the decreases reported in the previous three quarters. Expenditure on equipment, plant and machinery has remained relatively unchanged over the past four quarters.

## EXPECTED EXPENDITURE

- Estimate 6 for 2000-2001 is \$40,231m, which is 6.9% lower than Estimate 6 for 1999-2000.
- The second estimate for 2001-2002 is \$35,447m, which is 2.3% higher than the corresponding estimate for 2000-2001. Expected expenditure on buildings and structures is 1.3% lower, while equipment, plant and machinery is 3.7% higher.
- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Michael Sharpe on 02 9268 4174, or the National Information Service on 1300 135 070.

## NOTES

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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE There are no changes in this issue.

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REVISIONS TO TREND Readers should exercise care in the interpretation of the trend data as the last

three observations, in particular, are likely to be revised with the addition of  $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right\} =\left$ 

subsequent quarters' data.

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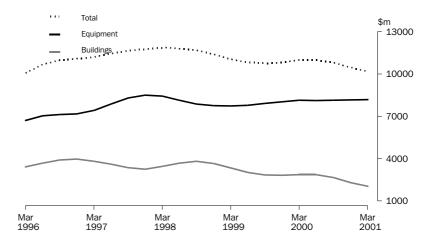
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## QUARTERLY TREND ESTIMATES OF CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES

BY ASSET

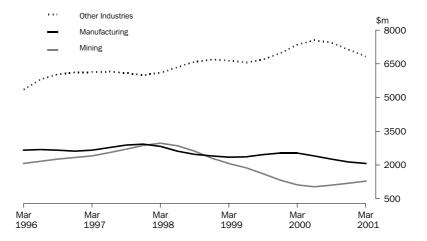
The trend estimate for expenditure on buildings and structures has fallen for the past four quarters following a small increase in March quarter 2000. Manufacturing has fallen for the past three quarters while Other selected industries decreased to its lowest level since March quarter 1995. Mining has been relatively unchanged in the past two quarters, following an increase in September quarter 2000 and decreases in the previous seven quarters.

The trend estimate for equipment, plant and machinery has been relatively flat for the past four quarters. Other selected industries has decreased slightly in the past two quarters after ten consecutive quarters of increases. Expenditure by Mining increased for the third quarter running after falling for ten consecutive quarters, while Manufacturing has decreased for the past five quarters.



BY INDUSTRY

The trend estimate for total new capital expenditure by the Mining industry has increased for the third consecutive quarter after falling since June quarter 1998. Expenditure by Manufacturing has been decreasing since March quarter 2000 after rising for the previous three quarters. The trend estimate for Other selected industries has fallen for the past three quarters, after four quarters of increase.

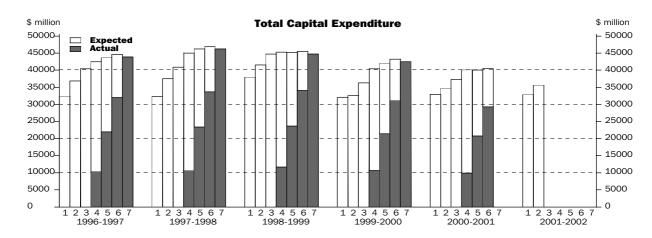


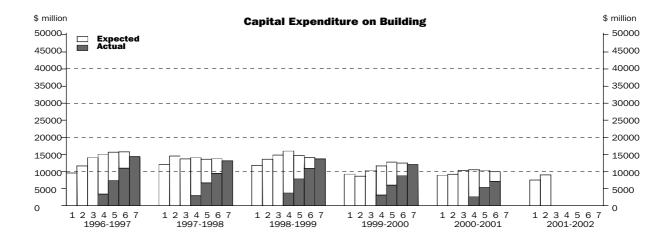
## ACTUAL AND EXPECTED NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

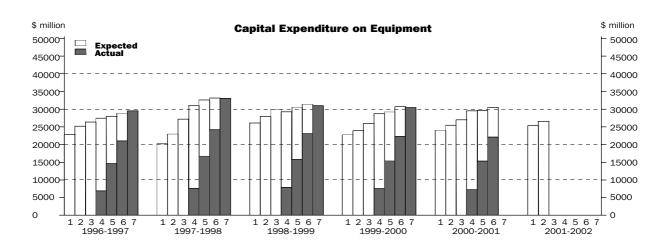
## FINANCIAL YEARS AT CURRENT PRICES

**EXPENDITURE** 

The estimates of actual and expected expenditure appearing below relate to data contained in table 4. Information about the timing and construction of these estimates are contained on page 14 and advice about the usefulness of the realisation ratios is on pages 15 and 16.









