

BUILDING APPROVALS

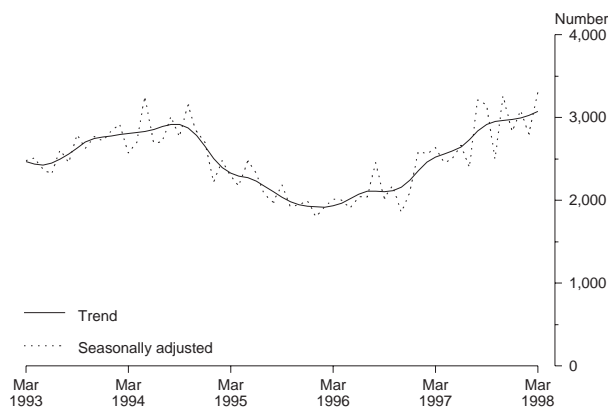
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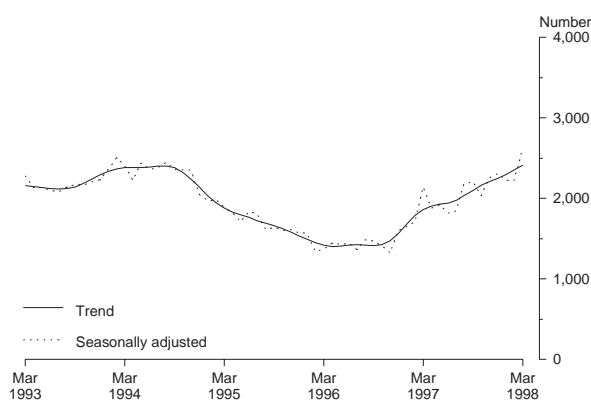
MAIN FEATURES**NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS APPROVED**

	March 1997	February 1998	March 1998	March 1997 to March 1998 change	February 1998 to March 1998 change
Original series	2,456	2,757	3,546	44.4%	28.6%
Seasonally adjusted	2,638	2,803	3,304	25.2%	17.9%
Trend estimate	2,523	3,026	3,078	22.0%	1.7%

TOTAL DWELLING UNITS APPROVED



PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSES APPROVED

**Residential building**

- The trend for total dwelling units approved increased by 22.0% over the last year following 30.5% growth in the previous year.
- The trend for private sector houses is 29.6% higher than the level of 12 months ago following growth of 31.4% in the previous year.
- The actual number of dwelling units approved was 3,546, comprising 2,622 houses and 840 other residential dwellings. This is the highest monthly number of total dwelling units approved since June 1989 (3,596), marginally higher than the 3,527 approved in May 1994.

Non-residential building

- The value of non-residential building approved in March was \$148.5 million, the lowest value since July 1996. The category with the highest value of work was Shops, with \$32.4 million.
- There were only two building jobs valued at \$5 million or more.

Please note that changes will be made to the content and presentation of the next issue of this publication to more closely align it with Building Approvals, Australia (Cat. no. 8731.0).

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RELIABILITY OF CONTEMPORARY TREND ESTIMATES

The tables below present trend estimates of selected building approvals series for the six months October 1997 to March 1998.

Analysis of building approvals series has shown that the original series can be volatile and that the initial estimates of a month's trend value can be revised substantially. In particular, some months can elapse before a turning point in the trend series is identified reliably. Generally, the size of revisions to the trend estimates will tend to be larger with greater volatility of the original series. Revisions to trend estimates will also occur with revisions to original data and re-estimation of seasonal adjustment factors. See paragraphs 19 and 20 of the Explanatory Notes for a more detailed explanation.

To illustrate the possible impact of future months' observations on the trend estimates for the latest months, the tables show the revisions to the trend estimates which would result if the movements in the seasonally adjusted estimates for next month (April 1998) were to equal the average monthly percentage change (regardless of sign) in the series over the last ten years.

For example, if the seasonally adjusted estimate for the number of private sector houses approved (the first table) were to increase by 6% in April 1998, the trend estimate for that month would be 2,610, a movement of 4.1%. The monthly movements in the trend estimates for January, February and March 1998 which are currently estimated to be 2.2%, 2.4% and 2.6% respectively, would be revised to 3.0%, 3.9% and 4.2%. On the other hand, a 6% seasonally adjusted decline in the number of private sector houses approved in April 1998 would produce a trend estimate for that month of 2,488, a movement of 2.5%, with the movements in the trend estimates for January, February and March 1998, being revised to 2.2%, 2.7% and 2.6% respectively.

NUMBER OF PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSES APPROVED RELIABILITY OF TREND ESTIMATES

	Trend estimate		Revised trend estimate if April 1998 seasonally adjusted estimate			
			is up 6% on March 1998		is down 6% on March 1998	
	No.	% change on previous month	No.	% change on previous month	No.	% change on previous month
1997—						
October	2,164	2.9	2,158	2.6	2,164	2.9
November	2,210	2.1	2,200	1.9	2,210	2.1
December	2,252	1.9	2,248	2.2	2,253	1.9
1998—						
January	2,302	2.2	2,316	3.0	2,303	2.2
February	2,357	2.4	2,407	3.9	2,364	2.7
March	2,417	2.6	2,508	4.2	2,427	2.6
April	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	2,610	4.1	2,488	2.5

TOTAL NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS APPROVED RELIABILITY OF TREND ESTIMATES

	Trend estimate		Revised trend estimate if April 1998 seasonally adjusted estimate			
			is up 8% on March 1998		is down 8% on March 1998	
	No.	% change on previous month	No.	% change on previous month	No.	% change on previous month
1997—						
October	2,955	1.4	2,948	1.1	2,958	1.5
November	2,967	0.4	2,954	0.2	2,972	0.5
December	2,976	0.3	2,970	0.5	2,978	0.2
1998—						
January	2,999	0.8	3,018	1.6	2,995	0.6
February	3,026	0.9	3,105	2.9	3,029	1.2
March	3,078	1.7	3,210	3.4	3,068	1.3
April	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	3,334	3.9	3,120	1.7

TABLE 1. DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

Period	New houses			New other residential buildings			Conversions, etc.	Total (a)		
	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total		Private sector	Public sector	Total
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION (b)										
1994-95	17,816	307	18,123	3,100	581	3,681	1,330	22,240	894	23,134
1995-96	12,690	345	13,035	2,986	723	3,709	617	16,275	1,086	17,361
1996-97	13,708	136	13,844	5,940	311	6,251	1,189	20,783	501	21,284
1996-97 July-March	9,519	116	9,635	4,599	248	4,847	743	14,852	373	15,225
1997-98 July-March	14,515	178	14,693	4,947	273	5,220	694	20,155	452	20,607
1997—										
January	919	33	952	642	4	646	24	1,585	37	1,622
February	1,110	4	1,114	626	5	631	223	1,959	9	1,968
March	1,367	12	1,379	481	—	481	36	1,876	20	1,896
April	1,396	20	1,416	427	36	463	76	1,898	57	1,955
May	1,469	—	1,469	494	23	517	70	2,033	23	2,056
June	1,324	—	1,324	420	4	424	300	2,000	48	2,048
July	1,519	3	1,522	479	35	514	25	2,023	38	2,061
August	1,679	3	1,682	789	75	864	55	2,522	79	2,601
September	1,737	17	1,754	415	40	455	222	2,374	57	2,431
October	1,507	47	1,554	295	30	325	64	1,866	77	1,943
November	1,693	24	1,717	757	47	804	52	2,502	71	2,573
December	1,610	55	1,665	462	16	478	60	2,132	71	2,203
1998—										
January	1,387	14	1,401	468	9	477	74	1,929	23	1,952
February	1,531	10	1,541	501	15	516	65	2,097	25	2,122
March	1,852	5	1,857	781	6	787	77	2,710	11	2,721
VICTORIA										
1994-95	25,284	601	25,885	3,225	808	4,033	1,347	29,849	1,416	31,265
1995-96	18,425	464	18,889	3,218	937	4,155	663	22,277	1,430	23,707
1996-97	19,593	212	19,805	6,421	384	6,805	1,240	27,197	653	27,850
1996-97 July-March	13,846	165	14,011	4,968	306	5,274	784	19,586	483	20,069
1997-98 July-March	19,828	302	20,130	5,244	421	5,665	719	25,790	724	26,514
1997—										
January	1,365	33	1,398	674	16	690	25	2,064	49	2,113
February	1,609	10	1,619	665	7	672	225	2,499	17	2,516
March	1,895	12	1,907	512	—	512	37	2,436	20	2,456
April	1,926	29	1,955	454	48	502	80	2,459	78	2,537
May	2,004	11	2,015	561	26	587	74	2,639	37	2,676
June	1,817	7	1,824	438	4	442	302	2,513	55	2,568
July	2,050	3	2,053	513	39	552	27	2,590	42	2,632
August	2,262	4	2,266	822	75	897	57	3,140	80	3,220
September	2,379	34	2,413	445	79	524	225	3,049	113	3,162
October	2,190	58	2,248	315	54	369	64	2,569	112	2,681
November	2,300	39	2,339	783	71	854	54	3,137	110	3,247
December	2,173	61	2,234	502	29	531	65	2,740	90	2,830
1998—										
January	1,788	22	1,810	517	35	552	77	2,382	57	2,439
February	2,095	50	2,145	525	21	546	66	2,686	71	2,757
March	2,591	31	2,622	822	18	840	84	3,497	49	3,546

(a) Includes Conversions, etc. See paragraphs 11-13 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) As a result of minor changes to the Melbourne Statistical Division boundary, data for the periods prior to July 1995 are not strictly comparable to data for periods from July 1995 onwards.

TABLE 2. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED
(\$ million)

