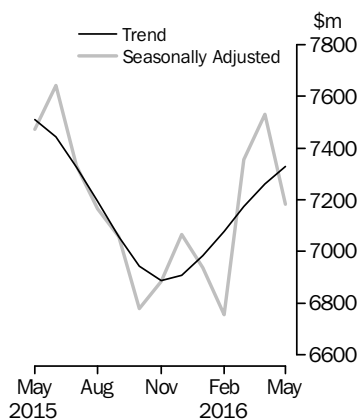


# LENDING FINANCE

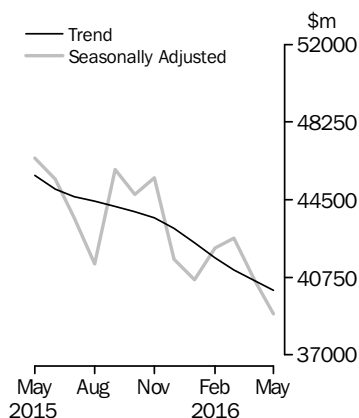
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## Personal Finance



## Commercial Finance



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## KEY FIGURES

	Apr 2016 \$m	May 2016 \$m	Apr 2016 to May 2016 % change
<b>TREND ESTIMATES</b>			
Housing finance for owner occupation(a)	20 615	20 500	-0.6
Personal finance	7 262	7 327	0.9
Commercial finance	40 584	40 102	-1.2
Lease finance	538	517	-3.9
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES</b>			
Housing finance for owner occupation(a)	20 648	20 526	-0.6
Personal finance	7 529	7 182	-4.6
Commercial finance	40 635	38 986	-4.1
Lease finance	548	470	-14.2

(a) Excludes alterations and additions

## KEY POINTS

### MAY 2016 COMPARED WITH APRIL 2016:

#### HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

- The total value of owner occupied housing commitments excluding alterations and additions fell 0.6% in trend terms, and the seasonally adjusted series fell 0.6%.

#### PERSONAL FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total personal finance commitments rose 0.9%. Revolving credit commitments rose 1.8% and fixed lending commitments rose 0.3%.
- The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total personal finance commitments fell 4.6%. Revolving credit commitments fell 7.8% and fixed lending commitments fell 2.3%.

#### COMMERCIAL FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total commercial finance commitments fell 1.2%. Revolving credit commitments and Fixed lending commitments both fell 1.2%.
- The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total commercial finance commitments fell 4.1%. Fixed lending commitments fell 4.4% and revolving credit commitments fell 3.2%.

#### LEASE FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total lease finance commitments fell 3.9% in May 2016 and the seasonally adjusted series fell 14.2%, following a fall of 0.6% in April 2016.

# NOTES

## FORTHCOMING ISSUES

### ISSUE

### RELEASE DATE

June 2016	12 August 2016
July 2016	12 September 2016
August 2016	14 October 2016
September 2016	14 November 2016
October 2016	12 December 2016
November 2016	23 January 2017

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## SPECIAL NOTE

The April 2016 values of Personal Finance Commitments Stocks and Flows have been revised downwards to correct a reporting issue.

## 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 have affected the following series:

- Commercial Finance for period January 2016 to April 2016.
- Personal Finance for period March 2016 to April 2016.
- Owner occupied housing for period January 2016 to April 2016.
- Investment housing for period January 2016 to April 2016.
- Lease Finance for the period March 2016.

## CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

This month a building society converted to a bank and has been excluded from all aggregate commitments. The effect of this is insignificant on the aggregates of the publication. Revisions will be included in the next issue of this publication.

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## TIME SERIES DATA

### TIME SERIES DATA

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- longer time series of tables in this publication, and
- the following tables:

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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

### HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

The total value of owner occupied housing commitments excluding alterations and additions fell 0.6% in trend terms and the seasonally adjusted series fell 0.6%.

Further detail can be found in Table 1 on the downloads tab of this release and in the PDF.

For further information, please refer to Housing Finance, Australia (cat. no. 5609.0), which was released on 11 July 2016.

### PERSONAL FINANCE

The trend series for the value of total personal finance commitments rose 0.9% in May 2016 compared with April 2016. Revolving lending commitments rose 1.8% and fixed lending commitments rose 0.3%.

