

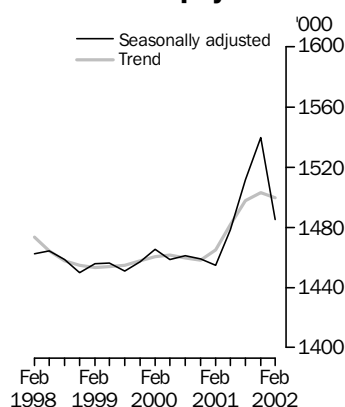
# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS

**AUSTRALIA**  
**PUBLIC SECTOR**

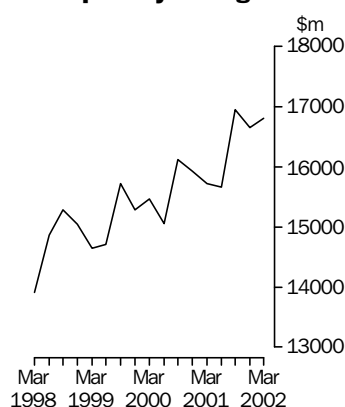
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## MARCH QUARTER 2002 KEY FIGURES

### Public sector employees



### Gross quarterly earnings



### ESTIMATES

	<b>February 2002 '000</b>	<b>% change Nov 2001 to Feb 2002</b>	<b>% change Feb 2001 to Feb 2002</b>
Employees — Trend			
Commonwealth Government	257.9	-1.6	5.2
State Government	1 090.0	-0.1	1.4
Local Government	151.9	1.0	4.8
Total Public Sector	1 499.8	-0.2	2.4

### Employees — Seasonally adjusted

Commonwealth Government	246.5	-16.5	0.9
State Government	1 086.5	-0.7	2.0
Local Government	152.1	1.1	5.1
Total Public Sector	1 485.1	-3.5	2.1

	<b>Mar Qtr 2002 \$m</b>	<b>% change Dec Qtr 2001 to Mar Qtr 2002</b>	<b>% change Mar Qtr 2001 to Mar Qtr 2002</b>
Gross earnings — Original			
Commonwealth Government	3 354.0	10.5	6.0
State Government	12 124.2	-1.1	6.9
Local Government	1 329.6	-2.1	9.8
Total Public Sector	16 807.8	0.9	6.9

## MARCH QUARTER 2002 KEY POINTS

### TREND ESTIMATES

- From February 2001 to February 2002 the number of public sector employees increased by 35,100 (2.4%) to 1,499,800.
- In the same period the number of employees increased in Commonwealth government by 5.2%, in Local government by 4.8% and in State government by 1.4%.

**NOTE!**  
Please refer to  
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Issue on page 2.

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Naomi Summers on Perth 08 9360 5141, or the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

## NOTES

### FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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### CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

#### CESSATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR ESTIMATES

Catalogue 6248.0 has been retitled *Wage and Salary Earners, Australia, Public Sector*. From the March quarter 2002, this publication will include estimates for the public sector only. Private sector data on total quarterly earnings is now collected in the Quarterly Economic Activity Survey and is published in *Business Indicators, Australia* (Cat. no. 5676.0). Estimates of the number of wage and salary earners (private and public sector combined) are published quarterly in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

### NOTES ON ESTIMATES

#### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

The seasonal adjustment factors for series shown in this publication have been recalculated using the original estimates of employees for the middle month of each quarter from September quarter 1983 to December quarter 2001. Previously, the seasonal adjustment procedure was applied to monthly original series, but only the mid month of the quarter was published. As a result, previously published seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for the public sector have been revised. See paragraphs 11–19 of the Explanatory Notes.

### SAMPLING ERRORS

For information on sampling errors see the Technical Notes. Standard errors for the original estimates contained in this publication are in table A of the Technical Notes.

### SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ANZSIC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
ASIC	Australian Standard Industrial Classification
SEE	Survey of Employment and Earnings
SISCA	Standard Institutional Sector Classification of Australia
n.a.	not available
n.p.	not available for publication, but included in totals. See paragraph 21 of the Explanatory Notes
*	subject to high relative standard error. See paragraph 3 of the Technical Notes
—	nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

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## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, States &amp; territories

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Month	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL ESTIMATES									
<b>February</b>									
1995	504.0	356.7	270.5	127.1	150.9	42.6	21.1	73.1	1 545.9
1996	506.7	350.9	269.5	124.1	146.2	43.3	22.0	74.7	1 537.3
1997	471.3	315.8	278.8	115.5	145.3	41.6	22.1	67.3	1 457.8
1998	467.1	303.0	277.3	114.0	142.8	39.4	21.6	68.4	1 433.7
1999	459.1	302.0	283.5	111.5	145.4	39.5	21.3	65.2	1 427.5
2000	454.1	303.8	292.7	111.2	147.1	39.1	22.0	67.7	1 437.8
<b>2000</b>									
November	467.8	309.4	292.8	113.8	152.9	42.1	22.9	69.9	1 471.7
<b>2001</b>									
February	443.7	302.7	288.9	111.0	150.6	39.9	22.3	68.5	1 427.5
May	466.4	323.0	294.7	113.5	152.5	42.4	23.7	69.6	1 485.8
August	474.9	328.4	303.4	118.5	155.6	43.4	24.5	70.3	1 519.0
November	502.2	345.0	300.5	114.8	151.4	43.4	24.1	71.2	1 552.5
<b>2002</b>									
February	451.0	320.4	294.8	114.1	143.7	40.6	23.6	69.3	1 457.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES									
<b>February</b>									
1995	515.9	364.5	273.5	129.8	153.8	45.1	21.4	74.2	1 578.1
1996	518.8	358.2	272.6	127.0	149.0	45.7	22.4	75.8	1 569.2
1997	482.8	322.3	282.1	118.3	147.9	43.7	22.5	68.4	1 487.9
1998	478.4	308.8	280.7	116.8	145.0	41.4	21.9	69.5	1 462.6
1999	470.1	307.7	286.9	114.3	147.5	41.4	21.7	66.3	1 455.6
2000	465.0	309.2	296.1	113.9	149.0	40.9	22.4	68.9	1 465.3
<b>2000</b>									
November	461.9	307.7	291.1	112.5	151.6	41.4	22.6	69.6	1 458.9
<b>2001</b>									
February	454.3	307.9	292.1	113.6	152.4	41.7	22.6	69.8	1 454.5
May	462.6	321.8	293.9	113.3	152.9	41.8	23.8	68.9	1 478.4
August	473.8	326.1	302.6	117.2	154.5	43.0	24.3	70.1	1 511.9
November	496.0	343.0	298.8	113.7	150.3	42.6	23.8	70.8	1 539.6
<b>2002</b>									
February	462.0	325.9	298.1	116.9	145.5	42.4	23.9	70.5	1 485.1
TREND ESTIMATES									
<b>February</b>									
1995	520.6	363.5	273.2	130.4	154.9	44.8	21.3	73.8	1 582.7
1996	516.2	357.8	272.3	126.5	149.7	45.6	22.3	75.6	1 565.8
1997	482.4	322.1	282.7	117.9	146.5	43.8	22.5	68.1	1 486.3
1998	477.2	318.3	281.1	117.9	145.8	41.3	22.1	69.5	1 473.7
1999	468.7	306.6	287.4	113.8	147.3	41.3	22.1	66.7	1 453.4
2000	465.7	307.3	293.6	113.8	148.4	40.8	22.1	69.0	1 460.6
<b>2000</b>									
November	461.4	307.4	291.7	112.9	151.4	41.3	22.5	69.6	1 458.2
<b>2001</b>									
February	460.8	311.4	292.6	113.2	152.7	41.6	22.8	69.4	1 464.7
May	466.0	319.5	295.0	113.6	153.0	41.9	23.9	69.6	1 482.1
August	471.4	326.6	297.6	114.2	152.0	42.1	24.0	70.0	1 497.9
November	472.8	329.9	298.9	114.8	149.7	42.2	24.0	70.5	1 503.2
<b>2002</b>									
February	470.4	330.1	299.1	115.9	146.8	42.4	23.9	70.8	1 499.8