Period	New residential building									Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building	
	Houses			Other residential buildings			Total				Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total					
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION (a)														
1994-95	1,732.4	23.5	1,755.9	380.7	46.4	427.0	2,113.1	69.8	2,182.9	571.9	1,072.3	1,655.8	3,749.0	4,410.6
1995-96	1,315.8	32.6	1,348.4	308.5	53.9	362.4	1,624.3	86.5	1,710.8	467.2	1,352.5	1,934.5	3,422.5	4,112.5
1996-97	1,572.3	16.6	1,588.9	610.8	19.2	630.0	2,183.1	35.8	2,218.9	592.3	1,527.1	2,303.0	4,276.6	5,114.1
1996-97														
July-March 1997-98	1,082.5	13.7	1,096.2	444.7	14.9	459.6	1,527.3	28.6	1,555.9	417.2	1,188.1	1,658.1	3,113.1	3,631.2
July-March	1,659.8	15.7	1,675.5	515.6	19.7	535.2	2,175.4	35.4	2,210.8	505.2	1,660.7	1,899.2	4,306.3	4,615.2
1997—														
January	103.6	5.8	109.4	58.6	0.2	58.9	162.2	6.0	168.2	39.1	168.7	202.1	367.4	409.5
February	131.2	0.4	131.5	57.2	0.2	57.4	188.4	0.6	189.0	65.0	140.2	272.0	390.7	525.9
March	157.0	1.2	158.2	38.2	—	38.2	195.1	1.2	196.3	50.7	150.7	184.1	395.1	431.1
April	162.8	2.9	165.7	36.6	2.9	39.5	199.4	5.8	205.2	51.8	129.6	156.8	378.5	413.9
May	171.8	—	171.8	70.1	1.2	71.3	241.9	1.2	243.2	49.0	106.4	136.6	395.2	428.8
June	155.1	—	155.1	59.4	0.2	59.5	214.5	0.2	214.6	74.2	103.0	351.4	389.8	640.2
July	177.4	0.2	177.6	39.5	1.8	41.3	216.9	1.9	218.9	51.1	132.1	176.2	398.9	446.2
August	185.8	0.2	186.0	67.8	7.2	75.0	253.7	7.4	261.1	54.2	122.8	142.0	429.4	457.3
September	198.5	1.3	199.8	40.6	2.5	43.1	239.1	3.8	242.9	68.5	173.5	192.1	478.1	503.6
October	175.7	4.2	179.9	27.6	2.8	30.4	203.3	7.0	210.3	69.0	180.0	238.3	444.2	517.6
November	191.4	2.1	193.4	100.3	2.9	103.2	291.7	4.9	296.6	49.1	195.8	213.6	533.8	559.3
December	182.1	5.1	187.3	50.0	1.0	50.9	232.1	6.1	238.2	43.6	440.7	450.6	713.7	732.3
1998—														
January	155.4	1.0	156.5	75.3	0.5	75.7	230.7	1.5	232.2	44.2	174.2	203.1	444.8	479.5
February	174.5	1.2	175.7	45.2	0.8	45.9	219.7	2.0	221.6	56.1	137.7	165.8	408.6	443.4
March	219.0	0.4	219.4	69.3	0.3	69.7	288.3	0.7	289.0	69.3	104.0	117.6	454.7	475.9
VICTORIA														
1994-95	2,383.4	41.9	2,425.3	388.8	59.9	448.7	2,772.2	101.8	2,874.0	685.1	1,274.7	1,975.2	4,717.5	5,534.3
1995-96	1,845.2	42.2	1,887.4	325.9	66.4	392.3	2,171.1	108.7	2,279.7	590.1	1,721.6	2,452.4	4,448.5	5,322.3
1996-97	2,149.1	22.8	2,171.9	644.3	23.8	668.1	2,793.3	46.6	2,839.9	728.5	1,879.7	2,839.8	5,366.9	6,408.2
1996-97														
July-March 1997-98	1,505.0	17.8	1,522.8	470.5	18.7	489.2	1,975.5	36.5	2,012.0	517.9	1,421.7	2,042.4	3,888.5	4,572.2
July-March	2,207.3	26.9	2,234.2	539.8	28.1	567.9	2,747.2	55.0	2,802.1	619.5	1,895.9	2,256.6	5,215.7	5,678.3
1997—														
January	148.4	5.8	154.2	61.3	1.0	62.2	209.6	6.8	216.4	50.1	188.9	226.6	445.1	493.1
February	179.6	0.8	180.4	60.1	0.3	60.4	239.7	1.1	240.8	76.8	173.1	359.4	485.7	677.0
March	209.8	1.2	211.0	40.0	—	40.0	249.8	1.2	251.0	63.1	180.8	225.1	492.1	539.2
April	216.3	3.8	220.0	38.2	3.5	41.8	254.5	7.3	261.8	63.5	202.0	237.0	517.3	562.3
May	224.1	0.9	225.0	74.8	1.4	76.2	298.9	2.2	301.1	62.5	135.6	178.3	493.9	541.9
June	203.7	0.4	204.1	60.8	0.2	61.0	264.5	0.6	265.0	84.6	120.3	382.1	467.1	731.8
July	233.4	0.2	233.5	42.1	2.2	44.3	275.5	2.3	277.8	62.9	161.6	227.9	497.8	568.6
August	245.7	0.5	246.2	70.3	7.2	77.5	316.0	7.7	323.7	65.7	159.5	184.5	539.1	573.9
September	264.7	2.5	267.3	42.9	4.6	47.5	307.6	7.2	314.8	83.6	209.9	242.2	597.3	640.6
October	244.0	5.0	249.1	29.8	4.2	34.0	273.8	9.2	283.0	84.4	204.8	279.2	554.6	646.7
November	252.7	3.3	256.0	101.9	4.2	106.1	354.6	7.5	362.1	60.1	213.5	247.3	624.9	669.5
December	240.6	6.2	246.8	52.9	1.7	54.6	293.5	7.9	301.4	55.6	456.7	470.2	800.2	827.2
1998—														
January	197.3	1.8	199.1	80.7	1.9	82.6	278.0	3.7	281.7	56.7	201.7	234.1	529.3	572.6
February	231.7	4.9	236.6	46.8	1.1	47.9	278.5	6.0	284.6	67.3	158.3	222.6	497.6	574.5
March	297.2	2.4	299.6	72.4	1.0	73.4	369.6	3.4	373.0	83.1	129.9	148.5	574.8	604.6

(a) As a result of minor changes to the Melbourne Statistical Division boundary, data for the periods prior to July 1995 are not strictly comparable to data for periods from July 1995 onwards.

**TABLE 3. NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES (a)**

Period	Number of dwelling units (b)				Value (\$m)	
	Houses		Total		New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential buildings
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total		
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED						
1997—						
January	1,654	1,730	2,546	2,593	239.7	58.7
February	1,711	1,726	2,546	2,563	247.4	80.0
March	2,144	2,158	2,591	2,638	302.7	64.1
April	1,884	1,905	2,420	2,460	255.9	63.7
May	1,924	1,935	2,461	2,502	281.5	57.5
June	1,820	1,825	2,609	2,672	273.9	91.8
July	1,850	1,853	2,354	2,397	244.4	61.9
August	2,186	2,191	3,118	3,215	343.5	69.6
September	2,207	2,257	3,050	3,157	302.2	79.6
October	2,032	2,097	2,346	2,497	252.2	69.6
November	2,257	2,277	3,182	3,265	371.9	60.0
December	2,315	2,364	2,711	2,835	297.1	59.4
1998—						
January	2,230	2,281	3,033	3,088	325.1	68.5
February	2,224	2,305	2,728	2,803	292.2	70.1
March	2,621	2,659	3,270	3,304	384.0	77.7
TREND ESTIMATES						
1997—						
January	1,682	1,710	2,325	2,360	232.1	60.9
February	1,789	1,817	2,426	2,461	249.5	64.2
March	1,865	1,889	2,487	2,523	263.4	66.8
April	1,909	1,924	2,522	2,560	272.5	68.6
May	1,929	1,938	2,549	2,594	277.0	69.9
June	1,945	1,954	2,592	2,648	279.8	71.2
July	1,980	1,994	2,662	2,735	284.2	72.0
August	2,038	2,059	2,748	2,838	292.0	71.9
September	2,103	2,133	2,811	2,916	299.9	70.3
October	2,164	2,203	2,844	2,955	306.5	67.8
November	2,210	2,256	2,860	2,967	311.5	66.1
December	2,252	2,303	2,880	2,976	316.8	66.1
1998—						
January	2,302	2,356	2,917	2,999	323.5	67.1
February	2,357	2,412	2,960	3,026	330.7	68.8
March	2,417	2,471	3,027	3,078	341.8	70.7

(a) See paragraphs 17-24 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes Conversions, etc. See paragraphs 11-13 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 4. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES (a)
(\$ million)

Period	New residential building				Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building	
	Houses		Other residential buildings	Total		Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
	Private sector	Total							
1994-95	2,220.4	2,259.3	544.0	2,803.3	638.0	1,564.4	2,423.6	4,960.2	5,864.9
1995-96	1,692.9	1,731.6	465.7	2,197.3	541.2	2,072.3	2,951.9	4,745.1	5,690.4
1996-97	1,960.3	1,981.1	781.2	2,762.3	664.5	2,219.5	3,350.5	5,663.8	6,777.4
1996—									
Sept. qtr.	443.2	448.4	228.2	676.7	146.2	465.8	618.0	1,286.1	1,440.9
Dec. qtr.	441.2	445.0	156.3	601.4	153.6	580.6	847.5	1,338.4	1,602.5
1997—									
Mar. qtr.	490.1	497.2	189.9	687.1	173.1	639.2	955.1	1,509.0	1,815.4
June qtr.	585.8	590.4	206.7	797.2	191.6	533.9	929.8	1,530.3	1,918.6
Sept. qtr.	676.6	679.5	193.4	872.9	193.0	612.7	755.4	1,676.2	1,821.4
Dec. qtr.	667.6	680.7	220.3	901.0	181.2	1,000.5	1,139.8	2,068.8	2,222.0

(a) Constant price estimates are subject to revision each quarter as more up to date information on prices and commodity compositions becomes available.

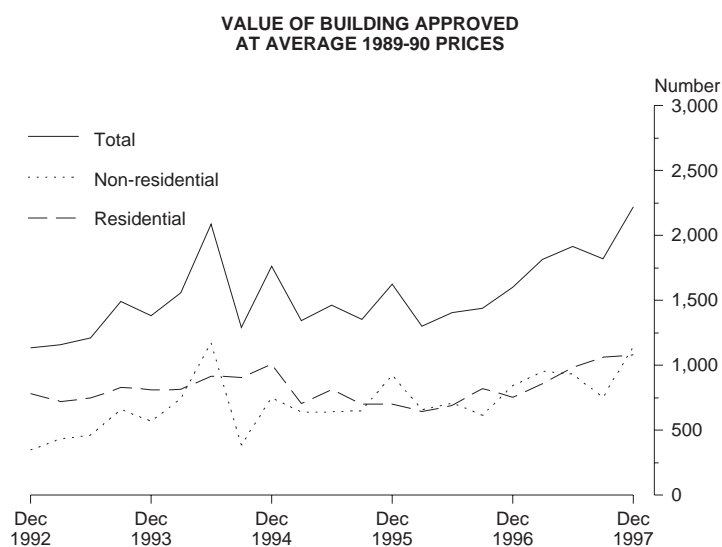


TABLE 5. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND OWNERSHIP
(\$ million)

