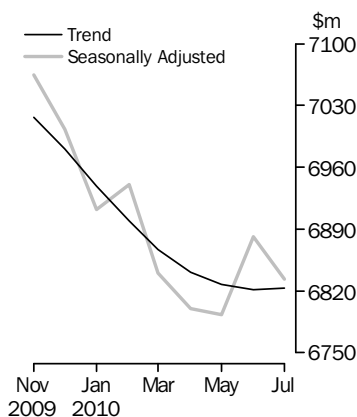


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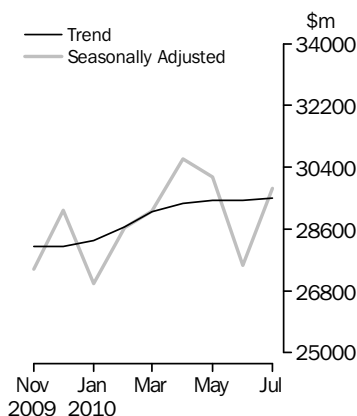
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KEY FIGURES

	Jun 2010	Jul 2010	Jun 2010 to Jul 2010
	\$m	\$m	% change
TREND ESTIMATES			
Housing finance for owner occupation(a)	13 438	13 478	0.3
Personal finance	6 822	6 823	0.0
Commercial finance	29 446	29 491	0.2
Lease finance	380	384	1.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES			
Housing finance for owner occupation(a)	13 458	13 761	2.3
Personal finance	6 882	6 833	-0.7
Commercial finance	27 537	29 785	8.2
Lease finance	374	386	3.2

(a) Excludes alterations and additions

KEY POINTS

JULY 2010 COMPARED WITH JUNE 2010:

HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

- The total value of owner occupied housing commitments excluding alterations and additions rose 0.3% in trend terms and the seasonally adjusted series rose 2.3%.

PERSONAL FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total personal finance commitments was flat (0.0%). Fixed lending commitments rose 0.6%, while revolving credit commitments fell 0.6%.
- The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total personal finance commitments fell 0.7%. Fixed lending commitments fell 1.2% and revolving credit commitments fell 0.3%.

COMMERCIAL FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total commercial finance commitments rose 0.2%. Revolving credit commitments rose 0.4% and fixed lending commitments rose 0.1%.
- The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total commercial finance commitments rose 8.2%. Fixed lending commitments rose 9.2% and revolving credit commitments rose 5.7%.

LEASE FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total lease finance commitments rose 1.1% and the seasonally adjusted series rose 3.2%.

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FORTHCOMING ISSUES

<i>ISSUE</i>	<i>RELEASE DATE</i>
August 2010	13 October 2010
September 2010	15 November 2010
October 2010	13 December 2010
November 2010	17 January 2011
December 2010	15 February 2011
January 2011	15 March 2011

REVISIONS

In this issue revisions have been made to the original series as a result of improved reporting of survey and administrative data. These revisions impact on:

- Personal finance values for June 2010,
- Commercial finance values for the period April 2010 to June 2010, and
- Owner occupied and investment housing values for June 2010.

Seasonally adjusted and trend series have been revised as a result of revisions to the original series, the incorporation of estimates for the latest month and the revision of seasonal factors due to the concurrent seasonal adjustment methodology.

ABBREVIATIONS

\$m	million dollars
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ARIMA	autoregressive integrated moving average
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
RBA	Reserve Bank of Australia

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

(Table 1)

The trend series for the total value of owner occupied housing commitments excluding alterations and additions rose 0.3% and the seasonally adjusted series rose 2.3%.

For further information, please refer to *Housing Finance, Australia* (cat. no. 5609.0), which was released on 8 September 2010.

PERSONAL FINANCE

(Tables 1 & 4)

In trend terms, the value of total personal finance commitments was flat (0.0%) in July 2010 compared with June 2010. Fixed lending commitments rose 0.6%, while revolving credit commitments fell 0.6%.

In seasonally adjusted terms, the value of total personal finance commitments fell 0.7% in July 2010. Fixed lending commitments fell 1.2% and revolving credit commitments fell 0.3%.

