

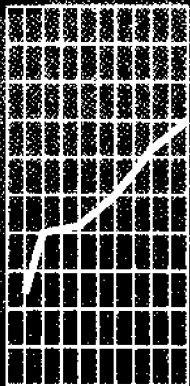


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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS VALUE OF WORK DONE

AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

MOVEMENT ESTIMATES

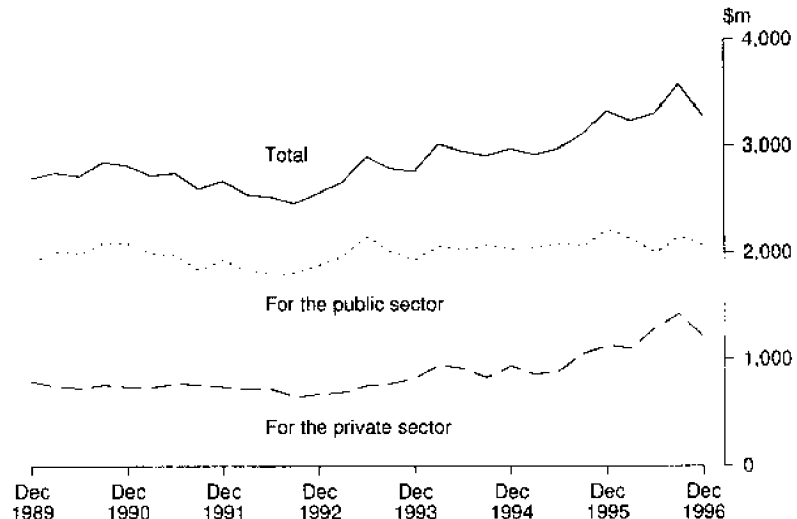
Changes in the seasonally adjusted value of engineering construction work done, at average 1989-90 prices, in the December quarter 1996, compared with the previous quarter and a year previously, are summarised below.

	Change Sep qtr 96 to Dec qtr 95 to Dec qtr 96	Change Dec qtr 95 to Dec qtr 96
<i>Engineering construction work done</i>	%	%
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By private sector		
For private sector	-14.9	7.6
For public sector	6.8	-1.9
Total by private sector	-8.1	3.9
By public sector	-8.6	-8.1
Total for public sector (a)	-3.9	-6.1
Total engineering construction	-8.3	-1.5

(a) Includes work done by the private sector for the public sector and work done by the public sector

The total value of engineering construction work done fell by 8.3% in the December quarter 1996, following increases of 8.3% and 2.1% in the September and June quarters 1996 respectively. Engineering construction work done in the December quarter 1996 was 1.5% lower than for the December quarter 1995. An increase of 6.8% in activity in the December quarter 1996 by the private sector for the public sector was more than offset by declines in the other sectors. Activity by the public sector declined by 8.6% to \$1,365.9m. Activity for the private sector declined by 14.9% to \$1,213.4m.

LEVEL ESTIMATES



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS VALUE OF WORK COMMENCED

CURRENT PRICES, ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

In current prices, the total value of engineering construction work commenced during the December quarter 1996 was \$3,694.5m, a decrease of 17.2% from the September quarter 1996 estimate but 24.5% above the value of commencements in the December quarter 1995. The value of work commenced for the private sector decreased by 8.6% to \$1,416.1m in the December quarter 1996. This was 52.7% above the value of work commenced during the December quarter 1995. The value of work commenced for the public sector during the December quarter 1996, was \$2,278.4m, a decrease of 21.8% from the September quarter 1996 estimate but 11.6% above the value of work commenced during the December quarter 1995.

**TABLE 1. ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY, VALUE OF WORK DONE, AUSTRALIA
ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES
(\$ million)**

Period	By the private sector			By the public sector	Total for the public sector (a)	Total
	For the private sector	For the public sector	Total			
ORIGINAL						
1993-94	3,725.1	3,277.9	7,003.0	5,475.2	8,753.1	12,478.2
1994-95	3,889.7	2,903.6	6,793.3	6,221.7	9,125.3	13,014.9
1995-96	5,116.9	2,938.6	8,055.5	6,530.2	9,468.8	14,585.7
1995 Sept. qtr	1,212.1	657.0	1,869.2	1,414.3	2,071.3	3,283.5
Dec. qtr	1,339.6	794.1	2,133.8	1,628.7	2,422.9	3,762.5
1996 Mar. qtr	1,168.9	679.4	1,848.3	1,570.1	2,249.5	3,418.4
June qtr	1,396.2	808.1	2,204.2	1,917.1	2,725.1	4,121.3
Sept. qtr r	1,637.4	758.1	2,395.6	1,440.0	2,198.2	3,835.6
Dec. qtr	1,466.9	786.4	2,253.2	1,509.1	2,295.5	3,762.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED						
1995 Sept. qtr	1,187.9	656.5	1,844.4	1,648.6	2,305.1	3,492.9
Dec. qtr	1,252.7	819.5	2,072.2	1,668.8	2,488.3	3,741.0
1996 Mar. qtr	1,229.3	700.9	1,930.2	1,721.5	2,422.4	3,651.7
June qtr	1,454.2	764.0	2,218.2	1,523.3	2,287.3	3,741.4
Sept. qtr r	1,605.8	757.8	2,363.6	1,683.3	2,441.1	4,046.8
Dec. qtr	1,371.3	810.6	2,181.9	1,546.8	2,357.5	3,728.8

(a) Includes work done by the private sector for the public sector and work done by the public sector.

**TABLE 2. ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY, VALUE OF WORK DONE AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES (a), AUSTRALIA
ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES
(\$ million)**

Period	By the private sector			By the public sector	Total for the public sector (b)	Total
	For the private sector	For the public sector	Total			
ORIGINAL						
1993-94	3,449.6	3,002.7	6,452.3	5,057.3	8,060.0	11,509.6
1994-95	3,530.8	2,609.4	6,140.2	5,659.4	8,268.8	11,799.7
1995-96	4,581.9	2,562.2	7,144.2	5,790.6	8,352.8	12,934.8
1995 Sept. qtr	1,075.3	580.1	1,655.4	1,269.3	1,849.4	2,924.7
Dec. qtr	1,205.9	694.8	1,900.7	1,451.2	2,146.0	3,351.9
1996 Mar. qtr	1,047.9	589.2	1,637.1	1,389.6	1,978.8	3,026.7
June qtr	1,252.9	698.1	1,951.0	1,680.5	2,378.6	3,631.5
Sept. qtr r	1,453.9	659.3	2,113.3	1,278.2	1,937.5	3,391.5
Dec. qtr	1,298.0	682.1	1,980.1	1,332.6	2,014.7	3,312.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED						
1995 Sept. qtr	1,053.8	577.4	1,631.2	1,479.5	2,056.9	3,110.7
Dec. qtr	1,127.6	715.7	1,843.3	1,486.9	2,202.6	3,330.2
1996 Mar. qtr	1,102.0	607.9	1,709.9	1,523.6	2,131.5	3,233.5
June qtr	1,304.9	662.6	1,967.5	1,335.3	1,997.9	3,302.8
Sept. qtr r	1,425.8	657.3	2,083.1	1,494.1	2,151.4	3,577.2
Dec. qtr	1,213.4	701.8	1,915.2	1,365.9	2,067.7	3,281.1

(a) See paragraphs 17-19 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes work done by the private sector for the public sector and work done by the public sector.

TABLE 3. ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UNDERTAKEN BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR, BY TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION, AUSTRALIA, VALUE OF WORK COMMENCED DURING PERIOD
(\$ million)

Period	Roads, highways and subdivisions	Bridges	Railways	Harbours	Water storage and supply	Sewerage and drainage	Electricity generation, transmission and distribution	Pipelines	Recreation	Telecommunications	Heavy industry	Other	Total
FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR													
1993-94	1,086.5	8.3	35.5	45.2	302.2	81.8	104.8	91.3	229.5	37.7	1,444.6	3.1	3,470.4
1994-95	1,474.3	14.9	37.0	13.2	237.6	60.6	306.0	197.3	343.6	154.6	1,907.7	21.3	4,767.9
1995-96 t	2,131.8	15.6	69.4	46.8	83.2	151.9	379.0	230.9	401.1	82.7	1,898.8	29.7	5,520.9
1995 Sept. qtr	253.4	2.1	3.4	8.0	25.0	105.5	105.2	124.5	118.1	30.9	378.7	7.2	1,162.2
Dec. qtr	201.7	3.9	7.8	9.2	26.7	15.5	46.2	33.5	87.8	14.9	473.1	7.3	927.6
1996 Mar. qtr	1,491.6	3.0	49.6	3.9	16.1	16.2	158.6	30.0	96.9	25.6	517.6	6.5	2,415.7
June qtr	185.1	6.6	8.5	25.7	15.3	14.6	69.0	42.9	98.3	11.3	529.4	8.7	1,015.4
Sept. qtr r	299.1	5.6	10.3	66.8	35.2	17.9	75.3	39.2	169.3	23.1	796.8	9.7	1,548.5
Dec. qtr	286.9	30.8	5.1	8.9	30.4	13.3	123.7	134.3	182.7	10.2	582.9	6.8	1,416.1
FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR													
1993-94	1,255.2	247.2	318.5	89.0	263.7	271.0	638.2	11.1	41.5	15.6	45.1	1.9	3,197.8
1994-95	1,352.3	106.4	284.8	65.0	174.8	174.0	256.0	32.3	44.9	5.2	52.8	13.6	2,562.2
1995-96 t	1,797.9	75.4	136.8	83.8	101.1	230.7	527.8	224.5	63.4	23.0	75.2	7.2	3,344.8
1995 Sept. qtr	247.0	27.2	48.2	9.8	25.7	46.3	48.0	188.9	22.6	5.9	11.4	0.8	680.9
Dec. qtr	444.0	19.2	21.7	4.0	11.2	77.8	167.4	19.2	11.1	7.9	26.1	2.1	810.9
1996 Mar. qtr	537.7	16.8	16.6	25.4	45.6	65.8	52.5	9.8	10.2	4.7	35.4	1.7	822.2
June qtr	569.1	12.2	50.3	44.6	18.6	40.7	259.9	6.6	19.5	4.5	2.3	2.6	1,030.8
Sept. qtr r	306.3	19.0	116.0	43.7	107.6	46.4	48.6	15.4	27.0	1.4	11.7	1.6	744.8
Dec. qtr	343.6	19.7	51.2	30.1	58.0	41.4	85.2	6.3	18.4	2.6	33.7	2.2	692.4
TOTAL													
1993-94	2,341.7	255.5	354.0	134.3	565.9	352.7	743.0	102.4	270.9	53.2	1,489.6	5.0	6,668.2
1994-95	2,826.5	121.3	321.8	78.2	412.4	234.6	562.0	229.6	388.5	159.8	1,960.4	34.9	7,330.1
1995-96 t	3,929.7	91.0	206.2	130.5	184.3	382.5	906.8	455.4	464.5	105.7	1,972.2	36.8	8,865.6
1995 Sept. qtr	500.4	29.3	51.6	17.8	50.7	151.9	153.3	313.4	140.8	36.8	389.2	8.0	1,843.1
Dec. qtr	645.7	23.1	29.6	13.2	38.0	93.3	213.6	52.7	98.9	22.8	498.3	9.4	1,738.4
1996 Mar. qtr	2,029.3	19.8	66.2	29.3	61.7	82.0	211.1	39.8	107.1	30.4	553.0	8.2	3,237.9
June qtr	754.2	18.8	58.8	70.2	33.9	55.3	328.9	49.5	117.8	15.8	531.8	11.3	2,046.2
Sept. qtr r	605.5	24.7	126.3	110.4	142.8	64.3	123.9	54.7	196.4	24.6	808.5	11.3	2,293.3
Dec. qtr	630.5	50.5	56.3	39.0	88.4	54.7	208.9	140.6	201.1	12.8	616.7	9.0	2,108.5

