

BUILDING ACTIVITY NORTHERN TERRITORY

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MARCH QTR KEY FIGURES

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES	Mar qtr 02	Dec qtr 01 to Mar qtr 02 % change	Mar qtr 01 to Mar qtr 02 % change
Value of work done(a) (\$m)	88.4	-10.2	57.3
New residential building (\$m)	28.9	-24.4	35.7
Alterations and additions(b) (\$m)	4.6	-33.7	-4.2
Non-residential building (\$m)	55.0	3.0	82.7
Total dwelling units commenced (no.)	150	-37.5	40.2
New private sector houses (no.)	110	1.9	83.3

(a) Chain volume measures, reference year 1999–2000. (b) To residential buildings.

MARCH QTR KEY POINTS

VALUE OF WORK DONE, VOLUME TERMS

- Total building work done fell 10.2% in the March quarter 2002 to \$88.4m. This level of activity was 57.3% above the low of a year earlier.
- Work done on new residential buildings fell 24.4% to \$28.9m. Work done on new houses fell by 32.7% to \$17.8m and on new other residential buildings by 5.6% to \$11.0m. The latest levels for new houses and new other residential buildings were, except for the March quarter last year, the lowest since the September quarter 1991 and September quarter 1994 respectively. Alterations and additions also fell, by 33.7%, to a relatively low \$4.6m.
- Work done on non-residential buildings however, rose 3.0% to \$55.0m, the highest level since the December quarter 1998.

VALUE OF WORK COMMENCED, VOLUME TERMS

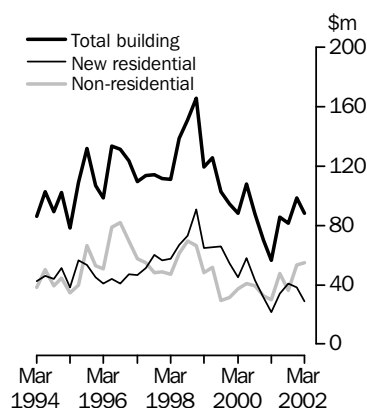
- Total building work commenced rose 11.5% in the March quarter to \$86.8m, due to an increase in commencements of non-residential buildings.
- Total new residential commencements fell 36.7% to \$21.3m. Other than the March quarter 2001, this was the lowest level for 11 years. New houses fell 23.7% to \$19.3m and new other residential buildings fell 75.6% to \$2.0m. Other than the March quarter 2001, the latter level was the lowest since the September quarter 1988. Alterations and additions also fell, by 18.3% to \$4.9m.
- Non-residential commencements jumped 58.7% to \$60.6m to be 4.0% below the level of a year earlier.

NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED

- The total number of dwellings commenced fell by 37.5% in the March quarter to 150. Other than the March quarter 2001, this was the lowest for 13 years. Commencements of new private sector houses, which rose 1.9% to 110, remained at a relatively low number.

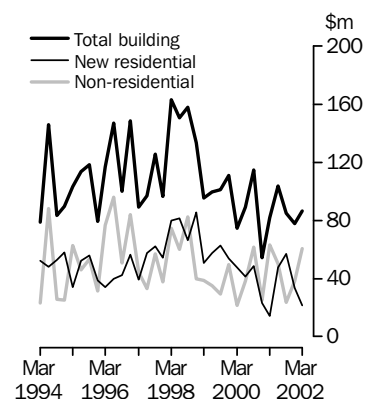
Value of work done

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Value of work commenced

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ABOUT THIS ISSUE

This publication contains detailed estimates for the Northern Territory from the quarterly Building Activity Survey. The data are subject to revision when returns from the following quarter are processed and final data for the March quarter 2002 will be released in *Building Activity, Northern Territory* (Cat. no. 8752.7) on 24 October 2002.

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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 value of building work commenced during the December quarter 2001 has been revised upwards by \$12.8m (+18.8%), mainly due to an upwards revision in non-residential building of \$12.4m (+48.4%).

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DATA NOTES

Information about ABS Building and Construction statistics and other related data is now available from the 'Building and Construction theme page' on the ABS website (go to the website at www.abs.gov.au, click on the 'Themes' button and then click on 'Building and Construction'). The theme page includes information about:

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

(\$ million)							
Period	New residential building			Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building
	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total		Private Sector	Total	
COMMENCED							
1998-1999	201.7	58.1	259.7	30.4	94.9	196.4	487.1
1999-2000	132.7	72.6	205.3	32.5	76.7	138.6	376.4
2000-2001	83.0	50.8	133.8	21.2	84.7	200.0	355.0
2000 Dec. qtr	16.0	7.2	23.2	6.3	15.2	25.1	54.6
2001 Mar. qtr	13.3	1.1	14.4	4.4	13.6	63.1	81.9
Jun. qtr	27.3	20.4	47.7	5.6	39.1	50.3	103.6
Sep. qtr	24.7	32.2	56.9	4.5	14.9	23.8	85.2
Dec. qtr	25.3	8.4	33.7	6.0	32.9	38.2	77.9
2002 Mar. qtr	19.3	2.0	21.3	4.9	58.0	60.6	86.8
VALUE OF WORK DONE DURING PERIOD							
1998-1999	204.1	89.7	293.7	30.7	99.6	235.7	561.9
1999-2000	149.9	72.8	222.7	32.8	84.2	138.4	393.7
2000-2001	78.1	51.3	129.3	21.6	75.2	149.0	299.8
2000 Dec. qtr	19.7	11.6	31.3	6.4	17.4	32.3	70.0
2001 Mar. qtr	12.9	8.4	21.3	4.8	14.7	30.1	56.2
Jun. qtr	22.0	11.9	33.9	4.6	26.3	47.4	85.8
Sep. qtr	26.6	14.0	40.7	4.3	13.9	36.4	81.4
Dec. qtr	26.5	11.7	38.2	6.9	30.7	53.4	98.4
2002 Mar. qtr	17.8	11.0	28.9	4.6	41.3	55.0	88.4

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 1999-2000. See paragraphs 25 and 26 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 2. NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMMENCED(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 residential buildings	Total residential building	Total non-residential building	Total building
PRIVATE SECTOR											
1998-1999	933	485	15	1,433	123.6	51.7	175.3	23.0	198.3	95.4	293.7
1999-2000	732	523	27	1,282	102.5	63.7	166.2	26.6	192.8	76.7	269.6
2000-2001	435	307	3	745	68.1	39.4	107.5	18.7	126.2	83.8	210.0
2000 Dec. qtr	93	43	—	136	13.4	4.2	17.6	6.0	23.6	15.0	38.6
2001 Mar. qtr	60	2	1	63	8.7	0.3	9.0	4.0	13.0	13.4	26.4
Jun qtr	158	133	—	291	25.5	14.6	40.1	4.0	44.2	38.7	82.8
Sep. qtr	178	83	—	261	25.4	10.4	35.8	4.7	40.5	14.7	55.2
Dec. qtr	108	75	1	184	18.0	8.7	26.7	5.6	32.3	32.7	65.0
2002 Mar. qtr	110	7	3	121	18.0	0.6	18.7	3.7	22.4	58.0	80.4
PUBLIC SECTOR											
1998-1999	494	47	—	541	72.7	5.0	77.7	6.6	84.3	102.2	186.5
1999-2000	204	71	—	275	30.2	8.9	39.1	5.9	45.0	61.9	106.9
2000-2001	143	139	1	283	22.5	14.6	37.2	4.5	41.7	114.1	155.8
2000 Dec. qtr	28	35	—	63	4.1	3.5	7.6	0.9	8.5	9.8	18.3
2001 Mar. qtr	36	8	—	44	5.8	0.8	6.6	0.9	7.5	48.9	56.4
Jun qtr	24	68	1	93	4.1	7.0	11.1	2.0	13.1	11.0	24.1
Sep. qtr	8	95	—	103	1.3	24.0	25.3	0.1	25.4	8.8	34.2
Dec. qtr	53	2	—	55	9.4	0.3	9.7	1.0	10.7	5.3	16.0
2002 Mar. qtr	20	9	—	29	3.1	1.6	4.7	1.7	6.4	2.6	9.0
TOTAL											
1998-1999	1,427	532	15	1,974	196.4	56.7	253.1	29.6	282.6	197.5	480.2
1999-2000	936	594	27	1,557	132.7	72.6	205.3	32.6	237.9	138.6	376.5
2000-2001	578	446	4	1,028	90.6	54.1	144.7	23.2	167.8	198.0	365.8
2000 Dec. qtr	121	78	—	199	17.5	7.7	25.2	6.9	32.1	24.8	56.9
2001 Mar. qtr	96	10	1	107	14.5	1.1	15.6	4.8	20.5	62.3	82.8
Jun qtr	182	201	1	384	29.6	21.6	51.2	6.1	57.3	49.7	107.0
Sep. qtr	186	178	—	364	26.7	34.4	61.0	4.8	65.9	23.6	89.5
Dec. qtr	161	77	1	239	27.4	9.0	36.4	6.6	43.0	38.0	81.0
2002 Mar. qtr	130	16	3	150	21.2	2.2	23.4	5.4	28.8	60.6	89.4