COMMERCIAL FINANCE

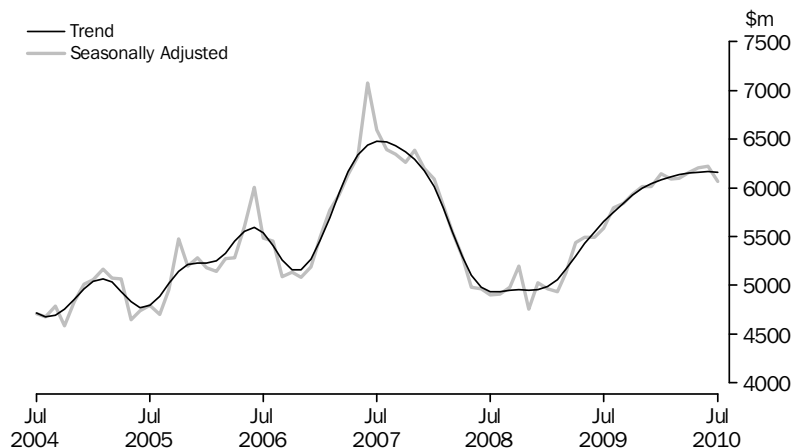
(Tables 1 & 8)

The trend series for the value of total commercial finance commitments rose 0.2% in July 2010 compared with June 2010. Revolving credit commitments rose 0.4% and fixed lending commitments rose 0.1%.

The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total commercial finance commitments rose 8.2% in July 2010. Fixed lending commitments rose 9.2% and revolving credit commitments rose 5.7%.

The value of commitments for the purchase of dwellings by individuals for rent or resale (trend) fell 0.1% in July 2010, after a rise of 0.1% in June 2010. The seasonally adjusted series fell 2.4% in July 2010.

PURCHASE OF DWELLINGS BY INDIVIDUALS FOR RENT OR RESALE



LEASE FINANCE

(Table 1)

The value of total lease finance commitments (trend) rose 1.1% in July 2010. The seasonally adjusted series rose 3.2%.

FINANCE COMMITMENTS, Summary

Month	SECURED HOUSING(a)		PERSONAL(b)			COMMERCIAL			LEASE
	Construction and purchase of dwellings(c)	Alterations and additions	Fixed loans(d)	Revolving credit(e)	Total	Fixed loans(d)	Revolving credit(e)	Total	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ORIGINAL									
2009									
July	17 879	539	3 512	3 766	7 278	20 602	8 813	29 415	470
August	15 866	459	3 346	3 371	6 717	19 785	8 301	28 087	375
September	17 405	488	3 368	3 640	7 008	24 066	8 488	32 554	366
October	17 047	485	3 373	3 549	6 922	19 077	8 099	27 175	388
November	16 240	469	3 350	3 604	6 953	20 100	7 062	27 162	357
December	16 097	497	3 312	4 031	7 343	26 216	9 639	35 854	482
2010									
January	11 372	375	2 697	3 230	5 927	15 924	4 707	20 632	278
February	12 811	475	3 131	3 454	6 585	17 866	7 137	25 002	319
March	15 175	550	3 529	3 984	7 513	20 388	9 087	29 474	425
April	12 967	454	3 073	3 287	6 360	18 314	6 700	25 014	321
May	14 019	482	3 344	3 440	6 784	20 966	7 836	28 802	393
June	13 994	463	3 830	4 137	7 967	25 378	9 332	34 710	469
July	14 084	435	3 323	3 606	6 929	21 886	8 642	30 529	402
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2009									
July	16 892	526	3 411	3 533	6 944	19 027	8 194	27 221	432
August	16 362	505	3 504	3 649	7 153	20 484	8 402	28 887	397
September	17 366	497	3 457	3 581	7 038	22 902	8 627	31 529	379
October	16 725	473	3 396	3 541	6 938	18 644	7 812	26 457	384
November	15 885	465	3 357	3 708	7 065	20 487	6 944	27 431	374
December	15 243	493	3 278	3 725	7 003	21 758	7 399	29 157	410
2010									
January	14 513	467	3 214	3 698	6 912	20 628	6 387	27 015	364
February	13 890	468	3 245	3 696	6 941	20 899	7 743	28 642	367
March	13 460	470	3 214	3 626	6 840	19 954	9 177	29 131	386
April	13 396	462	3 249	3 551	6 800	22 897	7 758	30 655	357
May	13 547	465	3 241	3 552	6 793	21 319	8 806	30 125	397
June	13 458	446	3 353	3 529	6 882	19 692	7 844	27 537	374
July	13 761	449	3 313	3 520	6 833	21 497	8 288	29 785	386
TREND									
2009									
July	17 126	516	3 464	3 504	6 967	20 311	8 401	28 712	388
August	17 005	505	3 469	3 548	7 017	20 383	8 238	28 621	387
September	16 779	494	3 445	3 596	7 041	20 532	7 940	28 472	388
October	16 417	485	3 399	3 640	7 039	20 666	7 646	28 312	388
November	15 896	478	3 345	3 672	7 017	20 686	7 408	28 094	385
December	15 262	474	3 292	3 688	6 980	20 771	7 315	28 086	381
2010									
January	14 601	472	3 252	3 687	6 939	20 871	7 402	28 274	377
February	14 050	470	3 232	3 668	6 899	20 992	7 668	28 660	376
March	13 708	467	3 235	3 632	6 867	21 117	7 986	29 104	375
April	13 539	463	3 250	3 591	6 841	21 129	8 220	29 349	376
May	13 460	458	3 271	3 556	6 827	21 104	8 337	29 442	378
June	13 438	453	3 293	3 529	6 822	21 067	8 379	29 446	380
July	13 478	451	3 314	3 509	6 823	21 080	8 411	29 491	384

(a) For owner occupation.