Class of building	1995-96	July-March		1998			
		1996-97	1996-97	1997-98	January	February	March
PRIVATE SECTOR							
New houses	1,845.2	2,149.1	1,505.0	2,207.3	197.3	231.7	297.2
New other residential buildings	325.9	644.3	470.5	539.8	80.7	46.8	72.4
<i>Total new residential building</i>	<i>2,171.1</i>	<i>2,793.3</i>	<i>1,975.5</i>	<i>2,747.2</i>	<i>278.0</i>	<i>278.5</i>	<i>369.6</i>
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	555.8	693.9	491.3	572.7	49.6	60.7	75.2
Hotels, etc.	135.2	156.0	130.7	213.4	40.1	14.6	8.2
Shops	365.0	372.9	253.2	305.9	27.1	17.4	32.4
Factories	227.6	352.5	284.9	188.0	32.9	20.2	14.0
Offices	301.0	277.7	202.6	264.1	20.8	46.2	24.6
Other business premises	265.1	336.3	276.2	259.6	34.3	21.7	25.6
Educational	80.6	72.7	56.0	71.9	4.3	8.0	5.2
Religious	7.5	15.4	10.6	13.7	1.0	0.8	1.3
Health	68.6	127.6	67.7	82.8	17.1	13.8	1.5
Entertainment and recreational	136.2	47.1	39.5	422.2	5.0	3.3	4.7
Miscellaneous	134.7	121.5	100.2	74.4	19.1	12.1	12.3
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>1,721.6</i>	<i>1,879.7</i>	<i>1,421.7</i>	<i>1,895.9</i>	<i>201.7</i>	<i>158.3</i>	<i>129.9</i>
Total	4,448.5	5,366.9	3,888.5	5,215.7	529.3	497.6	574.8
PUBLIC SECTOR							
New houses	42.2	22.8	17.8	26.9	1.8	4.9	2.4
New other residential buildings	66.4	23.8	18.7	28.1	1.9	1.1	1.0
<i>Total new residential building</i>	<i>108.7</i>	<i>46.6</i>	<i>36.5</i>	<i>55.0</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>3.4</i>
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	34.3	34.6	26.5	46.9	7.2	6.6	7.9
Hotels, etc.	1.2	1.7	1.2	0.5	—	0.3	—
Shops	25.5	18.3	15.5	5.6	3.3	—	—
Factories	3.0	21.3	20.4	3.0	—	—	0.5
Offices	118.0	126.9	105.7	35.2	2.6	3.0	1.6
Other business premises	75.7	64.7	7.0	31.7	0.2	10.7	2.9
Educational	284.3	338.6	154.9	107.6	23.3	12.6	3.6
Religious	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health	68.0	130.2	120.3	110.1	0.8	9.3	2.7
Entertainment and recreational	115.3	43.2	31.3	25.4	1.7	2.5	3.7
Miscellaneous	39.9	215.1	164.3	41.7	0.5	25.8	3.5
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>730.8</i>	<i>960.1</i>	<i>620.6</i>	<i>360.7</i>	<i>32.4</i>	<i>64.3</i>	<i>18.6</i>
Total	873.8	1,041.3	683.7	462.5	43.3	76.9	29.9
TOTAL							
New houses	1,887.4	2,171.9	1,522.8	2,234.2	199.1	236.6	299.6
New other residential buildings	392.3	668.1	489.2	567.9	82.6	47.9	73.4
<i>Total new residential building</i>	<i>2,279.7</i>	<i>2,839.9</i>	<i>2,012.0</i>	<i>2,802.1</i>	<i>281.7</i>	<i>284.6</i>	<i>373.0</i>
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	590.1	728.5	517.9	619.5	56.7	67.3	83.1
Hotels, etc.	136.4	157.7	131.9	213.8	40.1	15.0	8.2
Shops	390.4	391.1	268.7	311.5	30.4	17.4	32.4
Factories	230.6	373.8	305.3	190.9	32.9	20.2	14.5
Offices	419.0	404.7	308.3	299.3	23.4	49.2	26.2
Other business premises	340.8	401.1	283.2	291.3	34.4	32.4	28.6
Educational	364.9	411.3	210.9	179.5	27.6	20.6	8.8
Religious	7.5	15.4	10.6	13.7	1.0	0.8	1.3
Health	136.6	257.8	188.1	192.9	17.9	23.1	4.3
Entertainment and recreational	251.5	90.2	70.9	447.6	6.7	5.9	8.5
Miscellaneous	174.6	336.6	264.5	116.0	19.6	37.9	15.8
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>2,452.4</i>	<i>2,839.8</i>	<i>2,042.4</i>	<i>2,256.6</i>	<i>234.1</i>	<i>222.6</i>	<i>148.5</i>
Total	5,322.3	6,408.2	4,572.2	5,678.3	572.6	574.5	604.6

TABLE 6. NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING JOBS APPROVED, BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND VALUE SIZE GROUPS

Period	\$50,000 to less than \$200,000		\$200,000 to less than \$500,000		\$500,000 to less than \$1m		\$1m to less than \$5m		\$5m and over		Total	
	No.	Value (\$m)	No.	Value (\$m)	No.	Value (\$m)	No.	Value (\$m)	No.	Value (\$m)	No.	Value (\$m)
HOTELS, ETC.												
1998 January	5	0.5	3	1.1	1	0.5	2	5.0	2	33.1	13	40.1
February	6	0.7	5	1.3	2	1.5	2	5.9	1	5.5	16	15.0
March	2	0.3	4	1.2	2	1.4	3	5.3	—	—	11	8.2
SHOPS												
1998 January	43	3.8	7	2.2	2	1.2	2	5.3	2	18.0	56	30.4
February	49	4.3	11	3.4	4	2.9	4	6.9	—	—	68	17.4
March	55	5.1	13	3.7	8	5.3	3	5.4	1	13.0	80	32.4
FACTORIES												
1998 January	29	3.3	13	3.5	4	2.6	5	10.5	1	13.1	52	32.9
February	26	2.9	23	7.1	5	3.4	5	6.8	—	—	59	20.2
March	21	2.4	25	6.9	8	5.1	—	—	—	—	54	14.5
OFFICES												
1998 January	27	3.1	14	4.3	4	2.6	5	8.4	1	5.0	51	23.4
February	57	5.8	19	5.5	9	6.2	11	25.2	1	6.5	97	49.2
March	45	4.0	22	6.2	6	4.4	5	11.5	—	—	78	26.2
OTHER BUSINESS PREMISES												
1998 January	15	1.6	14	4.6	8	5.4	8	17.1	1	5.7	46	34.4
February	24	2.2	16	4.5	5	3.5	7	12.8	1	9.5	53	32.4
March	35	3.5	18	5.6	12	8.2	6	11.2	—	—	71	28.6
EDUCATIONAL												
1998 January	20	1.9	12	4.7	1	0.9	3	6.1	2	14.0	38	27.6
February	9	1.0	10	3.0	6	4.5	3	6.4	1	5.6	29	20.6
March	10	1.1	8	2.5	3	2.5	1	2.7	—	—	22	8.8
RELIGIOUS												
1998 January	4	0.4	—	—	1	0.6	—	—	—	—	5	1.0
February	2	0.2	2	0.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	0.8
March	3	0.3	3	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1.3
HEALTH												
1998 January	5	0.5	2	0.5	4	2.9	3	4.6	1	9.5	15	17.9
February	7	0.7	4	1.5	1	0.5	8	20.5	—	—	20	23.1
March	7	0.6	3	1.1	1	0.6	1	2.0	—	—	12	4.3
ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATIONAL												
1998 January	9	1.1	2	0.6	4	2.4	2	2.6	—	—	17	6.7
February	8	0.8	5	1.7	6	3.4	—	—	—	—	19	5.9
March	8	0.8	6	1.6	4	2.8	2	3.3	—	—	20	8.5
MISCELLANEOUS												
1998 January	11	1.0	7	2.1	—	—	—	—	1	16.5	19	19.6
February	8	0.8	5	1.3	1	0.8	1	2.4	2	32.7	17	37.9
March	21	1.8	8	2.6	5	3.5	1	2.0	1	5.9	36	15.8
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING												
1998 January	168	17.2	74	23.6	29	19.0	30	59.6	11	114.9	312	234.1
February	196	19.5	100	29.8	39	26.8	41	86.8	6	59.7	382	222.6
March	207	19.9	110	32.5	49	33.8	22	43.3	2	18.9	390	148.5

**TABLE 7. NUMBER AND VALUE OF NEW DWELLING UNITS (a) APPROVED
BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS, MARCH 1998**

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Private sector</i>		<i>Public sector</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Value (\$'000)</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Value (\$'000)</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Value (\$'000)</i>
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION (b)						
Houses —						
Brick, stone or concrete	67	8,580	—	—	67	8,580
Brick-veneer	1,514	178,967	1	76	1,515	179,043
Timber	96	9,861	1	17	97	9,878
Fibre cement	5	387	—	—	5	387
Steel, aluminium or other materials	49	5,104	3	265	52	5,369
Not stated	121	16,094	—	—	121	16,094
<i>Total houses</i>	<i>1,852</i>	<i>218,993</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>358</i>	<i>1,857</i>	<i>219,351</i>
<i>Other residential buildings</i>	<i>781</i>	<i>69,350</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>336</i>	<i>787</i>	<i>69,686</i>
Total residential buildings	2,633	288,343	11	694	2,644	289,037
REST OF VICTORIA (b)						
Houses —						
Brick, stone or concrete	14	1,553	—	—	14	1,553
Brick-veneer	532	58,378	2	120	534	58,498
Timber	66	6,188	—	—	66	6,188
Fibre cement	9	670	—	—	9	670
Steel, aluminium or other materials	49	3,813	—	—	49	3,813
Not stated	69	7,628	24	1,890	93	9,518
<i>Total houses</i>	<i>739</i>	<i>78,230</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>2,010</i>	<i>765</i>	<i>80,241</i>
<i>Other residential buildings</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>3,052</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>693</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>3,744</i>
Total residential buildings	780	81,282	38	2,703	818	83,985
TOTAL VICTORIA						
Houses —						
Brick, stone or concrete	81	10,133	—	—	81	10,133
Brick-veneer	2,046	237,345	3	196	2,049	237,541
Timber	162	16,049	1	17	163	16,066
Fibre cement	14	1,057	—	—	14	1,057
Steel, aluminium or other materials	98	8,918	3	265	101	9,183
Not stated	190	23,722	24	1,890	214	25,612
<i>Total houses</i>	<i>2,591</i>	<i>297,223</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>2,368</i>	<i>2,622</i>	<i>299,592</i>
<i>Other residential buildings</i>	<i>822</i>	<i>72,401</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>1,029</i>	<i>840</i>	<i>73,430</i>
Total residential buildings	3,413	369,625	49	3,397	3,462	373,022

(a) Excludes Conversions, etc. (b) For details of changes to Statistical Divisions, please refer to paragraphs 28-30 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), MARCH 1998