**TABLE 4. ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UNDERTAKEN BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR, BY TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION, AUSTRALIA
VALUE OF WORK DONE DURING PERIOD, ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
(\$ million)**

Period	Roads, highways and subdivisions	Bridges	Railways	Harbours	Water storage and supply	Sewerage and drainage	Electricity generation, transmission and distribution	Pipelines	Recreation	Telecomm- unications	Heavy industry	Other	Total	
													Original	Seasonally adjusted
FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR														
1993-94	1,145.1	10.4	38.6	68.9	144.5	109.4	151.8	139.8	222.7	82.8	1,603.8	7.2	3,725.1	..
1994-95	1,109.2	6.4	28.5	25.3	267.0	72.3	163.4	170.8	326.3	72.6	1,635.5	12.3	3,889.7	..
1995-96 t	1,103.1	37.1	61.1	24.4	253.3	147.6	443.0	271.2	388.7	194.1	2,155.9	37.3	5,116.9	..
1995 Sept. qtr	316.9	20.3	7.5	5.0	137.4	44.5	87.3	32.4	103.5	39.4	407.2	10.7	1,212.1	1,187.9
Dec. qtr	265.5	5.8	7.5	7.7	38.6	48.1	134.5	68.7	108.7	51.1	592.3	11.3	1,339.6	1,252.7
1996 Mar. qtr	255.0	2.9	15.7	6.2	46.9	27.6	120.2	58.7	93.8	54.9	478.6	8.4	1,168.9	1,229.3
June qtr	265.8	8.1	30.4	5.6	30.3	27.4	101.1	111.4	82.7	48.8	677.9	6.8	1,396.2	1,454.2
Sept. qtr r	422.8	8.3	25.1	10.5	24.8	18.6	110.6	57.7	165.2	44.7	738.7	10.4	1,637.4	1,605.8
Dec. qtr	354.5	8.2	18.1	17.6	30.2	21.3	94.0	49.6	177.2	37.4	650.9	7.9	1,466.9	1,371.3
FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR														
1993-94	1,427.4	214.9	217.1	103.6	332.8	249.3	550.9	13.9	53.9	30.8	80.7	2.7	3,277.9	..
1994-95	1,325.3	176.6	303.6	59.1	214.7	234.6	429.1	41.3	40.3	12.0	59.0	8.1	2,903.6	..
1995-96 t	1,482.4	89.7	191.6	63.4	171.3	249.0	296.3	229.7	63.5	26.0	66.7	10.3	2,938.6	..
1995 Sept. qtr	290.0	23.4	57.8	16.9	60.3	64.3	83.4	20.0	21.6	6.2	12.6	1.6	657.0	656.5
Dec. qtr	395.3	29.8	48.3	7.7	38.4	60.8	72.4	93.2	15.8	10.0	19.7	2.8	794.1	819.5
1996 Mar. qtr	373.2	21.1	42.4	15.4	34.6	61.2	51.5	46.4	11.8	3.5	15.9	2.3	679.4	700.9
June qtr	423.8	15.3	43.1	23.4	38.1	62.6	89.0	70.0	14.2	6.3	18.5	3.6	808.1	764.0
Sept. qtr r	341.3	40.3	75.1	32.3	33.4	44.7	95.0	45.1	31.6	1.4	16.6	1.4	758.1	757.8
Dec. qtr	360.9	24.7	69.0	35.1	43.1	54.7	131.9	24.1	16.5	1.0	21.3	4.1	786.4	810.6
TOTAL														
1993-94	2,572.5	225.4	255.7	172.5	477.3	358.7	702.7	153.8	276.7	113.5	1,684.5	9.9	7,003.0	..
1994-95	2,434.5	183.0	332.1	84.4	481.8	307.0	592.5	212.1	366.6	84.6	1,694.5	20.4	6,793.3	..
1995-96 t	2,585.5	126.8	252.6	87.9	424.6	396.6	739.3	500.9	452.1	220.1	2,221.4	47.6	8,055.5	..
1995 Sept. qtr	606.8	43.8	65.3	21.9	197.7	108.8	170.7	52.4	125.1	45.6	418.7	12.3	1,869.2	1,844.4
Dec. qtr	660.8	35.6	55.8	15.4	76.9	108.9	206.9	161.9	124.5	61.1	611.8	14.1	2,133.8	2,072.2
1996 Mar. qtr	628.2	24.1	58.1	21.6	81.5	88.8	171.7	105.2	105.6	58.4	494.5	10.7	1,848.3	1,930.2
June qtr	689.6	23.3	73.5	29.0	68.4	90.1	190.1	181.4	96.9	55.1	696.4	10.4	2,204.2	2,218.2
Sept. qtr r	764.1	48.6	100.2	42.8	58.2	63.2	205.6	102.8	196.8	46.1	755.3	11.9	2,395.6	2,363.6
Dec. qtr	715.3	32.9	87.1	52.7	73.3	76.0	225.9	73.7	193.7	38.3	672.2	12.1	2,253.2	2,181.9

TABLE 5. ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UNDERTAKEN BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR, BY TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION, AUSTRALIA: VALUE OF WORK YET TO BE DONE
(\$ million)

Period	Roads, highways and subdivisions	Bridges	Railways	Harbours	Water storage and supply	Sewerage and drainage	Electricity		Pipelines	Recreation	Telecommunications	Heavy industry	Other	Total
							generation, transmission and distribution	generation, transmission and distribution						
FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR														
1993-94	219.3	2.0	7.0	11.8	191.7	15.0	46.2	9.8	12.8	8.2	681.6			1,205.4
1994-95	587.2	20.2	17.8	2.1	165.4	5.8	200.4	44.9	39.2	104.7	996.1	10.3		2,194.2
1995-96 r	1,476.8	3.2	42.5	24.6	3.4	11.6	216.1	43.6	43.5	53.1	1,243.6	2.1		3,164.1
1995 Sept. qtr	546.1	2.3	20.6	5.3	50.8	67.2	237.7	108.1	56.9	106.2	1,131.3	7.2		2,339.6
Dec. qtr	489.0	2.7	24.9	6.6	50.2	34.1	174.6	135.0	36.8	107.2	1,198.6	3.0		2,262.5
1996 Mar. qtr	1,726.4	1.8	59.8	4.1	19.5	26.1	254.5	104.8	35.7	81.8	1,255.6	0.5		3,570.5
June qtr	1,476.8	3.2	42.5	24.6	3.4	11.6	216.1	43.6	43.5	53.1	1,243.6	2.1		3,164.1
Sept. qtr t	2,557.9	2.2	117.1	79.7	16.8	10.5	304.1	59.0	31.9	46.1	1,304.4	1.1		4,531.1
Dec. qtr	1,393.7	24.8	103.8	69.1	69.2	5.4	336.6	143.8	32.7	17.5	1,245.0	0.9		3,442.5
FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR														
1993-94	363.7	116.0	144.6	28.5	98.0	192.7	633.8	1.0	4.5	19.5	15.3			1,617.7
1994-95	382.8	49.5	131.1	24.2	124.3	133.4	562.7	3.2	8.2	2.4	16.3	4.6		1,442.8
1995-96 r	776.3	17.0	85.7	45.7	47.0	111.8	537.7	30.6	11.2	2.6	32.5	2.2		1,700.3
1995 Sept. qtr	340.6	44.6	113.3	17.5	92.6	117.8	136.4	202.1	14.1	2.9	13.4	4.4		1,099.7
Dec. qtr	424.1	22.4	99.5	11.9	65.6	137.4	221.0	128.1	8.2	0.7	26.5	3.7		1,148.2
1996 Mar. qtr	603.4	20.2	73.8	22.0	71.9	146.3	227.2	97.1	6.7	4.3	46.5	3.1		1,322.5
June qtr	776.3	17.0	85.7	45.7	47.0	111.8	537.7	30.6	11.2	2.6	32.5	2.2		1,700.3
Sept. qtr r	1,050.1	15.2	152.6	58.9	121.1	115.5	382.2	2.4	6.9	0.4	32.9	1.5		1,939.7
Dec. qtr	861.6	10.1	153.9	45.5	137.0	108.4	429.6	0.5	5.9	1.7	44.6	0.3		1,799.1
TOTAL														
1993-94	583.0	118.0	151.6	40.4	289.7	207.6	679.9	10.8	17.3	27.7	697.0			2,823.0
1994-95	970.0	69.7	148.9	26.4	289.7	139.2	763.1	48.1	47.4	107.1	1,012.5	14.9		3,636.9
1995-96 r	2,253.1	20.2	128.2	70.3	50.4	123.4	753.8	74.2	54.7	55.7	1,276.0	4.4		4,864.4
1995 Sept. qtr	886.6	46.9	133.9	22.8	143.3	185.0	374.1	310.2	70.9	109.1	1,144.7	11.6		3,439.2
Dec. qtr	913.1	25.0	124.4	18.5	115.8	171.5	395.5	263.1	44.9	107.8	1,224.4	6.7		3,410.8
1996 Mar. qtr	2,329.8	21.9	133.6	26.1	91.4	172.4	481.7	202.0	42.4	86.1	1,302.1	3.6		4,893.0
June qtr	2,253.1	20.2	128.2	70.3	50.4	123.4	753.8	74.2	54.7	55.7	1,276.0	4.4		4,864.4
Sept. qtr r	3,608.0	17.4	269.7	138.5	137.9	126.0	686.3	61.5	38.8	46.6	1,337.3	2.7		6,470.7
Dec. qtr	2,255.3	34.9	257.7	114.6	206.1	113.8	766.2	144.3	38.6	19.2	1,289.6	1.2		5,241.6

