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**BUILDING ACTIVITY, NORTHERN TERRITORY
MARCH QUARTER 1996**

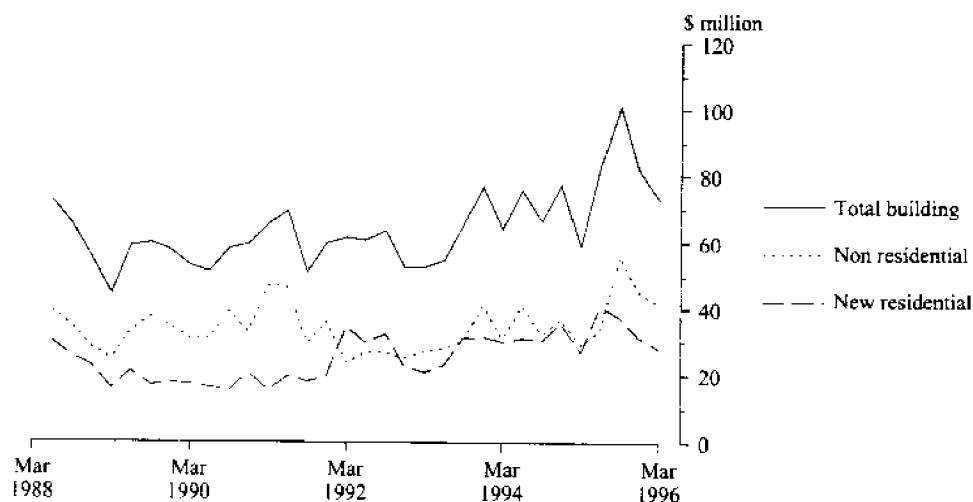
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Value of building work done at average 1989-90 prices

	% change on	
	Dec. quarter 1995	Mar. quarter 1995
New residential building	-11.2	3.0
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	-22.6	36.7
Non-residential building	-8.2	42.4
Total building	-10.3	24.1

- In average 1989-90 prices, the value of new residential building work done during the March quarter fell by 11.2% to \$27.7 million. A fall of 28.6% for new houses was partially offset by an increase of 22.6% in work done on other residential buildings.
- Work done on non-residential building fell by 8.2% from the previous quarter to \$41.3 million, but this was still 42.4% above that of the corresponding period of a year earlier.
- The total value of building work done for the quarter was down 10.3% to \$73.1 million. However, this was still 24.1% higher than the corresponding period of a year earlier.

**VALUE OF WORK DONE
AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES**



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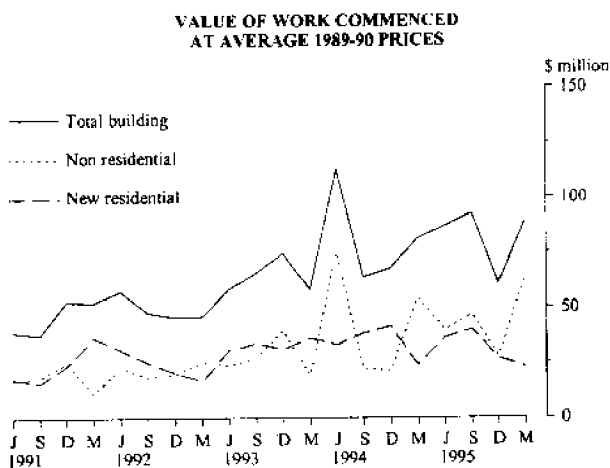
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – continued

Value of building work commenced at average 1989–90 prices

	% change on	
	Dec. quarter 1995	Mar. quarter 1995
New residential building	14.6	-5.0
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	-60.9	-19.4
Non-residential building	128.8	17.1
Total building	45.9	9.2

- In average 1989–90 prices, the value of new residential building work commenced fell by 14.6% during the quarter to \$22.9 million, the lowest for 3 years. Commencements of new other residential buildings rose by 42.5% to \$11.4 million – just below the value of commencements of new houses which fell by 38.8% to \$11.5 million.
- Commencements of non-residential buildings increased by 128.8% to \$63.6 million. Other than for the June quarter 1994, this is the highest level for 5 years and includes a hotel in Darwin and an army facilities project.
- The total value of all building work commenced increased by 45.9% during the quarter to \$89.0 million.

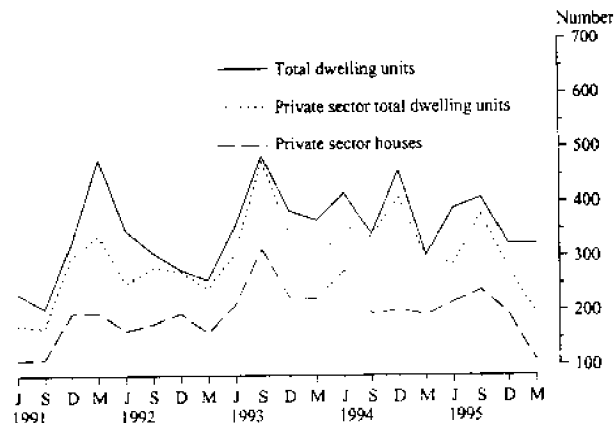


Number of dwelling units commenced, original series

	% change on	
	Dec. quarter 1995	Mar. quarter 1995
Private sector houses	-43.8	-43.2
Private sector dwelling units	-29.2	34.2
Total dwelling units	0.0	7.0

- The total number of dwelling units commenced during the quarter remained unchanged at 323. A fall of 105 in the number of houses commenced to 133 was matched by an increase of 105 in other residential dwelling units commenced to 190.
- The fall in houses commenced was mainly within the private sector where commencements fell by 85 to 109.
- The increase in other residential dwelling units commenced was almost entirely within the public sector for which numbers commenced jumped from 2 to 103. Work has commenced on the expansion of Defence housing at the Robertson Barracks which accounted for the majority of the increase.

