

# **BUILDING ACTIVITY** QUEENSLAND

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## SEPTEMBER QTR KEY FIGURES

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	Sep qtr 02	Jun qtr 02 to Sep qtr 02 % change	Sep qtr 01 to Sep qtr 02 % change
Value of work done(a) (\$m)	2 125.9	8.4	22.2
New residential building (\$m)	1 289.3	5.8	31.0
Alterations and additions(b) (\$m)	186.7	28.5	37.3
Non-residential building (\$m)	649.8	8.7	4.9
Total dwelling units commenced (no.)	11 526	33.1	31.8
New private sector houses (no.)	7 382	27.6	16.4

(a) Chain volume measures, reference year 2000–01. (b) To residential buildings.

## SEPTEMBER QTR KEY POINTS

### VALUE OF WORK DONE, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, VOLUME TERMS

- In seasonally adjusted terms, total building work done rose 8.4% in the September quarter 2002 to \$2,125.9m, a level exceeded only by the June quarter 2000 (\$2,148.6m).
- Work done on new residential buildings rose 5.8% to \$1,289.3m, the second highest level since the December quarter 1994. New houses rose by 3.3% to \$922.3m and new other residential buildings by 12.6%, the sixth successive quarterly increase, to \$367.0m. Alterations and additions rose 28.5% to a record \$186.7m.
- Non-residential building work rose 8.7% to \$649.8m.

### VALUE OF WORK COMMENCED, ORIGINAL, VOLUME TERMS

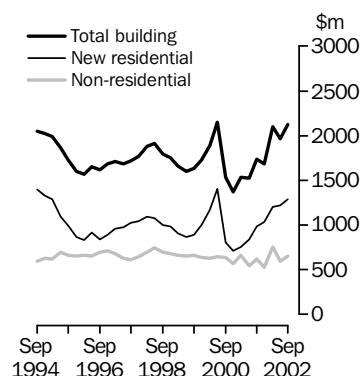
- Total building work commenced rose 8.2% in the September quarter to a record \$2,539.6m.
- New residential commencements rose 26.3% to a record \$1,754.9m. New houses rose 18.4% to \$1,115.4m and new other residential buildings jumped 43.0%, the seventh successive quarterly increase, to \$639.5m, both record levels. Commencements of alterations and additions jumped 65.2% to \$243.9m, also a record level.
- Non-residential commencements fell by 33.2% from the previous quarter's four year high, to \$540.8m.

### NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

- In seasonally adjusted terms, the total number of dwellings commenced jumped 33.1% in the September quarter to 11,526 and new private sector houses rose by 27.6% to 7,382, both being the highest number since the December quarter 1994.

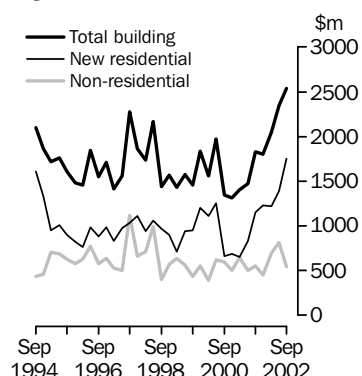
### Value of work done

Volume terms  
Seasonally adjusted



### Value of work commenced

Volume terms  
Original



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## NOTES

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### ABOUT THIS ISSUE

This publication contains the first detailed estimates for Queensland from the quarterly Building Activity Survey. The data are subject to revision when returns from the following quarter are processed. Final data for the September quarter 2002 will be released in *Building Activity, Queensland* (cat. no. 8752.3) on 2 May 2003.

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### SIGNIFICANT REVISIONS THIS ISSUE

Compared with the estimates in original terms published in the previous issue of this publication:

- the total number of dwellings commenced during the June quarter 2002 has been revised upwards by 149 (+1.6%), and
- the total value of building work commenced during the June quarter has been revised upwards by \$296.4m (+13.8%), with increases of \$45.1m (+2.9%) in residential building and \$251.3m (+41.4%) in non-residential building.

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**TABLE 1. VALUE OF BUILDING WORK COMMENCED, CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES(a)**  
(\$ million)

Period	New residential building			Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building
	Houses	Other residential building	Total		Private sector	Total	
1999-2000	3,393.1	1,135.9	4,512.2	415.9	1,329.1	2,000.4	6,825.4
2000-2001	1,991.0	852.7	2,843.6	443.5	1,491.6	2,251.9	5,539.0
2001-2002	3,578.2	1,413.4	4,991.7	532.7	1,668.4	2,510.0	8,034.4
2001 Jun qtr	599.2	235.0	833.5	145.2	316.0	502.6	1,471.1
Sep. qtr	907.0	245.8	1,152.8	122.0	399.6	555.5	1,830.3
Dec. qtr	888.9	343.2	1,232.1	127.0	382.0	447.3	1,806.5
2002 Mar. qtr	840.1	377.1	1,217.2	136.1	560.2	697.1	2,050.4
Jun qtr	942.2	447.3	1,389.6	147.6	326.6	810.1	2,347.2
Sep. qtr	1,115.4	639.5	1,754.9	243.9	478.9	540.8	2,539.6

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 2000-2001. See paragraphs 29 and 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

**TABLE 2. VALUE OF BUILDING WORK DONE, CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES(a)**  
(\$ million)

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Period	New residential building			Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building
	Houses	Other residential building	Total		Private sector	Total	
ORIGINAL							
1999-2000	3,422.9	1,056.5	4,467.0	416.9	1,748.7	2,569.3	7,401.2
2000-2001	2,117.8	998.8	3,116.5	426.1	1,591.4	2,419.5	5,962.2
2001-2002	3,282.1	1,163.3	4,445.4	536.9	1,618.0	2,502.9	7,485.2
2001 Jun qtr	585.5	259.5	844.8	140.9	392.0	597.2	1,578.8
Sep. qtr	748.3	290.3	1,038.6	134.9	425.7	634.7	1,808.2
Dec. qtr	816.9	275.9	1,092.8	137.4	365.9	580.9	1,811.1
2002 Mar. qtr	810.0	269.2	1,079.2	122.8	422.1	631.9	1,833.9
Jun qtr	906.9	327.9	1,234.8	141.8	404.3	655.4	2,032.0
Sep. qtr	966.4	391.6	1,358.0	184.9	512.2	663.2	2,206.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
2001 Jun qtr	580.2	260.0	839.9	144.0	376.1	547.3	1,524.4
Sep. qtr	712.5	271.4	983.9	136.0	397.1	619.7	1,739.6
Dec. qtr	763.9	273.5	1,037.4	117.1	340.6	527.2	1,681.7
2002 Mar. qtr	913.0	292.5	1,205.5	138.4	496.3	758.0	2,101.9
Jun qtr	892.7	325.9	1,218.6	145.3	384.1	598.0	1,961.9
Sep. qtr	922.3	367.0	1,289.3	186.7	480.9	649.8	2,125.9

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 2000-2001. See paragraphs 29 to 31 of the Explanatory Notes.

