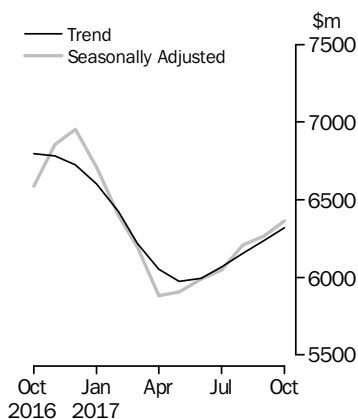


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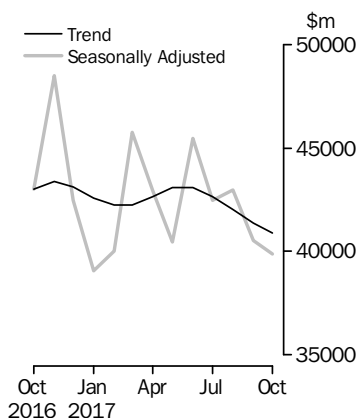
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KEY FIGURES

	Sep 2017 \$m	Oct 2017 \$m	Sep 2017 to Oct 2017 % change
TREND ESTIMATES			
Housing finance for owner occupation(a)	20 842	20 811	-0.1
Personal finance	6 236	6 320	1.3
Commercial finance	41 369	40 910	-1.1
Lease finance	580	575	-0.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES			
Housing finance for owner occupation(a)	20 537	20 545	0.0
Personal finance	6 265	6 365	1.6
Commercial finance	40 513	39 865	-1.6
Lease finance	566	592	4.7

(a) Excludes alterations and additions

KEY POINTS

OCTOBER 2017 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 2017:

HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

- The total value of owner occupied housing commitments excluding alterations and additions fell 0.1% in trend terms, and the seasonally adjusted series was flat.

PERSONAL FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total personal finance commitments rose 1.3%. Fixed lending commitments rose 2.2%, while revolving credit commitments fell 0.1%.
- The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total personal finance commitments rose 1.6%. Fixed lending commitments rose 3.6%, while revolving credit commitments fell 1.9%.

COMMERCIAL FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total commercial finance commitments fell 1.1%. Fixed lending commitments fell 2.5% while revolving credit commitments rose 3.7%.
- The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total commercial finance commitments fell 1.6%. Revolving credit commitments fell 3.8% and fixed lending commitments fell 0.9%.

LEASE FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total lease finance commitments fell 0.7% in October 2017 while the seasonally adjusted series rose 4.7%, after a fall of 1.5% in September 2017.

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November 2017	19 January 2018
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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 the periods August 2017 and September 2017.
- Personal Finance for the periods August 2017 and September 2017.
- Investment housing finance for the periods August 2017 and September 2017.

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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

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TIME SERIES DATA

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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 0.1% in trend terms and the seasonally adjusted series was flat.

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 8 December 2017.

PERSONAL FINANCE

The trend series for the value of total personal finance commitments rose 1.3% in October 2017 compared with September 2017. Fixed lending commitments rose 2.2%, while revolving credit commitments fell 0.1%.

The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total personal finance commitments rose 1.6%. Fixed lending commitments rose 3.6%, while revolving credit commitments fell 1.9%.

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COMMERCIAL FINANCE

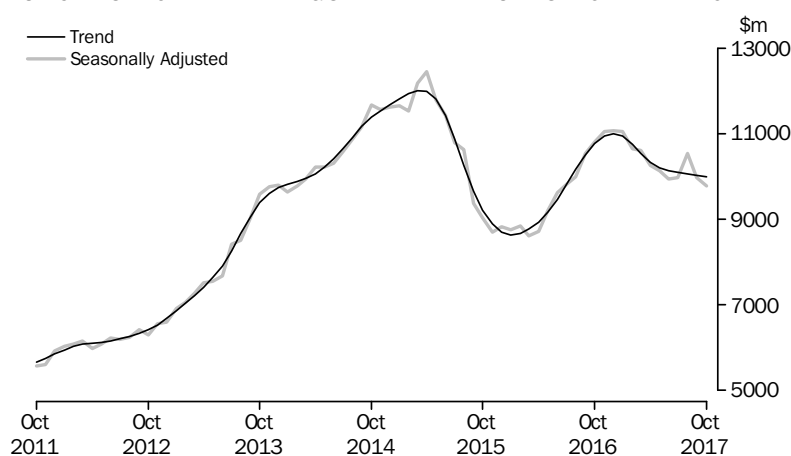
The trend series for the value of total commercial finance commitments fell 1.1% in October 2017 compared with September 2017. Fixed lending commitments fell 2.5% while revolving credit commitments rose 3.7%.