TABLE 6. ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR, BY TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION AUSTRALIA (\$ million)

Period	Roads, highways and subdivisions	Bridges	Railways	Harbours	Water storage and supply	Sewerage and drainage	Electricity generation, transmission and distribution	Pipelines	Recreation	Telecommunications	Heavy industry			Total
											Oil, gas, coal and other minerals	Other heavy industry	Other	
VALUE OF WORK COMMENCED DURING PERIOD														
1993-94	1,602.2	121.8	516.9	18.1	234.5	322.9	730.3	110.0	93.1	1,611.6	20.5	—	10.5	5,392.4
1994-95	1,746.2	86.1	576.1	22.0	274.7	317.9	811.9	88.7	101.9	2,194.2	1.4	—	1.2	6,222.4
1995-96 r	1,874.3	127.7	738.2	18.7	186.1	251.0	657.8	83.9	132.5	2,603.8	0.3	—	2.0	6,676.3
1995 Sept. qtr	1,047.4	64.6	665.2	6.3	76.0	118.6	275.5	19.6	66.4	663.7	—	—	0.5	3,003.6
Dec. qtr	239.8	26.9	42.7	5.0	43.6	45.0	130.2	22.3	23.8	650.2	—	—	0.8	1,230.2
1996 Mar. qtr	306.3	13.0	13.5	4.1	33.7	45.9	157.8	19.6	22.9	592.0	—	—	0.5	1,209.3
June qtr	280.9	23.2	16.8	3.4	32.9	41.6	94.3	22.3	19.4	697.9	0.3	—	0.2	1,233.2
Sept. qtr r	829.1	21.3	326.5	6.9	45.2	75.3	157.0	2.7	48.8	649.8	6.0	—	0.3	2,168.8
Dec. qtr	307.1	31.0	376.7	5.2	20.5	42.2	142.1	3.1	24.9	631.3	1.6	—	0.4	1,586.0
VALUE OF WORK DONE DURING PERIOD														
1993-94	1,675.1	113.6	476.6	27.9	265.3	282.5	790.3	106.5	100.7	1,599.6	23.5	2.0	11.7	5,475.2
1994-95	1,679.2	93.2	647.5	22.2	244.9	303.6	851.1	87.5	98.2	2,190.3	2.7	—	1.2	6,221.7
1995-96 r	1,738.6	102.8	802.2	18.5	200.1	232.8	625.5	93.2	114.1	2,600.0	0.4	—	1.9	6,530.2
1995 Sept. qtr	286.5	19.3	130.5	6.7	53.7	55.1	170.5	20.6	25.4	645.4	0.1	—	0.7	1,414.3
Dec. qtr	394.3	26.6	199.3	5.0	47.4	64.0	181.6	23.9	31.3	654.9	0.1	—	0.4	1,628.7
1996 Mar. qtr	449.8	23.3	212.5	4.1	46.8	53.1	138.3	20.4	28.1	593.2	0.1	—	0.6	1,570.1
June qtr	608.0	33.7	260.0	2.7	52.3	60.7	135.1	28.4	29.3	706.5	0.2	—	0.3	1,917.1
Sept. qtr r	307.1	16.7	232.9	7.2	31.2	39.9	121.5	6.2	24.3	652.3	0.6	—	0.2	1,440.0
Dec. qtr	376.7	21.0	212.2	5.2	28.3	47.1	156.9	5.4	25.8	629.5	0.6	—	0.4	1,509.1
VALUE OF WORK YET TO BE DONE														
1993-94	267.2	19.2	137.5	2.0	163.1	195.0	333.8	3.6	17.0	26.2	30.6	0.3	0.2	1,195.6
1994-95	294.4	19.1	92.5	1.3	190.9	173.3	312.1	15.4	13.9	18.9	4.1	—	0.1	1,135.9
1995-96 r	329.7	40.7	105.6	1.8	102.9	141.0	131.6	16.3	23.0	14.8	0.2	—	0.1	907.8
1995 Sept. qtr	1,065.5	66.0	701.7	—	187.2	217.4	397.0	22.4	51.5	24.1	0.2	—	0.1	2,733.2
Dec. qtr	890.9	64.8	555.1	—	152.1	207.0	331.8	23.7	46.2	19.3	1.2	—	0.6	2,292.7
1996 Mar. qtr	674.6	53.5	349.7	—	140.9	200.7	218.0	9.3	33.6	23.6	0.1	—	0.4	1,704.4
June qtr	329.7	40.7	105.6	1.8	102.9	141.0	131.6	16.3	23.0	14.8	0.2	—	0.1	907.8
Sept. qtr r	749.2	33.5	174.4	1.5	102.9	159.6	231.7	4.3	42.2	12.4	5.8	—	0.2	1,517.9
Dec. qtr	680.8	44.0	370.3	1.5	93.9	157.0	239.8	2.2	41.5	16.8	4.6	—	1.2	1,653.8

TABLE 7. ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR, BY TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION AUSTRALIA (\$ million)

Period	Heavy industry										Total			
	Roads, highways and subdivisions	Bridges	Railways	Harbours	Water storage and supply	Sewerage and drainage	Electricity generation, transmission and distribution	Pipelines	Recreation	Telecommunications		Oil, gas, coal and other minerals	Other heavy industry	
VALUE OF WORK COMMENCED DURING PERIOD														
1993-94	2,857.4	369.0	835.4	107.1	498.2	593.8	1,368.5	121.1	134.6	1,627.2	54.2	11.3	12.4	8,590.2
1994-95	3,098.5	192.5	860.9	87.1	449.5	491.9	1,067.9	121.0	146.9	2,199.4	22.8	31.4	14.8	8,784.6
1995-96 r	3,672.2	203.1	874.9	102.5	287.2	481.7	1,185.6	308.4	195.9	2,626.8	48.2	27.3	9.1	10,021.1
1995 Sept. qtr	1,294.3	91.7	713.4	16.0	101.6	164.9	323.5	208.6	89.0	669.6	5.0	6.5	1.3	3,684.5
Dec. qtr	683.8	46.1	64.4	9.0	54.8	122.8	297.6	41.5	34.9	658.1	19.2	6.9	2.9	2,041.0
1996 Mar. qtr	844.1	29.8	30.1	29.5	79.3	111.7	210.3	29.4	33.1	596.8	21.6	13.8	2.2	2,031.5
June qtr	850.0	35.5	67.1	47.9	51.5	82.3	354.2	28.9	38.9	702.4	2.5	0.1	2.8	2,264.0
Sept. qtr r	1,135.4	40.4	442.5	50.6	152.7	121.7	205.6	18.1	75.8	651.2	10.5	7.1	2.0	2,913.6
Dec. qtr	650.6	50.7	427.8	35.3	78.6	83.6	227.3	9.3	43.3	633.9	35.3	—	2.7	2,278.4
VALUE OF WORK DONE DURING PERIOD														
1993-94	3,102.5	328.5	693.7	131.4	598.1	531.7	1,341.1	120.4	154.6	1,630.4	74.4	31.7	14.4	8,753.1
1994-95	3,004.5	269.8	951.1	81.2	459.6	538.2	1,280.2	128.8	138.5	2,202.3	26.9	34.9	9.3	9,125.3
1995-96 r	3,221.0	192.5	993.8	81.9	371.4	481.8	921.8	322.9	177.6	2,626.0	34.9	32.3	12.2	9,468.8
1995 Sept. qtr	576.5	42.7	188.2	23.7	114.0	119.4	253.8	40.6	47.0	651.6	8.7	4.0	2.3	2,071.3
Dec. qtr	789.6	56.4	247.6	12.7	85.7	124.8	254.0	117.1	47.2	665.0	11.6	8.2	3.2	2,422.9
1996 Mar. qtr	823.0	44.4	254.9	19.5	81.4	114.3	189.8	66.8	39.9	596.7	6.4	9.5	2.8	2,249.5
June qtr	1,031.8	49.0	303.1	26.1	90.3	123.3	224.1	98.4	43.5	712.8	8.1	10.6	4.0	2,725.1
Sept. qtr r	648.4	57.0	307.9	39.5	64.6	84.6	216.5	51.3	55.9	653.6	15.2	2.0	1.7	2,198.2
Dec. qtr	737.5	45.6	281.2	40.3	71.4	101.8	288.8	29.4	42.3	630.5	14.4	7.5	4.6	2,295.5
VALUE OF WORK YET TO BE DONE														
1993-94	630.9	135.2	282.1	30.5	261.1	387.7	967.5	4.6	21.5	45.7	38.7	7.5	0.2	2,813.3
1994-95	677.2	68.6	223.6	25.5	315.2	306.7	874.8	18.6	22.1	21.3	17.3	3.1	4.7	2,578.6
1995-96 r	1,106.0	57.7	191.3	47.5	149.9	252.8	669.3	46.9	34.2	17.4	24.4	8.3	2.4	2,608.1
1995 Sept. qtr	1,406.0	110.6	815.1	17.6	279.7	335.2	533.4	224.6	65.6	27.0	8.9	4.7	4.5	3,832.9
Dec. qtr	1,315.0	87.1	654.6	11.9	217.8	344.4	552.7	151.8	54.3	20.0	17.0	10.8	4.3	3,441.0
1996 Mar. qtr	1,278.0	73.6	423.5	22.0	212.9	347.0	445.2	106.4	40.3	27.9	30.1	16.5	3.6	3,026.9
June qtr	1,106.0	57.7	191.3	47.5	149.9	252.8	669.3	46.9	34.2	17.4	24.4	8.3	2.4	2,608.1
Sept. qtr r	1,799.3	48.7	327.0	60.4	224.0	275.1	613.9	6.8	49.1	12.9	24.8	13.9	1.7	3,457.6
Dec. qtr	1,542.5	54.1	524.2	47.0	230.9	265.4	669.5	2.7	47.4	18.5	42.7	6.6	1.5	3,452.8

TABLE 8. ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY BY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION
(\$ million)