The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total personal finance commitments fell 4.6%. Revolving lending commitments fell 7.8% and fixed lending commitments fell 2.3%.

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### COMMERCIAL FINANCE

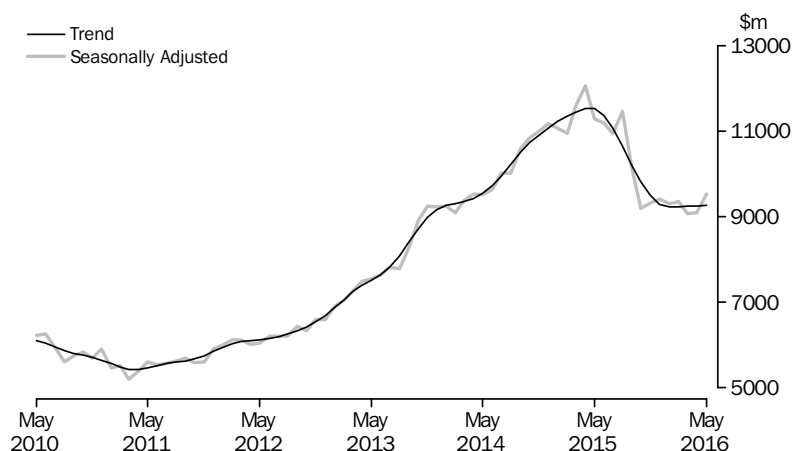
The trend series for the value of total commercial finance commitments fell 1.2% in May 2016 compared with April 2016. Revolving lending commitments and Fixed lending commitments both fell 1.2%.

The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total commercial finance commitments fell 4.1% in May 2016, following a fall of 4.7% in April 2016. Fixed lending commitments fell 4.4%, following a fall of 4.4% in the previous month. Revolving lending commitments fell 3.2%, following a fall of 5.5% in the previous month.

The value of commitments for the purchase of dwellings by individuals for rent or resale (trend) rose 0.1% in May 2016 and the seasonally adjusted series rose 4.9%.

Further detail can be found in Tables 1 and 8 on the downloads tab of this release and in the PDF.

### PURCHASE OF DWELLINGS BY INDIVIDUALS FOR RENT OR RESALE



## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

### LEASE FINANCE

The trend series for the value of total lease finance commitments fell 3.9% in May 2016 and the seasonally adjusted series fell 14.2%, following a fall of 0.6% in April 2016.

Further detail can be found in Table 1 on the downloads tab of this release and in the PDF.