		NGS AND TURES				MENT, PLA	ANT AND		TOTAL (	CAPITAL DITURE		
	Mining	Manu- facturing	Other selected indus- tries	Total	Mining	Manu- facturing	Other selected indus- tries	Total	Mining	Manu- facturing	Other selected indus- tries	Total
Period	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
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					ORIGINA	AL (Actua	1)					
1998–1999 1999–2000	5 007 2 534	1 116 1 501	7 586 7 968	13 709 12 003	3 718 2 753	8 320 8 184	18 936 19 507	30 973 30 444	8 725 5 288	9 435 9 685	26 522 27 475	44 682 42 447
1999–2000												
December	543	365	1 965	2 872	715	2 279	4 859	7 854	1 258	2 644	6 824	10 726
March June	442 544	349 404	1 976 2 280	2 767 3 228	526 696	1 913 2 037	4 501 5 400	6 940 8 133	967 1 239	2 262 2 441	6 477 7 681	9 706 11 361
2000–2001	0		2 200	0 220	000	2 00.	0 .00	0 200	1 200		. 001	11 001
September	453	389	1 754	2 596	542	1 804	4 961	7 307	995	2 193	6 715	9 903
December March	541 455	342 224	1 862 1 239	2 746 1 919	763 861	1 893 1 598	5 104 4 476	7 760 6 936	1 305 1 317	2 235 1 822	6 966 5 715	10 506 8 854
Water	455	224	1 255	1 313	301	1 590	4470	0 330	1 517	1 022	3 7 13	0 004
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2000 2001				0	RIGINAL	(Expected	l)(a)					
<b>2000-2001</b> 3 mths to Jun	741	478	1 470	2 689	1 381	2 123	4 775	8 279	2 122	2 601	6 245	10 968
Total 2000-2001	2 190	1 433	6 326	9 949	3 547	7 418	19 316	30 282	5 738	8 852	25 642	40 231
Total 2001-2002	0.500	1 607	4 000	0.070	4 522	6.057	14.070	26.260	7 115	0.464	10.067	25 447
12 mths to Jun	2 582	1 607	4 889	9 078	4 533	6 857	14 978	26 368	7 115	8 464	19 867	35 447
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				SEASO	ONALLY A	DJUSTED	(Actual)					
1998–1999	5 013	1 105	7 582	13 700	3 719	8 375	18 993	31 088	8 733	9 479	26 576	44 788
1999–2000	2 560	1 515	7 971	12 045	2 744	8 215	19 514	30 471	5 302	9 729	27 485	42 516
4000 0000												
<b>1999–2000</b> December	489	331	1 724	2 544	680	2 149	4 708	7 537	1 169	2 480	6 432	10 081
March	483	365	2 153	3 001	579	2 119	5 014	7 712	1 062	2 484	7 167	10 713
June	533	486	2 260	3 279	672	1 834	4 954	7 460	1 205	2 320	7 214	10 739
<b>2000–2001</b> September	474	369	1 868	2 711	538	1 948	5 057	7 543	1 012	2 317	6 925	10 254
December	488	307	1 650	2 445	727	1 785	4 950	7 462	1 215	2 092	6 600	9 907
March	499	226	1 298	2 023	948	1 770	4 977	7 695	1 447	1 996	6 275	9 718
				TRE	END ESTI	MATES (A	ctual)					
1998–1999	5 072	1 222	7 718	14 012	3 779	8 472	18 966	31 217	8 851	9 693	26 685	45 229
1999–2000	2 459	1 229	7 694	11 382	2 682	8 195	19 450	30 326	5 141	9 423	27 144	41 708
1999–2000												
December	640	271	1 850	2 761	696	2 096	4 798	7 590	1 336	2 367	6 648	10 351
March June	505 467	327 382	1 999 2 075	2 831 2 924	623 585	2 069 1 954	4 933 4 992	7 625 7 531	1 128 1 052	2 396 2 336	6 932 7 067	10 456 10 455
2000–2001	401	J02	2013	Z 3Z4	აია	1 904	4 332	1 331	1 002	2 330	1 001	10 400
September	495	378	1 923	2 796	633	1 869	5 008	7 510	1 128	2 247	6 931	10 306
December March	490	319	1 637	2 446	737	1 815	4 986	7 538	1 227	2 134	6 623	9 984
March	488	242	1 375	2 105	871	1 785	4 975	7 631	1 359	2 027	6 350	9 736

 $<sup>\</sup>hbox{(a) Not directly comparable with estimates of actual expenditure due to likely over/under realisation}\\$ 

<sup>-</sup> see paragraphs 23 to 26 of the Explanatory Notes.



	MINING	MANUFA	CTURING								
		Food,	Textile,		Printing, publishing	Petroleum, coal,	Non-				
	Total mining	beverage and tobacco	clothing, footwear and leather	Wood and paper product	and recorded media	chemical and assoc. product	metallic mineral product	Metal product	Machinery and equipment	Other manu- facturing	Total manu- facturing
Period	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
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				ORIGIN	AL (Actual	)					
1998–1999	8 725	2 088	263	786	803	1 512	499	1 941	1 335	209	9 435
1999–2000	5 288	2 221	196	987	782	1 801	469	1 482	1 524	221	9 685
1999–2000											
December	1 258	592	50	212	263	410	96	383	577	60	2 644
March	967	590	48	177	183	483	101	354	284	42	2 262
June <b>2000–2001</b>	1 239	584	55	251	169	496	149	330	360	46	2 441
September	995	427	54	151	163	327	170	240	612	49	2 193
December	1 305	546	45	132	206	462	129	333	347	37	2 235
March	1 317	493	38	124	134	312	88	209	380	46	1 822
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2000-2001				ORIGINAL	(Expected	)(a)					
3 mths to Jun	2 122	594	70	160	192	522	148	445	450	20	2 601
Total 2000-2001	5 738	2 059	208	566	695	1 622	535	1 227	1 789	151	8 852
Total 2001-2002											
12 mths to Jun	7 115	1 724	110	622	503	1 640	456	1 742	1 581	87	8 464
• • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	SEAS	ONALLY A	DJUSTED	(Actual)	• • • • • •	• • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	• • • • • •
1998–1999	8 733	2 089	268	778	810	1 513	499	1 965	1 347	209	9 479
1999–2000	5 302	2 221	198	980	794	1 831	473	1 512	1 498	222	9 729
1999–2000											
December	1 169	580	44	231	255	362	88	378	477	65	2 480
March	1 062	619	56	202	197	544	103	403	315	45	2 484
June	1 205	530	49	217	141	528	149	278	386	42	2 320
<b>2000–2001</b> September	1 012	462	62	143	198	315	183	262	645	47	2 317
December	1 215	534	40	144	198	407	118	327	285	39	2 092
March	1 447	517	44	141	144	351	90	237	423	49	1 996
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			TR	END ESTI	MATES (Ad	ctual)					
1998-1999	8 851	2 212	263	802	804	1 535	507	1 973	1 377	219	9 693
1999–2000	5 141	2 204	206	874	816	1 615	476	1 490	1 527	218	9 423
1999–2000											
December	1 336	565	47	235	219	394	104	400	343	60	2 367
March	1 128	578	51	219	198	424	117	358	399	52	2 396
June	1 052	542	54	190	180	429	145	311	441	44	2 336
<b>2000–2001</b> September	1 128	508	EO	165	177	405	150	200	456	42	2 247
December	1 128 1 227	508 504	52 47	165 145	177 179	405 372	153 132	288 276	456 435	43 44	2 247
March	1 359	518	44	133	179	354	100	270	391	45	2 027
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<sup>(</sup>a) Not directly comparable with estimates of actual expenditure due to likely over/under realisation — see paragraphs 23 to 26 of the Explanatory Notes.