(b) Includes unsecured housing finance for owner occupation.

(c) Includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary).

(d) Includes refinancing (see Glossary).

(e) New and increased credit limits during the month. Includes credit cards.

HOUSING AND PERSONAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, By Lender: Original

Month	HOUSING FINANCE (a)					PERSONAL FINANCE (b)				
	Banks	Permanent building societies	Wholesale lenders n.e.c.	Other lenders	Total	Banks	Credit co-operatives	Finance companies	Other lenders	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2009										
July	16 297	383	530	669	17 879	6 181	np	np	590	7 278
August	14 493	274	427	672	15 866	5 669	np	np	575	6 717
September	15 816	297	556	735	17 405	6 096	np	np	597	7 008
October	15 617	238	490	702	17 047	6 015	np	np	579	6 922
November	14 850	245	484	661	16 240	5 921	np	np	699	6 953
December	14 601	233	505	758	16 097	6 274	np	np	690	7 343
2010										
January	10 329	170	339	534	11 372	4 916	np	np	705	5 927
February	11 684	202	319	606	12 811	5 710	np	np	561	6 585
March	13 875	269	357	674	15 175	6 449	np	np	698	7 513
April	11 822	223	340	582	12 967	5 401	np	np	635	6 360
May	12 722	261	372	663	14 019	5 817	np	np	624	6 784
June	12 698	249	407	639	13 994	6 881	np	np	703	7 967
July	12 812	253	377	642	14 084	6 014	np	np	578	6 929

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(a) Secured finance for owner occupation. Excludes alterations and additions.
 (b) Includes unsecured housing finance for owner occupation.

COMMERCIAL AND LEASE FINANCE COMMITMENTS, By Lender: **Original**

Month	COMMERCIAL FINANCE					LEASE FINANCE				
	Banks	Money market corporations	Finance companies	Other lenders	Total	Banks	General financiers	Finance companies	Other lessors	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2009										
July	26 236	np	196	np	29 415	109	233	np	np	470
August	25 583	np	np	2 343	28 087	161	100	np	np	375
September	29 284	np	186	np	32 554	117	131	np	np	366
October	23 885	np	np	2 191	27 175	116	149	np	np	388
November	24 074	np	np	2 792	27 162	125	112	np	np	357
December	32 320	np	253	np	35 854	234	115	np	np	482
2010										
January	18 624	np	139	np	20 632	70	115	np	np	278
February	22 681	np	172	np	25 002	84	105	np	np	319
March	25 929	np	194	np	29 474	91	166	np	np	425
April	22 835	np	144	np	25 014	70	109	np	np	321
May	25 876	np	171	np	28 802	102	131	np	np	393
June	31 766	np	np	np	34 710	137	147	np	np	469
July	27 462	188	133	2 746	30 529	87	153	np	np	402

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PERSONAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, By Purpose (Fixed Loans): Original

<i>Month</i>	<i>New motor cars and station wagons</i>	<i>Used motor cars and station wagons</i>	<i>Total motor vehicles(a)</i>	<i>Individual residential blocks of land</i>	<i>Unsecured finance for owner occupation(b)</i>	<i>Debt consolidation</i>	<i>Refinancing</i>	<i>Other(c)</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2009									
July	263	357	725	552	34	308	1 141	752	3 512
August	248	350	708	537	30	296	1 078	697	3 346
September	259	356	733	583	35	275	1 032	709	3 368
October	262	354	735	598	36	276	999	729	3 373
November	260	339	720	541	36	270	979	804	3 350
December	272	347	735	538	35	272	920	813	3 312
2010									
January	247	330	677	373	25	229	795	599	2 697
February	287	363	761	479	31	276	833	751	3 131
March	332	419	880	520	41	322	973	793	3 529
April	288	355	749	493	29	250	869	682	3 073
May	314	371	799	520	27	265	989	745	3 344
June	365	414	893	569	29	316	1 230	794	3 830
July	332	410	847	501	28	274	991	682	3 323

(a) Includes motorcycles and other motor vehicles.

(b) Includes alterations and additions.

(c) Includes boats, caravans and trailers, household goods, travel and holidays and other purposes.

PERSONAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, Revolving Credit Stocks and Flows: **Original**

Month	NEW AND INCREASED CREDIT LIMITS			CANCELLATIONS AND REDUCTIONS	CREDIT AT END OF MONTH	
	Secured	Unsecured	Total	Total(a)	Total limits(a)	Credit used
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2009						
July	1 835	1 931	3 766	2 884	284 553	117 801
August	1 511	1 860	3 371	2 403	285 746	117 725
September	1 567	2 073	3 640	2 597	287 991	121 832
October	1 592	1 958	3 549	3 162	288 307	122 000
November	1 521	2 082	3 604	2 897	289 008	123 023
December	2 028	2 003	4 031	2 994	290 537	124 181
2010						
January	1 274	1 956	3 230	2 833	291 039	124 144
February	1 647	1 806	3 454	2 493	291 975	125 871
March	1 744	2 240	3 984	6 971	288 971	125 350
April	1 509	1 779	3 287	3 182	289 089	125 417
May	1 633	1 807	3 440	2 800	289 728	125 811
June	2 147	1 990	4 137	2 788	291 077	126 992
July	1 781	1 825	3 606	2 386	292 297	126 389

(a) These figures sometimes reflect a rebasing of the data by one or more lenders without adjustment to earlier periods' commitments or cancellations.

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COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, By Purpose (Fixed Loans): Original

Month	Construction finance	Purchase of real property	Wholesale finance	Purchase of plant and equipment	Refinancing	Other	Total	Commitments not drawn at end of month
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2009								
July	1 126	7 344	1 529	1 266	1 773	7 564	20 602	48 815
August	1 123	7 727	881	1 034	2 010	7 010	19 785	49 121
September	2 785	8 720	1 170	1 530	2 694	7 167	24 066	51 367
October	1 144	7 272	1 268	1 710	2 004	5 678	19 077	49 730
November	1 307	8 313	1 403	1 573	1 939	5 566	20 100	50 029
December	1 328	8 434	1 490	1 986	2 808	10 170	26 216	49 133
2010								
January	848	6 164	920	1 217	1 009	5 766	15 924	47 068
February	1 142	6 879	1 008	1 304	1 224	6 309	17 866	46 443
March	1 015	8 720	1 299	1 554	1 729	6 070	20 388	47 655
April	1 107	7 821	np	1 425	1 622	np	18 314	47 047
May	1 354	8 303	1 127	1 415	1 848	6 917	20 966	47 603
June	1 178	9 895	1 302	1 914	2 538	8 551	25 378	48 005
July	922	8 527	1 350	1 291	2 295	7 503	21 886	48 285

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LEASE AND COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, Stocks and Flows: Original

Month	LEASE FINANCE		COMMERCIAL REVOLVING CREDIT			
	Total commitments	Commitments not drawn at end of month	New and increased credit limits	Cancellations and reductions(a)	Total credit limits at end of month(a)	Credit used at end of month
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2009						
July	470	np	8 813	16 099	345 953	207 259
August	375	np	8 301	9 637	344 572	206 250
September	366	np	8 488	10 196	342 733	205 343
October	388	np	8 099	10 046	341 127	205 694
November	357	np	7 062	12 207	336 048	204 510
December	482	np	9 639	11 863	333 552	200 681
2010						
January	278	np	4 707	8 142	330 069	198 993
February	319	np	7 137	12 034	324 978	198 472
March	425	np	9 087	10 933	322 939	197 846
April	321	np	6 700	8 399	319 963	196 201
May	393	np	7 836	9 100	318 128	196 189
June	469	np	9 332	10 590	316 676	195 085
July	402	np	8 642	8 905	316 140	193 146

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FINANCE COMMITMENTS, For Housing (Owner Occupation and Commercial)