The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total commercial finance commitments fell 1.6% in October 2017, following a 5.7% fall in September 2017. Revolving lending commitments fell 3.8%, after a 10.5% rise in the previous month. Fixed lending commitments fell 0.9%, following a 10.1% fall in the previous month.

The value of commitments for the purchase of dwellings by individuals for rent or resale (trend) fell 0.3% in October 2017 and the seasonally adjusted series fell 2.0%.

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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 0.7% in October 2017 while the seasonally adjusted series rose 4.7%, after a 1.5% fall in September 2017.

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									
2016									
October	19 909	345	3 989	2 312	6 302	33 707	7 601	41 308	460
November	22 571	396	4 476	2 622	7 098	40 091	9 725	49 816	520
December	21 006	347	4 399	2 629	7 028	43 390	10 269	53 659	591
2017									
January	16 686	304	3 618	2 282	5 899	25 344	4 566	29 910	814
February	17 477	369	3 749	2 263	6 013	25 803	6 544	32 347	608
March	21 732	421	4 219	2 481	6 700	37 175	11 294	48 469	644
April	17 638	328	3 225	1 972	5 197	29 225	7 631	36 857	521
May	22 899	452	4 162	2 301	6 463	33 568	7 127	40 696	620
June	21 575	411	4 238	2 625	6 863	45 879	13 736	59 616	769
July	20 164	350	3 590	2 400	5 989	31 746	8 879	40 625	543
August	22 140	417	3 921	2 337	6 258	34 432	8 871	43 303	556
September	20 552	442	3 861	2 042	5 903	29 186	9 585	38 771	535
October	21 402	408	4 113	2 233	6 346	30 238	9 503	39 741	594
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2016									
October	19 838	360	4 194	2 393	6 588	34 952	8 043	42 995	481
November	20 013	375	4 275	2 583	6 857	39 179	9 322	48 501	516
December	20 165	361	4 418	2 537	6 954	34 553	7 905	42 458	545
2017									
January	20 199	383	4 268	2 441	6 708	32 891	6 161	39 052	941
February	20 039	381	4 041	2 358	6 399	32 004	8 010	40 015	644
March	20 299	373	3 832	2 360	6 192	34 143	11 613	45 756	574
April	19 971	376	3 656	2 228	5 883	34 381	8 553	42 934	601
May	20 691	409	3 692	2 215	5 907	32 612	7 836	40 448	604
June	20 724	381	3 653	2 334	5 987	35 840	9 619	45 459	620
July	20 954	357	3 806	2 243	6 049	33 568	8 888	42 456	573
August	21 256	398	3 835	2 373	6 208	33 747	9 210	42 957	575
September	20 537	438	3 998	2 266	6 265	30 338	10 175	40 513	566
October	20 545	410	4 143	2 223	6 365	30 073	9 792	39 865	592
TREND									
2016									
October	19 890	369	4 328	2 468	6 796	34 785	8 222	43 007	546
November	19 969	370	4 312	2 471	6 784	35 196	8 187	43 383	589
December	20 045	371	4 260	2 464	6 724	34 957	8 163	43 120	630
2017									
January	20 102	374	4 164	2 437	6 601	34 364	8 225	42 589	660
February	20 143	378	4 032	2 389	6 421	33 792	8 445	42 237	669
March	20 224	380	3 886	2 331	6 218	33 549	8 701	42 250	657
April	20 370	381	3 761	2 289	6 050	33 716	8 917	42 633	631
May	20 546	382	3 700	2 273	5 973	34 004	9 060	43 064	603
June	20 707	386	3 718	2 276	5 994	33 971	9 132	43 102	587
July	20 813	391	3 785	2 282	6 067	33 454	9 190	42 644	585
August	20 853	398	3 869	2 283	6 152	32 685	9 360	42 045	583
September	20 842	406	3 956	2 280	6 236	31 818	9 551	41 369	580
October	20 811	413	4 041	2 278	6 320	31 007	9 903	40 910	575

(a) For owner occupation.