Period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
VALUE OF WORK COMMENCED DURING PERIOD									
1993-94	4,165.2	2,161.3	2,708.6	658.2	1,785.0	185.3	229.5	167.5	12,060.6
1994-95	5,005.7	2,207.5	3,082.9	691.6	1,962.9	190.1	253.9	157.9	13,552.5
1995-96 r	4,617.0	3,453.3	3,143.7	779.8	2,921.1	262.6	219.2	145.2	15,541.9
1995 Sept. qtr	2,288.9	528.8	944.4	132.8	803.3	77.4	40.7	30.4	4,846.7
Dec. qtr	699.8	488.8	960.5	143.9	534.0	51.2	56.1	34.4	2,968.6
1996 Mar. qtr	872.4	1,930.3	616.0	306.3	581.6	76.8	30.8	32.9	4,447.2
June qtr	755.9	505.4	622.8	196.9	1,002.2	57.2	91.5	47.5	3,279.4
Sept. qtr r	1,668.3	474.4	1,175.7	263.5	733.7	60.6	55.4	30.4	4,462.0
Dec. qtr	1,049.5	537.1	1,046.8	207.5	724.2	61.3	34.5	33.7	3,694.5
VALUE OF WORK DONE DURING PERIOD									
1993-94	4,180.1	2,329.1	2,803.8	736.5	1,805.2	243.4	212.9	167.2	12,478.2
1994-95	4,686.7	2,409.1	3,019.2	687.4	1,571.5	192.3	270.7	178.1	13,014.9
1995-96 r	5,211.8	2,352.6	3,036.0	726.1	2,653.5	258.3	206.6	140.7	14,585.7
1995 Sept. qtr	1,260.1	523.1	719.2	138.3	509.7	43.3	57.9	32.0	3,283.5
Dec. qtr	1,292.5	574.8	840.9	166.4	722.9	67.5	58.7	38.9	3,762.5
1996 Mar. qtr	1,223.8	601.1	674.4	195.3	573.5	78.2	42.2	30.0	3,418.4
June qtr	1,435.3	653.5	801.6	226.2	847.5	69.3	47.9	39.9	4,121.3
Sept. qtr r	1,299.5	554.8	889.6	151.1	786.0	50.7	67.6	36.1	3,835.6
Dec. qtr	1,209.0	564.7	907.4	186.1	750.9	58.1	54.4	31.8	3,762.3
VALUE OF WORK YET TO BE DONE									
1993-94	1,178.9	747.9	967.6	171.9	786.6	56.7	69.3	39.7	4,018.7
1994-95	1,659.1	601.6	1,010.9	266.6	1,052.6	66.0	72.5	43.5	4,772.8
1995-96 r	1,036.7	1,365.7	1,189.3	253.4	1,486.4	96.7	96.7	47.3	5,772.2
1995 Sept. qtr	2,669.1	598.3	1,335.9	216.6	1,147.3	104.7	65.5	35.0	6,172.4
Dec. qtr	2,174.5	595.2	1,449.1	160.3	1,124.1	94.5	68.6	37.2	5,703.5
1996 Mar. qtr	1,766.7	1,912.7	1,304.2	287.8	1,138.4	94.1	54.1	39.3	6,597.4
June qtr	1,036.7	1,565.7	1,189.3	253.4	1,486.4	96.7	96.7	47.3	5,772.2
Sept. qtr r	1,458.8	2,966.9	1,389.1	350.7	1,579.7	101.9	98.7	42.8	7,988.6
Dec. qtr	1,356.8	1,668.3	1,551.6	357.9	1,759.0	94.8	67.4	39.6	6,895.4

TABLE 9. ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY: VALUE OF WORK COMMENCED BY THE SECTOR UNDERTAKING THE WORK, BY TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION
(\$ million)

Period, State or Territory	Roads, highways and subdivisions	Bridges	Railways	Harbours	Water storage and supply	Sewerage drainage and distribution	Electricity generation, transmission and distribution	Heavy industry					Total	
								Pipelines	Recreation	Telecom- unications	Oil, gas, coal and other minerals	Other heavy industry		Other
BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR														
<i>September qtr 1996 — r</i>														
NSW	245.4	9.3	107.8	4.7	11.3	33.8	40.7	20.8	81.9	6.8	29.6	25.5	1.7	619.4
Vic.	70.6	6.2	1.5	---	6.7	4.0	52.1	10.7	23.8	4.9	12.0	17.7	4.4	214.5
Qld	129.1	2.2	13.4	82.0	26.0	14.4	17.5	17.7	57.7	12.6	193.4	33.9	0.6	600.4
SA	19.3	0.9	1.1	3.7	90.4	1.7	3.3	5.3	19.3	0.2	20.5	31.0	0.4	197.2
WA	92.6	6.0	2.5	4.4	8.3	10.2	10.1	---	6.8	---	398.6	41.2	4.3	585.2
Tas.	12.9	---	---	0.1	---	---	---	---	4.2	---	0.4	0.4	---	18.0
NT	26.1	---	---	15.6	---	---	0.2	0.2	1.4	---	3.9	0.2	---	47.6
ACT	9.4	---	---	---	0.1	0.2	---	---	1.3	---	---	---	---	11.0
<i>Australia</i>	<i>605.5</i>	<i>24.7</i>	<i>126.3</i>	<i>110.4</i>	<i>142.8</i>	<i>64.3</i>	<i>123.9</i>	<i>54.7</i>	<i>196.4</i>	<i>24.6</i>	<i>658.5</i>	<i>149.9</i>	<i>11.3</i>	<i>2,293.3</i>
<i>December qtr 1996 —</i>														
NSW	162.3	19.6	39.3	3.6	21.0	20.1	70.4	22.4	71.2	7.0	14.9	20.0	3.1	475.0
Vic.	145.5	1.3	0.6	9.1	24.3	9.0	62.2	6.0	37.0	3.7	15.2	10.1	0.8	324.8
Qld	118.3	0.5	11.9	11.1	25.2	4.5	8.1	102.3	61.1	1.7	128.2	46.3	0.2	519.3
SA	69.4	0.8	1.2	8.9	3.5	2.5	2.1	5.8	19.6	0.2	6.5	3.2	---	123.9
WA	89.9	28.2	3.3	5.7	14.3	18.6	65.5	1.8	6.9	0.2	336.7	25.7	4.9	601.6
Tas.	11.8	0.1	---	0.1	0.1	---	---	---	2.5	---	6.6	---	---	21.3
NT	21.7	---	---	0.6	---	---	0.5	2.1	1.4	---	3.2	---	---	29.4
ACT	11.6	---	---	---	---	---	---	0.2	1.4	---	---	---	0.1	13.3
<i>Australia</i>	<i>630.5</i>	<i>50.5</i>	<i>56.3</i>	<i>39.0</i>	<i>88.4</i>	<i>54.7</i>	<i>208.9</i>	<i>140.6</i>	<i>201.1</i>	<i>12.8</i>	<i>511.3</i>	<i>105.4</i>	<i>9.0</i>	<i>2,108.5</i>
BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR														
<i>September qtr 1996 — r</i>														
NSW	527.4	9.6	180.0	---	14.8	32.0	22.5	0.3	18.9	243.2	---	---	0.3	1,049.0
Vic.	31.6	2.7	38.3	---	2.5	1.0	20.4	1.9	0.8	154.7	6.0	---	---	259.9
Qld	173.4	1.0	106.2	6.9	18.4	28.0	81.3	---	16.9	141.2	---	---	---	575.3
SA	21.3	---	---	---	4.2	1.6	10.1	---	5.6	23.6	---	---	---	66.3
WA	58.3	7.5	---	---	3.8	4.7	12.3	0.5	4.7	56.6	---	---	---	148.5
Tas.	16.7	0.5	---	---	0.4	4.8	5.0	---	1.8	13.4	---	---	---	42.6
NT	0.3	---	---	---	0.7	0.2	1.6	---	0.1	4.8	---	---	---	7.8
ACT	0.2	---	---	---	0.4	2.8	3.8	---	---	12.1	---	---	---	19.4
<i>Australia</i>	<i>829.1</i>	<i>21.3</i>	<i>326.5</i>	<i>6.9</i>	<i>45.2</i>	<i>75.3</i>	<i>157.0</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>48.8</i>	<i>649.8</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>---</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>2,168.8</i>

TABLE 9. ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY: VALUE OF WORK COMMENCED BY THE SECTOR UNDERTAKING THE WORK, BY TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION—continued
(\$ million)

Period, State or Territory	BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR—continued										Heavy industry				Total
	Roads, highways and subdivisions	Bridges	Railways	Harbours	Water storage and supply	Sewerage transmission and distribution	Electricity generation, transmission and distribution	Pipelines	Recreation	Telecom- munications	Oil, gas, coal and other minerals	Other heavy industry	Other		
December qtr 1996—															
NSW	99.1	3.5	155.7	—	3.6	13.4	39.1	0.6	10.8	248.7	—	—	—	0.1	574.5
Vic.	19.2	0.3	11.1	—	3.2	3.0	18.0	1.7	1.7	152.3	1.6	—	—	0.1	212.3
Qld	76.8	24.3	209.4	5.0	12.6	11.4	40.4	0.2	5.0	142.2	—	—	—	—	527.5
SA	43.0	—	0.4	0.2	0.2	4.6	12.0	—	3.2	19.7	—	—	—	0.3	83.6
WA	54.1	1.9	—	—	0.4	4.5	18.8	0.6	3.3	39.0	—	—	—	—	122.6
Tas.	14.2	1.0	—	—	0.4	1.5	9.0	—	1.0	13.0	—	—	—	—	40.0
NT	—	—	—	—	0.1	0.1	0.9	—	—	4.0	—	—	—	—	5.1
ACT	0.6	—	—	—	—	3.7	3.9	—	—	12.2	—	—	—	—	20.4
Australia	307.1	31.0	376.7	5.2	20.5	42.2	142.1	3.1	24.9	631.3	1.6	—	—	0.4	1,586.0
September qtr 1996—															
NSW	772.8	19.0	287.8	4.7	26.1	65.8	63.2	21.1	100.8	250.0	29.6	25.5	—	1.9	1,668.3
Vic.	102.2	8.9	39.8	—	9.2	5.1	72.5	12.5	24.5	159.6	18.0	17.7	—	4.4	474.4
Qld	302.4	3.2	121.5	88.9	44.4	42.4	98.7	17.7	74.6	153.8	193.4	33.9	—	0.6	1,175.7
SA	40.6	0.9	1.1	3.7	94.6	3.3	13.4	5.3	24.8	23.8	20.5	31.0	—	0.4	263.5
WA	150.9	13.5	2.5	4.4	12.1	14.9	22.5	0.5	11.6	56.6	398.6	41.2	—	4.3	733.7
Tas.	29.5	0.5	—	0.1	0.4	4.9	5.0	—	6.0	13.4	0.4	0.4	—	—	60.6
NT	26.5	—	—	15.6	0.7	0.2	1.8	0.2	1.5	4.9	3.9	0.2	—	—	55.4
ACT	9.6	—	—	—	0.5	3.0	3.8	—	1.3	12.2	—	—	—	—	30.4
Australia	1,434.6	46.0	452.8	117.4	188.0	139.5	280.9	57.3	245.2	674.3	664.5	149.9	—	11.6	4,462.0
December qtr 1996—															
NSW	261.5	23.0	195.0	3.6	24.6	33.6	109.5	23.0	82.0	255.8	14.9	20.0	—	3.1	1,049.5
Vic.	164.7	1.7	11.8	9.1	27.5	12.0	80.2	7.7	38.7	156.0	16.7	10.1	—	0.9	537.1
Qld	195.1	24.8	221.3	16.1	37.8	15.9	48.5	102.5	66.1	143.9	128.2	46.3	—	0.2	1,046.8
SA	112.4	0.9	1.7	9.1	3.7	7.1	14.2	5.8	22.7	19.9	6.5	3.2	—	0.3	207.5
WA	144.0	30.1	3.3	5.7	14.7	23.1	84.3	2.4	10.2	39.2	336.7	25.7	—	4.9	724.2
Tas.	26.1	1.1	—	0.1	0.5	1.5	9.0	—	3.5	13.0	6.6	—	—	—	61.3
NT	21.7	—	—	0.6	0.1	0.1	1.4	2.1	1.4	4.1	3.2	—	—	—	34.5
ACT	12.2	—	—	—	—	3.7	3.9	0.2	1.4	12.2	—	—	—	0.1	33.7
Australia	937.6	81.5	432.9	44.2	108.9	96.9	351.0	143.7	225.9	644.1	512.8	105.4	—	9.5	3,694.5