Month	OWNER OCCUPATION (SECURED FINANCE)				OWNER OCCUPATION (UNSECURED FINANCE)	COMMERCIAL FINANCE(a)			ALL HOUSING FINANCE	
	Construction of dwellings	Purchase of new dwellings	Purchase of established dwellings(b)	Alterations and additions	Total(c)	Construction of dwellings for rent and resale	Purchase of dwellings by individuals for rent or resale (d)	Purchase of dwellings by others for rent or resale	Total	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
ORIGINAL										
2009										
July	1 793	824	15 262	539	34	303	5 888	579	25 221	
August	1 625	759	13 482	459	30	343	5 616	722	23 037	
September	1 844	819	14 741	488	35	502	5 798	544	24 772	
October	1 970	779	14 298	485	36	375	5 770	609	24 323	
November	1 755	731	13 754	469	36	305	6 133	623	23 805	
December	1 721	846	13 530	497	35	413	6 218	782	24 042	
2010										
January	1 230	512	9 631	375	25	293	4 759	493	17 317	
February	1 433	615	10 763	475	31	315	5 460	542	19 635	
March	1 528	741	12 906	550	41	447	6 680	752	23 645	
April	1 283	656	11 029	454	29	352	5 969	677	20 448	
May	1 366	743	11 910	482	27	701	6 593	824	22 647	
June	1 415	754	11 825	463	29	542	7 314	864	23 206	
July	1 380	747	11 957	435	28	455	6 084	623	21 709	
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED										
2009										
July	1 607	767	14 518	526	33	257	5 587	563	23 858	
August	1 634	789	13 939	505	34	360	5 795	676	23 732	
September	1 737	800	14 829	497	34	473	5 843	539	24 751	
October	1 885	767	14 073	473	34	364	5 933	624	24 154	
November	1 813	729	13 344	465	34	403	6 011	596	23 394	
December	1 683	775	12 785	493	34	360	6 016	727	22 873	
2010										
January	1 628	676	12 209	467	31	401	6 142	677	22 231	
February	1 598	668	11 623	468	32	394	6 088	676	21 547	
March	1 426	674	11 360	470	33	415	6 098	797	21 274	
April	1 350	687	11 359	462	31	422	6 164	757	21 232	
May	1 323	707	11 517	465	28	553	6 207	797	21 596	
June	1 282	704	11 471	446	29	436	6 223	598	21 190	
July	1 291	707	11 763	449	28	396	6 071	625	21 331	
TREND										
2009										
July	1 650	779	14 696	516	33	388	5 656	594	24 313	
August	1 705	781	14 519	505	34	384	5 751	604	24 282	
September	1 750	778	14 250	494	34	381	5 841	610	24 139	
October	1 776	769	13 872	485	34	383	5 926	620	23 865	
November	1 769	750	13 377	478	33	386	5 997	637	23 428	
December	1 724	726	12 812	474	33	389	6 047	665	22 871	
2010										
January	1 646	703	12 252	472	33	395	6 085	701	22 286	
February	1 551	689	11 811	470	32	407	6 115	729	21 804	
March	1 462	684	11 562	467	31	427	6 138	740	21 512	
April	1 391	687	11 462	463	31	443	6 154	734	21 364	
May	1 333	692	11 434	458	30	452	6 164	717	21 280	
June	1 288	698	11 452	453	29	455	6 168	692	21 235	
July	1 256	708	11 514	451	28	451	6 162	668	21 238	

(a) Excludes revolving credit.

(b) Only includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary).

(c) Includes alterations and additions.

(d) Includes refinancing (See Glossary).

FINANCE COMMITMENTS, For Motor Vehicles: **Original**

Month	PERSONAL FINANCE(a)					COMMERCIAL FINANCE(a)	LEASE FINANCE	ALL VEHICLE FINANCE
	New motor cars and station wagons	Used motor cars and station wagons	Motorcycles	Other motor vehicles	Total	Total	Total	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2009								
July	263	357	16	89	725	650	194	1 569
August	248	350	17	93	708	569	187	1 463
September	259	356	17	101	733	833	201	1 767
October	262	354	18	101	735	900	195	1 830
November	260	339	17	104	720	937	201	1 859
December	272	347	16	100	735	1 312	243	2 289
2010								
January	247	330	15	85	677	720	153	1 550
February	287	363	17	94	761	778	185	1 724
March	332	419	18	111	880	937	241	2 058
April	288	355	15	91	749	874	207	1 830
May	314	371	14	99	799	850	242	1 891
June	365	414	16	97	893	1 094	254	2 241
July	332	410	14	90	847	778	260	1 885

(a) Excludes revolving credit.

LEASE FINANCE COMMITMENTS, For Motor Vehicles: **Original**

Month	MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS		LIGHT TRUCKS		HEAVY TRUCKS		OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES	ALL VEHICLES
	<i>New</i>	<i>Used</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>Used</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>Used</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2009								
July	134	41	8	3	3	4	1	194
August	129	37	7	3	2	8	1	187
September	138	39	9	4	5	4	1	201
October	136	35	13	np	np	np	np	195
November	149	32	12	np	2	1	np	201
December	177	36	12	4	6	np	np	243
2010								
January	106	29	7	np	1	np	np	153
February	129	38	8	3	3	4	1	185
March	171	41	14	5	4	5	1	241
April	148	37	14	np	2	2	np	207
May	171	44	16	np	3	3	np	242
June	175	48	19	4	3	3	2	254
July	177	55	17	np	3	2	np	260

np not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated

COMMERCIAL AND LEASE FINANCE COMMITMENTS, For Plant and Equipment(a): **Original**

Month	COMMERCIAL FINANCE(b)			LEASE FINANCE	ALL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FINANCE
	<i>Transport equipment</i>	<i>Other plant and equipment</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2009					
July	144	472	616	276	891
August	56	409	466	189	654
September	88	608	696	166	862
October	93	717	811	192	1 003
November	143	493	636	156	791
December	121	553	674	239	913
2010					
January	92	405	498	125	623
February	73	453	526	134	660
March	101	516	617	184	801
April	96	456	551	113	665
May	68	498	565	151	716
June	142	678	820	215	1 035
July	79	434	513	142	655

(a) Excludes motor vehicles (see tables 9 and 10).