(d) Includes refinancing (see Glossary).

(b) Includes unsecured housing finance for owner occupation.

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

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

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
2016										
October	18 605	120	443	741	19 909	4 724	117	158	1 303	6 302
November	21 105	128	502	835	22 571	5 304	141	148	1 504	7 098
December	19 481	160	498	867	21 006	5 227	146	150	1 505	7 028
2017										
January	15 373	85	422	806	16 686	4 282	122	201	1 295	5 899
February	16 128	138	361	850	17 477	4 565	129	147	1 171	6 013
March	20 167	193	413	960	21 732	5 094	152	154	1 300	6 700
April	16 445	134	338	721	17 638	3 882	112	97	1 106	5 197
May	21 341	140	510	907	22 899	4 897	149	130	1 287	6 463
June	20 065	179	472	859	21 575	5 008	142	139	1 574	6 863
July	18 821	145	476	721	20 164	4 390	121	106	1 372	5 989
August	20 623	138	582	797	22 140	4 460	np	np	1 567	6 258
September	19 245	160	318	828	20 552	4 294	np	np	1 382	5 903
October	19 966	216	337	884	21 402	4 725	np	np	1 379	6 346

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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
2016										
October	37 191	np	1 412	np	41 308	123	156	39	142	460
November	44 697	np	1 063	np	49 816	130	163	50	177	520
December	49 246	np	1 399	np	53 659	192	185	43	171	591
2017										
January	26 876	np	1 096	np	29 910	187	451	23	153	814
February	28 721	np	np	np	32 347	214	146	33	215	608
March	43 636	np	1 246	np	48 469	235	168	52	188	644
April	33 331	np	936	np	36 857	214	146	np	np	521
May	36 413	np	1 260	np	40 696	228	164	45	184	620
June	54 366	np	1 792	np	59 616	314	191	60	204	769
July	36 684	np	1 266	np	40 625	184	161	46	152	543
August	38 679	np	1 114	np	43 303	168	171	42	175	556
September	34 725	np	1 479	np	38 771	191	155	np	np	535
October	34 899	np	1 559	np	39 741	201	196	44	152	594

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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>
<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>
2016									
October	684	484	1 334	549	60	635	602	810	3 989
November	770	506	1 442	620	77	745	674	917	4 476
December	757	467	1 385	684	63	642	740	887	4 399
2017									
January	701	494	1 335	439	54	541	516	733	3 618
February	669	485	1 294	551	59	553	518	774	3 749
March	737	535	1 429	676	91	488	586	949	4 219
April	551	414	1 092	578	50	318	444	744	3 225
May	713	515	1 391	888	71	407	452	952	4 162
June	853	526	1 557	837	62	418	443	921	4 238
July	645	477	1 259	641	55	389	466	780	3 590
August	711	538	1 405	703	56	np	np	818	3 921
September	677	498	1 331	674	65	521	469	800	3 861
October	676	514	1 341	677	63	625	522	885	4 113

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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**

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
2016						
October	683	1 630	2 312	2 778	265 090	103 887
November	848	1 775	2 622	3 478	265 386	104 050
December	963	1 666	2 629	2 688	265 720	103 977
2017						
January	494	1 788	2 282	2 402	254 098	99 866
February	734	1 530	2 263	2 607	253 146	100 814
March	805	1 676	2 481	2 707	253 011	99 972
April	590	1 382	1 972	2 673	252 446	99 574
May	633	1 669	2 301	3 226	251 532	99 285
June	867	1 758	2 625	2 773	251 290	99 562
July	650	1 751	2 400	2 703	251 054	97 851
August	481	1 856	2 337	2 930	250 645	96 941
September	430	1 613	2 042	2 564	250 215	96 414
October	613	1 620	2 233	2 704	249 828	95 835