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	Houses			Other residential buildings				Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)				
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Banyule (C)										
Heidelberg	20	—	2,728	22	—	1,727	2,881	1,775	1,775	9,112
North	14	—	1,685	7	—	350	609	1,260	1,830	4,473
Total	34	—	4,413	29	—	2,077	3,490	3,035	3,605	13,585
Bayside (C)										
Brighton	17	—	2,377	8	—	1,739	1,889	2,665	2,665	8,670
South	18	1	3,215	14	—	1,550	1,876	1,055	1,105	7,745
Total	35	1	5,592	22	—	3,289	3,765	3,720	3,770	16,415
Boroondara (C)										
Camberwell North	36	—	5,473	14	—	1,490	1,513	451	451	8,926
Camberwell South	19	—	3,369	15	—	1,740	1,588	190	190	6,888
Hawthorn	9	—	2,659	2	—	400	1,894	400	1,000	5,952
Kew	9	—	1,648	4	—	615	1,204	452	452	3,920
Total	73	—	13,149	35	—	4,245	6,199	1,493	2,093	25,686
Brimbank (C)										
Keilor	93	—	10,128	2	—	120	302	1,190	1,190	11,739
Sunshine	24	—	2,196	4	—	230	253	3,550	3,550	6,228
Total	117	—	12,323	6	—	350	555	4,740	4,740	17,968
Cardinia (S)										
North	9	—	696	4	—	240	604	—	—	1,540
Pakenham	25	—	2,281	2	—	100	393	1,424	1,424	4,197
South	—	—	—	—	—	—	61	80	80	141
Total	34	—	2,977	6	—	340	1,058	1,504	1,504	5,878
Casey (C)										
Berwick	164	—	17,194	18	—	1,329	519	952	952	19,993
Cranbourne	34	—	3,263	8	—	384	540	106	106	4,293
Hallam	21	—	2,473	—	—	—	246	300	300	3,019
South	3	—	337	—	—	—	154	854	854	1,345
Total	222	—	23,267	26	—	1,713	1,459	2,212	2,212	28,650
Darebin (C)										
Northcote	2	—	186	97	—	7,282	1,535	—	589	9,592
Preston	20	—	2,108	9	—	450	1,571	800	1,201	5,329
Total	22	—	2,294	106	—	7,732	3,105	800	1,790	14,921
Frankston (C)										
East	51	—	4,244	—	—	—	339	100	630	5,213
West	30	—	3,413	2	—	150	498	1,989	1,989	6,050
Total	81	—	7,657	2	—	150	837	2,089	2,619	11,263
Glen Eira (C)										
Caulfield	21	—	3,095	22	—	2,512	2,923	260	260	8,791
South	19	—	2,303	13	—	1,240	1,599	—	—	5,141
Total	40	—	5,398	35	—	3,752	4,522	260	260	13,932
Greater Dandenong (C)										
Dandenong	13	—	1,213	20	—	1,245	198	6,530	6,530	9,187
Balance	36	—	2,412	5	6	666	263	1,044	1,329	4,669
Total	49	—	3,625	25	6	1,911	461	7,574	7,859	13,856
Hobsons Bay (C)										
Altona	39	—	4,077	7	—	637	192	1,934	1,934	6,840
Williamstown	13	1	1,993	17	—	1,338	682	123	203	4,216
Total	52	1	6,070	24	—	1,975	874	2,057	2,137	11,056
Hume (C)										
Broadmeadows	13	—	1,393	—	—	—	300	2,130	2,220	3,913
Craigieburn	62	—	7,518	—	—	—	177	380	435	8,130
Sunbury	23	—	2,648	3	—	135	143	—	800	3,726
Total	98	—	11,559	3	—	135	620	2,510	3,455	15,769
Kingston (C)										
North	26	1	2,754	11	—	805	1,210	1,528	1,528	6,297
South	56	—	6,900	6	—	540	425	—	—	7,865
Total	82	1	9,654	17	—	1,345	1,635	1,528	1,528	14,162

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TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), MARCH 1998—continued

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	Houses			Other residential buildings				Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)				
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION — continued										
Knox (C)										
North	36	—	3,830	11	—	815	1,178	3,273	4,123	9,946
South	61	—	7,774	5	—	537	133	960	960	9,404
Total	97	—	11,605	16	—	1,351	1,311	4,233	5,083	19,350
Manningham (C)										
East	15	—	2,472	—	—	—	525	340	340	3,337
West	44	—	7,795	27	—	2,152	851	940	1,190	11,988
Total	59	—	10,267	27	—	2,152	1,376	1,280	1,530	15,325
Maribyrnong (C)	21	—	2,247	8	—	586	915	6,087	6,712	10,460
Maroondah (C)										
Croydon	32	—	2,969	17	—	1,222	597	2,056	2,336	7,124
Ringwood	17	—	2,210	29	—	1,938	228	720	720	5,097
Total	49	—	5,180	46	—	3,160	825	2,776	3,056	12,221
Melbourne (C)										
Inner	—	—	—	2	—	200	3,710	4,275	4,419	8,329
Remainder	15	—	1,418	47	—	3,800	1,088	4,903	8,526	14,832
Total	15	—	1,418	49	—	4,000	4,798	9,178	12,945	23,161
Melton (S)										
East	24	—	2,856	—	—	—	30	—	—	2,886
Balance	24	—	2,248	—	—	—	276	13,208	13,208	15,732
Total	48	—	5,104	—	—	—	306	13,208	13,208	18,618
Monash (C)										
South-West	21	—	2,048	10	—	840	866	1,300	1,300	5,054
Waverley East	7	1	1,100	—	—	—	431	—	—	1,531
Waverley West	35	—	4,379	5	—	475	1,171	3,016	3,256	9,281
Total	63	1	7,527	15	—	1,315	2,468	4,316	4,556	15,866
Moonee Valley (C)										
Essendon	16	—	1,769	8	—	880	2,774	700	700	6,123
West	10	—	1,155	—	—	—	65	2,200	2,200	3,420
Total	26	—	2,924	8	—	880	2,839	2,900	2,900	9,543
Moreland (C)										
Brunswick	10	—	1,214	7	—	500	624	370	370	2,708
Coburg	12	—	895	2	—	150	773	895	895	2,712
North	6	—	713	4	—	350	239	—	1,300	2,602
Total	28	—	2,822	13	—	1,000	1,635	1,265	2,565	8,022
Mornington Peninsula (S)										
East	23	1	2,834	—	—	—	202	880	880	3,916
South	46	—	6,230	—	—	—	1,002	532	532	7,764
West	63	—	7,482	3	—	215	772	165	1,105	9,574
Total	132	1	16,546	3	—	215	1,976	1,577	2,517	21,254
Nillumbik (S)										
South	16	—	2,669	—	—	—	461	—	—	3,131
South-West	13	—	2,106	—	—	—	250	—	—	2,355
Balance	1	—	120	—	—	—	112	—	—	232
Total	30	—	4,895	—	—	—	823	—	—	5,718
Port Phillip (C)										
St Kilda	13	—	1,596	77	—	6,435	1,738	841	841	10,610
West	6	—	1,109	—	—	—	2,079	1,116	1,116	4,304
Total	19	—	2,704	77	—	6,435	3,817	1,957	1,957	14,914
Stonnington (C)										
Prahan	7	—	2,437	68	—	10,561	4,892	1,063	1,063	18,953
Malvern	11	—	2,942	8	—	1,780	1,997	240	240	6,959
Total	18	—	5,379	76	—	12,341	6,890	1,303	1,303	25,912
Whitehorse (C)										
Box Hill	14	—	1,363	4	—	386	1,459	400	961	4,169
Nunawading East	8	—	1,169	2	—	170	1,446	4,524	4,524	7,309
Nunawading West	16	—	2,174	23	—	1,688	650	138	138	4,650
Total	38	—	4,706	29	—	2,244	3,555	5,062	5,623	16,128

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TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), MARCH 1998—continued

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	Houses			Other residential buildings				Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)				
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION — continued										
Whittlesea (C)										
North	7	—	647	4	—	212	85	520	520	1,465
South	82	—	8,100	22	—	1,327	555	5,548	5,830	15,813
Total	89	—	8,747	26	—	1,539	641	6,068	6,350	17,278
Wyndham (C)										
North-East	13	—	1,143	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,143
Werribee	69	—	7,231	5	—	350	723	800	800	9,104
Balance	8	—	1,189	3	—	375	48	1,165	1,165	2,777
Total	90	—	9,564	8	—	725	770	1,965	1,965	13,024
Yarra (C)										
North	4	—	760	2	—	140	2,537	1,518	1,978	5,415
Richmond	1	—	120	28	—	1,960	611	3,979	3,979	6,671
Total	5	—	880	30	—	2,100	3,148	5,497	5,957	12,085
Yarra Ranges (S) — Pt A (d)										
Central	6	—	394	—	—	—	409	—	—	803
North	10	—	842	4	—	170	135	65	65	1,212
South-West	70	—	7,624	10	—	458	2,082	1,735	1,735	11,899
Total	86	—	8,860	14	—	628	2,626	1,800	1,800	13,914
Melbourne (SD)	1,852	5	219,351	781	6	69,686	69,298	103,995	117,599	475,934
BARWON STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Colac-Otway (S)										
Colac	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South	1	—	100	—	—	—	—	154	154	254
Total	1	—	100	—	—	—	—	154	154	254
Golden Plains (S)										
North-West	3	—	197	—	—	—	143	—	—	340
South-East	10	—	1,058	—	—	—	179	940	1,026	2,263
Total	13	—	1,255	—	—	—	322	940	1,026	2,603
Greater Geelong (C)										
Part A										
Bellarine — Inner	16	—	1,342	—	—	—	93	124	124	1,560
Corio — Inner	21	22	4,209	5	—	400	138	1,204	1,464	6,212
Geelong	2	—	207	—	—	—	116	826	826	1,149
Geelong West	—	—	—	4	—	290	105	—	—	395
Newtown	7	—	1,135	—	—	—	502	—	—	1,637
South Barwon — Inner	26	—	3,315	8	—	730	233	153	203	4,480
Part B	29	—	3,166	2	—	72	329	—	—	3,567
Part C	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	101	22	13,374	19	—	1,492	1,517	2,307	2,617	19,000
Queenscliffe (B)	7	—	801	—	—	—	260	—	57	1,117
Surf Coast (S)										
East	21	—	2,370	—	—	—	114	75	152	2,636
West	18	—	1,846	—	—	—	197	—	—	2,043
Total	39	—	4,216	—	—	—	311	75	152	4,679
Barwon (SD)	161	22	19,746	19	—	1,492	2,409	3,476	4,005	27,653

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), MARCH 1998—continued

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	Houses			Other residential buildings				Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)				
WESTERN DISTRICT STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Corangamite (S)										
North	1	—	157	—	—	—	35	100	100	292
South	1	—	107	—	—	—	152	3,760	3,760	4,019
Total	2	—	264	—	—	—	187	3,860	3,860	4,312
Glenelg (S)										
Heywood	1	—	71	—	—	—	78	—	—	148
North	—	—	—	—	—	—	35	—	—	35
Portland	1	—	160	—	—	—	287	65	65	512
Total	2	—	231	—	—	—	399	65	65	695
Moyne (S)										
North-East	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North-West	—	—	—	—	—	—	51	—	—	51
South	7	—	698	—	—	—	216	330	330	1,244
Total	7	—	698	—	—	—	268	330	330	1,296
Southern Grampians (S)										
Hamilton	1	—	95	—	—	—	144	150	150	389
Wannon	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	—	17
Balance	2	—	208	—	—	—	616	—	—	823
Total	3	—	303	—	—	—	777	150	150	1,229
Warrnambool (C)	19	—	2,548	—	—	—	285	785	1,495	4,328
Lady Julia Percy Island	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Western District (SD)	33	—	4,044	—	—	—	1,916	5,190	5,900	11,860
CENTRAL HIGHLANDS STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Ararat (RC)	2	—	177	—	—	—	110	—	660	947
Ballarat (C)										
Central	18	—	1,175	—	—	—	201	60	2,060	3,436
Inner North	13	—	1,454	—	—	—	55	—	—	1,509
North	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South	16	—	1,612	—	—	—	151	—	—	1,763
Total	47	—	4,241	—	—	—	407	60	2,060	6,708
Hepburn (S)										
East	9	—	872	—	—	—	522	—	—	1,394
West	3	—	284	—	—	—	225	—	—	509
Total	12	—	1,156	—	—	—	747	—	—	1,903
Moorabool (S)										
Bacchus Marsh	15	—	1,884	—	—	—	217	100	100	2,201
Ballan	7	—	579	—	—	—	35	—	55	669
West	2	—	375	—	—	—	—	—	—	375
Total	24	—	2,838	—	—	—	252	100	155	3,245
Pyrenees (S)										
North	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Central Highlands (SD)	85	—	8,411	—	—	—	1,517	160	2,875	12,802

TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), MARCH 1998—continued

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	Houses			Other residential buildings				Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)				
WIMMERA STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Hindmarsh (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Horsham (RC)										
Central	6	—	887	—	—	—	237	240	363	1,487
Balance	9	—	1,110	—	—	—	100	—	—	1,210
Total	15	—	1,997	—	—	—	337	240	363	2,697
Northern Grampians (S)										
St Arnaud	2	—	105	—	—	—	44	110	110	259
Stawell	5	—	391	—	—	—	54	254	254	699
Total	7	—	496	—	—	—	98	364	364	958
West Wimmera (S)	1	—	165	—	—	—	20	—	—	185
Yarriambiack (S)										
North	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	15
South	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	—	—	23
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	37	—	—	37
Wimmera (SD)	23	—	2,659	—	—	—	492	604	727	3,877
MALLEE STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Buloke (S)										
North	1	—	70	—	—	—	—	—	—	70
South	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	70	70	70
Total	1	—	70	—	—	—	—	70	70	140
Gannawarra (S)	2	—	349	—	—	—	65	144	144	558
Mildura (RC)										
Pt A	28	1	2,988	—	—	—	333	1,616	1,616	4,938
Pt B	—	—	—	—	—	—	53	—	—	53
Total	28	1	2,988	—	—	—	386	1,616	1,616	4,991
Swan Hill (RC)										
Central	4	1	435	—	—	—	35	120	120	590
Robinvale	2	—	425	—	3	182	—	—	—	608
Balance	—	—	—	—	—	—	34	—	—	34
Total	6	1	861	—	3	182	69	120	120	1,232
Mallee (SD)	37	2	4,268	—	3	182	520	1,949	1,949	6,920

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TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), MARCH 1998—continued

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	Houses			Other residential buildings				Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)				
LODDON STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Central Goldfields (S)										
Maryborough	2	—	189	—	—	—	10	—	—	199
Balance	1	—	100	—	—	—	20	—	—	120
Total	3	—	289	—	—	—	30	—	—	319
Greater Bendigo (C)										
Part A										
Central	23	—	2,249	4	—	382	370	—	—	3,002
Eaglehawk	4	—	515	—	—	—	233	531	531	1,280
Inner East	20	—	2,156	—	6	336	271	1,130	1,130	3,893
Inner North	5	—	518	—	—	—	93	1,122	1,122	1,732
Inner West	27	—	2,596	—	—	—	90	—	—	2,686
Strathfieldsaye	14	—	1,451	—	—	—	84	85	85	1,620
Part B	8	—	873	—	—	—	91	—	—	964
Total	101	—	10,358	4	6	718	1,232	2,868	2,868	15,177
Loddon (S)										
North	1	—	95	—	—	—	—	—	—	95
South	1	—	40	—	—	—	20	325	325	385
Total	2	—	135	—	—	—	20	325	325	480
Macedon Ranges (S)										
Kyneton	8	—	1,064	—	—	—	47	170	170	1,281
Romsey	6	—	654	—	—	—	35	—	—	689
Balance	10	—	1,119	—	—	—	434	—	158	1,711
Total	24	—	2,838	—	—	—	516	170	328	3,681
Mount Alexander (S)										
Castlemaine	4	—	404	4	—	215	24	—	—	643
Balance	3	—	282	—	—	—	58	—	—	340
Total	7	—	686	4	—	215	82	—	—	983
Loddon-Campaspe (SD)	137	—	14,305	8	6	933	1,880	3,363	3,521	20,640

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TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), MARCH 1998—continued

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	Houses			Other residential buildings				Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)				
GOULBURN STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Campaspe (S)										
Echuca	14	—	1,484	—	—	—	170	140	140	1,795
Kyabram	5	—	519	—	—	—	324	—	—	843
Rochester	6	—	687	—	—	—	50	—	—	737
South	2	—	191	—	—	—	60	—	—	251
<i>Total</i>	27	—	2,881	—	—	—	605	140	140	3,625
Delatite (S)										
Benalla	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North	—	—	—	—	—	—	50	—	—	50
South	3	—	203	—	—	—	—	1,250	1,250	1,453
<i>Total</i>	3	—	203	—	—	—	50	1,250	1,250	1,503
Greater Shepparton (C)										
Part A	16	—	1,753	4	—	260	150	3,384	3,384	5,547
Part B										
East	10	—	892	6	—	420	—	—	—	1,312
West	2	—	260	—	—	—	—	220	220	480
<i>Total</i>	28	—	2,906	10	—	680	150	3,604	3,604	7,339
Mitchell (S)										
North	—	—	—	—	—	—	85	—	—	85
South	9	—	894	—	—	—	79	—	—	973
<i>Total</i>	9	—	894	—	—	—	164	—	—	1,058
Moira (S)										
East	2	—	216	—	—	—	75	—	—	291
West	11	—	992	—	—	—	203	110	110	1,306
<i>Total</i>	13	—	1,208	—	—	—	278	110	110	1,597
Murrindindi (S)										
East	5	—	506	—	—	—	54	1,900	1,900	2,460
West	2	—	162	—	—	—	51	—	—	213
<i>Total</i>	7	—	668	—	—	—	105	1,900	1,900	2,673
Strathbogie (S)	5	—	542	—	—	—	404	180	180	1,125
Goulburn (SD)	92	—	9,301	10	—	680	1,755	7,184	7,184	18,921
OVENS-MURRAY STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Alpine (S)										
East	9	—	1,229	—	—	—	56	749	749	2,034
West	1	—	114	—	—	—	—	—	—	114
<i>Total</i>	10	—	1,344	—	—	—	56	749	749	2,148
Indigo (S)										
Part A	4	—	551	—	—	—	248	—	—	799
Part B	2	—	185	—	—	—	—	—	—	185
<i>Total</i>	6	—	736	—	—	—	248	—	—	984
Wangaratta (RC)										
Central	7	—	971	—	—	—	605	260	260	1,837
North	4	—	524	—	—	—	20	—	—	543
South	—	2	120	—	3	175	74	—	—	369
<i>Total</i>	11	2	1,615	—	3	175	699	260	260	2,749
Towong (S)										
Part A	1	—	101	—	—	—	12	—	—	113
Part B	1	—	107	—	—	—	—	—	—	107
<i>Total</i>	2	—	208	—	—	—	12	—	—	220
Wodonga (RC)	21	—	2,571	—	—	—	135	1,750	1,850	4,556
Ovens-Murray (SD)	50	2	6,474	—	3	175	1,150	2,759	2,859	10,658

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TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), MARCH 1998—continued

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	Houses			Other residential buildings				Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)				
EAST GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION										
East Gippsland (S)										
Bairnsdale	15	—	1,478	—	—	—	248	207	207	1,933
Orbost	2	—	238	—	—	—	212	—	—	451
South-West	3	—	352	—	—	—	37	—	—	389
Balance	1	—	40	—	—	—	12	—	—	52
<i>Total</i>	21	—	2,109	—	—	—	509	207	207	2,825
Wellington (S)										
Alberton	2	—	194	—	—	—	—	—	—	194
Avon	1	—	50	—	—	—	125	—	—	175
Maffra	7	—	567	—	—	—	86	115	115	768
Rosedale	6	—	404	—	—	—	40	—	—	444
Sale	5	—	558	—	—	—	42	260	260	860
<i>Total</i>	21	—	1,772	—	—	—	293	375	375	2,440
East Gippsland (SD)	42	—	3,881	—	—	—	802	582	582	5,265
GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Bass Coast (S)										
Phillip Island	14	—	903	—	—	—	78	—	—	981
Balance	19	—	1,465	—	—	—	394	240	240	2,099
<i>Total</i>	33	—	2,368	—	—	—	472	240	240	3,080
Baw Baw (S)										
Part A	1	—	100	—	—	—	73	—	—	173
Part B										
East	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	500	520
West	11	—	1,027	4	—	282	302	250	250	1,861
<i>Total</i>	12	—	1,127	4	—	282	394	250	750	2,554
La Trobe (S)										
Moe	4	—	467	—	—	—	139	—	—	606
Morwell	6	—	801	—	—	—	80	—	120	1,001
Traralgon	18	—	1,759	—	—	—	140	56	56	1,955
Balance	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	15
<i>Total</i>	28	—	3,027	—	—	—	374	56	176	3,577
South Gippsland (S)										
Central	3	—	291	—	—	—	40	62	62	394
East	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	—	—	25
West	3	—	337	—	—	—	86	58	58	481
<i>Total</i>	6	—	629	—	—	—	151	120	120	900
Yarra Ranges (S) — Pt B (d)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bass Strait Islands	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
French Island	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yallourn Works Area	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gippsland (SD)	79	—	7,151	4	—	282	1,392	666	1,286	10,111
VICTORIA										
Victoria	2,591	31	299,592	822	18	73,430	83,131	129,928	148,487	604,641

(a) For details of changes to Statistical Local Areas, please refer to paragraphs 28-30 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Excludes Conversions, etc. (c) Details relating to individual classes of building are available on request. (d) The Shire of Yarra Ranges comprises four Statistical Local Areas (SLA). Three of these are included in the Melbourne Statistical Division and one is included in the Gippsland Statistical Division. Approvals data for these SLAs are shown in Table 8 under the relevant Statistical Divisions.

TABLE 9. BUILDING APPROVALS BY SELECTED STATISTICAL SUBDIVISIONS (a), MARCH 1998

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Non-residential building (c)			
	Houses			Other residential buildings			Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)		Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
GREATER GEELONG CITY PART A STATISTICAL SUBDIVISION										
Greater Geelong (C) —										
— Bellarine — Inner	16	—	1,342	—	—	—	93	124	124	1,560
— Corio — Inner	21	22	4,209	5	—	400	138	1,204	1,464	6,212
— Geelong	2	—	207	—	—	—	116	826	826	1,149
— Geelong West	—	—	—	4	—	290	105	—	—	395
— Newtown	7	—	1,135	—	—	—	502	—	—	1,637
— South Barwon — Inner	26	—	3,315	8	—	730	233	153	203	4,480
Greater Geelong City Part A (SSD)	72	22	10,208	17	—	1,420	1,188	2,307	2,617	15,433
BALLARAT CITY STATISTICAL SUBDIVISION										
Ballarat (C) —										
— Central	18	—	1,175	—	—	—	201	60	2,060	3,436
— Inner North	13	—	1,454	—	—	—	55	—	—	1,509
— North	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— South	16	—	1,612	—	—	—	151	—	—	1,763
Ballarat City (SSD)	47	—	4,241	—	—	—	407	60	2,060	6,708
MILDURA RURAL CITY PART A STATISTICAL SUBDIVISION										
Mildura (RC) — Pt A	28	1	2,988	—	—	—	333	1,616	1,616	4,938
Mildura Rural City Part A (SSD)	28	1	2,988	—	—	—	333	1,616	1,616	4,938
GREATER BENDIGO CITY PART A STATISTICAL SUBDIVISION										
Greater Bendigo (C) —										
— Central	23	—	2,249	4	—	382	370	—	—	3,002
— Eaglehawk	4	—	515	—	—	—	233	531	531	1,280
— Inner East	20	—	2,156	—	6	336	271	1,130	1,130	3,893
— Inner North	5	—	518	—	—	—	93	1,122	1,122	1,732
— Inner West	27	—	2,596	—	—	—	90	—	—	2,686
— Strathfieldsaye	14	—	1,451	—	—	—	84	85	85	1,620
Greater Bendigo City Part A (SSD)	93	—	9,485	4	6	718	1,141	2,868	2,868	14,212
GREATER SHEPPARTON CITY PART A STATISTICAL SUBDIVISION										
Greater Shepparton (C) Pt A	16	—	1,753	4	—	260	150	3,384	3,384	5,547
Shepparton City Part A (SSD)	16	—	1,753	4	—	260	150	3,384	3,384	5,547
WODONGA STATISTICAL SUBDIVISION										
Indigo (S) — Pt A	4	—	551	—	—	—	248	—	—	799
Towong (S) — Pt A	1	—	101	—	—	—	12	—	—	113
Wodonga (RC)	21	—	2,571	—	—	—	135	1,750	1,850	4,556
Wodonga (SSD)	26	—	3,223	—	—	—	395	1,750	1,850	5,468
LA TROBE VALLEY STATISTICAL SUBDIVISION										
Baw Baw (S) — Pt A	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
La Trobe (S) —										
— Moe	4	—	467	—	—	—	139	—	—	606
— Morwell	6	—	801	—	—	—	80	—	120	1,001
— Traralgon	18	—	1,759	—	—	—	140	56	56	1,955
— Balance	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yallourn Works Area	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
La Trobe Valley (SSD)	29	—	3,127	—	—	—	447	56	176	3,749

(a) For details of changes to Statistical Local Areas and Statistical Subdivisions, please refer to paragraphs 28-30 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Excludes Conversions, etc.