	Construction	Wholesale trade	Retail trade	Transport and storage	Finance and insurance	Property and business services	Other services etc.	Total other selected industries	Total new capital expenditure
Period	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
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				ORIGIN	AL (Actual)				
1998–1999	1 733	2 700	3 070	3 891	2 599	5 974	6 554	26 522	44 682
1999–2000	1 435	2 599	3 093	3 659	2 925	6 163	7 601	27 475	42 447
1999–2000									
December	324	770	883	875	754	1 540	1 679	6 824	10 726
March	337	451	594	809	823	1 491	1 972	6 477	9 706
June	459	614	803	1 095	721	1 726	2 262	7 681	11 361
2000-2001									
September	333	583	723	602	986	1 552	1 936	6 715	9 903
December	381	555	843	865	798	1 503	2 020	6 966	10 506
March	248	415	476	969	565	1 251	1 791	5 715	8 854
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0000 0004				ORIGINAL	(Expected)(a	)			
2000-2001	000	400	0.4.4	000	005	4 400	4 000	0.045	40.000
3 mths to Jun	228	422	644	880	685	1 462	1 923	6 245	10 968
Total 2000-2001	1 190	1 975	2 686	3 317	3 035	5 769	7 670	25 642	40 231
<b>Total 2001-2002</b> 12 mths to Jun	568	1 397	2 286	2 597	2 449	4 331	6 239	19 867	35 447
12 maio to sun	300	1 001	2 200	2 331	2 443	+ 551	0 200	13 001	55 447
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1998-1999	1 728	2 717	3 082	3 912	2 599	5 972	6 565	26 576	44 788
1999-2000	1 429	2 571	3 101	3 651	2 963	6 195	7 574	27 485	42 516
1999-2000	1 423	2 3/1	3 101	3 031	2 300	0 155	1 314	21 400	42 010
1999-2000									
December	315	715	775	844	707	1 407	1 669	6 432	10 081
March	359	536	779	870	955	1 743	1 925	7 167	10 713
June	400	599	741	1 052	693	1 589	2 140	7 214	10 739
2000-2001									
September	378	550	716	603	957	1 611	2 110	6 925	10 254
December	370	516	738	839	747	1 374	2 016	6 600	9 907
March	264	493	628	1 037	656	1 459	1 738	6 275	9 718
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				TREND ESTI	MATES (Actua	al)			
1998-1999	1 695	2 758	3 069	4 090	2 590	6 065	6 417	26 685	45 229
1999–2000	1 442	2 552	3 076	3 478	2 876	6 199	7 521	27 144	41 708
1999–2000									
December	343	662	783	877	681	1 514	1 788	6 648	10 351
March	354	612	771	906	742	1 615	1 932	6 932	10 456
June	385	567	749	853	806	1 633	2 074	7 067	10 455
2000–2001	<del>-</del>							* *	
September	381	546	728	813	816	1 555	2 092	6 931	10 306
December	344	524	698	838	778	1 464	1 977	6 623	9 984
March	300	494	671	915	714	1 415	1 841	6 350	9 736

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	ASSET			INDUSTRY				
	Buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery	Total	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries	Total	
Period	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
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			ORIGINA	.L				
1998–1999	13 709	30 973	44 682	8 725	9 435	26 522	44 682	
1999–2000	11 640	32 256	43 896	5 253	9 968	28 675	43 896	
1999–2000								
December	2 792	8 330	11 122	1 256	2 733	7 133	11 122	
March	2 677	7 428	10 105	962	2 339	6 804	10 105	
June	3 086	8 640	11 726	1 216	2 498	8 012	11 726	
2000-2001								
September	2 457	8 105	10 562	968	2 234	7 360	10 562	
December	2 584	8 400	10 984	1 256	2 243	7 484	10 984	
March	1 804	7 397	9 201	1 263	1 821	6 117	9 201	
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			SEASONALLY A	DJUSTED				
1998–1999	13 709	30 973	44 682	8 725	9 435	26 522	44 682	
1999–2000	11 640	32 256	43 896	5 253	9 968	28 675	43 896	
1999–2000								
December	2 438	7 987	10 425	1 166	2 541	6 718	10 425	
March	2 932	8 250	11 182	1 053	2 598	7 530	11 182	
June	3 038	7 922	10 960	1 178	2 257	7 525	10 960	
2000-2001								
September	2 623	8 335	10 958	983	2 394	7 582	10 958	
December	2 277	8 058	10 335	1 170	2 082	7 083	10 335	
March	1 928	8 185	10 113	1 387	2 018	6 708	10 113	
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			TREND ESTIM	IATES				
1998–1999	13 806	31 121	44 923	8 847	9 598	26 483	44 923	
1999–2000	11 366	32 210	43 578	5 094	9 912	28 570	43 578	
1999–2000								
December	2 805	8 027	10 832	1 330	2 531	6 971	10 832	
March	2 866	8 134	11 000	1 116	2 528	7 356	11 000	
June	2 859	8 126	10 984	1 031	2 399	7 554	10 984	
2000-2001								
September	2 659	8 147	10 809	1 095	2 267	7 445	10 809	
December	2 293	8 157	10 453	1 183	2 140	7 129	10 453	
March	2 034	8 179	10 166	1 290	2 058	6 831	10 166	

<sup>(</sup>a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 1998–99.