**TABLE 10. ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY: VALUE OF WORK DONE DURING PERIOD
BY THE SECTOR UNDERTAKING THE WORK, BY TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION**
(\$ million)

Period, State or Territory	Roads, highways and subdivisions	Bridges	Railways	Hours	Water storage and supply	Sewerage drainage and distribution	Electricity generation, transmission and distribution	Heavy industry				Total		
								Pipelines	Recreation	Telecomm- unications	Oil, gas and other minerals		Other heavy industry	
BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR														
<i>September qtr 1996 - r</i>														
NSW	274.2	31.6	49.0	7.4	20.7	20.3	48.3	16.7	78.6	21.2	71.9	37.8	1.4	679.0
Vic.	163.7	7.6	6.7	5.0	8.6	10.9	43.2	10.1	26.7	10.1	17.7	24.2	4.4	338.8
Qld	159.1	1.3	21.4	12.1	15.4	16.4	17.9	20.5	57.9	10.6	160.3	20.5	0.6	514.0
SA	22.7	0.8	1.5	1.1	4.7	2.3	2.6	7.0	16.8	0.3	19.8	11.5	0.4	91.4
WA	96.6	6.8	21.5	5.9	8.4	9.8	91.6	44.9	7.1	3.9	344.9	21.7	5.2	668.3
Tas.	13.4	...	...	0.4	0.3	3.4	...	0.6	3.0	...	2.6	2.2	...	25.9
NT	22.4	0.6	...	10.8	...	...	2.0	3.0	2.7	...	20.0	0.2	...	61.6
ACT	12.1	...	...	...	0.1	0.1	...	...	4.1	...	...	...	...	16.4
Australia	764.1	48.6	100.2	42.8	58.2	63.2	205.6	102.8	196.8	46.1	637.2	118.1	11.9	2,395.6
<i>December qtr 1996 -</i>														
NSW	201.6	11.3	45.2	2.1	24.7	23.6	54.4	20.6	64.3	11.3	57.1	49.4	3.1	568.6
Vic.	140.0	2.9	4.6	8.1	15.3	17.3	67.2	7.0	34.1	15.7	21.2	11.8	1.3	346.4
Qld	178.9	0.8	22.9	17.8	20.8	15.2	20.6	19.5	61.1	9.6	128.6	18.9	0.6	515.2
SA	35.4	0.9	1.2	5.5	5.2	4.6	6.8	4.4	19.4	0.1	13.1	6.2	...	102.8
WA	108.9	17.0	13.2	6.6	6.9	13.2	76.1	21.6	7.0	1.6	297.4	58.5	7.1	635.1
Tas.	17.1	...	...	0.4	0.4	1.9	...	0.2	3.0	...	1.7	0.7	...	25.4
NT	25.7	...	...	12.2	...	...	0.8	0.3	1.9	...	7.8	...	...	48.7
ACT	7.6	...	...	...	...	0.2	...	0.2	2.9	...	...	...	0.1	11.0
Australia	715.3	32.9	87.1	52.7	73.3	76.0	225.9	73.7	193.7	38.3	526.8	145.4	12.1	2,253.2
BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR														
<i>September qtr 1996 - r</i>														
NSW	117.3	5.8	180.0	0.1	7.1	10.9	41.8	0.2	11.4	245.7	...	...	0.2	620.5
Vic.	28.3	0.9	13.5	...	3.6	3.4	8.1	1.9	0.9	154.8	0.6	...	...	216.0
Qld	114.0	5.6	35.4	6.9	11.0	13.9	40.9	...	6.5	141.3	...	...	...	375.6
SA	16.0	...	0.4	0.2	5.0	2.3	10.1	...	2.1	23.7	...	...	...	59.7
WA	25.9	3.9	3.6	...	3.8	5.2	12.3	4.0	2.7	56.3	...	...	...	117.8
Tas.	5.3	0.4	...	...	0.3	1.3	3.3	...	0.7	13.6	...	...	...	24.8
NT	0.1	...	...	...	0.2	0.1	0.7	...	...	4.9	...	...	...	6.0
ACT	0.2	...	...	...	0.3	2.9	4.3	...	...	12.0	...	...	...	19.6
Australia	307.1	16.7	232.9	7.2	31.2	39.9	121.5	6.2	24.3	652.3	0.6	...	0.2	1,440.0

**TABLE 10. ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY : VALUE OF WORK DONE DURING PERIOD
BY THE SECTOR UNDERTAKING THE WORK, BY TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION** *continued*
(\$ million)

Period, State or Territory	Roads, highways and subdivisions	Bridges	Railways	Harbours	Water storage and supply	Sewerage drainage and distribution	Electricity		Heavy industry		Other	Total
							generation, transmission and distribution	Pipelines	Recreation	Telecomm- unications			Oil, gas, coal and other minerals	Other heavy industry
BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR — continued												
<i>December qtr 1996 —</i>												
NSW	147.5	5.6	155.8	—	4.9	12.2	53.6	0.6	—	—	—	640.5
Vic.	21.0	0.9	13.4	—	3.2	4.8	20.7	1.7	—	—	0.4	218.2
Qld	112.1	5.8	42.0	5.0	16.1	18.0	44.5	0.1	—	0.6	—	392.2
SA	42.3	—	0.4	0.2	3.4	3.0	12.0	—	—	—	—	83.3
WA	39.1	7.9	0.6	—	—	4.3	18.8	3.0	—	—	—	115.7
Tas.	14.2	0.9	—	—	0.3	1.0	2.3	1.0	—	—	—	32.7
NT	0.1	—	—	—	0.2	0.1	1.1	—	—	—	—	5.7
ACT	0.6	—	—	—	0.2	3.7	4.0	—	—	—	—	20.9
<i>Australia</i>	<i>376.7</i>	<i>21.0</i>	<i>212.2</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>28.3</i>	<i>47.1</i>	<i>156.9</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>25.8</i>	<i>629.5</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>1,599.1</i>
TOTAL												
<i>September qtr 1996 — r</i>												
NSW	391.5	37.4	229.0	7.4	27.8	31.2	90.1	17.0	—	266.9	71.9	1,299.5
Vic.	192.0	8.5	20.2	5.0	12.2	14.3	51.3	11.9	—	164.9	18.3	554.8
Qld	273.1	6.9	56.8	19.1	26.4	30.3	58.8	20.5	—	151.9	160.3	889.6
SA	38.7	0.9	1.8	1.3	9.7	4.6	12.7	7.0	—	24.0	19.8	151.1
WA	122.4	10.7	25.1	5.9	12.1	15.0	104.0	49.0	—	60.2	344.9	786.0
Tas.	18.7	0.4	—	0.4	0.6	4.7	3.3	0.6	—	13.6	2.6	50.7
NT	22.5	0.6	—	10.8	0.2	0.1	2.7	3.0	—	4.9	20.0	67.6
ACT	12.3	—	—	—	0.3	3.0	4.3	—	—	12.0	—	36.1
<i>Australia</i>	<i>1,071.2</i>	<i>65.3</i>	<i>333.0</i>	<i>50.0</i>	<i>89.4</i>	<i>103.2</i>	<i>327.1</i>	<i>109.0</i>	<i>221.1</i>	<i>698.3</i>	<i>637.8</i>	<i>3,835.6</i>
<i>December qtr 1996 —</i>												
NSW	349.0	16.9	201.1	2.1	29.6	35.8	107.9	21.1	—	260.0	57.1	1,209.0
Vic.	161.0	3.7	18.0	8.1	18.5	22.1	87.9	8.7	—	166.5	21.8	564.7
Qld	291.0	6.6	64.8	22.8	36.8	33.2	65.1	19.6	—	151.2	128.6	907.4
SA	77.7	0.9	1.7	5.7	8.6	7.6	18.8	4.4	—	19.9	13.1	186.1
WA	148.0	24.9	13.7	6.6	7.0	17.5	94.9	24.6	—	40.8	297.4	750.9
Tas.	31.3	0.9	—	0.4	0.7	2.9	2.4	0.2	—	13.0	1.7	58.1
NT	25.8	—	—	12.2	0.2	0.1	1.9	0.3	—	4.1	7.8	54.4
ACT	8.2	—	—	—	0.2	3.9	4.0	0.2	—	12.4	—	31.8
<i>Australia</i>	<i>1,092.0</i>	<i>53.8</i>	<i>299.3</i>	<i>57.9</i>	<i>101.6</i>	<i>123.1</i>	<i>382.8</i>	<i>79.1</i>	<i>219.5</i>	<i>667.9</i>	<i>527.5</i>	<i>3,762.3</i>