**TABLE 3. VALUE OF BUILDING WORK DONE(a):SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES**  
(\$ million)

Period	New residential building			Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building
	Houses	Other residential building	Total		Private sector	Total	
2001 Jun. qtr	580.2	252.9	833.1	145.2	369.2	540.3	1,518.6
Sep. qtr	712.1	264.0	976.1	136.6	389.6	610.0	1,722.7
Dec. qtr	766.9	271.9	1,038.8	117.8	335.1	519.6	1,676.1
2002 Mar. qtr	924.6	293.5	1,218.2	140.1	498.2	761.1	2,119.3
Jun. qtr	917.6	331.8	1,249.4	149.2	390.7	608.0	2,006.6
Sep. qtr	960.2	378.2	1,338.4	196.2	489.8	665.7	2,200.2

(a) From the September quarter 2000, data is inclusive of non-deductible GST payable on residential buildings. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

**TABLE 4. NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED AND COMPLETED: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES**

Period	New houses				Total dwelling units (includes conversions etc)			
	Private sector		Total		Private sector		Total	
	Commenced	Completed	Commenced	Completed	Commenced	Completed	Commenced	Completed
2001 Jun. qtr	3,918	3,791	3,972	3,830	5,860	5,349	5,918	5,457
Sep. qtr	6,342	4,008	6,417	4,096	8,459	6,066	8,745	6,326
Dec. qtr	6,243	5,593	6,316	5,657	8,171	8,657	8,378	8,809
2002 Mar. qtr	6,753	5,544	6,832	5,608	9,341	6,998	9,577	7,243
Jun. qtr	5,785	6,381	5,823	6,477	8,794	8,619	8,657	8,690
Sep. qtr	7,382	5,648	7,451	5,695	11,247	6,819	11,526	6,965

**TABLE 5. NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMMENCED(a): ORIGINAL**

Period	Number of dwelling units				Value (\$m)						
	New houses	New other residential building	Conversions etc.	Total dwelling units	New houses	New other residential building	New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Total residential building	Total non-residential building	Total building
PRIVATE SECTOR											
1999-2000	23,823	9,645	228	33,696	2,957.2	1,044.2	4,001.3	343.9	4,345.3	1,371.0	5,716.3
2000-2001	14,261	7,288	345	21,895	1,955.7	796.8	2,752.5	416.1	3,168.7	1,491.5	4,660.2
2001-2002	25,016	9,377	299	34,692	3,555.6	1,425.9	4,981.5	504.2	5,485.7	1,731.5	7,217.2
2001 Jun. qtr	4,287	1,852	124	6,264	587.1	214.3	801.4	126.1	927.5	315.8	1,243.3
Sep. qtr	6,420	1,930	47	8,396	894.2	229.0	1,123.3	114.0	1,237.3	406.3	1,643.6
Dec. qtr	6,293	2,137	33	8,463	871.6	345.8	1,217.4	120.9	1,338.3	393.8	1,732.0
2002 Mar. qtr	5,955	2,356	108	8,419	837.0	388.8	1,225.9	129.9	1,355.8	585.6	1,941.4
Jun. qtr	6,348	2,954	111	9,414	952.8	462.1	1,414.9	139.4	1,554.3	345.9	1,900.2
Sep. qtr	7,458	3,382	314	11,154	1,153.7	660.1	1,813.8	251.6	2,065.4	512.4	2,577.8
PUBLIC SECTOR											
1999-2000	395	485	1	881	52.1	41.3	93.4	24.6	118.0	693.2	811.2
2000-2001	245	525	2	772	35.2	55.9	91.2	27.4	118.5	760.3	878.8
2001-2002	258	277	19	554	40.9	35.0	75.9	34.5	110.5	880.8	991.2
2001 Jun. qtr	70	169	—	239	11.3	19.3	30.6	18.5	49.0	186.6	235.6
Sep. qtr	53	167	18	238	8.7	19.3	28.1	7.7	35.8	158.7	194.4
Dec. qtr	98	28	—	126	15.6	4.6	20.2	6.2	26.4	67.4	93.8
2002 Mar. qtr	51	20	—	71	7.8	2.3	10.1	8.0	18.1	143.0	161.1
Jun. qtr	56	62	1	119	8.8	8.8	17.6	12.6	30.2	511.7	541.9
Sep. qtr	44	168	—	212	7.2	21.7	28.9	5.2	34.1	66.3	100.4
TOTAL											
1999-2000	24,218	10,130	229	34,577	3,009.2	1,085.5	4,094.7	368.6	4,463.3	2,064.1	6,527.4
2000-2001	14,506	7,813	347	22,666	1,990.9	852.7	2,843.7	443.5	3,287.2	2,251.9	5,539.1
2001-2002	25,274	9,654	318	35,245	3,596.6	1,460.9	5,057.4	538.8	5,596.2	2,612.3	8,208.5
2001 Jun. qtr	4,357	2,021	124	6,502	598.4	233.6	832.0	144.5	976.5	502.3	1,478.9
Sep. qtr	6,473	2,097	65	8,634	903.0	248.4	1,151.4	121.7	1,273.1	564.9	1,838.0
Dec. qtr	6,391	2,165	33	8,588	887.1	350.5	1,237.6	127.1	1,364.7	461.1	1,825.8
2002 Mar. qtr	6,006	2,376	108	8,490	844.9	391.1	1,236.0	137.9	1,373.9	728.6	2,102.5
Jun. qtr	6,404	3,016	112	9,533	961.6	470.9	1,432.5	152.0	1,584.6	857.6	2,442.1
Sep. qtr	7,502	3,550	314	11,365	1,160.9	681.8	1,842.7	256.8	2,099.5	578.7	2,678.2

(a) Data is inclusive of non-deductible GST payable on residential buildings. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

**TABLE 6. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING COMMENCED: ORIGINAL**  
(\$ million)

<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>Entertain- ment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscel- laneous</i>	<i>Total non-resi- dential building</i>
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>											
1999-2000	130.9	317.7	148.6	174.9	242.3	66.1	19.0	142.0	90.5	38.8	1,371.0
2000-2001	114.1	365.0	117.9	243.9	310.0	112.4	22.7	63.0	81.4	61.2	1,491.5
2001-2002	100.5	505.0	84.0	342.1	262.8	97.5	34.5	142.6	68.5	94.0	1,731.5
2001 Jun. qtr	24.4	65.0	28.6	53.3	71.4	18.4	3.7	13.3	17.8	19.9	315.8
Sep. qtr	25.8	105.5	27.6	61.5	69.4	36.8	4.9	37.0	15.1	22.8	406.3
Dec. qtr	39.6	153.0	15.7	41.9	53.2	28.8	3.5	13.4	27.4	17.2	393.8
2002 Mar. qtr	23.8	115.9	17.7	202.0	72.4	11.8	23.0	83.8	16.5	18.7	585.6
Jun. qtr	11.3	130.6	22.9	36.6	67.8	20.2	3.2	8.3	9.5	35.3	345.9
Sep. qtr	17.9	183.4	34.2	79.3	82.2	44.2	4.0	21.0	14.6	31.8	512.4
<b>PUBLIC SECTOR</b>											
1999-2000	1.3	3.7	3.4	46.7	32.9	131.9	—	90.9	22.5	359.8	693.2
2000-2001	7.2	1.9	7.8	29.7	60.9	285.6	0.4	222.7	32.0	112.2	760.3
2001-2002	2.4	7.7	3.5	167.4	59.4	214.0	—	44.2	300.3	81.8	880.8
2001 Jun. qtr	4.5	0.7	1.1	12.4	8.8	87.6	—	47.4	5.7	18.5	186.6
Sep. qtr	0.1	4.4	1.8	28.4	11.1	68.1	—	32.5	4.0	8.2	158.7
Dec. qtr	2.2	—	1.1	4.7	13.8	23.2	—	5.5	4.8	12.0	67.4
2002 Mar. qtr	—	3.1	0.2	14.5	7.4	91.1	—	0.4	18.4	8.0	143.0
Jun. qtr	—	0.2	0.5	119.9	27.1	31.6	—	5.8	273.1	53.6	511.7
Sep. qtr	1.5	0.7	—	13.0	4.2	32.6	—	2.6	10.1	1.6	66.3
<b>TOTAL</b>											
1999-2000	132.2	321.4	152.1	221.7	275.2	198.0	19.0	232.9	113.0	398.6	2,064.1
2000-2001	121.3	367.0	125.6	273.6	370.9	398.0	23.1	285.7	113.4	173.4	2,251.9
2001-2002	102.9	512.7	87.5	509.6	322.2	311.5	34.5	186.8	368.8	175.9	2,612.3
2001 Jun. qtr	28.8	65.8	29.6	65.7	80.1	106.0	3.7	60.7	23.5	38.4	502.3
Sep. qtr	26.0	109.9	29.4	89.9	80.4	104.8	4.9	69.5	19.1	31.0	564.9
Dec. qtr	41.8	153.0	16.8	46.6	67.0	52.0	3.5	18.9	32.2	29.3	461.1
2002 Mar. qtr	23.8	118.9	17.9	216.5	79.8	102.8	23.0	84.3	35.0	26.7	728.6
Jun. qtr	11.3	130.8	23.4	156.6	94.9	51.8	3.2	14.2	282.6	88.9	857.6
Sep. qtr	19.4	184.1	34.2	92.3	86.3	76.8	4.0	23.6	24.7	33.3	578.7

