

BUILDING APPROVALS

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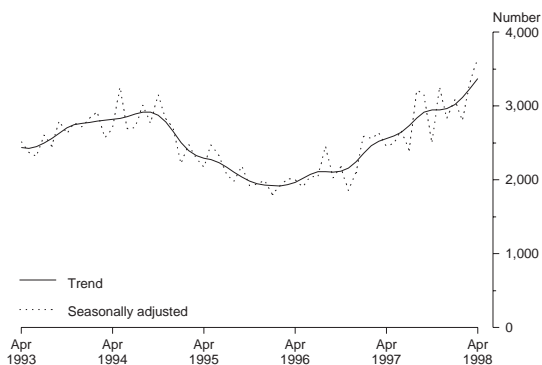
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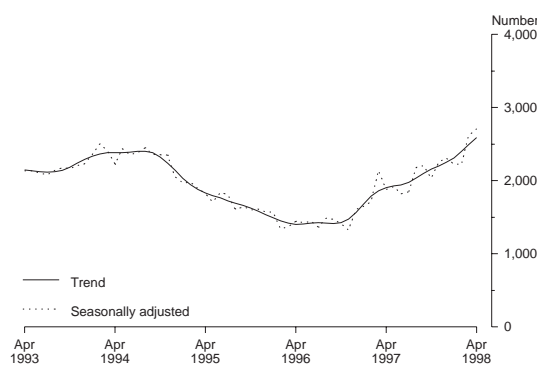
NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

	April 1997	March 1998	April 1998	April 1997 to April 1998 change	March 1998 to April 1998 change
Original series	2,537	3,546	3,313	30.6%	-6.6%
Seasonally adjusted	2,460	3,304	3,648	48.3%	10.4%
Trend estimate	2,560	3,235	3,372	31.7%	4.2%

TOTAL DWELLING UNITS APPROVED



PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSES APPROVED



Residential building

- The trend for the total number of dwelling units approved increased 4.2% in April and has risen 31.7% over the last year.
- The trend for private sector houses increased by 3.8% this month and is 35.6% higher than April 1997. Growth will continue unless the seasonally adjusted estimate for May falls by more than 20.7% (nearly four times the average monthly movement).
- In original terms there were 3,313 dwelling units approved during April, comprising 2,507 houses and 757 other residential dwelling units. The Melbourne Statistical Division contributed 1,860 houses and 682 other residential dwelling units.
- In average 1989–90 prices the value of new residential building approved in the March quarter was \$894.3 million, a decrease of 0.7% on the previous quarter, but a 30.2% increase on the March quarter 1997.

Non-residential building

- The value of non-residential building approved in April was \$302.7 million. The largest contributor to this total was Other business premises (\$78.6 million), with one public sector job in this category accounting for \$35 million. Other major categories were Offices (\$54.5 million), Shops (\$54.4 million) and Educational (\$32.0 million).
- There were 10 building jobs valued at \$5 million and over and 50 jobs valued between \$1 million and \$5 million.
- In average 1989–90 prices the value of non-residential building approved in the March quarter was \$686.5 million, a decrease of 39.8% on the previous quarter and 28.1% lower than the March quarter 1997.

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RELIABILITY OF CONTEMPORARY TREND ESTIMATES

The tables below present trend estimates of selected building approvals series for the six months November 1997 to April 1998.

Analysis of building approvals series has shown that the original series can be volatile and that the initial estimates of a month's trend value can be revised substantially. In particular, some months can elapse before a turning point in the trend series is identified reliably. Generally, the size of revisions to the trend estimates will tend to be larger with greater volatility of the original series. Revisions to trend estimates will also occur with revisions to original data and re-estimation of seasonal adjustment factors. See paragraphs 19 and 20 of the Explanatory Notes for a more detailed explanation.

To illustrate the possible impact of future months' observations on the trend estimates for the latest months, the tables show the revisions to the trend estimates which would result if the movements in the seasonally adjusted estimates for next month (May 1998) were to equal the average monthly percentage change (regardless of sign) in the series over the last ten years.

For example, if the seasonally adjusted estimate for the number of private sector houses approved (the first table) were to increase by 6% in May 1998, the trend estimate for that month would be 2,756, a movement of 3.8%. The monthly movements in the trend estimates for February, March and April 1998 which are currently estimated to be 3.7%, 3.9% and 3.8% respectively, would be revised to 4.5%, 5.0% and 4.8%. On the other hand, a 6% seasonally adjusted decline in the number of private sector houses approved in May 1998 would produce a trend estimate for that month of 2,630, a movement of 2.3%, with the movements in the trend estimates for February, March and April 1998, being revised to 3.7%, 3.7% and 3.3% respectively.

NUMBER OF PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSES APPROVED RELIABILITY OF TREND ESTIMATES

	Trend estimate		Revised trend estimate if May 1998 seasonally adjusted estimate			
			is up 6% on April 1998		is down 6% on April 1998	
	No.	% change on previous month	No.	% change on previous month	No.	% change on previous month
1997—						
November	2,202	2.0	2,197	1.8	2,203	2.0
December	2,249	2.1	2,240	2.0	2,251	2.2
1998—						
January	2,314	2.9	2,309	3.1	2,314	2.8
February	2,400	3.7	2,413	4.5	2,399	3.7
March	2,494	3.9	2,533	5.0	2,488	3.7
April	2,588	3.8	2,655	4.8	2,571	3.3
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	2,756	3.8	2,630	2.3

TOTAL NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS APPROVED RELIABILITY OF TREND ESTIMATES

	Trend estimate		Revised trend estimate if May 1998 seasonally adjusted estimate			
			is up 8% on April 1998		is down 8% on April 1998	
	No.	% change on previous month	No.	% change on previous month	No.	% change on previous month
1997—						
November	2,951	0.1	2,941	-0.2	2,952	0.2
December	2,968	0.6	2,949	0.3	2,968	0.6
1998—						
January	3,022	1.8	3,012	2.1	3,022	1.8
February	3,118	3.2	3,147	4.5	3,122	3.3
March	3,235	3.8	3,321	5.5	3,238	3.7
April	3,372	4.2	3,510	5.7	3,353	3.6
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	3,657	4.2	3,420	2.0