**TABLE 11. ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY: VALUE OF WORK YET TO BE DONE AT END OF PERIOD
BY THE SECTOR UNDERTAKING THE WORK, BY TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION**
(\$ million)

Period, State or Territory	Roads, highways and subdivisions	Bridges	Railways	Harbours	Water storage and supply	Sewerage drainage and distribution	Electricity generation, transmission and distribution	Pipelines	Recreation	Telecomm- unications	Heavy industry			Total
											Oil, gas, coal and minerals	Other heavy industry	Other	
BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR														
<i>September qtr 1996 -- r</i>														
NSW	358.3	9.8	121.2	1.9	22.0	33.7	61.4	6.8	13.3	7.3	106.6	70.6	—	813.0
Vic.	2,693.3	3.8	8.3	20.5	3.7	40.0	53.3	1.7	5.1	16.0	13.8	9.2	1.1	2,869.9
Qld	160.1	1.0	30.1	77.8	22.0	32.9	153.6	18.0	4.7	21.3	277.8	26.1	—	825.4
SA	14.2	0.1	—	2.9	88.8	4.3	76.5	3.7	3.8	—	29.7	47.9	—	271.9
WA	312.8	2.7	110.1	7.9	1.2	11.1	339.9	30.5	2.1	1.8	640.9	59.4	1.6	1,522.0
Tas.	26.9	—	—	0.3	0.3	—	—	0.2	1.1	—	—	8.0	—	40.7
NT	15.1	—	—	27.2	—	—	1.7	0.5	0.6	—	47.1	0.2	—	92.4
ACT	27.3	—	—	—	—	0.1	—	—	7.9	—	—	—	—	35.4
Australia	3,608.0	17.4	269.7	138.5	137.9	126.0	686.3	61.5	38.8	46.6	1,116.0	221.2	2.7	6,470.7
<i>December qtr 1996 —</i>														
NSW	337.4	18.1	126.5	3.1	18.1	36.1	77.0	8.7	17.0	3.0	64.6	45.1	—	754.8
Vic.	1,416.3	2.2	4.3	21.5	13.4	32.8	58.8	—	6.9	3.4	8.1	9.1	—	1,576.7
Qld	102.9	0.7	26.6	64.5	27.6	23.9	126.7	101.2	3.8	12.6	276.4	53.6	—	820.4
SA	48.2	—	—	6.4	86.3	2.4	71.9	4.5	3.6	0.1	24.1	24.6	—	272.0
WA	291.4	13.9	100.4	4.7	60.7	16.6	431.2	27.7	1.8	0.1	720.8	25.1	1.2	1,695.5
Tas.	21.0	0.1	—	—	—	2.0	—	—	0.4	—	4.9	—	—	28.5
NT	10.4	—	—	14.3	—	—	0.7	2.1	0.2	—	33.3	—	—	61.0
ACT	27.8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.9	—	—	—	—	32.6
Australia	2,255.3	34.9	257.7	114.6	206.1	113.8	766.2	144.3	38.6	19.2	1,132.1	157.5	1.2	5,241.6
BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR														
<i>September qtr 1996 -- r</i>														
NSW	460.9	18.9	—	—	29.3	60.0	57.1	0.1	17.2	2.2	—	—	0.2	645.8
Vic.	16.7	2.5	26.8	—	2.2	16.0	25.9	—	0.1	1.0	5.8	—	—	97.0
Qld	205.8	8.3	147.0	—	24.1	58.1	103.7	—	14.7	1.9	—	—	—	563.6
SA	10.6	—	—	1.5	41.8	20.1	—	—	4.7	0.1	—	—	—	78.8
WA	43.5	3.6	0.6	—	—	1.2	—	4.3	3.9	0.6	—	—	—	57.7
Tas.	11.6	0.1	—	—	1.5	3.6	41.6	—	1.3	1.5	—	—	—	61.2
NT	0.2	—	—	—	1.4	0.4	3.2	—	0.2	—	—	—	—	6.3
ACT	—	—	—	—	2.7	0.1	0.2	—	—	4.4	—	—	—	7.4
Australia	749.2	33.5	174.4	1.5	102.9	159.6	231.7	4.3	42.2	12.4	5.8	—	0.2	1,517.9

TABLE 11. ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY: VALUE OF WORK YET TO BE DONE AT END OF PERIOD
BY THE SECTOR UNDERTAKING THE WORK, BY TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION—continued
(\$ million)

Period, State or Territory	Roads, highways and subdivisions	Bridges	Railways	Harbours	Water storage and supply	Sewerage drainage and distribution	Electricity generation, transmission and distribution	Heavy industry				Total	
								Pipelines	Recreation	Telecomm- unications	Oil, gas, coal and other minerals		Other heavy industry
BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR—continued													
December qtr 1996—													
NSW	406.4	14.3	0.3	—	28.6	62.3	69.7	—	15.0	4.9	—	0.3	601.9
Vic.	18.6	2.5	24.6	—	2.4	14.6	18.2	—	2.8	2.6	4.6	0.6	91.6
Qld	174.6	27.0	345.4	—	18.4	51.8	99.6	0.1	12.2	2.1	—	—	731.2
SA	15.7	—	—	1.5	38.7	23.2	—	—	6.3	0.2	—	0.2	85.9
WA	55.2	—	—	—	0.4	1.5	—	2.1	3.8	0.5	—	—	63.5
Tas.	10.1	0.2	—	—	1.6	3.2	48.6	—	1.2	1.4	—	—	66.3
NT	0.1	—	—	—	1.3	0.4	3.7	—	0.2	0.8	—	—	6.4
ACT	—	—	—	—	2.5	0.1	0.1	—	—	4.3	—	—	7.0
Australia	680.8	44.0	370.3	1.5	93.9	157.0	239.8	2.2	41.5	16.8	4.6	1.2	1,653.8
TOTAL													
September qtr 1996—													
NSW	819.1	28.7	121.2	1.9	51.3	93.8	118.5	6.9	30.5	9.5	106.6	0.2	1,458.8
Vic.	2,710.0	6.4	35.1	20.5	5.9	55.9	79.2	1.7	5.2	17.0	19.6	1.1	2,966.9
Qld	365.8	9.3	177.2	77.8	46.1	91.0	257.3	18.0	19.5	23.3	277.8	—	1,389.1
SA	24.8	0.1	—	4.4	130.6	24.5	76.5	3.7	8.5	0.1	29.7	—	350.7
WA	356.3	6.4	110.6	7.9	1.2	12.3	339.9	34.8	6.0	2.4	640.9	1.6	1,579.7
Tas.	38.6	0.1	—	0.3	1.7	7.5	41.6	0.2	2.5	1.5	—	—	101.9
NT	15.3	—	—	27.2	1.4	0.4	4.9	0.5	0.9	0.8	47.1	—	98.7
ACT	27.3	—	—	—	2.7	0.2	0.2	—	7.9	4.4	—	—	42.8
Australia	4,357.2	50.9	444.1	140.1	240.9	285.7	918.0	65.8	81.0	59.0	1,121.9	2.9	7,988.6
December qtr 1996—													
NSW	743.8	32.4	126.8	3.1	46.7	98.4	146.7	8.8	32.0	8.0	64.6	0.3	1,356.8
Vic.	1,434.9	4.7	28.8	21.5	15.7	47.4	76.9	—	9.8	6.0	12.7	0.6	1,668.3
Qld	277.5	27.6	372.0	64.5	46.0	75.7	226.3	101.2	16.0	14.7	276.4	—	1,551.6
SA	63.9	—	—	7.9	125.0	25.6	71.9	4.5	9.9	0.3	24.1	0.2	357.9
WA	346.6	13.9	100.4	4.7	61.1	18.1	431.2	29.8	5.6	0.6	720.8	1.2	1,759.0
Tas.	31.1	0.2	—	—	1.7	5.2	48.6	—	1.6	1.4	4.9	—	94.8
NT	10.5	—	—	14.3	1.3	0.4	4.5	2.1	0.3	0.8	33.3	—	67.4
ACT	27.8	—	—	—	2.5	0.1	0.1	—	4.9	4.3	—	—	39.6
Australia	2,936.1	78.9	628.0	116.1	300.0	270.9	1,006.1	146.5	80.1	36.0	1,136.8	2.4	6,895.4

**TABLE 12. ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY BY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION
BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR
(\$ million)**

<i>Stage of construction</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Australia</i>
SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1996 t									
<i>For the private sector —</i>									
Value of work commenced	240.9	135.3	499.5	78.1	553.1	14.2	20.5	6.7	1,548.5
Value of work done	441.2	201.1	374.8	59.1	508.6	13.2	29.9	9.5	1,637.4
Value of work yet to be done	354.7	2,322.8	654.7	146.1	951.4	16.7	60.6	24.1	4,531.1
<i>For the public sector —</i>									
Value of work commenced	378.4	79.2	100.9	119.0	32.1	3.8	27.1	4.3	744.8
Value of work done	237.8	137.7	139.2	32.3	159.6	12.7	31.8	7.0	758.1
Value of work yet to be done	458.3	547.1	170.8	125.8	570.6	23.9	31.9	11.3	1,939.7
Total									
Value of work commenced	619.4	214.5	600.4	197.2	585.2	18.0	47.6	11.0	2,293.3
Value of work done	679.0	338.8	514.0	91.4	668.3	25.9	61.6	16.4	2,395.6
Value of work yet to be done	813.0	2,869.9	825.4	271.9	1,522.0	40.7	92.4	35.4	6,470.7
DECEMBER QUARTER 1996									
<i>For the private sector —</i>									
Value of work commenced	216.6	215.7	383.8	53.7	516.8	10.1	16.1	3.2	1,416.1
Value of work done	321.9	217.2	367.8	62.1	458.8	11.5	20.9	6.6	1,466.9
Value of work yet to be done	260.3	1,223.5	670.6	117.7	1,097.2	7.6	45.0	20.7	3,442.5
<i>For the public sector —</i>									
Value of work commenced	258.4	109.0	135.5	70.1	84.8	11.2	13.3	10.1	692.4
Value of work done	246.7	129.2	147.4	40.7	176.3	13.9	27.8	4.4	786.4
Value of work yet to be done	494.6	353.2	149.8	154.4	598.3	20.9	16.1	11.9	1,799.1
Total									
Value of work commenced	475.0	324.8	519.3	123.9	601.6	21.3	29.4	13.3	2,108.5
Value of work done	568.6	346.4	515.2	102.8	635.1	25.4	48.7	11.0	2,253.2
Value of work yet to be done	754.8	1,576.7	820.4	272.0	1,695.5	28.5	61.0	32.6	5,241.6

