



# BUILDING APPROVALS

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## SEPTEMBER KEY FIGURES

### TREND ESTIMATES

|                         | Sep 2001 | % change<br>Aug 2001 to<br>Sep 2001 | % change<br>Sep 2000 to<br>Sep 2001 |
|-------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dwelling units approved |          |                                     |                                     |
| Private sector houses   | 10 597   | 4.6                                 | 75.1                                |
| Total dwelling units    | 15 195   | 4.9                                 | 58.2                                |

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

|                         | Sep 2001 | % change<br>Aug 2001 to<br>Sep 2001 | % change<br>Sep 2000 to<br>Sep 2001 |
|-------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dwelling units approved |          |                                     |                                     |
| Private sector houses   | 9 838    | -7.7                                | 63.7                                |
| Total dwelling units    | 15 025   | -4.3                                | 58.4                                |

## SEPTEMBER KEY POINTS

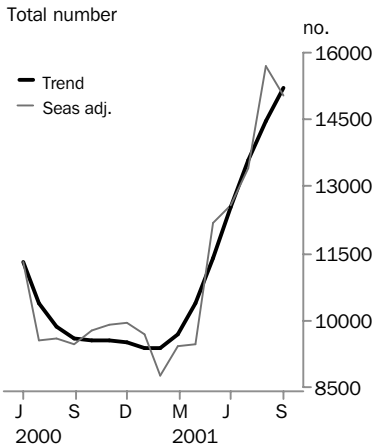
### TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved rose by 4.9% in September 2001. This is the eighth consecutive monthly rise and follows rises of over 6% in each of the preceding five months.
- The trend estimate for private sector houses approved rose by 4.6% in September 2001, the eighth consecutive monthly rise in this series.
- The trend estimate for other dwelling units approved rose by 5.6% in September 2001, following a 7.1% rise in August.

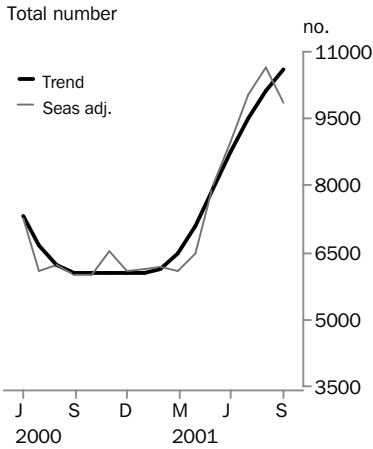
### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total dwelling units approved fell by 4.3% in September 2001 to 15,025. However, this followed a rise of 17.0% in August and is still 58.4% above the estimate for September 2000.
- Following rises in each of the last five months, the seasonally adjusted estimate for private sector houses approved fell 7.7% in September 2001 to 9,838. While the estimate is lower than July and August, it is 63.7% above the estimate for September 2000.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for other dwellings approved rose by 1.9% in September 2001.

### Dwelling units approved



### Private sector houses approved



- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Andrea Woods on 08 8237 7350, or the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

# NOTES

## FORTHCOMING ISSUES

| <i>ISSUE</i>  | <i>RELEASE DATE</i> |
|---------------|---------------------|
| October 2001  | 4 December 2001     |
| November 2001 | 7 January 2002      |
| December 2001 | 1 February 2002     |



## CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

The seasonally adjusted estimates for value of non-residential building approvals have, in recent periods, shown some signs of residual seasonally (that is, a seasonal pattern was evident in the seasonally adjusted estimates). To account for this, the ABS has undertaken a seasonal re-analysis of selected series in this issue. This has resulted in revisions to the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for the value of non-residential and total building series up to and including August 2001.



## DATA NOTES

There are no notes about the data.



## REVISIONS THIS MONTH

There are no significant revisions this month.



## SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

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n.y.a. not yet available

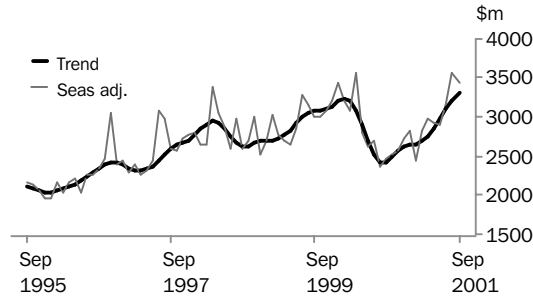
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# VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED

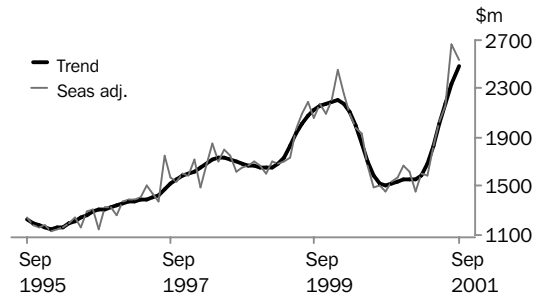
## VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING

The trend estimate of the value of total building approved has risen for twelve consecutive months, rising by 2.8% in September 2001.



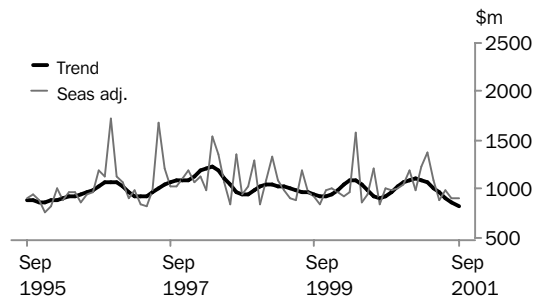
## VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

The trend estimate of the value of residential building approved has risen for eight consecutive months, rising by 5.7% in September 2001.



## VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL

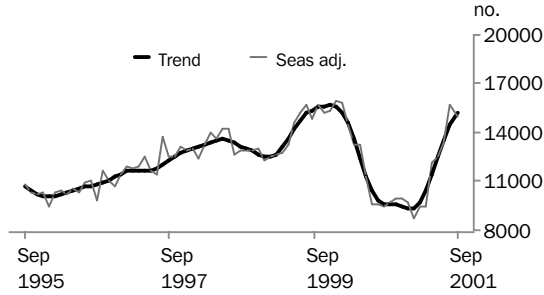
The trend estimate of the value of non-residential building approved has fallen for the last seven months. The trend estimate fell by 5.1% in September 2001.



# DWELLINGS APPROVED

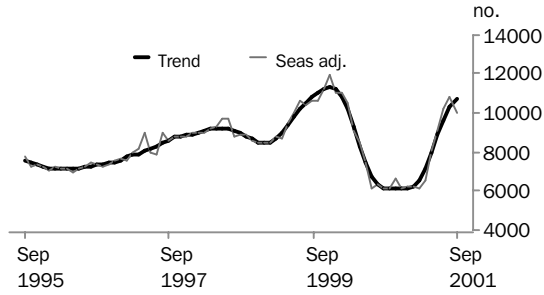
## TOTAL DWELLING UNITS

The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved rose by 4.9% in September 2001, the eighth consecutive monthly rise in this series.



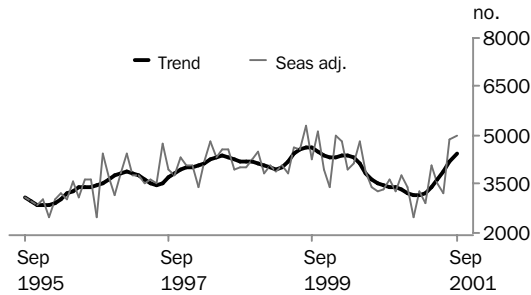
## PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSES

The trend estimate for private sector houses approved rose by 4.6% in September 2001, the eighth consecutive monthly rise in this series.



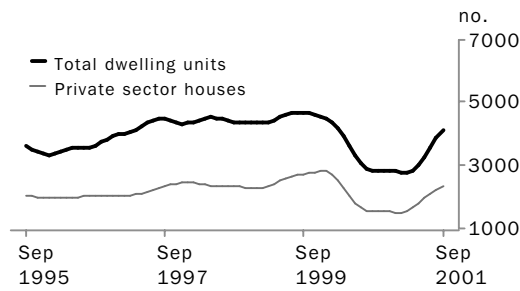
## OTHER DWELLINGS

The trend estimate of other dwellings approved rose by 5.6% in September 2001, the sixth consecutive monthly rise in this series.



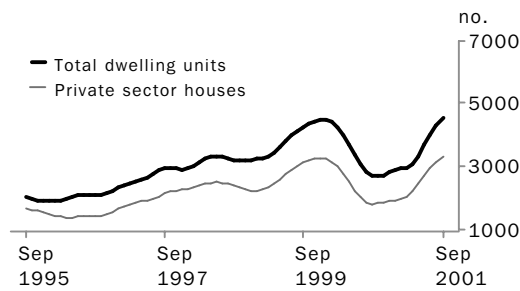
# DWELLING UNITS APPROVED: State Trends

## NEW SOUTH WALES



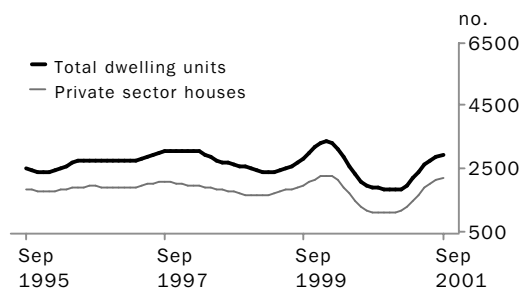
The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved has risen over the last six months.

## VICTORIA



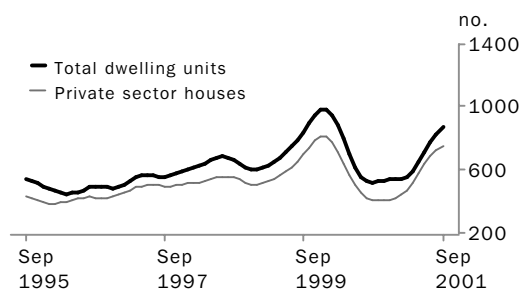
The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved has risen over the last eleven months.

## QUEENSLAND



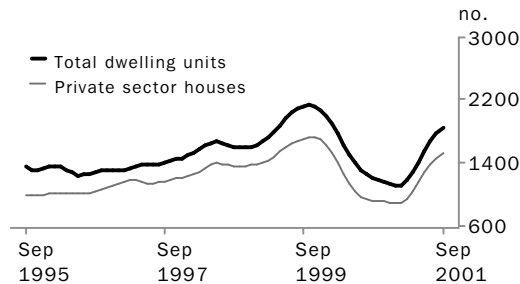
The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved has risen over the last eight months.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA



The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved has risen over the last twelve months.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA



The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved has risen over the last eight months.

# WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

## EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

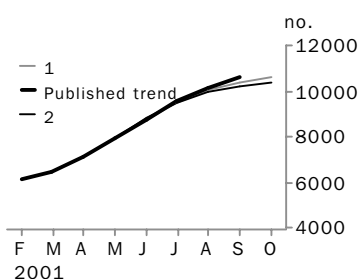
Readers should exercise care when interpreting trend estimates. The last six trend estimates, in particular, are likely to be revised when new seasonally adjusted estimates become available.

### TREND REVISIONS

Generally, the greater the volatility of the original series, the larger the size of the revisions to trend estimates. Analysis of the building approval original series has shown that they can be revised substantially. As a result, some months can elapse before turning points in the trend series are reliably identified.

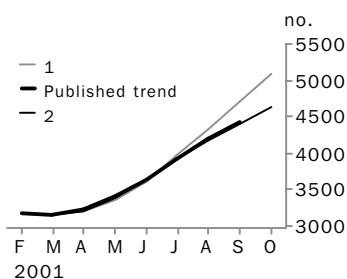
The graphs and tables which follow present the effect of two possible scenarios on the previous trend estimates: that the October seasonally adjusted estimate is higher than the September estimate by 3% for the number of private sector houses approved and 11% for other dwelling units approved; and that the October seasonally adjusted estimate is lower than the September estimate by 3% for the number of private sector houses approved and 11% for other dwelling units approved. These percentages were chosen because they represent the average absolute monthly percentage change for these series over the last ten years.

### PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSES APPROVED



|                | TREND AS PUBLISHED |          | WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE: |          |  |          |
|----------------|--------------------|----------|--|----------|--|----------|
|                | no.                | % change | <b>1</b><br><i>rises by 3% on Sep 2001</i>         | % change | <b>2</b><br><i>falls by 3% on Sep 2001</i> | % change |
| May 2001       | 7 913              | 11.6     | 7 923  | 11.7     | 7 944                                      | 11.8     |
| June 2001      | 8 764              | 10.8     | 8 773  | 10.7     | 8 784                                      | 10.6     |
| July 2001      | 9 519              | 8.6      | 9 489  | 8.2      | 9 462                                      | 7.7      |
| August 2001    | 10 133             | 6.4      | 10 019   | 5.6      | 9 928                                      | 4.9      |
| September 2001 | 10 597             | 4.6      | 10 388   | 3.7      | 10 218                                     | 2.9      |
| October 2001   | n.y.a.             | n.y.a.   | 10 598   | 2.0      | 10 341                                     | 1.2      |

### OTHER DWELLINGS



|                | TREND AS PUBLISHED |          | WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE: |          |   |          |
|----------------|--------------------|----------|--|----------|---|----------|
|                | no.                | % change | <b>1</b><br><i>rises by 11% on Sep 2001</i>        | % change | <b>2</b><br><i>falls by 11% on Sep 2001</i> | % change |
| May 2001       | 3 397              | 5.5      | 3 352  | 5.0      | 3 389                                       | 5.4      |
| June 2001      | 3 645              | 7.3      | 3 623  | 8.1      | 3 642                                       | 7.5      |
| July 2001      | 3 917              | 7.5      | 3 964  | 9.4      | 3 914                                       | 7.5      |
| August 2001    | 4 196              | 7.1      | 4 334  | 9.3      | 4 172                                       | 6.6      |
| September 2001 | 4 430              | 5.6      | 4 712  | 8.7      | 4 406                                       | 5.6      |
| October 2001   | n.y.a.             | n.y.a.   | 5 086  | 7.9      | 4 623                                       | 4.9      |

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## DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

| Month               | HOUSES.....           |              | OTHER DWELLINGS...    |              | TOTAL DWELLING UNITS.. |                      |              |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
|                     | <i>Private sector</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Private sector</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Private sector</i>  | <i>Public sector</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|                     | <i>no.</i>            | <i>no.</i>   | <i>no.</i>            | <i>no.</i>   | <i>no.</i>             | <i>no.</i>           | <i>no.</i>   |
| ORIGINAL            |                       |              |                       |              |                        |                      |              |
| <b>2000</b>         |                       |              |                       |              |                        |                      |              |
| July                | 5 747                 | 5 825        | 3 296                 | 3 430        | 9 043                  | 212                  | 9 255        |
| August              | 6 455                 | 6 562        | 3 165                 | 3 336        | 9 620                  | 278                  | 9 898        |
| September           | 5 997                 | 6 088        | 2 830                 | 2 978        | 8 827                  | 239                  | 9 066        |
| October             | 6 060                 | 6 175        | 3 270                 | 3 382        | 9 330                  | 227                  | 9 557        |
| November            | 6 981                 | 7 062        | 3 732                 | 3 899        | 10 713                 | 248                  | 10 961       |
| December            | 5 424                 | 5 504        | 3 412                 | 3 556        | 8 836                  | 224                  | 9 060        |
| <b>2001</b>         |                       |              |                       |              |                        |                      |              |
| January             | 5 463                 | 5 562        | 3 139                 | 3 371        | 8 602                  | 331                  | 8 933        |
| February            | 6 294                 | 6 361        | 2 394                 | 2 591        | 8 688                  | 264                  | 8 952        |
| March               | 6 575                 | 6 678        | 2 922                 | 3 145        | 9 497                  | 326                  | 9 823        |
| April               | 6 142                 | 6 255        | 2 626                 | 2 952        | 8 768                  | 439                  | 9 207        |
| May                 | 9 021                 | 9 120        | 3 855                 | 4 255        | 12 876                 | 499                  | 13 375       |
| June                | 8 490                 | 8 593        | 2 946                 | 3 414        | 11 436                 | 571                  | 12 007       |
| July                | 9 574                 | 9 754        | 3 351                 | 3 522        | 12 925                 | 351                  | 13 276       |
| August              | 11 027                | 11 142       | 4 692                 | 4 848        | 15 719                 | 271                  | 15 990       |
| September           | 9 512                 | 9 673        | 4 280                 | 4 362        | 13 792                 | 243                  | 14 035       |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED |                       |              |                       |              |                        |                      |              |
| <b>2000</b>         |                       |              |                       |              |                        |                      |              |
| July                | 6 085                 | 6 180        | 3 223                 | 3 382        | 9 308                  | 254                  | 9 562        |
| August              | 6 223                 | 6 341        | 3 079                 | 3 265        | 9 302                  | 304                  | 9 606        |
| September           | 6 010                 | 6 110        | 3 172                 | 3 375        | 9 182                  | 303                  | 9 485        |
| October             | 5 998                 | 6 103        | 3 534                 | 3 670        | 9 532                  | 241                  | 9 773        |
| November            | 6 535                 | 6 622        | 3 094                 | 3 296        | 9 629                  | 289                  | 9 918        |
| December            | 6 083                 | 6 187        | 3 582                 | 3 745        | 9 665                  | 267                  | 9 932        |
| <b>2001</b>         |                       |              |                       |              |                        |                      |              |
| January             | 6 148                 | 6 264        | 3 205                 | 3 436        | 9 353                  | 347                  | 9 700        |
| February            | 6 168                 | 6 246        | 2 298                 | 2 509        | 8 466                  | 289                  | 8 755        |
| March               | 6 066                 | 6 165        | 3 043                 | 3 269        | 9 109                  | 325                  | 9 434        |
| April               | 6 461                 | 6 565        | 2 650                 | 2 920        | 9 111                  | 374                  | 9 485        |
| May                 | 8 011                 | 8 100        | 3 718                 | 4 085        | 11 729                 | 456                  | 12 185       |
| June                | 8 991                 | 9 059        | 3 254                 | 3 531        | 12 245                 | 345                  | 12 590       |
| July                | 10 038                | 10 226       | 3 002                 | 3 200        | 13 040                 | 386                  | 13 426       |
| August              | 10 663                | 10 801       | 4 726                 | 4 905        | 15 389                 | 317                  | 15 706       |
| September           | 9 838                 | 10 027       | 4 886                 | 4 998        | 14 724                 | 301                  | 15 025       |
| TREND ESTIMATES     |                       |              |                       |              |                        |                      |              |
| <b>2000</b>         |                       |              |                       |              |                        |                      |              |
| July                | 6 648                 | 6 769        | 3 426                 | 3 628        | 10 074                 | 323                  | 10 397       |
| August              | 6 223                 | 6 339        | 3 309                 | 3 504        | 9 533                  | 310                  | 9 843        |
| September           | 6 053                 | 6 161        | 3 260                 | 3 444        | 9 312                  | 293                  | 9 605        |
| October             | 6 042                 | 6 143        | 3 251                 | 3 428        | 9 293                  | 278                  | 9 571        |
| November            | 6 063                 | 6 161        | 3 229                 | 3 405        | 9 292                  | 274                  | 9 566        |
| December            | 6 055                 | 6 154        | 3 154                 | 3 339        | 9 209                  | 284                  | 9 493        |
| <b>2001</b>         |                       |              |                       |              |                        |                      |              |
| January             | 6 039                 | 6 136        | 3 042                 | 3 248        | 9 081                  | 303                  | 9 384        |
| February            | 6 126                 | 6 220        | 2 943                 | 3 174        | 9 069                  | 325                  | 9 394        |
| March               | 6 466                 | 6 558        | 2 888                 | 3 147        | 9 354                  | 351                  | 9 705        |
| April               | 7 091                 | 7 185        | 2 944                 | 3 220        | 10 035                 | 370                  | 10 405       |
| May                 | 7 913                 | 8 015        | 3 122                 | 3 397        | 11 034                 | 378                  | 11 412       |
| June                | 8 764                 | 8 881        | 3 388                 | 3 645        | 12 152                 | 374                  | 12 526       |
| July                | 9 519                 | 9 653        | 3 690                 | 3 917        | 13 208                 | 362                  | 13 570       |
| August              | 10 133                | 10 286       | 4 002                 | 4 196        | 14 135                 | 347                  | 14 482       |
| September           | 10 597                | 10 765       | 4 270                 | 4 430        | 14 867                 | 328                  | 15 195       |



## DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, Percentage Change

| Month   | HOUSES.....    |       | OTHER DWELLINGS.... |       | TOTAL DWELLING UNITS.. |               |       |
|---|----------------|-------|---------------------|-------|------------------------|---------------|-------|
|   | Private sector | Total | Private sector      | Total | Private sector         | Public sector | Total |
| ORIGINAL (% change from preceding month)            |                |       |                     |       |                        |               |       |
| <b>2000</b>   |                |       |                     |       |                        |               |       |
| July  | -18.0          | -19.9 | -0.3                | -13.9 | -12.3                  | -77.4         | -17.8 |
| August  | 12.3           | 12.7  | -4.0                | -2.7  | 6.4                    | 31.1          | 6.9   |
| September   | -7.1           | -7.2  | -10.6               | -10.7 | -8.2                   | -14.0         | -8.4  |
| October   | 1.1            | 1.4   | 15.5                | 13.6  | 5.7                    | -5.0          | 5.4   |
| November  | 15.2           | 14.4  | 14.1                | 15.3  | 14.8                   | 9.3           | 14.7  |
| December  | -22.3          | -22.1 | -8.6                | -8.8  | -17.5                  | -9.7          | -17.3 |
| <b>2001</b>   |                |       |                     |       |                        |               |       |
| January   | 0.7            | 1.1   | -8.0                | -5.2  | -2.6                   | 47.8          | -1.4  |
| February  | 15.2           | 14.4  | -23.7               | -23.1 | 1.0                    | -20.2         | 0.2   |
| March   | 4.5            | 5.0   | 22.1                | 21.4  | 9.3                    | 23.5          | 9.7   |
| April   | -6.6           | -6.3  | -10.1               | -6.1  | -7.7                   | 34.7          | -6.3  |
| May   | 46.9           | 45.8  | 46.8                | 44.1  | 46.9                   | 13.7          | 45.3  |
| June  | -5.9           | -5.8  | -23.6               | -19.8 | -11.2                  | 14.4          | -10.2 |
| July  | 12.8           | 13.5  | 13.7                | 3.2   | 13.0                   | -38.5         | 10.6  |
| August  | 15.2           | 14.2  | 40.0                | 37.6  | 21.6                   | -22.8         | 20.4  |
| September   | -13.7          | -13.2 | -8.8                | -10.0 | -12.3                  | -10.3         | -12.2 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month) |                |       |                     |       |                        |               |       |
| <b>2000</b>   |                |       |                     |       |                        |               |       |
| July  | -16.2          | -16.8 | -7.3                | -13.2 | -13.3                  | -56.7         | -15.6 |
| August  | 2.3            | 2.6   | -4.5                | -3.5  | -0.1                   | 19.7          | 0.5   |
| September   | -3.4           | -3.6  | 3.0                 | 3.4   | -1.3                   | -0.3          | -1.3  |
| October   | -0.2           | -0.1  | 11.4                | 8.7   | 3.8                    | -20.5         | 3.0   |
| November  | 9.0            | 8.5   | -12.5               | -10.2 | 1.0                    | 19.9          | 1.5   |
| December  | -6.9           | -6.6  | 15.8                | 13.6  | 0.4                    | -7.6          | 0.1   |
| <b>2001</b>   |                |       |                     |       |                        |               |       |
| January   | 1.1            | 1.2   | -10.5               | -8.3  | -3.2                   | 30.0          | -2.3  |
| February  | 0.3            | -0.3  | -28.3               | -27.0 | -9.5                   | -16.7         | -9.7  |
| March   | -1.6           | -1.3  | 32.4                | 30.3  | 7.6                    | 12.5          | 7.7   |
| April   | 6.5            | 6.5   | -12.9               | -10.7 | 0.0                    | 15.1          | 0.5   |
| May   | 24.0           | 23.4  | 40.3                | 39.9  | 28.7                   | 21.9          | 28.5  |
| June  | 12.2           | 11.8  | -12.5               | -13.6 | 4.4                    | -24.3         | 3.3   |
| July  | 11.7           | 12.9  | -7.7                | -9.4  | 6.5                    | 11.9          | 6.6   |
| August  | 6.2            | 5.6   | 57.4                | 53.3  | 18.0                   | -17.9         | 17.0  |
| September   | -7.7           | -7.2  | 3.4                 | 1.9   | -4.3                   | -5.0          | -4.3  |
| TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)     |                |       |                     |       |                        |               |       |
| <b>2000</b>   |                |       |                     |       |                        |               |       |
| July  | -9.3           | -9.2  | -6.2                | -5.9  | -8.2                   | -0.9          | -8.0  |
| August  | -6.4           | -6.4  | -3.4                | -3.4  | -5.4                   | -4.0          | -5.3  |
| September   | -2.7           | -2.8  | -1.5                | -1.7  | -2.3                   | -5.5          | -2.4  |
| October   | -0.2           | -0.3  | -0.3                | -0.5  | -0.2                   | -5.1          | -0.3  |
| November  | 0.3            | 0.3   | -0.7                | -0.7  | 0.0                    | -1.4          | -0.1  |
| December  | -0.1           | -0.1  | -2.3                | -1.9  | -0.9                   | 3.6           | -0.8  |
| <b>2001</b>   |                |       |                     |       |                        |               |       |
| January   | -0.3           | -0.3  | -3.6                | -2.7  | -1.4                   | 6.7           | -1.2  |
| February  | 1.4            | 1.4   | -3.3                | -2.3  | -0.1                   | 7.3           | 0.1   |
| March   | 5.6            | 5.4   | -1.9                | -0.9  | 3.1                    | 8.0           | 3.3   |
| April   | 9.7            | 9.6   | 1.9                 | 2.3   | 7.3                    | 5.4           | 7.2   |
| May   | 11.6           | 11.6  | 6.0                 | 5.5   | 10.0                   | 2.2           | 9.7   |
| June  | 10.8           | 10.8  | 8.5                 | 7.3   | 10.1                   | -1.1          | 9.8   |
| July  | 8.6            | 8.7   | 8.9                 | 7.5   | 8.7                    | -3.2          | 8.3   |
| August  | 6.4            | 6.6   | 8.5                 | 7.1   | 7.0                    | -4.1          | 6.7   |
| September   | 4.6            | 4.7   | 6.7                 | 5.6   | 5.2                    | -5.5          | 4.9   |

## VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED(a)

| Month               | New residential building<br>\$m | Alterations and additions to residential buildings(b)<br>\$m | Total residential building<br>\$m | Non-residential building<br>\$m | Total building<br>\$m |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ORIGINAL            |                                 |  |                                   |                                 |                       |
| <b>2000</b>         |                                 |  |                                   |                                 |                       |
| July                | 1 193.4                         | 257.1  | 1 450.5                           | 1 202.6                         | 2 653.1               |
| August              | 1 296.6                         | 268.9  | 1 565.5                           | 1 000.3                         | 2 565.9               |
| September           | 1 167.5                         | 235.3  | 1 402.9                           | 986.2                           | 2 389.0               |
| October             | 1 223.6                         | 290.6  | 1 514.2                           | 1 034.6                         | 2 548.8               |
| November            | 1 472.0                         | 265.7  | 1 737.7                           | 967.1                           | 2 704.8               |
| December            | 1 250.4                         | 265.4  | 1 515.8                           | 891.3                           | 2 407.0               |
| <b>2001</b>         |                                 |  |                                   |                                 |                       |
| January             | 1 207.5                         | 233.2  | 1 440.7                           | 1 192.9                         | 2 633.6               |
| February            | 1 239.0                         | 250.3  | 1 489.3                           | 890.3                           | 2 379.6               |
| March               | 1 344.2                         | 313.6  | 1 657.8                           | 1 267.9                         | 2 925.7               |
| April               | 1 245.1                         | 260.9  | 1 506.1                           | 1 079.6                         | 2 585.6               |
| May                 | 1 770.1                         | 341.1  | 2 111.2                           | 1 388.2                         | 3 499.4               |
| June                | 1 633.9                         | 297.8  | 1 931.6                           | 920.4                           | 2 852.0               |
| July                | 1 851.4                         | 307.4  | 2 158.8                           | 1 135.3                         | 3 294.1               |
| August              | 2 432.9                         | 344.3  | 2 777.2                           | 1 031.4                         | 3 808.6               |
| September           | 2 013.7                         | 324.6  | 2 338.3                           | 853.6                           | 3 191.9               |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED |                                 |  |                                   |                                 |                       |
| <b>2000</b>         |                                 |  |                                   |                                 |                       |
| July                | 1 223.0                         | 262.8  | 1 485.8                           | 1 205.2                         | 2 691.0               |
| August              | 1 248.8                         | 263.3  | 1 512.2                           | 843.1                           | 2 355.3               |
| September           | 1 231.2                         | 223.0  | 1 454.2                           | 1 006.5                         | 2 460.7               |
| October             | 1 257.5                         | 282.5  | 1 540.0                           | 981.7                           | 2 521.7               |
| November            | 1 319.5                         | 254.4  | 1 573.9                           | 1 009.2                         | 2 583.1               |
| December            | 1 375.4                         | 301.3  | 1 676.7                           | 1 057.1                         | 2 733.8               |
| <b>2001</b>         |                                 |  |                                   |                                 |                       |
| January             | 1 349.9                         | 275.5  | 1 625.4                           | 1 189.9                         | 2 815.4               |
| February            | 1 200.9                         | 253.8  | 1 454.8                           | 982.5                           | 2 437.3               |
| March               | 1 310.1                         | 291.6  | 1 601.7                           | 1 236.2                         | 2 837.9               |
| April               | 1 325.9                         | 270.7  | 1 596.6                           | 1 379.0                         | 2 975.6               |
| May                 | 1 532.7                         | 306.5  | 1 839.2                           | 1 093.1                         | 2 932.3               |
| June                | 1 726.1                         | 308.7  | 2 034.8                           | 879.8                           | 2 914.6               |
| July                | 1 865.3                         | 298.8  | 2 164.1                           | 995.2                           | 3 159.3               |
| August              | 2 322.7                         | 338.3  | 2 661.0                           | 909.3                           | 3 570.3               |
| September           | 2 209.0                         | 325.4  | 2 534.4                           | 913.0                           | 3 447.5               |
| TREND ESTIMATES     |                                 |  |                                   |                                 |                       |
| <b>2000</b>         |                                 |  |                                   |                                 |                       |
| July                | 1 318.4                         | 266.0  | 1 584.3                           | 934.5                           | 2 518.8               |
| August              | 1 261.3                         | 258.6  | 1 519.9                           | 911.1                           | 2 431.0               |
| September           | 1 248.8                         | 254.8  | 1 503.6                           | 926.9                           | 2 430.6               |
| October             | 1 264.0                         | 255.2  | 1 519.2                           | 974.7                           | 2 494.0               |
| November            | 1 284.8                         | 257.7  | 1 542.5                           | 1 028.0                         | 2 570.4               |
| December            | 1 293.7                         | 259.9  | 1 553.6                           | 1 064.9                         | 2 618.5               |
| <b>2001</b>         |                                 |  |                                   |                                 |                       |
| January             | 1 290.3                         | 262.0  | 1 552.3                           | 1 090.3                         | 2 642.6               |
| February            | 1 292.3                         | 264.9  | 1 557.2                           | 1 102.6                         | 2 659.8               |
| March               | 1 324.1                         | 269.9  | 1 594.0                           | 1 096.2                         | 2 690.2               |
| April               | 1 407.1                         | 278.4  | 1 685.6                           | 1 067.4                         | 2 752.9               |
| May                 | 1 541.9                         | 289.8  | 1 831.8                           | 1 019.5                         | 2 851.3               |
| June                | 1 706.2                         | 301.6  | 2 007.8                           | 965.2                           | 2 973.0               |
| July                | 1 872.1                         | 312.6  | 2 184.7                           | 912.4                           | 3 097.1               |
| August              | 2 025.7                         | 322.2  | 2 347.9                           | 867.6                           | 3 215.5               |
| September           | 2 152.0                         | 329.1  | 2 481.1                           | 823.5                           | 3 304.6               |

(a) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 8.

(b) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 14.

## VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, Percentage Change(a)

| Month   | New residential building | Alterations and additions to residential buildings(b) | Total residential building | Non-residential building | Total building |
|---|--------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| ORIGINAL (% change from preceding month)            |                          |   |                            |                          |                |
| <b>2000</b>   |                          |   |                            |                          |                |
| July  | -14.3                    | -0.2  | -12.1                      | 20.1                     | 0.1            |
| August  | 8.6                      | 4.6   | 7.9                        | -16.8                    | -3.3           |
| September   | -10.0                    | -12.5   | -10.4                      | -1.4                     | -6.9           |
| October   | 4.8                      | 23.5  | 7.9                        | 4.9                      | 6.7            |
| November  | 20.3                     | -8.6  | 14.8                       | -6.5                     | 6.1            |
| December  | -15.1                    | -0.1  | -12.8                      | -7.8                     | -11.0          |
| <b>2001</b>   |                          |   |                            |                          |                |
| January   | -3.4                     | -12.1   | -5.0                       | 33.8                     | 9.4            |
| February  | 2.6                      | 7.4   | 3.4                        | -25.4                    | -9.6           |
| March   | 8.5                      | 25.3  | 11.3                       | 42.4                     | 22.9           |
| April   | -7.4                     | -16.8   | -9.2                       | -14.9                    | -11.6          |
| May   | 42.2                     | 30.7  | 40.2                       | 28.6                     | 35.3           |
| June  | -7.7                     | -12.7   | -8.5                       | -33.7                    | -18.5          |
| July  | 13.3                     | 3.2   | 11.8                       | 23.3                     | 15.5           |
| August  | 31.4                     | 12.0  | 28.6                       | -9.1                     | 15.6           |
| September   | -17.2                    | -5.7  | -15.8                      | -17.2                    | -16.2          |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month) |                          |   |                            |                          |                |
| <b>2000</b>   |                          |   |                            |                          |                |
| July  | -13.0                    | -0.4  | -11.0                      | 27.1                     | 2.8            |
| August  | 2.1                      | 0.2   | 1.8                        | -30.0                    | -12.5          |
| September   | -1.4                     | -15.3   | -3.8                       | 19.4                     | 4.5            |
| October   | 2.1                      | 26.7  | 5.9                        | -2.5                     | 2.5            |
| November  | 4.9                      | -10.0   | 2.2                        | 2.8                      | 2.4            |
| December  | 4.2                      | 18.5  | 6.5                        | 4.7                      | 5.8            |
| <b>2001</b>   |                          |   |                            |                          |                |
| January   | -1.9                     | -8.6  | -3.1                       | 12.6                     | 3.0            |
| February  | -11.0                    | -7.9  | -10.5                      | -17.4                    | -13.4          |
| March   | 9.1                      | 14.9  | 10.1                       | 25.8                     | 16.4           |
| April   | 1.2                      | -7.1  | -0.3                       | 11.6                     | 4.9            |
| May   | 15.6                     | 13.2  | 15.2                       | -20.7                    | -1.5           |
| June  | 12.6                     | 0.7   | 10.6                       | -19.5                    | -0.6           |
| July  | 8.1                      | -3.2  | 6.4                        | 13.1                     | 8.4            |
| August  | 24.5                     | 13.2  | 23.0                       | -8.6                     | 13.0           |
| September   | -4.9                     | -3.8  | -4.8                       | 0.4                      | -3.4           |
| TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)     |                          |   |                            |                          |                |
| <b>2000</b>   |                          |   |                            |                          |                |
| July  | -7.4                     | -3.8  | -6.8                       | -5.5                     | -6.3           |
| August  | -4.3                     | -2.8  | -4.1                       | -2.5                     | -3.5           |
| September   | -1.0                     | -1.5  | -1.1                       | 1.7                      | 0.0            |
| October   | 1.2                      | 0.2   | 1.0                        | 5.2                      | 2.6            |
| November  | 1.6                      | 1.0   | 1.5                        | 5.5                      | 3.1            |
| December  | 0.7                      | 0.9   | 0.7                        | 3.6                      | 1.9            |
| <b>2001</b>   |                          |   |                            |                          |                |
| January   | -0.3                     | 0.8   | -0.1                       | 2.4                      | 0.9            |
| February  | 0.2                      | 1.1   | 0.3                        | 1.1                      | 0.7            |
| March   | 2.5                      | 1.9   | 2.4                        | -0.6                     | 1.1            |
| April   | 6.3                      | 3.1   | 5.7                        | -2.6                     | 2.3            |
| May   | 9.6                      | 4.1   | 8.7                        | -4.5                     | 3.6            |
| June  | 10.7                     | 4.1   | 9.6                        | -5.3                     | 4.3            |
| July  | 9.7                      | 3.7   | 8.8                        | -5.5                     | 4.2            |
| August  | 8.2                      | 3.1   | 7.5                        | -4.9                     | 3.8            |
| September   | 6.2                      | 2.1   | 5.7                        | -5.1                     | 2.8            |

(a) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 8.

(b) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 14.

## DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, Private and Public Sector: Original

| Period                  | New houses | New other residential building | Alterations and additions to residential buildings | Conversion(a) | Non-residential building(a) | Total dwelling units |
|-------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| PRIVATE SECTOR (Number) |            |                                |  |               |                             |                      |
| <b>1998-1999</b>        | 104 598    | 42 956                         | 666  | 2 541         | 482                         | <b>151 243</b>       |
| <b>1999-2000</b>        | 121 389    | 47 671                         | 817  | 1 905         | 522                         | <b>172 304</b>       |
| <b>2000-2001</b>        | 78 534     | 34 702                         | 763  | 2 083         | 154                         | <b>116 236</b>       |
| <b>2000</b>             |            |                                |  |               |                             |                      |
| September               | 5 987      | 2 658                          | 39   | 127           | 16                          | <b>8 827</b>         |
| October                 | 6 046      | 3 056                          | 75   | 143           | 10                          | <b>9 330</b>         |
| November                | 6 979      | 3 510                          | 132  | 83            | 9                           | <b>10 713</b>        |
| December                | 5 414      | 3 122                          | 43   | 252           | 5                           | <b>8 836</b>         |
| <b>2001</b>             |            |                                |  |               |                             |                      |
| January                 | 5 453      | 3 068                          | 52   | 15            | 14                          | <b>8 602</b>         |
| February                | 6 284      | 2 269                          | 61   | 66            | 8                           | <b>8 688</b>         |
| March                   | 6 564      | 2 704                          | 95   | 110           | 24                          | <b>9 497</b>         |
| April                   | 6 135      | 2 441                          | 41   | 143           | 8                           | <b>8 768</b>         |
| May                     | 9 005      | 3 561                          | 47   | 257           | 6                           | <b>12 876</b>        |
| June                    | 8 488      | 2 696                          | 50   | 188           | 14                          | <b>11 436</b>        |
| July                    | 9 565      | 3 295                          | 28   | 31            | 6                           | <b>12 925</b>        |
| August                  | 11 018     | 4 597                          | 43   | 40            | 21                          | <b>15 719</b>        |
| September               | 9 502      | 3 889                          | 48   | 309           | 44                          | <b>13 792</b>        |
| PUBLIC SECTOR (Number)  |            |                                |  |               |                             |                      |
| <b>1998-1999</b>        | 2 723      | 2 986                          | 35   | 2             | 4                           | <b>5 750</b>         |
| <b>1999-2000</b>        | 1 755      | 2 547                          | 64   | 6             | 9                           | <b>4 381</b>         |
| <b>2000-2001</b>        | 1 128      | 2 518                          | 105  | 105           | 2                           | <b>3 858</b>         |
| <b>2000</b>             |            |                                |  |               |                             |                      |
| September               | 91         | 148                            | 0  | 0             | 0                           | <b>239</b>           |
| October                 | 114        | 112                            | 1  | 0             | 0                           | <b>227</b>           |
| November                | 81         | 164                            | 3  | 0             | 0                           | <b>248</b>           |
| December                | 80         | 144                            | 0  | 0             | 0                           | <b>224</b>           |
| <b>2001</b>             |            |                                |  |               |                             |                      |
| January                 | 97         | 128                            | 3  | 101           | 2                           | <b>331</b>           |
| February                | 63         | 193                            | 8  | 0             | 0                           | <b>264</b>           |
| March                   | 102        | 175                            | 48   | 1             | 0                           | <b>326</b>           |
| April                   | 113        | 325                            | 1  | 0             | 0                           | <b>439</b>           |
| May                     | 99         | 399                            | 1  | 0             | 0                           | <b>499</b>           |
| June                    | 103        | 445                            | 23   | 0             | 0                           | <b>571</b>           |
| July                    | 180        | 171                            | 0  | 0             | 0                           | <b>351</b>           |
| August                  | 115        | 156                            | 0  | 0             | 0                           | <b>271</b>           |
| September               | 161        | 81                             | 1  | 0             | 0                           | <b>243</b>           |
| TOTAL (Number)          |            |                                |  |               |                             |                      |
| <b>1998-1999</b>        | 107 321    | 45 942                         | 701  | 2 543         | 486                         | <b>156 993</b>       |
| <b>1999-2000</b>        | 123 144    | 50 218                         | 881  | 1 911         | 531                         | <b>176 685</b>       |
| <b>2000-2001</b>        | 79 662     | 37 220                         | 868  | 2 188         | 156                         | <b>120 094</b>       |
| <b>2000</b>             |            |                                |  |               |                             |                      |
| September               | 6 078      | 2 806                          | 39   | 127           | 16                          | <b>9 066</b>         |
| October                 | 6 160      | 3 168                          | 76   | 143           | 10                          | <b>9 557</b>         |
| November                | 7 060      | 3 674                          | 135  | 83            | 9                           | <b>10 961</b>        |
| December                | 5 494      | 3 266                          | 43   | 252           | 5                           | <b>9 060</b>         |
| <b>2001</b>             |            |                                |  |               |                             |                      |
| January                 | 5 550      | 3 196                          | 55   | 116           | 16                          | <b>8 933</b>         |
| February                | 6 347      | 2 462                          | 69   | 66            | 8                           | <b>8 952</b>         |
| March                   | 6 666      | 2 879                          | 143  | 111           | 24                          | <b>9 823</b>         |
| April                   | 6 248      | 2 766                          | 42   | 143           | 8                           | <b>9 207</b>         |
| May                     | 9 104      | 3 960                          | 48   | 257           | 6                           | <b>13 375</b>        |
| June                    | 8 591      | 3 141                          | 73   | 188           | 14                          | <b>12 007</b>        |
| July                    | 9 745      | 3 466                          | 28   | 31            | 6                           | <b>13 276</b>        |
| August                  | 11 133     | 4 753                          | 43   | 40            | 21                          | <b>15 990</b>        |
| September               | 9 663      | 3 970                          | 49   | 309           | 44                          | <b>14 035</b>        |

(a) See Glossary for definition.

## VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, Private and Public Sector: Original(a)

| Month                       | New houses | New other residential building | Alterations and additions creating dwellings | Alterations and additions not creating dwellings | Conversion(b) | Total residential building | Non-residential building(b) | Total building  |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|--|--|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| PRIVATE SECTOR (\$ million) |            |                                |  |  |               |                            |                             |                 |
| <b>1998-1999</b>            | 12 389.8   | 4 681.8                        | 67.8   | 2 515.0  | 245.8         | 19 900.7                   | 9 020.2                     | <b>28 920.9</b> |
| <b>1999-2000</b>            | 15 495.2   | 5 779.2                        | 94.5   | 3 097.7  | 234.5         | 24 701.2                   | 9 029.5                     | <b>33 730.6</b> |
| <b>2000-2001</b>            | 10 902.4   | 4 709.0                        | 76.9   | 2 745.5  | 278.0         | 18 712.2                   | 9 454.0                     | <b>28 166.0</b> |
| <b>2000</b>                 |            |                                |  |  |               |                            |                             |                 |
| September                   | 808.0      | 331.5                          | 2.5  | 222.0  | 5.8           | 1 369.8                    | 758.2                       | <b>2 128.0</b>  |
| October                     | 824.2      | 374.0                          | 8.1  | 246.0  | 22.2          | 1 474.5                    | 831.9                       | <b>2 306.4</b>  |
| November                    | 972.0      | 471.4                          | 9.8  | 244.2  | 7.7           | 1 705.2                    | 703.6                       | <b>2 408.8</b>  |
| December                    | 770.5      | 454.2                          | 3.8  | 211.9  | 37.6          | 1 478.0                    | 611.3                       | <b>2 089.3</b>  |
| <b>2001</b>                 |            |                                |  |  |               |                            |                             |                 |
| January                     | 763.4      | 415.9                          | 5.0  | 199.1  | 2.4           | 1 385.8                    | 769.5                       | <b>2 155.3</b>  |
| February                    | 889.7      | 319.1                          | 7.2  | 221.1  | 2.4           | 1 439.5                    | 717.4                       | <b>2 156.9</b>  |
| March                       | 926.9      | 383.1                          | 8.6  | 255.5  | 23.8          | 1 598.0                    | 769.2                       | <b>2 367.2</b>  |
| April                       | 859.9      | 334.4                          | 4.0  | 219.5  | 20.1          | 1 437.9                    | 929.2                       | <b>2 367.0</b>  |
| May                         | 1 253.2    | 461.4                          | 7.1  | 285.6  | 28.7          | 2 036.0                    | 1 105.4                     | <b>3 141.4</b>  |
| June                        | 1 180.5    | 380.4                          | 4.2  | 249.0  | 33.1          | 1 847.3                    | 645.0                       | <b>2 492.3</b>  |
| July                        | 1 382.3    | 429.2                          | 2.8  | 275.1  | 6.7           | 2 096.2                    | 927.4                       | <b>3 023.5</b>  |
| August                      | 1 573.2    | 827.4                          | 5.2  | 328.2  | 3.9           | 2 737.9                    | 691.8                       | <b>3 429.6</b>  |
| September                   | 1 349.8    | 632.8                          | 5.7  | 280.5  | 29.8          | 2 298.7                    | 728.4                       | <b>3 027.1</b>  |
| PUBLIC SECTOR (\$ million)  |            |                                |  |  |               |                            |                             |                 |
| <b>1998-1999</b>            | 292.7      | 240.1                          | 4.3  | 88.2   | 0.1           | 625.0                      | 3 578.2                     | <b>4 203.1</b>  |
| <b>1999-2000</b>            | 201.1      | 243.4                          | 4.1  | 102.9  | 0.9           | 552.5                      | 3 149.3                     | <b>3 701.9</b>  |
| <b>2000-2001</b>            | 147.5      | 284.1                          | 7.6  | 158.2  | 13.7          | 611.2                      | 3 367.3                     | <b>3 978.7</b>  |
| <b>2000</b>                 |            |                                |  |  |               |                            |                             |                 |
| September                   | 11.8       | 16.2                           | 0.0  | 5.1  | 0.0           | 33.1                       | 227.9                       | <b>261.0</b>    |
| October                     | 13.8       | 11.5                           | 0.4  | 14.0   | 0.0           | 39.7                       | 202.7                       | <b>242.4</b>    |
| November                    | 11.1       | 17.5                           | 0.6  | 3.3  | 0.0           | 32.5                       | 263.5                       | <b>296.0</b>    |
| December                    | 10.1       | 15.6                           | 0.0  | 12.1   | 0.0           | 37.8                       | 279.9                       | <b>317.8</b>    |
| <b>2001</b>                 |            |                                |  |  |               |                            |                             |                 |
| January                     | 13.7       | 14.5                           | 0.3  | 12.9   | 13.6          | 54.9                       | 423.4                       | <b>478.3</b>    |
| February                    | 8.6        | 21.7                           | 0.9  | 18.7   | 0.0           | 49.8                       | 172.9                       | <b>222.7</b>    |
| March                       | 14.2       | 19.9                           | 2.2  | 23.5   | 0.0           | 59.8                       | 498.7                       | <b>558.6</b>    |
| April                       | 16.2       | 34.7                           | 0.1  | 17.2   | 0.0           | 68.2                       | 150.4                       | <b>218.6</b>    |
| May                         | 12.6       | 42.9                           | 0.2  | 19.5   | 0.0           | 75.2                       | 282.8                       | <b>358.0</b>    |
| June                        | 12.1       | 60.7                           | 1.6  | 9.8  | 0.0           | 84.3                       | 275.4                       | <b>359.7</b>    |
| July                        | 21.7       | 18.1                           | 0.0  | 22.8   | 0.0           | 62.6                       | 207.9                       | <b>270.5</b>    |
| August                      | 15.4       | 16.9                           | 0.0  | 7.0  | 0.0           | 39.3                       | 339.7                       | <b>379.0</b>    |
| September                   | 22.4       | 8.7                            | 0.2  | 8.3  | 0.0           | 39.7                       | 125.2                       | <b>164.8</b>    |
| TOTAL (\$ million)          |            |                                |  |  |               |                            |                             |                 |
| <b>1998-1999</b>            | 12 682.5   | 4 922.0                        | 72.2   | 2 603.4  | 245.8         | 20 525.6                   | 12 598.3                    | <b>33 124.1</b> |
| <b>1999-2000</b>            | 15 696.1   | 6 022.7                        | 98.7   | 3 200.5  | 235.4         | 25 253.7                   | 12 178.8                    | <b>37 432.5</b> |
| <b>2000-2001</b>            | 11 050.2   | 4 993.2                        | 84.7   | 2 903.5  | 291.7         | 19 323.3                   | 12 821.4                    | <b>32 144.5</b> |
| <b>2000</b>                 |            |                                |  |  |               |                            |                             |                 |
| September                   | 819.8      | 347.7                          | 2.5  | 227.0  | 5.8           | 1 402.9                    | 986.2                       | <b>2 389.0</b>  |
| October                     | 838.1      | 385.5                          | 8.4  | 260.0  | 22.2          | 1 514.2                    | 1 034.6                     | <b>2 548.8</b>  |
| November                    | 983.1      | 488.9                          | 10.5   | 247.5  | 7.7           | 1 737.7                    | 967.1                       | <b>2 704.8</b>  |
| December                    | 780.6      | 469.8                          | 3.8  | 224.0  | 37.6          | 1 515.8                    | 891.3                       | <b>2 407.0</b>  |
| <b>2001</b>                 |            |                                |  |  |               |                            |                             |                 |
| January                     | 777.1      | 430.4                          | 5.3  | 211.9  | 16.0          | 1 440.7                    | 1 192.9                     | <b>2 633.6</b>  |
| February                    | 898.3      | 340.7                          | 8.2  | 239.8  | 2.4           | 1 489.3                    | 890.3                       | <b>2 379.6</b>  |
| March                       | 941.1      | 403.1                          | 10.8   | 279.0  | 23.8          | 1 657.8                    | 1 267.9                     | <b>2 925.7</b>  |
| April                       | 876.1      | 369.0                          | 4.1  | 236.7  | 20.1          | 1 506.1                    | 1 079.6                     | <b>2 585.6</b>  |
| May                         | 1 265.8    | 504.4                          | 7.3  | 305.1  | 28.7          | 2 111.2                    | 1 388.2                     | <b>3 499.4</b>  |
| June                        | 1 192.7    | 441.2                          | 5.8  | 258.8  | 33.1          | 1 931.6                    | 920.4                       | <b>2 852.0</b>  |
| July                        | 1 404.1    | 447.3                          | 2.8  | 297.9  | 6.7           | 2 158.8                    | 1 135.3                     | <b>3 294.1</b>  |
| August                      | 1 588.6    | 844.3                          | 5.2  | 335.2  | 3.9           | 2 777.2                    | 1 031.4                     | <b>3 808.6</b>  |
| September                   | 1 372.2    | 641.5                          | 5.9  | 288.9  | 29.8          | 2 338.3                    | 853.6                       | <b>3 191.9</b>  |

(a) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 8.

(b) See Glossary for definition.

## DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, States and Australia

|                     | <i>New South Wales</i> | <i>Victoria</i> | <i>Queensland</i> | <i>South Australia</i> | <i>Western Australia</i> | <i>Tasmania</i> | <i>Northern Territory</i> | <i>Australian Capital Territory</i> | <i>Australia</i> |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Month</i>        | <i>no.</i>             | <i>no.</i>      | <i>no.</i>        | <i>no.</i>             | <i>no.</i>               | <i>no.</i>      | <i>no.</i>                | <i>no.</i>                          | <i>no.</i>       |
| ORIGINAL            |                        |                 |                   |                        |                          |                 |                           |                                     |                  |
| <b>2000</b>         |                        |                 |                   |                        |                          |                 |                           |                                     |                  |
| July                | 2 217                  | 3 365           | 1 597             | 710                    | 1 113                    | 84              | 93                        | 76                                  | 9 255            |
| August              | 2 767                  | 2 746           | 2 233             | 522                    | 1 283                    | 83              | 94                        | 170                                 | 9 898            |
| September           | 2 579                  | 2 562           | 2 005             | 409                    | 1 199                    | 119             | 62                        | 131                                 | 9 066            |
| October             | 3 485                  | 2 099           | 1 873             | 514                    | 1 210                    | 121             | 70                        | 185                                 | 9 557            |
| November            | 3 423                  | 3 114           | 2 232             | 661                    | 1 229                    | 116             | 61                        | 125                                 | 10 961           |
| December            | 2 702                  | 3 015           | 1 631             | 458                    | 1 063                    | 57              | 37                        | 97                                  | 9 060            |
| <b>2001</b>         |                        |                 |                   |                        |                          |                 |                           |                                     |                  |
| January             | 2 750                  | 2 607           | 1 780             | 432                    | 1 045                    | 91              | 44                        | 184                                 | 8 933            |
| February            | 2 478                  | 3 186           | 1 559             | 469                    | 1 003                    | 106             | 28                        | 123                                 | 8 952            |
| March               | 2 519                  | 3 394           | 1 826             | 635                    | 1 178                    | 88              | 117                       | 66                                  | 9 823            |
| April               | 2 535                  | 2 456           | 2 033             | 515                    | 1 303                    | 68              | 178                       | 119                                 | 9 207            |
| May                 | 3 660                  | 3 668           | 3 163             | 709                    | 1 722                    | 134             | 132                       | 187                                 | 13 375           |
| June                | 3 086                  | 3 329           | 2 482             | 736                    | 1 779                    | 127             | 183                       | 285                                 | 12 007           |
| July                | 3 852                  | 3 727           | 2 582             | 975                    | 1 746                    | 118             | 94                        | 182                                 | 13 276           |
| August              | 4 042                  | 5 691           | 3 229             | 825                    | 1 857                    | 149             | 75                        | 122                                 | 15 990           |
| September           | 4 141                  | 4 248           | 2 836             | 863                    | 1 576                    | 190             | 75                        | 106                                 | 14 035           |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED |                        |                 |                   |                        |                          |                 |                           |                                     |                  |
| <b>2000</b>         |                        |                 |                   |                        |                          |                 |                           |                                     |                  |
| July                | 1 993                  | 3 633           | 1 702             | 646                    | 1 185                    | 89              | n.a.                      | n.a.                                | 9 562            |
| August              | 2 529                  | 2 542           | 2 022             | 524                    | 1 231                    | 90              | n.a.                      | n.a.                                | 9 606            |
| September           | 2 892                  | 2 609           | 1 937             | 391                    | 1 293                    | 114             | n.a.                      | n.a.                                | 9 485            |
| October             | 3 606                  | 2 223           | 1 854             | 530                    | 1 213                    | 106             | n.a.                      | n.a.                                | 9 773            |
| November            | 2 994                  | 2 879           | 1 998             | 658                    | 1 113                    | 111             | n.a.                      | n.a.                                | 9 918            |
| December            | 2 918                  | 3 137           | 1 907             | 549                    | 1 169                    | 54              | n.a.                      | n.a.                                | 9 932            |
| <b>2001</b>         |                        |                 |                   |                        |                          |                 |                           |                                     |                  |
| January             | 2 910                  | 3 122           | 1 945             | 540                    | 1 171                    | 82              | n.a.                      | n.a.                                | 9 700            |
| February            | 2 614                  | 2 949           | 1 655             | 452                    | 1 079                    | 109             | n.a.                      | n.a.                                | 8 755            |
| March               | 2 714                  | 2 902           | 1 794             | 571                    | 1 125                    | 82              | n.a.                      | n.a.                                | 9 434            |
| April               | 2 721                  | 2 602           | 2 108             | 605                    | 1 467                    | 69              | n.a.                      | n.a.                                | 9 485            |
| May                 | 3 212                  | 3 572           | 2 771             | 664                    | 1 449                    | 141             | n.a.                      | n.a.                                | 12 185           |
| June                | 3 289                  | 3 493           | 2 608             | 662                    | 1 612                    | 167             | n.a.                      | n.a.                                | 12 590           |
| July                | 3 315                  | 4 014           | 2 701             | 827                    | 1 750                    | 121             | n.a.                      | n.a.                                | 13 426           |
| August              | 3 833                  | 5 378           | 3 105             | 851                    | 1 838                    | 162             | n.a.                      | n.a.                                | 15 706           |
| September           | 4 592                  | 4 321           | 2 745             | 871                    | 1 770                    | 196             | n.a.                      | n.a.                                | 15 025           |
| TREND ESTIMATES     |                        |                 |                   |                        |                          |                 |                           |                                     |                  |
| <b>2000</b>         |                        |                 |                   |                        |                          |                 |                           |                                     |                  |
| July                | 3 080                  | 3 058           | 2 093             | 559                    | 1 320                    | 115             | 97                        | 145                                 | 10 397           |
| August              | 2 916                  | 2 830           | 1 952             | 529                    | 1 262                    | 106             | 90                        | 147                                 | 9 843            |
| September           | 2 849                  | 2 698           | 1 892             | 520                    | 1 219                    | 99              | 79                        | 152                                 | 9 605            |
| October             | 2 842                  | 2 686           | 1 878             | 525                    | 1 187                    | 95              | 65                        | 152                                 | 9 571            |
| November            | 2 852                  | 2 743           | 1 867             | 532                    | 1 160                    | 92              | 53                        | 147                                 | 9 566            |
| December            | 2 844                  | 2 830           | 1 846             | 537                    | 1 133                    | 87              | 45                        | 135                                 | 9 493            |
| <b>2001</b>         |                        |                 |                   |                        |                          |                 |                           |                                     |                  |
| January             | 2 808                  | 2 906           | 1 834             | 538                    | 1 114                    | 84              | 46                        | 121                                 | 9 384            |
| February            | 2 774                  | 2 940           | 1 874             | 543                    | 1 122                    | 85              | 55                        | 116                                 | 9 394            |
| March               | 2 771                  | 2 976           | 1 999             | 557                    | 1 180                    | 92              | 72                        | 126                                 | 9 705            |
| April               | 2 858                  | 3 100           | 2 192             | 594                    | 1 286                    | 105             | 90                        | 145                                 | 10 405           |
| May                 | 3 043                  | 3 342           | 2 415             | 654                    | 1 420                    | 120             | 104                       | 164                                 | 11 412           |
| June                | 3 295                  | 3 669           | 2 621             | 718                    | 1 559                    | 136             | 110                       | 176                                 | 12 526           |
| July                | 3 577                  | 4 005           | 2 780             | 777                    | 1 683                    | 151             | 109                       | 179                                 | 13 570           |
| August              | 3 862                  | 4 306           | 2 899             | 830                    | 1 785                    | 166             | 105                       | 175                                 | 14 482           |
| September           | 4 121                  | 4 558           | 2 970             | 869                    | 1 859                    | 179             | 98                        | 165                                 | 15 195           |

## DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, States and Australia—Percentage Change

| Month   | New South Wales | Victoria | Queensland | South Australia | Western Australia | Tasmania | Northern Territory | Australian Capital Territory | Australia |
|---|-----------------|----------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| ORIGINAL (% change from preceding month)            |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| <b>2000</b>   |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| July  | -29.4           | 2.6      | -23.3      | 18.7            | -35.2             | -7.7     | -34.0              | -62.7                        | -17.8     |
| August  | 24.8            | -18.4    | 39.8       | -26.5           | 15.3              | -1.2     | 1.1                | 123.7                        | 6.9       |
| September   | -6.8            | -6.7     | -10.2      | -21.6           | -6.5              | 43.4     | -34.0              | -22.9                        | -8.4      |
| October   | 35.1            | -18.1    | -6.6       | 25.7            | 0.9               | 1.7      | 12.9               | 41.2                         | 5.4       |
| November  | -1.8            | 48.4     | 19.2       | 28.6            | 1.6               | -4.1     | -12.9              | -32.4                        | 14.7      |
| December  | -21.1           | -3.2     | -26.9      | -30.7           | -13.5             | -50.9    | -39.3              | -22.4                        | -17.3     |
| <b>2001</b>   |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| January   | 1.8             | -13.5    | 9.1        | -5.7            | -1.7              | 59.6     | 18.9               | 89.7                         | -1.4      |
| February  | -9.9            | 22.2     | -12.4      | 8.6             | -4.0              | 16.5     | -36.4              | -33.2                        | 0.2       |
| March   | 1.7             | 6.5      | 17.1       | 35.4            | 17.4              | -17.0    | 317.9              | -46.3                        | 9.7       |
| April   | 0.6             | -27.6    | 11.3       | -18.9           | 10.6              | -22.7    | 52.1               | 80.3                         | -6.3      |
| May   | 44.4            | 49.3     | 55.6       | 37.7            | 32.2              | 97.1     | -25.8              | 57.1                         | 45.3      |
| June  | -15.7           | -9.2     | -21.5      | 3.8             | 3.3               | -5.2     | 38.6               | 52.4                         | -10.2     |
| July  | 24.8            | 12.0     | 4.0        | 32.5            | -1.9              | -7.1     | -48.6              | -36.1                        | 10.6      |
| August  | 4.9             | 52.7     | 25.1       | -15.4           | 6.4               | 26.3     | -20.2              | -33.0                        | 20.4      |
| September   | 2.4             | -25.4    | -12.2      | 4.6             | -15.1             | 27.5     | 0.0                | -13.1                        | -12.2     |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month) |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| <b>2000</b>   |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| July  | -40.1           | 9.4      | -23.2      | 23.4            | -20.5             | -26.6    | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -15.6     |
| August  | 26.9            | -30.0    | 18.8       | -18.9           | 3.9               | 1.0      | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 0.5       |
| September   | 14.3            | 2.6      | -4.2       | -25.3           | 5.0               | 26.7     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -1.3      |
| October   | 24.7            | -14.8    | -4.3       | 35.5            | -6.2              | -7.3     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 3.0       |
| November  | -17.0           | 29.5     | 7.8        | 24.0            | -8.3              | 4.8      | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 1.5       |
| December  | -2.6            | 8.9      | -4.5       | -16.6           | 5.1               | -51.3    | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 0.1       |
| <b>2001</b>   |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| January   | -0.3            | -0.5     | 2.0        | -1.7            | 0.2               | 51.8     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -2.3      |
| February  | -10.2           | -5.5     | -14.9      | -16.2           | -7.9              | 32.7     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -9.7      |
| March   | 3.8             | -1.6     | 8.4        | 26.5            | 4.3               | -24.6    | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 7.7       |
| April   | 0.3             | -10.3    | 17.5       | 5.8             | 30.4              | -16.0    | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 0.5       |
| May   | 18.1            | 37.2     | 31.5       | 9.8             | -1.2              | 104.1    | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 28.5      |
| June  | 2.4             | -2.2     | -5.9       | -0.4            | 11.2              | 18.6     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 3.3       |
| July  | 0.8             | 14.9     | 3.6        | 25.0            | 8.6               | -27.6    | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6.6       |
| August  | 15.6            | 34.0     | 14.9       | 2.9             | 5.0               | 33.5     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 17.0      |
| September   | 19.8            | -19.6    | -11.6      | 2.4             | -3.7              | 21.3     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -4.3      |
| TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)     |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| <b>2000</b>   |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| July  | -7.8            | -8.9     | -9.8       | -9.8            | -5.8              | -8.4     | -3.4               | -3.1                         | -8.0      |
| August  | -5.3            | -7.5     | -6.8       | -5.4            | -4.4              | -7.8     | -6.6               | 1.7                          | -5.3      |
| September   | -2.3            | -4.7     | -3.1       | -1.6            | -3.4              | -6.5     | -12.6              | 3.1                          | -2.4      |
| October   | -0.2            | -0.4     | -0.7       | 0.8             | -2.7              | -4.1     | -17.6              | 0.5                          | -0.3      |
| November  | 0.3             | 2.1      | -0.6       | 1.4             | -2.3              | -3.7     | -19.0              | -3.4                         | -0.1      |
| December  | -0.3            | 3.2      | -1.1       | 0.9             | -2.3              | -5.0     | -14.3              | -8.3                         | -0.8      |
| <b>2001</b>   |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| January   | -1.3            | 2.7      | -0.6       | 0.2             | -1.7              | -4.1     | 1.1                | -10.3                        | -1.2      |
| February  | -1.2            | 1.2      | 2.2        | 0.9             | 0.7               | 1.5      | 21.7               | -4.1                         | 0.1       |
| March   | -0.1            | 1.2      | 6.7        | 2.7             | 5.1               | 8.5      | 30.3               | 8.5                          | 3.3       |
| April   | 3.2             | 4.2      | 9.6        | 6.7             | 9.0               | 13.9     | 24.7               | 15.1                         | 7.2       |
| May   | 6.4             | 7.8      | 10.2       | 10.0            | 10.4              | 14.8     | 15.0               | 13.1                         | 9.7       |
| June  | 8.3             | 9.8      | 8.5        | 9.8             | 9.8               | 13.0     | 5.8                | 7.4                          | 9.8       |
| July  | 8.5             | 9.1      | 6.1        | 8.2             | 8.0               | 11.4     | -0.3               | 1.6                          | 8.3       |
| August  | 8.0             | 7.5      | 4.3        | 6.8             | 6.0               | 9.4      | -3.6               | -2.5                         | 6.7       |
| September   | 6.7             | 5.8      | 2.4        | 4.7             | 4.2               | 8.4      | -7.5               | -5.6                         | 4.9       |

## PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSES APPROVED, States and Australia

|                     | New South Wales | Victoria | Queensland | South Australia | Western Australia | Tasmania | Northern Territory | Australian Capital Territory | Australia |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Month               | no.             | no.      | no.        | no.             | no.               | no.      | no.                | no.                          | no.       |
| ORIGINAL            |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| <b>2000</b>         |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| July                | 1 374           | 1 842    | 1 024      | 443             | 893               | 83       | 36                 | 52                           | 5 747     |
| August              | 1 593           | 1 809    | 1 370      | 450             | 997               | 76       | 31                 | 129                          | 6 455     |
| September           | 1 473           | 1 854    | 1 165      | 353             | 953               | 100      | 33                 | 66                           | 5 997     |
| October             | 1 723           | 1 518    | 1 229      | 434             | 908               | 105      | 32                 | 111                          | 6 060     |
| November            | 1 647           | 2 359    | 1 274      | 458             | 1 028             | 112      | 35                 | 68                           | 6 981     |
| December            | 1 370           | 1 701    | 929        | 381             | 898               | 53       | 21                 | 71                           | 5 424     |
| <b>2001</b>         |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| January             | 1 443           | 1 649    | 1 064      | 364             | 776               | 89       | 21                 | 57                           | 5 463     |
| February            | 1 499           | 2 282    | 1 112      | 380             | 824               | 83       | 23                 | 91                           | 6 294     |
| March               | 1 534           | 2 185    | 1 297      | 516             | 890               | 84       | 25                 | 44                           | 6 575     |
| April               | 1 448           | 1 811    | 1 335      | 475             | 880               | 65       | 54                 | 74                           | 6 142     |
| May                 | 2 010           | 2 658    | 1 982      | 655             | 1 397             | 130      | 84                 | 105                          | 9 021     |
| June                | 1 871           | 2 615    | 1 777      | 641             | 1 336             | 116      | 78                 | 56                           | 8 490     |
| July                | 2 164           | 2 817    | 2 091      | 765             | 1 448             | 114      | 63                 | 112                          | 9 574     |
| August              | 2 405           | 3 632    | 2 378      | 734             | 1 580             | 143      | 35                 | 120                          | 11 027    |
| September           | 2 189           | 2 961    | 2 025      | 712             | 1 367             | 145      | 38                 | 75                           | 9 512     |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| <b>2000</b>         |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| July                | 1 364           | 2 054    | 1 118      | 453             | 946               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6 085     |
| August              | 1 543           | 1 777    | 1 283      | 430             | 927               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6 223     |
| September           | 1 492           | 1 763    | 1 138      | 351             | 964               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6 010     |
| October             | 1 753           | 1 610    | 1 175      | 435             | 902               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 5 998     |
| November            | 1 530           | 2 206    | 1 159      | 424             | 933               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6 535     |
| December            | 1 466           | 1 864    | 1 145      | 436             | 934               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6 083     |
| <b>2001</b>         |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| January             | 1 548           | 1 993    | 1 273      | 453             | 883               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6 148     |
| February            | 1 573           | 2 053    | 1 088      | 375             | 898               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6 168     |
| March               | 1 455           | 1 914    | 1 154      | 453             | 877               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6 066     |
| April               | 1 542           | 1 936    | 1 367      | 538             | 958               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6 461     |
| May                 | 1 741           | 2 506    | 1 783      | 594             | 1 232             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 8 011     |
| June                | 2 075           | 2 632    | 1 874      | 632             | 1 314             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 8 991     |
| July                | 2 118           | 3 147    | 2 284      | 736             | 1 480             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 10 038    |
| August              | 2 300           | 3 551    | 2 281      | 721             | 1 432             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 10 663    |
| September           | 2 301           | 2 894    | 1 939      | 740             | 1 488             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 9 838     |
| TREND ESTIMATES     |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| <b>2000</b>         |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| July                | 1 645           | 2 034    | 1 299      | 452             | 978               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6 648     |
| August              | 1 552           | 1 885    | 1 184      | 422             | 943               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6 223     |
| September           | 1 525           | 1 822    | 1 138      | 409             | 926               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6 053     |
| October             | 1 532           | 1 829    | 1 135      | 406             | 918               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6 042     |
| November            | 1 540           | 1 865    | 1 141      | 409             | 908               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6 063     |
| December            | 1 532           | 1 905    | 1 141      | 414             | 893               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6 055     |
| <b>2001</b>         |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| January             | 1 511           | 1 934    | 1 138      | 423             | 884               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6 039     |
| February            | 1 504           | 1 959    | 1 180      | 442             | 900               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6 126     |
| March               | 1 547           | 2 038    | 1 295      | 475             | 955               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6 466     |
| April               | 1 649           | 2 204    | 1 475      | 524             | 1 049             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 7 091     |
| May                 | 1 793           | 2 445    | 1 687      | 583             | 1 166             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 7 913     |
| June                | 1 949           | 2 709    | 1 887      | 640             | 1 284             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 8 764     |
| July                | 2 101           | 2 950    | 2 050      | 689             | 1 385             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 9 519     |
| August              | 2 233           | 3 146    | 2 169      | 729             | 1 467             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 10 133    |
| September           | 2 344           | 3 297    | 2 240      | 756             | 1 530             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 10 597    |



## PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSES APPROVED, States and Australia—Percentage Change

| Month   | New South Wales | Victoria | Queensland | South Australia | Western Australia | Tasmania | Northern Territory | Australian Capital Territory | Australia |
|---|-----------------|----------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| ORIGINAL (% change from preceding month)            |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| <b>2000</b>   |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| July  | -22.8           | -22.7    | -6.1       | -14.3           | -14.5             | 0.0      | -21.7              | -25.7                        | -18.0     |
| August  | 15.9            | -1.8     | 33.8       | 1.6             | 11.6              | -8.4     | -13.9              | 148.1                        | 12.3      |
| September   | -7.5            | 2.5      | -15.0      | -21.6           | -4.4              | 31.6     | 6.5                | -48.8                        | -7.1      |
| October   | 17.0            | -18.1    | 5.5        | 22.9            | -4.7              | 5.0      | -3.0               | 68.2                         | 1.1       |
| November  | -4.4            | 55.4     | 3.7        | 5.5             | 13.2              | 6.7      | 9.4                | -38.7                        | 15.2      |
| December  | -16.8           | -27.9    | -27.1      | -16.8           | -12.6             | -52.7    | -40.0              | 4.4                          | -22.3     |
| <b>2001</b>   |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| January   | 5.3             | -3.1     | 14.5       | -4.5            | -13.6             | 67.9     | 0.0                | -19.7                        | 0.7       |
| February  | 3.9             | 38.4     | 4.5        | 4.4             | 6.2               | -6.7     | 9.5                | 59.6                         | 15.2      |
| March   | 2.3             | -4.3     | 16.6       | 35.8            | 8.0               | 1.2      | 8.7                | -51.6                        | 4.5       |
| April   | -5.6            | -17.1    | 2.9        | -7.9            | -1.1              | -22.6    | 116.0              | 68.2                         | -6.6      |
| May   | 38.8            | 46.8     | 48.5       | 37.9            | 58.8              | 100.0    | 55.6               | 41.9                         | 46.9      |
| June  | -6.9            | -1.6     | -10.3      | -2.1            | -4.4              | -10.8    | -7.1               | -46.7                        | -5.9      |
| July  | 15.7            | 7.7      | 17.7       | 19.3            | 8.4               | -1.7     | -19.2              | 100.0                        | 12.8      |
| August  | 11.1            | 28.9     | 13.7       | -4.1            | 9.1               | 25.4     | -44.4              | 7.1                          | 15.2      |
| September   | -9.0            | -18.5    | -14.8      | -3.0            | -13.5             | 1.4      | 8.6                | -37.5                        | -13.7     |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month) |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| <b>2000</b>   |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| July  | -27.9           | -13.0    | 1.7        | -7.5            | -7.2              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -16.2     |
| August  | 13.2            | -13.5    | 14.7       | -5.1            | -2.0              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2.3       |
| September   | -3.3            | -0.8     | -11.3      | -18.4           | 3.9               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -3.4      |
| October   | 17.5            | -8.7     | 3.3        | 23.9            | -6.4              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -0.2      |
| November  | -12.7           | 37.0     | -1.4       | -2.4            | 3.4               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 9.0       |
| December  | -4.2            | -15.5    | -1.1       | 2.9             | 0.2               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -6.9      |
| <b>2001</b>   |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| January   | 5.6             | 6.9      | 11.1       | 3.7             | -5.5              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 1.1       |
| February  | 1.6             | 3.0      | -14.5      | -17.1           | 1.7               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 0.3       |
| March   | -7.6            | -6.8     | 6.1        | 20.7            | -2.3              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -1.6      |
| April   | 6.0             | 1.1      | 18.4       | 18.8            | 9.3               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6.5       |
| May   | 12.9            | 29.5     | 30.5       | 10.3            | 28.6              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 24.0      |
| June  | 19.2            | 5.0      | 5.1        | 6.4             | 6.7               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 12.2      |
| July  | 2.1             | 19.6     | 21.9       | 16.6            | 12.6              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 11.7      |
| August  | 8.6             | 12.8     | -0.1       | -2.1            | -3.2              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6.2       |
| September   | 0.0             | -18.5    | -15.0      | 2.6             | 3.9               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -7.7      |
| TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)     |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| <b>2000</b>   |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| July  | -9.1            | -9.7     | -11.9      | -10.0           | -6.1              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -9.3      |
| August  | -5.7            | -7.3     | -8.9       | -6.5            | -3.5              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -6.4      |
| September   | -1.7            | -3.4     | -3.9       | -3.2            | -1.8              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -2.7      |
| October   | 0.5             | 0.4      | -0.3       | -0.6            | -0.8              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -0.2      |
| November  | 0.5             | 2.0      | 0.6        | 0.7             | -1.1              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 0.3       |
| December  | -0.6            | 2.1      | 0.0        | 1.2             | -1.6              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -0.1      |
| <b>2001</b>   |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| January   | -1.4            | 1.5      | -0.3       | 2.2             | -1.1              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -0.3      |
| February  | -0.4            | 1.3      | 3.7        | 4.5             | 1.8               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 1.4       |
| March   | 2.9             | 4.0      | 9.8        | 7.6             | 6.1               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 5.6       |
| April   | 6.6             | 8.1      | 13.9       | 10.3            | 9.9               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 9.7       |
| May   | 8.7             | 11.0     | 14.3       | 11.2            | 11.1              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 11.6      |
| June  | 8.7             | 10.8     | 11.9       | 9.8             | 10.1              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 10.8      |
| July  | 7.8             | 8.9      | 8.6        | 7.6             | 7.9               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 8.6       |
| August  | 6.3             | 6.6      | 5.8        | 5.9             | 5.9               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 6.4       |
| September   | 5.0             | 4.8      | 3.3        | 3.6             | 4.3               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 4.6       |