(c) Details relating to individual classes of building are available on request.

TABLE 10. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING JOBS APPROVED BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND STATISTICAL DIVISION (a)
(\$'000)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Hotels etc.</i>	<i>Shops</i>	<i>Factories</i>	<i>Offices</i>	<i>Other business premises</i>	<i>Educational</i>	<i>Religious</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>Entertainment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>Total</i>
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	27,930	314,547	180,794	326,322	186,075	231,103	10,880	84,398	208,521	85,198	1,655,767
1995-96	119,585	286,401	150,986	379,055	282,968	308,468	6,152	77,392	222,735	100,765	1,934,508
1996-97	147,318	325,549	265,862	353,644	351,294	322,293	13,059	175,611	64,177	284,155	2,302,962
1997 January	16,445	34,372	18,722	21,519	31,349	18,936	3,907	9,895	4,409	42,560	202,114
February	4,620	31,345	46,859	26,476	29,013	15,211	673	7,963	7,365	102,455	271,981
March	3,570	29,896	23,044	27,650	57,344	23,968	145	10,135	2,373	5,936	184,061
1998 January	37,042	28,278	24,325	21,287	30,399	23,944	912	13,345	5,603	17,927	203,063
February	12,505	10,060	17,969	47,912	29,757	15,944	250	15,703	3,268	12,406	165,773
March	4,618	29,587	11,732	18,127	25,407	7,101	948	1,808	6,139	12,132	117,599
BARWON STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	11,770	10,598	10,028	9,922	6,010	28,427	685	1,334	8,698	797	88,270
1995-96	1,550	20,026	23,299	6,910	12,502	13,382	179	9,806	5,190	2,627	95,471
1996-97	1,806	22,431	14,978	12,791	5,078	7,655	329	12,552	3,706	2,140	83,466
1997 January	330	250	220	1,390	277	698	—	120	80	—	3,365
February	—	351	2,320	3,730	1,355	—	—	2,866	1,360	—	11,983
March	—	—	430	5,376	97	635	—	597	—	150	7,286
1998 January	—	100	3,570	353	1,575	1,332	—	—	—	135	7,066
February	310	4,168	852	—	335	890	—	1,020	1,093	—	8,669
March	154	458	564	566	295	142	—	124	—	1,703	4,005
WESTERN DISTRICT STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	100	2,313	3,908	2,075	1,558	2,609	1,000	2,350	2,632	105	18,651
1995-96	3,842	3,389	7,189	2,440	913	5,471	159	10,786	984	2,802	37,975
1996-97	140	2,742	22,669	2,578	3,825	512	273	4,648	819	3,001	41,208
1997 January	—	139	7,250	300	160	—	—	—	—	130	7,979
February	—	300	200	193	—	—	—	383	—	134	1,210
March	140	—	—	295	596	—	—	—	—	417	1,448
1998 January	—	300	57	185	—	465	—	76	50	180	1,313
February	—	100	—	97	115	—	365	1,900	90	—	2,667
March	—	150	330	3,920	290	1,110	—	—	—	100	5,900
CENTRAL HIGHLANDS STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	4,270	4,679	4,417	7,917	2,273	8,054	410	897	1,065	2,658	36,640
1995-96	2,013	11,551	2,796	5,284	4,524	3,441	—	8,433	3,802	2,885	44,730
1996-97	985	6,286	2,795	3,657	2,792	10,997	—	3,027	6,475	1,299	38,312
1997 January	250	—	342	57	300	1,100	—	—	—	—	2,049
February	70	756	119	—	75	650	—	—	1,500	107	3,277
March	—	—	115	—	347	700	—	500	—	170	1,832
1998 January	—	—	143	180	625	80	—	—	—	60	1,088
February	—	313	—	222	200	—	—	—	—	25,150	25,885
March	—	—	—	60	100	—	—	2,000	—	715	2,875

TABLE 10. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING JOBS APPROVED BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND STATISTICAL DIVISION (a)—continued
(\$'000)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Hotels etc.</i>	<i>Shops</i>	<i>Factories</i>	<i>Offices</i>	<i>Other business premises</i>	<i>Educational</i>	<i>Religious</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>Entertainment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>Total</i>
WIMMERA STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	65	490	1,004	216	610	3,437	283	17,786	305	860	25,057
1995-96	172	442	1,275	2,831	648	2,899	—	1,220	2,220	1,605	13,312
1996-97	227	1,151	2,044	1,812	970	185	—	1,810	1,209	1,246	10,654
1997 January	—	—	—	—	218	—	—	—	—	412	630
February	—	242	—	—	—	—	—	—	80	470	792
March	77	85	—	—	—	—	—	—	250	100	512
1998 January	—	60	—	—	200	—	—	—	—	100	360
February	775	—	—	283	—	—	—	—	—	50	1,108
March	—	242	60	—	109	—	—	—	73	242	727
MALLEE STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	845	1,365	735	1,245	1,123	6,215	—	774	80	86	12,468
1995-96	420	6,511	3,685	3,312	2,544	5,527	112	1,838	1,368	1,318	26,635
1996-97	217	4,029	2,314	1,147	4,689	6,639	171	1,172	—	1,596	21,973
1997 January	217	600	340	—	695	—	—	—	—	—	1,852
February	—	355	138	—	110	4,259	120	—	—	318	5,300
March	—	—	—	—	—	368	—	—	—	—	368
1998 January	—	353	—	800	—	—	—	1,724	—	—	2,877
February	—	—	445	151	1,041	318	—	—	50	—	2,004
March	—	195	957	460	70	214	—	—	—	53	1,949
LODDON STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1995-96	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1996-97	70	1,835	2,226	2,174	3,894	8,490	358	5,575	1,968	13,295	39,886
1997 January	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	—	—	204	—	—	320	—	3,676	—	1,200	5,400
1998 January	65	126	250	166	—	66	83	800	536	791	2,883
February	—	163	178	100	—	1,872	—	100	—	190	2,603
March	270	630	162	1,050	658	85	—	325	261	80	3,521
GOULBURN STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1995-96	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1996-97	3,265	5,629	16,652	5,196	11,991	21,381	369	2,117	2,757	14,985	84,344
1997 January	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	—	—	150	—	309	95	—	1,471	1,875	—	3,901
1998 January	—	730	—	180	270	359	—	282	—	180	2,001
February	—	1,762	190	111	60	—	—	2,528	190	—	4,841
March	3,150	80	80	1,108	490	—	—	—	2,000	276	7,184

TABLE 10. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING JOBS APPROVED BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND STATISTICAL DIVISION (a)—continued
(\$'000)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Hotels etc.</i>	<i>Shops</i>	<i>Factories</i>	<i>Offices</i>	<i>Other business premises</i>	<i>Educational</i>	<i>Religious</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>Entertainment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>Total</i>
OVENS MURRAY STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1995-96	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1996-97	2,292	3,463	3,672	9,395	2,136	1,999	60	3,460	973	2,796	30,247
1997 January	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	301	550	130	130	104	—	—	—	63	—	1,278
1998 January	3,000	185	4,000	150	760	—	—	—	—	243	8,338
February	455	—	350	100	330	—	200	—	232	—	1,667
March	—	710	—	849	500	—	400	—	—	400	2,859
EAST GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1995-96	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1996-97	105	4,199	725	867	2,953	6,699	—	2,577	558	1,697	20,379
1997 January	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	—	—	—	—	56	2,000	—	—	—	—	2,056
1998 January	—	—	80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	80
February	—	350	50	200	—	1,590	—	390	560	50	3,190
March	—	80	367	—	135	—	—	—	—	—	582
GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	1,412	9,754	6,871	5,081	4,511	3,630	152	284	2,495	3,146	37,337
1995-96	1,050	7,931	22,345	1,883	4,728	7,258	90	530	4,389	1,900	52,104
1996-97	406	6,710	21,609	9,020	3,986	17,009	165	2,997	2,627	6,487	71,017
1997 January	—	530	727	90	50	110	165	—	—	1,190	2,861
February	50	184	50	650	90	3,200	—	—	—	65	4,289
March	—	114	461	110	210	5,250	—	—	—	—	6,145
1998 January	—	295	500	80	600	1,400	—	1,700	500	—	5,075
February	910	491	198	60	528	—	—	1,500	400	90	4,177
March	—	296	250	62	500	120	—	—	—	58	1,286
TOTAL VICTORIA											
1994-95	48,126	358,756	219,224	361,187	218,315	303,732	15,351	121,046	230,444	99,015	1,975,197
1995-96	136,388	390,446	230,616	419,038	340,836	364,917	7,476	136,564	251,475	174,633	2,452,389
1996-97	157,717	391,128	373,817	404,650	401,094	411,291	15,388	257,829	90,245	336,600	2,839,760
1997 January	17,417	37,316	29,132	23,771	33,418	21,194	4,072	10,015	4,489	45,776	226,599
February	4,740	34,885	61,747	33,430	35,698	40,996	793	11,805	10,544	124,770	359,408
March	4,139	31,090	35,449	33,516	59,485	31,606	145	16,379	4,561	8,754	225,125
1998 January	40,107	30,426	32,925	23,382	34,429	27,646	995	17,927	6,689	19,616	234,143
February	14,955	17,407	20,232	49,237	32,366	20,614	815	23,141	5,883	37,936	222,586
March	8,192	32,428	14,502	26,202	28,555	8,771	1,348	4,257	8,474	15,759	148,487

(a) As a result of changes to Statistical Division boundaries, data for the periods prior to July 1995 are not directly comparable to data for the periods from July 1995 onward. The Statistical Divisions of Loddon (formerly Loddon-Campaspe), Goulburn, Ovens-Murray, and East Gippsland were significantly affected by the changes, but for the remaining Statistical Divisions the changes were relatively minor.