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, Commonwealth Government, States &amp; territories

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL ESTIMATES									
<b>February</b>									
1995	117.4	85.4	45.4	24.7	22.2	7.8	4.2	53.9	361.1
1996	108.4	84.8	45.8	24.7	22.8	7.9	4.1	54.8	353.3
1997	82.6	66.7	38.8	21.2	19.9	6.7	4.4	50.6	290.9
1998	73.4	61.6	34.3	18.0	20.8	6.1	3.5	49.6	267.3
1999	70.6	53.9	32.8	16.5	17.7	5.9	3.6	47.4	248.6
2000	69.5	55.3	31.7	16.2	16.9	5.7	3.2	50.6	249.2
<b>2000</b>									
November	65.7	54.2	32.0	15.8	17.3	5.7	3.6	51.6	245.8
<b>2001</b>									
February	64.9	53.4	32.0	15.7	17.0	5.5	3.6	51.7	243.8
May	65.5	54.2	33.0	16.0	17.6	5.7	3.6	52.8	248.5
August	72.6	60.1	37.0	19.8	20.2	6.5	4.0	52.7	273.0
November	94.7	71.6	32.5	16.0	17.4	6.3	3.8	53.3	295.5
<b>2002</b>									
February	63.5	55.8	32.3	15.3	17.1	5.5	3.7	52.7	246.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES									
<b>February</b>									
1995	117.0	85.4	45.3	24.5	22.1	7.8	4.1	54.3	360.5
1996	108.0	84.9	45.6	24.5	22.7	7.8	4.0	55.3	352.8
1997	82.3	66.8	38.7	21.0	19.8	6.6	4.3	51.1	290.6
1998	73.1	61.7	34.2	17.8	20.8	6.1	3.4	50.1	267.2
1999	70.3	54.0	32.7	16.4	17.7	5.9	3.6	47.9	248.5
2000	69.3	55.5	31.6	16.1	16.9	5.7	3.2	51.1	249.4
<b>2000</b>									
November	65.6	54.1	31.9	16.0	17.4	5.7	3.5	51.7	245.9
<b>2001</b>									
February	64.7	53.7	31.9	15.6	16.9	5.5	3.6	52.3	244.2
May	65.0	54.2	32.9	16.1	17.4	5.7	3.7	52.1	247.1
August	73.5	60.1	37.3	19.7	20.3	6.5	4.1	52.7	274.2
November	94.4	71.3	32.4	16.3	17.5	6.2	3.7	53.4	295.2
<b>2002</b>									
February	63.4	56.1	32.2	15.2	17.1	5.5	3.7	53.3	246.5
TREND ESTIMATES									
<b>February</b>									
1995	118.4	85.4	45.4	24.6	22.1	7.7	4.1	54.1	361.8
1996	107.5	84.4	45.3	24.4	22.7	7.8	4.1	55.3	351.5
1997	81.3	67.2	38.5	20.6	20.2	6.7	4.2	50.6	289.3
1998	74.1	61.1	34.4	18.0	20.4	6.0	3.4	50.4	267.8
1999	70.0	54.3	32.8	16.2	17.5	5.8	3.6	48.1	248.3
2000	68.8	55.3	31.3	16.1	16.9	5.8	3.3	51.1	248.6
<b>2000</b>									
November	65.2	54.0	31.9	15.8	17.1	5.6	3.5	51.8	244.9
<b>2001</b>									
February	64.6	53.8	32.4	15.9	17.3	5.6	3.6	52.0	245.2
May	68.2	56.1	33.0	16.4	17.6	5.7	3.7	52.4	253.1
August	71.8	58.8	33.3	16.6	17.8	5.8	3.7	52.8	260.6
November	72.4	59.9	33.0	16.3	17.7	5.8	3.7	53.2	262.0
<b>2002</b>									
February	70.2	59.5	32.3	15.7	17.3	5.7	3.7	53.5	257.9

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, State Government, States &amp; territories

