

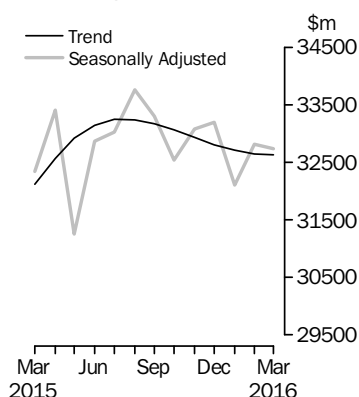
HOUSING FINANCE

AUSTRALIA

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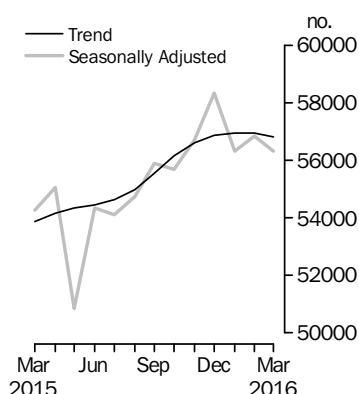
Value of dwelling commitments

Total dwellings



No. of dwelling commitments

Owner occupied housing



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KEY FIGURES

| | Trend estimates | | Seasonally adjusted estimates | |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Mar 2016 | Feb 2016 to Mar 2016 | Mar 2016 | Feb 2016 to Mar 2016 |
| VALUE OF DWELLING COMMITMENTS (a)(b) | | | | |
| | \$m | % change | \$m | % change |
| Total dwellings | 32 630 | 0.0 | 32 736 | -0.2 |
| Owner occupied housing | 20 852 | -0.7 | 20 729 | -1.2 |
| Investment housing - fixed loans(c) | 11 777 | 1.1 | 12 007 | 1.5 |

NUMBER OF DWELLING COMMITMENTS (a)(b)

| | no. | % change | no. | % change |
|-----------------------------------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| Owner occupied housing | 56 818 | -0.2 | 56 316 | -0.9 |
| Construction of dwellings | 5 728 | -0.9 | 5 603 | -2.0 |
| Purchase of new dwellings | 2 691 | -3.3 | 2 493 | -5.2 |
| Purchase of established dwellings | 48 399 | 0.1 | 48 220 | -0.5 |

(a) Includes refinancing (see Glossary).

(b) Excludes alterations and additions.

(c) Excludes revolving credit.

KEY POINTS

VALUE OF DWELLING COMMITMENTS

MARCH 2016 COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 2016:

- The trend estimate for the total value of dwelling finance commitments excluding alterations and additions was flat. Investment housing commitments rose 1.1% while owner occupied housing commitments fell 0.7%.
- In seasonally adjusted terms, the total value of dwelling finance commitments excluding alterations and additions fell 0.2%.

NUMBER OF DWELLING COMMITMENTS

MARCH 2016 COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 2016:

- In trend terms, the number of commitments for owner occupied housing finance fell 0.2% in March 2016.
- In trend terms, the number of commitments for the purchase of new dwellings fell 3.3%, the number of commitments for the construction of dwellings fell 0.9%, while the number of commitments for the purchase of established dwellings rose 0.1%.
- In original terms, the number of first home buyer commitments as a percentage of total owner occupied housing finance commitments fell to 14.2% in March 2016 from 14.6% in February 2016.

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FORTHCOMING ISSUES

| ISSUE | RELEASE DATE |
|----------------|------------------|
| April 2016 | 8 June 2016 |
| May 2016 | 11 July 2016 |
| June 2016 | 10 August 2016 |
| July 2016 | 9 September 2016 |
| August 2016 | 11 October 2016 |
| September 2016 | 10 November 2016 |

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REVISIONS

In this issue, revisions have been made to the original series as a result of improved reporting of survey and administrative data, and updated first home buyer modelled estimates. These revisions have affected the following series:

- First home buyers owner occupied housing for period January 2016 to February 2016.
- Owner occupied housing for period December 2015 to February 2016.
- Investment housing for period December 2015 to February 2016.
- Housing loan outstandings to households; owner-occupied and investment housing: for period January 2015 to February 2016.

FIRST HOME BUYERS

Monthly First Home Buyer statistics will be subject to future revision, as the modelled component is adjusted to reflect improved reporting by lenders. Information relating to changes to the method of estimating loans to first home buyers, introduced from the December 2014 issue, can be found under the First Home Buyers web page and on page 5 of the PDF. First home buyers are defined as persons entering the home ownership market as owner-occupiers for the first time. First time investors are excluded.

CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

Market reactions to regulatory measures implemented by APRA in 2015 has resulted in increased volatility in some of the seasonally adjusted estimates included in this publication, particularly the value of finance commitments for owner occupied housing and investor housing. Care should be taken in interpreting the movements for this reference period, as the seasonally adjusted estimates may be revised in future periods.

In addition, some banks have been reclassifying housing loans that originated as investment loans to owner occupied. This reclassification affects Table 12 Housing Loan Outstandings to Households only.

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TIME SERIES DATA

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Data available free on the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> include:

- longer time series of tables in this publication
- the following tables, with data from October 1975

8. Housing finance commitments (Owner Occupation), By Purpose and Change in Stock: State and Territory, Original (\$'000)

9a. Housing finance commitments (Owner Occupation), By Type of Buyer and Loan: Australia, Original

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FIRST HOME BUYERS

FIRST HOME BUYERS

From the December 2014 issue, the ABS changed its method of estimating loans to first home buyers by adjusting for under-reporting by some lenders that only report on those buyers receiving a first home owner grant. First home buyers are defined as persons entering the home ownership market as owner-occupiers for the first time. First time investors are excluded. Data on first home buyers are collected by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) under the *Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act 2001*. The ABS and APRA continue to work with lenders to ensure that loans to all first home buyers are identified in future, regardless of whether or not buyers receive a first home owner grant.

The model developed by the ABS for lenders who are under-reporting loans to first home buyers draws on the ratio of first home buyers to total loans for those lenders reporting correctly. The new estimation method will continue to be used in future releases. Monthly First Home Buyer Statistics are likely to be subject to future revision, as the modelled component is adjusted to reflect improved reporting by lenders.

The information paper *Changes to the method of estimating loan commitments to first home buyers* (cat. no. 5609.0.55.003), released on the ABS website on 4 February 2015, describes the new methodology and the extent of revisions to previously published estimates.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

DWELLINGS FINANCED

Value of Dwellings Financed

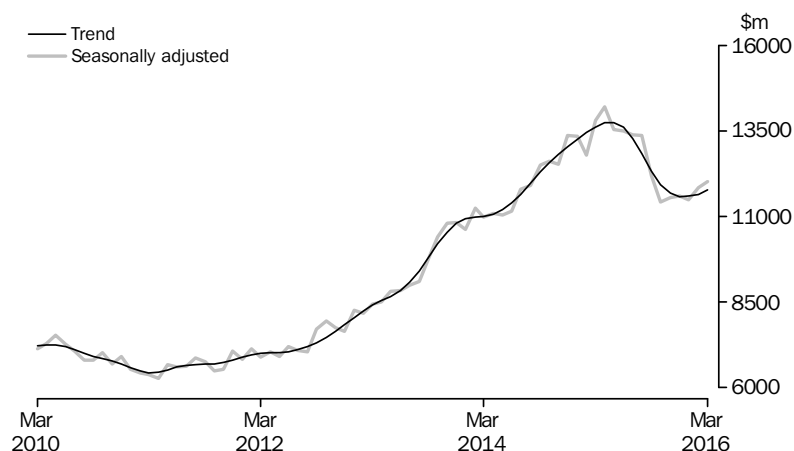
The total value of dwelling commitments excluding alterations and additions (trend) was flat in March 2016 compared with February 2016, while the seasonally adjusted series fell 0.2% in March 2016.

The total value of owner occupied housing commitments (trend) fell (down \$143m, 0.7%) in March 2016. Falls were recorded in commitments for the construction of dwellings (down \$15m, 0.8%) and commitments for the purchase of established dwellings (down \$64m, 0.4%) and commitments for the purchase of new dwellings (down \$63m, 5.8%). The seasonally adjusted series for the total value of owner occupied housing commitments fell 1.2% in March 2016.

The total value of investment housing commitments (trend) rose (up \$131m, 1.1%) in March 2016 compared with February 2016. Rises were recorded in commitments for the construction of dwellings for rent or resale (up \$142m, 10.9%) and commitments for the purchase of dwellings by individuals for rent or resale (up \$18m, 0.2%), while a fall was recorded in commitments for the purchase of dwellings by others for rent or resale (down \$29m, 2.4%). The seasonally adjusted series for the total value of investment housing commitments rose 1.5% in March 2016.

Further detail can be found in Tables 11, 1 and 2 on the downloads tab of this release and in the PDF.

INVESTMENT HOUSING - TOTAL

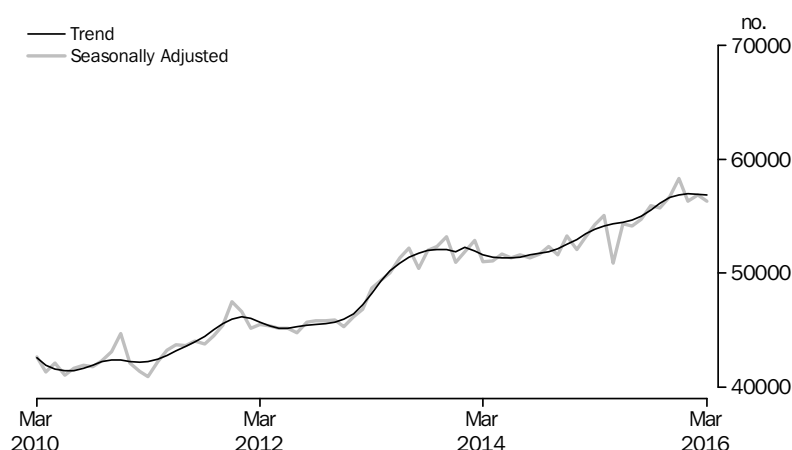


SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

Number of Owner Occupied Dwellings Financed

The number of owner occupied housing commitments (trend) fell 0.2% in March 2016, after being flat in February 2016. Falls were recorded in commitments for the construction of dwellings (down 53, 0.9%) and commitments for the purchase of new dwellings (down 92, 3.3%), commitments for the purchase of established dwellings excluding refinancing was unchanged, and commitments for the refinancing of established dwellings rose (up 20, 0.1%). The seasonally adjusted series for the total number of owner occupied housing commitments fell 0.9% in March 2016.

Further detail can be found in Tables 1 and 2 on the downloads tab of this release and in the PDF.



Number of Owner Occupied Dwellings Financed – State

Between February 2016 and March 2016, the number of owner occupied housing commitments (trend) fell in New South Wales (down 76, 0.4%), Western Australia (down 18, 0.3%), Tasmania (down 12, 1.3%) and the Northern Territory (down 6, 2.0%), while rises were recorded in South Australia (up 15, 0.4%), Queensland was flat, and the Australian Capital Territory (up 2, 0.2%).

The seasonally adjusted estimates fell in New South Wales (down 199, 1.1%), Queensland (down 130, 1.2%), Western Australia (down 66, 1.0%) and Tasmania (down 28, 3.2%), while rises were recorded in Victoria (up 52, 0.3%), the Australian Capital Territory (up 69, 7.2%), South Australia (up 25, 0.7%) and the Northern Territory (up 3, 1.2%).

Further detail can be found in Tables 5 and 6 on the downloads tab of this release and in the PDF.

First Home Buyer Commitments

In original terms, the number of first home buyer commitments as a percentage of total owner occupied housing finance commitments fell to 14.2% in March 2016 from 14.6% in February 2016. Between February 2016 and March 2016, the average loan size for first home buyers rose \$1,600 to \$328,700. The average loan size for all owner occupied housing commitments rose \$800 to \$357,500 for the same period.