## ACTUAL & EXPECTED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, By Type of Asset—Current prices

	12 months	12 months					
	expectation as	expectation as		3 months actual	6 months actual	9 months actual	
	reported	reported	12 months	and 9 months	and 6 months	and 3 months	
	in Jan–Feb	in Apr–May	expectation as	expectation as	expectation as	expectation as	
	of previous	of previous	reported	reported	reported	reported	10
Financial year	financial year (Estimate 1)	financial year (Estimate 2)	in Jul–Aug (Estimate 3)	in Oct–Nov (Estimate 4)	in Jan–Feb (Estimate 5)	in Apr–May (Estimate 6)	12 months actual (Estimate 7)
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		BU	ILDINGS AND ST	RUCTURES (\$ mi	llion)		
1997-1998	12 085	14 505	13 668	14 014	13 593	13 740	13 150
1998–1999	11 812	13 587	14 789	15 978	14 711	14 081	13 709
1999–2000	9 258	8 655	10 287	11 663	12 731	12 488	12 003
2000–2001	8 877	9 198	10 295	10 539	10 365	9 949	n.y.a.
2001–2002	7 711	9 078	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
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1997-1998	1.09	0.91	0.96 0.93	0.94	0.97 0.93	0.96	1.00 1.00
1998–1999 1999–2000	1.16 1.30	1.01 1.39	1.17	0.86 1.03	0.94	0.97 0.96	1.00
5 year average	1.29	1.17	1.05	0.96	0.94	0.96	1.00
5 year average	1.23	1.17	1.05	0.90	0.94	0.90	1.00
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1999-2000	22 787	27 905 23 912	25 977	28 713	30 467 29 203	31 386 30 728	30 444
2000-2001	24 046	25 439	26 996	29 522	29 535	30 282	n.y.a.
2001–2002	25 721	26 368	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
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		EOUIPMENT	. PLANT AND MA	CHINERY (Realisa	ation Ratio)(a)		
1997–1998	1.63	1.44	1.22	1.07	1.01	1.00	1.00
1998-1999	1.19	1.11	1.03	1.06	1.02	0.99	1.00
1999–2000	1.34	1.27	1.17	1.06	1.04	0.99	1.00
5 year average	1.38	1.25	1.14	1.07	1.04	1.00	1.00
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			IOIAL (	\$ million)			
1997–1998	32 321	37 479	40 861	44 988	46 229	46 892	46 210
1998–1999	37 916	41 492	44 737	45 253	45 178	45 467	44 682
1999–2000	32 045	32 568	36 264	40 375	41 934	43 216	42 447
2000–2001 2001–2002	32 923 33 433	34 638 35 447	37 291	40 061	39 900	40 231	n.y.a.
2001-2002	33 433	33 441	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
• • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • •	TOTAL (Realis	sation Ratio)(a)	• • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • •
1997–1998	1.43	1.23	1.13	1.03	1.00	0.99	1.00
1998–1999	1.18	1.08	1.00	0.99	0.99	0.98	1.00
1999–2000	1.32	1.30	1.17	1.05	1.01	0.98	1.00
5 year average	1.35	1.21	1.11	1.04	1.01	0.99	1.00
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1997-1998	n.a.	16.0 9.4	9.0 7.8	10.1 1.2	2.8 -0.2	1.4 0.6	-1.5 1.7
1998–1999 1999–2000	n.a. n.a.	9.4 1.6	7.8 11.4	1.2 11.3	-0.2 3.9	0.6 3.1	−1.7 −1.8
2000-2001	n.a.	5.2	7.7	7.4	-0.4	0.8	n.y.a.
2000-2001	n.a.	6.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
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1997-1998	-0.2 17.3	1.8 10.7	1.1 9.5	5.9 0.6	6.0 -2.3	5.1 -3.0	5.4 -3.3
1998–1999 1999–2000	17.3 -15.5	-21.5	9.5 -18.9	-10.8	-2.3 -7.2	-3.0 -5.0	-3.3 -5.0
1999-2000	-13.3	-21.0	-10.3	-10.0	-1.2	-3.0	-3.0

<sup>(</sup>a) Ratio of actual expenditure for the financial year to each progressive estimate for the financial year. For more information see paragraphs 23 to 26 of the Explanatory Notes.

## ACTUAL & EXPECTED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, By Industry—Current prices

Financial year	12 months expectation as reported in Jan-Feb of previous financial year (Estimate 1)	12 months expectation as reported in Apr–May of previous financial year (Estimate 2)	12 months expectation as reported in Jul–Aug (Estimate 3)	3 months actual and 9 months expectation as reported in Oct–Nov (Estimate 4)	6 months actual and 6 months expectation as reported in Jan–Feb (Estimate 5)	9 months actual and 3 months expectation as reported in Apr–May (Estimate 6)	12 months actual (Estimate 7)
1997–1998	7 727	8 826	10 108	10 936	11 066	11 451	10 996
1998–1999	8 679	10 412	11 257	10 456	10 371	9 963	9 435
1999–2000	8 735	8 587	9 015	9 594	9 837	9 987	9 685
2000-2001	8 909 8 437	9 528 8 464	9 923	9 383	9 392	8 852	n.y.a.
2001–2002	0 431	0 404	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	M	ANUFACTURING (	Realisation Ratio	))(a)	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
1997–1998	1.42	1.25	1.09	1.01	0.99	0.96	1.00
1998-1999	1.09	0.91	0.84	0.90	0.99	0.95	1.00
1999–2000	1.11	1.13	1.07	1.01	0.98	0.97	1.00
5 year average	1.17	1.07	0.99	0.95	0.96	0.96	1.00
5 year average	1.11	1.07	0.99	0.93	0.90	0.90	1.00
• • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • •	MINING	(\$ million)	• • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
1997–1998	8 592	9 588	11 027	11 908	12 090	11 551	11 029
1998–1999	9 404	10 088	9 245	9 633	9 354	9 049	8 725
1999–2000	6 510	5 524	5 991	6 334	5 598	5 556	5 288
2000-2001	5 183	5 378	5 567	5 988	5 550	5 738	n.y.a.
2001–2002	5 750	7 115	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
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			MINING (Reali	isation Ratio)(a)			
1997-1998	1.28	1.15	1.00	0.93	0.91	0.95	1.00
1998-1999	0.93	0.86	0.94	0.91	0.93	0.96	1.00
1999–2000	0.81	0.96	0.88	0.83	0.94	0.95	1.00
5 year average	1.10	1.00	0.94	0.91	0.94	0.96	1.00
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		OTH	HER SELECTED IN	NDUSTRIES (\$ mi	llion)		
1997–1998	16 002	19 065	19 726	22 144	23 074	23 889	24 185
1998–1999	19 833	20 992	24 235	25 165	25 453	26 455	26 522
1999-2000	16 800	18 457	21 259	24 447	26 499	27 673	27 475
2000-2001	18 830	19 732	21 801	24 690	24 957	25 642	n.y.a.
2001–2002	19 246	19 867	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
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		OTHER S	ELECTED INDUST	ΓRIES (Realisatio	n Ratio)(a)		
1997-1998	1.51	1.27	1.23	1.09	1.05	1.01	1.00
1998–1999	1.34	1.26	1.09	1.05	1.04	1.00	1.00
1999–2000	1.64	1.49	1.29	1.12	1.04	0.99	1.00
5 year average	1.57	1.39	1.24	1.13	1.05	1.01	1.00