TABLE 1. DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

Period	New houses			New other residential buildings			Conversions, etc.	Total (a)		
	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total		Private sector	Public sector	Total
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION (b)										
1994-95	17,816	307	18,123	3,100	581	3,681	1,330	22,240	894	23,134
1995-96	12,690	345	13,035	2,986	723	3,709	617	16,275	1,086	17,361
1996-97	13,708	136	13,844	5,940	311	6,251	1,189	20,783	501	21,284
1996-97 July-April	10,915	136	11,051	5,026	284	5,310	819	16,750	430	17,180
1997-98 July-April	16,375	178	16,553	5,574	328	5,902	741	22,689	507	23,196
1997—										
February	1,110	4	1,114	626	5	631	223	1,959	9	1,968
March	1,367	12	1,379	481	—	481	36	1,876	20	1,896
April	1,396	20	1,416	427	36	463	76	1,898	57	1,955
May	1,469	—	1,469	494	23	517	70	2,033	23	2,056
June	1,324	—	1,324	420	4	424	300	2,000	48	2,048
July	1,519	3	1,522	479	35	514	25	2,023	38	2,061
August	1,679	3	1,682	789	75	864	55	2,522	79	2,601
September	1,737	17	1,754	415	40	455	222	2,374	57	2,431
October	1,507	47	1,554	295	30	325	64	1,866	77	1,943
November	1,693	24	1,717	757	47	804	52	2,502	71	2,573
December	1,610	55	1,665	462	16	478	60	2,132	71	2,203
1998—										
January	1,387	14	1,401	468	9	477	74	1,929	23	1,952
February	1,531	10	1,541	501	15	516	65	2,097	25	2,122
March	1,852	5	1,857	781	6	787	77	2,710	11	2,721
April	1,860	—	1,860	627	55	682	47	2,534	55	2,589
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1994-95	25,284	601	25,885	3,225	808	4,033	1,347	29,849	1,416	31,265
1995-96	18,425	464	18,889	3,218	937	4,155	663	22,277	1,430	23,707
1996-97	19,593	212	19,805	6,421	384	6,805	1,240	27,197	653	27,850
1996-97 July-April	15,772	194	15,966	5,422	354	5,776	864	22,045	561	22,606
1997-98 July-April	22,334	303	22,637	5,892	530	6,422	768	28,993	834	29,827
1997—										
February	1,609	10	1,619	665	7	672	225	2,499	17	2,516
March	1,895	12	1,907	512	—	512	37	2,436	20	2,456
April	1,926	29	1,955	454	48	502	80	2,459	78	2,537
May	2,004	11	2,015	561	26	587	74	2,639	37	2,676
June	1,817	7	1,824	438	4	442	302	2,513	55	2,568
July	2,050	3	2,053	513	39	552	27	2,590	42	2,632
August	2,262	4	2,266	822	75	897	57	3,140	80	3,220
September	2,379	34	2,413	445	79	524	225	3,049	113	3,162
October	2,190	58	2,248	315	54	369	64	2,569	112	2,681
November	2,300	39	2,339	783	71	854	54	3,137	110	3,247
December	2,173	61	2,234	502	29	531	65	2,740	90	2,830
1998—										
January	1,788	22	1,810	517	35	552	77	2,382	57	2,439
February	2,095	50	2,145	525	21	546	66	2,686	71	2,757
March	2,591	31	2,622	822	18	840	84	3,497	49	3,546
April	2,506	1	2,507	648	109	757	49	3,203	110	3,313

(a) Includes Conversions, etc. See paragraphs 11-13 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) As a result of minor changes to the Melbourne Statistical Division boundary, data for the periods prior to July 1995 are not strictly comparable to data for periods from July 1995 onwards.

TABLE 2. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED
(\$ million)