(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
2016								
October	1 514	13 741	1 947	2 929	2 525	11 051	33 707	56 115
November	4 359	16 032	1 987	4 617	2 652	10 444	40 091	59 725
December	2 628	15 981	2 034	3 825	4 017	14 905	43 390	57 012
2017								
January	1 576	12 164	1 620	2 150	1 988	5 846	25 344	56 569
February	1 324	12 669	1 702	2 712	1 825	5 571	25 803	56 732
March	1 659	15 871	2 729	3 156	3 878	9 882	37 175	60 545
April	2 033	12 270	1 970	2 375	4 261	6 317	29 225	62 246
May	1 681	15 406	2 912	3 142	1 953	8 473	33 568	59 197
June	2 917	16 778	2 892	4 270	3 800	15 223	45 879	59 275
July	1 635	14 509	2 160	2 798	2 258	8 385	31 746	57 906
August	2 673	14 607	1 969	3 204	2 345	9 633	34 432	59 671
September	1 648	12 951	2 345	2 907	2 183	7 151	29 186	57 939
October	1 797	13 896	2 094	3 164	2 185	7 102	30 238	57 764

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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
2016						
October	460	np	7 601	9 172	349 676	192 795
November	520	np	9 725	7 929	351 699	190 086
December	591	np	10 269	9 421	353 942	188 779
2017						
January	814	np	4 566	8 556	348 621	187 686
February	608	np	6 544	6 382	348 320	188 171
March	644	np	11 294	8 806	351 139	188 565
April	521	np	7 631	10 570	348 698	188 411
May	620	np	7 127	9 986	346 684	187 783
June	769	np	13 736	9 472	350 091	185 915
July	543	np	8 879	8 754	348 908	186 529
August	556	np	8 871	8 755	349 379	185 423
September	535	np	9 585	9 850	349 787	187 272
October	594	np	9 503	7 709	352 178	190 965

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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										
2016										
October	1 782	1 046	17 081	345	60	750	10 247	975	32 286	
November	1 950	1 229	19 392	396	77	1 338	11 822	1 044	37 248	
December	1 856	1 168	17 982	347	63	977	11 380	1 372	35 144	
2017										
January	1 427	840	14 418	304	54	834	8 813	1 029	27 720	
February	1 623	870	14 984	369	59	837	9 117	982	28 843	
March	1 982	1 200	18 551	421	91	1 227	11 547	1 157	36 174	
April	1 663	940	15 036	328	50	1 067	9 146	852	29 081	
May	2 304	1 207	19 387	452	71	1 159	11 818	1 192	37 592	
June	2 282	1 239	18 054	411	62	1 651	11 659	1 554	36 913	
July	2 139	1 095	16 930	350	55	957	9 802	1 045	32 373	
August	2 241	1 271	18 629	417	56	1 027	10 676	1 062	35 378	
September	2 008	1 244	17 301	442	65	949	9 587	838	32 433	
October	2 048	1 295	18 059	408	63	1 173	9 553	936	33 534	
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED										
2016										
October	1 820	1 029	16 990	360	60	844	10 804	1 091	32 998	
November	1 840	1 055	17 118	375	62	1 344	11 046	1 022	33 862	
December	1 856	1 084	17 225	361	62	901	11 068	1 171	33 728	
2017										
January	1 819	1 071	17 310	383	65	1 178	11 042	1 393	34 261	
February	1 852	978	17 210	381	63	1 024	10 641	1 113	33 260	
March	1 859	1 112	17 328	373	75	1 096	10 608	1 102	33 553	
April	1 910	1 085	16 976	376	60	1 125	10 255	1 029	32 815	
May	1 982	1 126	17 584	409	66	979	10 133	1 121	33 400	
June	2 056	1 172	17 496	381	61	1 239	9 944	1 317	33 666	
July	2 153	1 200	17 601	357	63	984	9 965	1 023	33 346	
August	2 079	1 212	17 965	398	59	1 051	10 539	1 061	34 364	
September	2 011	1 237	17 289	438	65	1 031	9 978	756	32 804	
October	2 029	1 226	17 291	410	62	1 203	9 778	976	32 975	
TREND										
2016										
October	1 827	1 027	17 035	369	58	997	10 768	1 090	33 173	
November	1 831	1 040	17 098	370	61	1 028	10 941	1 132	33 501	
December	1 832	1 049	17 164	371	63	1 062	11 001	1 158	33 700	
2017										
January	1 836	1 054	17 212	374	65	1 085	10 935	1 171	33 732	
February	1 852	1 061	17 230	378	66	1 093	10 756	1 169	33 604	
March	1 886	1 075	17 263	380	66	1 091	10 530	1 162	33 453	
April	1 936	1 098	17 336	381	65	1 084	10 332	1 150	33 383	
May	1 990	1 129	17 427	382	64	1 079	10 198	1 129	33 398	
June	2 034	1 162	17 512	386	63	1 075	10 128	1 101	33 460	
July	2 061	1 189	17 563	391	62	1 073	10 093	1 065	33 497	
August	2 072	1 211	17 570	398	62	1 078	10 061	1 015	33 466	
September	2 072	1 227	17 543	406	62	1 086	10 022	962	33 380	
October	2 064	1 241	17 506	413	62	1 099	9 994	915	33 296	

(a) Excludes revolving credit.