## TOTAL DWELLINGS APPROVED, By Capital City Statistical Division

|                  | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth  | Greater<br>Hobart | Darwin | Canberra |
|------------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|--------|-------------------|--------|----------|
| Month            | no.    | no.       | no.      | no.      | no.    | no.               | no.    | no.      |
| PRIVATE SECTOR   |        |           |          |          |        |                   |        |          |
| <b>1998-1999</b> | 34 687 | 30 182    | 13 144   | 5 350    | 14 032 | 549               | 1 144  | 1 956    |
| <b>1999-2000</b> | 33 007 | 38 611    | 15 546   | 6 847    | 16 054 | 813               | 931    | 2 317    |
| <b>2000-2001</b> | 21 612 | 27 477    | 11 593   | 4 788    | 10 699 | 487               | 437    | 1 640    |
| <b>2000</b>      |        |           |          |          |        |                   |        |          |
| September        | 1 653  | 1 951     | 1 060    | 287      | 854    | 48                | 23     | 128      |
| October          | 2 431  | 1 442     | 846      | 347      | 892    | 58                | 38     | 182      |
| November         | 2 420  | 2 437     | 1 107    | 493      | 903    | 52                | 21     | 124      |
| December         | 1 543  | 2 424     | 614      | 335      | 789    | 15                | 10     | 97       |
| <b>2001</b>      |        |           |          |          |        |                   |        |          |
| January          | 1 664  | 2 012     | 907      | 287      | 659    | 31                | 14     | 184      |
| February         | 1 415  | 2 514     | 720      | 324      | 733    | 57                | 11     | 119      |
| March            | 1 552  | 2 710     | 868      | 447      | 783    | 42                | 21     | 66       |
| April            | 1 560  | 1 832     | 969      | 342      | 921    | 26                | 70     | 110      |
| May              | 2 474  | 2 756     | 1 471    | 486      | 1 182  | 59                | 83     | 120      |
| June             | 1 950  | 2 490     | 1 163    | 520      | 1 183  | 50                | 46     | 285      |
| July             | 2 501  | 2 681     | 1 201    | 660      | 1 224  | 54                | 70     | 182      |
| August           | 2 372  | 4 526     | 1 281    | 553      | 1 430  | 60                | 43     | 121      |
| September        | 2 771  | 3 250     | 1 180    | 550      | 1 173  | 77                | 42     | 81       |
| PUBLIC SECTOR    |        |           |          |          |        |                   |        |          |
| <b>1998-1999</b> | 1 112  | 666       | 473      | 151      | 549    | 0                 | 243    | 117      |
| <b>1999-2000</b> | 644    | 629       | 271      | 87       | 775    | 21                | 119    | 55       |
| <b>2000-2001</b> | 700    | 374       | 353      | 75       | 689    | 16                | 227    | 107      |
| <b>2000</b>      |        |           |          |          |        |                   |        |          |
| September        | 71     | 32        | 4        | 0        | 21     | 5                 | 20     | 2        |
| October          | 20     | 68        | 13       | 0        | 28     | 3                 | 12     | 3        |
| November         | 75     | 15        | 44       | 7        | 21     | 0                 | 0      | 1        |
| December         | 66     | 11        | 40       | 18       | 16     | 0                 | 8      | 0        |
| <b>2001</b>      |        |           |          |          |        |                   |        |          |
| January          | 20     | 51        | 23       | 9        | 130    | 2                 | 21     | 0        |
| February         | 122    | 25        | 22       | 3        | 0      | 0                 | 0      | 4        |
| March            | 38     | 19        | 18       | 6        | 130    | 0                 | 0      | 0        |
| April            | 67     | 19        | 26       | 11       | 92     | 0                 | 71     | 9        |
| May              | 83     | 15        | 75       | 3        | 111    | 0                 | 0      | 67       |
| June             | 16     | 51        | 74       | 2        | 106    | 0                 | 95     | 0        |
| July             | 8      | 138       | 8        | 6        | 97     | 0                 | 0      | 0        |
| August           | 79     | 41        | 1        | 6        | 41     | 0                 | 0      | 0        |
| September        | 24     | 56        | 10       | 23       | 14     | 0                 | 0      | 25       |
| TOTAL            |        |           |          |          |        |                   |        |          |
| <b>1998-1999</b> | 35 799 | 30 848    | 13 617   | 5 501    | 14 581 | 549               | 1 387  | 2 073    |
| <b>1999-2000</b> | 33 651 | 39 240    | 15 817   | 6 934    | 16 829 | 834               | 1 050  | 2 372    |
| <b>2000-2001</b> | 22 312 | 27 851    | 11 946   | 4 863    | 11 388 | 503               | 664    | 1 747    |
| <b>2000</b>      |        |           |          |          |        |                   |        |          |
| September        | 1 724  | 1 983     | 1 064    | 287      | 875    | 53                | 43     | 130      |
| October          | 2 451  | 1 510     | 859      | 347      | 920    | 61                | 50     | 185      |
| November         | 2 495  | 2 452     | 1 151    | 500      | 924    | 52                | 21     | 125      |
| December         | 1 609  | 2 435     | 654      | 353      | 805    | 15                | 18     | 97       |
| <b>2001</b>      |        |           |          |          |        |                   |        |          |
| January          | 1 684  | 2 063     | 930      | 296      | 789    | 33                | 35     | 184      |
| February         | 1 537  | 2 539     | 742      | 327      | 733    | 57                | 11     | 123      |
| March            | 1 590  | 2 729     | 886      | 453      | 913    | 42                | 21     | 66       |
| April            | 1 627  | 1 851     | 995      | 353      | 1 013  | 26                | 141    | 119      |
| May              | 2 557  | 2 771     | 1 546    | 489      | 1 293  | 59                | 83     | 187      |
| June             | 1 966  | 2 541     | 1 237    | 522      | 1 289  | 50                | 141    | 285      |
| July             | 2 509  | 2 819     | 1 209    | 666      | 1 321  | 54                | 70     | 182      |
| August           | 2 451  | 4 567     | 1 282    | 559      | 1 471  | 60                | 43     | 121      |
| September        | 2 795  | 3 306     | 1 190    | 573      | 1 187  | 77                | 42     | 106      |

## DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, By State: Original

| State/Territory              | New houses | New other residential building | Alterations and additions to residential buildings | Conversion(a) | Non-residential building(a) | Total dwelling units |
|------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>        |            |                                |  |               |                             |                      |
| New South Wales              | 2 188      | 1 831                          | 14   | 39            | 16                          | 4 088                |
| Victoria                     | 2 960      | 932                            | 14   | 260           | 12                          | 4 178                |
| Queensland                   | 2 025      | 782                            | 14   | 0             | 0                           | 2 821                |
| South Australia              | 711        | 106                            | 0  | 9             | 14                          | 840                  |
| Western Australia            | 1 360      | 156                            | 6  | 1             | 2                           | 1 525                |
| Tasmania                     | 145        | 45                             | 0  | 0             | 0                           | 190                  |
| Northern Territory           | 38         | 31                             | 0  | 0             | 0                           | 69                   |
| Australian Capital Territory | 75         | 6                              | 0  | 0             | 0                           | 81                   |
| Australia                    | 9 502      | 3 889                          | 48   | 309           | 44                          | 13 792               |
| <b>PUBLIC SECTOR</b>         |            |                                |  |               |                             |                      |
| New South Wales              | 7          | 45                             | 1  | 0             | 0                           | 53                   |
| Victoria                     | 70         | 0                              | 0  | 0             | 0                           | 70                   |
| Queensland                   | 7          | 8                              | 0  | 0             | 0                           | 15                   |
| South Australia              | 19         | 4                              | 0  | 0             | 0                           | 23                   |
| Western Australia            | 27         | 24                             | 0  | 0             | 0                           | 51                   |
| Tasmania                     | 0          | 0                              | 0  | 0             | 0                           | 0                    |
| Northern Territory           | 6          | 0                              | 0  | 0             | 0                           | 6                    |
| Australian Capital Territory | 25         | 0                              | 0  | 0             | 0                           | 25                   |
| Australia                    | 161        | 81                             | 1  | 0             | 0                           | 243                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 |            |                                |  |               |                             |                      |
| New South Wales              | 2 195      | 1 876                          | 15   | 39            | 16                          | 4 141                |
| Victoria                     | 3 030      | 932                            | 14   | 260           | 12                          | 4 248                |
| Queensland                   | 2 032      | 790                            | 14   | 0             | 0                           | 2 836                |
| South Australia              | 730        | 110                            | 0  | 9             | 14                          | 863                  |
| Western Australia            | 1 387      | 180                            | 6  | 1             | 2                           | 1 576                |
| Tasmania                     | 145        | 45                             | 0  | 0             | 0                           | 190                  |
| Northern Territory           | 44         | 31                             | 0  | 0             | 0                           | 75                   |
| Australian Capital Territory | 100        | 6                              | 0  | 0             | 0                           | 106                  |
| Australia                    | 9 663      | 3 970                          | 49   | 309           | 44                          | 14 035               |

(a) See Glossary for definition.

## DWELLING UNITS APPROVED IN NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS(a): Original

## NEW OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDING.....

|                          | New houses | Semi-detached, row or terrace houses, townhouses, etc. of |                     |         | Flats, units or apartments in a building of |               |                      |         | Total   | Total new residential building |
|--------------------------|------------|---|---------------------|---------|---|---------------|----------------------|---------|---------|--------------------------------|
|                          |            | One storey  | Two or more storeys | Total   | One or two storeys                          | Three storeys | Four or more storeys | Total   |         |                                |
| NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS |            |   |                     |         |   |               |                      |         |         |                                |
| <b>1998-1999</b>         | 107 321    | 10 209  | 11 975              | 22 184  | 4 704                                       | 5 069         | 13 985               | 23 758  | 45 942  | 153 263                        |
| <b>1999-2000</b>         | 123 144    | 10 445  | 12 908              | 23 353  | 5 392                                       | 4 846         | 16 627               | 26 865  | 50 218  | 173 362                        |
| <b>2000-2001</b>         | 79 662     | 7 379   | 8 487               | 15 866  | 2 848                                       | 4 138         | 14 368               | 21 354  | 37 220  | 116 882                        |
| <b>2000</b>              |            |   |                     |         |   |               |                      |         |         |                                |
| July                     | 5 816      | 619   | 562                 | 1 181   | 204   | 347           | 1 143                | 1 694   | 2 875   | 8 691                          |
| August                   | 6 548      | 701   | 539                 | 1 240   | 227   | 342           | 1 218                | 1 787   | 3 027   | 9 575                          |
| September                | 6 078      | 622   | 609                 | 1 231   | 154   | 403           | 1 018                | 1 575   | 2 806   | 8 884                          |
| October                  | 6 160      | 661   | 723                 | 1 384   | 162   | 336           | 1 286                | 1 784   | 3 168   | 9 328                          |
| November                 | 7 060      | 577   | 622                 | 1 199   | 163   | 377           | 1 935                | 2 475   | 3 674   | 10 734                         |
| December                 | 5 494      | 512   | 805                 | 1 317   | 197   | 340           | 1 412                | 1 949   | 3 266   | 8 760                          |
| <b>2001</b>              |            |   |                     |         |   |               |                      |         |         |                                |
| January                  | 5 550      | 601   | 776                 | 1 377   | 178   | 286           | 1 355                | 1 819   | 3 196   | 8 746                          |
| February                 | 6 347      | 463   | 767                 | 1 230   | 283   | 196           | 753                  | 1 232   | 2 462   | 8 809                          |
| March                    | 6 666      | 585   | 650                 | 1 235   | 321   | 300           | 1 023                | 1 644   | 2 879   | 9 545                          |
| April                    | 6 248      | 599   | 695                 | 1 294   | 207   | 315           | 950                  | 1 472   | 2 766   | 9 014                          |
| May                      | 9 104      | 821   | 1 050               | 1 871   | 326   | 618           | 1 145                | 2 089   | 3 960   | 13 064                         |
| June                     | 8 591      | 618   | 689                 | 1 307   | 426   | 278           | 1 130                | 1 834   | 3 141   | 11 732                         |
| July                     | 9 745      | 827   | 1 006               | 1 833   | 287   | 347           | 999                  | 1 633   | 3 466   | 13 211                         |
| August                   | 11 133     | 983   | 805                 | 1 788   | 358   | 529           | 2 078                | 2 965   | 4 753   | 15 886                         |
| September                | 9 663      | 639   | 852                 | 1 491   | 215   | 323           | 1 941                | 2 479   | 3 970   | 13 633                         |
| VALUE (\$ million)       |            |   |                     |         |   |               |                      |         |         |                                |
| <b>1998-1999</b>         | 12 682.5   | 797.9   | 1 192.1             | 1 990.1 | 395.2                                       | 515.1         | 2 021.7              | 2 932.0 | 4 922.0 | 17 604.5                       |
| <b>1999-2000</b>         | 15 696.1   | 872.2   | 1 346.7             | 2 218.8 | 499.5                                       | 506.8         | 2 798.0              | 3 804.2 | 6 022.7 | 21 718.9                       |
| <b>2000-2001</b>         | 11 050.2   | 640.2   | 1 000.7             | 1 640.7 | 298.7                                       | 505.9         | 2 547.8              | 3 352.0 | 4 993.2 | 16 043.3                       |
| <b>2000</b>              |            |   |                     |         |   |               |                      |         |         |                                |
| July                     | 782.2      | 48.4  | 68.9                | 117.3   | 19.9  | 50.5          | 223.5                | 293.9   | 411.2   | 1 193.4                        |
| August                   | 895.3      | 63.3  | 68.9                | 132.2   | 29.1  | 41.9          | 198.2                | 269.1   | 401.3   | 1 296.6                        |
| September                | 819.8      | 53.1  | 77.5                | 130.6   | 13.1  | 42.5          | 161.4                | 217.0   | 347.7   | 1 167.5                        |
| October                  | 838.1      | 53.9  | 81.1                | 135.0   | 16.8  | 38.2          | 195.5                | 250.5   | 385.5   | 1 223.6                        |
| November                 | 983.1      | 47.3  | 65.5                | 112.8   | 16.0  | 43.8          | 316.4                | 376.1   | 488.9   | 1 472.0                        |
| December                 | 780.6      | 41.5  | 86.5                | 128.0   | 19.9  | 36.9          | 284.9                | 341.7   | 469.8   | 1 250.4                        |
| <b>2001</b>              |            |   |                     |         |   |               |                      |         |         |                                |
| January                  | 777.1      | 54.5  | 93.0                | 147.4   | 14.8  | 38.4          | 229.8                | 283.0   | 430.4   | 1 207.5                        |
| February                 | 898.3      | 43.5  | 91.4                | 134.9   | 27.9  | 29.7          | 148.2                | 205.8   | 340.7   | 1 239.0                        |
| March                    | 941.1      | 52.1  | 77.6                | 129.6   | 25.1  | 43.6          | 204.7                | 273.4   | 403.1   | 1 344.2                        |
| April                    | 876.1      | 54.8  | 88.9                | 143.7   | 26.5  | 33.3          | 165.5                | 225.3   | 369.0   | 1 245.1                        |
| May                      | 1 265.8    | 75.4  | 113.9               | 189.3   | 40.5  | 73.7          | 200.9                | 315.0   | 504.4   | 1 770.1                        |
| June                     | 1 192.7    | 52.4  | 87.5                | 139.9   | 49.1  | 33.4          | 218.8                | 301.2   | 441.2   | 1 633.9                        |
| July                     | 1 404.1    | 78.4  | 128.6               | 207.0   | 29.5  | 47.1          | 163.7                | 240.3   | 447.3   | 1 851.4                        |
| August                   | 1 588.6    | 97.0  | 99.0                | 196.0   | 30.8  | 71.0          | 546.5                | 648.2   | 844.3   | 2 432.9                        |
| September                | 1 372.2    | 64.4  | 123.6               | 188.0   | 26.5  | 60.6          | 366.4                | 453.5   | 641.5   | 2 013.7                        |

(a) See Glossary for definition.

## VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, Chain Volume Measures(a)

| Period  | New houses | New other residential building | New residential building | Alterations and additions to residential buildings(b) | Total residential building | Non-residential building | Total building  |
|---|------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| ORIGINAL (\$ million)                             |            |                                |                          |   |                            |                          |                 |
| <b>1998-1999</b>                                  | 13 439.8   | 5 253.9                        | 18 693.3                 | 3 104.4   | 21 797.6                   | 12 976.1                 | <b>34 824.9</b> |
| <b>1999-2000</b>                                  | 15 696.1   | 6 022.8                        | 21 718.8                 | 3 534.7   | 25 253.5                   | 12 178.9                 | <b>37 432.4</b> |
| <b>2000-2001</b>                                  | 9 745.9    | 4 651.4                        | 14 397.3                 | 2 889.5   | 17 286.7                   | 12 742.0                 | <b>30 028.7</b> |
| <b>2000</b>                                       |            |                                |                          |   |                            |                          |                 |
| March   | 4 120.9    | 1 592.9                        | 5 713.5                  | 866.3   | 6 579.9                    | 2 808.8                  | <b>9 380.3</b>  |
| June  | 3 192.1    | 1 417.8                        | 4 608.9                  | 863.9   | 5 472.8                    | 3 297.8                  | <b>8 779.6</b>  |
| September   | 2 212.3    | 1 075.2                        | 3 287.4                  | 674.2   | 3 961.6                    | 3 171.6                  | <b>7 133.1</b>  |
| December  | 2 298.1    | 1 255.4                        | 3 553.6                  | 725.1   | 4 278.6                    | 2 891.3                  | <b>7 170.0</b>  |
| <b>2001</b>                                       |            |                                |                          |   |                            |                          |                 |
| March   | 2 301.6    | 1 090.2                        | 3 391.9                  | 700.4   | 4 092.2                    | 3 330.1                  | <b>7 422.3</b>  |
| June  | 2 933.9    | 1 230.6                        | 4 164.4                  | 789.9   | 4 954.3                    | 3 349.1                  | <b>8 303.4</b>  |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)                  |            |                                |                          |   |                            |                          |                 |
| <b>2000</b>                                       |            |                                |                          |   |                            |                          |                 |
| March   | 4 207.6    | 1 624.5                        | 5 831.4                  | 891.8   | 6 723.4                    | 2 874.3                  | <b>9 592.0</b>  |
| June  | 3 155.9    | 1 374.3                        | 4 529.2                  | 850.0   | 5 378.9                    | 3 372.9                  | <b>8 760.3</b>  |
| September   | 2 192.4    | 1 130.1                        | 3 322.5                  | 662.2   | 3 984.7                    | 3 032.2                  | <b>7 017.0</b>  |
| December  | 2 320.3    | 1 225.0                        | 3 545.3                  | 736.7   | 4 282.1                    | 3 036.9                  | <b>7 318.9</b>  |
| <b>2001</b>                                       |            |                                |                          |   |                            |                          |                 |
| March   | 2 351.7    | 1 088.1                        | 3 439.8                  | 717.5   | 4 157.3                    | 3 374.0                  | <b>7 531.3</b>  |
| June  | 2 881.3    | 1 208.3                        | 4 089.6                  | 773.1   | 4 862.7                    | 3 298.9                  | <b>8 161.5</b>  |
| TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)                      |            |                                |                          |   |                            |                          |                 |
| <b>2000</b>                                       |            |                                |                          |   |                            |                          |                 |
| March   | 3 955.6    | 1 488.5                        | 5 444.0                  | 878.7   | 6 322.7                    | 3 024.3                  | <b>9 345.7</b>  |
| June  | 3 201.0    | 1 366.7                        | 4 567.2                  | 805.4   | 5 372.5                    | 3 090.7                  | <b>8 464.7</b>  |
| September   | 2 473.8    | 1 237.9                        | 3 711.3                  | 737.1   | 4 448.3                    | 3 140.6                  | <b>7 591.4</b>  |
| December  | 2 282.9    | 1 152.5                        | 3 437.4                  | 711.9   | 4 149.4                    | 3 162.4                  | <b>7 302.0</b>  |
| <b>2001</b>                                       |            |                                |                          |   |                            |                          |                 |
| March   | 2 443.6    | 1 150.9                        | 3 595.0                  | 728.9   | 4 324.0                    | 3 232.2                  | <b>7 554.7</b>  |
| June  | 2 731.4    | 1 169.2                        | 3 902.6                  | 763.5   | 4 668.1                    | 3 322.3                  | <b>7 953.3</b>  |
| TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding quarter) |            |                                |                          |   |                            |                          |                 |
| <b>2000</b>                                       |            |                                |                          |   |                            |                          |                 |
| March   | -7.4       | -3.7                           | -6.5                     | -2.7  | -6.0                       | 4.4                      | <b>-2.8</b>     |
| June  | -19.1      | -8.2                           | -16.1                    | -8.3  | -15.0                      | 2.2                      | <b>-9.4</b>     |
| September   | -22.7      | -9.4                           | -18.7                    | -8.5  | -17.2                      | 1.6                      | <b>-10.3</b>    |
| December  | -7.7       | -6.9                           | -7.4                     | -3.4  | -6.7                       | 0.7                      | <b>-3.8</b>     |
| <b>2001</b>                                       |            |                                |                          |   |                            |                          |                 |
| March   | 7.0        | -0.1                           | 4.6                      | 2.4   | 4.2                        | 2.2                      | <b>3.5</b>      |
| June  | 11.8       | 1.6                            | 8.6                      | 4.7   | 8.0                        | 2.8                      | <b>5.3</b>      |

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 1999-2000.  
Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 23.

(b) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 14.

## VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING APPROVED, States and Australia(a)

| Reference Month     | New South Wales | Victoria | Queensland | South Australia | Western Australia | Tasmania | Northern Territory | Australian Capital Territory | Australia |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| ORIGINAL            |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| <b>2000</b>         |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| July                | 668.8           | 1 153.5  | 363.0      | 153.4           | 253.0             | 17.7     | 15.4               | 28.2                         | 2 653.1   |
| August              | 770.5           | 742.7    | 490.0      | 159.3           | 262.6             | 23.7     | 77.1               | 40.1                         | 2 565.9   |
| September           | 766.1           | 712.0    | 484.5      | 84.1            | 247.5             | 38.1     | 28.3               | 28.5                         | 2 389.0   |
| October             | 942.6           | 628.1    | 501.4      | 114.0           | 267.4             | 30.7     | 19.1               | 45.7                         | 2 548.8   |
| November            | 858.3           | 826.7    | 578.4      | 127.9           | 235.7             | 28.8     | 22.1               | 26.9                         | 2 704.8   |
| December            | 693.6           | 861.1    | 468.1      | 114.1           | 203.3             | 22.0     | 16.2               | 28.7                         | 2 407.0   |
| <b>2001</b>         |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| January             | 1 008.5         | 727.3    | 486.1      | 95.3            | 221.3             | 29.1     | 17.8               | 48.1                         | 2 633.6   |
| February            | 812.9           | 797.6    | 384.4      | 100.8           | 217.6             | 19.5     | 9.1                | 37.8                         | 2 379.6   |
| March               | 660.9           | 1 156.2  | 493.6      | 223.2           | 304.4             | 21.7     | 32.0               | 33.7                         | 2 925.7   |
| April               | 669.0           | 791.2    | 399.8      | 107.6           | 524.4             | 21.8     | 33.8               | 38.0                         | 2 585.6   |
| May                 | 912.8           | 1 165.9  | 699.2      | 191.8           | 377.4             | 45.6     | 55.8               | 50.9                         | 3 499.4   |
| June                | 850.2           | 799.6    | 629.2      | 150.0           | 285.5             | 24.5     | 47.0               | 66.1                         | 2 852.0   |
| July                | 1 186.8         | 942.0    | 567.7      | 160.1           | 306.9             | 26.4     | 22.4               | 81.9                         | 3 294.1   |
| August              | 1 097.1         | 1 485.0  | 575.4      | 221.7           | 341.6             | 32.4     | 22.2               | 33.4                         | 3 808.6   |
| September           | 1 082.5         | 951.6    | 612.4      | 158.6           | 286.1             | 38.1     | 24.2               | 38.4                         | 3 191.9   |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| <b>2000</b>         |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| July                | 583.8           | 1 320.1  | 375.8      | 135.3           | 262.4             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 691.0   |
| August              | 648.5           | 706.3    | 503.2      | 130.7           | 242.1             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 355.3   |
| September           | 881.1           | 701.4    | 479.8      | 88.9            | 245.0             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 460.7   |
| October             | 933.0           | 679.0    | 523.4      | 122.8           | 247.0             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 521.7   |
| November            | 846.0           | 752.3    | 473.1      | 113.4           | 221.5             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 583.1   |
| December            | 852.2           | 877.4    | 591.3      | 126.5           | 230.9             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 733.8   |
| <b>2001</b>         |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| January             | 1 083.7         | 854.4    | 523.3      | 128.3           | 263.7             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 815.4   |
| February            | 851.5           | 714.7    | 448.9      | 99.8            | 243.9             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 437.3   |
| March               | 730.3           | 971.4    | 479.8      | 222.8           | 284.7             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 837.9   |
| April               | 647.2           | 865.8    | 411.3      | 128.9           | 615.9             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 975.6   |
| May                 | 799.7           | 1 051.2  | 586.3      | 161.0           | 299.4             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 932.3   |
| June                | 882.6           | 893.2    | 592.9      | 167.1           | 281.2             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 914.6   |
| July                | 987.5           | 1 137.6  | 546.7      | 138.1           | 303.8             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 3 159.3   |
| August              | 955.9           | 1 434.7  | 587.9      | 184.3           | 329.3             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 3 570.3   |
| September           | 1 229.1         | 933.8    | 678.1      | 154.6           | 294.2             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 3 447.5   |
| TREND ESTIMATES     |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| <b>2000</b>         |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| July                | 771.8           | 768.5    | 444.2      | 122.4           | 263.1             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 518.8   |
| August              | 750.9           | 737.7    | 451.9      | 116.9           | 251.7             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 431.0   |
| September           | 779.2           | 722.4    | 473.9      | 115.2           | 242.1             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 430.6   |
| October             | 838.6           | 727.9    | 501.7      | 115.4           | 234.2             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 494.0   |
| November            | 889.8           | 749.8    | 519.1      | 115.4           | 232.0             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 570.4   |
| December            | 905.6           | 784.3    | 516.6      | 114.5           | 236.3             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 618.5   |
| <b>2001</b>         |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| January             | 880.2           | 821.3    | 501.8      | 115.3           | 246.3             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 642.6   |
| February            | 833.4           | 853.5    | 490.2      | 118.5           | 259.3             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 659.8   |
| March               | 791.8           | 890.1    | 487.2      | 124.4           | 273.6             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 690.2   |
| April               | 779.5           | 928.0    | 496.9      | 133.0           | 286.5             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 752.9   |
| May                 | 804.2           | 963.9    | 520.4      | 143.6           | 295.4             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 851.3   |
| June                | 863.8           | 993.2    | 552.5      | 153.3           | 301.0             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2 973.0   |
| July                | 943.8           | 1 009.9  | 584.4      | 160.6           | 304.8             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 3 097.1   |
| August              | 1 027.5         | 1 017.2  | 613.2      | 165.7           | 307.6             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 3 215.5   |
| September           | 1 106.7         | 1 006.6  | 636.6      | 168.1           | 307.7             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 3 304.6   |

(a) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 8.

## VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING APPROVED, States and Australia–Percentage Change(a)

| Reference Month                                     | New South Wales | Victoria | Queensland | South Australia | Western Australia | Tasmania | Northern Territory | Australian Capital Territory | Australia |
|---|-----------------|----------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| ORIGINAL (% change from preceding month)            |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| <b>2000</b>   |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| July  | -22.7           | 29.3     | -5.2       | 53.8            | -11.4             | -43.4    | -66.0              | -41.7                        | 0.1       |
| August  | 15.2            | -35.6    | 35.0       | 3.9             | 3.8               | 34.0     | 398.9              | 42.1                         | -3.3      |
| September   | -0.6            | -4.1     | -1.1       | -47.2           | -5.7              | 61.2     | -63.3              | -28.9                        | -6.9      |
| October   | 23.0            | -11.8    | 3.5        | 35.6            | 8.0               | -19.6    | -32.5              | 60.4                         | 6.7       |
| November  | -8.9            | 31.6     | 15.4       | 12.2            | -11.8             | -6.2     | 16.1               | -41.2                        | 6.1       |
| December  | -19.2           | 4.2      | -19.1      | -10.8           | -13.7             | -23.6    | -26.8              | 7.0                          | -11.0     |
| <b>2001</b>   |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| January   | 45.4            | -15.5    | 3.8        | -16.5           | 8.9               | 32.6     | 10.0               | 67.7                         | 9.4       |
| February  | -19.4           | 9.7      | -20.9      | 5.8             | -1.7              | -33.0    | -49.0              | -21.5                        | -9.6      |
| March   | -18.7           | 45.0     | 28.4       | 121.4           | 39.9              | 11.2     | 252.2              | -10.7                        | 22.9      |
| April   | 1.2             | -31.6    | -19.0      | -51.8           | 72.3              | 0.4      | 5.5                | 12.7                         | -11.6     |
| May   | 36.4            | 47.4     | 74.9       | 78.4            | -28.0             | 109.0    | 65.3               | 33.8                         | 35.3      |
| June  | -6.9            | -31.4    | -10.0      | -21.8           | -24.3             | -46.3    | -15.9              | 29.8                         | -18.5     |
| July  | 39.6            | 17.8     | -9.8       | 6.7             | 7.5               | 7.7      | -52.4              | 24.0                         | 15.5      |
| August  | -7.6            | 57.6     | 1.3        | 38.4            | 11.3              | 22.8     | -0.7               | -59.2                        | 15.6      |
| September   | -1.3            | -35.9    | 6.4        | -28.4           | -16.2             | 17.6     | 8.8                | 15.1                         | -16.2     |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month) |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| <b>2000</b>   |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| July  | -32.0           | 32.1     | 8.1        | 25.4            | -7.3              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2.8       |
| August  | 11.1            | -46.5    | 33.9       | -3.4            | -7.7              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -12.5     |
| September   | 35.9            | -0.7     | -4.6       | -32.0           | 1.2               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 4.5       |
| October   | 5.9             | -3.2     | 9.1        | 38.1            | 0.8               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2.5       |
| November  | -9.3            | 10.8     | -9.6       | -7.6            | -10.3             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2.4       |
| December  | 0.7             | 16.6     | 25.0       | 11.5            | 4.2               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 5.8       |
| <b>2001</b>   |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| January   | 27.2            | -2.6     | -11.5      | 1.4             | 14.2              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 3.0       |
| February  | -21.4           | -16.4    | -14.2      | -22.2           | -7.5              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -13.4     |
| March   | -14.2           | 35.9     | 6.9        | 123.3           | 16.8              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 16.4      |
| April   | -11.4           | -10.9    | -14.3      | -42.2           | 116.3             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 4.9       |
| May   | 23.6            | 21.4     | 42.5       | 24.9            | -51.4             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -1.5      |
| June  | 10.4            | -15.0    | 1.1        | 3.8             | -6.1              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -0.6      |
| July  | 11.9            | 27.4     | -7.8       | -17.3           | 8.0               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 8.4       |
| August  | -3.2            | 26.1     | 7.5        | 33.4            | 8.4               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 13.0      |
| September   | 28.6            | -34.9    | 15.3       | -16.2           | -10.6             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -3.4      |
| TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)     |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| <b>2000</b>   |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| July  | -7.7            | -5.2     | -2.8       | -6.9            | -5.3              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -6.3      |
| August  | -2.7            | -4.0     | 1.7        | -4.5            | -4.3              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -3.5      |
| September   | 3.8             | -2.1     | 4.9        | -1.4            | -3.8              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 0.0       |
| October   | 7.6             | 0.8      | 5.9        | 0.2             | -3.3              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2.6       |
| November  | 6.1             | 3.0      | 3.5        | 0.0             | -0.9              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 3.1       |
| December  | 1.8             | 4.6      | -0.5       | -0.7            | 1.9               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 1.9       |
| <b>2001</b>   |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| January   | -2.8            | 4.7      | -2.9       | 0.7             | 4.2               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 0.9       |
| February  | -5.3            | 3.9      | -2.3       | 2.8             | 5.3               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 0.7       |
| March   | -5.0            | 4.3      | -0.6       | 4.9             | 5.5               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 1.1       |
| April   | -1.6            | 4.3      | 2.0        | 7.0             | 4.7               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2.3       |
| May   | 3.2             | 3.9      | 4.7        | 8.0             | 3.1               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 3.6       |
| June  | 7.4             | 3.0      | 6.2        | 6.8             | 1.9               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 4.3       |
| July  | 9.3             | 1.7      | 5.8        | 4.7             | 1.3               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 4.2       |
| August  | 8.9             | 0.7      | 4.9        | 3.2             | 0.9               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 3.8       |
| September   | 7.7             | -1.0     | 3.8        | 1.4             | 0.0               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2.8       |

(a) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 8.

## VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED, States and Australia(a)

| Reference Month | New South Wales | Victoria | Queensland | South Australia | Western Australia | Tasmania | Northern Territory | Australian Capital Territory | Australia |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| ORIGINAL        |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| <b>2000</b>     |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| July            | 287.2           | 562.6    | 166.6      | 60.6            | 98.9              | 7.3      | 4.4                | 15.0                         | 1 202.6   |
| August          | 280.4           | 267.6    | 188.9      | 89.6            | 89.6              | 10.7     | 63.2               | 10.3                         | 1 000.3   |
| September       | 309.9           | 292.9    | 217.0      | 29.4            | 88.4              | 23.2     | 17.8               | 7.5                          | 986.2     |
| October         | 381.2           | 228.7    | 242.1      | 45.3            | 105.0             | 12.6     | 6.4                | 13.2                         | 1 034.6   |
| November        | 270.1           | 290.4    | 265.5      | 49.6            | 63.0              | 13.1     | 10.9               | 4.6                          | 967.1     |
| December        | 208.9           | 311.6    | 239.8      | 52.6            | 43.7              | 12.4     | 9.9                | 12.2                         | 891.3     |
| <b>2001</b>     |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| January         | 553.1           | 266.8    | 228.5      | 35.2            | 63.4              | 16.4     | 9.5                | 20.0                         | 1 192.9   |
| February        | 391.3           | 257.8    | 139.0      | 36.6            | 45.1              | 4.1      | 3.9                | 12.4                         | 890.3     |
| March           | 210.3           | 501.5    | 228.1      | 141.9           | 140.6             | 8.1      | 19.3               | 18.0                         | 1 267.9   |
| April           | 217.1           | 346.9    | 97.3       | 40.5            | 339.4             | 11.0     | 7.6                | 19.8                         | 1 079.6   |
| May             | 270.6           | 517.2    | 273.6      | 95.7            | 151.0             | 26.7     | 35.3               | 18.1                         | 1 388.2   |
| June            | 257.7           | 216.4    | 297.5      | 51.5            | 60.8              | 6.8      | 8.5                | 21.1                         | 920.4     |
| July            | 480.2           | 289.2    | 188.3      | 45.9            | 63.8              | 9.9      | 7.8                | 50.2                         | 1 135.3   |
| August          | 347.0           | 298.9    | 144.5      | 118.4           | 93.5              | 11.3     | 10.0               | 7.9                          | 1 031.4   |
| September       | 325.0           | 235.2    | 145.9      | 48.3            | 57.8              | 10.7     | 12.9               | 17.8                         | 853.6     |
| TREND ESTIMATES |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| <b>2000</b>     |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| July            | 279.6           | 252.9    | 172.1      | 50.9            | 86.2              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 934.5     |
| August          | 267.9           | 249.1    | 194.8      | 49.6            | 83.0              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 911.1     |
| September       | 289.8           | 248.5    | 219.9      | 49.2            | 78.0              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 926.9     |
| October         | 338.5           | 252.7    | 243.5      | 48.8            | 72.1              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 974.7     |
| November        | 384.6           | 262.1    | 255.6      | 47.4            | 69.6              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 1 028.0   |
| December        | 408.3           | 277.8    | 249.8      | 45.2            | 72.5              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 1 064.9   |
| <b>2001</b>     |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| January         | 400.5           | 298.4    | 233.6      | 44.5            | 81.5              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 1 090.3   |
| February        | 365.0           | 325.1    | 216.0      | 45.4            | 92.1              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 1 102.6   |
| March           | 316.3           | 357.3    | 199.3      | 48.1            | 100.6             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 1 096.2   |
| April           | 273.7           | 375.0    | 187.4      | 52.3            | 103.1             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 1 067.4   |
| May             | 249.4           | 368.4    | 182.3      | 57.0            | 97.8              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 1 019.5   |
| June            | 251.3           | 339.6    | 183.4      | 60.5            | 87.3              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 965.2     |
| July            | 271.6           | 296.7    | 185.8      | 61.9            | 75.4              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 912.4     |
| August          | 298.4           | 251.0    | 188.1      | 61.7            | 64.6              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 867.6     |
| September       | 329.1           | 198.2    | 190.0      | 60.1            | 52.9              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 823.5     |

(a) Seasonally adjusted data is not available due to the volatility of the data. Also refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 8.