Period	New residential building									Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building	
	Houses			Other residential buildings			Total				Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total					
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION (a)														
1994-95	1,732.4	23.5	1,755.9	380.7	46.4	427.0	2,113.1	69.8	2,182.9	571.9	1,072.3	1,655.8	3,749.0	4,410.6
1995-96	1,315.8	32.6	1,348.4	308.5	53.9	362.4	1,624.3	86.5	1,710.8	467.2	1,352.5	1,934.5	3,422.5	4,112.5
1996-97	1,572.3	16.6	1,588.9	610.8	19.2	630.0	2,183.1	35.8	2,218.9	592.3	1,527.1	2,303.0	4,276.6	5,114.1
1996-97														
July-April	1,245.4	16.6	1,262.0	481.4	17.8	499.1	1,726.7	34.4	1,761.1	469.0	1,317.7	1,815.0	3,491.6	4,045.1
1997-98														
July-April	1,881.3	15.7	1,897.0	591.2	23.3	614.5	2,472.5	39.0	2,511.5	571.3	1,833.6	2,153.4	4,834.8	5,236.2
1997—														
February	131.2	0.4	131.5	57.2	0.2	57.4	188.4	0.6	189.0	65.0	140.2	272.0	390.7	525.9
March	157.0	1.2	158.2	38.2	—	38.2	195.1	1.2	196.3	50.7	150.7	184.1	395.1	431.1
April	162.8	2.9	165.7	36.6	2.9	39.5	199.4	5.8	205.2	51.8	129.6	156.8	378.5	413.9
May	171.8	—	171.8	70.1	1.2	71.3	241.9	1.2	243.2	49.0	106.4	136.6	395.2	428.8
June	155.1	—	155.1	59.4	0.2	59.5	214.5	0.2	214.6	74.2	103.0	351.4	389.8	640.2
July	177.4	0.2	177.6	39.5	1.8	41.3	216.9	1.9	218.9	51.1	132.1	176.2	398.9	446.2
August	185.8	0.2	186.0	67.8	7.2	75.0	253.7	7.4	261.1	54.2	122.8	142.0	429.4	457.3
September	198.5	1.3	199.8	40.6	2.5	43.1	239.1	3.8	242.9	68.5	173.5	192.1	478.1	503.6
October	175.7	4.2	179.9	27.6	2.8	30.4	203.3	7.0	210.3	69.0	180.0	238.3	444.2	517.6
November	191.4	2.1	193.4	100.3	2.9	103.2	291.7	4.9	296.6	49.1	195.8	213.6	533.8	559.3
December	182.1	5.1	187.3	50.0	1.0	50.9	232.1	6.1	238.2	43.6	440.7	450.6	713.7	732.3
1998—														
January	155.4	1.0	156.5	75.3	0.5	75.7	230.7	1.5	232.2	44.2	174.2	203.1	444.8	479.5
February	174.5	1.2	175.7	45.2	0.8	45.9	219.7	2.0	221.6	56.1	137.7	165.8	408.6	443.4
March	219.0	0.4	219.4	69.3	0.3	69.7	288.3	0.7	289.0	69.3	104.0	117.6	454.7	475.9
April	221.5	—	221.5	75.6	3.6	79.2	297.1	3.6	300.7	66.1	172.9	254.2	528.5	621.0
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1994-95	2,383.4	41.9	2,425.3	388.8	59.9	448.7	2,772.2	101.8	2,874.0	685.1	1,274.7	1,975.2	4,717.5	5,534.3
1995-96	1,845.2	42.2	1,887.4	325.9	66.4	392.3	2,171.1	108.7	2,279.7	590.1	1,721.6	2,452.4	4,448.5	5,322.3
1996-97	2,149.1	22.8	2,171.9	644.3	23.8	668.1	2,793.3	46.6	2,839.9	728.5	1,879.7	2,839.8	5,366.9	6,408.2
1996-97														
July-April	1,721.3	21.5	1,742.8	508.7	22.3	531.0	2,230.0	43.8	2,273.8	581.4	1,623.7	2,279.4	4,405.8	5,134.5
1997-98														
July-April	2,494.2	26.9	2,521.1	616.8	35.2	652.0	3,111.0	62.2	3,173.2	697.4	2,097.1	2,559.3	5,850.8	6,429.8
1997—														
February	179.6	0.8	180.4	60.1	0.3	60.4	239.7	1.1	240.8	76.8	173.1	359.4	485.7	677.0
March	209.8	1.2	211.0	40.0	—	40.0	249.8	1.2	251.0	63.1	180.8	225.1	492.1	539.2
April	216.3	3.8	220.0	38.2	3.5	41.8	254.5	7.3	261.8	63.5	202.0	237.0	517.3	562.3
May	224.1	0.9	225.0	74.8	1.4	76.2	298.9	2.2	301.1	62.5	135.6	178.3	493.9	541.9
June	203.7	0.4	204.1	60.8	0.2	61.0	264.5	0.6	265.0	84.6	120.3	382.1	467.1	731.8
July	233.4	0.2	233.5	42.1	2.2	44.3	275.5	2.3	277.8	62.9	161.6	227.9	497.8	568.6
August	245.7	0.5	246.2	70.3	7.2	77.5	316.0	7.7	323.7	65.7	159.5	184.5	539.1	573.9
September	264.7	2.5	267.3	42.9	4.6	47.5	307.6	7.2	314.8	83.6	209.9	242.2	597.3	640.6
October	244.0	5.0	249.1	29.8	4.2	34.0	273.8	9.2	283.0	84.4	204.8	279.2	554.6	646.7
November	252.7	3.3	256.0	101.9	4.2	106.1	354.6	7.5	362.1	60.1	213.5	247.3	624.9	669.5
December	240.6	6.2	246.8	52.9	1.7	54.6	293.5	7.9	301.4	55.6	456.7	470.2	800.2	827.2
1998—														
January	197.3	1.8	199.1	80.7	1.9	82.6	278.0	3.7	281.7	56.7	201.7	234.1	529.3	572.6
February	231.7	4.9	236.6	46.8	1.1	47.9	278.5	6.0	284.6	67.3	158.3	222.6	497.6	574.5
March	297.2	2.4	299.6	72.4	1.0	73.4	369.6	3.4	373.0	83.1	129.9	148.5	574.8	604.6
April	286.8	0.1	286.9	77.0	7.1	84.1	363.8	7.2	371.0	77.8	201.2	302.7	635.1	751.5

(a) As a result of minor changes to the Melbourne Statistical Division boundary, data for the periods prior to July 1995 are not strictly comparable to data for periods from July 1995 onwards.

**TABLE 3. NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES (a)**

Period	Number of dwelling units (b)				Value (\$m)	
	Houses		Total		New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential buildings
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total		
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED						
1997—						
February	1,711	1,726	2,546	2,563	247.4	80.0
March	2,144	2,158	2,591	2,638	302.7	64.1
April	1,884	1,905	2,420	2,460	255.9	63.7
May	1,924	1,935	2,461	2,502	281.5	57.5
June	1,820	1,825	2,609	2,672	273.9	91.8
July	1,850	1,853	2,354	2,397	244.4	61.9
August	2,186	2,191	3,118	3,215	343.5	69.6
September	2,207	2,257	3,050	3,157	302.2	79.6
October	2,032	2,097	2,346	2,497	252.2	69.6
November	2,257	2,277	3,182	3,265	371.9	60.0
December	2,315	2,364	2,711	2,835	297.1	59.4
1998—						
January	2,230	2,281	3,033	3,088	325.1	68.5
February	2,224	2,305	2,728	2,803	292.2	70.1
March	2,621	2,659	3,270	3,304	384.0	77.7
April	2,715	2,716	3,554	3,648	403.1	80.5
TREND ESTIMATES						
1997—						
February	1,789	1,817	2,426	2,461	249.5	64.2
March	1,865	1,889	2,487	2,523	263.4	66.8
April	1,909	1,924	2,522	2,560	272.5	68.6
May	1,929	1,938	2,549	2,594	277.0	69.9
June	1,945	1,954	2,592	2,648	279.8	71.2
July	1,980	1,994	2,662	2,735	284.2	72.0
August	2,038	2,059	2,748	2,838	292.0	71.9
September	2,103	2,133	2,811	2,916	299.9	70.3
October	2,159	2,200	2,836	2,947	305.4	67.6
November	2,202	2,250	2,844	2,951	309.6	65.7
December	2,249	2,300	2,872	2,968	315.9	65.9
1998—						
January	2,314	2,364	2,939	3,022	326.0	67.6
February	2,400	2,446	3,046	3,118	340.5	70.4
March	2,493	2,533	3,170	3,235	357.4	73.7
April	2,588	2,621	3,312	3,372	374.4	77.5