**TABLE 11. NEW DWELLING UNITS (a) APPROVED, BY TYPE AND STATISTICAL DIVISION (b)
MARCH 1998**

Statistical Division	New other residential building									Total new residential building
	New houses	Semi-detached, row or terrace houses, townhouses, etc. of			Flats, units or apartments in a building of			Total	Total	
		1 storey	2 or more storeys	Total	1-2 storeys	3 storeys	4 or more storeys			
NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS										
Melbourne	1,857	291	150	441	56	127	163	346	787	2,644
Barwon	183	10	7	17	2	—	—	2	19	202
Western District	33	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33
Central Highlands	85	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	85
Wimmera	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23
Mallee	39	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	3	42
Loddon	137	8	6	14	—	—	—	—	14	151
Goulburn	92	10	—	10	—	—	—	—	10	102
Ovens-Murray	52	—	—	—	3	—	—	3	3	55
East Gippsland	42	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42
Gippsland	79	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	4	83
Victoria	2,622	326	163	489	61	127	163	351	840	3,462
VALUE (\$'000)										
Melbourne	219,351	21,798	16,689	38,487	4,117	9,832	17,250	31,199	69,686	289,037
Barwon	19,746	850	570	1,420	72	—	—	72	1,492	21,238
Western District	4,044	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,044
Central Highlands	8,411	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8,411
Wimmera	2,659	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,659
Mallee	4,268	182	—	182	—	—	—	—	182	4,451
Loddon	14,305	491	442	933	—	—	—	—	933	15,238
Goulburn	9,301	680	—	680	—	—	—	—	680	9,981
Ovens-Murray	6,474	—	—	—	175	—	—	175	175	6,649
East Gippsland	3,881	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,881
Gippsland	7,151	282	—	282	—	—	—	—	282	7,433
Victoria	299,592	24,284	17,701	41,984	4,364	9,832	17,250	31,446	73,430	373,022

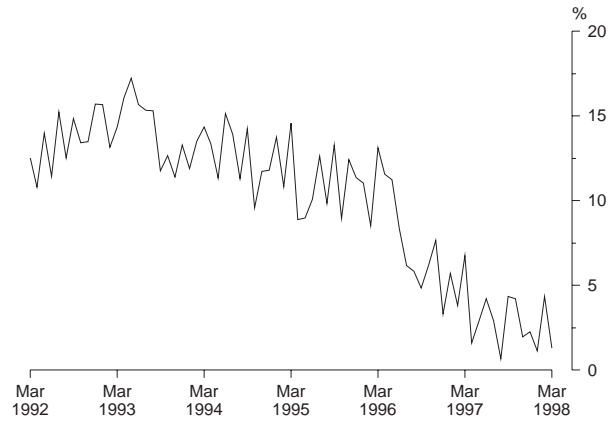
(a) Excludes Conversions, etc. (b) For details of changes to Statistical Divisions, please refer to paragraphs 28-30 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 12. NUMBER OF DUAL OCCUPANCY (a) DWELLING UNITS APPROVED BY STATISTICAL DIVISIONS (SD) AND SELECTED SUBDIVISIONS (SSD)

Statistical division / subdivision (b)	1995-96	1996-97	July - Mar. 1997-98	Mar. 1998
Melbourne (SD)	1,919	979	489	36
Greater Geelong City Part A (SSD)	70	49	10	—
Barwon (SD)	82	60	16	—
Western District (SD)	26	18	2	—
Ballarat City (SSD) (c)	n.a.	7	16	1
Central Highlands (SD)	39	16	21	1
Wimmera (SD)	7	6	—	—
Mildura Rural City Part A (SSD)	13	11	4	—
Mallee (SD)	19	16	4	—
Greater Bendigo City Part A (SSD)	42	—	—	—
Loddon (SD) (c)	n.a.	n.a.	3	—
Greater Shepparton City Part A (SSD)	7	4	7	—
Goulburn (SD) (c)	n.a.	n.a.	23	3
Wodonga (SSD) (c)	n.a.	n.a.	2	—
Ovens-Murray (SD) (c)	n.a.	n.a.	3	—
East Gippsland (SD) (c)	n.a.	n.a.	6	—
Lalor Valley (SSD) (c)	n.a.	n.a.	1	—
Gippsland (SD)	57	23	4	—
Victoria	2,292	1,154	571	40

(a) Refer to paragraph 10 of the explanatory notes. (b) As a result of changes to Statistical Division and Statistical Subdivision boundaries, data for periods prior to July 1995 are not directly comparable to data for periods from July 1995 onward. (c) Data for periods marked "n.a." are not available because boundaries have been significantly altered.

**DUAL OCCUPANCY DWELLING UNITS APPROVED,
EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DWELLING UNITS,
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION**



**DUAL OCCUPANCY DWELLING UNITS APPROVED,
VICTORIA**

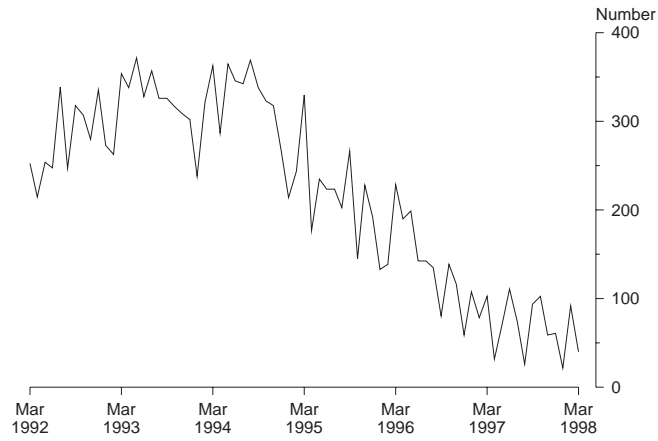


TABLE 13. NUMBER OF DUAL OCCUPANCY (a) DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

<i>Statistical local area (b) (c)</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>July - Mar. 1997-98</i>	<i>Mar. 1998</i>
Banyule (C)				
Heidelberg	n.a.	n.a.	6	—
North	n.a.	n.a.	7	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	13	—
Bayside (C)				
Brighton	49	27	24	—
South	n.a.	n.a.	21	2
Total	n.a.	n.a.	45	2
Boroondara (C)				
Camberwell North	n.a.	n.a.	10	1
Camberwell South	n.a.	n.a.	8	—
Hawthorn	8	6	2	—
Kew	24	1	7	2
Total	104	29	27	3
Brimbank (C)				
Keilor	n.a.	n.a.	27	4
Sunshine	n.a.	n.a.	15	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	42	4
Cardinia (S)				
Pakenham	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
South	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Casey (C)				
Berwick	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
South	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Darebin (C)				
Northcote	n.a.	n.a.	16	—
Preston	n.a.	n.a.	7	1
Total	n.a.	n.a.	23	1
Frankston (C)				
East	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
West	n.a.	n.a.	5	1
Total	n.a.	n.a.	5	1
Glen Eira (C)				
Caulfield	87	73	12	—
South	n.a.	n.a.	22	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	34	—
Greater Dandenong (C)				
Dandenong	9	17	—	—
Balance	n.a.	n.a.	8	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	8	—
Hobsons Bay (C)				
Altona	n.a.	n.a.	10	—
Williamstown	n.a.	n.a.	5	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	15	—
Hume (C)				
Broadmeadows	n.a.	n.a.	10	—
Craigieburn	n.a.	n.a.	2	—
Sunbury	n.a.	n.a.	4	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	16	—
Kingston (C)				
North	n.a.	n.a.	23	2
South	n.a.	n.a.	17	1
Total	n.a.	n.a.	40	3
Knox (C)	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Manningham (C)	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Maribymong (C)	n.a.	n.a.	12	—
Maroondah (C)				
Croydon	n.a.	n.a.	17	1
Ringwood	n.a.	n.a.	14	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	31	1
Melbourne (C)				
Inner	—	—	—	—
Remainder	n.a.	2	—	—
Total	n.a.	2	—	—
Melton (S)				
East	n.a.	n.a.	2	—
Balance	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	2	—
Monash (C)				
South-West	n.a.	n.a.	19	6
Waverley East	n.a.	n.a.	6	—
Waverley West	n.a.	n.a.	23	5
Total	n.a.	n.a.	48	11

TABLE 13. NUMBER OF DUAL OCCUPANCY (a) DWELLING UNITS APPROVED—*continued*

<i>Statistical local area (b) (c)</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>July - Mar. 1997-98</i>	<i>Mar. 1998</i>
Moonee Valley (C)				
Essendon	49	—	—	—
West	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	—	—
Moreland (C)				
Brunswick	10	5	8	—
Coburg	n.a.	n.a.	8	—
North	n.a.	n.a.	10	—
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>26</i>	—
Mornington Peninsula (S)				
East	n.a.	n.a.	4	—
South	14	—	6	1
West	n.a.	n.a.	2	—
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>1</i>
Nillumbik (S)				
South-West	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Balance	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	—	—
Port Phillip (C)				
St Kilda	n.a.	n.a.	4	—
West	n.a.	1	8	—
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>12</i>	—
Stonnington (C)				
Prahran	n.a.	n.a.	7	2
Malvern	33	19	16	2
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>4</i>
Whitehorse (C)				
Box Hill	39	36	9	—
Nunawading East	n.a.	n.a.	11	2
Nunawading West	n.a.	n.a.	15	2
<i>Total</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>4</i>
Whittlesea (C)	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Wyndham (C)	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Yarra (C)				
North	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Richmond	25	14	15	—
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>15</i>	—
Yarra Ranges (S) (d)				
Central	3	5	—	—
North	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
South-West	n.a.	n.a.	5	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>
Melbourne Statistical Division	1,919	979	489	36
Rest of Victoria	373	175	82	4
Total Victoria	2,292	1,154	571	40

(a) Refer to paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) As a result of changes to Statistical Division and Statistical Subdivision boundaries, data for periods prior to July 1995 are not directly comparable to data for periods from July 1995 onward. (c) Data for periods marked "n.a." are not available because boundaries have been significantly altered. (d) The Shire of Yarra Ranges comprises four Statistical Local Areas (SLA). Approvals data for the three SLAs included in the Melbourne Statistical Division are shown in Table 13. The other SLA is included in the Gippsland Statistical Division.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1. This publication contains monthly details of building work approved.
2. For purposes of comparison, it should be noted that statistics of building approvals are affected from month to month by large projects (e.g. blocks of flats, multi-storey office buildings) approved in particular months and also by the administrative arrangements of government authorities.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

3. Statistics of building work approved are compiled from:
 - (a) permits issued by local authorities in areas subject to building control by those authorities; and
 - (b) contracts let or day labour work authorised by Commonwealth, State, semi-government and local government authorities.
 - (c) major building activity which takes place in areas not subject to the normal administrative approval processes (e.g. buildings on remote mine sites).
 - (d) permits issued by licensed private building surveyors. The last category reflects implementation of the 1993 Building Act by the Victorian Government from 1 July 1994.
4. The statistics relate to building activity which includes construction of new buildings, and alterations and additions to existing buildings. Construction activity not defined as building (e.g. construction of roads, bridges, railways, earthworks etc.) is excluded from this publication, but can be found in the ABS publication *Engineering Construction Survey* (Cat. no. 8762.0).
5. In relation to work carried out on existing buildings, the statistics include details of non-structural renovation and refurbishment work and the installation of integral building fixtures for which building approval was obtained.
6. From July 1990, the statistics cover:
 - (a) all approved new residential building jobs valued at \$10,000 or more (previously \$5,000 or more)
 - (b) approved alterations and additions to residential buildings valued at \$10,000 or more
 - (c) all approved non-residential building jobs valued at \$50,000 or more (previously \$30,000 or more).