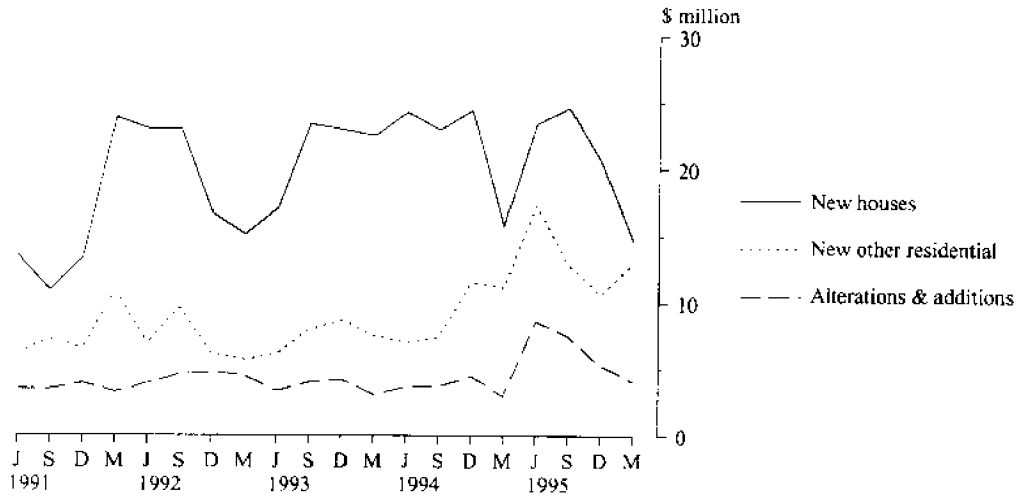
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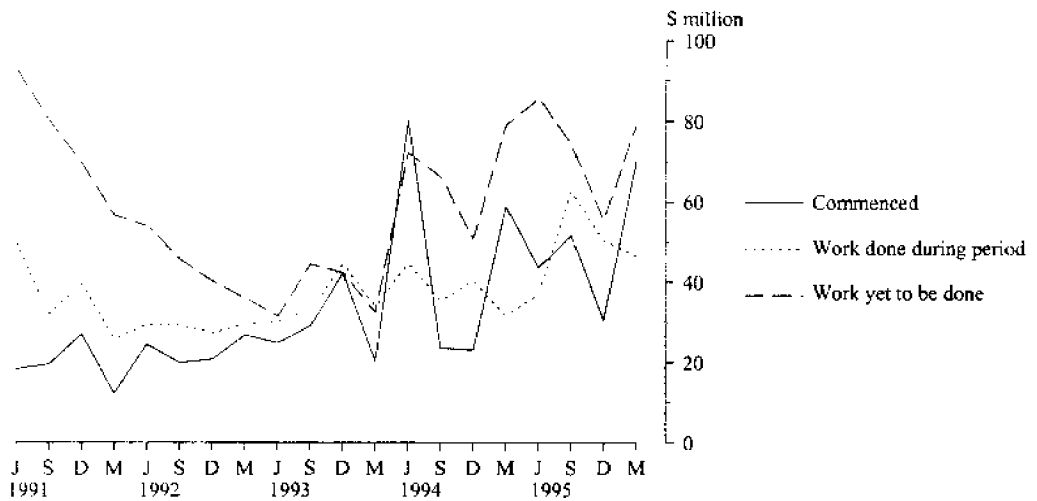
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- The total value of building work done during the March quarter fell by 11.2% to \$884. million. Residential work was down 14.8% and non-residential work down 7.8%.
- Total building work commenced during the quarter increased by \$28.4 million or 38.1% to \$103.0 million, the increase being attributable to the non-residential sector.
- Work yet to be done on jobs under construction at the end of the quarter was up 14.9% to \$119.6 million or 1.35 times the work done during the quarter.

**VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL WORK DONE
AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES**



VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING



VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL WORK DONE

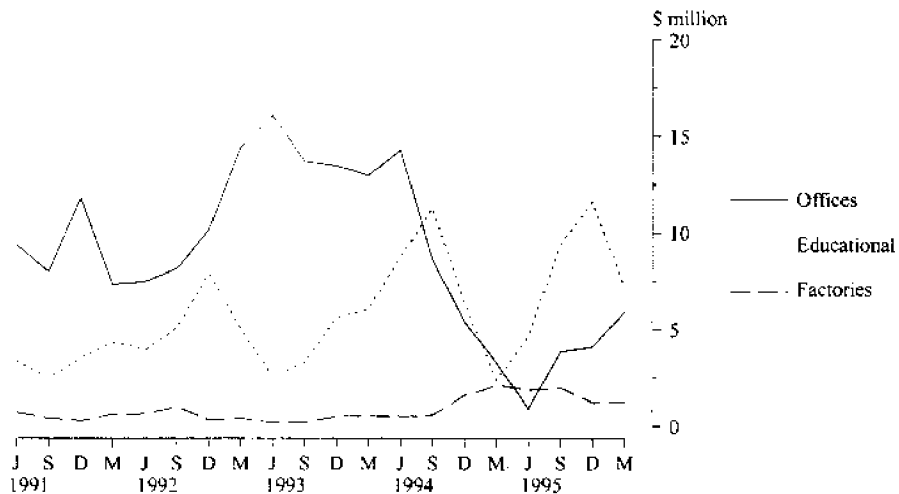


TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF BUILDING ACTIVITY, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Period	New residential building				Non-residential building											Total building			
	Houses		Other residential buildings		Total		Value (\$m)												
	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Hôtels etc.	Shops	Factories	Offices	Other business premises	Educational	Religious	Health		Entertainment and recreational	Miscellaneous	Total
COMPLETED																			
1992-93	828	82.5	366	26.3	1,194	108.8	19.6	1.6	2.7	1.9	25.4	12.4	17.2	0.2	10.1	0.8	20.9	93.2	221.6
1993-94	1,205	123.5	446	38.1	1,651	161.6	18.7	10.6	30.2	5.3	26.0	29.2	24.6	0.1	11.3	8.3	26.2	171.8	352.2
1994-95	947	106.1	541	67.9	1,488	174.0	28.3	25.2	14.1	3.8	7.4	9.5	35.5		1.4	7.8	44.9	149.5	351.8
1994 Dec. qtr	245	27.4	212	23.4	457	50.9	6.3	0.2	3.8	1.8	1.4	5.3	0.7		0.5	2.6	6.9	23.3	80.4
1995 Mar. qtr	196	20.2	106	10.2	302	30.3	4.0	1.6	2.5	0.3	1.9	0.3	7.8	---	0.1	1.2	28.1	58.9	93.3
June qtr	304	38.4	84	8.5	388	46.9	13.8	8.1	5.3	0.9	1.0	1.1	6.8		0.4	1.1	8.5	43.7	104.4
Sept. qtr	269	30.7	139	20.1	408	50.8	7.6	2.9	4.4	1.7	11.2	9.1	5.2	2.4	5.1	4.3	5.7	51.6	110.0
Dec. qtr	238	26.0	85	9.4	323	35.4	8.6	0.4	2.1	1.4	1.5	6.2	11.1	0.5	0.5	4.3	2.7	30.6	74.6
1996 Mar. qtr	133	15.9	190	13.3	323	29.3	3.4	30.0	3.5	0.8	2.4	8.5	1.1		0.4	6.5	17.2	70.4	103.0
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD																			
1992-93	397	43.2	177	12.2	574	55.3	9.2	1.5	2.3	0.2	86.7	9.0	15.8	0.3	7.0	0.2	15.1	138.1	202.6
1993-94	620	69.7	141	11.7	761	81.3	10.2	3.9	24.5	3.9	111.5	17.1	17.1		9.7	4.1	15.0	202.9	294.4
1994-95	492	57.0	295	41.9	787	98.9	14.9	25.0	29.4	4.5	5.1	11.3	22.6		0.7	1.6	46.1	146.5	260.3
1994 Dec. qtr	467	54.5	300	45.0	767	99.4	11.1	0.1	24.7	5.5	6.3	20.6	6.6		8.6	2.8	17.5	92.7	203.3
1995 Mar. qtr	431	46.2	321	40.8	752	87.0	11.6	16.8	26.1	4.6	4.6	13.6	8.3		8.8	3.7	42.6	129.1	227.6
June qtr	492	57.0	295	41.9	787	98.9	14.9	25.0	29.4	4.5	5.1	11.3	22.6		0.7	1.6	46.1	146.5	260.3
Sept. qtr	474	58.2	297	44.5	771	102.6	12.8	16.5	26.0	5.9	10.2	30.0	22.4	2.4	5.8	0.5	47.1	156.7	272.1
Dec. qtr	438	52.2	275	46.9	713	99.1	13.7	13.4	26.1	6.1	10.7	15.4	22.1	0.3	3.5	4.4	32.4	134.5	247.3
1996 Mar. qtr	393	48.7	369	52.0	762	100.7	9.2	35.3	26.7	4.9	11.3	17.9	20.2		0.8	3.7	43.8	164.7	274.6
COMPLETED																			
1992-93	914	90.5	409	39.3	1,323	129.8	21.7	1.5	5.5	3.0	8.7	14.6	12.9	0.1	8.6	2.0	19.1	76.1	227.6
1993-94	968	94.2	473	36.2	1,441	130.4	17.2	11.8	7.9	1.6	27.0	20.5	23.8	0.4	9.0	5.0	25.1	132.0	279.5
1994-95	1,070	121.8	387	35.3	1,457	157.1	24.1	0.4	8.2	3.3	119.3	17.0	31.4		10.7	9.3	15.0	214.5	395.6
1994 Dec. qtr	317	33.4	82	7.6	399	41.0	5.2	0.1	4.1	0.9	101.4	2.0	19.0		1.3	2.3	4.6	135.6	181.8
1995 Mar. qtr	232	28.8	85	7.1	317	35.9	3.8		1.1	1.2	3.7	7.2	6.1		0.1	0.3	3.8	23.5	63.2
June qtr	240	27.8	110	11.7	350	39.5	10.5	0.1	1.9	1.0	0.4	3.7	2.5		8.3	3.3	5.1	26.3	76.2
Sept. qtr	285	30.7	134	17.0	419	47.7	10.1	11.4	7.8	0.4	6.2	1.5	3.5		0.1	5.4	4.7	41.0	98.7
Dec. qtr	274	31.5	103	9.5	377	41.0	8.0	3.3	2.4	1.3	1.1	10.9	11.5	2.6	2.8	0.4	17.5	53.7	102.7
1996 Mar. qtr	176	19.8	96	9.6	272	29.4	7.4	8.1	2.8	2.0	1.6	5.7	3.0	0.3	2.9	7.3	6.0	39.7	76.5

TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF BUILDING ACTIVITY, NORTHERN TERRITORY—continued

Period	New residential building				Non-residential building											Total building		
	Houses		Other residential buildings		Value (\$m)													
	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Hotels etc.	Shops	Factories	Offices	Other business premises	Educational	Religious	Health	Entertainment and recreational	Miscellaneous		Total	
VALUE OF WORK DONE DURING PERIOD																		
1992-93	..	85.6	..	31.4	117.0	20.4	1.7	3.8	2.0	48.8	14.7	20.6	0.2	7.5	1.1	16.4	116.9	254.3
1993-94	..	114.2	..	35.6	149.8	18.6	10.5	9.3	1.8	54.4	18.7	23.8	0.1	10.5	8.3	18.7	156.2	324.6
1994-95	..	113.3	..	54.4	167.7	26.0	11.3	11.3	6.2	18.2	22.0	24.8	—	8.8	6.9	35.2	144.7	338.3
1994 Dec. qtr	..	31.6	..	13.3	44.9	5.7	0.1	2.9	1.6	5.4	12.4	6.4	—	3.7	1.9	6.0	40.4	91.0
1995 Mar. qtr	..	21.4	..	12.6	34.1	4.2	2.8	3.0	2.1	3.3	4.3	2.4	—	1.7	1.3	10.9	31.7	70.0
June qtr	..	30.5	..	20.1	50.6	11.3	8.2	3.0	1.9	0.9	2.0	4.7	—	0.6	2.2	13.6	37.0	98.9
Sept. qtr	..	33.3	..	15.2	48.5	10.3	11.3	8.0	2.0	3.9	3.2	9.4	1.6	1.7	4.5	16.8	62.6	121.4
Dec. qtr	..	29.3	..	12.4	41.6	7.6	3.0	4.7	1.2	4.1	5.0	11.6	1.1	3.2	3.9	12.5	50.3	99.5
1996 Mar. qtr	..	20.8	..	15.4	36.2	5.7	3.0	8.6	1.2	5.9	10.8	7.2	0.1	1.0	4.8	3.7	46.4	88.4
VALUE OF WORK YET TO BE DONE																		
1992-93	..	23.6	..	27.8	4.2	0.2	1.9	0.1	9.3	2.4	5.2	0.1	6.2	0.1	6.2	31.6	63.7	
1993-94	..	29.8	..	35.5	4.2	—	22.7	3.6	6.8	12.2	6.5	—	7.4	0.4	12.6	72.1	111.8	
1994-95	..	26.1	..	16.8	42.9	7.4	14.1	24.6	1.2	1.4	1.5	18.6	—	0.4	0.5	21.5	85.7	135.9
1994 Dec. qtr	..	18.6	..	33.8	52.4	4.6	0.1	22.8	4.0	2.7	6.2	1.0	—	2.0	1.5	10.5	50.8	107.9
1995 Mar. qtr	..	17.8	..	24.1	41.9	4.7	14.0	22.4	2.2	1.4	2.1	6.4	—	0.7	1.5	28.5	79.1	125.7
June qtr	..	26.1	..	16.8	42.9	7.4	14.1	24.6	1.2	1.4	1.5	18.6	—	0.4	0.5	23.5	85.7	135.9
Sept. qtr	..	24.7	..	21.4	46.1	5.0	5.7	20.9	0.9	8.8	8.5	12.4	0.7	3.7	0.3	12.3	74.3	125.4
Dec. qtr	..	21.1	..	21.0	42.1	6.4	2.9	18.7	1.2	6.4	9.7	12.0	0.1	1.1	0.7	2.6	55.6	104.1
1996 Mar. qtr	..	16.6	..	20.3	36.9	3.6	29.9	13.4	0.8	2.7	7.3	6.0	—	0.3	2.4	16.3	79.1	119.6

NOTE: The number of self-contained dwelling units commenced as part of the construction of non-residential building and alterations and additions to existing buildings (including conversions to dwelling units) are excluded from this table. There were 1 such dwelling units commenced in the March quarter 1996.