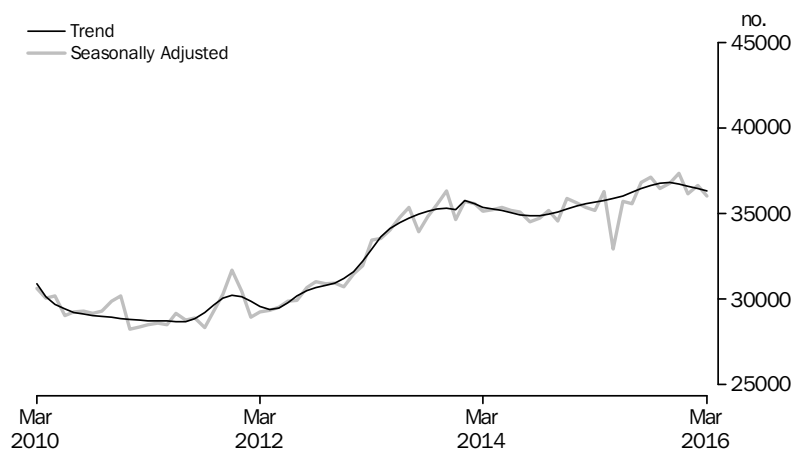
Further detail can be found in Table 9a on the downloads tab of this release and in Table 9 of the PDF.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

Number of Owner Occupied Dwellings Financed Excluding Refinancing

The number of owner occupied housing commitments excluding refinancing (trend) fell 0.4% in March 2016, following a fall of 0.4% in February 2016. The seasonally adjusted series fell 1.6% in March 2016, after a rise of 1.4% in February 2016.

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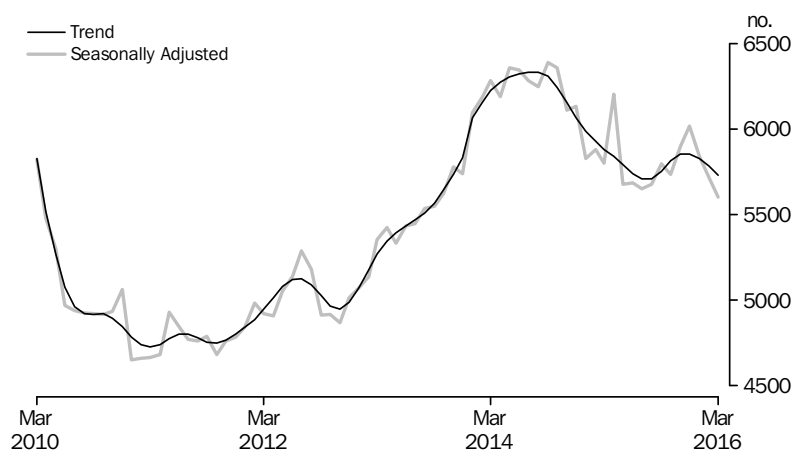


PURPOSE OF FINANCE (OWNER OCCUPATION)

Construction of dwellings

The number of finance commitments for the construction of dwellings for owner occupation (trend) fell 0.9% in March 2016, following a fall of 0.7% in February 2016. The seasonally adjusted series fell 2.0% in March 2016, following a fall of 2.2% in February 2016.

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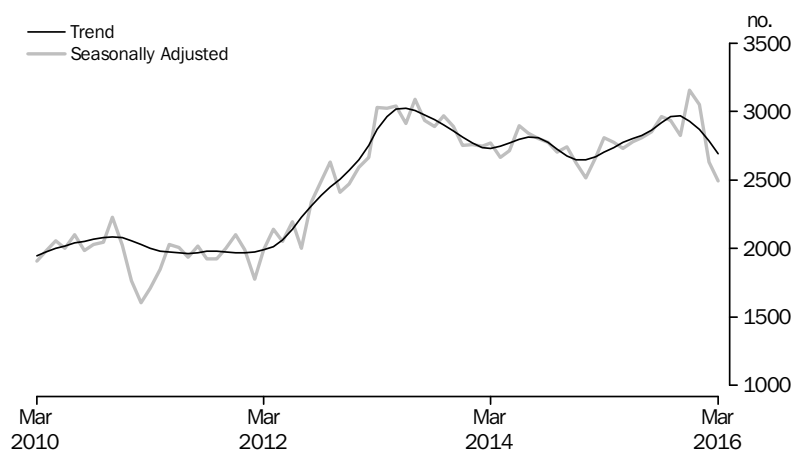


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Purchase of new dwellings

The number of finance commitments for the purchase of new dwellings for owner occupation (trend) fell 3.3% in March 2016, following a fall of 2.9% in February 2016. The seasonally adjusted series fell 5.2% in March 2016, following a fall of 13.7% in February 2016.

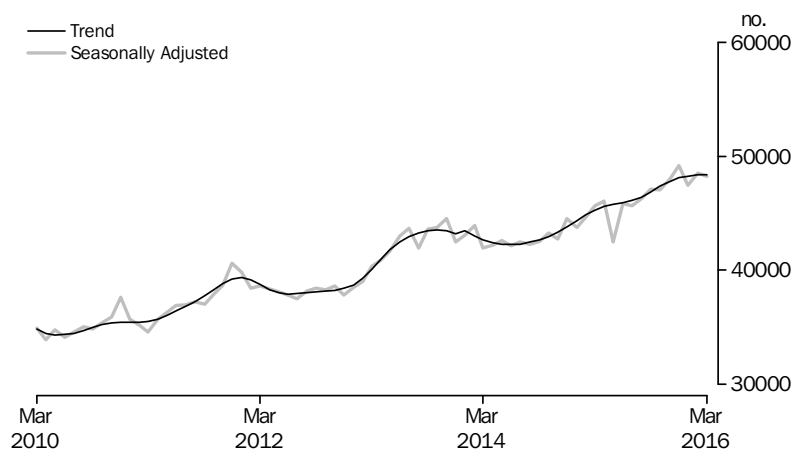
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Purchase of established dwellings (including refinancing across lending institutions)

The number of finance commitments for the purchase of established dwellings for owner occupation (trend) rose 0.1% in March 2016, following a rise of 0.2% in February 2016. The seasonally adjusted series fell 0.5% in March 2016, following a rise of 2.2% in February 2016.

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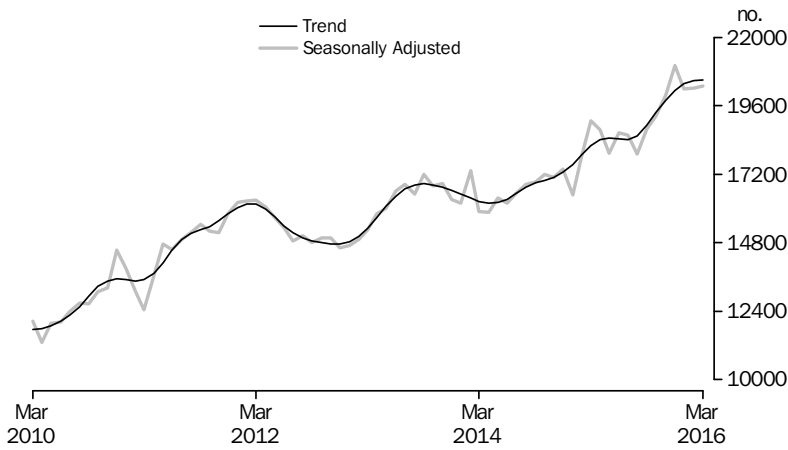


SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

Refinancing

The number of refinancing commitments for owner occupied housing (trend) rose 0.2% in March 2016, following a rise of 0.8% in February 2016. The seasonally adjusted series rose 1.1% in March 2016, after being flat in February 2016.

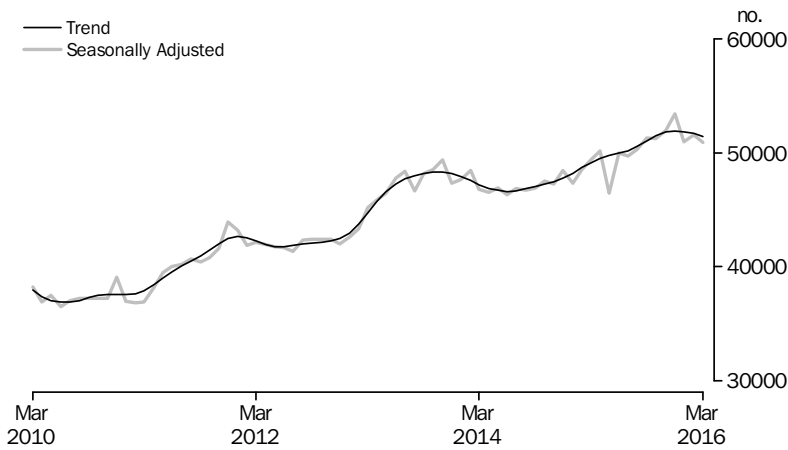
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TYPE OF LENDER (OWNER
OCCUPATION)
Banks

The number of commitments for owner occupied dwellings financed by banks (trend) fell 0.5% in March 2016, following a fall of 0.3% in February 2016. The seasonally adjusted series fell 1.2% in March 2016, after a rise of 1.1% in February 2016.

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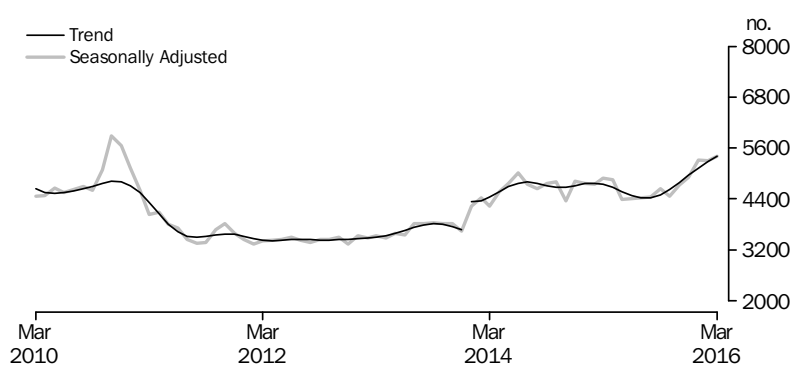


SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

Non-banks

The number of commitments for owner occupied dwellings financed by non-banks (trend) rose 2.3% in March 2016, following a rise of 3.0% in February 2016. The seasonally adjusted series rose 2.0% in March 2016, after a fall of 0.5% in February 2016. The number of commitments for owner occupied dwellings financed by permanent building societies (trend) fell 1.5% in March 2016, following a fall of 0.5% in February 2016.

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(a) A correction has been applied to January 2014 for a break in the Non-Banks series due to a change in coverage. For more information, please refer to the Explanatory Notes, Coverage section.

HOUSING LOAN OUTSTANDINGS

At the end of March 2016, the value of outstanding housing loans financed by Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions (ADIs) was \$1,482b, up \$7b (0.5%) from the February 2016 closing balance. Owner occupied housing loan outstandings financed by ADIs rose \$7b (0.7%) to \$953b and investment housing loan outstandings financed by ADIs rose \$0.6b (0.1%) to \$529b.

Bank housing loan outstandings rose \$9b (0.7%) during March 2016 to reach a closing balance of \$1,441b. Owner occupied housing loan outstandings of banks rose \$8b (0.9%) to \$921b and investment housing loan outstandings of banks rose \$1.3b (0.2%) to \$520b.

Further detail can be found in Table 12 on the downloads tab of this release and in the PDF.

HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION) (a), By Purpose: Australia

| Month | Construction of dwellings..... | | Purchase of new dwellings..... | | Purchase of established dwellings(b)..... | | Total..... | | Refinancing of established dwellings(c)..... | | Total excluding refinancing of established dwellings..... | |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------|---|--------|---------------|--------|--|-------|---|--------|
| | no. | \$m | no. | \$m | no. | \$m | no. | \$m | no. | \$m | no. | \$m |
| ORIGINAL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 5 999 | 1 775 | 2 902 | 1 049 | 48 358 | 16 501 | 57 259 | 19 325 | 20 019 | 6 441 | 37 240 | 12 884 |
| April | 5 716 | 1 724 | 2 592 | 962 | 43 353 | 15 171 | 51 661 | 17 857 | 17 731 | 5 821 | 33 930 | 12 036 |
| May | 6 077 | 1 815 | 2 729 | 1 011 | 44 063 | 15 547 | 52 869 | 18 372 | 18 331 | 6 036 | 34 538 | 12 336 |
| June | 6 313 | 1 911 | 2 874 | 1 079 | 47 440 | 17 034 | 56 627 | 20 023 | 19 781 | 6 655 | 36 846 | 13 368 |
| July | 6 109 | 1 844 | 2 932 | 1 191 | 47 751 | 17 588 | 56 792 | 20 623 | 19 774 | 6 819 | 37 018 | 13 804 |
| August | 5 676 | 1 726 | 2 743 | 1 105 | 44 745 | 16 905 | 53 164 | 19 736 | 17 579 | 6 223 | 35 585 | 13 513 |
| September | 6 050 | 1 900 | 3 140 | 1 305 | 48 726 | 18 780 | 57 916 | 21 984 | 19 425 | 7 010 | 38 491 | 14 973 |
| October | 5 903 | 1 831 | 2 988 | 1 269 | 48 788 | 18 967 | 57 679 | 22 067 | 19 782 | 7 098 | 37 897 | 14 970 |
| November | 5 955 | 1 861 | 3 037 | 1 292 | 50 833 | 19 960 | 59 825 | 23 112 | 21 207 | 7 649 | 38 618 | 15 463 |
| December | 6 092 | 1 907 | 3 579 | 1 499 | 52 119 | 19 939 | 61 790 | 23 345 | 21 896 | 7 763 | 39 894 | 15 582 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 4 414 | 1 388 | 2 448 | 975 | 37 810 | 14 245 | 44 672 | 16 608 | 15 720 | 5 555 | 28 952 | 11 054 |
| February | 5 414 | 1 691 | 2 411 | 906 | 45 556 | 16 444 | 53 381 | 19 041 | 19 165 | 6 652 | 34 216 | 12 389 |
| March | 5 542 | 1 758 | 2 519 | 929 | 49 125 | 17 754 | 57 186 | 20 441 | 20 691 | 7 122 | 36 495 | 13 319 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 5 800 | 1 729 | 2 805 | 1 012 | 45 649 | 15 794 | 54 255 | 18 535 | 19 085 | 6 076 | 35 170 | 12 459 |
| April | 6 201 | 1 851 | 2 777 | 1 031 | 46 064 | 16 325 | 55 042 | 19 206 | 18 744 | 6 296 | 36 298 | 12 910 |
| May | 5 678 | 1 704 | 2 729 | 1 002 | 42 450 | 14 999 | 50 858 | 17 705 | 17 922 | 5 943 | 32 936 | 11 762 |
| June | 5 686 | 1 701 | 2 780 | 1 050 | 45 876 | 16 635 | 54 342 | 19 386 | 18 657 | 6 223 | 35 685 | 13 163 |
| July | 5 648 | 1 696 | 2 810 | 1 135 | 45 652 | 16 807 | 54 110 | 19 638 | 18 558 | 6 382 | 35 551 | 13 256 |
| August | 5 678 | 1 735 | 2 849 | 1 149 | 46 217 | 17 531 | 54 744 | 20 415 | 17 918 | 6 423 | 36 827 | 13 992 |
| September | 5 795 | 1 806 | 2 963 | 1 251 | 47 135 | 18 043 | 55 893 | 21 099 | 18 794 | 6 696 | 37 099 | 14 403 |
| October | 5 734 | 1 795 | 2 936 | 1 227 | 47 024 | 18 099 | 55 694 | 21 121 | 19 237 | 6 857 | 36 457 | 14 264 |
| November | 5 899 | 1 855 | 2 824 | 1 176 | 47 988 | 18 508 | 56 711 | 21 539 | 19 961 | 7 119 | 36 750 | 14 420 |
| December | 6 014 | 1 856 | 3 156 | 1 354 | 49 171 | 18 386 | 58 341 | 21 596 | 20 994 | 7 433 | 37 347 | 14 162 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 5 841 | 1 864 | 3 048 | 1 184 | 47 426 | 17 586 | 56 315 | 20 634 | 20 186 | 7 171 | 36 128 | 13 463 |
| February | 5 715 | 1 811 | 2 629 | 1 001 | 48 481 | 18 171 | 56 825 | 20 983 | 20 199 | 7 090 | 36 626 | 13 893 |
| March | 5 603 | 1 759 | 2 493 | 933 | 48 220 | 18 037 | 56 316 | 20 729 | 20 285 | 6 970 | 36 031 | 13 759 |
| TREND | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 5 880 | 1 759 | 2 700 | 982 | 45 285 | 15 762 | 53 864 | 18 503 | 18 188 | 5 923 | 35 676 | 12 580 |
| April | 5 839 | 1 745 | 2 735 | 1 006 | 45 592 | 16 081 | 54 166 | 18 832 | 18 403 | 6 059 | 35 763 | 12 773 |
| May | 5 792 | 1 732 | 2 772 | 1 040 | 45 786 | 16 402 | 54 350 | 19 175 | 18 472 | 6 165 | 35 878 | 13 009 |
| June | 5 741 | 1 725 | 2 801 | 1 077 | 45 907 | 16 739 | 54 448 | 19 542 | 18 423 | 6 251 | 36 025 | 13 291 |
| July | 5 707 | 1 729 | 2 824 | 1 118 | 46 100 | 17 121 | 54 631 | 19 968 | 18 400 | 6 355 | 36 231 | 13 613 |
| August | 5 708 | 1 746 | 2 862 | 1 166 | 46 414 | 17 507 | 54 983 | 20 418 | 18 542 | 6 508 | 36 442 | 13 910 |
| September | 5 752 | 1 777 | 2 917 | 1 213 | 46 873 | 17 850 | 55 542 | 20 840 | 18 901 | 6 712 | 36 641 | 14 128 |
| October | 5 813 | 1 810 | 2 960 | 1 239 | 47 375 | 18 087 | 56 148 | 21 136 | 19 368 | 6 912 | 36 780 | 14 225 |
| November | 5 852 | 1 833 | 2 965 | 1 233 | 47 795 | 18 189 | 56 613 | 21 255 | 19 799 | 7 059 | 36 814 | 14 196 |
| December | 5 852 | 1 839 | 2 931 | 1 199 | 48 083 | 18 186 | 56 866 | 21 223 | 20 138 | 7 145 | 36 728 | 14 079 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 5 825 | 1 835 | 2 866 | 1 147 | 48 262 | 18 139 | 56 953 | 21 122 | 20 359 | 7 181 | 36 594 | 13 940 |
| February | 5 781 | 1 825 | 2 783 | 1 088 | 48 367 | 18 082 | 56 931 | 20 995 | 20 489 | 7 183 | 36 442 | 13 812 |
| March | 5 728 | 1 809 | 2 691 | 1 025 | 48 399 | 18 018 | 56 818 | 20 852 | 20 509 | 7 151 | 36 308 | 13 702 |

(a) Excludes alterations and additions.

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

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

HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION)(a), By Purpose: Australia (Percentage Change)

| Month | Construction of dwellings..... | | Purchase of new dwellings..... | | Purchase of established dwellings(b)..... | | Total..... | | Refinancing of established dwellings(c)..... | | Total excluding refinancing of established dwellings..... | |
|---|--------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------|---|-------|--------------|-------|--|-------|---|-------|
| | no. | value | no. | value | no. | value | no. | value | no. | value | no. | value |
| ORIGINAL (% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 13.3 | 12.8 | 21.4 | 22.2 | 20.7 | 23.2 | 19.9 | 22.1 | 24.5 | 23.2 | 17.5 | 21.6 |
| April | -4.7 | -2.9 | -10.7 | -8.3 | -10.3 | -8.1 | -9.8 | -7.6 | -11.4 | -9.6 | -8.9 | -6.6 |
| May | 6.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 1.8 | 2.5 |
| June | 3.9 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 6.7 | 7.7 | 9.6 | 7.1 | 9.0 | 7.9 | 10.2 | 6.7 | 8.4 |
| July | -3.2 | -3.5 | 2.0 | 10.4 | 0.7 | 3.3 | 0.3 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 0.5 | 3.3 |
| August | -7.1 | -6.4 | -6.4 | -7.2 | -6.3 | -3.9 | -6.4 | -4.3 | -11.1 | -8.7 | -3.9 | -2.1 |
| September | 6.6 | 10.1 | 14.5 | 18.0 | 8.9 | 11.1 | 8.9 | 11.4 | 10.5 | 12.7 | 8.2 | 10.8 |
| October | -2.4 | -3.6 | -4.8 | -2.7 | 0.1 | 1.0 | -0.4 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 1.2 | -1.5 | 0.0 |
| November | 0.9 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 7.2 | 7.8 | 1.9 | 3.3 |
| December | 2.3 | 2.5 | 17.8 | 16.1 | 2.5 | -0.1 | 3.3 | 1.0 | 3.2 | 1.5 | 3.3 | 0.8 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | -27.5 | -27.2 | -31.6 | -34.9 | -27.5 | -28.6 | -27.7 | -28.9 | -28.2 | -28.4 | -27.4 | -29.1 |
| February | 22.7 | 21.9 | -1.5 | -7.1 | 20.5 | 15.4 | 19.5 | 14.6 | 21.9 | 19.7 | 18.2 | 12.1 |
| March | 2.4 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 2.6 | 7.8 | 8.0 | 7.1 | 7.4 | 8.0 | 7.1 | 6.7 | 7.5 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | -1.3 | -1.9 | 5.4 | 3.4 | 2.1 | 3.2 | 1.9 | 2.7 | 6.8 | 4.0 | -0.6 | 2.1 |
| April | 6.9 | 7.0 | -1.0 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 3.4 | 1.5 | 3.6 | -1.8 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.6 |
| May | -8.4 | -7.9 | -1.7 | -2.7 | -7.8 | -8.1 | -7.6 | -7.8 | -4.4 | -5.6 | -9.3 | -8.9 |
| June | 0.1 | -0.2 | 1.9 | 4.7 | 8.1 | 10.9 | 6.9 | 9.5 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 8.3 | 11.9 |
| July | -0.7 | -0.3 | 1.1 | 8.1 | -0.5 | 1.0 | -0.4 | 1.3 | -0.5 | 2.6 | -0.4 | 0.7 |
| August | 0.5 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 4.3 | 1.2 | 4.0 | -3.5 | 0.6 | 3.6 | 5.6 |
| September | 2.1 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 8.9 | 2.0 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 3.4 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 0.7 | 2.9 |
| October | -1.1 | -0.6 | -0.9 | -1.9 | -0.2 | 0.3 | -0.4 | 0.1 | 2.4 | 2.4 | -1.7 | -1.0 |
| November | 2.9 | 3.3 | -3.8 | -4.2 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 0.8 | 1.1 |
| December | 2.0 | 0.1 | 11.8 | 15.2 | 2.5 | -0.7 | 2.9 | 0.3 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 1.6 | -1.8 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | -2.9 | 0.4 | -3.4 | -12.5 | -3.5 | -4.3 | -3.5 | -4.5 | -3.8 | -3.5 | -3.3 | -4.9 |
| February | -2.2 | -2.9 | -13.7 | -15.5 | 2.2 | 3.3 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 0.1 | -1.1 | 1.4 | 3.2 |
| March | -2.0 | -2.9 | -5.2 | -6.8 | -0.5 | -0.7 | -0.9 | -1.2 | 0.4 | -1.7 | -1.6 | -1.0 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| TREND (% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | -0.8 | -0.9 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 0.2 | 1.2 |
| April | -0.7 | -0.8 | 1.3 | 2.4 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 0.2 | 1.5 |
| May | -0.8 | -0.7 | 1.3 | 3.3 | 0.4 | 2.0 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 0.4 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 1.9 |
| June | -0.9 | -0.4 | 1.0 | 3.6 | 0.3 | 2.1 | 0.2 | 1.9 | -0.3 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 2.2 |
| July | -0.6 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 2.3 | 0.3 | 2.2 | -0.1 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 2.4 |
| August | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 4.2 | 0.7 | 2.3 | 0.6 | 2.3 | 0.8 | 2.4 | 0.6 | 2.2 |
| September | 0.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 4.1 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 3.1 | 0.5 | 1.6 |
| October | 1.1 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| November | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.2 | -0.5 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| December | 0.0 | 0.4 | -1.2 | -2.8 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.4 | -0.1 | 1.7 | 1.2 | -0.2 | -0.8 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | -0.5 | -0.2 | -2.2 | -4.3 | 0.4 | -0.3 | 0.2 | -0.5 | 1.1 | 0.5 | -0.4 | -1.0 |
| February | -0.7 | -0.6 | -2.9 | -5.2 | 0.2 | -0.3 | 0.0 | -0.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 | -0.4 | -0.9 |
| March | -0.9 | -0.8 | -3.3 | -5.8 | 0.1 | -0.4 | -0.2 | -0.7 | 0.1 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.8 |

(a) Excludes alterations and additions.