(b) 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	LEASE	ALL VEHICLE
					FINANCE(a)	FINANCE	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
2016								
October	684	484	49	117	1 334	1 170	307	2 811
November	770	506	49	117	1 442	1 297	341	3 080
December	757	467	49	111	1 385	1 275	346	3 005
2017								
January	701	494	41	100	1 335	910	299	2 544
February	669	485	41	99	1 294	1 159	318	2 771
March	737	535	41	116	1 429	1 383	380	3 192
April	551	414	31	96	1 092	1 034	284	2 410
May	713	515	41	122	1 391	1 426	389	3 206
June	853	526	42	136	1 557	1 973	458	3 988
July	645	477	32	104	1 259	1 200	349	2 808
August	711	538	37	119	1 405	1 222	385	3 012
September	677	498	39	117	1 331	1 159	354	2 845
October	676	514	36	115	1 341	1 187	363	2 891

(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
2016								
October	202	57	23	np	10	np	np	307
November	216	61	27	np	18	np	np	341
December	225	57	29	np	18	np	np	346
2017								
January	175	57	21	np	np	np	np	299
February	200	67	26	np	8	np	np	318
March	230	79	31	7	20	np	np	380
April	172	58	30	6	8	2	8	284
May	228	73	38	np	24	5	np	389
June	277	84	46	8	20	3	19	458
July	216	64	33	np	18	np	np	349
August	239	71	40	np	13	3	np	385
September	209	68	38	6	21	np	np	354
October	219	66	37	np	22	np	np	363

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

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>	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2016					
October	236	1 524	1 759	153	1 913
November	236	3 084	3 320	179	3 499
December	231	2 319	2 550	245	2 796
2017					
January	161	1 080	1 240	515	1 756
February	238	1 315	1 553	291	1 844
March	278	1 495	1 773	264	2 037
April	199	1 142	1 341	237	1 577
May	305	1 412	1 717	231	1 948
June	339	1 957	2 296	312	2 608
July	236	1 361	1 598	194	1 792
August	281	1 701	1 982	171	2 153
September	283	1 465	1 748	181	1 929
October	280	1 697	1 977	231	2 208

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

(b) Excludes revolving credit.

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

Month	Transport equipment(a)	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
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2016									
October	np	37	np	np	42	38	7	np	153
November	np	57	np	np	38	41	11	np	179
December	—	55	21	1	67	47	33	21	245
2017									
January	np	24	10	1	np	90	np	np	515
February	2	94	9	2	49	111	11	12	291
March	np	58	np	np	38	95	24	np	264
April	np	79	np	np	31	77	22	np	237
May	np	47	np	np	46	91	18	np	231
June	5	87	42	24	46	40	47	22	312
July	np	52	np	np	39	34	6	np	194
August	—	52	np	np	40	34	11	19	171
September	1	49	7	4	24	30	38	27	181
October	np	57	19	2	60	np	np	np	231

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

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

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unless otherwise indicated

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
 - 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** 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.

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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 Table B2 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

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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 concurrent seasonal adjustment approach re-estimates seasonal factors each month with the receipt of each new observation. The parameters used for seasonal adjustment are routinely reviewed every 12 to 24 months to ensure the quality of the seasonal factors. The last reanalysis occurred in February 2017 for the January 2017 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* (cat. no. 1349.0).

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 Securitizers* (cat. no. 5232.0.55.001) – issued quarterly
- *Building Approvals, Australia* (cat. no. 8731.0) – issued monthly

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RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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- *Dwelling Unit Commencements, Australia, Preliminary* (cat. no. 8750.0) – issued quarterly (final issue June 2012)
- *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 website <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.

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	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).
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.

GLOSSARY *continued*

Office machines	Includes telephone systems (including PABX equipment), facsimile machines, cash registers, photocopiers, etc.
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.
Wholesale lenders	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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