(a) Data is inclusive of non-deductible GST payable on residential buildings. See paragraphs 10 and 11 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 3. 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>
PRIVATE SECTOR											
1998-1999	9.4	20.0	5.7	12.4	17.1	2.8	0.5	1.9	23.7	1.9	95.4
1999-2000	6.9	14.6	2.2	18.2	19.7	4.7	1.2	0.1	2.0	7.1	76.7
2000-2001	14.6	22.5	0.7	8.8	20.9	1.0	0.4	0.5	11.8	2.5	83.8
2000 Dec. qtr	—	2.9	0.4	2.5	6.0	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.1	1.8	15.0
2001 Mar. qtr	3.7	1.3	—	2.5	5.7	0.1	—	—	0.2	—	13.4
Jun. qtr	10.8	9.2	0.1	2.3	5.0	0.4	0.1	—	10.5	0.2	38.7
Sep. qtr	—	2.2	1.2	2.6	3.6	3.9	—	1.2	—	—	14.7
Dec. qtr	9.5	4.2	4.8	8.7	4.0	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.2	—	32.7
2002 Mar. qtr	3.6	2.2	0.3	44.1	3.5	3.6	0.1	0.5	—	0.1	58.0
PUBLIC SECTOR											
1998-1999	0.1	0.6	0.3	38.7	7.4	13.4	—	14.2	1.3	26.2	102.2
1999-2000	—	0.6	0.1	5.2	7.8	18.1	—	5.4	1.4	23.3	61.9
2000-2001	0.2	1.4	—	2.8	2.1	10.9	—	85.0	1.6	10.1	114.1
2000 Dec. qtr	—	0.2	—	0.7	0.1	1.5	—	0.3	0.1	6.9	9.8
2001 Mar. qtr	—	0.8	—	1.0	1.9	0.2	—	43.2	0.7	1.2	48.9
Jun. qtr	0.2	—	—	0.2	0.1	6.9	—	1.9	—	1.7	11.0
Sep. qtr	—	—	—	0.1	0.5	4.3	—	3.1	0.1	0.7	8.8
Dec. qtr	—	—	—	0.9	1.2	1.4	—	1.1	0.4	0.3	5.3
2002 Mar. qtr	—	—	—	0.4	—	1.8	—	0.1	0.2	0.1	2.6
TOTAL											
1998-1999	9.6	20.6	6.0	51.0	24.4	16.2	0.5	16.1	25.0	28.1	197.5
1999-2000	6.9	15.2	2.2	23.4	27.6	22.8	1.2	5.4	3.4	30.4	138.6
2000-2001	14.8	23.8	0.7	11.6	23.0	12.0	0.4	85.5	13.4	12.7	198.0
2000 Dec. qtr	—	3.1	0.4	3.1	6.1	2.0	0.3	0.8	0.2	8.7	24.8
2001 Mar. qtr	3.7	2.2	—	3.4	7.5	0.3	—	43.2	0.8	1.2	62.3
Jun. qtr	11.0	9.2	0.1	2.5	5.1	7.4	0.1	1.9	10.5	2.0	49.7
Sep. qtr	—	2.2	1.2	2.7	4.0	8.3	—	4.2	0.1	0.7	23.6
Dec. qtr	9.5	4.2	4.8	9.6	5.2	1.6	0.2	2.1	0.6	0.3	38.0
2002 Mar. qtr	3.6	2.2	0.3	44.5	3.5	5.4	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.2	60.6

TABLE 4. 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	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											
1998-1999	367	273	6	646	51.6	40.3	91.9	8.1	100.0	35.9	136.0
1999-2000	234	182	8	424	34.6	25.0	59.6	9.3	68.9	26.1	95.0
2000-2001	212	150	1	363	33.4	15.7	49.1	7.3	56.4	42.2	98.6
2000 Dec. qtr	141	149	1	291	23.4	22.0	45.4	8.0	53.4	34.5	87.9
2001 Mar. qtr	125	44	1	170	19.3	4.7	24.0	7.1	31.1	23.8	54.9
Jun. qtr	212	150	1	363	33.4	15.7	49.1	7.3	56.4	42.2	98.6
Sep. qtr	232	123	1	356	33.9	15.2	49.0	7.9	56.9	45.9	102.8
Dec. qtr	182	154	2	338	28.2	17.8	46.1	9.0	55.1	54.3	109.4
2002 Mar. qtr	188	130	1	320	30.6	17.1	47.7	9.2	56.9	93.3	150.2
PUBLIC SECTOR											
1998-1999	125	20	—	145	19.3	2.6	21.8	2.2	24.0	67.4	91.5
1999-2000	74	57	—	131	10.8	6.6	17.4	2.7	20.1	43.0	63.1
2000-2001	73	68	—	141	12.3	7.0	19.4	1.9	21.3	99.8	121.1
2000 Dec. qtr	72	59	—	131	11.2	6.3	17.5	1.2	18.7	61.1	79.8
2001 Mar. qtr	69	28	—	97	11.1	2.8	13.9	0.4	14.3	95.0	109.3
Jun. qtr	73	68	—	141	12.3	7.0	19.4	1.9	21.3	99.8	121.1
Sep. qtr	55	163	—	218	9.5	31.3	40.9	1.9	42.8	95.7	138.5
Dec. qtr	68	97	—	165	12.1	24.3	36.4	0.7	37.1	85.3	122.4
2002 Mar. qtr	55	106	—	161	9.7	25.9	35.6	1.3	36.8	42.5	79.3
TOTAL											
1998-1999	492	293	6	791	70.9	42.9	113.8	10.3	124.1	103.4	227.4
1999-2000	308	239	8	555	45.4	31.6	77.0	12.0	89.1	69.1	158.1
2000-2001	285	218	1	504	45.7	22.8	68.5	9.2	77.7	142.0	219.7
2000 Dec. qtr	213	208	1	422	34.6	28.2	62.9	9.3	72.1	95.6	167.8
2001 Mar. qtr	194	72	1	267	30.4	7.5	37.8	7.5	45.4	118.8	164.2
Jun. qtr	285	218	1	504	45.7	22.8	68.5	9.2	77.7	142.0	219.7
Sep. qtr	287	286	1	574	43.4	46.5	89.9	9.8	99.7	141.6	241.3
Dec. qtr	250	251	2	503	40.4	42.1	82.5	9.7	92.2	139.7	231.8
2002 Mar. qtr	243	236	1	481	40.3	43.0	83.3	10.4	93.7	135.7	229.4