**TABLE 7. NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD(a): ORIGINAL**

TABLE A: NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD (A), ORIGINAL											
Period	Number of dwelling units				Value (\$m)						
	New houses	New other residential building	Con-versions etc.	Total dwelling units	New houses	New other residential building	New residential building	Alterations and additions to	Total residential building	Total non-residential building	Total building
								residential buildings			
PRIVATE SECTOR											
1999-2000	5,912	6,064	149	12,125	861.6	721.1	1,582.7	100.5	1,683.2	929.9	2,613.1
2000-2001	4,038	5,238	254	9,530	606.1	720.1	1,326.1	155.5	1,481.6	967.5	2,449.1
2001-2002	7,552	6,066	198	13,816	1,210.7	1,071.1	2,281.7	172.0	2,453.7	887.1	3,340.9
2001 Jun. qtr	4,038	5,238	254	9,530	606.1	720.1	1,326.1	155.5	1,481.6	967.5	2,449.1
Sep. qtr	6,089	4,771	267	11,127	901.5	664.9	1,566.5	148.5	1,715.0	677.9	2,392.9
Dec. qtr	6,396	4,231	134	10,762	983.2	648.7	1,631.9	142.1	1,774.0	664.2	2,438.2
2002 Mar. qtr	7,482	4,864	219	12,565	1,185.4	855.9	2,041.2	178.4	2,219.7	941.5	3,161.2
Jun. qtr	7,552	6,066	198	13,816	1,210.7	1,071.1	2,281.7	172.0	2,453.7	887.1	3,340.9
Sep. qtr	8,838	8,038	495	17,371	1,477.7	1,564.8	3,042.5	287.8	3,330.3	1,035.1	4,365.4
PUBLIC SECTOR											
1999-2000	92	209	—	301	15.3	18.4	33.7	4.6	38.3	1,324.2	1,362.6
2000-2001	113	246	—	359	18.2	28.0	46.2	4.0	50.2	1,284.4	1,334.6
2001-2002	43	84	1	128	7.0	12.2	19.1	6.0	25.1	1,305.0	1,330.1
2001 Jun. qtr	113	246	—	359	18.2	28.0	46.2	4.0	50.2	1,284.4	1,334.6
Sep. qtr	65	281	18	364	11.5	32.6	44.1	3.4	47.5	1,270.5	1,318.0
Dec. qtr	68	240	—	308	11.0	27.1	38.1	1.8	39.9	1,142.3	1,182.2
2002 Mar. qtr	77	32	—	109	12.8	5.1	17.9	2.7	20.6	1,167.9	1,188.5
Jun. qtr	43	84	1	128	7.0	12.2	19.1	6.0	25.1	1,305.0	1,330.1
Sep. qtr	45	225	—	270	7.3	29.2	36.5	6.1	42.6	1,207.6	1,250.2
TOTAL											
1999-2000	6,004	6,273	149	12,426	876.9	739.5	1,616.4	105.1	1,721.5	2,254.2	3,975.7
2000-2001	4,150	5,484	254	9,889	624.2	748.1	1,372.3	159.5	1,531.8	2,251.9	3,783.8
2001-2002	7,595	6,150	199	13,944	1,217.6	1,083.2	2,300.9	178.0	2,478.9	2,192.1	4,671.0
2001 Jun. qtr	4,150	5,484	254	9,889	624.2	748.1	1,372.3	159.5	1,531.8	2,251.9	3,783.8
Sep. qtr	6,154	5,052	285	11,491	913.0	697.5	1,610.6	151.9	1,762.5	1,948.4	3,710.9
Dec. qtr	6,464	4,471	134	11,070	994.1	675.8	1,669.9	143.9	1,813.9	1,806.5	3,620.4
2002 Mar. qtr	7,559	4,896	219	12,674	1,198.2	860.9	2,059.2	181.1	2,240.2	2,109.4	4,349.7
Jun. qtr	7,595	6,150	199	13,944	1,217.6	1,083.2	2,300.9	178.0	2,478.9	2,192.1	4,671.0
Sep. qtr	8,883	8,263	495	17,641	1,485.0	1,594.0	3,079.0	293.9	3,372.9	2,242.7	5,615.6

(a) Data is inclusive of non-deductible GST payable on residential buildings. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes.