**TABLE 13. ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY BY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION
BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR
(\$ million)**

State or Territory	Value of work commenced		Value of work done		Value of work yet to be done	
	Sept. qtr 1996 r	Dec. qtr 1996	Sept. qtr 1996 r	Dec. qtr 1996	Sept. qtr 1996 r	Dec. qtr 1996
COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT						
NSW	243.2	250.5	248.9	250.1	2.5	36.2
Vic.	154.7	154.3	154.8	150.9	0.9	4.2
Qld	141.0	142.3	141.2	141.5	1.7	2.0
SA	23.6	19.7	23.7	19.8	0.1	0.2
WA	56.6	39.0	56.3	39.1	0.6	0.5
Tas.	13.4	13.0	13.4	13.0	—	—
NT	4.8	4.0	4.9	4.0	0.8	0.8
ACT	12.0	12.2	12.0	12.2	—	—
<i>Australia</i>	<i>649.4</i>	<i>635.1</i>	<i>655.2</i>	<i>630.6</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>43.9</i>
STATE AND TERRITORY GOVERNMENT						
NSW	632.4	216.3	279.5	285.8	472.0	408.5
Vic.	87.9	36.2	43.3	45.3	82.3	67.1
Qld	231.9	296.0	126.5	130.4	331.0	527.4
SA	27.3	42.3	26.7	46.7	64.1	61.2
WA	52.3	49.0	40.0	49.1	23.8	26.6
Tas.	6.7	12.0	4.1	5.4	43.0	50.0
NT	2.6	1.0	1.0	1.5	5.1	5.4
ACT(a)	7.4	8.2	7.7	8.6	7.4	7.0
<i>Australia</i>	<i>1,048.5</i>	<i>660.9</i>	<i>528.7</i>	<i>572.7</i>	<i>1,028.8</i>	<i>1,153.1</i>
LOCAL GOVERNMENT						
NSW	173.4	107.7	92.1	104.6	171.4	157.3
Vic.	17.2	21.7	17.9	22.0	13.8	20.2
Qld	202.3	89.2	107.9	120.3	230.9	201.8
SA	15.4	21.6	9.3	16.8	14.6	24.5
WA	39.6	34.6	21.5	27.5	33.3	36.4
Tas.	22.5	15.1	7.3	14.4	18.2	16.3
NT	0.4	—	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.3
ACT	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Australia</i>	<i>470.8</i>	<i>289.9</i>	<i>256.2</i>	<i>305.8</i>	<i>482.6</i>	<i>456.8</i>
TOTAL GOVERNMENT						
NSW	1,049.0	574.5	620.5	640.5	645.8	601.9
Vic.	259.9	212.3	216.0	218.2	97.0	91.6
Qld	575.3	527.5	375.6	392.2	563.6	731.2
SA	66.3	83.6	59.7	83.3	78.8	85.9
WA	148.5	122.6	117.8	115.7	57.7	63.5
Tas.	42.6	40.0	24.8	32.7	61.2	66.3
NT	7.8	5.1	6.0	5.7	6.3	6.4
ACT	19.4	20.4	19.6	20.9	7.4	7.0
Australia	2,168.8	1,586.0	1,440.0	1,509.1	1,517.9	1,653.8

(a) From September quarter 1990, data relating to the ACT Government has been excluded from Commonwealth Government activity for the ACT and is shown separately as ACT Government activity.

TABLE 14. APPROXIMATE RELATIVE STANDARD ERRORS ON QUARTERLY ESTIMATES FOR THE VALUE OF WORK COMMENCED BY SECTOR UNDERTAKING THE WORK (percentage)

State or Territory	Roads, highways and subdivisions	Bridges	Railways	Harbours	Water storage and supply	Sewerage and drainage	Electricity			Heavy industry			Other	Total
							generation, transmission and distribution	Pipelines	Recreation	Telecommunications	Oil, gas, coal and other minerals	Other heavy industry		
BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR														
NSW	6.2	41.8	9.4	12.8	8.9	13.1	2.1	7.5	13.3	5.5	1.0	2.0	30.5	2.4
Vic.	3.2	18.4	—	—	24.8	21.0	—	14.5	20.7	18.5	1.8	—	8.0	2.6
Qld	3.6	54.3	11.9	45.5	11.0	10.6	2.4	39.1	16.8	95.2	1.8	—	38.6	2.5
SA	8.3	—	6.3	48.0	59.1	27.7	—	19.1	21.6	—	25.1	39.9	48.9	7.2
WA	4.8	—	—	—	14.7	27.6	0.2	—	20.5	6.1	7.7	1.7	32.2	1.4
Tas.	9.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	30.4	—	—	—	60.4	—	8.9
NT	14.5	—	—	—	—	—	10.3	—	49.5	—	—	—	—	5.8
ACT	35.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	54.3	—	—	—	—	—	28.9
Australia	2.2	32.6	4.3	10.7	6.8	7.4	0.8	18.7	8.2	10.0	3.1	1.8	19.3	1.1
BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR														
NSW	3.2	23.7	—	—	13.8	10.2	2.5	36.7	9.8	—	—	—	0.4	2.6
Vic.	4.9	5.0	—	—	0.7	1.6	1.2	—	34.6	—	—	—	—	0.3
Qld	4.9	6.5	—	—	15.3	9.5	—	—	8.7	—	—	—	—	2.8
SA	7.5	—	—	—	0.8	13.2	—	—	31.4	—	—	—	—	6.3
WA	6.8	6.5	—	—	0.2	2.0	—	—	11.8	—	—	—	—	3.7
Tas.	3.4	—	—	—	63.2	18.0	—	—	9.8	—	—	—	—	4.5
NT	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ACT	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Australia	2.1	5.2	—	—	5.4	3.4	0.9	0.3	5.7	—	—	—	7.4	0.7
TOTAL														
NSW	4.0	26.8	9.4	12.6	8.0	9.1	1.8	7.4	11.9	5.1	1.0	2.0	6.2	1.9
Vic.	2.8	9.6	—	—	11.6	9.0	1.3	2.7	20.3	—	1.7	—	7.7	0.9
Qld	2.9	43.5	6.9	23.8	9.7	7.5	0.7	36.4	15.1	89.8	1.8	—	38.6	2.0
SA	5.6	21.8	6.1	37.4	13.8	13.2	—	19.1	19.0	—	24.9	39.9	45.2	4.8
WA	4.0	8.9	—	—	7.9	8.9	0.2	86.7	13.9	6.1	7.7	1.7	29.9	1.3
Tas.	4.4	—	—	—	47.9	34.3	—	—	22.3	—	—	60.4	—	4.8
NT	14.4	—	—	—	12.3	44.7	9.5	—	48.8	—	—	—	—	5.6
ACT	33.7	—	—	—	—	—	—	54.3	—	—	—	—	—	12.5
Australia	1.7	19.8	2.5	8.6	4.3	4.2	0.6	9.6	7.4	0.2	3.1	1.8	14.0	0.8

TABLE 15. APPROXIMATE RELATIVE STANDARD ERRORS ON QUARTERLY ESTIMATES FOR THE VALUE OF WORK DONE BY SECTOR UNDERTAKING THE WORK (percentage)

State or Territory	Roads, highways and subdivisions	Bridges	Railways	Harbours	Water storage and supply	Sewerage and drainage	Electricity generation, transmission and distribution	Pipelines	Recreation	Telecommunications	Heavy industry		Total	
											Oil, gas, coal and other minerals	Other heavy industry		
BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR														
NSW	5.3	9.4	6.9	8.3	5.9	10.3	1.8	7.9	12.5	1.1	0.8	1.7	25.5	2.3
Vic.	3.2	7.1	—	21.9	9.9	9.1	—	11.8	16.3	8.5	1.1	—	3.2	2.0
Qld	3.6	2.7	4.7	37.8	6.2	7.6	1.4	16.9	16.9	73.6	1.4	—	34.3	2.4
SA	7.9	—	10.0	34.1	37.8	24.3	—	11.7	22.8	—	8.8	41.4	42.8	7.9
WA	4.4	—	—	—	8.3	17.9	0.3	—	17.2	4.6	3.5	1.1	33.3	1.7
Tas.	6.2	—	—	—	21.3	43.4	—	—	25.2	—	—	66.4	—	8.1
NT	10.7	—	—	—	—	—	7.6	—	51.8	—	—	—	—	5.6
ACT	16.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	55.5	—	—	—	—	23.9
Australia	2.0	4.0	2.8	7.2	3.6	5.1	0.8	6.0	7.7	4.7	1.3	1.7	14.1	1.1
BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR														
NSW	1.2	3.0	—	—	9.2	7.8	1.8	41.3	6.7	—	—	—	1.9	0.9
Vic.	3.9	3.0	—	—	0.5	1.5	0.1	—	5.6	—	—	—	—	0.2
Qld	3.6	7.3	—	—	11.0	7.3	—	—	8.6	—	—	—	—	2.0
SA	6.6	—	—	—	0.9	11.1	—	—	33.7	—	—	—	—	4.9
WA	7.5	3.8	—	—	0.1	2.0	—	—	13.2	—	—	—	—	3.9
Tas.	3.2	—	—	—	43.4	9.8	—	—	7.1	—	—	—	—	2.9
NT	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ACT	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Australia	1.3	2.1	—	—	3.9	3.0	0.6	0.5	5.1	—	—	—	2.8	0.4
TOTAL														
NSW	2.5	4.7	1.2	8.0	5.3	7.1	1.3	7.8	11.0	0.8	0.8	1.7	6.0	1.3
Vic.	2.8	5.2	—	10.9	5.8	6.1	0.8	2.6	14.6	—	1.0	—	3.1	0.7
Qld	2.6	2.7	2.6	21.4	5.8	5.4	0.4	16.8	15.0	70.3	1.4	—	33.5	1.7
SA	5.2	5.4	9.2	17.3	9.9	10.8	—	11.1	19.4	—	8.8	33.7	38.8	4.7
WA	3.8	7.2	—	—	5.6	7.2	0.2	10.4	12.5	4.6	3.5	1.1	32.7	1.5
Tas.	3.2	—	—	—	24.6	25.6	—	—	18.2	—	—	66.4	—	3.6
NT	10.4	—	—	—	8.2	20.9	7.2	—	50.0	—	—	—	—	5.4
ACT	15.5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	55.5	—	—	—	—	11.6
Australia	1.3	2.5	0.8	6.0	2.6	3.2	0.5	3.7	6.7	0.2	1.3	1.7	10.7	0.6

