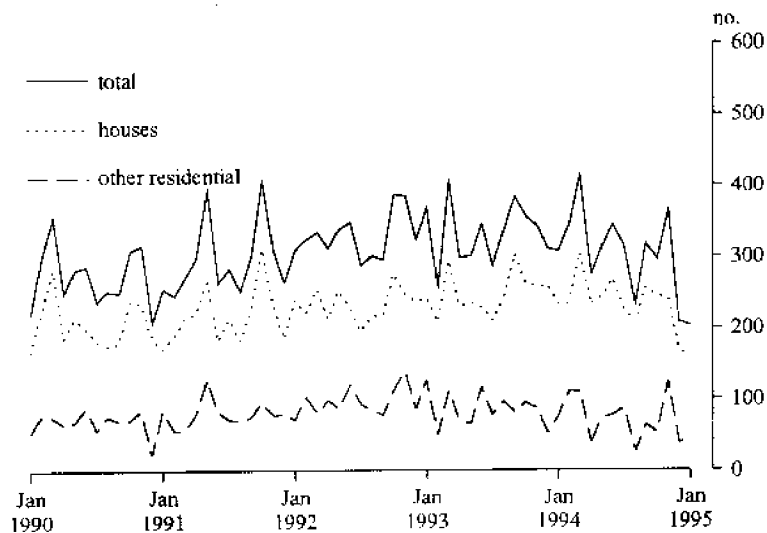


**DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY  
APPROVING AUTHORITIES, TASMANIA, JANUARY 1995**

**MAIN FEATURES**

- There were 203 new dwelling units commenced in January 1995, a three per cent decrease on the 209 new dwelling units commenced in December 1994, and a 34 per cent decrease on the January 1994 figure of 308.
- For the twelve months ended January 1995 there were 3631 new dwelling units commenced, an eight per cent decrease on the 3935 recorded for the twelve months ended January 1994.
- The Greater Hobart Statistical Division recorded 36 per cent of the new dwelling units commenced in January 1995, followed by the Northern Statistical Division with 30 per cent; the Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division recorded 25 per cent while the Southern Statistical Division made up the balance with nine per cent.
- The City of Clarence recorded 21 new dwelling unit commencements in January 1995, followed by the City of Launceston with 19 and the municipalities of Meander Valley and West Tamar each with 16.

**NEW DWELLING COMMENCEMENTS**



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TABLE 1. NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMMENCED BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS AND OWNERSHIP, TASMANIA

<i>Period</i>	<i>Double brick</i>	<i>Brick veneer</i>	<i>Fibre cement</i>	<i>Timber</i>	<i>Other and not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>						
1991-92	238	1 773	67	498	78	2 654
1992-93	277	1 905	103	447	65	2 797
1993-94	306	2 073	103	440	79	3 001
1993:						
November	24	176	10	39	7	256
December	15	163	7	46	16	247
1994:						
January	15	160	4	35	4	218
February	23	163	3	39	6	234
March	18	208	17	46	8	297
April	22	164	9	32	8	235
May	28	172	10	24	6	240
June	22	187	14	31	9	263
July	15	168	9	25	9	226
August	14	156	5	26	5	206
September	21	188	11	32	3	255
October	11	181	10	35	5	242
November	11	181	10	34	3	239
December	6	116	6	36	6	170
1995:						
January	5	128	4	19	1	157
<b>PUBLIC SECTOR</b>						
1991-92	-	93	-	2	-	95
1992-93	-	28	-	-	-	28
1993-94	-	47	-	1	-	48
1993:						
November	-	1	-	-	-	1
December	-	12	-	-	-	12
1994:						
January	-	15	-	-	-	15
February	-	1	-	-	-	1
March	-	7	-	1	-	8
April	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	2	-	-	-	2
June	-	5	-	-	-	5
July	-	-	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	-	-
October	-	1	-	-	-	1
November	-	1	-	-	-	1
December	-	-	-	-	-	-
1995:						
January	-	1	-	1	-	2
<b>TOTAL</b>						
1991-92	238	1 866	67	500	78	2 749
1992-93	277	1 933	103	447	65	2 825
1993-94	306	2 120	103	441	79	3 049
1993:						
November	24	177	10	39	7	257
December	15	175	7	46	16	259
1994:						
January	15	175	4	35	4	233
February	23	164	3	39	6	235
March	18	215	17	47	8	305
April	22	164	9	32	8	235
May	28	174	10	24	6	242
June	22	192	14	31	9	268
July	15	168	9	25	9	226
August	14	156	5	26	5	206
September	21	188	11	32	3	255
October	11	182	10	35	5	243
November	11	182	10	34	3	240
December	6	116	6	36	6	170
1995:						
January	5	129	4	20	1	159