(a) See paragraphs 17-24 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes Conversions, etc. See paragraphs 11-13 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 4. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES (a)
(\$ million)

Period	New residential building				Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building	
	Houses		Other residential buildings	Total		Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
	Private sector	Total							
1994-95	2,220.4	2,259.3	544.0	2,803.3	638.0	1,564.4	2,423.6	4,960.2	5,864.9
1995-96	1,692.9	1,731.6	465.7	2,197.3	541.2	2,072.3	2,951.9	4,745.1	5,690.4
1996-97	1,960.3	1,981.1	781.2	2,762.3	664.5	2,219.5	3,350.5	5,663.8	6,777.4
1996— Dec. qtr.	441.2	445.0	156.3	601.4	153.6	580.6	847.5	1,338.4	1,602.5
1997— Mar. qtr.	490.1	497.2	189.9	687.1	173.1	639.2	955.1	1,509.0	1,815.4
June qtr.	585.8	590.4	206.7	797.2	191.6	533.9	929.8	1,530.3	1,918.6
Sept. qtr.	676.6	679.5	193.4	872.9	193.0	612.7	755.4	1,676.2	1,821.4
Dec. qtr.	667.6	680.7	220.3	901.0	181.2	1,000.5	1,139.8	2,068.8	2,222.0
1998— Mar. qtr.	657.0	665.2	229.0	894.3	187.4	555.9	686.5	1,626.0	1,768.2

(a) Constant price estimates are subject to revision each quarter as more up to date information on prices and commodity compositions becomes available.

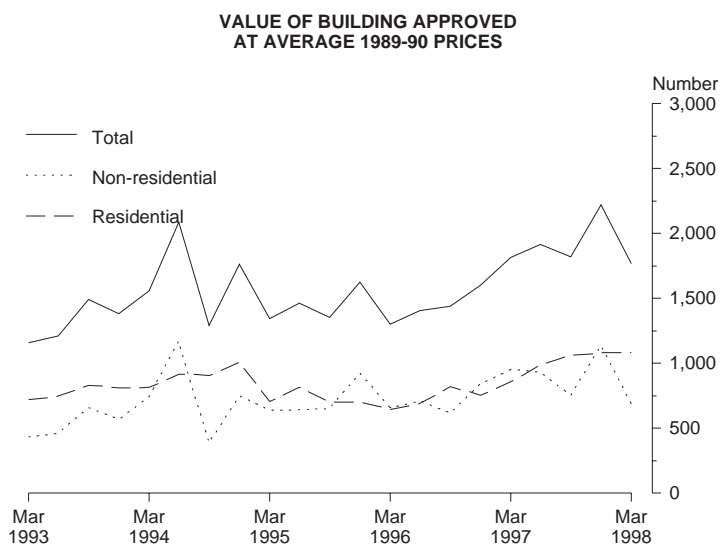


TABLE 5. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND OWNERSHIP
(\$ million)

Class of building	1995-96	1996-97	July-April		1998		
			1996-97	1997-98	February	March	April
PRIVATE SECTOR							
New houses	1,845.2	2,149.1	1,721.3	2,494.2	231.7	297.2	286.8
New other residential buildings	325.9	644.3	508.7	616.8	46.8	72.4	77.0
<i>Total new residential building</i>	<i>2,171.1</i>	<i>2,793.3</i>	<i>2,230.0</i>	<i>3,111.0</i>	<i>278.5</i>	<i>369.6</i>	<i>363.8</i>
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	555.8	693.9	552.1	642.7	60.7	75.2	70.0
Hotels, etc.	135.2	156.0	135.8	214.9	14.6	8.2	1.5
Shops	365.0	372.9	318.7	360.2	17.4	32.4	54.3
Factories	227.6	352.5	308.1	204.1	20.2	14.0	16.1
Offices	301.0	277.7	224.6	315.0	46.2	24.6	51.0
Other business premises	265.1	336.3	302.4	293.1	21.7	25.6	33.4
Educational	80.6	72.7	59.1	87.5	8.0	5.2	15.5
Religious	7.5	15.4	12.0	15.6	0.8	1.3	1.9
Health	68.6	127.6	112.7	94.7	13.8	1.5	11.9
Entertainment and recreational	136.2	47.1	42.3	428.2	3.3	4.7	6.0
Miscellaneous	134.7	121.5	108.1	83.9	12.1	12.3	9.5
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>1,721.6</i>	<i>1,879.7</i>	<i>1,623.7</i>	<i>2,097.1</i>	<i>158.3</i>	<i>129.9</i>	<i>201.2</i>
Total	4,448.5	5,366.9	4,405.8	5,850.8	497.6	574.8	635.1
PUBLIC SECTOR							
New houses	42.2	22.8	21.5	26.9	4.9	2.4	0.1
New other residential buildings	66.4	23.8	22.3	35.2	1.1	1.0	7.1
<i>Total new residential building</i>	<i>108.7</i>	<i>46.6</i>	<i>43.8</i>	<i>62.2</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>7.2</i>
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	34.3	34.6	29.3	54.7	6.6	7.9	7.8
Hotels, etc.	1.2	1.7	1.2	0.9	0.3	—	0.4
Shops	25.5	18.3	17.8	5.6	—	—	0.1
Factories	3.0	21.3	20.5	3.0	—	0.5	—
Offices	118.0	126.9	112.4	38.7	3.0	1.6	3.5
Other business premises	75.7	64.7	7.1	76.8	10.7	2.9	45.2
Educational	284.3	338.6	163.6	124.1	12.6	3.6	16.5
Religious	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health	68.0	130.2	126.1	124.1	9.3	2.7	14.0
Entertainment and recreational	115.3	43.2	36.0	33.4	2.5	3.7	8.0
Miscellaneous	39.9	215.1	170.9	55.6	25.8	3.5	14.0
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>730.8</i>	<i>960.1</i>	<i>655.6</i>	<i>462.2</i>	<i>64.3</i>	<i>18.6</i>	<i>101.5</i>
Total	873.8	1,041.3	728.7	579.0	76.9	29.9	116.5
TOTAL							
New houses	1,887.4	2,171.9	1,742.8	2,521.1	236.6	299.6	286.9
New other residential buildings	392.3	668.1	531.0	652.0	47.9	73.4	84.1
<i>Total new residential building</i>	<i>2,279.7</i>	<i>2,839.9</i>	<i>2,273.8</i>	<i>3,173.2</i>	<i>284.6</i>	<i>373.0</i>	<i>371.0</i>
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	590.1	728.5	581.4	697.4	67.3	83.1	77.8
Hotels, etc.	136.4	157.7	137.0	215.7	15.0	8.2	1.9
Shops	390.4	391.1	336.5	365.9	17.4	32.4	54.4
Factories	230.6	373.8	328.6	207.1	20.2	14.5	16.1
Offices	419.0	404.7	337.0	353.7	49.2	26.2	54.5
Other business premises	340.8	401.1	309.4	369.9	32.4	28.6	78.6
Educational	364.9	411.3	222.7	211.5	20.6	8.8	32.0
Religious	7.5	15.4	12.0	15.6	0.8	1.3	1.9
Health	136.6	257.8	238.7	218.8	23.1	4.3	25.9
Entertainment and recreational	251.5	90.2	78.3	461.6	5.9	8.5	14.0
Miscellaneous	174.6	336.6	279.0	139.5	37.9	15.8	23.5
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>2,452.4</i>	<i>2,839.8</i>	<i>2,279.4</i>	<i>2,559.3</i>	<i>222.6</i>	<i>148.5</i>	<i>302.7</i>
Total	5,322.3	6,408.2	5,134.5	6,429.8	574.5	604.6	751.5