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL ESTIMATES									
<b>February</b>									
1995	333.7	229.6	191.7	93.9	116.3	30.7	15.6	19.2	1 030.6
1996	345.5	225.5	188.9	91.4	110.9	31.2	15.9	19.8	1 029.1
1997	343.3	211.0	203.4	86.2	111.8	30.6	15.8	16.7	1 018.9
1998	348.7	207.2	207.2	88.0	108.8	29.6	16.1	18.8	1 024.5
1999	343.5	216.6	214.7	86.9	114.3	29.9	15.2	17.8	1 038.8
2000	340.0	216.5	226.3	87.1	116.5	29.6	16.1	17.1	1 049.2
<b>2000</b>									
November	356.3	222.6	223.4	90.1	122.4	32.5	16.8	18.3	1 082.4
<b>2001</b>									
February	332.5	216.3	218.9	87.3	120.1	30.5	16.2	16.8	1 038.6
May	354.1	235.4	223.8	89.2	121.4	32.9	17.1	16.7	1 090.6
August	356.0	235.0	226.8	90.2	122.0	33.1	17.2	17.6	1 098.0
November	360.4	239.3	228.0	90.3	119.9	33.2	17.2	17.9	1 106.1
<b>2002</b>									
February	339.7	230.0	222.5	90.0	112.3	31.2	16.8	16.5	1 059.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES									
<b>February</b>									
1995	346.0	237.3	194.9	96.8	119.3	33.1	15.9	19.9	1 063.2
1996	358.1	232.7	192.2	94.6	113.8	33.5	16.1	20.5	1 061.5
1997	355.2	217.4	207.0	89.2	114.6	32.8	16.0	17.3	1 049.5
1998	360.5	213.0	210.8	91.1	111.1	31.6	16.3	19.4	1 053.8
1999	355.0	222.3	218.2	89.9	116.5	31.7	15.4	18.4	1 067.4
2000	351.3	221.7	229.9	89.9	118.6	31.4	16.3	17.8	1 076.9
<b>2000</b>									
November	350.8	221.1	221.7	88.7	121.0	31.9	16.8	17.9	1 069.9
<b>2001</b>									
February	343.5	221.3	222.3	90.1	122.2	32.3	16.4	17.5	1 065.6
May	350.5	234.2	222.8	88.9	121.9	32.2	16.9	16.8	1 084.2
August	353.7	232.6	225.9	89.0	120.6	32.7	17.2	17.4	1 089.1
November	354.8	237.7	226.4	89.0	118.8	32.6	17.3	17.4	1 094.0
<b>2002</b>									
February	351.0	235.2	226.0	92.9	114.3	33.0	16.9	17.2	1 086.5
TREND ESTIMATES									
<b>February</b>									
1995	349.0	236.3	194.5	97.3	120.3	33.2	15.9	19.7	1 066.2
1996	355.9	232.3	192.6	94.2	114.3	33.5	16.1	20.3	1 059.2
1997	355.8	217.2	207.2	89.4	112.9	32.9	16.1	17.5	1 049.0
1998	358.6	225.1	210.7	91.7	112.3	31.5	16.2	19.1	1 065.2
1999	353.9	221.0	218.8	89.7	116.6	31.8	15.4	18.6	1 065.8
2000	352.4	219.8	227.7	89.8	118.0	31.3	16.2	17.9	1 073.1
<b>2000</b>									
November	350.5	220.6	222.5	89.3	121.1	31.8	16.6	17.8	1 070.2
<b>2001</b>									
February	349.9	224.7	222.3	89.3	122.1	32.1	16.7	17.4	1 074.5
May	351.2	230.2	223.4	89.0	121.9	32.4	16.9	17.2	1 082.2
August	352.8	234.2	225.1	89.2	120.5	32.5	17.1	17.2	1 088.6
November	353.4	236.0	226.1	90.0	118.1	32.7	17.2	17.3	1 090.8
<b>2002</b>									
February	352.9	236.2	226.7	91.5	115.4	32.9	17.1	17.3	1 090.0

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, Local Government, States &amp; territories

	<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>Victoria</i>	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>South Australia</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>	<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>	<b>Australia</b>
<i>Month</i>	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL ESTIMATES									
<b>February</b>									
1995	52.9	41.7	33.4	8.5	12.5	4.0	1.2	n.a.	<b>154.3</b>
1996	52.7	40.6	34.9	7.9	12.6	4.2	2.1	n.a.	<b>154.9</b>
1997	45.4	38.1	36.5	8.2	13.6	4.2	1.9	n.a.	<b>148.0</b>
1998	44.9	34.2	35.8	8.0	13.3	3.7	2.0	n.a.	<b>141.9</b>
1999	45.0	31.5	36.0	8.0	13.5	3.7	2.5	n.a.	<b>140.1</b>
2000	44.6	32.1	34.7	7.9	13.6	3.8	2.7	n.a.	<b>139.4</b>
<b>2000</b>									
November	45.9	32.6	37.5	7.9	13.2	3.9	2.5	n.a.	<b>143.5</b>
<b>2001</b>									
February	46.3	33.0	38.0	7.9	13.5	3.9	2.5	n.a.	<b>145.2</b>
May	46.8	33.3	37.9	8.3	13.6	3.8	3.0	n.a.	<b>146.7</b>
August	46.3	33.3	39.6	8.4	13.4	3.8	3.2	n.a.	<b>148.0</b>
November	47.2	34.1	40.0	8.5	14.1	3.9	3.1	n.a.	<b>150.9</b>
<b>2002</b>									
February	47.8	34.6	40.0	8.8	14.3	3.9	3.1	n.a.	<b>152.6</b>
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES									
<b>February</b>									
1995	52.9	41.8	33.3	8.5	12.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>154.4</b>
1996	52.7	40.6	34.8	7.9	12.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>154.9</b>
1997	45.3	38.1	36.4	8.1	13.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>147.8</b>
1998	44.8	34.1	35.7	7.9	13.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>141.6</b>
1999	44.8	31.4	36.0	8.0	13.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>139.7</b>
2000	44.4	32.0	34.6	7.9	13.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>139.0</b>
<b>2000</b>									
November	45.5	32.5	37.5	7.8	13.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>143.1</b>
<b>2001</b>									
February	46.1	32.9	37.9	7.9	13.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>144.7</b>
May	47.1	33.4	38.2	8.3	13.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>147.1</b>
August	46.6	33.4	39.4	8.5	13.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>148.6</b>
November	46.8	34.0	40.0	8.4	14.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>150.4</b>
<b>2002</b>									
February	47.6	34.6	39.9	8.8	14.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>152.1</b>
TREND ESTIMATES									
<b>February</b>									
1995	53.2	41.8	33.3	8.5	12.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>154.7</b>
1996	52.8	41.1	34.4	7.9	12.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>155.1</b>
1997	45.3	37.7	37.0	7.9	13.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>148.0</b>
1998	44.5	32.1	36.0	8.2	13.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>140.7</b>
1999	44.8	31.3	35.8	7.9	13.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>139.3</b>
2000	44.5	32.2	34.6	7.9	13.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>138.9</b>
<b>2000</b>									
November	45.7	32.8	37.3	7.8	13.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>143.1</b>
<b>2001</b>									
February	46.3	32.9	37.9	8.0	13.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>145.0</b>
May	46.6	33.2	38.6	8.2	13.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>146.8</b>
August	46.8	33.6	39.2	8.4	13.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>148.7</b>
November	47.0	34.0	39.8	8.5	13.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>150.4</b>
<b>2002</b>									
February	47.3	34.4	40.1	8.7	14.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	<b>151.9</b>