**TABLE 8. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD: ORIGINAL**  
(\$ million)

<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>Entertain- ment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscel- laneous</i>	<i>Total non-resi- dential building</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR											
1999-2000	163.8	212.9	86.7	69.6	108.6	30.4	13.5	173.6	61.0	9.9	929.9
2000-2001	99.7	315.6	91.8	122.4	102.4	46.5	12.0	91.8	46.7	38.6	967.5
2001-2002	71.5	306.8	52.4	117.7	82.2	58.4	26.3	89.6	33.6	48.6	887.1
2001 Jun qtr	99.7	315.6	91.8	122.4	102.4	46.5	12.0	91.8	46.7	38.6	967.5
Sep. qtr	67.2	169.6	67.5	91.9	95.9	68.5	10.0	50.4	24.2	32.7	677.9
Dec. qtr	81.3	201.8	53.6	67.2	61.4	69.1	5.2	52.4	37.2	35.0	664.2
2002 Mar. qtr	93.2	244.6	50.9	210.5	78.3	49.3	25.1	113.6	35.6	40.5	941.5
Jun qtr	71.5	306.8	52.4	117.7	82.2	58.4	26.3	89.6	33.6	48.6	887.1
Sep. qtr	68.1	341.9	53.0	158.1	99.0	83.8	30.3	101.7	33.6	65.6	1,035.1
PUBLIC SECTOR											
1999-2000	—	0.4	2.0	11.1	42.5	122.0	—	758.1	38.8	349.4	1,324.2
2000-2001	6.7	0.1	1.1	12.0	34.0	239.3	—	654.8	23.1	313.4	1,284.4
2001-2002	2.0	—	0.5	126.1	56.5	211.7	—	358.3	276.8	273.2	1,305.0
2001 Jun qtr	6.7	0.1	1.1	12.0	34.0	239.3	—	654.8	23.1	313.4	1,284.4
Sep. qtr	4.5	3.6	2.1	34.5	29.0	262.8	—	681.4	18.5	234.2	1,270.5
Dec. qtr	4.7	1.2	—	36.0	34.2	242.6	—	587.6	7.5	228.4	1,142.3
2002 Mar. qtr	2.2	—	—	39.6	38.7	247.3	—	590.8	19.9	229.4	1,167.9
Jun qtr	2.0	—	0.5	126.1	56.5	211.7	—	358.3	276.8	273.2	1,305.0
Sep. qtr	3.5	0.5	0.5	131.6	41.8	218.6	—	339.6	273.0	198.5	1,207.6
TOTAL											
1999-2000	163.8	213.3	88.7	80.6	151.1	152.4	13.5	931.7	99.7	359.2	2,254.2
2000-2001	106.4	315.7	92.9	134.5	136.4	285.8	12.0	746.6	69.9	351.9	2,251.9
2001-2002	73.5	306.8	52.8	243.9	138.7	270.1	26.3	447.8	310.4	321.8	2,192.1
2001 Jun qtr	106.4	315.7	92.9	134.5	136.4	285.8	12.0	746.6	69.9	351.9	2,251.9
Sep. qtr	71.7	173.2	69.5	126.4	124.9	331.4	10.0	731.8	42.7	266.9	1,948.4
Dec. qtr	86.0	203.0	53.6	103.2	95.5	311.7	5.2	640.0	44.7	263.4	1,806.5
2002 Mar. qtr	95.4	244.6	50.9	250.1	117.0	296.6	25.1	704.4	55.5	269.9	2,109.4
Jun qtr	73.5	306.8	52.8	243.9	138.7	270.1	26.3	447.8	310.4	321.8	2,192.1
Sep. qtr	71.6	342.4	53.5	289.7	140.8	302.3	30.3	441.3	306.7	264.2	2,242.7

**TABLE 9. NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMPLETED(a): ORIGINAL**

Period	Number of dwelling units				Value (\$m)						
	New houses	New other residential building	Conversions etc.	Total dwelling units	New houses	New other residential building	New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Total residential building	Total non-residential building	Total building
PRIVATE SECTOR											
1999-2000	23,743	8,059	169	31,970	2,855.7	797.2	3,652.9	337.9	3,990.8	1,870.8	5,861.6
2000-2001	16,093	8,016	223	24,332	2,236.8	873.5	3,110.3	372.4	3,482.8	1,514.7	4,997.5
2001-2002	21,364	8,442	351	30,157	2,971.1	1,125.0	4,096.1	495.6	4,591.8	1,801.8	6,393.6
2001 Jun qtr	3,697	1,312	21	5,030	516.9	143.0	659.9	100.8	760.8	291.7	1,052.5
Sep. qtr	4,368	2,339	34	6,741	601.9	304.5	906.4	121.1	1,027.5	682.2	1,709.7
Dec. qtr	5,959	2,675	164	8,798	791.5	363.5	1,155.0	129.3	1,284.3	407.6	1,691.9
2002 Mar. qtr	4,814	1,682	21	6,517	644.7	200.7	845.4	95.2	940.6	303.1	1,243.7
Jun qtr	6,223	1,746	132	8,101	933.0	256.3	1,189.3	150.1	1,339.4	408.8	1,748.2
Sep. qtr	6,170	1,410	17	7,597	895.0	172.1	1,067.1	141.6	1,208.6	380.4	1,589.0
PUBLIC SECTOR											
1999-2000	414	648	2	1,064	52.5	53.0	105.5	20.3	125.9	666.6	792.5
2000-2001	223	488	2	713	33.4	47.1	80.5	28.6	109.0	784.7	893.7
2001-2002	316	427	18	761	51.4	48.9	100.3	32.5	132.8	901.9	1,034.7
2001 Jun qtr	36	82	2	120	4.9	8.6	13.4	15.0	28.4	146.4	174.8
Sep. qtr	89	120	—	209	14.3	13.7	28.1	8.3	36.3	193.5	229.8
Dec. qtr	95	69	18	182	16.2	9.9	26.1	7.8	33.9	194.4	228.3
2002 Mar. qtr	42	228	—	270	6.0	23.9	29.8	7.1	37.0	127.6	164.5
Jun qtr	90	10	—	100	14.9	1.4	16.3	9.2	25.6	386.5	412.0
Sep. qtr	42	27	1	70	6.9	4.7	11.5	5.1	16.7	170.8	187.4
TOTAL											
1999-2000	24,157	8,707	171	33,034	2,908.2	850.2	3,758.4	358.3	4,116.7	2,537.4	6,654.0
2000-2001	16,316	8,504	225	25,045	2,270.1	920.7	3,190.8	401.0	3,591.8	2,299.3	5,891.2
2001-2002	21,679	8,869	369	30,917	3,022.5	1,173.9	4,196.4	528.1	4,724.5	2,703.7	7,428.3
2001 Jun qtr	3,733	1,394	23	5,150	521.8	151.5	673.4	115.8	789.2	438.1	1,227.2
Sep. qtr	4,457	2,459	34	6,950	616.2	318.3	934.5	129.4	1,063.8	875.7	1,939.5
Dec. qtr	6,053	2,744	182	8,979	807.7	373.4	1,181.1	137.1	1,318.2	602.1	1,920.3
2002 Mar. qtr	4,856	1,910	21	6,787	650.7	224.6	875.3	102.3	977.6	430.7	1,408.3
Jun qtr	6,313	1,756	132	8,201	948.0	257.7	1,205.6	159.3	1,365.0	795.3	2,160.2
Sep. qtr	6,212	1,437	18	7,667	901.8	176.8	1,078.6	146.7	1,225.3	551.2	1,776.5

(a) Data is inclusive of non-deductible GST payable on residential buildings. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