TABLE 6. NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING JOBS APPROVED, BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND VALUE SIZE GROUPS

Period	\$50,000 to less than \$200,000		\$200,000 to less than \$500,000		\$500,000 to less than \$1m		\$1m to less than \$5m		\$5m and over		Total	
	No.	Value (\$m)	No.	Value (\$m)	No.	Value (\$m)	No.	Value (\$m)	No.	Value (\$m)	No.	Value (\$m)
HOTELS, ETC.												
1998 February	6	0.7	5	1.3	2	1.5	2	5.9	1	5.5	16	15.0
March	2	0.3	4	1.2	2	1.4	3	5.3	—	—	11	8.2
April	3	0.3	3	0.9	1	0.7	—	—	—	—	7	1.9
SHOPS												
1998 February	49	4.3	11	3.4	4	2.9	4	6.9	—	—	68	17.4
March	55	5.1	13	3.7	8	5.3	3	5.4	1	13.0	80	32.4
April	54	5.1	15	4.8	9	5.9	16	32.7	1	5.9	95	54.4
FACTORIES												
1998 February	26	2.9	23	7.1	5	3.4	5	6.8	—	—	59	20.2
March	21	2.4	25	6.9	8	5.1	—	—	—	—	54	14.5
April	19	2.0	11	3.9	6	4.6	3	5.7	—	—	39	16.1
OFFICES												
1998 February	57	5.8	19	5.5	9	6.2	11	25.2	1	6.5	97	49.2
March	45	4.0	22	6.2	6	4.4	5	11.5	—	—	78	26.2
April	61	6.5	22	6.2	11	6.6	5	14.7	1	20.4	100	54.5
OTHER BUSINESS PREMISES												
1998 February	24	2.2	16	4.5	5	3.5	7	12.8	1	9.5	53	32.4
March	35	3.5	18	5.6	12	8.2	6	11.2	—	—	71	28.6
April	23	2.5	13	4.0	8	5.8	4	8.9	4	57.3	52	78.6
EDUCATIONAL												
1998 February	9	1.0	10	3.0	6	4.5	3	6.4	1	5.6	29	20.6
March	10	1.1	8	2.5	3	2.5	1	2.7	—	—	22	8.8
April	15	1.3	11	3.4	3	2.2	5	10.7	2	14.4	36	32.0
RELIGIOUS												
1998 February	2	0.2	2	0.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	0.8
March	3	0.3	3	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1.3
April	2	0.2	1	0.3	—	—	1	1.5	—	—	4	1.9
HEALTH												
1998 February	7	0.7	4	1.5	1	0.5	8	20.5	—	—	20	23.1
March	7	0.6	3	1.1	1	0.6	1	2.0	—	—	12	4.3
April	12	1.1	6	1.7	—	—	7	17.4	1	5.7	26	25.9
ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATIONAL												
1998 February	8	0.8	5	1.7	6	3.4	—	—	—	—	19	5.9
March	8	0.8	6	1.6	4	2.8	2	3.3	—	—	20	8.5
April	13	1.4	6	1.6	2	1.5	5	9.5	—	—	26	14.0
MISCELLANEOUS												
1998 February	8	0.8	5	1.3	1	0.8	1	2.4	2	32.7	17	37.9
March	21	1.8	8	2.6	5	3.5	1	2.0	1	5.9	36	15.8
April	26	2.5	16	4.4	3	2.1	4	7.6	1	6.9	50	23.5
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING												
1998 February	196	19.5	100	29.8	39	26.8	41	86.8	6	59.7	382	222.6
March	207	19.9	110	32.5	49	33.8	22	43.3	2	18.9	390	148.5
April	228	22.9	104	31.2	43	29.3	50	108.7	10	110.7	435	302.7

**TABLE 7. NUMBER AND VALUE OF NEW DWELLING UNITS (a) APPROVED
BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS, APRIL 1998**