<sup>(</sup>a) Ratio of actual expenditure for the financial year to each progressive estimate for the financial year. For more information see paragraphs 23 to 26 of the Explanatory Notes.

## RATIOS OF ACTUAL TO SHORT TERM EXPECTATION FOR SAME PERIOD(a)—Current prices

	3 MONTHS ENDING		6 MONTHS ENDING	
Financial year	31 December (collected in September Survey)	30 June (collected in March Survey)	31 December (collected in June Survey)	30 June (collected in December Survey)
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	TVDE OF ACCET		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Buildings and Struc	oturos	TYPE OF ASSET		
1998–1999	0.87	0.88	0.90	0.85
1999-2000	0.98	0.87	1.05	0.89
2000-2001	0.94	n.y.a.	1.03	0.38
5 year average		0.86	0.98	0.89
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Equipment, Plant a	ind Machinery			
1998-1999	1.00	0.95	0.95	1.03
1999–2000	0.96	0.97	1.11	1.09
2000-2001	0.92	n.y.a.	1.04	0.48
5 year average		1.00	1.06	1.07
Total	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
10001				
1998-1999	0.95	0.93	0.93	0.98
1999-2000	0.97	0.94	1.09	1.02
2000-2001	0.93	n.y.a.	1.04	0.45
5 year average	0.96	0.95	1.04	1.01
Mining		TYPE OF INDUSTR	RY	
1998–1999	0.91	0.85	0.97	0.86
1999-2000	0.75	0.82	0.92	0.88
2000-2001	0.82	n.y.a.	0.86	0.41
5 year average	0.85	0.84	0.93	0.88
Manufacturing	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
1000 1000	0.05	0.04	0.00	0.00
1998-1999	0.85	0.81	0.80	0.83
1999-2000	0.93	0.89	0.98	0.97
2000–2001	0.86 0.87	n.y.a. 0.87	0.84 0.91	0.37 0.93
5 year average	0.81	0.81	0.91	0.93
Other Selected Ind	ustries			
1998-1999	1.01	1.01	0.97	1.09
1999–2000	1.04	0.97	1.19	1.07
2000-2001	0.98	n.y.a.	1.16	0.51
5 year average		1.03	1.13	1.11
Total	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•••••
1998–1999	0.95	0.93	0.93	0.98
1999–2000	0.97	0.94	1.09	1.02
2000–2001	0.93	n.y.a.	1.04	0.45
5 year average	0.96	0.95	1.04	1.01

<sup>(</sup>a) For more information on Realisation Ratios see paragraphs 23 to 26 of the Explanatory Notes.

INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains estimates of actual and expected new capital expenditure by private businesses for selected industries in Australia. The series have been compiled from data collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in its quarterly Survey of New Capital Expenditure.

SCOPE OF THE SURVEY

**2** The Survey of New Capital Expenditure includes the following industries classified according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification, ANZSIC, 1993:

Mining (Division B)

Manufacturing (Division C)

Food, beverages and tobacco (21)

Textiles, clothing, footwear and leather (22)

Wood and paper products (23)

Printing, publishing and recorded media (24)

Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated products (25)

Non-metallic mineral products (26)

Metal products (27)

Machinery and equipment (28)

Other manufacturing (29)

Other Selected Industries

Construction (Division E)

Wholesale trade (Division F)

Retail trade (Division G)

Transport & storage (Division I)

Finance and insurance (Division K)

Property & business services (Division L)

Other selected services (including electricity & gas; communication; accommodation, cafes & restaurants; cultural & recreational services; and personal services (36, 37, 57, 71, 91–93, 95)

**3** The survey excludes the following industries

Agriculture, forestry and fishing

Government administration & defence

Education

Health and community services

Other services (96)

- **4** The scope excludes public sector business units (i.e. all departments, authorities and other organisations owned and controlled by Commonwealth, State and Local Government).
- **5** The Survey of New Capital Expenditure, like most ABS economic collections, takes its frame from the ABS Business Register which is primarily based on registrations to the Australian Taxation Office's Group Employer Scheme. The frame is updated quarterly to take account of new businesses, cessations, changes in employment levels, changes in industry and other general business changes. Cessations include businesses which have cancelled their Group Employer registration or have not remitted to the Australian Taxation Office for five quarters or more.
- **6** The statistics in this publication generally exclude non-employing businesses which had not registered as group employers with the Australian Taxation Office. Though a substantial number, it is expected that these businesses would not contribute significantly to the estimates, although the impact would vary from industry to industry.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

- **7** The survey is conducted by mail on a quarterly basis. It is based on a random sample of approximately 6,800 units which is stratified by industry, state/territory and number of employees. The figures obtained from the selected businesses are supplemented by data from units which have large capital expenditure and/or large employment and which are outside the sample framework, or not adequately covered by it.
- **8** Respondents are asked to provide data on the same basis as their own management accounts. Where a particular business unit does not respond in a given survey period, an estimate is substituted. Revisions may be made to these estimates if data are provided subsequently from those businesses. Aggregates are calculated from all data using the 'number raised' estimation technique. Data are edited at both individual unit level and at aggregate level.
- **9** Surveys are conducted in respect of each quarter and returns are completed in the 8 or 9 week period after the end of the quarter to which the survey data relate (e.g. March quarter survey returns are completed during April and May). Full details of the reporting cycle are shown below.