(b) Excludes revolving credit.

LEASE FINANCE COMMITMENTS, For Plant and Equipment: **Original**

	<i>Transport equipment(a)</i>	<i>Construction and earthmoving equipment</i>	<i>Agricultural machinery and equipment</i>	<i>Manu- facturing equipment</i>	<i>Electronic data processing equipment</i>	<i>Office machines</i>	<i>Shop and office furniture, fittings and equipment</i>	<i>Other goods</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Month</i>	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2009									
July	7	9	8	6	160	52	12	23	276
August	np	6	4	4	32	44	15	np	189
September	np	3	5	6	71	37	15	np	166
October	2	5	4	7	67	55	7	45	192
November	np	4	3	3	34	67	9	np	156
December	np	6	2	6	57	64	10	np	239
2010									
January	np	4	3	3	40	np	np	np	125
February	np	1	3	7	47	np	np	np	134
March	np	6	3	4	88	42	19	np	184
April	np	3	3	4	47	np	np	np	113
May	np	5	7	7	55	35	8	np	151
June	5	8	12	6	79	39	24	42	215
July	np	5	2	2	63	34	6	np	142

np not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated

(a) Excludes motor vehicles (see tables 9 and 10).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

- 1** This publication presents statistics on finance commitments made by significant lenders for the purposes of secured housing finance for owner occupation, other personal finance, commercial finance and lease finance.
- 2** *Secured housing finance for owner occupation* is secured finance to individuals for the purchase or construction of dwellings for owner occupation, and for alterations and additions to existing owner occupied dwellings. Refinancing involving a change of lender is also included, while refinancing with the same lender is excluded from all estimates.
- 3** *Personal finance*, other than secured housing finance for owner occupation, is finance provided to individuals for their personal, non-business, use. Both fixed loans and revolving credit finance are included.
- 4** *Commercial finance* is finance provided to individuals and corporations for business or investment purposes, including for the construction or purchase of dwellings for rental or resale. Fixed loans, revolving credit and commercial hire purchase are included.
- 5** *Lease finance* includes finance and leverage leases. Operating lease finance statistics are provided as spreadsheets on Details tab of this issue.

SCOPE

- 6** Finance commitments made by the following types of lenders are included:
 - Banks
 - Permanent building societies
 - Credit unions/cooperative credit societies
 - Life or general insurance companies
 - General government enterprises
 - Superannuation funds
 - Securitiser of mortgage assets (wholesale lenders) which provide funds to borrowers through a retail intermediary (e.g. mortgage originators)
 - Registered Financial Corporations (RFCs).

COVERAGE

- 7** The statistics cover all bank commitments, and all commitments for secured housing finance for owner occupation made by permanent building societies. Of the remaining commitments, the largest lenders for each of secured housing finance for owner occupation, other personal finance, commercial finance and lease finance are covered, so that when calculated separately for each of the four broad categories of purpose finance, at least 95% of Australia-wide finance commitments and at least 90% of each state's finance commitments are covered. While many lenders other than banks are not covered, at least 70% coverage is maintained for all published lender types (including the Other Lenders series and Other Lessors series).
- 8** An annual collection is conducted to maintain and update the survey coverage. New lenders are included as their lending for any of the four categories of finance becomes sufficiently large.
- 9** From June 2001, the statistics for:
 - secured housing finance for owner occupation cover all commitments by banks and permanent building societies, and commitments by all other lenders which provided more than \$50m for housing finance in 2000
 - personal finance cover all commitments by banks, and commitments by all other lenders which provided more than \$96m for personal finance in 2000.
- 10** From June 2002, the statistics for:
 - commercial finance cover all commitments by banks, and commitments by all other lenders which provided more than \$484m for commercial finance in 2001
 - lease finance cover all commitments by banks, and commitments by all other lenders which provided funds of more than \$31m for lease finance in 2001.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

COVERAGE *continued*

11 Additional smaller lenders are also covered where it is necessary to maintain collection coverage (as specified in paragraph 7).

SOURCES

12 For banks, credit cooperatives, building societies and RFCs, the statistics in this publication are currently derived from returns submitted to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA). The Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act 2001 facilitates the collection of statistical data from the financial sector, with APRA established as the central point for collection of both prudential and statistical data. In October 2001, APRA implemented new reporting forms for building societies and credit cooperatives. New reporting forms were implemented for banks in March 2002, and for RFCs in March 2003. APRA commenced collecting loan commitments data from banks, credit cooperatives, building societies in July 2002 and from RFCs in March 2003.