(a) Data is inclusive of non-deductible GST payable on residential buildings. See paragraphs 10 and 11 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 5. 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											
1998-1999	9.2	4.7	3.3	1.3	8.0	0.9	0.3	1.9	6.0	0.3	35.9
1999-2000	0.9	4.4	0.4	8.0	6.3	0.7	0.1	—	0.6	4.6	26.1
2000-2001	8.3	8.0	0.1	3.4	11.2	0.7	0.1	—	10.4	0.1	42.2
2000 Dec. qtr	0.6	11.5	0.5	2.1	7.3	0.9	0.1	0.3	—	11.3	34.5
2001 Mar. qtr	4.3	5.8	0.1	3.8	8.2	0.4	0.1	—	0.1	1.1	23.8
Jun qtr	8.3	8.0	0.1	3.4	11.2	0.7	0.1	—	10.4	0.1	42.2
Sep. qtr	7.5	5.9	1.2	4.2	5.5	4.1	—	1.2	16.1	0.1	45.9
Dec. qtr	16.0	3.5	1.1	6.0	6.4	4.1	0.2	2.3	14.7	—	54.3
2002 Mar. qtr	9.3	1.7	0.2	45.9	5.4	9.2	0.3	0.2	21.1	—	93.3
PUBLIC SECTOR											
1998-1999	—	—	0.3	37.0	9.2	0.1	—	10.0	—	11.0	67.4
1999-2000	—	—	0.1	0.6	13.8	9.0	—	3.1	0.9	15.6	43.0
2000-2001	—	0.3	—	—	6.4	6.1	—	79.3	—	7.7	99.8
2000 Dec. qtr	—	0.3	—	0.6	5.6	3.9	—	32.4	0.1	18.2	61.1
2001 Mar. qtr	—	1.1	—	0.6	6.8	0.8	—	78.1	0.7	6.9	95.0
Jun qtr	—	0.3	—	—	6.4	6.1	—	79.3	—	7.7	99.8
Sep. qtr	—	0.4	—	—	1.6	9.3	—	82.4	—	2.0	95.7
Dec. qtr	—	0.4	—	0.8	1.8	1.2	—	80.8	0.3	—	85.3
2002 Mar. qtr	—	0.4	—	0.2	1.4	1.3	—	38.8	0.1	0.1	42.5
TOTAL											
1998-1999	9.2	4.7	3.6	38.3	17.2	1.0	0.3	11.9	6.0	11.2	103.4
1999-2000	0.9	4.4	0.5	8.6	20.1	9.8	0.1	3.1	1.5	20.2	69.1
2000-2001	8.3	8.3	0.1	3.4	17.6	6.8	0.1	79.3	10.4	7.8	142.0
2000 Dec. qtr	0.6	11.8	0.5	2.7	12.9	4.8	0.1	32.7	0.1	29.5	95.6
2001 Mar. qtr	4.3	6.9	0.1	4.4	15.0	1.3	0.1	78.1	0.8	8.0	118.8
Jun qtr	8.3	8.3	0.1	3.4	17.6	6.8	0.1	79.3	10.4	7.8	142.0
Sep. qtr	7.5	6.3	1.2	4.2	7.0	13.4	—	83.5	16.1	2.2	141.6
Dec. qtr	16.0	3.9	1.1	6.9	8.2	5.3	0.2	83.1	15.0	—	139.7
2002 Mar. qtr	9.3	2.2	0.2	46.1	6.8	10.5	0.3	39.0	21.2	0.1	135.7