TABLE 2. NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS AND OWNERSHIP  
JANUARY 1995

<i>Statistical division/ subdivision</i>	<i>Double brick</i>	<i>Brick veneer</i>	<i>Fibre cement</i>	<i>Timber</i>	<i>Other and not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>						
<i>Greater Hobart</i>	2	44	-	6	-	52
<i>Southern</i>	1	10	2	5	1	19
Greater Launceston	-	35	1	3	-	39
Central North	1	8	-	1	-	10
North-Eastern	-	4	-	-	-	4
<i>Northern</i>	1	47	1	4	-	53
Burnie-Devonport	1	18	-	2	-	21
North-Western Rural	-	7	1	2	-	10
Lyell	-	2	-	-	-	2
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>	1	27	1	4	-	33
<b><i>Tasmania</i></b>	<b>5</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>157</b>
<b>PUBLIC SECTOR</b>						
<i>Greater Hobart</i>	-	1	-	1	-	2
<i>Southern</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greater Launceston	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central North	-	-	-	-	-	-
North-Eastern	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Northern</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burnie-Devonport	-	-	-	-	-	-
North-Western Rural	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lyell	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b><i>Tasmania</i></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>						
<i>Greater Hobart</i>	2	45	-	7	-	54
<i>Southern</i>	1	10	2	5	1	19
Greater Launceston	-	35	1	3	-	39
Central North	1	8	-	1	-	10
North-Eastern	-	4	-	-	-	4
<i>Northern</i>	1	47	1	4	-	53
Burnie-Devonport	1	18	-	2	-	21
North-Western Rural	-	7	1	2	-	10
Lyell	-	2	-	-	-	2
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>	1	27	1	4	-	33
<b><i>Tasmania</i></b>	<b>5</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>159</b>

TABLE 3. NUMBER AND VALUE OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS, JANUARY 1995

Statistical region sectors and statistical local areas (a)		Private sector			Total (b)		
		Houses	Total dwelling units	Value of dwelling units	Houses	Total dwelling units	Value of dwelling units
		Number	Number	(\$'000)	Number	Number	(\$'000)
Brighton	(M)	10	12	938	12	14	1 058
Central Highlands	(M)	4	4	147	4	4	147
Clarence	(C)	12	21	1 435	12	21	1 435
Glamorgan/Spring Bay	(M)	1	1	65	1	1	65
Glenorchy	(C)	5	7	473	5	7	473
Hobart	(C)	10	10	1 274	10	10	1 274
Huon Valley	(M)	5	5	321	5	5	321
Kingborough	(M)	9	15	1 174	9	15	1 174
New Norfolk	(M)	2	2	70	2	2	70
Sorell	(M)	6	6	482	6	6	482
Southern Midlands	(M)	5	5	318	5	5	318
Tasman	(M)	2	2	65	2	2	65
<i>Greater Hobart-Southern</i>		<i>71</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>6 761</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>6 881</i>
Break O'Day	(M)	2	2	120	2	2	120
Dorset	(M)	2	2	155	2	2	155
Flinders	(M)	-	-	-	-	-	-
George Town	(M)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Launceston	(C)	14	19	1 600	14	19	1 600
Meander Valley	(M)	16	16	1 211	16	16	1 211
Northern Midlands	(M)	3	5	219	3	5	219
West Tamar	(M)	16	16	1 395	16	16	1 395
<i>Northern</i>		<i>53</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>4 700</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>4 700</i>
Burnie	(C)	6	6	582	6	6	582
Central Coast	(M)	9	11	1 138	9	11	1 138
Circular Head	(M)	1	1	30	1	1	30
Devonport	(C)	2	2	144	2	2	144
Kentish	(M)	1	1	100	1	1	100
King Island	(M)	1	1	135	1	1	135
Latrobe	(M)	8	14	900	8	14	900
Waratah/Wynyard	(M)	3	11	1 126	3	11	1 126
West Coast	(M)	2	4	147	2	4	147
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>		<i>33</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>4 302</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>4 302</i>
<b>Tasmania</b>		<b>157</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>15 762</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>15 882</b>
<i>Statistical Division and Statistical Subdivision</i>							
<i>Greater Hobart</i>		<i>52</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>5 729</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>5 849</i>
<i>Southern</i>		<i>19</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>1 032</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>1 032</i>
Greater Launceston		39	46	3 828	39	46	3 828
Central North		10	10	597	10	10	597
North-Eastern		4	4	275	4	4	275
<i>Northern</i>		<i>53</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>4 700</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>4 700</i>
Burnie-Devonport		21	37	3 287	21	37	3 287
North-Western Rural		10	10	868	10	10	868
Lyell		2	4	147	2	4	147
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>		<i>33</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>4 302</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>4 302</i>
<b>Tasmania</b>		<b>157</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>15 762</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>15 882</b>