## 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									
2015									
May	18 379	321	4 928	2 780	7 708	33 966	11 701	45 667	554
June	20 030	360	5 497	3 266	8 763	42 278	15 767	58 045	687
July	20 631	359	4 588	3 262	7 849	34 972	9 845	44 817	916
August	19 743	344	4 160	2 660	6 820	31 468	8 697	40 164	567
September	21 992	366	4 122	2 702	6 824	36 078	9 073	45 151	603
October	22 075	345	3 908	3 000	6 908	35 993	9 225	45 217	590
November	23 121	347	4 095	2 731	6 826	32 482	13 530	46 012	572
December	23 354	343	4 227	2 961	7 189	39 605	13 180	52 785	665
2016									
January	16 606	266	3 321	2 452	5 773	23 666	6 625	30 291	495
February	19 030	375	4 121	2 646	6 767	27 049	9 110	36 159	576
March	20 452	392	4 679	2 954	7 632	31 473	9 887	41 360	583
April	20 411	352	4 363	2 728	7 092	28 622	8 936	37 558	527
May	21 845	381	4 726	2 986	7 712	29 733	9 640	39 373	493
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2015									
May	17 787	309	4 600	2 871	7 471	33 578	12 914	46 492	541
June	19 410	338	4 736	2 905	7 641	33 725	11 766	45 490	566
July	19 659	344	4 419	2 912	7 331	34 076	9 563	43 639	905
August	20 436	358	4 365	2 800	7 165	32 950	8 428	41 378	601
September	21 138	357	4 210	2 847	7 057	36 359	9 584	45 943	599
October	21 107	341	3 948	2 831	6 779	34 792	9 951	44 743	609
November	21 515	340	4 085	2 799	6 884	33 110	12 446	45 556	588
December	21 584	343	4 210	2 857	7 066	31 691	9 923	41 614	598
2016									
January	20 677	356	4 140	2 797	6 936	31 047	9 590	40 637	614
February	20 888	363	4 250	2 507	6 757	31 962	10 188	42 150	601
March	20 682	363	4 496	2 860	7 356	31 854	10 784	42 638	552
April	20 648	361	4 368	3 161	7 529	30 441	10 194	40 635	548
May	20 526	354	4 268	2 913	7 182	29 115	9 870	38 986	470
TREND									
2015									
May	19 198	324	4 600	2 910	7 510	34 702	10 961	45 663	557
June	19 574	334	4 568	2 875	7 443	34 510	10 507	45 017	567
July	20 000	342	4 472	2 854	7 327	34 429	10 204	44 632	577
August	20 444	347	4 341	2 854	7 195	34 378	10 039	44 417	588
September	20 856	349	4 210	2 848	7 058	34 224	9 936	44 160	597
October	21 160	349	4 121	2 820	6 942	33 900	10 012	43 912	604
November	21 298	348	4 098	2 789	6 888	33 381	10 239	43 620	607
December	21 248	350	4 136	2 771	6 908	32 671	10 440	43 111	604
2016									
January	21 081	353	4 206	2 777	6 983	31 972	10 436	42 408	595
February	20 897	357	4 275	2 803	7 078	31 376	10 306	41 683	580
March	20 741	359	4 326	2 848	7 174	30 894	10 201	41 094	560
April	20 615	361	4 362	2 900	7 262	30 457	10 127	40 584	538
May	20 500	362	4 376	2 952	7 327	30 099	10 003	40 102	517

(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(a), By Lender: **Original**

HOUSING FINANCE(b)						PERSONAL FINANCE(c)				
	<i>Banks</i>	<i>Permanent building societies</i>	<i>Wholesale lenders n.e.c.</i>	<i>Other lenders</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Banks</i>	<i>Credit co- operatives</i>	<i>Finance companies</i>	<i>Other lenders</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Month</i>	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>2015</b>										
May	17 018	274	368	719	18 379	6 661	156	88	803	7 708
June	18 667	297	365	701	20 030	7 551	179	102	933	8 763
July	19 224	308	371	728	20 631	6 681	165	86	917	7 849
August	18 495	194	367	686	19 743	5 610	153	102	955	6 820
September	20 490	182	532	789	21 992	5 605	168	105	945	6 824
October	20 645	215	460	755	22 075	5 781	163	116	847	6 908
November	21 545	np	np	780	23 121	5 609	146	128	943	6 826
December	21 728	np	np	807	23 354	5 895	150	139	1 004	7 189
<b>2016</b>										
January	15 303	193	391	719	16 606	4 543	106	127	997	5 773
February	17 507	np	np	881	19 030	5 586	132	97	953	6 767
March	18 799	np	np	942	20 452	5 982	231	117	1 302	7 632
April	18 938	179	436	859	20 411	5 542	135	111	1 303	7 092
May	20 324	np	np	868	21 845	6 151	np	np	1 296	7 712

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(b) Secured finance for owner occupation. Excludes alterations and additions.

(c) Includes unsecured housing finance for owner occupation.

(a) Refer to CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE on Page 2.



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
<b>2015</b>										
May	42 838	np	751	np	45 667	95	166	np	np	554
June	54 411	np	np	2 679	58 045	135	161	np	np	687
July	41 499	np	820	np	44 817	100	501	np	np	916
August	37 229	np	823	np	40 164	99	163	138	167	567
September	41 706	np	849	np	45 151	104	161	148	190	603
October	41 578	np	940	np	45 217	113	160	142	175	590
November	42 125	711	810	2 366	46 012	105	157	135	175	572
December	49 214	np	901	np	52 785	136	182	np	np	665
<b>2016</b>										
January	27 526	121	720	1 924	30 291	84	237	np	np	495
February	32 302	335	855	2 668	36 159	99	256	32	189	576
March	37 410	np	921	np	41 360	137	224	37	184	583
April	33 599	np	872	np	37 558	121	178	42	185	527
May	35 835	np	866	np	39 373	118	153	44	178	493