TABLE 6. 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											
1998-1999	941	749	13	1,703	125.5	84.5	209.9	22.4	232.4	104.8	337.2
1999-2000	865	614	25	1,504	120.8	78.5	199.3	25.8	225.1	86.5	311.5
2000-2001	453	339	7	799	68.5	48.4	116.9	20.8	137.7	73.3	211.0
2000 Dec. qtr	153	93	2	248	21.7	13.3	35.0	5.7	40.7	9.6	50.3
2001 Mar. qtr	74	107	1	182	11.8	17.7	29.5	4.9	34.4	24.1	58.5
Jun. qtr	71	27	—	98	11.8	3.5	15.3	3.8	19.2	19.8	39.0
Sep. qtr	158	110	—	268	24.7	10.9	35.7	4.2	39.8	16.8	56.6
Dec. qtr	157	43	—	200	23.2	6.1	29.3	4.7	34.0	18.9	53.0
2002 Mar. qtr	103	31	4	138	15.4	3.5	19.0	3.6	22.6	27.4	50.0
PUBLIC SECTOR											
1998-1999	443	44	—	487	65.4	4.1	69.4	8.3	77.7	140.0	217.7
1999-2000	255	34	—	289	38.9	4.9	43.8	5.4	49.2	77.9	127.1
2000-2001	144	128	1	273	21.3	14.3	35.6	5.4	41.0	57.3	98.4
2000 Dec. qtr	31	21	—	52	4.8	2.0	6.8	2.1	8.9	21.3	30.2
2001 Mar. qtr	39	39	—	78	5.9	4.4	10.3	1.7	12.0	19.0	30.9
Jun. qtr	20	28	1	49	3.0	2.8	5.8	0.7	6.4	6.3	12.7
Sep. qtr	26	—	—	26	4.1	—	4.1	0.1	4.2	14.2	18.4
Dec. qtr	40	68	—	108	6.8	7.7	14.4	2.2	16.6	16.3	33.0
2002 Mar. qtr	33	—	—	33	5.6	—	5.6	1.1	6.7	46.0	52.7
TOTAL											
1998-1999	1,384	793	13	2,190	190.8	88.5	279.4	30.8	310.1	244.8	554.9
1999-2000	1,120	648	25	1,793	159.7	83.4	243.1	31.2	274.3	164.3	438.6
2000-2001	597	467	8	1,072	89.8	62.8	152.5	26.2	178.8	130.6	309.4
2000 Dec. qtr	184	114	2	300	26.5	15.3	41.8	7.8	49.6	30.9	80.5
2001 Mar. qtr	113	146	1	260	17.7	22.1	39.8	6.6	46.3	43.1	89.4
Jun. qtr	91	55	1	147	14.8	6.3	21.1	4.5	25.6	26.1	51.8
Sep. qtr	184	110	—	294	28.8	10.9	39.8	4.3	44.1	31.0	75.1
Dec. qtr	197	111	—	308	30.0	13.7	43.7	7.0	50.7	35.3	86.0
2002 Mar. qtr	136	31	4	171	21.0	3.5	24.5	4.8	29.3	73.4	102.7

(a) Data is inclusive of non-deductible GST payable on residential buildings. See paragraphs 10 and 11 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 7. 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>
PRIVATE SECTOR											
1998-1999	0.9	29.7	4.4	18.0	15.3	2.6	0.3	—	28.8	5.0	104.8
1999-2000	15.5	14.4	5.3	11.3	21.5	4.9	1.4	2.0	7.4	2.8	86.5
2000-2001	7.2	19.3	1.0	13.4	15.9	1.0	0.4	0.5	2.0	12.6	73.3
2000 Dec. qtr	0.2	3.1	0.2	0.9	3.7	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.6	9.6
2001 Mar. qtr	—	7.1	0.4	0.8	4.8	0.5	—	0.3	—	10.2	24.1
Jun. qtr	6.8	7.0	0.1	2.7	1.9	0.2	0.1	—	0.2	0.8	19.8
Sep. qtr	0.1	4.4	0.1	1.8	9.5	0.6	0.1	—	0.3	—	16.8
Dec. qtr	1.0	6.8	4.2	3.3	3.2	0.1	—	—	0.2	0.1	18.9
2002 Mar. qtr	10.3	4.0	1.2	4.3	4.5	0.4	—	2.6	—	0.1	27.4
PUBLIC SECTOR											
1998-1999	0.1	0.8	—	13.6	42.1	22.0	—	9.7	1.3	50.3	140.0
1999-2000	—	0.6	0.3	41.5	4.1	9.2	—	2.2	0.5	19.5	77.9
2000-2001	0.2	1.1	0.1	3.4	9.0	14.6	—	11.3	2.5	15.2	57.3
2000 Dec. qtr	—	0.2	—	0.8	7.7	2.9	—	9.5	—	0.2	21.3
2001 Mar. qtr	—	—	—	0.9	0.9	4.0	—	0.4	0.1	12.6	19.0
Jun. qtr	0.2	0.8	—	0.8	0.5	1.6	—	0.7	0.7	1.0	6.3
Sep. qtr	—	—	—	0.1	5.7	1.2	—	0.3	0.1	6.8	14.2
Dec. qtr	—	—	—	0.1	1.0	9.5	—	3.3	0.1	2.3	16.3
2002 Mar. qtr	—	—	—	1.0	0.3	1.6	—	42.7	0.4	—	46.0
TOTAL											
1998-1999	1.0	30.4	4.4	31.6	57.4	24.6	0.3	9.7	30.1	55.3	244.8
1999-2000	15.5	15.0	5.5	52.8	25.6	14.0	1.4	4.2	7.9	22.3	164.3
2000-2001	7.3	20.4	1.1	16.7	24.9	15.6	0.4	11.8	4.5	27.8	130.6
2000 Dec. qtr	0.2	3.3	0.2	1.7	11.4	3.1	0.3	9.7	0.1	0.8	30.9
2001 Mar. qtr	—	7.1	0.4	1.8	5.6	4.6	—	0.7	0.1	22.8	43.1
Jun. qtr	7.0	7.9	0.1	3.5	2.3	1.9	0.1	0.7	0.9	1.8	26.1
Sep. qtr	0.1	4.4	0.1	1.9	15.3	1.8	0.1	0.3	0.4	6.8	31.0
Dec. qtr	1.0	6.8	4.2	3.4	4.2	9.7	—	3.3	0.3	2.5	35.3
2002 Mar. qtr	10.3	4.0	1.2	5.3	4.9	2.0	—	45.3	0.4	0.1	73.4