TIMING AND CONSTRUCTION OF SURVEY CYCLE

- **10** Businesses are requested to provide 3 basic figures each survey:
- Actual expenditure incurred during the reference period (Act)

Period to which reported data relates

- A short term expectation (E1)
- A longer term expectation (E2).

1999-2000 2000-2001 2001-2002 Survey quarter Mar Jun Mar Sep Mar Jun Dec Jun Dec Act E1 E2 December 1999 Act Act E1 E2 March 2000 June 2000 Act E1 September 2000 E2 December 2000 F2 March 2001 June 2001 Act Act Act Act E1 E2

**11** This survey cycle facilitates the formation of estimates of expenditure for financial years (12 months ending 30 June). For example, as the table above shows, the first estimate for 2000–2001 was available from the December 1999 survey as a longer term expectation (E2). It was subsequently revised in the March 2000 survey (again as a longer term expectation) and in the June 2000 survey as the sum of two expectations (E1 + E2). In the September and subsequent surveys the estimate is derived as the sum of actual expenditure (for that part of the year completed) and expected expenditure (for the remainder of the year). The final (or seventh) estimate from the June quarter 2001 survey, will be derived by summing the actual expenditure for each of the four quarters.

EXPLANATION OF TIMING
OF ESTIMATES

**12** The graphs on page 4 and tables 4 and 5 of this publication contain 7 estimates of expenditure for each financial year.

#### COMPOSITION OF ESTIMATE.....

Estimate	Based on data reported at:	Data on actual expenditure	Data on short- term expected expenditure	Data on long- term expected expenditure
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1	Jan-Feb, 5-6 months before period begins	Nil	Nil	12 months
2	Apr-May, 2-3 months before period begins	Nil	Nil	12 months
3	Jul-Aug, at beginning of period	Nil	6 months	6 months
4	Oct-Nov, 3-4 months into period	3 months	3 months	6 months
5	Jan-Feb, 6-7 months into period	6 months	6 months	Nil
6	Apr-May, 9-10 months into period	9 months	3 months	Nil
7	Jul-Aug, at end of period	12 months	Nil	Nil

SAMPLE REVISION

- **13** The survey frames and samples are revised each quarter to ensure that they remain representative of the survey population. The timing for creating each quarter's survey frame is consistent with that of other ABS surveys. This provides for greater consistency when comparing data across surveys.
- **14** Additionally, with these revisions to the sample, some of the units from the sampled sector are rotated out of the survey and are replaced by others, to spread the reporting workload equitably.
- **15** Adjustments are included in the estimates to allow for lags in processing new businesses to the ABS Business Register, and the omission of some businesses from the register. The majority of businesses affected and to which adjustments apply are small in size. As an indication of the size of these adjustments, in March quarter 2001 they represented about 3.7% of the total estimate of new capital expenditure.

STATISTICAL UNIT

16 The survey uses the management unit as the statistical unit. The management unit is the highest-level accounting unit within a business, having regard to industry homogeneity, for which accounts are maintained. In nearly all cases it coincides with the legal entity owning the business (i.e. company, etc.). In the case of large diversified businesses, however, there may be more than one management unit, each coinciding with a 'division' or 'line of business'. A division or line of business is recognised where separate and comprehensive accounts are compiled for it.

CLASSIFICATION BY INDUSTRY

- **17** The Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) has been developed for use in both countries for the production and analysis of industry statistics. It replaces the Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC) and the New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (NZSIC).
- **18** For more information, users are referred to *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC)*, 1993 (Cat. no. 1292.0).
- **19** In order to classify new capital expenditure by industry, each statistical unit (as defined above) is classified to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) industry in which it *mainly* operates.

CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES

**20** The chain volume measures appearing in this publication are annually reweighted chain Laspeyres indexes referenced to current price values in the chosen reference year (currently 1998–1999). Chain volume measures were introduced in September quarter 1998, replacing constant price estimates.

- CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES continued 21 The current price value may be thought of as being the product of a price and quantity. The value in chain volume terms can be derived by linking together movements in volumes, calculated using the average prices of the previous financial year, and applying the compounded movements to the current price estimates of the reference year. Each year's quarter-to-quarter growth rates in the chain volume series are based on the prices of the previous financial year, except for those of the quarters of the latest incomplete year which are based upon the second most recent financial year. With each release of the June quarter issue of this publication, a new base year will be introduced and the reference year will be advanced one year to coincide with it. This means that with the release of the June quarter 2001 issue of this publication, the chain volume measures for 2000-2001 will have 1999-2000 (the previous financial year) as their base year rather than 1998–1999, and the reference year will be 1999-2000. A change in reference year changes levels, but not growth rates for all periods. A change in the base year can result in revisions, small in most cases, to growth rates for recent quarters.
  - 22 Chain volume measures are not generally additive. In other words, component chain volume measures do not, in general, sum to a total in the way current price components do. In order to minimise the impact of this, the ABS uses the latest base year as the reference year. By adopting this approach, additivity does exist for the quarters following the reference year and non-additivity is relatively small for the quarters in the reference year and those immediately preceding it. However, the trending methodology means that the chain volume trend series may not be additive for the latest three quarters. For further information on chain volume measures refer to the Information Paper: Introduction of Chain Volume Measures in the Australian National Accounts (Cat. no. 5248.0).