**TABLE 10. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING COMPLETED: ORIGINAL**  
(\$ million)

<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>Entertain- ment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscel- laneous</i>	<i>Total non-resi- dential building</i>
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>											
1999-2000	300.7	501.7	165.5	213.6	271.3	56.4	10.5	177.5	133.3	40.2	1,870.8
2000-2001	175.6	312.5	115.9	204.9	314.1	93.2	24.4	140.4	100.4	33.1	1,514.7
2001-2002	126.2	522.5	114.3	350.4	281.2	85.2	20.7	132.6	82.1	86.6	1,801.8
2001 Jun qtr	12.0	64.3	27.3	44.2	60.3	32.7	4.0	19.0	17.8	10.2	291.7
Sep. qtr	57.8	253.6	44.0	91.3	73.2	12.7	7.6	75.9	36.6	29.5	682.2
Dec. qtr	25.8	123.1	29.2	68.3	89.1	29.3	8.0	4.5	14.2	16.2	407.6
2002 Mar. qtr	9.5	76.2	19.2	56.0	54.0	32.2	3.2	20.6	18.8	13.5	303.1
Jun qtr	33.1	69.6	21.9	134.8	65.0	11.0	2.0	31.7	12.5	27.4	408.8
Sep. qtr	23.4	156.1	33.6	39.1	66.7	18.9	—	10.4	17.2	15.0	380.4
<b>PUBLIC SECTOR</b>											
1999-2000	1.3	4.5	22.8	59.6	21.6	162.5	—	262.7	22.0	109.7	666.6
2000-2001	0.2	2.2	8.6	29.5	68.8	167.8	0.4	340.8	19.1	147.2	784.7
2001-2002	6.8	6.7	3.6	55.5	37.8	257.0	—	365.4	46.3	122.9	901.9
2001 Jun qtr	0.2	0.6	4.7	4.1	9.9	49.7	—	6.9	3.1	67.1	146.4
Sep. qtr	2.4	1.0	0.8	6.3	16.3	52.5	—	17.8	8.0	88.5	193.5
Dec. qtr	1.7	2.4	2.6	4.0	9.4	48.8	—	90.2	16.2	19.2	194.4
2002 Mar. qtr	2.7	3.1	0.2	11.9	2.4	83.6	—	12.0	6.1	5.6	127.6
Jun qtr	—	0.2	—	33.3	9.7	72.2	—	245.4	16.0	9.6	386.5
Sep. qtr	—	0.2	—	13.9	19.0	26.6	—	17.3	14.0	79.8	170.8
<b>TOTAL</b>											
1999-2000	301.9	506.2	188.3	273.2	292.9	218.9	10.5	440.2	155.3	149.9	2,537.4
2000-2001	175.9	314.7	124.5	234.4	382.9	261.0	24.8	481.2	119.5	180.3	2,299.3
2001-2002	133.1	529.2	117.9	405.9	319.0	342.2	20.7	498.0	128.3	209.5	2,703.7
2001 Jun qtr	12.2	64.9	32.0	48.2	70.2	82.4	4.0	25.9	21.0	77.3	438.1
Sep. qtr	60.2	254.6	44.8	97.5	89.5	65.2	7.6	93.7	44.6	118.0	875.7
Dec. qtr	27.5	125.5	31.8	72.3	98.5	78.0	8.0	94.6	30.4	35.4	602.1
2002 Mar. qtr	12.3	79.3	19.4	67.9	56.4	115.8	3.2	32.5	24.8	19.1	430.7
Jun qtr	33.1	69.8	21.9	168.1	74.7	83.1	2.0	277.1	28.5	37.0	795.3
Sep. qtr	23.4	156.2	33.6	53.0	85.7	45.5	—	27.7	31.1	94.8	551.2

**TABLE 11. VALUE OF BUILDING WORK DONE(a): ORIGINAL  
(\$ million)**

<i>Period</i>	<i>New houses</i>	<i>New other residential building</i>	<i>New residential building</i>	<i>Alterations and additions to residential buildings</i>	<i>Total residential building</i>	<i>Total non-resi- dential building</i>	<i>Total building</i>
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>							
1999-2000	2,980.6	913.7	3,894.3	346.9	4,241.3	1,759.1	6,000.4
2000-2001	2,082.6	950.6	3,033.2	396.9	3,430.1	1,591.3	5,021.4
2001-2002	3,255.6	1,117.4	4,373.0	506.2	4,879.2	1,592.4	6,471.6
2001 Jun. qtr	575.0	242.6	817.6	123.0	940.6	382.8	1,323.4
Sep. qtr	733.9	268.1	1,002.0	126.6	1,128.7	413.9	1,542.6
Dec. qtr	803.4	259.3	1,062.7	131.1	1,193.8	355.7	1,549.5
2002 Mar. qtr	804.1	261.7	1,065.8	115.5	1,181.3	417.7	1,599.0
Jun. qtr	914.2	328.3	1,242.5	133.0	1,375.4	405.1	1,780.5
Sep. qtr	998.7	393.3	1,392.0	188.1	1,580.1	520.8	2,100.9
<b>PUBLIC SECTOR</b>							
1999-2000	54.1	53.7	107.7	22.7	130.4	826.0	956.4
2000-2001	35.1	48.2	83.4	29.1	112.5	828.3	940.8
2001-2002	45.5	41.6	87.1	33.6	120.7	871.3	992.0
2001 Jun. qtr	10.0	10.9	20.9	17.7	38.6	200.5	239.1
Sep. qtr	11.4	14.6	26.0	7.7	33.7	203.2	237.0
Dec. qtr	12.3	14.8	27.0	6.1	33.1	209.0	242.1
2002 Mar. qtr	10.7	7.8	18.5	8.0	26.5	207.6	234.1
Jun. qtr	11.2	4.5	15.6	11.7	27.3	251.4	278.8
Sep. qtr	6.7	11.3	18.0	4.3	22.3	153.5	175.8
<b>TOTAL</b>							
1999-2000	3,034.7	967.4	4,002.1	369.6	4,371.7	2,585.1	6,956.8
2000-2001	2,117.7	998.8	3,116.6	426.0	3,542.6	2,419.6	5,962.2
2001-2002	3,301.1	1,159.1	4,460.1	539.7	4,999.9	2,463.7	7,463.6
2001 Jun. qtr	585.0	253.5	838.5	140.7	979.2	583.3	1,562.5
Sep. qtr	745.3	282.8	1,028.0	134.4	1,162.4	617.2	1,779.6
Dec. qtr	815.6	274.1	1,089.7	137.2	1,226.9	564.8	1,791.6
2002 Mar. qtr	814.8	269.5	1,084.3	123.5	1,207.8	625.3	1,833.2
Jun. qtr	925.4	332.7	1,258.1	144.6	1,402.7	656.5	2,059.2
Sep. qtr	1,005.4	404.6	1,410.0	192.3	1,602.4	674.3	2,276.7

(a) From the September quarter 2000, data is inclusive of non-deductible GST payable on residential buildings. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