GROSS EARNINGS, Level of government, States & territories: **Original**

	<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>Victoria</i>	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>South Australia</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>	<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>	<b>Australia</b>
<i>Period</i>	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT									
<b>1995-96</b>	4 263.5	3 499.0	1 703.4	990.0	863.6	300.3	160.5	2 519.2	<b>14 299.5</b>
<b>1996-97</b>	3 735.9	3 109.8	1 655.8	914.7	885.0	299.0	165.6	2 561.8	<b>13 327.6</b>
<b>1997-98</b>	3 852.8	2 983.9	1 666.6	944.3	923.8	279.1	154.1	2 570.1	<b>13 374.7</b>
<b>1998-99</b>	3 566.2	2 848.8	1 613.4	777.0	829.7	280.4	155.5	2 528.6	<b>12 599.6</b>
<b>1999-2000</b>	3 352.2	2 703.1	1 478.7	747.4	787.4	260.8	154.3	2 661.4	<b>12 145.4</b>
<b>2000-01</b>	3 196.4	2 663.8	1 469.8	723.5	741.5	261.4	152.5	2 843.6	<b>12 052.7</b>
<b>2000</b>									
December	757.5	623.5	342.4	165.7	172.1	62.4	36.2	651.7	<b>2 811.5</b>
<b>2001</b>									
March	837.6	706.9	384.7	192.3	198.5	69.2	40.8	735.1	<b>3 165.2</b>
June	735.4	616.1	345.0	169.9	173.3	61.1	36.8	672.1	<b>2 809.7</b>
September	869.5	736.4	396.7	204.7	207.2	73.2	44.4	790.0	<b>3 322.1</b>
December	799.4	673.9	368.8	185.9	184.4	65.9	41.6	715.0	<b>3 035.0</b>
<b>2002</b>									
March	859.9	771.7	405.4	204.2	201.2	71.5	47.4	792.6	<b>3 354.0</b>
STATE GOVERNMENT									
<b>1995-96</b>	12 890.2	8 080.6	6 734.0	3 169.9	3 983.5	1 076.0	643.8	705.2	<b>37 283.3</b>
<b>1996-97</b>	13 520.9	8 046.3	7 359.6	3 250.2	4 035.0	1 122.7	690.7	742.8	<b>38 768.3</b>
<b>1997-98</b>	14 312.1	8 322.9	7 785.6	3 364.4	4 169.1	1 127.9	731.1	793.7	<b>40 606.7</b>
<b>1998-99</b>	15 231.2	8 471.4	8 340.9	3 451.9	4 325.7	1 164.6	757.7	830.9	<b>42 574.1</b>
<b>1999-2000</b>	15 993.1	8 906.4	8 824.3	3 614.1	4 575.4	1 185.4	788.6	812.5	<b>44 699.7</b>
<b>2000-01</b>	16 394.5	9 451.6	9 359.8	3 590.1	4 789.8	1 221.3	833.9	795.7	<b>46 436.5</b>
<b>2000</b>									
December	4 087.4	2 451.5	2 543.4	921.7	1 162.4	302.2	194.4	190.8	<b>11 853.7</b>
<b>2001</b>									
March	4 131.7	2 197.3	2 147.1	852.7	1 258.0	319.5	223.5	213.1	<b>11 342.9</b>
June	3 978.0	2 533.6	2 368.2	917.1	1 134.0	288.3	195.4	175.8	<b>11 590.3</b>
September	4 432.0	2 381.7	2 485.8	925.2	1 296.3	345.5	233.7	211.1	<b>12 311.4</b>
December	4 208.6	2 529.0	2 634.0	988.8	1 177.1	332.9	205.9	186.2	<b>12 262.6</b>
<b>2002</b>									
March	4 361.8	2 371.9	2 396.4	925.8	1 272.3	343.1	236.9	216.1	<b>12 124.2</b>



	<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>Victoria</i>	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>South Australia</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>	<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>	<b>Australia</b>
<i>Period</i>	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
LOCAL GOVERNMENT									
<b>1995-96</b>	1 798.1	1 144.6	1 021.6	230.3	329.2	120.5	43.3	n.a.	<b>4 687.6</b>
<b>1996-97</b>	1 560.9	1 004.3	1 145.3	242.0	362.5	129.9	46.1	n.a.	<b>4 491.0</b>
<b>1997-98</b>	1 542.6	869.9	1 174.3	264.3	375.7	125.8	54.8	n.a.	<b>4 407.5</b>
<b>1998-99</b>	1 621.4	856.6	1 202.5	266.5	392.0	123.3	49.2	n.a.	<b>4 511.7</b>
<b>1999-2000</b>	1 691.9	910.7	1 202.7	275.6	421.0	124.0	56.1	n.a.	<b>4 682.0</b>
<b>2000-01</b>	1 783.1	957.5	1 300.7	280.0	427.2	132.8	56.6	n.a.	<b>4 938.1</b>
<b>2000</b>									
December	454.8	250.3	329.1	71.9	105.1	34.5	14.1	n.a.	<b>1 259.8</b>
<b>2001</b>									
March	440.3	229.4	319.9	66.5	110.5	31.4	13.2	n.a.	<b>1 211.3</b>
June	451.8	247.3	328.3	74.5	106.7	34.1	16.0	n.a.	<b>1 258.8</b>
September	473.6	253.6	346.3	78.2	114.3	34.7	17.2	n.a.	<b>1 318.2</b>
December	483.0	271.1	356.4	79.2	115.9	35.1	17.3	n.a.	<b>1 358.3</b>
<b>2002</b>									
March	480.1	259.8	342.8	78.2	118.6	34.4	15.4	n.a.	<b>1 329.6</b>
PUBLIC SECTOR									
<b>1995-96</b>	18 951.8	12 724.3	9 459.0	4 390.2	5 176.3	1 496.8	847.7	3 224.4	<b>56 270.3</b>
<b>1996-97</b>	18 817.8	12 160.4	10 160.7	4 406.9	5 282.5	1 551.5	902.4	3 304.6	<b>56 586.8</b>
<b>1997-98</b>	19 707.5	12 176.5	10 626.3	4 573.1	5 468.5	1 532.9	940.0	3 364.1	<b>58 388.9</b>
<b>1998-99</b>	20 418.7	12 176.7	11 156.7	4 495.6	5 547.2	1 568.4	962.4	3 359.7	<b>59 685.3</b>
<b>1999-2000</b>	21 037.1	12 520.1	11 505.6	4 637.2	5 783.8	1 570.0	999.2	3 474.1	<b>61 527.2</b>
<b>2000-01</b>	21 374.1	13 073.0	12 130.1	4 593.6	5 958.6	1 615.5	1 043.0	3 639.6	<b>63 427.3</b>
<b>2000</b>									
December	5 299.7	3 325.3	3 214.8	1 159.3	1 439.6	399.1	244.7	842.5	<b>15 925.1</b>
<b>2001</b>									
March	5 409.6	3 133.7	2 851.6	1 111.5	1 567.0	420.2	277.5	948.3	<b>15 719.3</b>
June	5 165.3	3 397.0	3 041.5	1 161.5	1 414.1	383.4	248.2	848.0	<b>15 658.9</b>
September	5 775.1	3 371.7	3 228.8	1 208.0	1 617.9	453.4	295.3	1 001.4	<b>16 951.6</b>
December	5 491.1	3 474.0	3 359.2	1 254.0	1 477.5	433.9	264.8	901.5	<b>16 655.9</b>
<b>2002</b>									
March	5 701.8	3 403.4	3 144.6	1 208.3	1 592.1	449.1	299.7	1 009.0	<b>16 807.8</b>

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, Level of government, Industry