TABLE 2. SUMMARY OF PRIVATE SECTOR BUILDING ACTIVITY, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Period	New residential building										Non-residential building									
	Houses					Other residential buildings					Total					Value (\$m)				
	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Alterations to and additions to residential buildings	Hotels etc.	Shops	Factories	Offices	Other business premises	Educational	Religious	Health	Recreational	Miscellaneous	Total		
COMMENCED																				
1992-93	744	67.3	353	25.0	1,097	92.3	17.3	1.6	2.3	1.8	11.1	11.6	1.6	0.2	3.1	0.4	1.4	35.1	144.7	
1993-94	1,095	95.0	430	36.8	1,465	131.8	18.1	10.6	30.1	1.5	5.1	12.6	5.9	0.1	1.1	5.0	8.6	80.6	230.5	
1994-95	804	80.3	522	65.9	1,326	146.3	20.6	25.2	13.9	3.0	5.1	7.3	3.3	—	0.7	4.4	6.8	69.8	236.7	
1994 Dec. qtr	201	20.1	207	22.9	408	43.0	5.8	0.2	3.8	1.7	1.2	3.5	—	—	0.4	2.1	—	12.8	61.7	
1995 Mar. qtr	192	19.4	106	10.2	298	29.5	3.9	16.7	2.4	0.3	1.9	0.3	0.6	—	—	1.0	6.3	29.4	62.8	
June qtr	216	21.5	70	7.1	286	28.6	6.6	8.1	5.3	0.7	0.2	1.2	2.5	—	—	1.0	0.4	19.4	54.6	
Sept. qtr	238	24.5	139	20.1	377	44.5	7.2	2.9	3.9	0.7	1.7	2.9	1.4	—	4.1	0.8	0.1	18.7	70.5	
Dec. qtr	194	19.8	83	9.0	277	28.8	4.6	0.4	2.1	1.4	1.2	5.5	1.6	0.5	3.4	0.9	0.9	17.2	50.6	
1996 Mar. qtr	109	11.6	87	7.3	196	18.9	2.9	30.0	3.5	0.8	2.0	8.5	1.1	—	—	2.5	0.4	48.8	70.6	
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD																				
1992-93	344	32.8	170	11.7	514	44.5	9.2	1.5	2.3	0.2	5.2	3.5	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.2	14.4	68.1	
1993-94	505	50.3	129	10.8	634	61.1	10.1	—	24.5	0.2	0.9	2.5	0.9	—	—	1.0	1.3	31.2	102.4	
1994-95	417	41.9	283	40.7	700	82.6	10.9	25.0	29.4	0.9	1.3	4.4	2.7	—	0.4	1.2	4.6	69.9	163.4	
1994 Dec. qtr	392	40.7	295	44.5	687	85.2	10.8	0.1	24.7	1.8	1.9	5.0	0.2	—	0.4	2.4	0.1	36.5	132.5	
1995 Mar. qtr	391	38.4	318	40.5	709	78.9	11.1	16.8	26.1	1.0	1.5	4.9	0.8	—	0.4	3.4	4.6	59.4	149.4	
June qtr	417	41.9	283	40.7	700	82.6	10.9	25.0	29.4	0.9	1.3	4.4	2.7	—	0.4	1.2	4.6	69.9	163.4	
Sept. qtr	400	42.0	285	43.2	685	85.2	12.1	16.5	25.6	1.3	0.7	6.4	3.7	—	4.5	0.5	0.2	59.4	156.7	
Dec. qtr	367	39.1	269	46.0	636	85.1	9.5	13.4	25.7	2.5	1.5	8.0	1.3	0.3	2.5	3.6	0.9	59.6	154.3	
1996 Mar. qtr	319	33.5	267	45.7	586	79.2	8.7	35.3	26.2	1.3	1.7	11.4	0.6	—	—	0.6	0.5	77.5	165.3	
COMPLETED																				
1992-93	755	66.4	338	28.4	1,093	94.7	17.4	1.5	3.4	1.7	7.6	10.9	1.6	0.1	3.0	0.9	1.9	32.7	144.8	
1993-94	856	76.9	462	35.3	1,318	112.2	16.7	11.8	7.8	1.5	9.4	13.0	5.3	0.4	1.9	4.5	6.2	61.8	190.7	
1994-95	888	89.7	368	33.6	1,256	123.2	20.3	0.4	8.0	2.3	5.1	4.9	1.5	—	0.3	4.2	3.8	30.6	174.2	
1994 Dec. qtr	270	26.7	74	7.0	344	33.7	5.0	0.1	4.1	0.5	2.1	2.0	0.2	—	—	0.8	0.1	9.8	48.5	
1995 Mar. qtr	193	22.0	83	6.9	276	28.9	3.8	—	1.0	1.1	2.3	0.3	—	—	—	—	1.8	6.5	39.3	
June qtr	188	18.3	105	11.1	293	29.5	6.9	0.1	1.9	0.8	0.4	1.5	0.6	—	3.2	0.4	8.8	45.2		
Sept. qtr	253	24.5	134	17.0	387	41.5	6.1	11.4	7.8	0.4	2.3	1.5	0.3	—	1.5	4.5	29.7	77.4		
Dec. qtr	227	22.9	95	8.7	322	31.5	7.3	3.3	2.4	0.3	0.5	4.0	4.1	0.2	1.9	0.4	0.2	17.4	56.3	
1996 Mar. qtr	155	17.3	89	9.0	244	26.3	3.5	8.1	2.8	2.0	1.6	4.9	1.8	0.3	2.3	5.5	0.8	30.0	59.8	