(c) Only includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary)

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

HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION)(a), By Lender: Australia

| Month | <u>Banks</u> | | <u>Non-banks(b)</u> | | <u>Total</u> | | <u>Permanent building societies</u> | | <u>Wholesale lenders n.e.c.</u> | |
|---------------------|--------------|--------|---------------------|-------|---------------|--------|-------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|-----|
| | no. | \$m | no. | \$m | no. | \$m | no. | \$m | no. | \$m |
| ORIGINAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 52 015 | 17 826 | 5 244 | 1 498 | 57 259 | 19 325 | 1 087 | 275 | 1 196 | 408 |
| April | 47 076 | 16 516 | 4 585 | 1 341 | 51 661 | 17 857 | 954 | 257 | 1 094 | 368 |
| May | 48 311 | 17 018 | 4 558 | 1 354 | 52 869 | 18 372 | 926 | 274 | 1 045 | 368 |
| June | 52 137 | 18 667 | 4 490 | 1 356 | 56 627 | 20 023 | 1 001 | 297 | 1 016 | 365 |
| July | 52 115 | 19 224 | 4 677 | 1 399 | 56 792 | 20 623 | 993 | 308 | 1 094 | 371 |
| August | 49 065 | 18 495 | 4 099 | 1 241 | 53 164 | 19 736 | 599 | 194 | 1 078 | 367 |
| September | 53 114 | 20 490 | 4 802 | 1 494 | 57 916 | 21 984 | 576 | 182 | 1 440 | 532 |
| October | 53 087 | 20 645 | 4 592 | 1 423 | 57 679 | 22 067 | 652 | 215 | 1 287 | 460 |
| November | 54 838 | 21 545 | 4 987 | 1 568 | 59 825 | 23 112 | np | np | np | np |
| December | 56 747 | 21 728 | 5 043 | 1 617 | 61 790 | 23 345 | np | np | np | np |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 40 310 | 15 216 | 4 362 | 1 392 | 44 672 | 16 608 | 554 | 193 | 1 055 | 391 |
| February | 48 237 | 17 418 | 5 144 | 1 623 | 53 381 | 19 041 | np | np | 1 038 | 380 |
| March | 51 680 | 18 682 | 5 506 | 1 760 | 57 186 | 20 441 | np | np | 1 222 | 475 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 49 366 | 17 121 | 4 888 | 1 414 | 54 255 | 18 535 | 973 | 247 | 1 188 | 411 |
| April | 50 195 | 17 783 | 4 847 | 1 423 | 55 042 | 19 206 | 958 | 260 | 1 135 | 393 |
| May | 46 469 | 16 365 | 4 389 | 1 340 | 50 858 | 17 705 | 892 | 258 | 1 034 | 380 |
| June | 49 937 | 18 020 | 4 405 | 1 366 | 54 342 | 19 386 | 1 046 | 315 | 997 | 372 |
| July | 49 679 | 18 288 | 4 431 | 1 350 | 54 110 | 19 638 | 898 | 273 | 1 002 | 328 |
| August | 50 303 | 19 068 | 4 441 | 1 347 | 54 744 | 20 415 | 706 | 224 | 1 112 | 388 |
| September | 51 257 | 19 664 | 4 637 | 1 435 | 55 893 | 21 099 | 588 | 183 | 1 431 | 540 |
| October | 51 222 | 19 733 | 4 472 | 1 388 | 55 694 | 21 121 | 638 | 212 | 1 240 | 429 |
| November | 51 979 | 20 101 | 4 732 | 1 438 | 56 711 | 21 539 | np | np | np | np |
| December | 53 433 | 20 077 | 4 909 | 1 519 | 58 341 | 21 596 | np | np | np | np |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 50 991 | 18 972 | 5 323 | 1 662 | 56 315 | 20 634 | 738 | 265 | 1 218 | 447 |
| February | 51 529 | 19 309 | 5 296 | 1 673 | 56 825 | 20 983 | np | np | 1 115 | 425 |
| March | 50 913 | 19 016 | 5 404 | 1 713 | 56 316 | 20 729 | np | np | np | np |
| TREND | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 49 121 | 17 118 | 4 743 | 1 385 | 53 864 | 18 503 | 979 | 259 | 1 183 | 412 |
| April | 49 494 | 17 446 | 4 672 | 1 386 | 54 166 | 18 832 | 968 | 265 | 1 121 | 394 |
| May | 49 773 | 17 797 | 4 576 | 1 377 | 54 350 | 19 175 | 944 | 269 | 1 068 | 379 |
| June | 49 961 | 18 176 | 4 487 | 1 366 | 54 448 | 19 542 | 895 | 264 | 1 058 | 377 |
| July | 50 195 | 18 608 | 4 436 | 1 360 | 54 631 | 19 968 | 829 | 252 | 1 093 | 389 |
| August | 50 547 | 19 054 | 4 436 | 1 364 | 54 983 | 20 418 | 762 | 237 | 1 159 | 411 |
| September | 51 040 | 19 456 | 4 502 | 1 384 | 55 542 | 20 840 | 719 | 230 | 1 227 | 435 |
| October | 51 518 | 19 712 | 4 629 | 1 424 | 56 148 | 21 136 | 708 | 234 | 1 269 | 451 |
| November | 51 825 | 19 777 | 4 788 | 1 478 | 56 613 | 21 255 | 723 | 245 | 1 274 | 456 |
| December | 51 908 | 19 684 | 4 959 | 1 539 | 56 866 | 21 223 | 745 | 258 | 1 250 | 453 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 51 825 | 19 521 | 5 128 | 1 601 | 56 953 | 21 122 | 754 | 265 | 1 217 | 447 |
| February | 51 651 | 19 336 | 5 281 | 1 658 | 56 931 | 20 995 | 750 | 267 | 1 186 | 443 |
| March | 51 414 | 19 148 | 5 403 | 1 704 | 56 818 | 20 852 | 739 | 265 | 1 152 | 436 |

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

(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary).

(b) Includes Permanent building societies and Wholesale lenders n.e.c..

HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION)(a), By Lender, Australia (Percentage Change)

| Month | Banks | | Non-banks(b) | | Total | | Permanent building societies | | Wholesale lenders n.e.c. | |
|--|-------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | no. | value | no. | value | no. | value | no. | value | no. | value |
| ORIGINAL (% change from previous month) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 20.1 | 22.6 | 18.0 | 16.8 | 19.9 | 22.1 | 25.7 | 30.5 | 2.7 | 5.0 |
| April | -9.5 | -7.4 | -12.6 | -10.5 | -9.8 | -7.6 | -12.2 | -6.6 | -8.5 | -9.8 |
| May | 2.6 | 3.0 | -0.6 | 1.0 | 2.3 | 2.9 | -2.9 | 7.0 | -4.5 | 0.0 |
| June | 7.9 | 9.7 | -1.5 | 0.1 | 7.1 | 9.0 | 8.1 | 8.2 | -2.8 | -0.8 |
| July | 0.0 | 3.0 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 0.3 | 3.0 | -0.8 | 3.6 | 7.7 | 1.5 |
| August | -5.9 | -3.8 | -12.4 | -11.3 | -6.4 | -4.3 | -39.7 | -36.8 | -1.5 | -0.9 |
| September | 8.3 | 10.8 | 17.2 | 20.4 | 8.9 | 11.4 | -3.8 | -6.3 | 33.6 | 44.7 |
| October | -0.1 | 0.8 | -4.4 | -4.8 | -0.4 | 0.4 | 13.2 | 18.1 | -10.6 | -13.4 |
| November | 3.3 | 4.4 | 8.6 | 10.2 | 3.7 | 4.7 | np | np | np | np |
| December | 3.5 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 1.0 | np | np | np | np |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | -29.0 | -30.0 | -13.5 | -13.9 | -27.7 | -28.9 | np | np | np | np |
| February | 19.7 | 14.5 | 17.9 | 16.6 | 19.5 | 14.6 | np | np | -1.6 | -2.9 |
| March | 7.1 | 7.3 | 7.0 | 8.4 | 7.1 | 7.4 | np | np | 17.7 | 25.0 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from previous month) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 1.8 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 1.9 | 2.7 | 4.3 | 4.0 | -8.0 | -8.0 |
| April | 1.7 | 3.9 | -0.9 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 3.6 | -1.5 | 5.2 | -4.5 | -4.3 |
| May | -7.4 | -8.0 | -9.4 | -5.9 | -7.6 | -7.8 | -7.0 | -0.6 | -8.9 | -3.3 |
| June | 7.5 | 10.1 | 0.4 | 1.9 | 6.9 | 9.5 | 17.3 | 21.9 | -3.5 | -2.1 |
| July | -0.5 | 1.5 | 0.6 | -1.2 | -0.4 | 1.3 | -14.2 | -13.1 | 0.5 | -12.0 |
| August | 1.3 | 4.3 | 0.2 | -0.2 | 1.2 | 4.0 | -21.4 | -18.0 | 11.0 | 18.2 |
| September | 1.9 | 3.1 | 4.4 | 6.5 | 2.1 | 3.4 | -16.7 | -18.5 | 28.8 | 39.4 |
| October | -0.1 | 0.4 | -3.6 | -3.3 | -0.4 | 0.1 | 8.4 | 15.9 | -13.4 | -20.6 |
| November | 1.5 | 1.9 | 5.8 | 3.6 | 1.8 | 2.0 | np | np | np | np |
| December | 2.8 | -0.1 | 3.7 | 5.6 | 2.9 | 0.3 | np | np | np | np |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | -4.6 | -5.5 | 8.4 | 9.4 | -3.5 | -4.5 | np | np | np | np |
| February | 1.1 | 1.8 | -0.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.7 | np | np | -8.5 | -4.8 |
| March | -1.2 | -1.5 | 2.0 | 2.4 | -0.9 | -1.2 | np | np | np | np |
| TREND (% change from previous month) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 0.9 | 1.8 | -0.7 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.7 | -1.3 | 1.2 | -3.1 | -2.0 |
| April | 0.8 | 1.9 | -1.5 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 1.8 | -1.1 | 2.5 | -5.3 | -4.4 |
| May | 0.6 | 2.0 | -2.0 | -0.6 | 0.3 | 1.8 | -2.4 | 1.4 | -4.6 | -3.8 |
| June | 0.4 | 2.1 | -1.9 | -0.8 | 0.2 | 1.9 | -5.2 | -1.8 | -1.0 | -0.5 |
| July | 0.5 | 2.4 | -1.1 | -0.4 | 0.3 | 2.2 | -7.4 | -4.6 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| August | 0.7 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 2.3 | -8.1 | -5.6 | 6.0 | 5.7 |
| September | 1.0 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 2.1 | -5.7 | -3.0 | 5.9 | 5.7 |
| October | 0.9 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 1.1 | 1.4 | -1.5 | 1.4 | 3.4 | 3.7 |
| November | 0.6 | 0.3 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 4.8 | 0.4 | 1.2 |
| December | 0.2 | -0.5 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 0.4 | -0.1 | 3.1 | 5.3 | -1.9 | -0.7 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | -0.2 | -0.8 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 0.2 | -0.5 | 1.3 | 2.9 | -2.6 | -1.2 |
| February | -0.3 | -0.9 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 0.0 | -0.6 | -0.5 | 0.6 | -2.5 | -1.1 |
| March | -0.5 | -1.0 | 2.3 | 2.8 | -0.2 | -0.7 | -1.5 | -0.7 | -2.9 | -1.6 |

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

(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary).