13 Secured housing finance commitments for owner occupied housing from banks, building societies and credit cooperatives are derived from form *ARF 392.0 Housing Finance* collected by APRA. Personal finance commitments from these lenders are sourced from the *ARF 394.0 Personal Finance*. Commercial finance commitments from these lenders are sourced from the *ARF 391.0 Commercial Finance* and from the *ARF 394.0 Personal Finance* for fixed loans for personal investment purposes. Lease finance commitments are sourced from the *ARF 393.0 Lease Finance*.

14 Finance commitments for RFCs are collected on the *RRF 391.0 Commercial Finance* (commercial finance commitments), *RRF 392.0 Housing Finance* (secured housing finance commitments for owner occupied housing), *RRF 393.0 Lease Finance* (lease finance commitments) and *RRF 394.0 Personal Finance* (personal finance commitments and commercial finance commitments).

15 Electronic versions of the forms and instructions for ADIs are available on the APRA web site at <http://www.apra.gov.au/Statistics/Reporting-forms-and-instructions-exclude-Basel-II.cfm>. For RFCs, these are available at: <http://www.apra.gov.au/rfc/>.

16 All other institutions, including securitisation vehicles, are collected directly by the ABS.

REVISIONS

17 Revisions to previously published statistics are included in the publication as they occur.

18 Changes in the classification of lenders (e.g. the conversion of a permanent building society to a bank) are reflected in the Lender series from the month of the change. Data for earlier periods for such lenders are not reclassified. Details of the establishment of new banks are published in the Reserve Bank of Australia's monthly *Bulletin* in the section on Technical Notes to Tables.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

19 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation and 'trading day effects'. A 'trading day effect' reflects the varying amounts of activity on different days of the week and the different number of days of the week in any month (i.e. the number of Sundays, Mondays, etc.). This effect may be partly caused by the reporting practices of the lenders. Adjustment is also made for Easter which may affect the March and April estimates differently. Trading day effects are removed from the original estimates prior to the seasonal adjustment process. Seasonal adjustment does not remove the effect of irregular or non-seasonal influences (e.g. a change in interest rates) from the seasonally adjusted series.

20 The lending finance series uses a concurrent seasonal adjustment methodology to derive the seasonal adjustment factors. This means that original estimates available at the current reference month are used to estimate seasonal factors for the current and previous months. As a result of this methodology, the seasonally adjusted and trend

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SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

continued

estimates for earlier periods can be revised each month. However, in most instances, the only noticeable revisions will be to the previous month and the same month a year ago.

21 Autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) modelling can improve the revision properties of the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates. ARIMA modelling relies on the characteristics of the series being analysed to project future period data. The projected values are temporary, intermediate values, that are only used internally to improve the estimation of the seasonal factors. The projected data do not affect the original estimates and are discarded at the end of the seasonal adjustment process. The lending finance collection uses an individual ARIMA model for 96% of the series in this publication. The ARIMA model is assessed as part of the annual reanalysis. For more information on ARIMA modelling see Feature article: Use of ARIMA modelling to reduce revisions in the October 2004 issue of *Australian Economic Indicators* (cat. no. 1350.0).

TREND ESTIMATES

22 Smoothing seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13 term Henderson-weighted moving average to all but the last six months of the respective seasonally adjusted series. Trend series are created for the last six months by applying surrogates of the Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted series. For further information, refer to *Information Paper: A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring Trends: An Overview* (cat. no. 1349.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on Canberra (02) 6252 6345 or by email at <time.series.analysis@abs.gov.au>.

23 While the smoothing technique described in paragraph 22 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. Changes in the original data and re-estimation of seasonal factors may also lead to revisions to the trend.

EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

24 Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals. Change in dollar value, number and percentage terms and averages presented in the commentary and the percentage change publication tables are based on unrounded data and may differ slightly from percentage changes and averages calculated from the rounded data presented in the tables in this publication.

ABS DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

25 Estimates for months prior to those shown in this publication and more detailed series are available in spreadsheet format from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) web site. For more information, contact the ABS National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

26 Users may also wish to refer to the following ABS releases:

- *Housing Finance, Australia* (cat. no. 5609.0)
- *Assets and Liabilities of Australian Securitizers* (cat. no. 5232.0.0.55.001)
- *Building Approvals, Australia* (cat. no. 8731.0)
- *Dwelling Unit Commencements, Australia, Preliminary* (cat. no. 8750.0) - issued quarterly
- *Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia* (cat. no. 5625.0)
- *Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Australia Electronic Publication* (cat. no. 9314.0).

27 In addition, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) produces the monthly *Reserve Bank of Australia Bulletin*, the tables of which are available on the RBA web site <<http://www.rba.gov.au>>. The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) also publishes a range of finance statistics on its web site <<http://www.apra.gov.au>>.