TABLE 2. SUMMARY OF PRIVATE SECTOR BUILDING ACTIVITY, NORTHERN TERRITORY—continued

Period	New residential building										Non-residential building										Total building					
	Houses					Other residential buildings					Total					Other residential building						Total				
	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Hôtels etc.	Shops	Factories	Offices	Other business premises	Educational	Religious	Health	Entertainment and recreational	Miscellaneous	Total								
VALUE OF WORK DONE DURING PERIOD																										
1992-93	..	67.3	..	29.3	..	96.6	17.4	1.7	3.1	1.8	12.2	11.3	1.6	0.2	3.3	0.4	1.6	37.1	151.1							
1993-94	..	87.3	..	34.4	..	121.7	18.0	10.5	9.2	1.5	5.4	12.7	5.9	0.1	1.3	4.9	6.8	58.3	198.0							
1994-95	..	86.5	..	52.4	..	138.9	21.0	11.3	11.2	2.7	5.6	7.1	1.5	—	0.6	4.4	6.4	50.9	210.9							
1994 Dec. qtr	..	23.2	..	12.7	..	36.0	5.5	0.1	2.9	1.1	1.5	2.0	0.1	—	0.2	1.3	—	9.1	50.5							
1995 Mar. qtr	..	19.0	..	12.4	..	31.4	4.0	2.8	2.8	0.6	2.3	2.4	0.5	—	0.8	3.0	3.0	15.4	50.8							
June qtr	..	20.9	..	19.1	..	40.0	6.8	8.2	3.0	0.8	0.3	1.0	0.6	—	2.0	2.5	18.5	65.3								
Sept. qtr	..	24.4	..	14.7	..	39.1	6.9	11.3	7.9	0.7	1.7	2.4	2.1	—	1.1	0.9	1.3	29.5	75.6							
Dec. qtr	..	21.7	..	12.1	..	33.7	5.7	3.0	4.6	0.8	0.8	2.2	2.5	0.3	3.2	2.3	0.5	20.4	59.8							
1996 Mar. qtr	..	15.6	..	14.6	..	30.2	3.4	3.0	8.5	1.2	2.3	7.7	1.5	0.1	0.6	2.9	0.7	28.5	62.0							
VALUE OF WORK YET TO BE DONE																										
1992-93	..	15.0	..	4.8	..	19.9	4.2	0.2	1.9	0.1	0.8	1.9	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	5.5	29.6							
1993-94	..	22.9	..	5.1	..	28.1	4.2	—	22.7	0.1	0.6	1.2	0.3	—	—	0.3	0.6	25.7	57.9							
1994-95	..	18.0	..	16.2	..	34.2	4.5	14.1	24.6	0.4	0.4	1.0	2.1	—	0.1	0.4	1.2	44.3	83.0							
1994 Dec. qtr	..	16.2	..	33.5	..	49.7	4.4	0.1	22.8	0.8	1.0	3.1	0.1	—	0.2	1.2	0.1	29.4	83.5							
1995 Mar. qtr	..	17.0	..	24.0	..	41.1	4.5	14.0	22.4	0.5	0.6	1.0	0.2	—	0.1	1.3	3.4	43.4	89.0							
June qtr	..	18.0	..	16.2	..	34.2	4.5	14.1	24.6	0.4	0.4	1.0	2.1	—	0.1	0.4	1.2	44.3	83.0							
Sept. qtr	..	18.2	..	21.3	..	39.5	4.9	5.7	26.6	0.5	0.4	2.1	1.3	—	3.2	0.3	—	34.0	78.4							
Dec. qtr	..	16.6	..	20.8	..	37.4	4.0	2.9	18.5	1.2	0.8	5.4	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.5	0.5	31.3	72.7							
1996 Mar. qtr	..	12.7	..	14.9	..	27.6	3.3	29.9	13.3	0.8	0.3	6.1	0.1	—	—	0.2	0.1	50.7	81.7							

TABLE 3. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC SECTOR BUILDING ACTIVITY, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Period	New residential building										Non-residential building														
	Houses					Other residential buildings					Total					Other business premises					Enter-tainment and recreational				
	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Hotels etc.	Shops	Factories	Offices	Educational	Religious	Health	Miscellaneous	Total	Value (\$m)	Value (\$m)	Value (\$m)	Value (\$m)					
COMMENCED																									
1992-93	84	15.2	13	1.3	97	16.5	2.3	---	0.4	0.1	14.3	0.8	15.6	---	7.1	0.4	19.4	58.1	76.9						
1993-94	170	28.5	16	1.3	186	29.8	0.6	---	0.1	3.8	20.9	16.6	18.7	---	10.1	3.4	17.6	91.2	121.7						
1994-95	143	25.8	19	2.0	162	27.7	7.7	---	0.1	0.8	2.2	2.2	32.2	---	0.7	3.4	38.1	79.7	115.2						
1994 Dec. qtr	44	7.3	5	0.5	49	7.8	0.5	---	---	0.3	0.2	1.8	0.7	---	0.1	0.4	6.9	10.4	18.7						
1995 Mar. qtr	4	0.8	---	---	4	0.8	0.1	---	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	7.2	---	0.1	0.2	21.8	29.5	30.4						
June qtr	88	16.9	14	1.5	102	18.3	7.2	---	---	0.1	0.8	0.4	14.4	---	0.4	0.1	8.2	24.3	49.7						
Sept. qtr	31	6.2	---	---	31	6.2	0.4	---	0.5	1.0	9.6	6.7	2.8	2.4	1.0	3.5	5.6	32.9	39.5						
Dec. qtr	44	6.1	2	0.4	46	6.5	4.0	---	---	0.2	0.7	9.5	---	---	0.5	0.8	1.7	13.5	24.0						
1996 Mar. qtr	24	4.3	103	6.0	127	10.4	0.5	---	---	0.4	---	---	---	---	0.4	4.0	1.68	21.6	32.4						
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD																									
1992-93	53	10.3	7	0.5	60	10.8	---	---	---	81.5	5.5	15.6	---	---	6.2	---	14.9	123.7	134.5						
1993-94	115	19.3	12	0.9	127	20.2	0.1	---	3.7	110.6	14.6	16.2	---	---	9.7	3.1	13.8	171.7	192.0						
1994-95	75	15.0	12	1.2	87	16.3	4.1	---	---	3.6	3.8	6.9	20.0	---	0.4	0.4	41.6	76.6	96.9						
1994 Dec. qtr	75	13.7	5	0.5	80	14.2	0.3	---	3.7	4.4	15.6	6.4	---	---	8.2	0.4	17.4	56.2	70.8						
1995 Mar. qtr	40	7.7	3	0.3	43	8.1	0.5	---	---	3.7	3.1	8.6	7.5	---	8.5	0.4	38.0	69.7	78.3						
June qtr	75	15.0	12	1.2	87	16.3	4.1	---	---	3.6	3.8	6.9	20.0	---	0.4	0.4	41.6	76.6	96.9						
Sept. qtr	74	16.2	12	1.2	86	17.4	0.7	---	0.5	4.6	9.4	13.6	18.6	2.4	1.3	---	46.9	97.3	115.4						
Dec. qtr	71	13.1	6	0.9	77	14.0	4.1	---	0.5	3.6	9.3	7.4	20.8	---	1.0	0.8	31.5	74.9	93.1						
1996 Mar. qtr	74	15.2	102	6.3	176	21.5	0.5	---	0.5	3.6	9.6	6.6	19.7	---	0.8	3.1	43.4	87.2	109.3						
COMPLETED																									
1992-93	159	24.1	71	10.9	230	35.1	4.3	---	2.0	1.3	1.1	3.7	11.3	---	5.6	1.1	17.2	43.4	82.8						
1993-94	112	17.3	14	0.9	123	18.2	0.5	---	0.1	0.1	17.6	7.5	18.5	---	7.0	0.5	18.9	70.2	88.9						
1994-95	182	32.1	19	1.7	201	33.8	3.8	---	0.1	0.9	114.2	12.0	29.8	---	10.3	5.1	11.2	183.9	221.4						
1994 Dec. qtr	47	6.7	8	0.6	55	7.3	0.2	---	0.5	99.3	18.8	1.3	1.5	---	1.3	1.5	4.5	125.8	133.2						
1995 Mar. qtr	39	6.7	2	0.2	41	6.9	---	---	0.1	0.1	14	6.9	6.1	---	0.1	0.3	1.9	17.0	24.0						
June qtr	52	9.4	5	0.6	57	10.0	3.5	---	---	0.2	0.1	2.1	1.9	---	8.3	0.1	4.7	17.4	31.0						
Sept. qtr	32	6.2	---	---	32	6.2	3.9	---	---	---	3.9	---	3.1	---	0.1	3.9	0.2	11.2	21.4						
Dec. qtr	47	8.7	8	0.8	55	9.4	0.6	---	1.0	0.6	6.9	7.4	2.4	---	0.9	---	17.3	36.4	46.5						
1996 Mar. qtr	21	2.5	7	0.6	28	3.1	3.9	---	---	0.1	0.8	1.2	---	---	0.6	1.8	5.2	9.7	16.7						