**TABLE 12. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WORK DONE: ORIGINAL**  
(\$ million)

<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>Entertain- ment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscel- laneous</i>	<i>Total non-resi- dential building</i>
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>											
1999-2000	323.5	469.8	120.0	200.3	242.1	66.7	16.2	173.2	110.3	37.0	1,759.1
2000-2001	115.6	385.8	128.7	259.0	325.0	97.6	23.1	112.3	94.2	50.1	1,591.3
2001-2002	104.1	455.2	95.6	289.1	272.7	105.1	29.2	92.8	69.7	79.0	1,592.4
2001 Jun. qtr	38.3	81.7	31.0	57.4	69.7	27.4	4.9	23.4	28.8	20.1	382.8
Sep. qtr	27.3	119.4	31.6	61.3	73.3	24.4	6.1	26.1	18.7	25.8	413.9
Dec. qtr	18.6	95.9	21.6	60.6	68.7	35.4	4.9	12.7	18.7	18.6	355.7
2002 Mar. qtr	23.4	105.3	20.3	106.3	61.3	20.9	15.8	28.0	20.4	16.0	417.7
Jun. qtr	34.8	134.7	22.0	60.9	69.3	24.4	2.4	25.9	12.0	18.6	405.1
Sep. qtr	26.7	207.5	29.7	70.3	80.4	20.6	2.3	38.7	17.8	26.9	520.8
<b>PUBLIC SECTOR</b>											
1999-2000	1.3	3.9	13.2	51.8	21.7	147.9	—	375.4	25.9	184.9	826.0
2000-2001	4.0	2.1	7.8	30.4	74.5	157.5	0.4	269.6	26.5	255.4	828.3
2001-2002	4.4	6.8	3.3	69.2	41.5	338.6	—	194.7	101.9	110.9	871.3
2001 Jun. qtr	3.1	0.7	0.5	7.5	13.1	51.3	—	66.7	10.5	47.2	200.5
Sep. qtr	2.0	2.5	1.9	9.8	13.4	71.7	—	52.1	6.4	43.5	203.2
Dec. qtr	1.3	1.0	1.1	11.6	9.0	93.5	—	54.3	6.6	30.6	209.0
2002 Mar. qtr	0.9	3.1	0.2	18.1	7.6	99.7	—	46.0	14.3	17.8	207.6
Jun. qtr	0.2	0.2	0.2	29.7	11.6	73.7	—	42.3	74.6	19.0	251.4
Sep. qtr	0.9	0.4	0.2	13.9	13.9	49.6	—	12.8	47.3	14.5	153.5
<b>TOTAL</b>											
1999-2000	324.8	473.7	133.2	252.1	263.8	214.6	16.2	548.6	136.2	222.0	2,585.1
2000-2001	119.6	387.9	136.4	289.4	399.5	255.1	23.5	382.0	120.7	305.5	2,419.6
2001-2002	108.5	462.1	98.9	358.3	314.2	443.7	29.2	287.5	171.6	189.8	2,463.7
2001 Jun. qtr	41.4	82.5	31.5	64.9	82.8	78.7	4.9	90.1	39.3	67.3	583.3
Sep. qtr	29.3	121.9	33.5	71.1	86.7	96.1	6.1	78.2	25.1	69.3	617.2
Dec. qtr	19.9	97.0	22.7	72.2	77.7	128.9	4.9	67.1	25.2	49.2	564.8
2002 Mar. qtr	24.3	108.3	20.5	124.4	68.9	120.6	15.8	74.0	34.7	33.8	625.3
Jun. qtr	35.0	134.9	22.2	90.6	80.9	98.1	2.4	68.2	86.5	37.6	656.5
Sep. qtr	27.6	207.9	29.9	84.2	94.2	70.2	2.3	51.5	65.1	41.4	674.3

**TABLE 13. VALUE OF BUILDING WORK YET TO BE DONE AT END OF PERIOD(a): ORIGINAL  
(\$ million)**

<i>Period</i>	<i>New houses</i>	<i>New other residential building</i>	<i>New residential building</i>	<i>Alterations and additions to residential buildings</i>	<i>Total residential building</i>	<i>Total non-resi- dential building</i>	<i>Total building</i>
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>							
1999-2000	347.6	345.9	693.5	37.3	730.7	363.6	1,094.3
2000-2001	248.2	272.1	520.3	68.5	588.8	328.3	917.0
2001-2002	573.4	634.6	1,208.1	76.3	1,284.4	456.2	1,740.5
2001 Jun qtr	248.2	272.1	520.3	68.5	588.8	328.3	917.0
Sep. qtr	412.1	254.0	666.1	56.2	722.3	305.3	1,027.5
Dec. qtr	484.3	343.1	827.3	50.4	877.8	344.0	1,221.8
2002 Mar. qtr	529.3	491.6	1,020.9	65.6	1,086.4	508.4	1,594.8
Jun qtr	573.4	634.6	1,208.1	76.3	1,284.4	456.2	1,740.5
Sep. qtr	734.7	910.0	1,644.7	146.0	1,790.7	467.4	2,258.1
<b>PUBLIC SECTOR</b>							
1999-2000	6.4	7.8	14.2	2.1	16.3	527.6	543.9
2000-2001	7.4	16.2	23.6	1.0	24.6	444.3	468.9
2001-2002	2.3	7.5	9.8	1.9	11.7	490.4	502.1
2001 Jun qtr	7.4	16.2	23.6	1.0	24.6	444.3	468.9
Sep. qtr	3.9	19.8	23.7	0.9	24.6	416.9	441.4
Dec. qtr	7.3	9.4	16.6	1.0	17.7	273.3	290.9
2002 Mar. qtr	4.4	3.4	7.9	1.0	8.8	218.1	227.0
Jun qtr	2.3	7.5	9.8	1.9	11.7	490.4	502.1
Sep. qtr	2.8	17.9	20.7	2.8	23.6	410.1	433.6
<b>TOTAL</b>							
1999-2000	354.0	353.7	707.6	39.4	747.0	891.2	1,638.2
2000-2001	255.6	288.3	543.9	69.4	613.4	772.5	1,385.9
2001-2002	575.8	642.1	1,217.9	78.2	1,296.1	946.5	2,242.6
2001 Jun qtr	255.6	288.3	543.9	69.4	613.4	772.5	1,385.9
Sep. qtr	415.9	273.8	689.8	57.1	746.8	722.1	1,468.9
Dec. qtr	491.5	352.4	844.0	51.5	895.5	617.2	1,512.7
2002 Mar. qtr	533.7	495.0	1,028.7	66.5	1,095.3	726.5	1,821.8
Jun qtr	575.8	642.1	1,217.9	78.2	1,296.1	946.5	2,242.6
Sep. qtr	737.5	927.9	1,665.4	148.8	1,814.2	877.5	2,691.7

(a) Data is inclusive of non-deductible GST payable on residential buildings. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

**TABLE 14. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WORK YET TO BE DONE AT END OF PERIOD: ORIGINAL  
(\$ million)**