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Private sector</i>		<i>Public sector</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Value (\$'000)</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Value (\$'000)</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Value (\$'000)</i>
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION (b)						
Houses —						
Brick, stone or concrete	25	6,002	—	—	25	6,002
Brick-veneer	1,268	150,207	—	—	1,268	150,207
Timber	273	31,633	—	—	273	31,633
Fibre cement	3	223	—	—	3	223
Steel, aluminium or other materials	50	6,794	—	—	50	6,794
Not stated	241	26,610	—	—	241	26,610
<i>Total houses</i>	<i>1,860</i>	<i>221,469</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1,860</i>	<i>221,469</i>
<i>Other residential buildings</i>	<i>627</i>	<i>75,586</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>3,649</i>	<i>682</i>	<i>79,236</i>
Total residential buildings	2,487	297,055	55	3,649	2,542	300,704
REST OF VICTORIA (b)						
Houses —						
Brick, stone or concrete	29	2,892	—	—	29	2,892
Brick-veneer	434	46,541	1	90	435	46,631
Timber	77	7,359	—	—	77	7,359
Fibre cement	13	956	—	—	13	956
Steel, aluminium or other materials	55	4,708	—	—	55	4,708
Not stated	38	2,901	—	—	38	2,901
<i>Total houses</i>	<i>646</i>	<i>65,356</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>647</i>	<i>65,446</i>
<i>Other residential buildings</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>1,427</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>3,433</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>4,860</i>
Total residential buildings	667	66,783	55	3,523	722	70,306
TOTAL VICTORIA						
Houses —						
Brick, stone or concrete	54	8,893	—	—	54	8,893
Brick-veneer	1,702	196,748	1	90	1,703	196,838
Timber	350	38,992	—	—	350	38,992
Fibre cement	16	1,179	—	—	16	1,179
Steel, aluminium or other materials	105	11,502	—	—	105	11,502
Not stated	279	29,510	—	—	279	29,510
<i>Total houses</i>	<i>2,506</i>	<i>286,825</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>2,507</i>	<i>286,915</i>
<i>Other residential buildings</i>	<i>648</i>	<i>77,013</i>	<i>109</i>	<i>7,082</i>	<i>757</i>	<i>84,095</i>
Total residential buildings	3,154	363,838	110	7,172	3,264	371,010

(a) Excludes Conversions, etc. (b) For details of changes to Statistical Divisions, please refer to paragraphs 28-30 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), APRIL 1998

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	Houses			Other residential buildings				Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)				
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Banyule (C)										
Heidelberg	11	—	1,864	2	—	180	696	200	200	2,939
North	14	—	1,966	4	—	250	252	3,430	3,688	6,156
Total	25	—	3,829	6	—	430	947	3,630	3,888	9,095
Bayside (C)										
Brighton	14	—	3,107	4	—	950	1,757	680	680	6,494
South	18	—	3,360	11	—	2,030	2,281	720	882	8,553
Total	32	—	6,467	15	—	2,980	4,038	1,400	1,562	15,047
Boroondara (C)										
Camberwell North	20	—	3,206	6	—	900	1,373	720	720	6,199
Camberwell South	19	—	2,874	10	—	950	3,029	—	135	6,988
Hawthorn	6	—	1,219	28	—	7,600	2,549	3,920	4,900	16,268
Kew	5	—	749	—	—	—	1,973	—	—	2,722
Total	50	—	8,047	44	—	9,450	8,924	4,640	5,755	32,176
Brimbank (C)										
Keilor	78	—	9,929	4	—	210	227	270	270	10,636
Sunshine	26	—	2,859	3	—	215	281	5,160	5,340	8,694
Total	104	—	12,788	7	—	425	508	5,430	5,610	19,330
Cardinia (S)										
North	8	—	940	—	—	—	442	—	—	1,382
Pakenham	12	—	1,018	—	—	—	261	486	486	1,765
South	1	—	60	—	—	—	75	860	860	995
Total	21	—	2,018	—	—	—	778	1,346	1,346	4,141
Casey (C)										
Berwick	136	—	15,089	6	—	360	211	1,950	1,950	17,610
Cranbourne	34	—	2,564	—	—	—	232	1,820	37,250	40,047
Hallam	25	—	3,315	—	—	—	541	610	610	4,466
South	6	—	557	—	—	—	148	—	—	704
Total	201	—	21,525	6	—	360	1,132	4,380	39,810	62,827
Darebin (C)										
Northcote	6	—	623	6	—	600	2,375	297	297	3,895
Preston	45	—	4,445	11	—	700	991	340	9,048	15,184
Total	51	—	5,068	17	—	1,300	3,366	636	9,345	19,079
Frankston (C)										
East	40	—	3,230	8	—	480	178	—	—	3,888
West	17	—	1,782	5	—	315	183	1,604	1,604	3,883
Total	57	—	5,011	13	—	795	361	1,604	1,604	7,771
Glen Eira (C)										
Caulfield	34	—	4,252	16	—	1,541	1,217	5,008	5,008	12,019
South	14	—	1,187	2	2	320	590	—	—	2,098
Total	48	—	5,440	18	2	1,861	1,807	5,008	5,008	14,116
Greater Dandenong (C)										
Dandenong	14	—	1,329	—	—	—	219	4,069	4,069	5,618
Balance	19	—	1,866	—	—	—	218	1,200	1,200	3,284
Total	33	—	3,195	—	—	—	438	5,269	5,269	8,902
Hobsons Bay (C)										
Altona	56	—	5,379	9	—	720	346	3,635	3,635	10,080
Williamstown	26	—	4,157	6	4	790	897	—	2,840	8,685
Total	82	—	9,537	15	4	1,510	1,243	3,635	6,475	18,765
Hume (C)										
Broadmeadows	20	—	1,677	—	20	1,113	244	4,028	4,178	7,212
Craigieburn	61	—	7,181	—	—	—	367	1,195	1,195	8,743
Sunbury	25	—	3,203	—	—	—	189	167	167	3,559
Total	106	—	12,061	—	20	1,113	799	5,390	5,540	19,514
Kingston (C)										
North	17	—	1,816	12	—	978	1,182	9,893	9,893	13,868
South	56	—	4,647	10	—	607	259	—	—	5,513
Total	73	—	6,463	22	—	1,585	1,442	9,893	9,893	19,382