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

	<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 occupa- tion(b)</i>	<i>Debt consolidation</i>	<i>Refinancing</i>	<i>Other(c)</i>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Month</i>	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>2015</b>									
May	611	416	1 167	565	46	889	1 307	953	<b>4 928</b>
June	774	453	1 393	668	44	np	np	1 043	<b>5 497</b>
July	658	448	1 256	554	50	np	np	958	<b>4 588</b>
August	620	441	1 210	546	33	np	np	972	<b>4 160</b>
September	674	445	1 273	516	44	609	750	930	<b>4 122</b>
October	629	435	1 211	503	44	591	680	880	<b>3 908</b>
November	669	430	1 257	503	53	630	755	897	<b>4 095</b>
December	677	405	1 229	592	45	659	780	922	<b>4 227</b>
<b>2016</b>									
January	611	391	1 132	355	36	488	552	757	<b>3 321</b>
February	668	418	1 230	495	46	747	716	888	<b>4 121</b>
March	763	548	1 483	555	50	1 022	622	946	<b>4 679</b>
April	717	458	1 341	495	37	1 025	595	870	<b>4 363</b>
May	735	473	1 368	613	40	1 140	641	923	<b>4 726</b>

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(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**

	NEW AND INCREASED CREDIT LIMITS			CANCELLATIONS AND REDUCTIONS	CREDIT AT END OF MONTH	
	Secured	Unsecured	Total	Total(a)	Total limits(a)	Credit used
Month	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
.....						
2015						
May	893	1 887	2 780	2 824	266 433	100 849
June	1 120	2 146	3 266	3 709	266 097	101 456
July	1 287	1 975	3 262	3 081	268 951	100 138
August	778	1 882	2 660	3 783	267 880	99 730
September	807	1 895	2 702	3 065	267 471	99 464
October	1 160	1 840	3 000	2 742	267 834	98 857
November	790	1 941	2 731	3 020	267 627	99 338
December	1 022	1 940	2 961	2 718	267 851	99 630
2016						
January	496	1 957	2 452	3 662	266 727	98 739
February	615	2 032	2 646	3 250	266 181	99 000
March	1 067	1 887	2 954	3 166	271 050	100 112
April	970	1 759	2 728	2 895	270 974	99 429
May	894	2 092	2 986	3 281	270 915	99 082

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

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

	Construction finance	Purchase of real property	Wholesale finance	Purchase of plant and equipment	Refinancing	Other	<b>Total</b>	Commitments not drawn at end of month
Month	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>2015</b>								
May	2 134	15 403	1 540	2 775	2 454	9 660	<b>33 966</b>	55 468
June	2 030	17 103	1 720	3 319	5 914	12 193	<b>42 278</b>	56 387
July	1 711	15 322	1 985	2 627	3 748	9 579	<b>34 972</b>	55 765
August	2 181	14 186	1 425	2 450	2 693	8 534	<b>31 468</b>	57 395
September	1 588	16 183	3 196	2 784	2 465	9 861	<b>36 078</b>	53 735
October	1 780	12 642	3 267	2 824	2 963	12 516	<b>35 993</b>	58 919
November	2 206	13 564	1 795	2 602	3 151	9 163	<b>32 482</b>	57 457
December	2 824	15 490	2 107	2 787	3 665	12 733	<b>39 605</b>	55 839
<b>2016</b>								
January	888	9 545	1 477	2 022	2 454	7 280	<b>23 666</b>	55 928
February	1 336	11 838	1 761	2 601	2 218	7 295	<b>27 049</b>	53 550
March	2 444	13 171	1 947	3 034	2 912	7 964	<b>31 473</b>	52 375
April	2 521	12 046	1 635	3 559	2 125	6 737	<b>28 622</b>	53 039
May	1 780	13 788	1 429	3 116	2 620	7 000	<b>29 733</b>	53 015

LEASE AND REVOLVING COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, BY STOCK: AUSTRALIA,  
ORIGINAL (\$M)