**TABLE 8. 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>
PRIVATE SECTOR							
1998-1999	128.5	85.3	213.7	22.7	236.4	102.1	338.5
1999-2000	113.9	65.9	179.8	26.7	206.5	84.3	290.8
2000-2001	64.3	43.2	107.5	19.7	127.2	74.8	202.0
2000 Dec. qtr	16.2	10.2	26.4	6.0	32.4	17.4	49.8
2001 Mar. qtr	9.8	6.0	15.8	4.2	20.0	14.7	34.7
Jun. qtr	18.5	10.5	29.0	4.2	33.2	26.0	59.2
Sep. qtr	26.7	7.2	33.9	4.5	38.4	13.7	52.1
Dec. qtr	19.1	7.4	26.5	5.0	31.5	30.3	61.8
2002 Mar. qtr	16.2	6.6	22.8	4.2	27.0	40.8	67.8
PUBLIC SECTOR							
1998-1999	70.5	4.7	75.1	7.2	82.3	139.6	221.9
1999-2000	36.0	6.8	42.8	6.0	48.9	54.1	103.0
2000-2001	21.2	13.0	34.2	4.0	38.2	73.5	111.8
2000 Dec. qtr	5.4	2.6	8.0	1.0	9.1	14.9	24.0
2001 Mar. qtr	4.3	3.2	7.4	1.1	8.6	15.3	23.8
Jun. qtr	5.3	2.4	7.7	0.8	8.5	21.0	29.5
Sep. qtr	2.1	8.1	10.1	0.2	10.3	22.2	32.5
Dec. qtr	9.6	5.3	14.9	2.5	17.4	22.4	39.8
2002 Mar. qtr	3.4	5.4	8.8	0.8	9.6	13.6	23.2
TOTAL							
1998-1999	198.9	89.9	288.9	29.9	318.8	241.7	560.4
1999-2000	149.9	72.7	222.6	32.8	255.4	138.4	393.8
2000-2001	85.5	56.2	141.8	23.7	165.4	148.4	313.8
2000 Dec. qtr	21.7	12.8	34.5	7.0	41.5	32.3	73.8
2001 Mar. qtr	14.1	9.2	23.3	5.3	28.6	29.9	58.5
Jun. qtr	23.9	12.9	36.8	4.9	41.7	47.0	88.7
Sep. qtr	28.7	15.3	44.0	4.7	48.7	35.9	84.6
Dec. qtr	28.7	12.7	41.4	7.5	48.9	52.7	101.7
2002 Mar. qtr	19.6	12.0	31.6	5.0	36.6	54.4	91.0