(a) In this table, statistics are presented in terms of statistical local areas aggregated to their equivalent local government areas.

(b) Private sector plus public sector.

TABLE 4. NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY OWNERSHIP AND TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING, TASMANIA

Period	Private sector			Public sector			Total		
	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total
		Number of dwelling units	Number of dwelling units		Number of dwelling units	Number of dwelling units		Number of dwelling units	Number of dwelling units
	Number			Number			Number		
1991-92	2 654	950	3 604	95	74	169	2 749	1 024	3 773
1992-93	2 797	1 027	3 824	28	102	130	2 825	1 129	3 954
1993-94	3 001	923	3 924	48	50	98	3 049	973	4 022
1993:									
November	256	87	343	1	-	1	257	87	344
December	247	52	299	12	-	12	259	52	311
1994:									
January	218	56	274	15	19	34	233	75	308
February	234	90	324	1	21	22	235	111	346
March	297	102	399	8	8	16	305	110	415
April	235	39	274	-	-	-	235	39	274
May	240	71	311	2	2	4	242	73	315
June	263	77	340	5	-	5	268	77	345
July	226	83	309	-	4	4	226	87	313
August	206	27	233	-	-	-	206	27	233
September	255	52	307	-	11	11	255	63	318
October	242	49	291	1	4	5	243	53	296
November	239	121	360	1	3	4	240	124	364
December	170	39	209	-	-	-	170	39	209
1995:									
January	157	44	201	2	-	2	159	44	203

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Introduction

1. This publication contains monthly details of the number of new dwelling units reported by approving authorities as having commenced in each local government area.

### Scope and Coverage

2. The statistics were compiled from monthly reports, provided by local and other government authorities, of commencements of new houses and other new residential buildings for which:

(a) building permits were issued by local government authorities in areas subject to building control by those authorities; or

(b) contracts were let, or day labour work was authorised, by Commonwealth, State, semi-government and local government authorities.

Major residential building commencements in areas not subject to the normal administrative approval processes (e.g., buildings on remote mine sites) are included also.

3. The number of dwelling units created by alterations and additions to existing buildings, and through the construction of new non-residential buildings (i.e., buildings other than dwellings) is not included.

### Definitions

4. A *dwelling unit* is defined as a self-contained suite of rooms, including cooking and bathing facilities and intended for long-term residential use. Units (whether self-contained or not) within buildings offering institutional care (such as hospitals) or temporary accommodation (such as motels, hostels and holiday apartments), are not defined as dwelling units.

5. A *residential building* is defined as a building predominantly consisting of one or more dwelling units. Dwellings can be either houses or other residential buildings as follows:

(a) A *house* is defined as a detached building predominantly used for long-term residential purposes and consisting of only one dwelling unit. Thus, detached 'granny flats' and detached dwelling units (such as caretakers' residences) associated with non-residential buildings, are defined as houses for the purpose of these statistics.

(b) An *other residential building* is defined as a building which is predominantly used for long-term residential purposes and which contains (or has attached to it) more than one dwelling unit (e.g., townhouses, duplexes and apartment buildings).

6. **Commencements:** For the purposes of this statistical series, a residential building is regarded as being commenced on the date when:

(a) the building work is first inspected by a local government, or other government authority building inspector or surveyor, whether the work is passed or not (in general, the first inspection is undertaken at the foundations or footings stage of construction); or

(b) the building work is determined as commenced by a building inspector or surveyor.

7. **Ownership:** The ownership of a building is classified as either public sector or private sector, according to the sector of the intended owner of the completed building, as evident at the time of approval. Residential buildings being constructed by private sector builders under government housing authority schemes, whereby the authority has contracted, or intends to contract, to purchase the buildings on or before completion, are classified as public sector.