LEASE FINANCE			COMMERCIAL REVOLVING CREDIT			
Total commitments	Commitments not drawn at end of month		New and increased credit limits	Cancellations and reductions	Total credit limits at end of month	Credit used at end of month
\$m	\$m		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>2015</b>						
May	554	np	11 701	7 924	333 897	193 110
June	687	np	15 767	10 177	339 557	193 728
July	916	np	9 845	9 546	341 009	193 088
August	567	np	8 697	8 881	341 547	194 887
September	603	np	9 073	10 281	341 239	196 995
October	590	np	9 225	7 304	342 302	198 154
November	572	np	13 530	8 321	347 350	199 740
December	665	np	13 180	10 111	345 475	196 215
<b>2016</b>						
January	495	np	6 625	7 689	345 789	196 839
February	576	np	9 110	7 630	347 486	198 726
March	583	np	9 887	9 873	346 163	198 487
April	527	np	8 936	10 037	349 186	200 257
May	493	np	9 640	10 322	350 405	199 474

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## FINANCE COMMITMENTS(a), For Housing (Owner Occupation and Commercial)

Month	OWNER OCCUPATION (SECURED FINANCE)				OWNER OCCUPATION (UNSECURED FINANCE)	COMMERCIAL FINANCE(b)			ALL HOUSING FINANCE
	Construction of dwellings	Purchase of new dwellings	Purchase of established dwellings	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									
2015									
May	1 815	1 011	15 553	321	46	1 081	12 240	1 291	33 358
June	1 911	1 079	17 040	360	44	1 092	13 010	1 451	35 986
July	1 844	1 191	17 595	359	50	1 122	11 671	1 454	35 287
August	1 726	1 105	16 911	344	33	806	10 824	1 155	32 905
September	1 900	1 305	18 787	366	44	749	10 201	1 609	34 962
October	1 832	1 269	18 974	345	44	1 006	9 158	1 175	33 804
November	1 862	1 292	19 968	347	53	883	9 477	1 302	35 183
December	1 908	1 499	19 947	343	45	1 219	9 959	1 439	36 359
2016									
January	1 388	973	14 245	266	36	636	7 175	784	25 504
February	1 692	905	16 433	375	46	939	8 328	1 207	29 925
March	1 759	929	17 764	392	50	1 731	9 164	1 188	32 976
April	1 798	956	17 657	352	37	1 001	9 198	996	31 995
May	1 986	1 034	18 826	381	40	1 252	10 640	1 069	35 228
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2015									
May	1 713	990	15 085	309	43	1 002	11 279	1 263	31 682
June	1 706	1 054	16 649	338	44	985	11 192	1 281	33 249
July	1 699	1 138	16 822	344	47	1 035	10 938	1 398	33 421
August	1 740	1 150	17 546	358	37	815	11 453	1 131	34 230
September	1 806	1 245	18 087	357	45	627	10 153	1 400	33 720
October	1 788	1 222	18 097	341	40	993	9 201	1 247	32 930
November	1 850	1 174	18 491	340	46	996	9 322	1 249	33 469
December	1 858	1 358	18 368	343	45	976	9 397	1 235	33 580
2016									
January	1 865	1 172	17 639	356	46	967	9 307	1 171	32 524
February	1 816	1 004	18 068	363	48	1 156	9 347	1 325	33 127
March	1 772	940	17 970	363	46	1 637	9 077	1 103	32 908
April	1 842	997	17 809	361	38	1 062	9 080	1 167	32 356
May	1 795	991	17 740	354	39	1 226	9 523	996	32 664
TREND									
2015									
May	1 733	1 042	16 423	324	43	977	11 516	1 283	33 341
June	1 726	1 079	16 769	334	43	955	11 371	1 287	33 565
July	1 730	1 119	17 151	342	43	923	11 069	1 293	33 671
August	1 747	1 165	17 531	347	43	884	10 650	1 292	33 660
September	1 777	1 211	17 868	349	43	855	10 202	1 282	33 586
October	1 808	1 239	18 112	349	43	867	9 805	1 271	33 495
November	1 833	1 237	18 228	348	45	925	9 486	1 259	33 362
December	1 842	1 201	18 206	350	46	1 013	9 287	1 245	33 189
2016									
January	1 838	1 144	18 099	353	46	1 106	9 220	1 225	33 031
February	1 829	1 082	17 986	357	45	1 180	9 229	1 195	32 903
March	1 819	1 026	17 896	359	44	1 234	9 238	1 160	32 777
April	1 811	980	17 824	361	42	1 268	9 254	1 124	32 665
May	1 801	946	17 753	362	40	1 293	9 260	1 087	32 542

(a) Refer to CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE on Page 2.