| Reference Month                                 | New South Wales | Victoria | Queensland | South Australia | Western Australia | Tasmania | Northern Territory | Australian Capital Territory | Australia |
|---|-----------------|----------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| ORIGINAL (% change from preceding month)        |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| <b>2000</b>                                     |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| July  | -18.1           | 60.4     | 20.6       | 148.9           | 18.2              | -56.5    | -75.8              | -20.3                        | 20.1      |
| August  | -2.4            | -52.4    | 13.4       | 48.0            | -9.5              | 47.1     | 1 337.6            | -31.4                        | -16.8     |
| September                                       | 10.5            | 9.5      | 14.9       | -67.2           | -1.3              | 117.6    | -71.8              | -27.1                        | -1.4      |
| October   | 23.0            | -21.9    | 11.6       | 54.2            | 18.8              | -45.7    | -64.2              | 76.1                         | 4.9       |
| November  | -29.1           | 26.9     | 9.6        | 9.4             | -40.0             | 3.9      | 70.8               | -65.1                        | -6.5      |
| December  | -22.7           | 7.3      | -9.7       | 6.2             | -30.5             | -5.3     | -9.2               | 165.2                        | -7.8      |
| <b>2001</b>                                     |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| January   | 164.8           | -14.4    | -4.7       | -33.1           | 44.9              | 32.2     | -3.6               | 63.2                         | 33.8      |
| February  | -29.3           | -3.4     | -39.1      | 3.8             | -28.8             | -74.8    | -58.6              | -37.9                        | -25.4     |
| March   | -46.3           | 94.5     | 64.1       | 288.0           | 211.7             | 95.5     | 391.2              | 45.5                         | 42.4      |
| April   | 3.2             | -30.8    | -57.4      | -71.5           | 141.3             | 36.2     | -60.5              | 9.7                          | -14.9     |
| May   | 24.6            | 49.1     | 181.3      | 136.3           | -55.5             | 142.4    | 362.6              | -8.3                         | 28.6      |
| June  | -4.8            | -58.2    | 8.7        | -46.2           | -59.7             | -74.7    | -75.8              | 16.2                         | -33.7     |
| July  | 86.3            | 33.6     | -36.7      | -10.9           | 4.9               | 46.8     | -9.2               | 138.0                        | 23.3      |
| August  | -27.7           | 3.4      | -23.3      | 158.0           | 46.4              | 13.8     | 28.7               | -84.2                        | -9.1      |
| September                                       | -6.3            | -21.3    | 0.9        | -59.2           | -38.1             | -5.3     | 28.9               | 123.5                        | -17.2     |
| TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month) |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| <b>2000</b>                                     |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| July  | -10.6           | -3.0     | 7.9        | -2.8            | -2.7              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -5.5      |
| August  | -4.2            | -1.5     | 13.2       | -2.6            | -3.7              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -2.5      |
| September                                       | 8.2             | -0.2     | 12.9       | -0.9            | -6.0              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 1.7       |
| October   | 16.8            | 1.7      | 10.7       | -0.7            | -7.6              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 5.2       |
| November  | 13.6            | 3.7      | 4.9        | -2.8            | -3.5              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 5.5       |
| December  | 6.2             | 6.0      | -2.3       | -4.6            | 4.3               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 3.6       |
| <b>2001</b>                                     |                 |          |            |                 |                   |          |                    |                              |           |
| January   | -1.9            | 7.4      | -6.5       | -1.7            | 12.4              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 2.4       |
| February  | -8.8            | 8.9      | -7.6       | 2.0             | 13.0              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | 1.1       |
| March   | -13.3           | 9.9      | -7.7       | 6.1             | 9.2               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -0.6      |
| April   | -13.5           | 5.0      | -6.0       | 8.7             | 2.5               | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -2.6      |
| May   | -8.8            | -1.8     | -2.7       | 8.9             | -5.1              | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -4.5      |
| June  | 0.7             | -7.8     | 0.6        | 6.1             | -10.8             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -5.3      |
| July  | 8.1             | -12.6    | 1.3        | 2.4             | -13.5             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -5.5      |
| August  | 9.9             | -15.4    | 1.2        | -0.3            | -14.4             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -4.9      |
| September                                       | 10.3            | -21.1    | 1.0        | -2.7            | -18.2             | n.a.     | n.a.               | n.a.                         | -5.1      |

(a) Seasonally adjusted data is not available due to the volatility of the data. Also refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 8.

## VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, By State: Original(a)

| <i>State/Territory</i>       | <i>New houses</i> | <i>New other residential building</i> | <i>Alterations and additions creating dwellings</i> | <i>Alterations and additions not creating dwellings</i> | <i>Conversion(b)</i> | <i>Total residential building</i> | <i>Non-residential building(a)</i> | <i>Total building</i> |
|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>\$m</i>                   | <i>\$m</i>        | <i>\$m</i>                            | <i>\$m</i>  | <i>\$m</i>  | <i>\$m</i>           | <i>\$m</i>                        | <i>\$m</i>                         | <i>\$m</i>            |
| <b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>        |                   |                                       |   |   |                      |                                   |                                    |                       |
| New South Wales              | 339.3             | 302.7                                 | 2.2   | 101.3   | 4.1                  | 749.6                             | 279.7                              | <b>1 029.4</b>        |
| Victoria                     | 447.7             | 128.0                                 | 1.6   | 99.6  | 25.3                 | 702.1                             | 204.0                              | <b>906.2</b>          |
| Queensland                   | 278.0             | 151.8                                 | 1.8   | 31.3  | 0.0                  | 462.8                             | 121.9                              | <b>584.8</b>          |
| South Australia              | 81.6              | 12.5                                  | 0.0   | 14.0  | 0.4                  | 108.4                             | 40.9                               | <b>149.3</b>          |
| Western Australia            | 170.5             | 28.6                                  | 0.2   | 21.3  | 0.1                  | 220.7                             | 47.4                               | <b>268.2</b>          |
| Tasmania                     | 16.2              | 5.9                                   | 0.0   | 5.4   | 0.0                  | 27.4                              | 9.4                                | <b>36.8</b>           |
| Northern Territory           | 5.8               | 2.8                                   | 0.0   | 1.8   | 0.0                  | 10.4                              | 10.0                               | <b>20.4</b>           |
| Australian Capital Territory | 10.8              | 0.6                                   | 0.0   | 5.7   | 0.0                  | 17.2                              | 14.9                               | <b>32.1</b>           |
| Australia                    | 1 349.8           | 632.8                                 | 5.7   | 280.5   | 29.8                 | 2 298.7                           | 728.4                              | <b>3 027.1</b>        |
| <b>PUBLIC SECTOR</b>         |                   |                                       |   |   |                      |                                   |                                    |                       |
| New South Wales              | 1.1               | 4.8                                   | 0.2   | 1.8   | 0.0                  | 7.8                               | 45.3                               | <b>53.1</b>           |
| Victoria                     | 10.2              | 0.0                                   | 0.0   | 4.0   | 0.0                  | 14.3                              | 31.2                               | <b>45.5</b>           |
| Queensland                   | 1.2               | 1.2                                   | 0.0   | 1.3   | 0.0                  | 3.7                               | 23.9                               | <b>27.6</b>           |
| South Australia              | 1.5               | 0.3                                   | 0.0   | 0.1   | 0.0                  | 1.9                               | 7.5                                | <b>9.4</b>            |
| Western Australia            | 4.0               | 2.4                                   | 0.0   | 1.1   | 0.0                  | 7.5                               | 10.4                               | <b>17.9</b>           |
| Tasmania                     | 0.0               | 0.0                                   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0                  | 0.0                               | 1.2                                | <b>1.2</b>            |
| Northern Territory           | 0.9               | 0.0                                   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0                  | 0.9                               | 2.8                                | <b>3.7</b>            |
| Australian Capital Territory | 3.5               | 0.0                                   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0                  | 3.5                               | 2.9                                | <b>6.4</b>            |
| Australia                    | 22.4              | 8.7                                   | 0.2   | 8.3   | 0.0                  | 39.7                              | 125.2                              | <b>164.8</b>          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 |                   |                                       |   |   |                      |                                   |                                    |                       |
| New South Wales              | 340.4             | 307.5                                 | 2.4   | 103.1   | 4.1                  | 757.5                             | 325.0                              | <b>1 082.5</b>        |
| Victoria                     | 457.9             | 128.0                                 | 1.6   | 103.6   | 25.3                 | 716.4                             | 235.2                              | <b>951.6</b>          |
| Queensland                   | 279.2             | 153.0                                 | 1.8   | 32.6  | 0.0                  | 466.5                             | 145.9                              | <b>612.4</b>          |
| South Australia              | 83.1              | 12.8                                  | 0.0   | 14.1  | 0.4                  | 110.3                             | 48.3                               | <b>158.6</b>          |
| Western Australia            | 174.5             | 31.0                                  | 0.2   | 22.5  | 0.1                  | 228.3                             | 57.8                               | <b>286.1</b>          |
| Tasmania                     | 16.2              | 5.9                                   | 0.0   | 5.4   | 0.0                  | 27.4                              | 10.7                               | <b>38.1</b>           |
| Northern Territory           | 6.7               | 2.8                                   | 0.0   | 1.8   | 0.0                  | 11.3                              | 12.9                               | <b>24.2</b>           |
| Australian Capital Territory | 14.3              | 0.6                                   | 0.0   | 5.7   | 0.0                  | 20.7                              | 17.8                               | <b>38.4</b>           |
| Australia                    | 1 372.2           | 641.5                                 | 5.9   | 288.9   | 29.8                 | 2 338.3                           | 853.6                              | <b>3 191.9</b>        |

(a) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 8.

(b) See Glossary for definition.

## VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED, By State: Original(a)

| State/Territory              | Hotels, motels<br>and other<br>short term<br>accommodation | Shops | Factories | Offices | Other<br>business<br>premises | Educational | Religious | Health | Entertain-<br>ment and<br>recreational | Miscell-<br>aneous | Total non-<br>residential<br>building |
|------------------------------|--|-------|-----------|---------|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------|--------|--|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                              | \$m  | \$m   | \$m       | \$m     | \$m                           | \$m         | \$m       | \$m    | \$m                                    | \$m                | \$m                                   |
| PRIVATE SECTOR               |  |       |           |         |                               |             |           |        |  |                    |                                       |
| New South Wales              | 2.2  | 86.7  | 10.4      | 43.9    | 26.1                          | 53.5        | 1.0       | 8.3    | 43.5                                   | 4.1                | 279.7                                 |
| Victoria                     | 5.8  | 61.1  | 12.6      | 48.9    | 32.9                          | 13.2        | 1.3       | 9.9    | 12.4                                   | 5.9                | 204.0                                 |
| Queensland                   | 18.0   | 49.6  | 1.5       | 9.5     | 16.0                          | 7.7         | 0.5       | 9.7    | 2.2                                    | 7.1                | 121.9                                 |
| South Australia              | 0.8  | 4.7   | 1.0       | 3.9     | 10.9                          | 0.6         | 0.0       | 14.7   | 3.6                                    | 0.7                | 40.9                                  |
| Western Australia            | 11.8   | 7.2   | 6.1       | 5.3     | 5.6                           | 6.2         | 1.1       | 3.5    | 0.6                                    | 0.1                | 47.4                                  |
| Tasmania                     | 0.3  | 3.1   | 1.4       | 1.9     | 1.9                           | 0.4         | 0.0       | 0.3    | 0.1                                    | 0.1                | 9.4                                   |
| Northern Territory           | 0.2  | 3.1   | 3.5       | 1.3     | 1.5                           | 0.2         | 0.2       | 0.0    | 0.0                                    | 0.0                | 10.0                                  |
| Australian Capital Territory | 0.7  | 4.0   | 0.0       | 3.5     | 5.9                           | 0.4         | 0.0       | 0.0    | 0.5                                    | 0.0                | 14.9                                  |
| Australia                    | 39.9   | 219.4 | 36.6      | 118.1   | 100.9                         | 82.2        | 4.1       | 46.3   | 62.9                                   | 18.0               | 728.4                                 |
| PUBLIC SECTOR                |  |       |           |         |                               |             |           |        |  |                    |                                       |
| New South Wales              | 0.0  | 0.5   | 1.3       | 0.9     | 5.7                           | 27.8        | 0.0       | 0.1    | 5.3                                    | 3.6                | 45.3                                  |
| Victoria                     | 0.0  | 0.1   | 0.0       | 2.4     | 0.3                           | 16.2        | 0.5       | 8.0    | 2.8                                    | 0.9                | 31.2                                  |
| Queensland                   | 2.3  | 0.0   | 0.4       | 0.7     | 0.9                           | 14.9        | 0.0       | 1.2    | 2.5                                    | 1.0                | 23.9                                  |
| South Australia              | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0       | 1.5     | 0.0                           | 0.4         | 0.0       | 5.0    | 0.4                                    | 0.1                | 7.5                                   |
| Western Australia            | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.2       | 0.2     | 0.4                           | 6.7         | 0.0       | 0.8    | 1.3                                    | 0.8                | 10.4                                  |
| Tasmania                     | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0       | 0.2     | 0.0                           | 0.4         | 0.0       | 0.0    | 0.0                                    | 0.7                | 1.2                                   |
| Northern Territory           | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0       | 0.1     | 0.0                           | 1.3         | 0.0       | 0.7    | 0.0                                    | 0.7                | 2.8                                   |
| Australian Capital Territory | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0       | 1.9     | 0.0                           | 0.8         | 0.0       | 0.2    | 0.0                                    | 0.0                | 2.9                                   |
| Australia                    | 2.3  | 0.6   | 2.0       | 7.9     | 7.3                           | 68.5        | 0.5       | 15.9   | 12.2                                   | 7.9                | 125.2                                 |
| TOTAL                        |  |       |           |         |                               |             |           |        |  |                    |                                       |
| New South Wales              | 2.2  | 87.2  | 11.7      | 44.8    | 31.8                          | 81.3        | 1.0       | 8.4    | 48.8                                   | 7.7                | 325.0                                 |
| Victoria                     | 5.8  | 61.2  | 12.6      | 51.3    | 33.2                          | 29.4        | 1.8       | 17.9   | 15.2                                   | 6.8                | 235.2                                 |
| Queensland                   | 20.3   | 49.6  | 1.9       | 10.2    | 16.9                          | 22.6        | 0.5       | 10.9   | 4.7                                    | 8.2                | 145.9                                 |
| South Australia              | 0.8  | 4.7   | 1.0       | 5.4     | 10.9                          | 1.0         | 0.0       | 19.7   | 4.0                                    | 0.8                | 48.3                                  |
| Western Australia            | 11.8   | 7.2   | 6.4       | 5.5     | 6.0                           | 12.9        | 1.1       | 4.3    | 1.9                                    | 0.9                | 57.8                                  |
| Tasmania                     | 0.3  | 3.1   | 1.4       | 2.1     | 1.9                           | 0.8         | 0.0       | 0.3    | 0.1                                    | 0.7                | 10.7                                  |
| Northern Territory           | 0.2  | 3.1   | 3.5       | 1.5     | 1.5                           | 1.6         | 0.2       | 0.7    | 0.0                                    | 0.7                | 12.9                                  |
| Australian Capital Territory | 0.7  | 4.0   | 0.0       | 5.3     | 5.9                           | 1.2         | 0.0       | 0.2    | 0.5                                    | 0.0                | 17.8                                  |
| Australia                    | 42.2   | 220.1 | 38.6      | 126.0   | 108.2                         | 150.7       | 4.6       | 62.2   | 75.1                                   | 25.8               | 853.6                                 |

(a) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 8.

NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED, Jobs By Value Range: Original(a)

| Period                        | <i>Hotels, motels and other short term accommodation....</i> |       | <i>Shops.....</i> |         | <i>Factories.....</i> |       | <i>Offices.....</i> |         | <i>Other business premises.....</i> |         | <i>Educational.....</i> |         |
|-------------------------------|--|-------|-------------------|---------|-----------------------|-------|---------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
|                               | no.  | \$m   | no.               | \$m     | no.                   | \$m   | no.                 | \$m     | no.                                 | \$m     | no.                     | \$m     |
| Value—\$50,000–\$199,999      |  |       |                   |         |                       |       |                     |         |                                     |         |                         |         |
| <b>2001</b>                   |  |       |                   |         |                       |       |                     |         |                                     |         |                         |         |
| July                          | 34   | 3.1   | 281               | 26.2    | 68                    | 7.2   | 160                 | 15.4    | 98                                  | 9.2     | 70                      | 7.1     |
| August                        | 16   | 1.8   | 331               | 31.2    | 53                    | 5.8   | 199                 | 19.8    | 133                                 | 13.6    | 51                      | 5.6     |
| September                     | 25   | 2.4   | 308               | 28.4    | 54                    | 5.5   | 143                 | 14.3    | 101                                 | 10.2    | 55                      | 5.7     |
| Value—\$200,000–\$499,999     |  |       |                   |         |                       |       |                     |         |                                     |         |                         |         |
| <b>2001</b>                   |  |       |                   |         |                       |       |                     |         |                                     |         |                         |         |
| July                          | 10   | 3.0   | 75                | 21.6    | 42                    | 12.8  | 59                  | 17.9    | 57                                  | 17.3    | 25                      | 7.1     |
| August                        | 13   | 4.2   | 105               | 31.2    | 46                    | 14.0  | 92                  | 27.2    | 65                                  | 21.2    | 39                      | 12.3    |
| September                     | 10   | 2.8   | 85                | 25.6    | 41                    | 13.0  | 63                  | 18.3    | 48                                  | 15.3    | 36                      | 11.7    |
| Value—\$500,000–\$999,999     |  |       |                   |         |                       |       |                     |         |                                     |         |                         |         |
| <b>2001</b>                   |  |       |                   |         |                       |       |                     |         |                                     |         |                         |         |
| July                          | 3  | 2.2   | 31                | 22.6    | 13                    | 8.8   | 17                  | 11.7    | 24                                  | 16.5    | 31                      | 22.3    |
| August                        | 3  | 2.0   | 40                | 27.8    | 16                    | 10.3  | 33                  | 23.9    | 31                                  | 20.2    | 34                      | 24.2    |
| September                     | 10   | 7.3   | 22                | 14.6    | 12                    | 7.9   | 20                  | 13.2    | 37                                  | 25.3    | 18                      | 11.6    |
| Value—\$1,000,000–\$4,999,999 |  |       |                   |         |                       |       |                     |         |                                     |         |                         |         |
| <b>2001</b>                   |  |       |                   |         |                       |       |                     |         |                                     |         |                         |         |
| July                          | 4  | 12.9  | 31                | 57.9    | 10                    | 17.4  | 25                  | 48.5    | 28                                  | 60.3    | 35                      | 74.2    |
| August                        | 2  | 4.5   | 29                | 65.4    | 16                    | 25.5  | 29                  | 70.6    | 9                                   | 19.4    | 30                      | 65.6    |
| September                     | 4  | 6.0   | 31                | 51.0    | 8                     | 12.1  | 22                  | 38.6    | 28                                  | 52.4    | 27                      | 54.7    |
| Value—\$5,000,000 and over    |  |       |                   |         |                       |       |                     |         |                                     |         |                         |         |
| <b>2001</b>                   |  |       |                   |         |                       |       |                     |         |                                     |         |                         |         |
| July                          | 4  | 75.3  | 8                 | 73.7    | 5                     | 69.7  | 6                   | 117.7   | 4                                   | 29.1    | 4                       | 39.0    |
| August                        | 1  | 10.0  | 4                 | 24.0    | 2                     | 15.0  | 5                   | 35.6    | 3                                   | 31.2    | 6                       | 73.6    |
| September                     | 2  | 23.6  | 6                 | 100.5   | 0                     | 0.0   | 4                   | 41.7    | 1                                   | 5.0     | 4                       | 67.1    |
| Value—Total                   |  |       |                   |         |                       |       |                     |         |                                     |         |                         |         |
| <b>1998-1999</b>              | 638  | 831.5 | 4 671             | 2 455.8 | 2 066                 | 949.9 | 3 214               | 1 779.0 | 2 957                               | 2 046.3 | 1 389                   | 1 412.1 |
| <b>1999-2000</b>              | 767  | 753.4 | 5 340             | 2 360.0 | 2 144                 | 978.3 | 3 636               | 1 933.7 | 3 389                               | 1 782.4 | 1 550                   | 1 492.3 |
| <b>2000-2001</b>              | 501  | 473.1 | 4 740             | 2 126.2 | 1 681                 | 788.3 | 3 641               | 2 625.1 | 2 752                               | 1 664.5 | 1 737                   | 2 001.1 |
| <b>2001</b>                   |  |       |                   |         |                       |       |                     |         |                                     |         |                         |         |
| July                          | 55   | 96.5  | 426               | 202.0   | 138                   | 116.0 | 267                 | 211.3   | 211                                 | 132.4   | 165                     | 149.7   |
| August                        | 35   | 22.4  | 509               | 179.5   | 133                   | 70.6  | 358                 | 177.0   | 241                                 | 105.7   | 160                     | 181.2   |
| September                     | 51   | 42.2  | 452               | 220.1   | 115                   | 38.6  | 252                 | 126.0   | 215                                 | 108.2   | 140                     | 150.7   |

(a) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 8.

NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED, Jobs By Value Range: **Original(a)** *continued*

| Period                        | Religious..... |       | Health..... |         | Entertainment<br>and recreational.... |         | Miscellaneous..... |       | Total non-<br>residential building..... |          |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-------|-------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|-------|---|----------|
|                               | no.            | \$m   | no.         | \$m     | no.                                   | \$m     | no.                | \$m   | no.                                     | \$m      |
| Value—\$50,000–\$199,999      |                |       |             |         |                                       |         |                    |       |   |          |
| <b>2001</b>                   |                |       |             |         |                                       |         |                    |       |   |          |
| July                          | 8              | 0.9   | 38          | 3.7     | 42                                    | 4.1     | 65                 | 5.7   | 864                                     | 82.7     |
| August                        | 3              | 0.2   | 33          | 3.5     | 37                                    | 3.9     | 64                 | 6.6   | 920                                     | 92.0     |
| September                     | 4              | 0.7   | 26          | 3.0     | 46                                    | 4.6     | 45                 | 4.5   | 807                                     | 79.3     |
| Value—\$200,000–\$499,999     |                |       |             |         |                                       |         |                    |       |   |          |
| <b>2001</b>                   |                |       |             |         |                                       |         |                    |       |   |          |
| July                          | 8              | 2.2   | 17          | 5.7     | 25                                    | 7.9     | 23                 | 7.3   | 341                                     | 102.9    |
| August                        | 6              | 1.5   | 18          | 6.0     | 21                                    | 7.1     | 20                 | 5.8   | 425                                     | 130.5    |
| September                     | 7              | 2.6   | 17          | 5.0     | 12                                    | 3.4     | 19                 | 5.3   | 338                                     | 102.8    |
| Value—\$500,000–\$999,999     |                |       |             |         |                                       |         |                    |       |   |          |
| <b>2001</b>                   |                |       |             |         |                                       |         |                    |       |   |          |
| July                          | 3              | 2.4   | 6           | 4.2     | 19                                    | 12.7    | 4                  | 2.7   | 151                                     | 106.2    |
| August                        | 1              | 1.0   | 9           | 6.4     | 9                                     | 5.4     | 14                 | 9.3   | 190                                     | 130.4    |
| September                     | 2              | 1.4   | 9           | 6.9     | 12                                    | 8.1     | 8                  | 4.8   | 150                                     | 101.1    |
| Value—\$1,000,000–\$4,999,999 |                |       |             |         |                                       |         |                    |       |   |          |
| <b>2001</b>                   |                |       |             |         |                                       |         |                    |       |   |          |
| July                          | 3              | 9.2   | 8           | 22.2    | 20                                    | 38.1    | 11                 | 29.2  | 175                                     | 370.0    |
| August                        | 2              | 4.6   | 16          | 30.8    | 6                                     | 16.3    | 13                 | 23.1  | 152                                     | 325.8    |
| September                     | 0              | 0.0   | 9           | 25.2    | 8                                     | 12.5    | 6                  | 11.3  | 143                                     | 263.8    |
| Value—\$5,000,000 and over    |                |       |             |         |                                       |         |                    |       |   |          |
| <b>2001</b>                   |                |       |             |         |                                       |         |                    |       |   |          |
| July                          | 0              | 0.0   | 2           | 10.5    | 6                                     | 53.6    | 1                  | 5.0   | 40                                      | 473.6    |
| August                        | 0              | 0.0   | 5           | 128.3   | 2                                     | 24.9    | 1                  | 10.2  | 29                                      | 352.7    |
| September                     | 0              | 0.0   | 4           | 22.1    | 4                                     | 46.5    | 0                  | 0.0   | 25                                      | 306.5    |
| Value—Total                   |                |       |             |         |                                       |         |                    |       |   |          |
| <b>1998-1999</b>              | 232            | 93.5  | 799         | 1 313.5 | 994                                   | 1 199.5 | 1 075              | 517.4 | 18 035                                  | 12 598.3 |
| <b>1999-2000</b>              | 245            | 128.7 | 798         | 1 098.7 | 1 022                                 | 803.0   | 1 114              | 848.3 | 20 005                                  | 12 178.8 |
| <b>2000-2001</b>              | 219            | 105.0 | 733         | 1 315.8 | 942                                   | 918.5   | 1 078              | 803.6 | 18 024                                  | 12 821.4 |
| <b>2001</b>                   |                |       |             |         |                                       |         |                    |       |   |          |
| July                          | 22             | 14.7  | 71          | 46.4    | 112                                   | 116.4   | 104                | 50.0  | 1 571                                   | 1 135.3  |
| August                        | 12             | 7.4   | 81          | 175.1   | 75                                    | 57.6    | 112                | 55.1  | 1 716                                   | 1 031.4  |
| September                     | 13             | 4.6   | 65          | 62.2    | 82                                    | 75.1    | 78                 | 25.8  | 1 463                                   | 853.6    |

(a) Refer to Explanatory Notes paragraph 8.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication presents monthly details of building work approved.

### SCOPE AND COVERAGE

**2** Statistics of building work approved are compiled from:

- permits issued by local government authorities and other principal certifying authorities;
- contracts let or day labour work authorised by Commonwealth, State, semi-government and local government authorities;
- major building approvals in areas not subject to normal administrative approval e.g. building on remote mine sites.

**3** The scope of the survey comprises the following:

- construction of new buildings;
- alterations and additions to existing buildings;
- approved non-structural renovation and refurbishment work;
- approved installation of integral building fixtures.

**4** Excluded from the statistics is construction activity not defined as building (e.g. roads, bridges, railways, earthworks, etc.). Statistics for this activity can be found in *Engineering Construction Activity, Australia* (Cat. no. 8762.0).

**5** From July 1990, the statistics include:

- all approved new residential building valued at \$10,000 or more;
- approved alterations and additions to residential building valued at \$10,000 or more;
- all approved non-residential building jobs valued at \$50,000 or more.

### VALUE DATA

**6** Statistics on the value of building work approved are derived by aggregating the estimated 'value of building work when completed' as reported on building approval documents provided to local councils or other building approval authorities. Conceptually these value data should exclude the value of land and landscaping but include site preparation costs. These estimates are usually a reliable indicator of the completed value of 'houses'. However, for 'other residential buildings' and 'non-residential buildings', they can differ significantly from the completed value of the building as final costs and contracts have not been established before council approval is sought and gained.

**7** The ABS generally accepts values provided by approving bodies. Every effort is made to ensure data are provided on a consistent basis, however, there may be instances where value reported does not reflect the building completion value. For example, the reported value for most project homes is the contract price, which may include the cost of site preparation and landscaping. In other cases where a builder is contracted to construct a dwelling based on the owner's plans, the value may only be the builder's costs. Some councils do not use the value on approval documents, instead deriving a value based on floor area and type of structure.

**8** From July 2000, value data includes the Goods and Services Tax (GST) for residential and non-residential building approvals. The ABS has consulted with councils and other approving authorities to ensure that approval values are reported inclusive of the GST. Where it was identified by a council or other approving authority that approvals submitted from its jurisdiction were on a GST-exclusive basis, the ABS made adjustments to the data to ensure that values were consistent with other data collected and were inclusive of GST.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### OWNERSHIP

**9** Building ownership is classified as either public or private sector and is based on the sector of intended owner of the completed building at the time of approval. Residential buildings constructed by private sector builders under government housing authority schemes are classified as public sector when the authority has contracted, or intends to contract, to purchase the building on or before completion.

### BUILDING CLASSIFICATION

**10** Building approvals are classified both by the Type of Building (e.g. 'house', 'factory') and by the Type of Work involved (e.g. 'new', 'alterations and additions' and 'conversions'). These classifications are often used in conjunction with each other in this publication and are defined in the Glossary.

**11** The Type of Building classification refers to the intended major function of a building. A building which is ancillary to other buildings or forms a part of a group of related buildings is classified to the function of the specific building, not to the function of the group as a whole.

**12** An example is the treatment of building work approved for a factory complex. For instance, a detached administration building would be classified to Offices, a detached cafeteria building to Shops, while the factory buildings would be classified to Factories. An exception to this rule is the treatment of group accommodation buildings. For example, a student accommodation building on a university campus would be classified to Education.

**13** In the case of a large multi-function building which, at the time of approval is intended to have more than one purpose (e.g. a hotel/shops/casino project), the ABS endeavours to split the approval details according to each main function. Where this is not possible because separate details cannot be obtained, the building is classified to the predominant function of the building on the basis of the function which represents the highest proportion of the total value of the project.

**14** The Type of Work classification refers to the building activity carried out. Conversion jobs are shown separately in tables 5, 6, 12 and 15. However, in other tables they are included within existing categories, as follows: in tables 1 and 2 they are included in the appropriate Type of Building category, and in tables 3, 4 and 14 they are included in the 'Alterations and additions to residential buildings' category.

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

**15** Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences can be more clearly recognised.

**16** In the seasonal adjustment of series, account has been taken of both normal seasonal factors and 'trading day' effects arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in the month. Adjustment has also been made for the influence of Easter which may affect the March and April estimates differently.

**17** Seasonal adjustment does not remove from the series the effect of irregular or non-seasonal influences (e.g. the approval of large projects or a change in the administrative arrangements of approving authorities).

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

- SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT *continued*
- 18** Some of the component series have been seasonally adjusted independently. Therefore, the adjusted components may not add to the adjusted totals.
- 19** As happens with all seasonally adjusted series, the seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's data. The timing of this review may vary and when appropriate will be notified in the 'Data Notes' section of this publication.
- TREND ESTIMATES
- 20** Smoothing seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series and creates trend estimates. For monthly series, these trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months of the seasonally adjusted series except the last six months. Trend series are created for the last six months by applying surrogates of the Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted series. For the quarterly chain volume measures (table 14), the trend estimates are derived by applying a 7-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all quarters of the respective seasonally adjusted series except the last three quarters. Trend series are created for these last three quarters by applying surrogates of the Henderson moving average seasonally adjusted series. 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 6252 6076.
- 21** While the smoothing techniques described in paragraph 20 enable trend estimates to be produced for the latest few periods, they do result in revisions to the trend estimates as new data becomes available. Generally, revisions become smaller over time and, after three months, usually have a negligible impact on the series. Revisions to the original data and re-analysis of seasonal factors may also lead to revisions to the trend.
- 22** The ABS considered whether the introduction of the GST would cause a break in the trend series between June and July 2000 for building and construction value data. The ABS concluded that the data were unlikely to experience a significant one-off impact between June and July because values inclusive of GST had been gradually included in the series over that period. Therefore the trend value series was continued to be published as in the past. Users should, however, be cautious when analysing the most recent trend estimates as these are subject to revisions as new monthly data becomes available.
- CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES
- 23** The chain volume measures appearing in this publication are annually reweighted chain Laspeyres indexes referenced to current price values in a chosen reference year. The reference year is updated annually in the July issue of this publication. While current price estimates reflect both price and volume changes, chain volume estimates measure changes in value after the direct effects of price changes have been eliminated and hence only reflect volume changes. The direct impact of the GST is a price change, and hence is removed from chain volume estimates. Further information on the nature and concepts of chain volume measures is contained in the ABS publication *Information Paper: Introduction of Chain Volume Measures in the Australian National Accounts* (Cat. no. 5248.0).
- ABS DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST
- 24** As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant data available on request. Inquiries should be made to the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

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### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

**25** Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:

- *Building Activity, Australia* (Cat. no. 8752.0–8752.7)
- *Building Activity, Australia: Dwelling Unit Commencements* (Cat. no. 8750.0)
- *Building Approvals* (Cat. no. 8731.1–8731.7)
- *Construction Work Done, Australia, Preliminary* (Cat. no. 8755.0)
- *Engineering Construction Activity, Australia* (Cat. no. 8762.0)
- *House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities* (Cat. no. 6416.0)
- *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (Cat. no. 5609.0)
- *Producer Price Indexes, Australia* (Cat. no. 6427.0).

**26** While building approvals value series are shown inclusive of GST, this is different to building activity — *Building Activity, Australia* (Cat. no. 8752.0) and *Construction Work Done, Australia, Preliminary* (Cat. no 8755.0) — in which residential work will be published inclusive of GST and non-residential work exclusive of GST. In the Engineering Construction Survey — *Engineering Construction Activity, Australia* (Cat. no. 8762.0) all values will exclude GST.

### ROUNDING

**27** When figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

## G L O S S A R Y

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| <b>Alterations and additions</b>                          | Building activity carried out on existing buildings. Includes adding to or diminishing floor area, altering the structural design of a building and affixing rigid components which are integral to the functioning of the building.  |
| <b>Alterations and additions to residential buildings</b> | Alterations and additions carried out on existing residential buildings, which may result in the creation of new dwelling units. See also Explanatory Notes paragraph 14.   |
| <b>Building</b>   | A building is a rigid, fixed and permanent structure which has a roof. Its intended purpose is primarily to house people, plant, machinery, vehicles, goods or livestock. An integral feature of a building's design is the provision for regular access by persons in order to satisfy its intended use.   |
| <b>Conversion</b>   | Building activity which converts a non-residential building to a residential building, e.g. conversion of a warehouse to residential apartments. Conversion is considered to be a special type of alteration, and these jobs have been separately identified as such from the July 1996 reference month, though they have only appeared separately in this publication from the January 1998 issue. Prior to that issue, conversions were published as part of the 'Conversions, etc.' category or included elsewhere within a table. See also Explanatory Notes paragraph 14.  |
| <b>Dwelling unit</b>                                      | A dwelling unit is a self-contained suite of rooms, including cooking and bathing facilities and intended for long-term residential use. Regardless of whether they are self-contained or not, units within buildings offering institutional care (e.g. hospitals) or temporary accommodation (e.g. motels, hostels and holiday apartments) are not defined as dwelling units. Such units are included in the appropriate category of non-residential building approvals. Dwelling units can be created in one of four ways: through new work to create a residential building; through alteration/addition work to an existing residential building; through either new or alteration/addition work on non-residential building or through conversion of a non-residential building to a residential building. |
| <b>Educational</b>  | Includes schools, colleges, kindergartens, libraries, museums and universities.   |
| <b>Entertainment and recreational</b>                     | Includes clubs, cinemas, sport and recreation centres.  |
| <b>Factories</b>  | Includes paper mills, oil refinery buildings, brickworks and powerhouses.   |
| <b>Flats, units or apartments</b>                         | Dwellings not having their own private grounds and usually sharing a common entrance, foyer or stairwell.   |
| <b>Health</b>   | Includes hospitals, nursing homes, surgeries, clinics and medical centres.  |
| <b>Hotels, motels and other short term accommodation</b>  | Includes hostels, boarding houses, guest houses, and holiday apartment buildings.   |
| <b>House</b>  | A house is a detached building primarily used for long term residential purposes. It consists of one dwelling unit. For instance, detached 'granny flats' and detached dwelling units (e.g. caretaker's residences) associated with a non-residential building are defined as houses.   |
| <b>Miscellaneous</b>                                      | Includes justice and defence buildings, welfare and charitable homes, prisons and reformatories, maintenance camps, farming and livestock buildings, veterinary clinics, child-minding centres, police stations and public toilets.   |

## GLOSSARY

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| <b>New building work</b>                                | Building activity which will result in the creation of a building which previously did not exist.  |
| <b>New other residential buildings</b>                  | Building activity which will result in the creation of a residential building other than a house, which previously did not exist.  |
| <b>New residential</b>                                  | Building activity which will result in the creation of any residential building (house or other residential) which previously did not exist.   |
| <b>Non-residential building</b>                         | A non-residential building is primarily intended for purposes other than long term residential purposes. Note that, on occasions, one or more dwelling units may be created through non-residential building activity. Prior to the January 1998 issue of this publication, they have been included in the 'Conversions, etc.' column in tables showing dwelling units approved. They are now identified separately (e.g. see table 5). However, the value of these dwelling units cannot be separated out from that of the non-residential building which they are part of, therefore the value associated with these remain in the appropriate Non-residential category.   |
| <b>Offices</b>  | Includes banks, post offices and council chambers.   |
| <b>Other business premises</b>                          | Includes warehouses, service stations, transport depots and terminals, electricity substation buildings, telephone exchanges, broadcasting and film studios.   |
| <b>Other dwellings</b>                                  | Includes all dwellings other than houses. They can be created by: the creation of new other residential buildings (e.g. flats); alteration/addition work to an existing residential building; either new or alteration/addition work on a non-residential building; conversion of a non-residential building to a residential building creating more than one dwelling unit.   |
| <b>Other residential building</b>                       | An other residential building is a building other than a house primarily used for long-term residential purposes. An other residential building contains more than one dwelling unit. Other residential buildings are coded to the following categories: semi-detached, row or terrace house or townhouse with one storey; semi-detached, row or terrace house or townhouse with two or more storeys; flat, unit or apartment in a building of one or two storeys; flat, unit or apartment in a building of three storeys; flat, unit or apartment in a building of four or more storeys; flat, unit or apartment attached to a house; other/number of storeys unknown. The latter two categories are included with the semi-detached, row or terrace house or townhouse with one storey category in table 13 of this publication. |
| <b>Religious</b>  | Includes convents, churches, temples, mosques, monasteries and noviciates.   |
| <b>Residential building</b>                             | A residential building is a building consisting of one or more dwelling units. Residential buildings can be either houses or other residential buildings.  |
| <b>Semi-detached, row or terrace houses, townhouses</b> | Dwellings having their own private grounds with no other dwellings above or below.   |
| <b>Shops</b>  | Includes retail shops, restaurants, taverns and shopping arcades.  |

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