Industry	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.....						GROSS EARNINGS
	November 2000	February 2001	May 2001	August 2001	November 2001	February 2002	March Qtr 2002
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m
<b>COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT</b>							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	—	—	—	* 0.1
Manufacturing	0.2	0.2	0.2	n.p.	0.7	1.0	16.1
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	11.2
Construction	—	—	—	—	—	—	* 0.1
Transport and storage	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Communication services	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Finance and insurance	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.3	50.3
Property and business services	15.1	15.3	15.6	14.9	15.0	15.0	224.0
Government administration and defence	112.2	112.8	115.3	141.9	164.7	116.2	1 535.1
Education	6.4	5.8	6.6	6.5	6.8	5.8	65.2
Health and community services	4.7	5.3	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.7	46.6
Cultural and recreational services	8.9	8.9	10.0	9.7	9.5	9.5	127.7
Personal and other services	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.9	59.7
<b>All industries(a)</b>	<b>245.8</b>	<b>243.8</b>	<b>248.5</b>	<b>273.0</b>	<b>295.5</b>	<b>246.0</b>	<b>3 354.0</b>
<b>STATE GOVERNMENT</b>							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4.8	5.0	5.5	4.0	4.0	4.1	47.4
Manufacturing	1.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	8.0
Electricity, gas and water supply	36.6	37.0	32.3	35.1	35.1	35.4	544.7
Construction	18.8	19.7	19.9	15.4	15.7	16.1	202.6
Transport and storage	38.1	35.7	35.9	35.7	35.5	35.7	472.6
Communication services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Finance and insurance	4.3	4.3	4.7	5.7	5.6	6.1	83.4
Property and business services	13.5	13.1	16.9	17.8	18.7	18.5	222.1
Government administration and defence	98.3	106.6	98.6	110.9	110.3	116.5	1 406.4
Education	444.6	392.5	442.3	446.4	449.4	392.8	4 266.9
Health and community services	308.1	311.2	318.7	308.4	311.9	314.3	3 427.3
Cultural and recreational services	19.7	19.1	19.7	21.9	22.5	22.4	223.2
Personal and other services	92.0	91.7	93.3	93.5	94.3	93.8	1 184.8
<b>All industries(a)</b>	<b>1 082.4</b>	<b>1 038.6</b>	<b>1 090.6</b>	<b>1 098.0</b>	<b>1 106.1</b>	<b>1 059.0</b>	<b>12 124.2</b>
<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	* 0.1	* 0.1	* 0.1	* 1.1
Manufacturing	0.3	0.3	0.4	n.p.	0.3	0.3	3.3
Electricity, gas and water supply	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.5	41.4
Construction	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.1	45.7
Transport and storage	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Communication services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Finance and insurance	* 0.1	* 0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	* 0.1	* 0.4
Property and business services	* 0.3	* 0.4	* 0.3	* 0.3	* 0.1	* 0.1	* 0.6
Government administration and defence	129.3	130.9	132.1	133.4	135.9	137.5	1 191.5
Education	* 0.1	* 0.1	0.1	0.1	* 0.1	0.1	0.4
Health and community services	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7	11.1
Cultural and recreational services	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.7	10.2
Personal and other services	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8	8.2
<b>All industries(a)</b>	<b>143.5</b>	<b>145.2</b>	<b>146.7</b>	<b>148.0</b>	<b>150.9</b>	<b>152.6</b>	<b>1 329.6</b>

(a) Includes employees classified to Mining, Wholesale trade, Retail trade and Accommodation, cafes and restaurants.

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, States &amp; territories, Industry

Industry	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.....						GROSS EARNINGS
	November 2000	February 2001	May 2001	August 2001	November 2001	February 2002	March Qtr 2002
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m
NEW SOUTH WALES							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1.6	1.7	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	* 28.5
Manufacturing	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	5.2
Electricity, gas and water supply	12.8	12.9	12.8	16.5	16.6	16.8	280.1
Construction	7.7	8.3	8.5	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Transport and storage	18.9	17.9	17.9	18.0	18.1	18.0	267.4
Communication services	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Finance and insurance	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.6	39.2
Property and business services	9.5	9.5	9.4	7.5	7.5	7.6	114.1
Government administration and defence	99.8	98.2	98.5	108.0	130.3	100.8	1 221.4
Education	132.0	109.5	129.9	129.1	133.9	111.2	1 397.5
Health and community services	110.5	111.4	112.5	113.5	114.1	115.5	1 287.9
Cultural and recreational services	9.6	9.7	10.1	9.9	9.6	10.1	131.9
Personal and other services	32.2	32.2	32.7	32.4	32.4	32.1	438.7
<i>All industries(a)</i>	467.8	443.7	466.4	474.9	502.2	451.0	5 701.8
VICTORIA							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manufacturing	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	—	0.5	5.5
Electricity, gas and water supply	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	47.1
Construction	2.3	2.3	2.3	—	0.2	0.2	0.9
Transport and storage	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	20.3
Communication services	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Finance and insurance	1.2	1.3	1.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	38.0
Property and business services	6.0	5.6	6.6	6.3	6.1	5.7	78.3
Government administration and defence	62.5	64.4	64.1	84.1	97.1	81.9	812.2
Education	105.0	94.6	109.3	109.8	109.9	101.2	951.1
Health and community services	76.3	78.5	81.8	69.4	71.7	69.9	750.6
Cultural and recreational services	6.0	6.5	7.0	6.3	7.2	7.0	58.7
Personal and other services	18.4	18.3	19.4	19.5	19.8	19.9	244.3
<i>All industries(a)</i>	309.4	302.7	323.0	328.4	345.0	320.4	3 403.4
QUEENSLAND							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.9	7.6
Manufacturing	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.3
Electricity, gas and water supply	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	9.9	147.2
Construction	11.4	10.9	10.9	10.9	11.0	11.1	111.1
Transport and storage	18.0	17.6	17.6	17.7	17.6	17.7	221.0
Communication services	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Finance and insurance	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.6	2.1	27.1
Property and business services	4.4	4.3	5.1	7.7	8.4	8.5	91.8
Government administration and defence	65.3	68.2	68.8	74.0	69.7	69.8	695.4
Education	91.2	86.9	91.2	91.5	91.2	81.9	786.1
Health and community services	50.9	51.2	54.1	53.8	54.2	57.3	626.2
Cultural and recreational services	3.7	2.8	3.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	43.6
Personal and other services	17.9	17.9	18.1	18.2	18.5	18.5	212.2
<i>All industries(a)</i>	292.8	288.9	294.7	303.4	300.5	294.8	3 144.6

(a) Includes employees classified to Mining, Wholesale trade, Retail trade and Accommodation, cafes and restaurants.