#### Comparability of Statistics

8. Because of the difference in data sources, collection methodologies, and timing of notification of commencements, care should be exercised in comparing quarterly data derived from monthly dwelling unit commencements statistics with the quarterly dwelling unit commencements statistics from the Building Activity Survey, published in *Building Activity, Tasmania* (8752.6).

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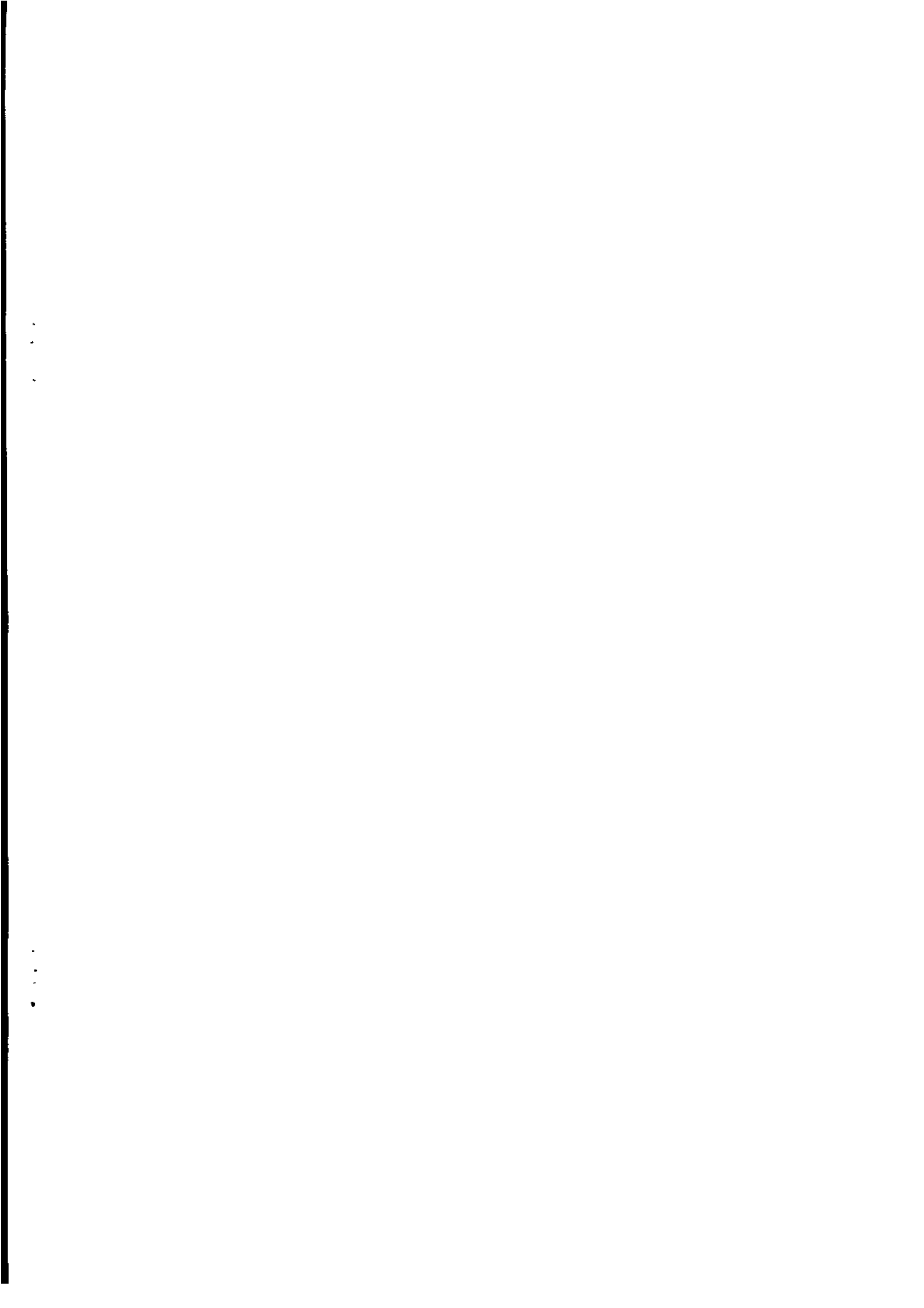
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