(b) Excludes revolving credit.

(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
<b>2015</b>								
May	611	416	37	103	1 167	1 126	394	<b>2 687</b>
June	774	453	45	121	1 393	1 568	490	<b>3 451</b>
July	658	448	44	106	1 256	1 156	427	<b>2 839</b>
August	620	441	36	113	1 210	1 130	390	<b>2 731</b>
September	674	445	49	106	1 273	1 197	422	<b>2 893</b>
October	629	435	47	100	1 211	1 187	390	<b>2 788</b>
November	669	430	46	112	1 257	1 220	399	<b>2 876</b>
December	677	405	48	99	1 229	1 217	454	<b>2 900</b>
<b>2016</b>								
January	611	391	36	94	1 132	879	228	<b>2 239</b>
February	668	418	41	102	1 230	1 197	295	<b>2 721</b>
March	763	548	48	125	1 483	1 362	313	<b>3 158</b>
April	717	458	42	125	1 341	1 607	312	<b>3 259</b>
May	735	473	38	123	1 368	1 438	311	<b>3 118</b>

(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
	New	Used	New	Used	New	Used	Total	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>2015</b>								
May	237	66	65	np	9	np	np	<b>394</b>
June	280	79	84	13	16	3	14	<b>490</b>
July	259	68	67	12	13	np	np	<b>427</b>
August	221	64	66	13	17	np	np	<b>390</b>
September	249	65	72	12	16	np	np	<b>422</b>
October	221	62	68	14	13	2	9	<b>390</b>
November	228	62	71	11	13	np	np	<b>399</b>
December	256	64	80	13	16	np	np	<b>454</b>
<b>2016</b>								
January	143	50	20	np	5	np	np	<b>228</b>
February	182	64	26	np	7	—	np	<b>295</b>
March	198	60	28	np	8	np	np	<b>313</b>
April	190	61	26	6	18	1	10	<b>312</b>
May	188	65	27	np	10	2	np	<b>311</b>

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

Month	COMMERCIAL FINANCE(b)			LEASE FINANCE	ALL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FINANCE
	Transport equipment	Other plant and equipment	Total	Total	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>2015</b>					
May	528	1 120	1 649	160	<b>1 809</b>
June	375	1 376	1 751	197	<b>1 948</b>
July	219	1 252	1 471	489	<b>1 960</b>
August	184	1 136	1 320	177	<b>1 497</b>
September	216	1 371	1 587	180	<b>1 767</b>
October	238	1 399	1 637	200	<b>1 837</b>
November	238	1 144	1 382	174	<b>1 556</b>
December	248	1 322	1 571	211	<b>1 782</b>
<b>2016</b>					
January	121	1 023	1 144	267	<b>1 411</b>
February	205	1 199	1 404	281	<b>1 685</b>
March	214	1 458	1 672	270	<b>1 942</b>
April	270	1 682	1 952	215	<b>2 167</b>
May	454	1 223	1 677	182	<b>1 859</b>

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

(b) Excludes revolving credit.