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RELATED PUBLICATIONS *continued*

28 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (cat. no. 1101.0). The *Catalogue* is available from any ABS office or the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>. The ABS also issues a daily Release Advice on the web site which details products to be released in the week ahead.

GLOSSARY

Agricultural machinery and equipment	Includes tractors, tillage implements, seeding, planting and fertilising equipment, agricultural mowers, harvesters, etc.
Alterations and additions	Comprises all structural and non-structural changes which are integral to the functional and structural design of a dwelling. Examples are garages, carports, pergolas, reroofing, recladding, etc. Alterations and additions do not include swimming pools, ongoing repairs, or maintenance and home improvements which do not involve building work.
Commitment	Is a firm offer of finance. It either has been, or is normally expected to be, accepted. Commitments accepted and cancelled in the same month are included. Commitments to non-residents are excluded.
Construction and earth moving equipment	Includes concrete mixers and pumpers, dozers, graders, mobile cranes, crawler tractors, dumpers, road rollers, earth packers, scarifiers, rippers, etc.
Construction of dwellings	Comprises commitments made to individuals to finance, by way of progress payments, the construction of owner occupied dwellings.
Debt consolidation	For personal finance, comprises commitments whose principle purpose is to consolidate and pay out amounts owing by the borrower to third parties.
Dwelling	Is a single self-contained place of residence such as a detached or semidetached house, a terrace house, a flat, home unit, town house, etc. which includes bathing and cooking facilities.
Electronic data processing equipment	Includes computers, computer peripherals, data entry devices, word processing machines, etc.
Established dwelling	Is a dwelling that has been completed for 12 months or more prior to the lodgement of a loan application, or has been previously occupied.
Finance lease	Refers to the leasing or hiring of tangible assets under an agreement, other than a hire purchase agreement, which substantially transfers from the lessor to the lessee all the risks and benefits incident to ownership of the asset without transferring the legal ownership.
Fixed loans	Generally involve: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ a commitment for a fixed amount for a fixed period for a specific purpose■ a schedule of repayments over a fixed period■ repayments which reduce the liability of the borrower but do not act to make further finance available.
Heavy trucks	Comprises all vehicles with a gross combination mass rating in excess of 3.5 tonnes, including prime movers registered without trailers.
Light trucks	Comprises vehicles constructed primarily for the carriage of goods which do not exceed 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass such as utilities, panel vans, trucks, cab-chassis, forward control vans and four-wheel drives used to carry goods.
Manufacturing equipment	Includes all plant and equipment used in the manufacture of goods except motor vehicles such as forklifts, work trucks and tractors.
Motor cars and station wagons	Includes cars, station wagons, four-wheel drive and forward control passenger vehicles with up to nine seats (including the driver).
Motorcycles	Includes two and three wheeled motorcycles and mopeds, scooters and motorcycles with side cars.
New dwelling	Is a dwelling that has been completed within 12 months of the lodgement of a loan application, and the borrower will be the first occupant.
Office machines	Includes telephone systems (including PABX equipment), facsimile machines, cash registers, photocopiers, etc.

GLOSSARY *continued*

Purpose	Of the loan is that specified by the borrower. Where possible multiple purpose loans are split and each component is reported in the appropriate purpose category. Otherwise the whole loan is classified to the major purpose.
Real Property	Comprises both residential and non-residential land, buildings and fixed structures.
Refinancing	For personal and commercial finance, represents a commitment to refinance an existing loan. For secured housing finance, only those loans where the refinancing lender is a different lender and the security is unchanged are included. The refinancing of a loan to fund a change of residence is treated as a new lending commitment.
Revolving credit	Generally has the following characteristics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ a commitment for a credit or borrowing limit is given for a specific period after which the commitment is reviewed■ the extent of the borrowing used at any time during the period may be for any amount up to the authorised limit■ repayments (other than of charges and interest) made during the period reduce the extent of the borrowing used and thereby increase the amount of unused credit available up to the authorised limit. Examples include credit cards, lines of credit and approved overdrafts.
Secured credit limits	Includes overdrafts, lines of credit, credit cards, etc. backed by a mortgage or other assets owned by the borrower.
Secured housing finance	Comprises all secured commitments to individuals for the construction or purchase of dwellings for owner occupation, regardless of type of security. Commitments for housing that will be occupied by persons other than the owner(s) are excluded.
Total credit limits at end of month	Comprises total approved credit limits available at the end of the reference month. In principle, this can be derived by adding new and increased lending commitments during the month less cancellations and reductions of credit limits during the month to the balance of credit limits at the end of the previous month. In practice, however, revisions and other adjustments (such as the transfer of an existing fixed credit facility) will mean that such a derivation is inexact.
Wholesale finance	Comprises finance for the purchase of goods by retailers and wholesalers.

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