(b) Includes Permanent building societies and Wholesale lenders n.e.c..

HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION)(a), By State and Territory (Number)

| | New South Wales | Victoria | Queensland | South Australia | Western Australia | Tasmania | Northern Territory | Australian Capital Territory | Australia |
|-------|-----------------------|----------|------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Month | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. |

ORIGINAL

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|---------------|
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 17 333 | 15 013 | 11 393 | 3 778 | 7 410 | 994 | 376 | 962 | 57 259 |
| April | 15 326 | 14 185 | 9 947 | 3 365 | 6 701 | 853 | 359 | 925 | 51 661 |
| May | 15 726 | 14 411 | 10 227 | 3 448 | 6 841 | 927 | 340 | 949 | 52 869 |
| June | 17 375 | 15 485 | 10 719 | 3 702 | 7 163 | 874 | 329 | 980 | 56 627 |
| July | 17 613 | 15 353 | 10 819 | 3 691 | 7 179 | 930 | 282 | 925 | 56 792 |
| August | 16 904 | 14 892 | 9 885 | 3 402 | 6 119 | 820 | 308 | 834 | 53 164 |
| September | 18 990 | 15 933 | 10 603 | 3 686 | 6 483 | 866 | 346 | 1 009 | 57 916 |
| October | 18 648 | 16 170 | 10 543 | 3 551 | 6 634 | 838 | 329 | 966 | 57 679 |
| November | 19 281 | 16 863 | 10 613 | 3 800 | 6 749 | 995 | 405 | 1 119 | 59 825 |
| December | 19 619 | 17 637 | 11 325 | 3 957 | 6 826 | 1 051 | 333 | 1 042 | 61 790 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 13 258 | 12 558 | 8 677 | 2 964 | 5 339 | 835 | 265 | 776 | 44 672 |
| February | 16 180 | 14 770 | 10 571 | 3 577 | 6 228 | 842 | 293 | 920 | 53 381 |
| March | 17 930 | 15 606 | 11 147 | 3 861 | 6 420 | 859 | 334 | 1 029 | 57 186 |

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (b)

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-------|---------------|
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 16 334 | 14 877 | 10 403 | 3 498 | 7 028 | 916 | 354 | 905 | 54 255 |
| April | 16 356 | 15 104 | 10 622 | 3 551 | 6 996 | 909 | 393 | 981 | 55 042 |
| May | 15 193 | 13 799 | 10 235 | 3 346 | 6 607 | 874 | 334 | 918 | 50 858 |
| June | 16 750 | 14 673 | 10 487 | 3 468 | 6 770 | 883 | 333 | 942 | 54 342 |
| July | 16 851 | 14 262 | 10 399 | 3 523 | 6 708 | 936 | 276 | 884 | 54 110 |
| August | 17 430 | 15 021 | 10 123 | 3 550 | 6 521 | 886 | 323 | 899 | 54 744 |
| September | 17 896 | 15 352 | 10 200 | 3 649 | 6 557 | 840 | 327 | 969 | 55 893 |
| October | 17 722 | 15 656 | 10 125 | 3 589 | 6 445 | 862 | 305 | 934 | 55 694 |
| November | 17 777 | 16 442 | 10 227 | 3 661 | 6 486 | 939 | 378 | 1 042 | 56 711 |
| December | 18 357 | 16 169 | 11 146 | 3 687 | 6 523 | 974 | 313 | 980 | 58 341 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 17 659 | 15 780 | 10 829 | 3 651 | 6 430 | 930 | 330 | 1 004 | 56 315 |
| February | 17 780 | 16 056 | 10 587 | 3 720 | 6 453 | 871 | 301 | 965 | 56 825 |
| March | 17 581 | 16 108 | 10 457 | 3 745 | 6 387 | 843 | 304 | 1 034 | 56 316 |

TREND (b)

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-------|---------------|
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 15 981 | 14 524 | 10 328 | 3 466 | 6 901 | 920 | 356 | 933 | 53 864 |
| April | 16 088 | 14 519 | 10 391 | 3 460 | 6 861 | 916 | 351 | 931 | 54 166 |
| May | 16 261 | 14 490 | 10 414 | 3 463 | 6 805 | 904 | 341 | 925 | 54 350 |
| June | 16 522 | 14 515 | 10 368 | 3 481 | 6 730 | 890 | 328 | 920 | 54 448 |
| July | 16 876 | 14 669 | 10 286 | 3 513 | 6 650 | 882 | 318 | 920 | 54 631 |
| August | 17 269 | 14 960 | 10 230 | 3 551 | 6 579 | 883 | 316 | 928 | 54 983 |
| September | 17 625 | 15 337 | 10 250 | 3 591 | 6 534 | 891 | 320 | 943 | 55 542 |
| October | 17 849 | 15 692 | 10 346 | 3 626 | 6 506 | 902 | 326 | 963 | 56 148 |
| November | 17 914 | 15 925 | 10 474 | 3 650 | 6 483 | 911 | 330 | 981 | 56 613 |
| December | 17 904 | 16 048 | 10 594 | 3 669 | 6 467 | 915 | 328 | 993 | 56 866 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 17 866 | 16 105 | 10 675 | 3 690 | 6 452 | 911 | 323 | 1 000 | 56 953 |
| February | 17 805 | 16 122 | 10 715 | 3 709 | 6 437 | 902 | 315 | 1 006 | 56 931 |
| March | 17 729 | 16 117 | 10 716 | 3 724 | 6 419 | 890 | 309 | 1 008 | 56 818 |

(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary).

(b) Sum of states and territories may not equal Australian total (see paragraph 26 in Explanatory Notes).

HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION)(a), By State and Territory (Percentage change)

| | <i>New South Wales</i> | <i>Victoria</i> | <i>Queensland</i> | <i>South Australia</i> | <i>Western Australia</i> | <i>Tasmania</i> | <i>Northern Territory</i> | <i>Australian Capital Territory</i> | Australia |
|--------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Month</i> | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. |

ORIGINAL (% change from previous month)

2015

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------------|
| March | 24.6 | 18.8 | 17.9 | 21.2 | 16.7 | 11.2 | 12.9 | 13.3 | 19.9 |
| April | -11.6 | -5.5 | -12.7 | -10.9 | -9.6 | -14.2 | -4.5 | -3.8 | -9.8 |
| May | 2.6 | 1.6 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 8.7 | -5.3 | 2.6 | 2.3 |
| June | 10.5 | 7.5 | 4.8 | 7.4 | 4.7 | -5.7 | -3.2 | 3.3 | 7.1 |
| July | 1.4 | -0.9 | 0.9 | -0.3 | 0.2 | 6.4 | -14.3 | -5.6 | 0.3 |
| August | -4.0 | -3.0 | -8.6 | -7.8 | -14.8 | -11.8 | 9.2 | -9.8 | -6.4 |
| September | 12.3 | 7.0 | 7.3 | 8.3 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 12.3 | 21.0 | 8.9 |
| October | -1.8 | 1.5 | -0.6 | -3.7 | 2.3 | -3.2 | -4.9 | -4.3 | -0.4 |
| November | 3.4 | 4.3 | 0.7 | 7.0 | 1.7 | 18.7 | 23.1 | 15.8 | 3.7 |
| December | 1.8 | 4.6 | 6.7 | 4.1 | 1.1 | 5.6 | -17.8 | -6.9 | 3.3 |

2016

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| January | -32.4 | -28.8 | -23.4 | -25.1 | -21.8 | -20.6 | -20.4 | -25.5 | -27.7 |
| February | 22.0 | 17.6 | 21.8 | 20.7 | 16.7 | 0.8 | 10.6 | 18.6 | 19.5 |
| March | 10.8 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 7.9 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 14.0 | 11.8 | 7.1 |

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from previous month)

2015

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|-------------|
| March | 1.8 | 3.5 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 1.2 | -2.2 | -1.3 | -1.6 | 1.9 |
| April | 0.1 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 1.5 | -0.5 | -0.8 | 10.9 | 8.4 | 1.5 |
| May | -7.1 | -8.6 | -3.6 | -5.8 | -5.6 | -3.9 | -15.2 | -6.4 | -7.6 |
| June | 10.3 | 6.3 | 2.5 | 3.7 | 2.5 | 1.0 | -0.2 | 2.5 | 6.9 |
| July | 0.6 | -2.8 | -0.8 | 1.6 | -0.9 | 6.1 | -16.9 | -6.1 | -0.4 |
| August | 3.4 | 5.3 | -2.6 | 0.8 | -2.8 | -5.3 | 17.0 | 1.7 | 1.2 |
| September | 2.7 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 2.8 | 0.5 | -5.2 | 1.1 | 7.8 | 2.1 |
| October | -1.0 | 2.0 | -0.7 | -1.6 | -1.7 | 2.6 | -6.8 | -3.6 | -0.4 |
| November | 0.3 | 5.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 0.6 | 8.8 | 24.0 | 11.5 | 1.8 |
| December | 3.3 | -1.7 | 9.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 3.8 | -17.2 | -5.9 | 2.9 |

2016

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------|
| January | -3.8 | -2.4 | -2.8 | -1.0 | -1.4 | -4.5 | 5.4 | 2.4 | -3.5 |
| February | 0.7 | 1.7 | -2.2 | 1.9 | 0.4 | -6.4 | -8.9 | -3.9 | 0.9 |
| March | -1.1 | 0.3 | -1.2 | 0.7 | -1.0 | -3.2 | 1.2 | 7.2 | -0.9 |

TREND (% change from previous month)

2015

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------------|
| March | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.7 | -0.1 | -0.5 | 0.3 | -0.4 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| April | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.6 | -0.2 | -0.6 | -0.5 | -1.3 | -0.2 | 0.6 |
| May | 1.1 | -0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | -0.8 | -1.3 | -3.0 | -0.6 | 0.3 |
| June | 1.6 | 0.2 | -0.4 | 0.5 | -1.1 | -1.5 | -3.7 | -0.5 | 0.2 |
| July | 2.1 | 1.1 | -0.8 | 0.9 | -1.2 | -0.9 | -2.9 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| August | 2.3 | 2.0 | -0.6 | 1.1 | -1.1 | 0.1 | -0.9 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| September | 2.1 | 2.5 | 0.2 | 1.1 | -0.7 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.0 |
| October | 1.3 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 1.0 | -0.4 | 1.3 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.1 |
| November | 0.4 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 0.7 | -0.3 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 0.8 |
| December | -0.1 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.5 | -0.3 | 0.4 | -0.6 | 1.2 | 0.4 |

2016

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|-----|-------------|
| January | -0.2 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.6 | -0.2 | -0.4 | -1.7 | 0.8 | 0.2 |
| February | -0.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.5 | -0.2 | -1.0 | -2.2 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| March | -0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | -0.3 | -1.3 | -2.0 | 0.2 | -0.2 |

(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary).

HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION)(a), By State and Territory (Value)

| | New South Wales | Victoria | Queensland | South Australia | Western Australia | Tasmania | Northern Territory | Australian Capital Territory | Australia |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Month | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| ORIGINAL | | | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 6 649 | 5 001 | 3 455 | 1 025 | 2 527 | 216 | 123 | 329 | 19 325 |
| April | 6 181 | 4 818 | 3 072 | 885 | 2 281 | 187 | 118 | 315 | 17 857 |
| May | 6 324 | 5 015 | 3 139 | 915 | 2 328 | 207 | 111 | 333 | 18 372 |
| June | 7 140 | 5 586 | 3 272 | 970 | 2 413 | 185 | 122 | 334 | 20 023 |
| July | 7 500 | 5 701 | 3 344 | 1 019 | 2 441 | 205 | 97 | 316 | 20 623 |
| August | 7 407 | 5 634 | 3 128 | 944 | 2 047 | 175 | 106 | 296 | 19 736 |
| September | 8 541 | 6 038 | 3 441 | 1 025 | 2 246 | 198 | 124 | 369 | 21 984 |
| October | 8 484 | 6 267 | 3 381 | 997 | 2 276 | 198 | 112 | 352 | 22 067 |
| November | 8 904 | 6 614 | 3 445 | 1 086 | 2 290 | 233 | 129 | 412 | 23 112 |
| December | 8 801 | 6 761 | 3 586 | 1 141 | 2 319 | 241 | 101 | 396 | 23 345 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 5 841 | 4 894 | 2 688 | 816 | 1 805 | 199 | 81 | 285 | 16 608 |
| February | 6 719 | 5 433 | 3 231 | 992 | 2 066 | 192 | 91 | 318 | 19 041 |
| March | 7 406 | 5 632 | 3 493 | 1 058 | 2 169 | 189 | 119 | 375 | 20 441 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (b) | | | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 6 443 | 5 079 | 3 162 | 942 | 2 377 | 203 | 114 | 300 | 18 535 |
| April | 6 603 | 5 146 | 3 319 | 937 | 2 367 | 196 | 125 | 345 | 19 206 |
| May | 6 195 | 4 873 | 3 100 | 913 | 2 224 | 191 | 111 | 321 | 17 705 |
| June | 6 903 | 5 296 | 3 238 | 918 | 2 295 | 196 | 121 | 329 | 19 386 |
| July | 7 191 | 5 293 | 3 213 | 971 | 2 310 | 206 | 97 | 299 | 19 638 |
| August | 7 648 | 5 680 | 3 246 | 993 | 2 208 | 194 | 112 | 322 | 20 415 |
| September | 8 074 | 5 833 | 3 248 | 1 028 | 2 273 | 196 | 117 | 365 | 21 099 |
| October | 7 915 | 6 011 | 3 237 | 1 003 | 2 209 | 198 | 105 | 341 | 21 121 |
| November | 7 903 | 6 333 | 3 294 | 1 023 | 2 198 | 213 | 115 | 368 | 21 539 |
| December | 7 962 | 6 099 | 3 500 | 1 037 | 2 210 | 228 | 92 | 370 | 21 596 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 7 745 | 6 005 | 3 361 | 996 | 2 159 | 208 | 107 | 367 | 20 634 |
| February | 7 740 | 6 057 | 3 305 | 1 036 | 2 163 | 199 | 98 | 328 | 20 983 |
| March | 7 484 | 6 040 | 3 318 | 1 020 | 2 146 | 190 | 105 | 373 | 20 729 |
| TREND (b) | | | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 6 310 | 4 952 | 3 156 | 933 | 2 324 | 199 | 117 | 319 | 18 503 |
| April | 6 456 | 5 023 | 3 186 | 930 | 2 315 | 199 | 115 | 320 | 18 832 |
| May | 6 654 | 5 113 | 3 206 | 933 | 2 305 | 198 | 114 | 320 | 19 175 |
| June | 6 918 | 5 241 | 3 214 | 944 | 2 289 | 196 | 113 | 322 | 19 542 |
| July | 7 236 | 5 418 | 3 218 | 963 | 2 270 | 196 | 112 | 325 | 19 968 |
| August | 7 549 | 5 628 | 3 231 | 985 | 2 253 | 198 | 110 | 333 | 20 418 |
| September | 7 802 | 5 838 | 3 259 | 1 004 | 2 238 | 202 | 109 | 342 | 20 840 |
| October | 7 936 | 5 999 | 3 296 | 1 016 | 2 223 | 206 | 108 | 351 | 21 136 |
| November | 7 941 | 6 083 | 3 327 | 1 021 | 2 206 | 209 | 106 | 358 | 21 255 |
| December | 7 879 | 6 112 | 3 348 | 1 022 | 2 190 | 209 | 105 | 361 | 21 223 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 7 799 | 6 110 | 3 359 | 1 022 | 2 175 | 208 | 103 | 361 | 21 122 |
| February | 7 713 | 6 093 | 3 361 | 1 023 | 2 162 | 205 | 101 | 360 | 20 995 |
| March | 7 621 | 6 069 | 3 356 | 1 022 | 2 148 | 201 | 101 | 358 | 20 852 |

(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary).

(b) Sum of states and territories may not equal Australian total (see paragraph 26 in Explanatory Notes).

HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION), By Purpose and Change in Stock: Australia, Original

| <i>Month</i> | <i>Commitments excluding refinancing of established dwellings(a)</i> \$m | <i>Refinancing of established dwellings(b)</i> \$m | <i>Alterations and additions</i> \$m | <i>Total</i> \$m | <i>Commitments advanced during month</i> \$m | <i>Commitments cancelled during month(c)</i> \$m | <i>Commitments not advanced at end of month(c)</i> \$m |
|--------------|---|---|---|---------------------|---|---|---|
| 2015 | | | | | | | |
| March | 12 884 | 6 441 | 338 | 19 663 | 17 864 | 533 | 24 137 |
| April | 12 036 | 5 821 | 301 | 18 158 | 17 437 | 558 | 24 300 |
| May | 12 336 | 6 036 | 320 | 18 692 | 17 747 | 525 | 24 157 |
| June | 13 368 | 6 655 | 359 | 20 381 | 19 369 | 498 | 24 461 |
| July | 13 804 | 6 819 | 358 | 20 981 | 20 752 | 506 | 23 739 |
| August | 13 513 | 6 223 | 342 | 20 079 | 18 699 | 507 | 24 481 |
| September | 14 973 | 7 010 | 364 | 22 348 | 20 599 | 491 | 25 595 |
| October | 14 970 | 7 098 | 343 | 22 411 | 21 046 | 660 | 26 281 |
| November | 15 463 | 7 649 | 345 | 23 457 | 22 022 | 732 | 26 783 |
| December | 15 582 | 7 763 | 341 | 23 686 | 23 782 | 600 | 25 900 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | |
| January | 11 054 | 5 555 | 265 | 16 874 | 18 763 | 640 | 23 271 |
| February | 12 389 | 6 652 | 373 | 19 415 | 18 092 | 746 | 23 664 |
| March | 13 319 | 7 122 | 391 | 20 832 | 19 170 | 780 | 24 406 |

(a) Excludes alterations and additions.

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

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

HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION)(a), First Home Buyers and Fixed Rate Loans: Australia, Original

| Month | FIRST HOME BUYERS(b) | | | FIXED RATE LOANS (2 YEARS OR LONGER) (b) (c) | | | ALL DWELLINGS FINANCED(b) |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| | Dwellings financed | % of all dwellings financed | Average loan size | Dwellings financed | % of all dwellings financed | Average loan size | Average loan size |
| | no. | % | \$'000 | no. | % | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| 2015 | | | | | | | |
| March | 8 792 | 15.4 | 324.3 | 6 361 | 11.1 | 315.4 | 337.5 |
| April | 8 040 | 15.6 | 332.2 | 5 630 | 10.9 | 321.7 | 345.7 |
| May | 8 245 | 15.6 | 332.8 | 5 764 | 10.9 | 326.8 | 347.5 |
| June | 8 910 | 15.7 | 339.2 | 6 011 | 10.6 | 331.2 | 353.6 |
| July | 8 789 | 15.5 | 341.0 | 5 606 | 9.9 | 325.1 | 363.1 |
| August | 8 266 | 15.5 | 346.5 | 5 214 | 9.8 | 336.2 | 371.2 |
| September | 8 952 | 15.5 | 351.8 | 5 473 | 9.4 | 352.5 | 379.6 |
| October | 8 652 | 15.0 | 355.5 | 5 225 | 9.1 | 353.3 | 382.6 |
| November | 8 944 | 15.0 | 354.5 | 6 818 | 11.4 | 357.0 | 386.3 |
| December | 9 366 | 15.2 | 348.1 | 7 998 | 12.9 | 359.3 | 377.8 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | |
| January | 6 692 | 15.0 | 338.6 | 6 100 | 13.7 | 359.6 | 371.8 |
| February | 7 812 | 14.6 | 327.1 | 7 047 | 13.2 | 347.6 | 356.7 |
| March | 8 136 | 14.2 | 328.7 | 8 520 | 14.9 | 357.8 | 357.5 |

(a) Excludes alterations and additions.

(b) The average loan series does not necessarily represent the average loan size per dwelling (see glossary).

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

| | <i>Construction of dwellings</i> | <i>Purchase of new dwellings</i> | <i>Purchase of established dwellings(b)</i> | Total | <i>Refinancing of established dwellings(c)</i> | <i>Total excluding refinancing</i> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|---------------|--|--|
| NUMBER | | | | | | |
| New South Wales | 1 255 | 763 | 15 912 | 17 930 | 7 503 | 10 427 |
| Victoria | 1 511 | 776 | 13 319 | 15 606 | 5 773 | 9 833 |
| Queensland | 1 157 | 447 | 9 543 | 11 147 | 3 221 | 7 926 |
| South Australia | 418 | 133 | 3 310 | 3 861 | 1 355 | 2 506 |
| Western Australia | 982 | 269 | 5 169 | 6 420 | 2 246 | 4 174 |
| Tasmania | 79 | 34 | 746 | 859 | 222 | 637 |
| Northern Territory | 44 | 28 | 262 | 334 | 95 | 239 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 96 | 69 | 864 | 1 029 | 276 | 753 |
| Total | 5 542 | 2 519 | 49 125 | 57 186 | 20 691 | 36 495 |

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------|-----|--------|---------------|-------|--------|
| VALUE (\$M) | | | | | | |
| New South Wales | 433 | 322 | 6 651 | 7 406 | 2 933 | 4 473 |
| Victoria | 474 | 278 | 4 880 | 5 632 | 1 962 | 3 670 |
| Queensland | 368 | 139 | 2 986 | 3 493 | 988 | 2 505 |
| South Australia | 117 | 38 | 903 | 1 058 | 344 | 714 |
| Western Australia | 290 | 106 | 1 773 | 2 169 | 725 | 1 444 |
| Tasmania | 20 | 9 | 161 | 189 | 48 | 141 |
| Northern Territory | 17 | 12 | 90 | 119 | 31 | 88 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 37 | 26 | 312 | 375 | 91 | 284 |
| Total | 1 758 | 929 | 17 754 | 20 441 | 7 122 | 13 319 |

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|
| AVERAGE LOAN SIZE (\$'000) | | | | | | |
| New South Wales | 345.3 | 422.3 | 418.0 | 413.1 | 390.9 | 429.0 |
| Victoria | 313.9 | 357.7 | 366.4 | 360.9 | 339.8 | 373.2 |
| Queensland | 318.4 | 310.3 | 312.9 | 313.4 | 306.8 | 316.0 |
| South Australia | 280.7 | 288.7 | 272.7 | 274.1 | 254.0 | 285.0 |
| Western Australia | 295.5 | 394.8 | 342.9 | 337.8 | 322.8 | 345.9 |
| Tasmania | 251.8 | 261.9 | 215.2 | 220.4 | 216.4 | 221.8 |
| Northern Territory | 392.3 | 417.5 | 342.0 | 355.0 | 326.9 | 366.1 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 389.4 | 372.9 | 361.4 | 364.8 | 329.8 | 377.7 |
| Total | 317.2 | 369.0 | 361.4 | 357.5 | 344.2 | 365.0 |

(a) Excludes alterations and additions.