(a) From the September quarter 2000, data is inclusive of non-deductible GST payable on residential buildings. See paragraphs 10 and 11 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 9. 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>
PRIVATE SECTOR											
1998-1999	7.9	23.1	3.9	16.3	16.2	2.8	0.3	0.3	26.5	4.8	102.1
1999-2000	8.6	13.8	4.2	17.0	21.0	4.3	1.5	1.6	5.5	6.7	84.3
2000-2001	10.4	19.6	0.9	10.0	19.2	1.2	0.4	0.5	4.1	8.5	74.8
2000 Dec. qtr	0.2	6.9	0.2	1.2	4.6	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.1	3.1	17.4
2001 Mar. qtr	2.0	3.9	0.3	2.5	4.3	0.2	—	0.3	0.1	1.2	14.7
Jun. qtr	8.0	5.1	0.1	3.5	5.6	0.5	0.1	—	2.9	0.2	26.0
Sep. qtr	—	3.2	0.2	2.5	5.4	0.4	—	0.3	1.7	0.1	13.7
Dec. qtr	7.3	6.8	4.5	2.4	4.0	0.9	0.1	1.4	2.9	—	30.3
2002 Mar. qtr	6.3	3.2	0.8	10.3	3.2	4.1	0.1	1.0	11.8	0.1	40.8
PUBLIC SECTOR											
1998-1999	0.1	0.6	—	40.5	24.1	19.9	—	10.2	1.3	42.7	139.6
1999-2000	—	0.6	0.3	7.9	3.8	13.6	—	5.2	1.3	21.4	54.1
2000-2001	0.2	1.2	—	3.0	7.1	12.2	—	37.5	1.7	10.5	73.5
2000 Dec. qtr	—	0.2	—	0.7	2.8	2.9	—	5.8	0.1	2.3	14.9
2001 Mar. qtr	—	0.6	—	1.0	2.1	1.6	—	6.5	0.5	3.0	15.3
Jun. qtr	0.2	0.4	—	0.3	1.5	3.0	—	11.4	0.2	4.0	21.0
Sep. qtr	—	—	—	0.1	1.2	5.5	—	13.0	0.1	2.2	22.2
Dec. qtr	—	0.1	—	0.6	1.0	3.9	—	15.0	0.3	1.4	22.4
2002 Mar. qtr	—	—	—	0.7	0.3	1.4	—	10.8	0.2	0.1	13.6
TOTAL											
1998-1999	8.1	23.7	3.9	56.8	40.3	22.7	0.3	10.6	27.8	47.5	241.7
1999-2000	8.6	14.3	4.5	25.0	24.8	17.9	1.5	6.8	6.8	28.1	138.4
2000-2001	10.5	20.8	0.9	13.0	26.3	13.4	0.4	38.1	5.9	19.0	148.4
2000 Dec. qtr	0.2	7.2	0.2	1.9	7.5	3.4	0.3	6.0	0.2	5.4	32.3
2001 Mar. qtr	2.0	4.5	0.3	3.6	6.3	1.8	—	6.7	0.6	4.1	29.9
Jun. qtr	8.2	5.5	0.1	3.7	7.1	3.5	0.1	11.4	3.1	4.2	47.0
Sep. qtr	—	3.2	0.2	2.6	6.5	5.9	—	13.3	1.7	2.3	35.9
Dec. qtr	7.3	6.9	4.5	3.0	5.0	4.8	0.1	16.4	3.2	1.4	52.7
2002 Mar. qtr	6.3	3.2	0.8	11.1	3.5	5.5	0.1	11.8	12.1	0.2	54.4

**TABLE 10. 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>
PRIVATE SECTOR							
1998-1999	22.8	12.8	35.6	3.8	39.5	15.7	55.1
1999-2000	12.7	10.1	22.8	4.1	26.9	8.0	34.9
2000-2001	16.0	6.0	22.0	3.2	25.2	22.7	47.9
2000 Dec. qtr	10.6	7.6	18.1	3.6	21.7	11.6	33.3
2001 Mar. qtr	8.6	2.0	10.5	3.3	13.9	10.4	24.2
Jun qtr	16.0	6.0	22.0	3.2	25.2	22.7	47.9
Sep. qtr	14.6	9.2	23.7	3.5	27.2	30.2	57.4
Dec. qtr	13.1	10.5	23.6	4.4	28.0	27.6	55.6
2002 Mar. qtr	14.8	6.7	21.4	4.0	25.5	53.1	78.6
PUBLIC SECTOR							
1998-1999	8.8	0.9	9.7	1.1	10.8	16.0	26.9
1999-2000	3.3	3.0	6.3	1.0	7.3	16.6	23.9
2000-2001	5.0	4.8	9.7	1.6	11.4	57.2	68.5
2000 Dec. qtr	4.5	2.4	6.8	0.5	7.3	29.5	36.8
2001 Mar. qtr	5.9	0.1	6.0	0.3	6.3	67.1	73.4
Jun qtr	5.0	4.8	9.7	1.6	11.4	57.2	68.5
Sep. qtr	4.2	21.0	25.2	1.6	26.8	44.8	71.6
Dec. qtr	4.0	16.3	20.3	0.1	20.3	28.6	48.9
2002 Mar. qtr	3.7	12.4	16.2	1.0	17.2	18.2	35.4
TOTAL							
1998-1999	31.6	13.7	45.4	4.9	50.3	31.7	82.0
1999-2000	16.1	13.1	29.1	5.1	34.2	24.6	58.8
2000-2001	20.9	10.8	31.7	4.8	36.5	79.9	116.4
2000 Dec. qtr	15.0	10.0	25.0	4.1	29.1	41.1	70.1
2001 Mar. qtr	14.5	2.1	16.6	3.6	20.2	77.4	97.6
Jun qtr	20.9	10.8	31.7	4.8	36.5	79.9	116.4
Sep. qtr	18.8	30.2	49.0	5.1	54.0	75.0	129.0
Dec. qtr	17.1	26.8	43.9	4.4	48.3	56.2	104.5
2002 Mar. qtr	18.5	19.1	37.6	5.0	42.6	71.3	114.0