TABLE 16. APPROXIMATE RELATIVE STANDARD ERRORS ON QUARTERLY ESTIMATES FOR THE VALUE OF WORK YET TO BE DONE BY THE SECTOR UNDERTAKING THE WORK (percentage)

State or Territory	Roads, highways and subdivisions	Bridges	Railways	Harbours	Water storage and supply	Sewerage and drainage	Electricity generation, transmission and distribution	Heavy industry					Total
								Pipelines	Recreation	Telecommunications	Oil, gas, coal and other minerals	Other heavy industry	
BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR													
NSW	1.0	5.7	2.1	7.9	0.4	3.9	0.3	3.3	11.1	0.3	0.8	0.4	0.4
Vic.	1.3	18.6	—	0.6	1.1	1.9	—	0.8	19.4	4.7	10.2	—	1.1
Qld	1.1	37.8	4.1	5.3	3.7	6.2	1.4	9.9	6.6	6.6	64.6	—	0.8
SA	6.4	—	—	20.8	14.5	7.3	—	3.6	30.7	—	7.1	79.2	5.7
WA	3.0	—	—	—	11.8	20.0	—	—	10.4	25.3	2.3	0.6	0.5
Tas.	6.0	—	—	—	2.9	37.2	—	—	20.3	—	—	54.2	9.1
NT	3.5	—	—	—	—	—	2.6	—	27.1	—	—	—	0.7
ACT	25.5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30.3	—	—	—	7.4
Australia	0.7	13.6	1.3	1.8	0.6	2.1	0.2	3.5	6.7	0.9	1.5	0.9	0.3
BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR													
NSW	1.2	2.9	—	—	3.2	10.7	2.2	56.8	9.3	—	—	—	0.9
Vic.	12.1	2.0	—	—	0.7	0.1	0.4	—	1.7	—	—	—	1.5
Qld	3.2	2.6	—	—	14.2	8.0	—	—	11.0	—	—	—	2.1
SA	24.4	—	—	—	1.1	3.1	—	—	27.3	—	—	—	4.0
WA	8.7	2.3	—	—	—	13.8	—	—	20.2	—	—	—	6.3
Tas.	6.6	—	—	—	7.1	6.1	—	—	4.2	—	—	—	1.6
NT	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ACT	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Australia	1.4	2.1	—	—	3.1	2.2	0.4	4.5	5.3	—	—	29.1	0.8
TOTAL													
NSW	0.9	3.0	0.4	7.8	1.0	7.0	0.4	5.0	8.3	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.5
Vic.	1.4	15.4	—	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.8	13.6	4.5	7.5	—	1.0
Qld	1.6	27.2	1.4	5.3	9.3	5.4	0.3	9.8	6.2	42.5	0.4	—	1.0
SA	10.8	4.2	—	7.7	1.1	2.9	—	3.0	23.0	—	7.1	55.2	3.3
WA	4.2	0.8	—	—	10.2	14.5	—	4.6	11.2	23.8	2.3	0.6	0.9
Tas.	4.9	—	—	—	3.1	19.9	—	—	6.5	—	—	54.2	2.0
NT	3.1	—	—	—	2.5	3.0	2.3	—	20.7	—	—	—	0.7
ACT	24.8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30.3	—	—	—	2.4
Australia	0.7	8.2	0.4	1.6	1.6	1.7	0.2	2.9	4.7	0.5	1.5	0.9	0.4

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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INTRODUCTION

- 1** This publication contains estimates of engineering construction activity in Australia by both public and private sector organisations. The estimates were compiled from the Engineering Construction Survey (ECS).
- 2** These estimates together with results from the ABS Building Activity Surveys provide a complete quarterly picture of building and construction activity in Australia.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE OF THE SURVEY

- 3** The ECS aims to measure the value of all engineering construction work undertaken in Australia. For the ECS all enterprises recorded on the ABS central register of businesses and classified to the construction industry and all other units known to be undertaking engineering construction work (from trade journals, newspapers, etc.), are included in the survey framework.
- 4** The cost of land and the value of building construction is excluded from the surveys scope. Where projects include elements of both building and engineering construction, for example, electricity generation, heavy industrial plant, every effort is taken to exclude the building component from these statistics.
- 5** Repair and maintenance activity is excluded from the survey (see definitions) as are the value of any transfers of existing assets, the value of installed machinery and equipment not integral to the structure and the expenses for relocation of utility services.
- 6** A contract for the installation of machinery and equipment which is an integral part of a construction project is included in the statistics even though, in some cases, the activity in installing such machinery and equipment is classified to the manufacturing industry in the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification, 1993 (1292.0).

SAMPLE REVISION

- 7** For the September quarter survey each year, some changes are made to the sample of businesses. While the impact of the sample revision on total estimates is insignificant, the impact at individual category level may be significant.

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION

- 8** In this collection each project is classified to a category of construction without regard to end use. For example, a project involving coal handling equipment at an electricity generating plant is included under Heavy industry Oil, gas, coal and other minerals and not under Electricity generation, transmission and distribution. Where a project involves more than one category of construction the project is included under the category which accounts for the major part of the contract in terms of value.
- 9** Type of construction is divided into a number of categories as defined below:
 - *Roads, highways and subdivisions.* Includes parking areas; cycle paths; airport runways; pedestrian and vehicle overpasses; traffic lights; roundabouts; associated road drainage works; street and highway lighting; road resurfacing, kerbing and guttering, road tunnels.
 - *Bridges.* Includes those for the support of roads, railways, causeways and elevated highways.
 - *Railways.* Includes tracklaying; overhead power lines and signals; platforms; tramways; tunnels for underground railways; fuel hoppers.

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- *Harbours*. Includes boat and yacht basins; breakwaters; retaining walls; docks and piers; terminals; wharves; dredging works; marinas.
- *Water storage and supply*. Includes dams; weirs; reservoirs; embankments for water diversion; water pipelines; mains and treatment plants; flood prevention and erosion; aqueducts; water conduits; systems conveying water to residences, commercial and industrial establishments.
- *Sewerage and drainage*. Includes sanitary and storm sewers; sewage treatment plants; stormwater drains; drainage systems.
- *Electricity generation, transmission and distribution*. Includes power stations; substations; hydroelectric generating plants; associated work i.e. towers, chimneys; transmission and distribution lines.
- *Pipelines*. Includes oil and gas pipelines; urban supply mains for gas; pipelines for refined petroleum products, chemicals, foodstuffs, etc.
- *Recreation*. Includes golf courses; playing fields; racecourses; stadiums; swimming pools; landscaping; park construction.
- *Telecommunications*. Includes radio, television, microwave and radar transmission towers; telephone and telegraph lines and underground cables; coaxial cables.
- *Heavy industry*
 - ◆ *Oil, gas, coal and other minerals*. Includes construction of production, storage and distribution facilities; refineries; pumping stations; construction of mines;
 - ◆ *Other heavy industry*. Includes construction of chemical plants; blast furnaces; steel mills; other industrial processing plants; ovens.

DEFINITIONS

10 Definitions used are as follows:

- *Ownership*. Projects are classified as private sector or public sector according to the expected ownership of the project at the time of completion.
- *Sector*. The public sector includes Commonwealth Departments and Authorities, State Departments and Authorities, Local Government Authorities, Water, Sewerage and Electricity Authorities and Semi-government Authorities e.g. public hospitals. This publication contains separate estimates for:
 - ◆ Commonwealth Government;
 - ◆ State and Territory Government; and
 - ◆ Local Government.All remaining organisations are classified as private sector.
- *Commenced*. A project is regarded as having commenced when the site work begins. However, some public sector authorities are unable to report on this basis. In such cases, the authorities report the value of their annual works budget as a commencement in the September quarter each year.
- *Value of work yet to be done*. The value of outstanding work for the project at the end of the period. Rise and fall and other cost variations can lead to increases or decreases in the value of work yet to be done.
- *Value of work done*. For the private sector this consists of the value of work done on prime contracts, plus speculative contracts, plus work done on own account. For the public sector it is defined as work done by the organisations own workforce.

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

11 Since the figures for private sector and public sector organisations are derived from information obtained from a sample of organisations they are subject to sampling error; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been obtained if information for all organisations for the relevant period had been included in the survey. A measure of the likely difference is given by the relative standard error of each estimate. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all units had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Relative standard errors of the estimates are shown in tables 14, 15 and 16.

12 An example of the use of standard errors is as follows. If the total value of work done during the quarter is \$2,500m and the associated standard error is 0.5% then there are about two chances in three that the value which would have been derived if there had been a complete collection would have been within the range \$2,488m to \$2,513m and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value would have been within the range \$2,475m to \$2,525m.

13 The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the relative standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of inadequacies in the source of 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 organisations, and efficient operating procedures. 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 organisations, and efficient operating procedures.

14 Caution is advised in respect of the value of work commenced (and consequently, the value of work yet to be done) reported by the public sector. It is known that data reported for value of work commenced are a combination of the following: annual works budget estimates which are reported as commencements in the September quarter (and in some cases may subsequently be undertaken by the private sector); genuine commencements as defined in paragraph 10, and reported quarterly; commencements being reported as equal to the value of work done for the quarter; commencements of major stages in the case of long-term projects.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

15 Seasonally adjusted statistics for engineering construction activity are shown in tables 1,2 and 4. In the seasonally adjusted series, account has been taken of normal seasonal factors and the effect of movement in the date of Easter which may, in successive years, affect figures for different quarters. As happens with all seasonally adjusted series, the seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional years data. The results of the latest review were included in the September quarter 1996 issue. Information regarding the methods used in seasonally adjusting the series, is available on request.

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16 Since seasonally adjusted statistics reflect both irregular and trend movements, an upward or downward movement in a seasonally adjusted series does not necessarily indicate a change of trend. Particular care should therefore be taken in interpreting individual quarter to quarter movements.

ESTIMATES AT CONSTANT PRICES

17 Estimates of the value of work done at average 1989-90 prices are presented in original and seasonally adjusted terms for Australia in table 2.

18 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*.

19 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).

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

20 Users may also wish to refer to the following building and construction publications and special products which are available on request

- *Building Approvals, Australia* (8731.0) issued monthly
- *Building Activity, Australia: Dwelling Unit Commencements, Preliminary* (8750.0) issued quarterly
- *Building Activity, Australia* (8752.0) issued quarterly

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