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

		Construction and earthmoving equipment	Agricultural machinery and equipment	Manu- facturing equipment	Electronic data processing equipment	Office machines	Shop and office furniture, fittings and equipment	Other goods	Total
Month	Transport equipment(a)	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>2015</b>									
May	—	45	6	4	37	39	13	16	<b>160</b>
June	np	41	18	1	50	41	17	np	<b>197</b>
July	np	26	4	1	np	53	np	np	<b>489</b>
August	np	np	np	2	43	42	14	np	<b>177</b>
September	np	34	np	np	30	66	14	np	<b>180</b>
October	np	34	np	np	60	41	31	np	<b>200</b>
November	1	np	np	np	43	53	12	22	<b>174</b>
December	—	41	5	3	55	42	35	30	<b>211</b>
<b>2016</b>									
January	np	24	np	np	184	26	17	np	<b>267</b>
February	1	np	np	1	155	47	14	11	<b>281</b>
March	np	95	10	np	46	56	37	21	<b>270</b>
April	2	48	np	np	56	48	15	21	<b>215</b>
May	8	41	np	np	47	49	13	14	<b>182</b>

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

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## 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 leases and excludes operating and leverage leases. Operating lease finance statistics are provided separately as spreadsheets on the Downloads 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
  - Securitised mortgage assets (wholesale lenders) which provide funds to borrowers through a retail intermediary (e.g. mortgage originators)
  - Registered Financial Corporations (RFCs).

### COVERAGE

- 7** Until the statistics in this publication were derived from returns submitted to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) (see paragraph 10), the statistics covered 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 were 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 were covered. While many lenders other than banks were not covered, at least 70% coverage was maintained for all published lender types (including the Other Lenders series and Other Lessors series).
- 8** When APRA commenced the collection, lending commitments by Non-Banks with total assets of \$50 million or more were covered. All banks' lending commitments were covered.
- 9** From January 2014 a monthly reporting threshold was introduced for Non-Banks to provide 95 per cent asset coverage of the non-bank sector. Non-banks with assets below the \$200m asset threshold ceased reporting from January 2014 while other Non-Banks with assets above the threshold started reporting to APRA from January 2014. The lending commitments of those which started reporting in January 2014 were excluded from the January 2014 to January 2015 published statistics pending assessment of seasonal impacts of those non-banks' commitments on seasonally adjusted and trend series estimates. Issues of this publication from February 2015 include finance commitments from January 2014 reported by Non-Banks above the reporting threshold.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### COVERAGE *continued*

A trend break in January 2014 was added to the Lease Finance series published in Tables 1 and 27, due to this change in coverage.

### SOURCES

**10** 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 and building societies in July 2002, and from RFCs in March 2003.

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

**12** 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).

**13** Electronic versions of the forms and instructions for ADIs are available on the APRA website at <http://www.apra.gov.au/adi/reportingframework/pages/adi-reporting.aspx>. For RFCs, these are available at: <http://www.apra.gov.au/NonReg/Pages/Registered-Financial-Corporations.aspx>.

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

### REVISIONS

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

**16** 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 recorded in the 'Series breaks' tabs of Statistical Tables B and D on the Reserve Bank of Australia's website: RBA Statistical Tables.

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

**17** 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.

**18** Estimation of seasonal adjustment and trading day factors that reflect the full effect of recent developments is not possible until a sufficient number of years of data have been collected. When changes are occurring in the seasonal patterns, larger revisions to the seasonally adjusted series can be expected at the time of the biennial (once every

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

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two years) seasonal reanalysis. Accordingly, the trend estimate data provide a more reliable indicator of underlying movement in housing finance commitments. (See paragraphs 21 and 22 for further information on trend estimates).

**19** 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 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.

**20** 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 collections use an individual ARIMA model for the majority of the series in this publication. The ARIMA model is assessed as part of the biennial reanalysis. The next reanalysis is scheduled for the December 2015 issue. 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

**21** 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 by email at [time.series.analysis@abs.gov.au](mailto:time.series.analysis@abs.gov.au).

**22** While the smoothing technique described in paragraph 21 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

**23** Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals. Published changes in dollar value and percentage terms are calculated using unrounded data and may differ slightly from, but are more accurate than, changes calculated from the rounded data presented in this publication.

### ABS DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

**24** 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) website. For more information, contact the ABS National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

**25** Users may also wish to refer to the following ABS releases:

- *Housing Finance, Australia* (cat. no. 5609.0)
- *Assets and Liabilities of Australian Securitised* (cat. no. 5232.0.55.001) – issued quarterly.
- *Building Approvals, Australia* (cat. no. 8731.0) – issued monthly.
- *Dwelling Unit Commencements, Australia, Preliminary* (cat. no. 8750.0) – issued quarterly (final issue June 2012).