<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>Entertain- ment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscel- laneous</i>	<i>Total non-resi- dential building</i>
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>											
1999-2000	43.8	45.3	53.9	41.0	59.2	11.1	5.5	71.6	24.4	7.7	363.6
2000-2001	41.1	74.8	45.6	38.4	42.9	22.9	5.3	20.9	16.5	19.8	328.3
2001-2002	35.9	132.0	25.9	94.5	31.2	14.7	11.2	58.2	15.5	37.2	456.2
2001 Jun. qtr	41.1	74.8	45.6	38.4	42.9	22.9	5.3	20.9	16.5	19.8	328.3
Sep. qtr	38.9	62.8	33.2	36.8	36.9	33.4	4.9	28.8	11.8	17.8	305.3
Dec. qtr	60.3	122.7	27.4	19.9	22.8	27.5	3.2	22.5	20.4	17.4	344.0
2002 Mar. qtr	58.5	135.9	23.9	114.0	32.4	19.0	10.4	76.7	17.1	20.4	508.4
Jun. qtr	35.9	132.0	25.9	94.5	31.2	14.7	11.2	58.2	15.5	37.2	456.2
Sep. qtr	29.2	117.0	30.3	105.5	35.0	38.4	12.8	42.1	14.9	42.3	467.4
<b>PUBLIC SECTOR</b>											
1999-2000	—	0.2	0.7	6.0	20.7	43.5	—	188.1	29.6	238.8	527.6
2000-2001	3.0	—	0.6	6.0	7.6	170.1	—	155.5	6.9	94.5	444.3
2001-2002	0.9	—	0.3	106.3	26.3	61.7	—	25.4	204.9	64.6	490.4
2001 Jun. qtr	3.0	—	0.6	6.0	7.6	170.1	—	155.5	6.9	94.5	444.3
Sep. qtr	1.2	1.9	0.6	24.9	5.4	173.7	—	146.8	3.8	58.6	416.9
Dec. qtr	2.0	0.9	—	19.0	11.0	107.6	—	88.9	2.3	41.4	273.3
2002 Mar. qtr	1.3	—	—	16.2	10.4	98.7	—	54.8	6.5	30.2	218.1
Jun. qtr	0.9	—	0.3	106.3	26.3	61.7	—	25.4	204.9	64.6	490.4
Sep. qtr	1.6	0.3	0.1	111.7	16.7	45.6	—	11.3	167.7	55.3	410.1
<b>TOTAL</b>											
1999-2000	43.8	45.5	54.7	47.0	79.9	54.5	5.5	259.7	54.0	246.6	891.2
2000-2001	44.1	74.8	46.3	44.5	50.5	193.0	5.3	176.5	23.4	114.3	772.5
2001-2002	36.8	132.0	26.2	200.8	57.5	76.4	11.2	83.6	220.4	101.9	946.5
2001 Jun. qtr	44.1	74.8	46.3	44.5	50.5	193.0	5.3	176.5	23.4	114.3	772.5
Sep. qtr	40.1	64.8	33.8	61.7	42.3	207.0	4.9	175.6	15.6	76.4	722.1
Dec. qtr	62.3	123.6	27.4	38.8	33.8	135.1	3.2	111.5	22.7	58.8	617.2
2002 Mar. qtr	59.9	135.9	23.9	130.2	42.8	117.7	10.4	131.5	23.6	50.6	726.5
Jun. qtr	36.8	132.0	26.2	200.8	57.5	76.4	11.2	83.6	220.4	101.9	946.5
Sep. qtr	30.7	117.2	30.3	217.2	51.7	83.9	12.8	53.3	182.7	97.6	877.5

**TABLE 15. BUILDING ACTIVITY RELATIVE STANDARD ERRORS, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 2002  
(Percentage)**

Stage of construction	New residential building						Value		
	Houses		Other residential		Total		Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non- residential	Total building
	Number	Value	Number of dwelling units	Value	Number of dwelling units	Value			
Commenced	2.9	3.2	0.4	0.3	2.0	2.0	3.2	3.1	1.6
Under construction at end of period	3.5	3.6	0.4	0.2	1.8	1.7	4.2	0.6	1.0
Completed	5.6	5.9	1.7	1.7	4.5	4.9	7.0	3.5	3.2
Value of work done	..	3.8	..	0.4	..	2.7	3.5	2.6	1.9
Value of work yet to be done	..	4.5	..	0.2	..	2.0	4.9	0.7	1.3

**TABLE 16. BUILDING ACTIVITY RELATIVE STANDARD ERRORS, NON-RESIDENTIAL: SEPTEMBER QUARTER 2002  
(Percentage)**

State of construction	Hotels etc.	Shops	Factories	Offices	Other business premises	Educational	Religious	Health	Entertain- ment and recreational	Miscel- laneous	Total non-resi- dential building
Value of work commenced	13.3	10.3	16.5	7.9	7.1	1.0	23.6	10.8	6.1	13.5	3.1
Value of work under construction	4.2	2.6	11.0	2.4	4.5	0.3	4.4	—	0.5	1.6	0.6
Value of work completed	3.5	11.6	9.6	14.9	6.3	8.2	—	11.4	6.3	3.3	3.5
Value of work done	4.5	8.6	13.6	9.8	6.4	1.8	1.2	5.0	2.7	6.8	2.6
Value of work yet to be done	6.2	3.7	8.9	0.4	5.3	0.5	9.4	—	0.2	3.2	0.7



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

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### INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains detailed estimates from the quarterly Building Activity Survey. Each issue includes revisions to the previous quarter. Therefore data for the latest quarter should be considered to be preliminary only.

**2** The statistics were compiled on the basis of returns collected from builders and other individuals and organisations engaged in building activity. From the March quarter 2002, the quarterly survey consists of:

- a sample survey of private sector jobs involving residential building jobs valued at \$10,000 or more and non-residential building jobs valued at \$50,000 or more; and
- a complete enumeration of all such public sector building jobs.

**3** From the September quarter 1990, only non-residential building jobs (both new and alterations and additions) with an approval value of \$50,000 (previously \$30,000) or more are included in the survey.

**4** The use of sample survey techniques in the Building Activity Survey means that reliable estimates of private sector building activity are generally available only at state, territory and Australia levels. Although subject to higher relative standard errors (refer to paragraphs 23–25), a range of sub-state estimates of building activity may be available. For further information on the availability of building activity estimates, contact the ABS in Adelaide on 08 8237 7316. Detailed data on building approvals, based on information reported by local government and other reporting authorities, are available for regions below state and territory level from the Building Approvals series compiled by the ABS.

### SCOPE AND COVERAGE

**5** 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.

**6** Building jobs included in each quarter in the Building Activity Survey comprise those jobs selected in previous quarters which have not been completed (or commenced) by the end of the previous quarter and those jobs newly selected in the current quarter. The population list from which jobs are selected for inclusion comprises all approved building jobs which were notified to the ABS (refer to paragraph 2) up to but not including the last month of the reference quarter (e.g. up to the end of August in respect of the September quarter survey). This introduces a lag to the statistics in respect of those jobs notified *and* commenced in the last month of the reference quarter (e.g. for the month of September in respect of the September quarter survey). For example, jobs which were notified as approved in the month of June and which actually commenced in that month are shown as commencements in the September quarter. Similarly, building jobs which were notified in the month of September and which actually commenced in that month are shown as commencements in the December quarter.

### TREATMENT OF GST

**7** Statistics on value of building work (current prices) show residential building on a GST inclusive basis and non-residential building on a GST exclusive basis. This approach is consistent with that adopted in the Australian National Accounts which is based on the conceptual framework described in the 1993 edition of the international statistical standard *System of National Accounts* (SNA93).

## TREATMENT OF GST *continued*

**8** SNA93 requires value added taxes (VAT), such as the GST, to be recorded on a net basis where:

- (a) both outputs of goods and services and imports are valued excluding invoiced VAT
- (b) purchases of goods and services are recorded including non-deductible VAT.

Under the net system, VAT is recorded as being payable by purchasers, not sellers, and then only by those purchasers who are not able to deduct it. Almost all VAT is therefore recorded in the SNA93 as being paid on final uses—mainly on household consumption. Small amounts of VAT, may however, be paid by businesses in respect of certain kinds of purchases on which VAT may not be deductible.

**9** Within building activity statistics, purchasers of residential structures are unable to deduct GST from the purchase price. For non-residential structures, the reverse is true. While the ABS collects all building activity data on a GST inclusive basis, it publishes value data inclusive of GST in respect of residential construction and exclusive of GST in respect of non-residential construction.

**10** It is appropriate to add the residential and non-residential components to derive total building activity. Valuation of the components of the total is consistent, since, for both components, the value data is recorded inclusive of non-deductible GST paid by the purchaser. As such, total building activity includes the non-deductible GST payable on residential building.

## DEFINITIONS

**11** 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.

**12** 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 building.

**13** 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 *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 caretakers' residences) associated with non-residential buildings are defined as houses for the purpose of these statistics.
- 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.).