Industry	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.....						GROSS EARNINGS
	November 2000	February 2001	May 2001	August 2001	November 2001	February 2002	March Qtr 2002
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m
<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.3	2.6
Manufacturing	—	—	—	n.p.	0.7	0.7	12.0
Electricity, gas and water supply	1.8	1.8	1.8	n.p.	1.1	1.1	12.5
Construction	n.p.	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.8	19.7
Transport and storage	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	18.7
Communication services	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Finance and insurance	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	4.6
Property and business services	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	21.4
Government administration and defence	26.1	26.0	26.4	29.8	26.2	31.2	287.5
Education	36.4	33.6	35.5	36.2	36.8	31.7	378.0
Health and community services	27.7	27.7	28.0	28.8	28.9	28.9	272.6
Cultural and recreational services	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.6	2.8	2.2	19.3
Personal and other services	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.5	86.9
<i>All industries(a)</i>	113.8	111.0	113.5	118.5	114.8	114.1	1 208.3
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1.6	1.7	1.7	n.p.	n.p.	0.3	3.0
Manufacturing	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Electricity, gas and water supply	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Construction	1.3	1.2	1.2	n.p.	0.8	0.9	13.0
Transport and storage	2.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	18.3
Communication services	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Finance and insurance	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	9.4
Property and business services	2.7	2.7	4.4	4.7	4.8	4.8	59.4
Government administration and defence	30.6	37.6	31.0	31.8	30.1	29.7	319.3
Education	54.1	46.0	52.0	53.5	51.3	44.2	483.3
Health and community services	31.1	31.3	32.3	32.7	32.7	32.6	324.5
Cultural and recreational services	2.2	2.1	2.2	4.0	3.7	3.8	37.7
Personal and other services	13.4	13.2	13.4	13.5	13.5	13.6	163.1
<i>All industries(a)</i>	152.9	150.6	152.5	155.6	151.4	143.7	1 592.1
<b>TASMANIA</b>							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	7.0
Manufacturing	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Electricity, gas and water supply	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	27.2
Construction	n.p.	0.2	0.2	0.2	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Transport and storage	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	8.7
Communication services	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Finance and insurance	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	n.p.	n.p.
Property and business services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	7.2
Government administration and defence	8.7	8.7	8.9	10.0	8.9	8.3	90.5
Education	14.8	12.4	14.6	15.0	14.9	12.6	127.6
Health and community services	8.7	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.8	8.8	96.6
Cultural and recreational services	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	2.0	2.1	23.0
Personal and other services	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	36.8
<i>All industries(a)</i>	42.1	39.9	42.4	43.4	43.4	40.6	449.1

(a) Includes employees classified to Mining, Wholesale trade, Retail trade and Accommodation, cafes and restaurants.

Industry	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.....						GROSS EARNINGS
	November 2000	February 2001	May 2001	August 2001	November 2001	February 2002	March Qtr 2002
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manufacturing	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	—	0.5
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	10.8
Construction	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	0.3	3.7
Transport and storage	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	n.p.	n.p.
Communication services	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Finance and insurance	—	—	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Property and business services	0.8	* 0.8	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.1	15.4
Government administration and defence	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.7	7.2	7.2	73.9
Education	5.6	n.p.	5.5	5.8	5.9	5.5	69.9
Health and community services	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Cultural and recreational services	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	11.4
Personal and other services	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.3	31.8
<b>All industries(a)</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>299.7</b>
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY</b>							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manufacturing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electricity, gas and water supply	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Construction	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transport and storage	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Communication services	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Finance and insurance	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	10.4
Property and business services	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.6	58.9
Government administration and defence	39.7	40.2	41.1	40.9	41.4	41.2	632.8
Education	12.0	10.2	10.9	12.2	12.4	10.5	139.0
Health and community services	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Cultural and recreational services	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	35.5
Personal and other services	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.8	38.9
<b>All industries(a)</b>	<b>69.9</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>69.6</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>1 009.0</b>
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4.9	5.1	5.7	4.1	4.1	4.3	48.6
Manufacturing	1.8	1.2	1.3	2.0	1.8	2.2	27.3
Electricity, gas and water supply	40.3	40.7	36.1	38.9	39.2	39.5	597.3
Construction	24.1	24.9	25.0	20.6	21.0	21.2	248.3
Transport and storage	43.9	41.4	41.5	41.7	41.5	41.7	573.6
Communication services	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Finance and insurance	7.6	7.8	8.4	9.1	9.2	9.6	134.1
Property and business services	28.9	28.7	32.9	33.0	33.7	33.5	446.6
Government administration and defence	339.8	350.3	345.9	386.2	411.0	370.2	4 133.0
Education	451.1	398.3	449.0	453.1	456.3	398.7	4 332.5
Health and community services	314.3	317.9	326.8	316.4	320.0	322.7	3 485.0
Cultural and recreational services	29.8	29.2	31.0	33.1	33.7	33.6	361.1
Personal and other services	97.4	96.9	98.8	99.0	99.7	99.5	1 252.7
<b>All industries(a)</b>	<b>1 471.7</b>	<b>1 427.5</b>	<b>1 485.8</b>	<b>1 519.0</b>	<b>1 552.5</b>	<b>1 457.5</b>	<b>16 807.8</b>

(a) Includes employees classified to Mining, Wholesale trade, Retail trade and Accommodation, cafes and restaurants.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains estimates from the quarterly Survey of Employment and Earnings - Public Sector (SEE). The survey is designed to obtain, from employer units, information on numbers of wage and salary earners employed in the middle month of each quarter, and their total quarterly earnings. Commencing with the March quarter 2002 survey, information is collected for public sector employees only. Information for private sector employees was collected between the September quarter 1983 and the December quarter 2001 inclusive.

### SCOPE

**2** All public sector wage and salary earners who received pay in any pay period ending within the quarter were represented in the survey, except:

- members of the Australian permanent defence forces;
- employees of overseas embassies, consulates, etc.;
- employees based outside Australia;
- employees on workers' compensation who are not paid through the payroll; and
- directors and office holders of public sector enterprises who are not paid a salary.

### SURVEY METHODOLOGY AND DESIGN

**3** A sample of approximately 2,500 public sector employer units is selected from the ABS Business Register to ensure adequate state and industry representation. The survey is conducted by mail each quarter. Data for a number of Commonwealth, Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory government departments are collected electronically.

**4** The statistical unit for the survey comprises all activities of a public sector employer in a particular state or territory. Each statistical unit is classified to an industry which reflects the predominant activity of the organisation in the state or territory. See paragraphs 7 and 8 for more information on classification by industry.

**5** Information on the number of employees in the middle month of each quarter and total quarterly earnings is collected each quarter. Up until the December quarter 2001 the total number of employees was also collected for the first and third months of each quarter, as well as a split of full-time/part-time employees for the middle month of the quarter. Up until May 1996 the number of male and female employees was also collected.

**6** Statistical units are stratified by state, industry and number of employees. An equal probability sample is selected from each stratum.

### SURVEY DESIGN CHANGES

**7** From the March quarter 1997, the industrial classification used in the sample design of the SEE is the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification; for more details refer to *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 1993* (Cat. no. 1292.0). It replaced the Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC) previously used.

**8** A consequence of the introduction of ANZSIC is that in the March quarter 1997 there was a higher than normal proportion of newly selected units in the sample causing higher than normal standard errors on estimated December quarter 1996 to March quarter 1997 movements. Hence, caution should be used when comparing movements between these two quarters with movements between previous and subsequent quarters. For further information, including the recompilation of historical series on an ANZSIC basis, see paragraphs 10–15 of the Explanatory Notes in the March quarter 1997 issue of this publication.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### STANDARD INSTITUTIONAL SECTOR CLASSIFICATION

**9** Institutional units are classified by broad economic functions according to the Standard Institutional Sector Classification of Australia which is a key component of the general national accounting framework; for more details refer to *Standard Institutional Sector Classification of Australia (SISCA), 1987* (Cat. no. 1218.0). Data split by the SISCA classification are available on request.

### RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

**10** Estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors. For more information refer to the Technical Notes.

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

**11** Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular series. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variation. This means that quarter-to-quarter movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour.

**12** The quarterly series have been seasonally adjusted from September quarter 1983 and the historical series can be made available on request. The seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. Results from the most recent review, using original estimates to the December quarter 2001, were used to compile the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates in this publication.

**13** In previous reviews of seasonal factors, the original estimates of number of employees for each month of the quarter were used in the calculation of the seasonal factors. From March quarter 2002, the number of employees for the middle month of the quarter only is collected to form the quarterly series. Consequently, the latest review of seasonal factors has used the original estimates of employees for the middle month of each quarter, from September quarter 1983 to December quarter 2001. Therefore, previously published seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for the public sector will not be strictly comparable with those appearing in this publication.

**14** Details about the method of seasonal adjustment of these series are available on request.

## TREND ESTIMATES

**15** The ABS considers that trend estimates provide a more reliable guide to the underlying direction of the data, and are more suitable than either the seasonally adjusted or original estimates for most business decisions and policy advice.

**16** The trend estimates in this publication are for the middle month of the quarter. They are obtained by dampening out the irregular component from the seasonally adjusted quarterly series using a centred 7-term Henderson moving average. Estimates for the three most recent quarters cannot be calculated using this centred average method; instead an asymmetric average is used. This can lead to revisions in the trend estimates for the last three quarters as additional data become available. Revisions of trend estimates will also occur with revisions to the original data and re-estimation of seasonal adjustment factors.

**17** If a series is highly volatile then the trend estimates will be subject to greater revision for the latest few quarters as new data become available. However, it is important to note that this does not make the trend series inferior to the seasonally adjusted or original series.

**18** For more information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring Trends, an Overview* (Cat. no. 1348.0), or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on Canberra 02 6252 6345 or at <timeseries@abs.gov.au>.

**19** Two feature articles which have appeared in the ABS monthly publication *Australian Economic Indicators* (Cat. no. 1350.0) may also be of interest:

- Picking Turning Points in the Economy (April 1991); and
- Smarter Data Use (March 1992).

## INPUT INTO THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

**20** The SEE collects quarterly employee earnings for the public sector as one of the inputs in estimating the gross domestic product component of the Australian National Accounts. Prior to March quarter 2002 the SEE also collected these data for the private sector. From March quarter 2002 private sector data are collected in the Quarterly Economic Activity Survey and are published in *Business Indicators, Australia* (Cat. no. 5676.0).

## SUPPRESSION OF DATA

**21** Some data have been suppressed to prevent disclosure, either directly or by inference, of information relating to individual businesses. These data have been replaced by the symbol 'n.p.', but are included in totals.



## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

**22** Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request:

- *Business Indicators, Australia* (Cat. no. 5676.0)—issued 3 June 2002
- *Information Paper: Improvements in ABS Economic Statistics [Arising from The New Tax System], 2002* (Cat. no. 1372.0)—issued 6 May 2002
- *Information Paper: Improvements to Australian Bureau of Statistics Quarterly Business Indicators, 2001* (Cat. no. 5677.0)—issued 6 July 2001
- *Information Paper: Improvements to ABS Economic Statistics, 1997* (Cat. no. 1357.0)—issued 22 August 1997
- *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0)—issued monthly
- *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia* (Cat. no. 6302.0)—issued quarterly
- *Wage Cost Index, Australia* (Cat. no. 6345.0)—issued quarterly
- *Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia, Preliminary* (Cat. no. 6305.0)—issued biennially
- *Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia* (Cat. no. 6306.0)—issued biennially
- *Labour Statistics – Concepts, Sources and Methods 2001* (Cat. no. 6102.0)
- *Labour Force Projections, Australia, 1999–2016* (Cat. no. 6260.0)—issued 1 September 1999
- *Directory of Industrial Relations Statistics* (Cat. no. 1134.0)—issued 21 August 1997.

**23** Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS web site, <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> also issues daily a Release Advice which details products to be released in the week ahead. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office or the ABS web site.

### ABS DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

**24** As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant data available on request. Details of additional data available are shown in Special Data Service on page 21 of this publication.

### ROUNDING

**25** Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

### RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

**1** As the estimates in this publication are based on information relating to a sample of public sector employers rather than a full enumeration, they are subject to sampling variability. That is, they may differ from the estimates that would have been produced if the information had been obtained from all employers. This difference, called *sampling error*, should not be confused with inaccuracy that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents or in processing by the ABS. Such inaccuracy is referred to as *non-sampling error* and may occur in any enumeration whether it be a full count or a sample. Efforts have been made to reduce non-sampling error by careful design of questionnaires, detailed checking of returns and quality control of processing.

**2** The sampling error associated with any estimate can be estimated from the sample results. One measure of sampling error is given by the *standard error* which indicates the degree to which an estimate may vary from the value that would have been obtained from a full enumeration (the 'true' figure). There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate differs from the true value by less than one standard error, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

**3** If the standard error of an estimate is large relative to the size of the estimate, the usefulness of that estimate is seriously impaired. For the tables in this publication, estimates with standard errors greater than 25% of the estimate have been labelled with an asterisk.

**4** Standard errors of estimates of level, by industry and states and territories, are shown in table A.

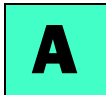
**5** Standard errors of estimates of movements provide a measure of the reliability of changes in the level of an estimate. Table A shows standard errors of movements in the level of estimates of employees for the public sector between the middle months of the most recent two quarters.

**6** An example of the use of standard error on levels is as follows. If the estimated number of employees was 1,400,000 with a standard error of 3,000, then there would be about two chances in three that a full enumeration would have given a figure in the range 1,397,000 to 1,403,000 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would be in the range 1,394,000 to 1,406,000.

**7** An example of the use of standard error on movements is as follows. If the estimated standard error for a quarterly change estimate of employees was 2,000 and the quarterly change estimate between two quarters was 10,000 persons, then there would be about two chances in three that a full enumeration would have given a quarterly change estimate in the range 8,000 to 12,000 persons and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would be in the range 6,000 to 14,000 persons.

**8** Quarterly movements in estimates of employees are considered to be statistically significant where they exceed two standard errors.

**9** Standard errors for earnings are approximately the same relative size as standard errors for the number of employees. Detailed standard errors are available on request.