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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- *Building Activity, Australia* (cat. no. 8752.0) – issued quarterly.
- *Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia* (cat. no. 5625.0).
- *Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Australia* (cat. no. 9314.0).

**26** In addition, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) produces the 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 website <http://www.apra.gov.au>.

**27** Current publications and other products released by the ABS are available from the Statistics View. The ABS also issues a daily Release Advice on the ABS website <http://www.abs.gov.au> which details products to be released in the week ahead.

### ABBREVIATIONS

\$m	million dollars
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ADI	Authorised Deposit-taking Institution
APRA	Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
ARIMA	autoregressive integrated moving average
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
RBA	Reserve Bank of Australia
RFC	Registered Financial Corporation

## GLOSSARY

<b>Agricultural machinery and equipment</b>	Includes tractors, tillage implements, seeding, planting and fertilising equipment, agricultural mowers, harvesters, etc.
<b>Alterations and additions</b>	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.
<b>Commitment</b>	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.
<b>Construction and earth moving equipment</b>	Includes concrete mixers and pumpers, dozers, graders, mobile cranes, crawler tractors, dumpers, road rollers, earth packers, scarifiers, rippers, etc.
<b>Construction of dwellings</b>	For owner occupation, comprises commitments made to individuals to finance, by way of progress payments, the construction of owner occupied dwellings.  For commercial finance construction of dwellings for rental or resale, comprises commitments made to corporations to finance the construction of dwellings to be occupied by persons other than the owner(s).
<b>Debt consolidation</b>	For personal finance, comprises commitments whose principle purpose is to consolidate and pay out amounts owing by the borrower to third parties.
<b>Dwelling</b>	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.
<b>Electronic data processing equipment</b>	Includes computers, computer peripherals, data entry devices, word processing machines, etc.
<b>Established dwelling</b>	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.
<b>Finance lease</b>	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.
<b>Fixed loans</b>	Generally involve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ a commitment for a fixed amount for a fixed period for a specific purpose</li> <li>■ a schedule of repayments over a fixed period</li> <li>■ repayments which reduce the liability of the borrower but do not act to make further finance available.</li> </ul>
<b>Heavy trucks</b>	Comprises all vehicles with a gross combination mass rating in excess of 3.5 tonnes, including prime movers registered without trailers.
<b>Light trucks</b>	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.
<b>Manufacturing equipment</b>	Includes all plant and equipment used in the manufacture of goods except motor vehicles such as forklifts, work trucks and tractors.
<b>Motor cars and station wagons</b>	Includes cars, station wagons, four-wheel drive and forward control passenger vehicles with up to nine seats (including the driver).
<b>Motorcycles</b>	Includes two and three wheeled motorcycles and mopeds, scooters and motorcycles with side cars.
<b>New dwelling</b>	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.

## GLOSSARY *continued*

<b>Office machines</b>	Includes telephone systems (including PABX equipment), facsimile machines, cash registers, photocopiers, etc.
<b>Purpose</b>	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.
<b>Real Property</b>	Comprises both residential and non-residential land, buildings and fixed structures.
<b>Refinancing</b>	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.
<b>Revolving credit</b>	<p>Generally has the following characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ a commitment for a credit or borrowing limit is given for a specific period after which the commitment is reviewed</li> <li>■ the extent of the borrowing used at any time during the period may be for any amount up to the authorised limit</li> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Secured credit limits</b>	Includes overdrafts, lines of credit, credit cards, etc. backed by a mortgage or other assets owned by the borrower.
<b>Secured housing finance</b>	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.
<b>Total credit limits at end of month</b>	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.
<b>Wholesale finance</b>	Comprises finance for the purchase of goods by retailers and wholesalers.
<b>Wholesale lenders</b>	A wholesale lender provides funds to borrowers through a retail intermediary which may then also be responsible for the ongoing relationship with the borrower. The Wholesale Lenders n.e.c. series almost exclusively comprises securitisation vehicles (typically special purpose trusts) established to issue mortgage backed securities. It excludes funds provided where a bank or permanent building society, acting as a wholesale provider of funds, remains the lender on the contract. Those commitments are published as bank or permanent building society commitments.

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