DERIVATION AND USEFULNESS OF REALISATION RATIOS

- 23 Once actual expenditure for a financial year is known, it is useful to investigate the relationship between each of the prior 6 estimates of expenditure for that financial year and the actual expenditure (see paragraphs 10-12 above for an explanation of the derivation of the 7 estimates). The resultant realisation ratios (subsequent actual expenditure divided by expected expenditure) then indicate how much expenditure was actually incurred against the amount expected to be incurred at the various times of reporting. Realisation ratios can also be formed separately for 3 or 6 month expectations as well as the 12 month E2 estimates or combinations of estimates containing at least some expectation components (e.g. 6 months actual and 6 months expected expenditure).
- 24 Realisation ratios provide an important tool in understanding and interpreting expectation statistics for future periods. The application of realisation ratios enables the adjustment of expectation data for known under (or over) realisation patterns in the past and hence provides a valid basis for comparison with other expectation data and actual expenditure estimates. Once this has been done the predictions can be more validly compared with each other and with previously derived estimates of actual expenditure for earlier years. For example, if one wished to make a prediction about actual expenditure for 2000-2001 based on the June 2000 survey results and compare this with 1999-2000 expenditure, it is necessary to apply the relevant realisation factors to the expectation to put both estimates on the same basis.
- 25 There are many ways in which realisation ratios can be applied to make predictions of actual expenditure for a future period. A range of realisation ratios for both type of asset and industry estimates is provided in tables 4 and 5.

DERIVATION AND USEFULNESS OF REALISATION RATIOS continued

**26** In using realisation ratios to adjust expectations data, attention should be paid to the range of values that has occurred in the past. A wide range of values is indicative of volatility in the realisation patterns and hence greater caution should be exercised regarding the predictive value of the expectation, even after adjustment by application of realisation ratios. This is particularly the case with the early 12 month expectations for the following financial year collected in the December and March surveys.

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

- **27** Estimates provided in this publication are subject to non-sampling and sampling errors. Details of sampling errors are on pages 19 and 20 of this publication.
- **28** Non-sampling errors may arise as a result of errors in the reporting, recording or processing of the data and can occur even if there is a complete enumeration of the population. These errors can be introduced through inadequacies in the questionnaire, non-response, inaccurate reporting by respondents, errors in the application of survey procedures, incorrect recording of answers, and errors in data entry and processing.
- **29** It is difficult to measure the size of non-sampling errors. However, every effort is made in the design of the survey and development of survey procedures to minimise their effects.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

- **30** The quarterly actual new capital expenditure series in this publication are affected to some extent by seasonal influences and it is useful to recognise and take account of this element of variation.
- **31** Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variations for the series so that the effects of other influences can be more clearly recognised.
- **32** Seasonal adjustment does not remove from the series the effect of irregular or non-seasonal influences (e.g. a change in interest rates) and reflect the sampling and other errors to which the original figures are subject. Particular care should be taken in interpreting quarterly movements in the adjusted figures in this publication, especially for detailed industry estimates. It should be noted that the seasonally adjusted figures necessarily reflect the sampling and other errors to which the original figures are subject.
- **33** At least once each year the seasonally adjusted series are revised to take account of the latest available data. The most recent reanalysis takes into account data collected up to and including the March quarter 2000 survey. Data for periods after March 2000 are seasonally adjusted on the basis of extrapolation of historical patterns. The nature of the seasonal adjustment process is such that the magnitude of some revisions resulting from reanalysis may be quite significant, especially for data for more recent quarters.

TREND ESTIMATES

**34** The trend estimates are derived by applying a 7-term Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted series. The 7-term Henderson average (like all Henderson averages) is symmetric, but as the end of a time series is approached, asymmetric forms of the average are applied. Unlike the weights of the standard 7-term Henderson moving average, the weights employed here have been tailored to suit the particular characteristics of individual series. While the asymmetric weights enable trend estimates for recent quarters to be produced, it does result in revisions to the estimates for the most recent three quarters as additional observations become available. There may also be revisions because of changes in the original data and as a result of the re-estimation of the seasonal factors.

TREND ESTIMATES continued

**35** For further information, see *Information Paper: A Guide to Interpreting Time Series — Monitoring Trends, an Overview* (Cat. no. 1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on Canberra 02 6242 6345.

**DESCRIPTION OF TERMS** 

- **36** A description of the terms used in this publication is given below:
- **37** *New capital expenditure* refers to the acquisition of new tangible assets either on own account or under a finance lease and includes major improvements, alterations and additions. In general, this is expenditure charged to fixed tangible assets accounts excluding expenditure on second hand assets unless these are imported for the first time.
- **38** Some estimates are dissected by type of asset:
- Buildings and Structures. Includes industrial and commercial buildings, houses, flats, home units, water and sewerage installations, lifts, heating, ventilating and similar equipment forming an integral part of buildings and structures, land development and construction site development, roads, bridges, wharves, harbours, railway lines, pipelines, power and telephone lines. Also includes mine development (e.g. construction of shafts in underground mines, preparation of mining and quarrying sites for open cut extraction and other developmental operations primarily for commencing or extending production). Excludes purchases of land, previously occupied buildings and speculatively built projects intended for sale before occupation.
- Equipment, plant and machinery. Includes plant, machinery, vehicles, electrical apparatus, office equipment, furniture, fixtures and fittings not forming an integral part of buildings, durable containers, special tooling, etc. Also includes goods imported for the first time whether previously used outside Australia or not.
- **39** A list of all members of the target population for a survey. The frame for this survey is a list of all businesses in the ANZSIC divisions, subdivisions and groups listed in paragraph 2. This is extracted from the ABS Business Register, which is a list of all employing Australian businesses, as described in paragraph 4.
- **40** The statistics for new capital expenditure shown in this publication differ from estimates of private gross fixed capital expenditure shown in the Australian National Accounts for the following reasons:
  - National Accounts estimates incorporate data from other sources as well as information from the new capital expenditure survey. For example, annual estimates for capital expenditure on 'machinery and equipment' are based on the ABS' annual Economic Activity Survey combined with data from the Australian Taxation Office. Quarterly estimates are interpolated between and extrapolated from the annual estimates using a variety of indicators including this survey. The ABS's quarterly Building Activity Survey and Engineering Construction Survey are the main sources for estimating the National Accounts dwelling and other building and structures items respectively.
  - National Accounts estimates include capital expenditure by all private businesses including units classified to agriculture, forestry and fishing, education, and health and community services industries and capital expenditure on dwellings by households. Data for these sectors are excluded from this publication.