These changes in coverage do not have a statistically significant effect on broad building approvals aggregate data. However, care should be taken in interpreting data for specific classes of non-residential building.

DEFINITIONS

7. A *building* is defined as 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, to satisfy its intended use, is the provision for regular access by persons.
8. A *dwelling unit* is defined as a self-contained suite of rooms, including cooking and bathing facilities and intended for long term residential use. Units (whether self-contained or not) within buildings offering institutional care such as hospitals or temporary accommodation, such as motels, hostels and holiday apartments are not defined as dwelling units. The value of units of this type is included in the appropriate category of non-residential buildings' approved.
9. A *residential building* is defined as a building predominantly consisting of one or more dwelling units. Residential buildings can be either houses or other residential buildings.
 - (a) A *house* is defined as a detached building predominantly used for long term residential purposes and consisting of only one dwelling unit. Thus detached granny flats and detached dwelling units such as caretaker's residences associated with non-residential buildings are defined as houses for the purpose of these statistics.
 - (b) An *other residential building* is defined as a building which is predominantly used for long term residential purposes and which contains (or has attached to it) more than one dwelling unit (e.g. includes townhouses, duplexes, apartment buildings etc.).

10. Details of dual occupancy dwelling units approved are included in Tables 12 and 13 of this publication. The dual occupancy concept applies in each case where two dwelling units occupy a single residential allotment and new dwelling units are created as follows:

- (a) when two new dwelling units are to be erected on one allotment both units are counted.
- (b) when one new dwelling unit is to be erected on an allotment already occupied by an existing dwelling unit, the new unit is counted.
- (c) when an existing dwelling unit is to be altered or added to, to create two dwelling units, one new unit is counted.
- (d) when a non-residential building is to be altered and/or added to, to create two dwelling units, both units are counted.

11. From the January 1995 issue of this publication, the number of dwelling units approved as part of alterations and additions to or conversions of existing residential or non-residential buildings and as part of the construction of non-residential building is shown separately in Table 1 under the heading of 'Conversions, etc.', and is included in the total number of dwelling units shown in the table. Previously, such dwellings were only included as a footnote.

12. In addition, from the January 1995 issue, the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for the number of dwelling units approved, shown in Table 3, include these conversions, etc. Previously, only dwelling units approved as part of the construction of new residential buildings were included in these estimates.

13. The value of new residential building approved continues to exclude the value of dwelling units approved as part of alterations and additions to or conversions of existing residential or non-residential buildings and as part of the construction of non-residential building. Approved building work represented by these conversions, etc. jobs continues to be included in the value of alterations and additions to residential buildings or in the value of non-residential building as appropriate.

14. Value data are derived by aggregation of the estimated value (when completed) of building work (excluding value of land and landscaping but including site preparation) *as reported on approval documents*. For 'houses', these estimates are usually a reliable indicator of the completed value of the building. However, for 'other residential buildings' and 'non-residential buildings' these estimates can differ significantly from the completed value of the building.

BUILDING CLASSIFICATION

15. *Ownership of a building* is classified as either Public Sector or Private Sector according to the sector of the intended owner of the completed building as evident at the time of approval. Residential buildings being constructed by private sector builders under government housing authority schemes whereby the authority has contracted, or intends to contract, to purchase the buildings on or before completion, are classified as public sector.

16. *Functional classification of buildings:* a building is classified according to its intended major function. Hence 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 building and not to the function of the group as a whole. An example of this can be seen in the treatment of building work approved for a factory complex. In this case a detached administration building would be classified to Offices, a detached cafeteria building to Shops, while factory buildings would be classified to Factories. An exception to this rule is the treatment of group accommodation buildings *e.g.* a student accommodation building on a university campus would be classified to Educational.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

17. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series may be more clearly recognised.

18. Table 3 shows seasonally adjusted estimates for both private and total dwellings. For the four series shown, account has been taken of normal seasonal factors and 'trading day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays etc. in the month) and the effect of movement in the date of Easter which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months.

19. Seasonal adjustment procedures do not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month, such as the effect of the approval of large projects or as a consequence of the administrative arrangements of approving authorities. These irregular influences that are highly volatile can make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variation.

20. Most of the component series have been seasonally adjusted independently. Therefore, the adjusted components may not add to the adjusted totals. Further, the difference between independently seasonally adjusted series does not necessarily produce series which are optimum or even adequate adjustments of the similarly derived original series. Thus the figures which can be derived by subtracting seasonally adjusted private sector dwelling units from the seasonally adjusted total should not be used to represent seasonally adjusted public sector dwelling units.

21. As happens with all seasonally adjusted series, the seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's data. For Building Approvals, the results of the latest review are normally shown in the July issue each year. Further information about seasonal adjustment can be obtained from the Assistant Director of Time Series Analysis, Canberra, on (02) 6252 6345.

TREND ESTIMATES

22. Seasonally adjusted series can be smoothed to reduce the impact of the irregular component in the adjusted series. This smoothed seasonally adjusted series is called a trend estimate.

23. Table 3 shows trend estimates for both private and total dwellings. These are obtained by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months of the respective 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 time series. For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series – Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (Cat. no. 1348.0).

24. While the smoothing technique described in paragraphs 22 and 23 enables trend estimates to be produced for the latest few months, it does result in revisions to the trend estimates as new data become 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.

ESTIMATES AT CONSTANT PRICES

25. Estimates of the quarterly value of building approvals at average 1989–90 prices are presented in Table 4. (Note: monthly value data at constant prices are not available.)

26. Constant price estimates measure changes in value after the direct effects of price changes have been eliminated. The deflators used to revalue the current price estimates are derived from the same price data underlying the deflators compiled for the dwelling and non-dwelling construction components of the national accounts aggregate 'Gross fixed capital expenditure'.

27. Estimates at constant prices are subject to a number of approximations and assumptions. Further information on the nature and concepts of constant price estimates is contained in Chapter 4 of *Australian National Accounts : Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 5216.0).

AUSTRALIAN STANDARD GEOGRAPHICAL CLASSIFICATION (ASGC)

28. Area statistics are now being classified to the *Australian Standard Geographical Classification, 1996 Edition* (Cat. no. 1216.0), effective from 1 July 1996, and ASGC terminology has been adopted in the presentation of building statistics.

29. The 1996 edition of the ASGC includes some changes to Victorian Statistical Divisions (SDs), Statistical Subdivisions (SSDs) and Statistical Local Areas (SLAs). Further details are:

- (a) The Shire of Milawa was renamed to Wangaratta and constituted as a Rural City.
- (b) Western Fringe Melbourne SSD (in Melbourne SD) has been renamed Melton–Wyndham SSD.
- (c) (i) The boundary of the Bendigo Statistical District has been extended to include a part transferred from Greater Bendigo (C) – Part B SLA to Greater Bendigo (C) – Strathfieldsaye SLA. There are consequential changes to Greater Bendigo City Part A and North Loddon SSDs.
- (ii) All SLAs in Greater Bendigo (C) LGA have been redefined. The seven new SLAs are: Greater Bendigo (C) – Central, Greater Bendigo (C) – Eaglehawk, Greater Bendigo (C) – Inner East, Greater Bendigo (C) – Inner North, Greater Bendigo (C) – Inner West, Greater Bendigo (C) – Strathfieldsaye (in Greater Bendigo City Part A SSD) and Greater Bendigo (C) – Part B (in North Loddon SSD).
- (d) The following SLA splits (and boundary changes) have occurred:
 - (i) Cardinia (S) – Pakenham has been split into two SLAs, Cardinia (S) – Pakenham (which also includes a part from Cardinia (S) – South) and Cardinia (S) – North

- (ii) Casey (C) – Berwick lost part to Casey (C) – South; remainder has been split into two SLAs, Casey (C) – Berwick and Casey (C) – Hallam
 - (iii) Casey (C) – South has been split into two SLAs, Casey (C) – South (which also includes a part from Casey (C) – Berwick) and Casey (C) – Cranbourne
 - (iv) Knox (C) has been split into two SLAs, Knox (C) – North and Knox (C) – South
 - (v) Manningham (C) has been split into two SLAs, Manningham (C) – East and Manningham (C) – West
 - (vi) Moira (S) has been split into two SLAs, Moira (S) – East and Moira (S) – West
 - (vii) Nillumbik (S) Bal has been split into two SLAs, Nillumbik (S) – South (which also includes a part from Nillumbik (S) – South-West) and Nillumbik (S) Bal
 - (viii) Pyrenees (S) has been split into two SLAs, Pyrenees (S) – North and Pyrenees (S) – South
 - (ix) Swan Hill (RC) Bal has been split into two SLAs, Swan Hill (RC) – Robinvale and Swan Hill (RC) Bal
 - (x) Whittlesea (C) has been split into two SLAs, Whittlesea (C) – North and Whittlesea (C) – South
 - (xi) Wyndham (C) has been split into three SLAs, Wyndham (C) – North-West, Wyndham (C) – Werribee and Wyndham (C) Bal
- (e) There have been changes between the following boundaries:
- (i) Ballarat (C) – Central and Ballarat (C) – Inner North
 - (ii) Ballarat (C) – Inner North and Ballarat (C) – South
 - (iii) Banyule (C) – Heidelberg and Banyule (C) – North
 - (iv) Colac–Otway (S) – Colac, and Colac–Otway (S) – North
 - (v) East Gippsland (S) – Orbost and East Gippsland (S) Bal
 - (vi) Geelong and Geelong West
 - (vii) Glenelg (S) – Heywood and Glenelg (S) – North
 - (viii) Glenelg (S) – Heywood and Glenelg (S) – Portland
 - (ix) Loddon (S) – North and Loddon (S) – South
 - (x) Macedon Ranges (S) – Kyneton and Macedon Ranges (S) Bal
 - (xi) Maroondah (C) – Croydon and Maroondah (C) – Ringwood
 - (xii) Moonee Valley (C) – Essendon and Moonee Valley (C) – West
 - (xiii) Moyne (S) Bal abolished: split between Moyne (S) – South (renamed to Moyne (S) – South-West) and new SLA Moyne (S) – North-West
 - (xiv) Moyne (S) – South created from Moyne (S) – South-West and the southern part of Moyne (S) Bal
 - (xv) Nillumbik (S) – South-West, and Nillumbik (S) – South
 - (xvi) Surf Coast (S) – East and Surf Coast (S) – West
 - (xvii) Wangaratta (RC) – North (previously Milawa (S) – North) and Wangaratta (RC) – South (previously Milawa (S) – South)
 - (xviii) Wangaratta (RC) – Central renamed from Milawa (S) – Wangaratta
 - (xix) Wellington (S) – Avon and Wellington (S) – Maffra

30. Tables 8, 9 and 13 show approvals statistics according to the new SLA structure for July 1996. Tables 10, 11, 12 and 13 include data for previous periods relating to those geographic areas for which no boundary changes have been made and for SDs to which only minor boundary changes have been made. (Historical data for SDs subject to significant boundary changes can, in some instances, be provided as a special data service. Charges apply for these services.)

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