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### DEFINITIONS *continued*

**14** From the June quarter 1996 issue of this publication, the number of dwelling units created 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 tables 5, 7, and 9 under the heading of 'Conversions, etc.', and is included in the total number of dwelling units shown in these tables. Previously, such dwellings were only included as a footnote.

**15** In addition, the seasonally adjusted estimates for the total number of dwelling units commenced and completed, shown in table 4, include these conversions, etc. Previously, only dwelling units created as part of the construction of new residential buildings were included in these estimates.

**16** *Commenced.* A building job is regarded as commenced when the first physical building activity has been performed on site in the form of materials fixed in place and/or labour expended (this includes site preparation but excludes delivery of building materials, the drawing of plans and specifications and the construction of non-building infrastructures such as roads).

**17** *Under construction.* A building job is regarded as being under construction at the end of a period if it has been commenced but has not been completed, and work on it has not been abandoned.

**18** *Completed.* A building job is regarded as completed when building activity has progressed to the stage when the building can fulfil its intended function. In practice, the ABS regards buildings as completed when notified as such by respondents to the survey.

### VALUATION OF BUILDING JOBS

**19** The value series in this publication are derived from estimates reported on survey returns as follows.

- *Value of building commenced or under construction* represents the anticipated completion value based, where practicable, on estimated market or contract price of building jobs excluding the value of land and landscaping. Site preparation costs are included. Where jobs proceed over several quarters, the anticipated completion value reported on the return for the first (commencement) quarter may be amended on returns for subsequent (under construction) quarters as the job nears completion.
- *Value of building completed* represents the actual completion value based, where practicable, on the market or contract price of jobs including site preparation costs but excluding the value of land and landscaping.
- *Value of building work done during the period* represents the estimated value of building work actually carried out during the quarter on jobs which have commenced.
- *Value of building work yet to be done* represents the difference between the anticipated completion value and the estimated value of work done up to the end of the period on jobs commenced but not completed.

## BUILDING CLASSIFICATION

**20** *Ownership.* The 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.

**21** *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 where, for example, a student accommodation building on a university campus would be classified to Educational.

**22** Examples of the types of buildings included under each main functional heading are shown in the following list.

- *Houses.* Includes cottages, bungalows, detached caretakers'/managers' cottages, rectories.
- *Other residential buildings.* Includes blocks of flats, home units, attached townhouses, villa units, terrace houses, semi-detached houses, maisonettes.
- *Hotels, etc.* Includes motels, hostels, boarding houses, guest houses, holiday apartment buildings.
- *Shops.* Includes retail shops, restaurants, cafes, taverns, dry cleaners, laundromats, hair salons, shopping arcades.
- *Factories.* Includes paper mills, oil refinery buildings, brickworks, foundries, powerhouses, manufacturing laboratories, workshops as part of a manufacturing process.
- *Offices.* Includes banks, post offices, council chambers, head and regional offices.
- *Other business premises.* Includes warehouses, storage depots, service stations, transport depots and terminals, car parks, electricity substation buildings, pumping station buildings, telephone exchanges, mail sorting centres, broadcasting stations, film studios.
- *Educational.* Includes schools, colleges, universities, kindergartens, libraries, museums, art galleries, research and teaching laboratories, theological colleges.
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- *Miscellaneous.* Includes law courts, homes for the aged (where medical care is not provided as a normal service), orphanages, gaols, barracks, mine buildings, glasshouses, livestock sheds, shearing sheds, fruit and skin drying sheds, public toilets, and ambulance, fire and police stations.

### RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

**23** Since the figures for private sector building activity (including alterations and additions) are derived from information obtained from a sample of approved building jobs, they are subject to sampling error; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been obtained if information for all approved jobs for the relevant period had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error (SE), which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of approved jobs was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one SE from the figure that would have been obtained if all approved jobs had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two SEs. Another measure of sampling variability is the relative standard error (RSE), which is obtained by expressing the SE as a percentage of the estimate to which it refers. The RSEs of estimates provide an indication of the percentage errors likely to have occurred due to sampling, and are shown in tables 15 and 16.

**24** An example of the use of RSEs is as follows. Assume that the estimate of the number of new private sector houses commenced during the latest quarter is 2,000 (for actual estimate see table 5) and that the associated RSE is 2.5% (for actual percentage see table 15). There would then be about two chances in three that the number which would have been obtained if information had been collected about all approved private sector house jobs would have been within the range 1,950 to 2,050 (2.5% of 2,000 is 50) and about nineteen chances in twenty that the number would have been within the range 1,900 to 2,100.

**25** The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the RSE, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of inadequacies in the source of building approval information, imperfections in reporting by respondents, and errors made in the coding and processing of data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling error, and may occur in any enumeration whether it be a full count or only a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by the careful design of questionnaires, efforts to obtain responses for all selected jobs, and efficient operating procedures.

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

**26** Seasonally adjusted building statistics are shown in tables 2 to 4. In the seasonally adjusted series, account has been taken of normal seasonal factors and the effect of movement in the date of Easter which may, in successive years, affect figures for different quarters. Further information about seasonal adjustment can be obtained from the Assistant Director of Time Series Analysis on Canberra 02 6252 6076.

## SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT *continued*

**27** Since seasonally adjusted statistics reflect both irregular and trend movements, an upward or downward movement in a seasonally adjusted series does not necessarily indicate a change of trend. Particular care should therefore be taken in interpreting individual quarter-to-quarter movements. Some of the component series shown have been seasonally adjusted independently. As a consequence, while the unadjusted components in the original series shown add to the totals, the adjusted components may not add to the adjusted totals. Therefore, figures should not be derived using the adjusted totals. (For example, seasonally adjusted public sector dwelling units should not be derived by subtracting seasonally adjusted private sector dwellings units from the seasonally adjusted total). In table 3, the components of the current price value series have, however, been seasonally adjusted dependently, and the seasonally adjusted components of series in that table add to the seasonally adjusted total.

**28** As happens with all seasonally adjusted series, the seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's data. For the Building Activity Survey, the results of the latest review are shown in the December quarter issue each year.

## CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES

**29** Chain volume estimates of the value of commencements and work done are shown in tables 1 and 2. While current price estimates of the value of commencements and work done reflect both price and volume changes, chain volume estimates measure changes in value after the direct effects of price changes have been eliminated and therefore only reflect volume changes. The direct impact of the GST is a price change, and hence is removed from chain volume estimates. The deflators used to revalue the current price estimates in this publication are derived from the same price data underlying the deflators compiled for the dwellings and new other building components of the national accounts aggregate 'Gross fixed capital formation'.

**30** The chain volume measures of commencements and work done appearing in this publication are annually reweighted chain Laspeyres indexes referenced to current price values in a chosen reference year (currently 2000–01). The reference year is updated annually in the June quarter publication. Each year's data in the value of commencements and work done series are based on the prices of the previous year, except for the quarters of the latest incomplete year which are based upon the current reference year (i.e. 2000–01). Comparability with previous years is achieved by linking (or chaining) the series together to form a continuous time series. Further information on the nature and concepts of chain volume measures is contained in the *ABS Information Paper: Introduction of Chain Volume Measures in the Australian National Accounts* (cat. no. 5248.0).

**31** The factors used to seasonally adjust the chain volume series are identical to those used to adjust the corresponding current price series.

# EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

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## SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
RSE	relative standard error
SE	standard error
..	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero

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

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