TABLE 3. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC SECTOR BUILDING ACTIVITY, NORTHERN TERRITORY...continued

Period	New residential building										Non-residential building										Total building						
	Houses					Other residential buildings					Total					Alterations and additions to residential buildings etc.						Stops Factories Offices business premises Educational Religious Health Entertainment and recreational Miscellaneous					Total
	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Total	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (\$m)	Total	Hotels etc.	Stops	Factories	Offices	Business premises	Educational	Religious	Health	Entertainment and recreational	Miscellaneous							
VALUE OF WORK DONE DURING PERIOD																											
1992-93	..	18.3	..	2.1	..	20.4	3.1	0.7	0.2	36.6	3.4	19.1	..	4.2	0.7	14.8	79.7	103.2	..	..	..	..	..
1993-94	..	26.9	..	1.2	..	28.1	0.5	0.1	0.4	49.0	6.0	18.0	..	9.1	3.4	11.9	97.9	126.6	..	..	..	..	..
1994-95	..	26.8	..	2.0	..	28.8	4.9	0.1	3.5	12.6	14.9	23.3	..	8.2	2.5	28.7	93.8	127.4	..	..	..	..	..
1994 Dec. qtr	..	8.4	..	0.5	..	8.9	0.2	..	0.5	3.9	10.4	6.4	..	3.5	0.6	6.0	31.3	40.5	..	..	..	..	..
1995 Mar. qtr	..	2.4	..	0.3	..	2.7	0.2	0.1	1.5	1.0	1.9	1.9	..	1.7	0.4	7.8	16.3	19.2	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr	..	9.6	..	1.0	..	10.6	4.4	..	1.1	0.6	0.9	4.0	..	0.5	0.2	11.1	18.5	33.5	..	..	..	..	..
Sept. qtr	..	8.9	..	0.5	..	9.4	3.3	0.1	1.3	2.1	0.8	7.3	1.6	0.7	3.6	15.5	33.1	45.8	..	..	..	..	..
Dec. qtr	..	7.6	..	0.3	..	7.9	1.9	0.1	0.4	3.3	2.7	9.1	0.7	0.9	0.7	12.1	30.0	39.7	..	..	..	..	..
1996 Mar. qtr	..	5.2	..	0.8	..	6.1	2.4	0.1	..	1.6	3.1	5.7	..	0.4	1.9	3.1	18.0	26.4	..	..	..	..	..
VALUE OF WORK YET TO BE DONE																											
1992-93	..	7.6	..	0.4	..	8.0	..	..	..	8.4	0.5	5.0	..	6.0	..	6.1	26.1	34.1	..	..	..	..	..
1993-94	..	6.9	..	0.5	..	7.4	0.1	..	3.4	6.2	11.0	6.2	..	7.4	0.2	12.0	46.4	53.9	..	..	..	..	..
1994-95	..	8.1	..	0.5	..	8.7	2.9	..	0.7	1.0	0.5	16.5	..	0.3	0.1	22.3	41.4	52.9	..	..	..	..	..
1994 Dec. qtr	..	2.4	..	0.3	..	2.7	0.3	..	3.2	1.7	3.1	0.9	..	1.9	0.3	10.4	21.4	24.3	..	..	..	..	..
1995 Mar. qtr	..	0.8	..	0.1	..	0.8	0.2	..	1.7	0.8	1.1	6.2	..	0.6	0.1	25.1	35.7	36.7	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr	..	8.1	..	0.5	..	8.7	2.9	..	0.7	1.0	0.5	16.5	..	0.3	0.1	22.3	41.4	52.9	..	..	..	..	..
Sept. qtr	..	6.5	..	0.1	..	6.6	0.1	0.4	0.4	8.4	6.4	11.1	0.7	0.5	..	12.3	40.3	47.0	..	..	..	..	..
Dec. qtr	..	4.6	..	0.2	..	4.7	2.3	0.2	..	5.6	4.3	11.5	..	0.4	0.1	2.1	24.3	31.4	..	..	..	..	..
1996 Mar. qtr	..	3.9	..	5.4	..	9.3	0.3	0.1	..	2.4	1.2	5.9	..	0.3	2.3	16.2	28.4	37.9	..	..	..	..	..

TABLE 4. VALUE OF BUILDING ACTIVITY, AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES (a), NORTHERN TERRITORY
(\$ million)

Period	New residential building			Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building
	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total		Private Sector	Total	
COMMENCED							
1992-93	70.2	23.6	93.8	17.1	33.1	87.7	198.6
1993-94	100.4	34.2	134.6	15.4	75.6	161.2	311.2
1994-95	80.4	59.9	140.3	21.9	64.3	137.8	300.0
1994 Dec. qtr	20.9	20.6	41.5	4.9	11.9	21.5	67.9
1995 Mar. qtr	15.2	8.9	24.1	3.1	27.1	54.3	81.5
June qtr	28.8	7.5	36.3	10.6	17.7	39.9	86.8
Sept. qtr	22.8	17.4	40.2	5.7	17.0	46.9	92.8
Dec. qtr	18.8	8.0	26.8	6.4	15.6	27.8	61.0
1996 Mar. qtr	11.5	11.4	22.9	2.5	44.1	63.6	89.0
VALUE OF WORK DONE DURING PERIOD							
1992-93	71.6	27.6	99.2	17.2	34.2	107.4	223.8
1993-94	92.9	31.2	124.1	15.0	53.6	143.7	282.8
1994-95	86.5	47.3	133.8	19.8	46.4	132.1	285.7
1994 Dec. qtr	24.4	11.5	35.9	4.5	8.3	37.0	77.4
1995 Mar. qtr	15.8	11.1	26.9	3.0	14.1	29.0	58.9
June qtr	23.4	17.3	40.7	8.6	16.8	33.6	82.9
Sept. qtr	24.6	12.9	37.5	7.5	26.4	56.1	101.1
Dec. qtr	20.6	10.6	31.2	5.3	18.2	45.0	81.5
1996 Mar. qtr	14.7	13.0	27.7	4.1	25.3	41.3	73.1

(a) See paragraphs 22 and 23 of the Explanatory Notes. Constant price estimates are subject to revision each quarter as more up to date information on prices and commodity compositions becomes available.