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

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

| Month | OWNER OCCUPATION (SECURED FINANCE) | | | | INVESTMENT HOUSING(b) | | | TOTAL |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|----------------------|
| | Construction of dwellings | Purchase of new dwellings | Refinancing of established dwellings(c) | Purchase of other established dwellings | Construction of dwellings for rent or resale | Purchase of dwellings by individuals for rent or resale(d) | Purchase of dwellings by others for rent or resale | All dwelling finance |
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| ORIGINAL | | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 1 775 | 1 049 | 6 441 | 10 060 | 876 | 12 072 | 1 378 | 33 650 |
| April | 1 724 | 962 | 5 821 | 9 350 | 1 008 | 11 579 | 1 106 | 31 550 |
| May | 1 815 | 1 011 | 6 036 | 9 510 | 1 081 | 12 219 | 1 291 | 32 963 |
| June | 1 911 | 1 079 | 6 655 | 10 379 | 1 092 | 12 968 | 1 451 | 35 534 |
| July | 1 844 | 1 191 | 6 819 | 10 769 | 1 122 | 11 645 | 1 454 | 34 844 |
| August | 1 726 | 1 105 | 6 223 | 10 682 | 806 | 10 809 | 1 155 | 32 507 |
| September | 1 900 | 1 305 | 7 010 | 11 769 | 749 | 10 201 | 1 609 | 34 543 |
| October | 1 831 | 1 269 | 7 098 | 11 869 | 1 006 | 9 137 | 1 175 | 33 387 |
| November | 1 861 | 1 292 | 7 649 | 12 310 | 883 | 9 455 | 1 302 | 34 752 |
| December | 1 907 | 1 499 | 7 763 | 12 176 | 1 219 | 9 958 | 1 439 | 35 962 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 388 | 975 | 5 555 | 8 691 | 636 | 7 175 | 784 | 25 203 |
| February | 1 691 | 906 | 6 652 | 9 793 | 939 | 8 328 | 1 207 | 29 515 |
| March | 1 758 | 929 | 7 122 | 10 631 | 1 731 | 9 197 | 1 188 | 32 556 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 1 729 | 1 012 | 6 076 | 9 718 | 928 | 11 560 | 1 313 | 32 336 |
| April | 1 851 | 1 031 | 6 296 | 10 029 | 991 | 11 961 | 1 242 | 33 400 |
| May | 1 704 | 1 002 | 5 943 | 9 056 | 980 | 11 319 | 1 247 | 31 252 |
| June | 1 701 | 1 050 | 6 223 | 10 412 | 988 | 11 219 | 1 275 | 32 867 |
| July | 1 696 | 1 135 | 6 382 | 10 425 | 1 027 | 10 939 | 1 420 | 33 024 |
| August | 1 735 | 1 149 | 6 423 | 11 108 | 817 | 11 415 | 1 119 | 33 766 |
| September | 1 806 | 1 251 | 6 696 | 11 347 | 652 | 10 146 | 1 405 | 33 303 |
| October | 1 795 | 1 227 | 6 857 | 11 243 | 979 | 9 186 | 1 252 | 32 539 |
| November | 1 855 | 1 176 | 7 119 | 11 389 | 999 | 9 302 | 1 242 | 33 081 |
| December | 1 856 | 1 354 | 7 433 | 10 952 | 981 | 9 379 | 1 239 | 33 195 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 864 | 1 184 | 7 171 | 10 415 | 989 | 9 303 | 1 187 | 32 112 |
| February | 1 811 | 1 001 | 7 090 | 11 082 | 1 186 | 9 338 | 1 306 | 32 813 |
| March | 1 759 | 933 | 6 970 | 11 067 | 1 829 | 9 074 | 1 105 | 32 736 |
| TREND | | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 1 759 | 982 | 5 923 | 9 838 | 958 | 11 408 | 1 248 | 32 117 |
| April | 1 745 | 1 006 | 6 059 | 10 022 | 969 | 11 496 | 1 271 | 32 568 |
| May | 1 732 | 1 040 | 6 165 | 10 237 | 962 | 11 503 | 1 280 | 32 921 |
| June | 1 725 | 1 077 | 6 251 | 10 488 | 943 | 11 367 | 1 286 | 33 137 |
| July | 1 729 | 1 118 | 6 355 | 10 766 | 916 | 11 067 | 1 294 | 33 245 |
| August | 1 746 | 1 166 | 6 508 | 10 998 | 884 | 10 644 | 1 294 | 33 239 |
| September | 1 777 | 1 213 | 6 712 | 11 138 | 855 | 10 190 | 1 285 | 33 170 |
| October | 1 810 | 1 239 | 6 912 | 11 175 | 864 | 9 798 | 1 273 | 33 071 |
| November | 1 833 | 1 233 | 7 059 | 11 130 | 923 | 9 503 | 1 257 | 32 938 |
| December | 1 839 | 1 199 | 7 145 | 11 041 | 1 027 | 9 313 | 1 240 | 32 804 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 835 | 1 147 | 7 181 | 10 958 | 1 158 | 9 208 | 1 223 | 32 711 |
| February | 1 825 | 1 088 | 7 183 | 10 899 | 1 301 | 9 139 | 1 207 | 32 641 |
| March | 1 809 | 1 025 | 7 151 | 10 867 | 1 443 | 9 157 | 1 177 | 32 630 |

(a) Excludes alterations and additions.

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

(b) Excludes revolving credit.

(d) Includes refinancing (see Glossary).

| | <i>Banks(a)</i> | <i>Permanent Building Societies(a)</i> | <i>Credit Co-operatives(a)</i> | <i>Total Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions (ADIs)(a)</i> | <i>Securitisation Vehicles(b)</i> | <i>Other Lenders(b)</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| <i>Month</i> | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | |
| March | 808 514 | 13 345 | 23 127 | 844 986 | na | na | na |
| April | 813 181 | 12 269 | 23 267 | 848 717 | na | na | na |
| May | 817 353 | 12 299 | 23 431 | 853 083 | na | na | na |
| June | 823 534 | 12 309 | 23 537 | 859 380 | na | na | na |
| July | 827 200 | 12 372 | 23 630 | 863 202 | na | na | na |
| August | 842 211 | 10 373 | 23 574 | 876 158 | na | na | na |
| September | 854 742 | 9 769 | 23 377 | 887 888 | na | na | na |
| October | 878 071 | 9 824 | 23 260 | 911 155 | na | na | na |
| November | 888 509 | 9 893 | 23 262 | 921 664 | na | na | na |
| December | 898 022 | 10 006 | 22 881 | 930 909 | na | na | na |
| 2016 | | | | | | | |
| January | 905 963 | 10 177 | 23 040 | 939 180 | na | na | na |
| February | 912 774 | 10 275 | 23 268 | 946 317 | na | na | na |
| March | 920 939 | 10 413 | 21 663 | 953 015 | na | na | na |
| INVESTMENT HOUSING | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | |
| March | 518 557 | 4 045 | 6 398 | 529 000 | na | na | na |
| April | 523 965 | 3 572 | 6 436 | 533 973 | na | na | na |
| May | 529 408 | 3 603 | 6 488 | 539 499 | na | na | na |
| June | 536 133 | 3 629 | 6 551 | 546 313 | na | na | na |
| July | 539 016 | 3 656 | 6 626 | 549 298 | na | na | na |
| August | 535 573 | 2 940 | 6 698 | 545 211 | na | na | na |
| September | 532 935 | 2 791 | 6 670 | 542 396 | na | na | na |
| October | 517 143 | 2 805 | 6 702 | 526 650 | na | na | na |
| November | 517 849 | 2 807 | 6 790 | 527 446 | na | na | na |
| December | 518 140 | 2 806 | 6 841 | 527 787 | na | na | na |
| 2016 | | | | | | | |
| January | 518 344 | 2 805 | 6 921 | 528 070 | na | na | na |
| February | 518 683 | 2 821 | 6 992 | 528 496 | na | na | na |
| March | 519 972 | 2 837 | 6 269 | 529 078 | na | na | na |
| ALL RESIDENTIAL HOUSING | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | |
| March | 1 327 071 | 17 390 | 29 525 | 1 373 986 | 114 236 | 8 015 | 1 496 237 |
| April | 1 337 146 | 15 841 | 29 703 | 1 382 690 | na | na | na |
| May | 1 346 761 | 15 902 | 29 919 | 1 392 582 | na | na | na |
| June | 1 359 667 | 15 938 | 30 088 | 1 405 693 | 115 556 | 8 507 | 1 529 756 |
| July | 1 366 216 | 16 028 | 30 256 | 1 412 500 | na | na | na |
| August | 1 377 784 | 13 313 | 30 272 | 1 421 369 | na | na | na |
| September | 1 387 677 | 12 560 | 30 047 | 1 430 284 | 115 671 | 8 642 | 1 554 597 |
| October | 1 395 214 | 12 629 | 29 962 | 1 437 805 | na | na | na |
| November | 1 406 358 | 12 700 | 30 052 | 1 449 110 | na | na | na |
| December | 1 416 162 | 12 812 | 29 722 | 1 458 696 | 112 009 | 8 927 | 1 579 632 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 424 307 | 12 982 | 29 961 | 1 467 250 | na | na | na |
| February | 1 431 457 | 13 096 | 30 260 | 1 474 813 | na | na | na |
| March | 1 440 911 | 13 250 | 27 932 | 1 482 093 | nya | nya | nya |

na not available

nya not yet available

(a) Source APRA.

(b) Source ABS quarterly collections.

WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

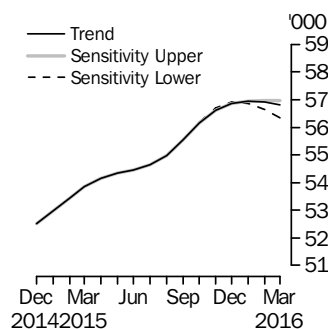
Readers should exercise care when interpreting the trend estimates of recent months because they will be revised when next month's seasonally adjusted estimates become available. For further information, see paragraphs 30 and 31 in the Explanatory Notes.

The graph below presents the effect of two possible scenarios on the trend estimates:

- (1) The April 2016 seasonally adjusted estimate of the number of dwelling commitments is higher than the March 2016 seasonally adjusted estimate by 2.1%.
- (2) The April 2016 seasonally adjusted estimate of the number of dwelling commitments is lower than the March 2016 seasonally adjusted estimate by 2.1%.

The percentage change chosen is the average absolute percentage change of the seasonally adjusted series, based on the last 10 years of data.

NUMBER OF OWNER OCCUPIED DWELLING FINANCE COMMITMENTS



WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:

| | <i>Trend as published</i> | | <i>(1) rises by 2.1% on this month</i> | | <i>(2) falls by 2.1% on this month</i> | |
|----------------|-------------------------------|----------|--|----------|--|----------|
| | no. | % change | no. | % change | no. | % change |
| September 2015 | 55 542 | 1.0 | 55 542 | 1.0 | 55 542 | 1.0 |
| October 2015 | 56 148 | 1.1 | 56 146 | 1.1 | 56 190 | 1.2 |
| November 2015 | 56 613 | 0.8 | 56 616 | 0.8 | 56 693 | 0.9 |
| December 2015 | 56 866 | 0.4 | 56 867 | 0.4 | 56 906 | 0.4 |
| January 2016 | 56 953 | 0.2 | 56 953 | 0.2 | 56 852 | -0.1 |
| February 2016 | 56 931 | 0.0 | 56 969 | 0.0 | 56 635 | -0.4 |
| March 2016 | 56 818 | -0.2 | 56 964 | 0.0 | 56 335 | -0.5 |

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication presents statistics on housing finance commitments made by significant lenders. This includes secured finance commitments for the construction or purchase of owner occupied dwellings and finance commitments for the construction or purchase of dwellings for rent or resale (investment housing). Also included are the outstanding values of housing loan assets to individuals held by lenders at the end of each reference month.

SCOPE

2 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
- Securitisers of mortgage assets (wholesale lenders) which provide funds to borrowers through a retail intermediary (e.g. mortgage originators)
- Registered Financial Corporations (RFCs).

3 All lending commitments are classified to the lender type which is (or will be) the legal lender on the corresponding loan contract. Commitments are published for two broad groupings of lender type, Banks and Non-Banks. The Non-Bank grouping also has the components Permanent Building Societies and Wholesale Lenders n.e.c. published.