## STANDARD ERRORS, Wage and Salary Earners

Industry	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
LEVEL									
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.5
Manufacturing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.2
Construction	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	0.1
Transport and storage	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.1
Communication services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Finance and insurance	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	0.1
Property and business services	0.1	0.3	0.1	—	—	—	0.1	0.1	0.3
Government administration and defence	0.9	0.4	2.8	2.2	0.5	—	0.2	0.2	3.8
Education	0.2	2.0	0.1	—	—	—	0.1	0.1	2.0
Health and community services	0.2	0.3	1.0	0.1	0.1	—	—	—	1.1
Cultural and recreational services	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.1	—	—	—	—	0.7
Personal and other services	—	0.6	—	—	0.5	—	—	—	0.7
<b>All industries(a)</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>4.6</b>
QUARTERLY MOVEMENT									
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.1
Manufacturing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electricity, gas and water supply	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.1
Construction	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transport and storage	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Communication services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Finance and insurance	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.1	0.1
Property and business services	0.1	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.2
Government administration and defence	0.4	5.9	1.5	2.1	0.1	—	0.2	0.1	6.4
Education	0.2	2.8	0.1	—	0.1	—	0.1	—	2.8
Health and community services	0.1	0.3	0.4	—	—	—	—	—	0.5
Cultural and recreational services	0.1	0.3	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	0.3
Personal and other services	—	0.1	—	—	0.2	—	—	—	0.2
<b>All industries(a)</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>7.1</b>
ANNUAL MOVEMENT									
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.5
Manufacturing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.2
Construction	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transport and storage	—	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.1
Communication services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Finance and insurance	0.1	—	0.1	0.1	—	—	—	—	0.1
Property and business services	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	—	0.3	0.1	0.5
Government administration and defence	1.1	0.5	3.2	2.2	0.5	—	0.3	0.3	4.2
Education	0.2	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	—	0.1	0.1	1.3
Health and community services	0.2	0.7	1.0	0.1	0.1	—	—	—	1.2
Cultural and recreational services	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.1	—	0.1	—	—	0.9
Personal and other services	0.1	0.2	—	—	0.5	—	—	—	0.5
<b>All industries(a)</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>4.7</b>

(a) Includes employees classified to Mining, Wholesale trade, Retail trade and Accommodation, cafes and restaurants.

## SPECIAL DATA SERVICE

### INTRODUCTION

As well as the statistics included in this publication, other data are available from the Survey of Employment and Earnings on request. These data can be produced for clients as customised reports. The variables are listed below.

### HOW TO PLACE AN ORDER

Firstly, determine the population and the variables (see following) that you require estimates for. A covering letter indicating these requirements and the intended uses of the data requested should be addressed to:

Labour Employer Statistics Section  
Australian Bureau of Statistics  
GPO Box K881  
PERTH WA 6842

### CONTACT OFFICER

If you wish to discuss individual requests, especially in regard to the reliability of estimates for particular cross-classifications and the charges involved, please telephone Naomi Summers on Perth 08 9360 5141.

### VARIABLES

The following variables are available from this survey (subject to the reliability of the estimates. The more variables included in any one tabulation the more likely it is that confidentiality provisions associated with the data will be invoked and some data suppressed):

Employees	Persons, available by mid-month of each quarter (previously available by month until December 2001). Full-time/Part-time (available until November 2001, and only by mid-month of quarter)
Gross earnings (available by quarter)	Gross wages and salaries Severance, termination and redundancy payments Fees paid to directors and office holders
Sector	Private sector (available until December 2001) Public sector
Level of government	Commonwealth government State government Local government
Public institutional sector (SISCA)	Public trading enterprises Public financial enterprises General government
Sex	Males/females (available until May 1996, and only by mid-month of quarter)
Industry (ANZSIC classification)	ANZSIC Division (1-digit code—as shown in this publication) ANZSIC Sub-division (2-digit code) ANZSIC Group (3-digit code) ANZSIC Class (4-digit code)
Employer unit size (private sector available up to November 2001)	Any user specified range (e.g. Under 20 employees; 20–49 employees; 50–99 employees) Ranges can overlap and do not have to cover the complete range.

## G L O S S A R Y

<b>Commonwealth government employees</b>	Employees of all departments, agencies and authorities created by or reporting to the Commonwealth Parliament. Those bodies run jointly by the Commonwealth government and state governments are classified to Commonwealth.
<b>Employer units</b>	Employer units are the statistical units which make up the population from which the sample was drawn (see paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes).
<b>General government enterprises</b>	Public sector enterprises mainly engaged in the production of goods and services, outside the normal market mechanisms, providing these goods and services to the general public. The cost of operations is often financed from public revenues (e.g. government departments).
<b>Gross earnings</b>	Payments to employees before tax and other items (such as superannuation) are deducted. They comprise amounts paid from interstate or overseas; ordinary time and overtime earnings; over-award payments; penalty payments, shift and other remunerative allowances; commissions and retainers; bonuses and similar payments; payments under incentive or piecework; payments under profit-sharing schemes; leave loadings; annual and long service leave payments; sick leave payments; advance and retrospective payments; salaries and fees paid to directors, members of boards, committees, commissions, councils, etc.; amounts paid to employees on workers' compensation who continue to be paid through the payroll; and severance, termination and redundancy payments.
<b>Industry</b>	Industry is classified according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (see paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Explanatory Notes).
<b>Institutional sector</b>	Institutional sector is classified according to the Standard Institutional Sector Classification of Australia (see paragraph 9 of the Explanatory Notes).
<b>Local government employees</b>	Employees of municipalities and shires and other local authorities created by or subject to the provisions of local government legislation, such as county councils in New South Wales.
<b>Number of employees</b>	<p>All public sector wage and salary earners who received pay for any part of the relevant pay period, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ permanent, temporary, casual, managerial and executive employees;</li> <li>▪ part-time and casual employees who may have received pay for only a few hours during the reference period; and</li> <li>▪ employees on paid leave and those on workers' compensation who continue to be paid through the payroll.</li> </ul> <p>Casual employees who work on an irregular basis and who were not paid for the relevant pay period, employees on leave without pay, on strike or stood down without pay for the whole of the pay period are excluded.</p>
<b>Public financial enterprises</b>	Public sector enterprises actively involved in financial market transactions such as borrowing and lending. Excluded are those public bodies whose funds flow directly to or from general government revenue.
<b>Public sector employees</b>	Administrative employees and all other employees of Commonwealth, State and Local government businesses and financial undertakings engaged in services and activities such as railways, road transport, banks, postal and telecommunications, education, radio, television, police, public works, factories, marketing authorities, hospitals and welfare institutions.

## GLOSSARY *continued*

<b>Public trading enterprises</b>	Public sector enterprises predominantly engaged in the production of goods and services with an intention of maximising profits and financial returns with most operating costs being derived from trading activities.
<b>Reference period for earnings</b>	All pay periods which end within the quarter.
<b>Reference period for the number of employees</b>	The last pay period ending on or before the third Friday of the middle month of the quarter.
<b>State government employees</b>	Employees of all state government departments and authorities created by, or reporting to, state parliaments, including organisations for which the Commonwealth has assumed financial responsibility. Following self-government, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory administrations have been classified to state governments. Employees of state governments employed interstate are included in the estimates of the state in which they are based.



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