TABLE 5. NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS BY OWNERSHIP,
CLASS OF BUILDER AND STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION,
NORTHERN TERRITORY

Period	Private sector					Public sector			Total		
	Houses			Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total
	Contractor-built	Other	Total								
COMMENCED											
1992-93	490	254	744	353	1,097	84	13	97	828	366	1,194
1993-94	792	243	1,035	430	1,465	170	16	186	1,205	446	1,651
1994-95	592	212	804	522	1,326	143	19	162	947	541	1,488
1994 Dec. qtr	149	52	201	207	408	44	5	49	245	212	457
1995 Mar. qtr	131	61	192	106	298	4	--	4	196	106	302
June qtr	158	58	216	70	286	88	14	102	304	84	388
Sept. qtr	150	88	238	139	377	31	—	31	269	139	408
Dec. qtr	143	51	194	83	277	44	2	46	238	85	323
1996 Mar. qtr	76	33	109	87	196	24	103	127	133	190	323
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD											
1992-93	152	192	344	170	514	53	7	60	397	177	574
1993-94	338	166	505	129	634	115	12	127	620	141	761
1994-95	230	187	417	283	700	75	12	87	492	295	787
1994 Dec. qtr	210	182	392	295	687	75	5	80	467	300	767
1995 Mar. qtr	193	197	391	318	709	40	3	43	431	321	752
June qtr	230	187	417	283	700	75	12	87	492	295	787
Sept. qtr	201	199	400	285	685	74	12	86	474	297	771
Dec. qtr	190	177	367	269	636	71	6	77	438	275	713
1996 Mar. qtr	146	173	319	267	586	74	102	176	393	369	762
COMPLETED											
1992-93	524	231	755	338	1,093	159	71	230	914	409	1,323
1993-94	620	236	856	462	1,318	112	11	123	968	473	1,441
1994-95	674	214	888	368	1,256	182	19	201	1,070	387	1,457
1994 Dec. qtr	224	46	270	74	344	47	8	55	317	82	399
1995 Mar. qtr	122	71	193	83	276	39	2	41	232	85	317
June qtr	121	67	188	105	293	52	5	57	240	110	350
Sept. qtr	178	75	253	134	387	32	—	32	285	134	419
Dec. qtr	155	72	227	95	322	47	8	55	274	103	377
1996 Mar. qtr	119	36	155	89	244	21	7	28	176	96	272

TABLE 6. NUMBER AND VALUE OF NEW HOUSES BUILT BY CONTRACT BUILDERS FOR PRIVATE OWNERSHIP, BY COMPLETION VALUE RANGE AND STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION NORTHERN TERRITORY

Period	Commenced				Under construction at end of period				Completed			
	Less than \$40,000	\$40,000 to \$59,999	\$60,000 and over	Total	Less than \$40,000	\$40,000 to \$59,999	\$60,000 and over	Total	Less than \$40,000	\$40,000 to \$59,999	\$60,000 and over	Total
NUMBER												
1992-93	25	78	387	490	6	21	125	152	24	88	412	524
1993-94	24	84	684	792	7	21	310	338	24	88	508	620
1994-95	15	70	507	592	4	24	202	230	21	58	595	674
1994 Dec. qtr	5	17	127	149	5	20	185	210	6	18	200	224
1995 Mar. qtr	3	14	114	131	5	17	171	193	3	15	104	122
June qtr	5	23	130	158	4	24	202	230	6	12	103	121
Sept. qtr	4	23	123	150	6	26	169	201	3	21	154	178
Dec. qtr	2	20	121	143	4	25	161	190	4	22	129	155
1996 Mar. qtr	3	6	67	76	7	13	126	146	—	18	101	119
VALUE (\$m)												
1992-93	0.7	4.2	36.2	41.1	0.1	1.1	12.6	13.8	0.7	4.6	37.9	43.2
1993-94	0.6	4.4	66.7	71.8	0.2	1.1	32.1	33.3	0.6	4.6	49.4	54.6
1994-95	0.3	3.6	55.9	59.9	0.1	1.2	22.7	24.1	0.5	3.1	63.0	66.5
1994 Dec. qtr	0.1	0.9	13.9	14.9	0.1	1.0	20.7	21.8	0.1	1.0	20.6	21.7
1995 Mar. qtr	0.1	0.8	13.1	13.9	0.1	0.9	18.9	19.9	0.1	0.8	12.6	13.4
June qtr	0.1	1.2	14.3	15.6	0.1	1.2	22.7	24.1	0.1	0.6	11.0	11.7
Sept. qtr	0.1	1.3	14.1	15.5	0.2	1.4	20.9	22.4	0.1	1.1	16.2	17.4
Dec. qtr	—	1.1	13.6	14.7	0.1	1.4	20.0	21.4	0.1	1.2	14.4	15.7
1996 Mar. qtr	0.1	0.3	7.3	7.7	0.2	0.7	14.8	15.7	—	1.0	12.6	13.6

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains detailed results from the quarterly Building Activity Survey. Users should note that data for the latest quarter is subject to revision.

2. The statistics are compiled on the basis of returns collected from builders and other individuals and organisations engaged in building activity. The quarterly survey consists of two components.

- (a) A complete enumeration of new residential building construction or alterations and additions valued at \$10,000 or more to residential buildings.
- (b) A complete enumeration of all non-residential building jobs, including alterations and additions, with an approval value of \$50,000 or more.

3. Prior to the June quarter 1991, private sector housing activity was measured by a sample survey. Due to the relatively small size of the total building industry in the Northern Territory the differences resulting between the two survey methods is minimal. The change from a sample survey to a complete enumeration has allowed the collection of accurate small area data, available on request in unpublished form.

4. Prior to the September quarter 1990, the cut-off for inclusion of non-residential building jobs (both new and alterations and additions) was \$30,000 or more and prior to the September quarter 1985 it was \$10,000 or more. Care should be taken in interpreting data for specific classes of non-residential building.

5. The use of complete enumeration techniques in the Building Activity Survey for the Northern Territory means that reliable estimates of private sector house building activity, including alterations and additions to houses, are available at the Statistical Local Area (SLA) level. Local government areas, or parts thereof, or any unincorporated area can be an SLA. Dwelling unit commencement data for regions below State level are shown in the monthly series of dwelling unit commencements compiled by State offices of the ABS. Data from this series, unlike those compiled from the Building Activity Survey, are based on information reported by government authorities.

Scope and coverage

6. The statistics relate to *building* activity which includes construction of new buildings and alterations and additions to existing buildings. Construction activity not defined as building (e.g. construction of roads, bridges, railways, earthworks, etc.) is excluded.

7. Building jobs included in each quarter in the Building Activity Survey comprise those building jobs selected in previous quarters which have not been completed (or commenced) by the end of the previous quarter and those building jobs newly selected in the current quarter. The population list from which building jobs are selected for inclusion comprises all approved building jobs which were notified to the ABS up to but not including the last month of the reference quarter (e.g. up to the end of August in respect of the September quarter survey). This introduces a lag to the statistics in respect of those building jobs notified *and* commenced in the last month of the reference quarter (e.g. for the month of September in respect of the September quarter survey). For example, building jobs which were notified as approved in the month of June and which actually commenced in that month are shown as commencements in the September quarter. Similarly, building jobs which were notified in the month of September and which

actually commenced in that month are shown as commencements in the December quarter.