(a) Data is inclusive of non-deductible GST payable on residential buildings. See paragraphs 10 and 11 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 11. 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>
PRIVATE SECTOR											
1998-1999	2.1	1.8	2.0	0.6	3.5	0.2	0.3	1.6	3.5	—	15.7
1999-2000	0.7	2.2	0.2	1.6	2.3	0.5	—	—	—	0.5	8.0
2000-2001	4.9	5.4	—	0.3	4.0	0.3	—	—	7.7	0.1	22.7
2000 Dec. qtr	0.4	3.9	0.3	1.5	3.2	0.4	—	0.2	—	1.7	11.6
2001 Mar. qtr	2.1	1.3	—	1.5	4.6	0.3	—	—	0.1	0.5	10.4
Jun qtr	4.9	5.4	—	0.3	4.0	0.3	—	—	7.7	0.1	22.7
Sep. qtr	4.5	4.5	1.0	1.0	2.4	3.8	—	0.9	12.1	—	30.2
Dec. qtr	6.6	2.0	0.6	3.8	2.5	3.1	0.1	0.7	8.3	—	27.6
2002 Mar. qtr	3.9	1.1	—	37.7	2.8	4.5	0.1	0.2	2.8	—	53.1
PUBLIC SECTOR											
1998-1999	—	—	0.3	3.1	1.0	—	—	9.0	—	2.7	16.0
1999-2000	—	—	—	0.3	5.8	4.6	—	0.4	0.1	5.4	16.6
2000-2001	—	0.1	—	—	0.4	4.1	—	50.3	—	2.3	57.2
2000 Dec. qtr	—	0.3	—	0.2	1.8	0.8	—	20.2	—	6.1	29.5
2001 Mar. qtr	—	0.5	—	0.1	1.9	0.2	—	59.8	0.2	4.5	67.1
Jun qtr	—	0.1	—	—	0.4	4.1	—	50.3	—	2.3	57.2
Sep. qtr	—	0.3	—	—	—	2.9	—	40.5	—	1.1	44.8
Dec. qtr	—	0.1	—	0.3	0.2	0.4	—	27.5	0.1	—	28.6
2002 Mar. qtr	—	0.1	—	—	—	0.7	—	17.4	—	—	18.2
TOTAL											
1998-1999	2.1	1.8	2.3	3.7	4.4	0.2	0.3	10.6	3.5	2.8	31.7
1999-2000	0.7	2.2	0.2	1.9	8.1	5.1	—	0.4	0.1	5.9	24.6
2000-2001	4.9	5.6	—	0.3	4.4	4.4	—	50.3	7.7	2.4	79.9
2000 Dec. qtr	0.4	4.1	0.3	1.7	5.0	1.2	—	20.5	—	7.8	41.1
2001 Mar. qtr	2.1	1.8	—	1.6	6.4	0.5	—	59.8	0.2	5.0	77.4
Jun qtr	4.9	5.6	—	0.3	4.4	4.4	—	50.3	7.7	2.4	79.9
Sep. qtr	4.5	4.7	1.0	1.0	2.5	6.8	—	41.3	12.1	1.1	75.0
Dec. qtr	6.6	2.1	0.6	4.1	2.7	3.5	0.1	28.1	8.3	—	56.2
2002 Mar. qtr	3.9	1.2	—	37.7	2.8	5.2	0.1	17.6	2.8	—	71.3

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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. The quarterly survey consists of two components:

- a complete enumeration of new residential building construction or alterations and additions valued at \$10,000 or more to residential buildings; and
- a complete enumeration of all non-residential building jobs, including alterations and additions, with an approval value of \$50,000 or more.

3 Prior to the June quarter 1991, private sector housing activity was measured by a sample survey. Due to the relatively small size of the total building industry in the Northern Territory the differences resulting between the two survey methods is minimal. The change from a sample survey to a complete enumeration has allowed the collection of accurate small area data, available on request in unpublished form.

4 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.

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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 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 2, 4 and 6 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 *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).

16 *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.

17 *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

18 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 building 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 building 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 building 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 building jobs commenced but not completed.

BUILDING CLASSIFICATION

19 *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.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

BUILDING CLASSIFICATION *continued*

20 *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.

21 Examples of the types of individual building jobs 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.
- *Religious.* Includes churches, chapels, temples.
- *Health.* Includes hospitals, nursing homes, surgeries, clinics, medical centres.
- *Entertainment and recreational.* Includes clubs, theatres, cinemas, public halls, gymnasiums, grandstands, squash courts, sports and recreation centres.
- *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

22 Since the figures are derived from information obtained from a complete enumeration of approved building jobs, they are not subject to sampling error, as may be found in sample surveys.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES *continued*

23 Despite the precise nature of complete enumeration, inaccuracies 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.

CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES

24 Chain volume estimates of the value of commencements and work done are shown in table 1. 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'.

25 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 1999–2000). 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. 1999–2000). 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).

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— nil or rounded to zero

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