4 Housing loan outstandings are classified to the following lender types: Banks; Permanent Building societies; Credit unions/cooperative credit societies; Securitisation vehicles; and Other lenders n.e.c.. The first three of these types are components of the grouping Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions (ADIs). Loan outstandings for the ADI lender types are published monthly, and are classified by purpose (owner occupied housing or investment housing). All other institutions, including securitisation vehicles, are only available on a quarterly basis. The release of loan outstandings data for those lenders reporting on a quarterly basis will be lagged by one month – for example March outstandings for securitisation vehicles and other lenders n.e.c. will be released from the April publication onwards.

COVERAGE

5 Until the statistics in this publication were derived from returns submitted to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) (see paragraph 9), the statistics of housing finance commitments covered all banks and permanent building societies. The largest of the remaining lenders of secured housing finance for owner occupation were included so that, together with banks and building societies, at least 95% of the Australian total of finance commitments were covered, and at least 90% of each state total was covered. While many smaller contributors to the Non-Banks series were excluded under these coverage criteria, at least 70% of finance commitments by wholesale contributors were covered.

6 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.

7 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 onwards include finance commitments from January 2014 reported by Non-Banks above the reporting threshold.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

COVERAGE *continued*

Non-Banks' Owner Occupied Housing Commitments are published in Tables 3 and 4. A trend break was added to the Non-Banks' series in January 2014 due to this change in coverage.

8 The statistics of housing loan outstandings cover all lenders included in the scope of paragraph 2 that have been identified as holding residential loan assets on their balance sheet as at the end of a particular reference month.

SOURCES

9 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.

10 Housing finance commitments for owner occupied housing from banks, building societies and credit cooperatives are derived from the *ARF 392.0 Housing Finance* form collected by APRA. Housing finance commitments for investor housing from these lenders are sourced from the *ARF 394.0 Personal Finance* form and the *ARF 391.0 Commercial Finance* form. Owner occupied housing finance commitments for RFCs are collected on the *RRF 392.0 Housing Finance* form. Investor housing commitments are collected on the *RRF 394.0 Personal Finance* form and the *RRF 391.0 Commercial Finance* form.

11 Statistics on loan outstandings in table 12 are sourced from banks on form *ARF 320.0 Statement of Financial Position (Domestic Books)* with lending by building societies and credit cooperatives derived from form *ARF 323.0: Statement of Financial Position (Licensed ADI)*. While building societies and credit cooperatives with total assets greater than or equal to \$200 million are required to report to APRA on a monthly basis, those institutions with total assets less than \$200 million are only required to submit this return on a quarterly basis. An undercoverage adjustment is made in deriving table 12 in the two months between the last month in the quarter to derive estimates for the complete population on a monthly basis.

12 Electronic versions of the forms and instructions for ADIs are available on the APRA website at

<http://www.apra.gov.au/adi/ReportingFramework/Pages/reporting-forms-and-instructions-adis.aspx>. For RFCs, these are available at:

<http://www.apra.gov.au/NonReg/Pages/Registered-Financial-Corporations.aspx>.

13 All other institutions, including securitisation vehicles, are collected directly by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). Data on loan outstandings of households for housing purposes for these lender types are only available on a quarterly basis. The data for Other lenders n.e.c. is compiled from a range of other data sources collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

REVISIONS

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

15 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 such 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.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

WHOLESALE LENDERS

16 A wholesale lender provides funds to borrowers through a retail intermediary which may then also be responsible for the ongoing relationship with the borrower.

17 The Wholesale Lenders n.e.c. series almost exclusively comprises securitisation vehicles (typically special purpose trusts), established to issue mortgage backed securities. It excludes commitments where a bank or permanent building society, acting as a wholesale provider of funds, is the lender on the loan contract. Those commitments are published as bank or permanent building society commitments.

18 From July 1995 to July 2000, mortgage managers reported housing finance commitments on behalf of wholesale lenders. The introduction of wholesale lenders as the reporting unit does not change the scope of the collection, but has increased its coverage. This, along with the reclassification of some lending activity, increased the level of the Wholesale Lenders n.e.c. series for owner occupied housing by \$249m in July 2000.

19 Wholesale lenders contribute to the Non-Banks series for owner occupied housing, which is seasonally adjusted in table 3. A trend break was added to the Non-Banks series, shifting the trend up by 1,579 commitments and \$178m in July 2000. Revisions related to the introduction of wholesale lenders also resulted in a downward shift in the Banks' trend for owner occupied housing of 1,256 commitments and \$167m. Consequential breaks in the finance purpose trend series for owner occupied housing at July 2000 were:

- construction finance trend shifted down 16 commitments (\$3m)
- new dwelling finance trend shifted up 26 commitments (\$1m)
- established dwelling finance trend shifted up 313 commitments (\$13m)
- refinancing trend shifted up 177 commitments (\$17m)
- total finance trend shifted up 323 commitments (\$11m).

20 Because of difficulties experienced by Wholesale Lenders n.e.c. in accurately identifying first home buyers in their commitments, these data are not used in estimating first home buyer commitments (table 9). Instead, from July 2000, the percentage of first home buyer commitments made by all banks and permanent building societies is applied to total Wholesale Lenders n.e.c. commitments to calculate their contribution to the First Home Buyers series. As a result, first home buyer commitments were revised upwards by 0.8 percentage points in July 2000.

21 An article on the introduction of the Wholesale Lenders n.e.c. series (including implications for the First Home Buyers series) featured in the October 2000 issue of this publication. A copy of the article is available from the ABS web site.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

22 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 series.

23 Over the period from early 1990 to April 1995, four of the major banks changed from reporting for the four or five weeks ending on the last Wednesday of each month to reporting on a calendar month basis. The published seasonally adjusted data take account of this change in pattern.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

continued

24 Rapid change in the financial sector, and particularly developments in the provision of housing finance, may cause changes in the seasonal and trading day patterns of the housing finance data. Examples include changes in the classification of financial institutions (particularly the reclassification of non-bank financial institutions to banks) and the increased use of mortgage securitisation.

25 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 two years) seasonal reanalysis. Accordingly, the trend estimate data provide a more reliable indicator of underlying movement in housing finance commitments. See paragraphs 30 and 31 for further information on trend estimates.

26 State component series have been seasonally adjusted independently of the Australian series. The sum of the state components in seasonally adjusted and trend series are therefore unlikely to equal the corresponding Australian totals. State component series are also affected by the changes mentioned in paragraphs 22 to 25.

27 The housing 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.

28 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 December 2016. 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).

29 The best seasonally adjusted estimates are achieved only some years after corresponding original estimates have been released. However, this does not satisfy the demand for timely seasonally adjusted estimates. The ABS advises users that while every effort is made to achieve the highest possible quality of seasonally adjusted estimates, given the available original estimates and preset publication deadlines, revisions to these seasonally adjusted estimates are inevitable and generally indicate improvements to those estimates. The use of the concurrent seasonal adjustment approach means that revisions, and therefore quality improvements, are identified earlier than under the previously used forward factor method. Under the concurrent approach, revisions are made up to one year earlier than under the forward factor approach.

TREND ESTIMATES

30 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

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

TREND ESTIMATES *continued*

contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on Canberra (02) 6252 6345 or by email at time.series.analysis@abs.gov.au.

31 While the smoothing technique described in paragraph 30 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

32 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

33 Estimates for months prior to those shown in this publication and more detailed series are available in spreadsheet format from the ABS website – see the listing on pages 3 and 4. For more information, contact the ABS National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

RELATED PRODUCTS

34 Other ABS publications which may be of interest are outlined below. All publications released from 1998 onwards are available on the ABS website:

<http://www.abs.gov.au>:

- *Lending Finance, Australia* (cat. no. 5671.0) – issued monthly.
- *Assets and Liabilities of Australian Securitisors* (cat. no. 5232.0.55.001) – issued quarterly.
- *Buildings Approvals, Australia* (cat. no. 8731.0) – issued monthly.
- *Dwelling Unit Commencements, Australia, Preliminary* (cat. no. 8750.0) – issued quarterly (final issue June 2012).
- *Building Activity, Australia* (cat. no. 8752.0) – issued quarterly.

35 Quarterly data prior to March 2002 for housing loan outstandings by type of lending institution are available as a priced special data report related to the *Australian National Accounts: Financial Accounts* (cat. no. 5232.0). Inquiries regarding this special data report should be made to the contact on the front cover of this publication.

36 The Reserve Bank of Australia produces the quarterly *Reserve Bank of Australia Bulletin* as well as data on its website. Statistical Tables D1 and D2 contain data on lending and credit aggregates (including the housing credit aggregate). Table D5 Bank Lending Classified by Sector contains statistics on lending to persons for the purpose of housing, also classified by owner occupiers and investors, with statistics available from January 1990. Table B19 Securitisation Vehicles contains loans outstandings information for mortgages held, which includes both residential and non-residential mortgages.

37 APRA publishes residential lending by ADIs in Monthly Banking Statistics and Quarterly Authorised Deposit-taking Institution Performance.

38 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.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
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| \$b | billion (thousand million) dollars |
| \$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 |
| RFC | Registered Financial Corporation |

GLOSSARY

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| Alterations and additions | Alterations and additions cover 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. |
| Average loan | <p>The Average Loan series is calculated as follows:</p> $\frac{\text{Total value of lending commitments per month}}{\text{Total number of dwellings financed per month}}$ <p>The Average Loan series does not necessarily represent the average loan size per dwelling. For instance, the average separately reflects first and second mortgages, committed in separate months, which apply to the same dwelling. For example, when a fixed rate and a variable rate loan are provided in separate months, two commitments are created for the same dwelling.</p> |
| Commitment | A lending commitment is a firm offer of housing finance. It either has been, or is normally expected to be, accepted. Included are commitments to provide housing finance to employees and commitments accepted and cancelled in the same month. |
| Commitments not advanced | <p>Commitments not advanced at the end of the month are calculated as follows:</p> <p>Balance of unadvanced commitments at the end of the previous month + Total new housing commitments (including refinancing) + Alterations and additions = Total commitments – Cancellations of commitments – Commitments advanced during the month = Commitments not advanced at the end of the month</p> |
| Commitment value | The commitment value for a contract of sale is the dwelling's sale value less any deposit. |
| Construction of dwellings | Construction of dwellings represents commitments made to individuals to finance, by way of progress payments, the construction of owner occupied dwellings. |
| Dwelling | A 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. |
| Dwelling units | Dwelling units refer to the number of single self-contained residences for which commitments have been made, either on the security of first mortgage or on contract of sale. |
| Established dwelling | An established dwelling is one which has been completed for 12 months or more prior to the lodgement of a loan application, or which has been previously occupied. |
| First home buyers | First home buyers are persons entering the home ownership market for the first time. |
| Fixed loans | <p>Generally involve:</p> <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. |
| Fixed rate loan | Fixed rate loans have a set interest rate which cannot be varied, either upward or downward, for a minimum period of two years. Capped loans are not categorised as fixed rate loans because their interest rate can vary within a two year period. |
| Housing Loan Outstandings | The value of outstanding housing loans to Australian households as at a particular point in time (for statistics in this publication this refers to the end of the reference month). A |

GLOSSARY *continued*

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| | loan is defined as an asset of a lending institution, which is not evidenced by the issuing of a security by the borrower. |
| New dwelling | A new dwelling is one that has been completed within 12 months of the lodgement of a loan application, and the borrower will be the first occupant. |
| Other lenders n.e.c. | Comprises all lenders that are not banks, permanent building societies, credit cooperatives or securitisation vehicles. Includes life or general insurance companies, superannuation funds, government housing schemes, housing cooperatives, registered financial corporations and other financial institutions. |
| Refinancing | For investment housing finance, it represents a commitment to refinance an existing loan. For secured housing finance for owner occupation, included are those loans where the refinancing lender is a different lender and the security is unchanged. 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 housing finance | This is all secured commitments to individuals for the construction or purchase of dwellings for owner occupation, regardless of type of security. Commitments for dwellings that will be occupied by persons other than the owner(s) are excluded. |
| Securitisation vehicle | Special purpose vehicles (generally trusts) that issue mortgage backed securities, which are debt securities secured by specific pools of mortgages and repaid from the cash flows (principal and interest payments) of the specific mortgage pool. |
| Self-contained | The dwelling includes bathing and cooking facilities. |
| 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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