Definitions

8. A *building* is defined as a rigid, fixed and permanent structure which has a roof. Its intended purpose is primarily to house people, plant, machinery, vehicles, goods or livestock. An integral feature of a building's design, to satisfy its intended use, is the provision for regular access by persons.

9. 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. The value of units of this type is included in the appropriate category of non-residential building.

10. A *residential building* is defined as a building predominantly consisting of one or more dwelling units. Residential buildings can be either *houses* or *other residential buildings*.

- (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. includes townhouses, duplexes, apartment buildings, etc.).

11. The number of dwelling units created by alterations and additions to existing buildings, and through the construction of new non-residential buildings, is not included in the tables but is shown as a footnote to Table 1.

12. *Commenced*. A building job is regarded as commenced when the first physical building activity has been performed on site in the form of materials fixed in place and/or labour expended (this includes site preparation but excludes delivery of building materials, the drawing of plans and specifications and the construction of non-building infrastructures such as roads).

13. *Under construction*. A building job is regarded as being under construction at the end of a period if it has been commenced but has not been completed, and work on it has not been abandoned.

14. *Completed*. A building job is regarded as completed when building activity has progressed to the stage when the building can fulfil its intended function. In practice, the ABS regards buildings as completed when notified as such by respondents to the survey.

Valuation of building jobs

15. The value series in this publication are derived from estimates reported on survey returns as follows.

- (a) *Value of building commenced or under construction* represents the anticipated completion value based, where practicable, on estimated market or contract price of building jobs excluding the value of land and

landscaping. Site preparation costs are included. Where building jobs proceed over several quarters, the anticipated completion value reported on the return for the first (commencement) quarter may be amended on returns for subsequent (under construction) quarters as the job nears completion.

- (b) *Value of building completed* represents the actual completion value based, where practicable, on the market or contract price of building jobs including site preparation costs but excluding the value of land and landscaping.
- (c) *Value of building work done during the period* represents the estimated value of building work actually carried out during the quarter on building jobs which have commenced.
- (d) *Value of building work yet to be done* represents the difference between the anticipated completion value and the estimated value of work done up to the end of the period on building jobs commenced but not completed.

Building classification

16. *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.

17. *Builder type.* Houses are classified according to the type of builder as follows.

- (a) *Contractor-built houses* are those constructed by a private recognised building contractor, either under contract, or in anticipation of sale or rental.
- (b) *Houses built by other than contract builders* are those constructed by an owner (other than a recognised building contractor) or under the owner's direction, without the services of a single contractor responsible for the whole job. Houses built by businesses (other than recognised building contractors) and public sector organisations are also included in this category.

18. *Functional classification of buildings.* A building is classified according to its intended major function. Hence, a building which is ancillary to other buildings or forms a part of a group of related buildings is classified to the function of the building and not to the function of the group as a whole. An example of this can be seen in the treatment of building work approved for a factory complex. In this case a detached administration building would be classified to Offices, a detached cafeteria building to Shops, while factory buildings would be classified to Factories. An exception to this rule is the treatment of group accommodation buildings where, for example, a student accommodation building on a university campus would be classified to Educational.

19. Examples of the types of buildings included under each main functional heading are shown in the following list.

- (a) *Houses.* Includes cottages, bungalows, detached caretakers'/managers' cottages, rectories.
- (b) *Other residential buildings.* Includes blocks of flats, home units, attached townhouses, villa units, terrace houses, semi-detached houses, maisonettes.

(c) *Hotels, etc.* Includes motels, hostels, boarding houses, guesthouses, holiday apartment buildings.

(d) *Shops.* Includes retail shops, restaurants, cafes, taverns, dry cleaners, laundromats, hair salons, shopping arcades.

(e) *Factories.* Includes paper mills, oil refinery buildings, brickworks, foundries, powerhouses, manufacturing laboratories, workshops as part of a manufacturing process.

(f) *Offices.* Includes banks, post offices, council chambers, head and regional offices.

(g) *Other business premises.* Includes warehouses, storage depots, service stations, transport depots and terminals, electricity substation buildings, pumping station buildings, telephone exchanges, mail sorting centres, broadcasting stations, film studios.

(h) *Educational.* Includes schools, colleges, kindergartens, libraries, museums, art galleries, research and teaching laboratories, theological colleges.

(i) *Religious.* Includes churches, chapels, temples.

(j) *Health.* Includes hospitals, nursing homes, surgeries, clinics, medical centres.

(k) *Entertainment and recreational.* Includes clubs, theatres, cinemas, public halls, gymnasiums, grandstands, squash courts, sports and recreation centres.

(l) *Miscellaneous.* Includes law courts, homes for the aged (where medical care is not provided as a normal service), orphanages, gaols, barracks, mine buildings, glasshouses, livestock sheds, shearing sheds, fruit and skin drying sheds, public toilets, and ambulance, fire and police stations.

Reliability of the estimates

20. Since the figures for private sector house building activity (including alterations and additions) are derived from information obtained from a complete enumeration of approved building jobs they are not subject to sampling error, as may be found in sample surveys. Prior to the June quarter 1991, private sector housing activity was measured by a sample survey and there is a small residual proportion of these sampled jobs which are still under construction included in the survey. The effect of this small number of sampled jobs on these estimates and those that would have been obtained if information for all approved jobs for the relevant period had been included in the survey is not considered to be significant.

21. Despite the precise nature of complete enumeration, inaccuracies may occur because of inadequacies in the source of building approval information, imperfections in reporting by respondents, and errors made in the coding and processing of data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling error, and may occur in any enumeration whether it be a full count or only a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by the careful design of questionnaires, efforts to obtain responses for all selected building jobs, and efficient operating procedures.

Estimates at constant prices

22. Estimates of the value of commencements and work done at average 1989-90 prices are shown in Table 4. Constant price estimates measure changes in value after the direct effects of price changes have been eliminated. The deflators used to revalue the current price estimates in this publication are derived from the same price data underlying the deflators compiled for the dwellings and non-dwelling construction components of the national accounts aggregate 'Gross fixed capital expenditure'.

23. Estimates at constant prices are subject to a number of approximations and assumptions. Further information on the nature and concepts of constant price estimates is contained in Chapter 4 of *Australian National Accounts: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (5216.0).

Unpublished data and related publications

24. The ABS can also make available certain building approvals and activity data which are not published. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided in the following forms: microfiche, photocopy, computer printout, floppy disk and clerically extracted tabulation. Inquiries should be made to Information Inquiries on Darwin (08) 8943 2111 or any ABS State office.

25. Users may also wish to refer to the following building and construction publications which are available on request:

Building Approvals, Australia (8731.0) – issued monthly
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