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), APRIL 1998—continued

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	Houses			Other residential buildings				Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)				
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION — continued										
Knox (C)										
North	43	—	4,376	19	—	2,237	1,133	3,845	4,984	12,730
South	62	—	7,911	2	—	140	94	2,956	3,176	11,322
Total	105	—	12,287	21	—	2,377	1,227	6,801	8,160	24,052
Manningham (C)										
East	9	—	1,950	—	—	—	284	—	—	2,233
West	43	—	7,236	8	—	780	803	1,602	1,602	10,422
Total	52	—	9,186	8	—	780	1,087	1,602	1,602	12,655
Maribyrnong (C)	24	—	2,311	8	—	360	1,160	11,827	11,827	15,658
Maroondah (C)										
Croydon	59	—	5,669	5	—	300	313	4,210	5,442	11,723
Ringwood	20	—	2,070	8	—	495	415	7,941	7,941	10,921
Total	79	—	7,739	13	—	795	728	12,151	13,383	22,644
Melbourne (C)										
Inner	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,000	16,479	29,460	32,460
Remainder	4	—	947	2	—	140	2,641	17,804	21,713	25,441
Total	4	—	947	2	—	140	5,641	34,283	51,173	57,901
Melton (S)										
East	42	—	5,283	—	—	—	53	—	—	5,336
Balance	27	—	2,985	—	—	—	186	740	798	3,969
Total	69	—	8,268	—	—	—	239	740	798	9,305
Monash (C)										
South-West	7	—	666	7	—	510	666	934	10,316	12,158
Waverley East	12	—	1,803	2	—	220	390	198	198	2,610
Waverley West	42	—	5,179	8	—	721	1,059	1,980	1,980	8,939
Total	61	—	7,648	17	—	1,451	2,115	3,112	12,494	23,707
Moonee Valley (C)										
Essendon	16	—	1,737	27	—	1,991	2,803	2,020	2,020	8,552
West	25	—	3,321	12	—	900	279	230	230	4,731
Total	41	—	5,058	39	—	2,891	3,083	2,250	2,250	13,282
Moreland (C)										
Brunswick	7	—	608	6	29	2,396	909	4,485	4,685	8,598
Coburg	9	—	855	7	—	525	1,313	581	581	3,274
North	10	—	1,198	6	—	350	444	—	—	1,992
Total	26	—	2,660	19	29	3,271	2,667	5,066	5,266	13,865
Mornington Peninsula (S)										
East	13	—	1,536	—	—	—	261	150	150	1,947
South	27	—	4,301	—	—	—	781	2,250	2,794	7,876
West	23	—	2,879	14	—	750	558	771	771	4,958
Total	63	—	8,716	14	—	750	1,600	3,171	3,715	14,781
Nillumbik (S)										
South	7	—	1,077	—	—	—	384	750	750	2,210
South-West	12	—	1,621	—	—	—	213	—	—	1,834
Balance	4	—	512	—	—	—	88	—	—	600
Total	23	—	3,210	—	—	—	684	750	750	4,644
Port Phillip (C)										
St Kilda	9	—	1,133	82	—	7,805	1,517	1,029	1,029	11,485
West	37	—	4,794	128	—	23,300	4,449	2,631	3,361	35,904
Total	46	—	5,927	210	—	31,105	5,966	3,660	4,390	47,389
Stonnington (C)										
Prahan	9	—	1,451	16	—	5,550	2,081	3,561	3,561	12,643
Malvern	9	—	2,218	8	—	1,180	2,383	565	645	6,427
Total	18	—	3,670	24	—	6,730	4,464	4,126	4,206	19,070
Whitehorse (C)										
Box Hill	27	—	2,961	17	—	1,521	1,366	850	1,277	7,125
Nunawading East	39	—	4,532	—	—	—	1,114	230	230	5,876
Nunawading West	45	—	5,507	28	—	1,710	656	107	107	7,980
Total	111	—	13,000	45	—	3,231	3,136	1,187	1,614	20,981

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TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), APRIL 1998—continued

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	Houses			Other residential buildings				Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)				
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION — continued										
Whittlesea (C)										
North	8	—	1,038	5	—	275	45	400	500	1,858
South	84	—	9,179	6	—	496	337	3,672	3,672	13,684
Total	92	—	10,217	11	—	771	383	4,072	4,172	15,543
Wyndham (C)										
North-East	4	—	455	—	—	—	25	—	—	480
Werribee	75	—	8,151	—	—	—	294	590	590	9,035
Balance	6	—	850	—	—	—	23	237	957	1,830
Total	85	—	9,456	—	—	—	342	827	1,547	11,345
Yarra (C)										
North	3	—	380	6	—	600	2,678	20,870	21,086	24,744
Richmond	4	—	320	20	—	1,815	352	1,876	2,046	4,533
Total	7	—	700	26	—	2,415	3,029	22,746	23,132	29,276
Yarra Ranges (S) — Pt A (d)										
Central	3	—	293	—	—	—	335	—	—	628
North	2	—	375	4	—	160	937	—	—	1,472
South-West	66	—	8,351	3	—	200	1,530	2,300	2,600	12,681
Total	71	—	9,019	7	—	360	2,802	2,300	2,600	14,781
Melbourne (SD)	1,860	—	221,469	627	55	79,236	66,135	172,933	254,184	621,023
BARWON STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Colac-Otway (S)										
Colac	1	—	53	—	—	—	40	—	—	92
North	3	—	122	—	—	—	71	—	—	193
South	6	—	639	—	—	—	—	—	—	639
Total	10	—	813	—	—	—	111	—	—	924
Golden Plains (S)										
North-West	4	—	278	—	—	—	70	—	128	476
South-East	10	—	920	—	—	—	—	—	—	920
Total	14	—	1,198	—	—	—	70	—	128	1,396
Greater Geelong (C)										
Part A										
Bellarine — Inner	7	—	811	—	—	—	144	60	60	1,016
Corio — Inner	25	—	2,152	—	—	—	291	2,141	2,421	4,864
Geelong	1	—	67	5	—	333	209	464	527	1,136
Geelong West	2	—	123	2	—	87	107	—	—	317
Newtown	1	—	127	—	—	—	325	—	—	452
South Barwon — Inner	30	—	3,530	2	—	120	422	300	900	4,972
Part B	16	—	1,613	—	—	—	517	—	2,260	4,391
Part C	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	—	—	30
Total	82	—	8,424	9	—	540	2,016	2,965	6,168	17,148
Queenscliffe (B)	2	—	405	2	—	110	25	—	—	540
Surf Coast (S)										
East	10	—	1,216	2	—	190	135	740	740	2,281
West	13	—	1,465	—	—	—	435	784	784	2,684
Total	23	—	2,682	2	—	190	570	1,524	1,524	4,965
Barwon (SD)	131	—	13,521	13	—	840	2,821	4,489	7,820	25,002

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TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), APRIL 1998—continued