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COMPARISON WITH OTHER ABS STATISTICS

## COMPARISON WITH OTHER ABS STATISTICS continued

- National Accounts estimates include the value of work done on speculative construction projects as the work is put into place. The statistics in this publication, however, include full value of the speculative projects as new capital expenditure of the purchases (if in scope), when the project is sold.
- For machinery and equipment, the National Accounts estimates relate to acquisitions less disposals of all fixed tangible assets whereas the survey figures are acquisitions of new fixed tangible assets only.
- **41** For a more detailed explanation of the concepts and methods used in compiling the National Accounts estimates see *Australian National Accounts: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 5216.0).

#### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

- **42** Users may also wish to refer the following publications:
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- Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product (Cat. no. 5206.0)
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ABS DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

**44** In addition to the data contained in this publication, more detailed industry information may be made available on request, the cost for such a service being dependent upon the amount of data requested. For example, data are generally available at the ANZSIC group (3 digit) level.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ANZSIC Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification n.y.a. not yet available

## STANDARD ERRORS

INTRODUCTION

The estimates in this publication are based on a sample drawn from units in the surveyed population. Because the entire population is not surveyed, the published estimates are subject to sampling error. The most common way of quantifying such sampling error is to calculate the standard error for the published estimate or statistic.

LEVEL ESTIMATES

To illustrate, let us say that the published level estimate for total capital expenditure is \$10,500m and the calculated standard error in this case is \$173m. The standard error is then used to interpret the level estimate of \$10,500m.

For instance, the standard error of \$173m indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real value falls within the range \$10,327m to \$10,673m ( $$10,500m \pm $173m$ )
- There are approximately 19 chances in 20 that the real value falls within the ranges \$10,154m and \$10,846m ( $$10,500m \pm $346m$ )

The real value in this case is the result we would obtain if we could enumerate the total population.

The following table shows the standard errors for national quarterly level estimates. These standard errors are based on a smoothed average of capital expenditure estimates

	Building and structures \$m	Equipment, plant and machinery \$m	Total \$m
Mining	11	16	36
Manufacturing	16	51	62
Construction	7	35	40
Wholesale trade	5	57	65
Retail trade	7	22	34
Transport and storage	10	40	45
Finance and insurance	3	29	31
Property and business services	52	62	84
Other services	69	36	89
Total	90	124	173

## STANDARD ERRORS

#### MOVEMENT ESTIMATES

The following example illustrates how to use the standard error to interpret a movement estimate. Let us say that one quarter the published level estimate for total capital expenditure is \$10,500m, and the next quarter the published level estimate is \$11,100m. In this example the calculated standard error for the movement estimate is \$221m. The standard error is then used to interpret the published movement estimate of +\$600m.

For instance, the standard error of \$221m indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real movement over the two quarter period falls within the range \$379m to 821m ( $600m \pm 221m$ )
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real movement falls within the range \$158m to 1.042m ( $600m \pm 442m$ )

The following table shows the standard errors for national quarterly movement estimates. These standard errors are based on a smoothed average of capital expenditure estimates.

	Building and structures \$m	Equipment, plant and machinery \$m	Total \$m
Mining	15	23	49
Manufacturing	22	64	78
Construction	10	48	55
Wholesale trade	7	51	66
Retail trade	11	25	45
Transport and storage	12	49	53
Finance and insurance	5	40	32
Property and business services	74	84	114
Other services	98	46	119
Total	127	153	221

## EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

Each time new seasonally adjusted estimates become available, trend estimates are revised (see paragraphs 30 to 35 of the Explanatory Notes).

## TREND REVISIONS

The examples in the tables below show two scenarios and the consequent revisions to previous trend estimates of capital expenditure by private businesses.

- **1** The June quarter seasonally adjusted estimate of chain volume measures is higher than the March quarter estimate by the percentage shown.
- **2** The June quarter seasonally adjusted estimate of chain volume measures is lower than the March quarter estimate by the percentage shown.

The percentages chosen are approximately the long term average movement, without regard to sign, in the seasonally adjusted series.

#### **BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES** TREND AS **PUBLISHED** WHAT IF NEXT QUARTER'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE: 2 \$m г 4100 1 rises by 6.7% on Mar 2001 falls by 6.7% on Mar 2001 \$m % change % change % change \$m \$m Published trend 3600 2000 2 September 2 659 -7.02 667 -6.72 677 -6.43100 December 2 293 -13.82 2 9 9 -13.82 2 9 5 -14.32600 2001 March -11.3 2 044 -11.1 -13.02 0 3 4 1 996 2100 June 1921 -6.11814 -9.12000 1999 2001

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TOTAL CAPITAL EXPEND	TREND AS PUBLISHED		WHAT IF NEXT QUARTER'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:				
<b>_ 1</b> \$n	n .4000			<b>1</b> rises by 4.4	% on Mar 2001	<b>2</b> falls by 4.4	% on Mar 2001
<ul> <li>Published trend</li> </ul>		\$m	% change	\$m	% change	\$m	% change
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-	September	10 809	-1.6	10 780	-1.9	10 860	-1.1
-1	December 2001	10 453	-3.3	10 473	-2.9	10 445	-3.8
	March	10 166	-2.7	10 384	-0.9	10 001	-4.3
8	June	_	_	10 440	0.5	9 531	-4.7
1999 2000 2001							

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