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	Houses			Other residential buildings				Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)				
WESTERN DISTRICT STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Corangamite (S)										
North	—	—	—	—	—	—	87	99	99	186
South	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	—	—	28
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	115	99	99	214
Glenelg (S)										
Heywood	1	—	107	—	—	—	215	—	—	322
North	—	—	—	—	—	—	31	—	—	31
Portland	3	—	390	—	—	—	47	586	586	1,022
Total	4	—	497	—	—	—	293	586	586	1,376
Moyne (S)										
North-East	1	—	146	—	—	—	—	—	—	146
North-West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South	2	—	220	—	—	—	30	—	80	330
Total	3	—	366	—	—	—	30	—	80	476
Southern Grampians (S)										
Hamilton	3	—	161	—	—	—	69	—	—	230
Wannon	—	—	—	—	—	—	35	—	—	35
Balance	1	—	526	—	—	—	129	400	400	1,056
Total	4	—	687	—	—	—	233	400	400	1,320
Warrnambool (C)	16	—	1,580	—	—	—	571	245	245	2,396
Lady Julia Percy Island	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Western District (SD)	27	—	3,130	—	—	—	1,242	1,330	1,410	5,782
CENTRAL HIGHLANDS STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Ararat (RC)	7	—	537	—	—	—	144	66	66	747
Ballarat (C)										
Central	16	—	1,142	4	—	300	440	200	200	2,081
Inner North	19	—	1,938	—	54	3,433	301	3,450	3,450	9,121
North	1	—	65	—	—	—	20	—	—	85
South	16	—	1,229	—	—	—	61	—	—	1,290
Total	52	—	4,373	4	54	3,733	821	3,650	3,650	12,577
Hepburn (S)										
East	8	—	565	—	—	—	110	—	—	675
West	2	—	156	—	—	—	50	—	—	206
Total	10	—	721	—	—	—	160	—	—	881
Moorabool (S)										
Bacchus Marsh	10	—	1,098	—	—	—	148	—	314	1,559
Ballan	4	—	310	—	—	—	169	—	—	479
West	1	—	92	—	—	—	57	—	—	149
Total	15	—	1,500	—	—	—	373	—	314	2,187
Pyrenees (S)										
North	4	—	285	—	—	—	—	60	60	345
South	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	135	135	157
Total	4	—	285	—	—	—	22	195	195	502
Central Highlands (SD)	88	—	7,415	4	54	3,733	1,520	3,911	4,225	16,893

TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), APRIL 1998—continued

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	Houses			Other residential buildings				Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)				
WIMMERA STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Hindmarsh (S)	2	—	250	—	—	—	75	—	—	325
Horsham (RC)										
Central	4	—	361	—	—	—	53	171	171	585
Balance	3	—	409	—	—	—	—	—	290	699
Total	7	—	770	—	—	—	53	171	461	1,284
Northern Grampians (S)										
St Arnaud	1	—	101	—	—	—	—	—	—	101
Stawell	3	—	273	—	—	—	91	200	950	1,314
Total	4	—	375	—	—	—	91	200	950	1,416
West Wimmera (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yarriambiack (S)										
North	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South	1	—	110	—	—	—	30	—	—	140
Total	1	—	110	—	—	—	30	—	—	140
Wimmera (SD)	14	—	1,504	—	—	—	248	371	1,411	3,164
MALLEE STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Buloke (S)										
North	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	—	13
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	—	13
Gannawarra (S)	3	—	269	—	—	—	37	273	273	578
Mildura (RC)										
Pt A	21	—	2,224	—	—	—	384	2,457	2,457	5,065
Pt B	—	—	—	—	—	—	100	97	97	197
Total	21	—	2,224	—	—	—	484	2,554	2,554	5,262
Swan Hill (RC)										
Central	5	—	406	—	—	—	82	1,301	1,301	1,789
Robinvale	3	—	170	—	—	—	—	78	78	248
Balance	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	8	—	576	—	—	—	82	1,379	1,379	2,037
Mallee (SD)	32	—	3,069	—	—	—	616	4,206	4,206	7,891

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TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), APRIL 1998—continued

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	Houses			Other residential buildings				Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)				
LODDON STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Central Goldfields (S)										
Maryborough	1	—	82	—	—	—	26	2,700	2,700	2,809
Balance	2	—	143	—	—	—	—	—	—	143
Total	3	—	225	—	—	—	26	2,700	2,700	2,952
Greater Bendigo (C)										
Part A										
Central	10	—	926	—	—	—	60	—	13,705	14,690
Eaglehawk	2	—	224	—	—	—	98	—	—	322
Inner East	16	—	1,317	—	—	—	74	—	—	1,391
Inner North	6	—	509	—	—	—	58	510	510	1,077
Inner West	17	—	1,862	—	—	—	166	578	578	2,606
Strathfieldsaye	4	—	284	—	—	—	87	265	265	636
Part B	9	—	735	—	—	—	201	—	—	935
Total	64	—	5,856	—	—	—	744	1,353	15,057	21,658
Loddon (S)										
North	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	—	—	40
South	2	—	290	—	—	—	—	—	—	290
Total	2	—	290	—	—	—	40	—	—	330
Macedon Ranges (S)										
Kyneton	5	—	395	—	—	—	306	270	270	970
Romsey	8	—	792	—	—	—	200	100	100	1,092
Balance	15	—	1,810	—	—	—	184	100	100	2,094
Total	28	—	2,997	—	—	—	689	470	470	4,156
Mount Alexander (S)										
Castlemaine	2	—	202	—	—	—	19	600	689	910
Balance	1	—	80	—	—	—	38	—	—	118
Total	3	—	282	—	—	—	57	600	689	1,028
Loddon-Campaspe (SD)	100	—	9,650	—	—	—	1,557	5,123	18,916	30,124

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TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), APRIL 1998—continued

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	Houses			Other residential buildings				Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)				
GOULBURN STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Campaspe (S)										
Echuca	5	—	482	2	—	151	124	—	—	757
Kyabram	3	—	433	—	—	—	65	—	70	568
Rochester	3	—	359	—	—	—	19	120	120	498
South	1	—	80	—	—	—	14	—	—	95
<i>Total</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1,354</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>223</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>190</i>	<i>1,917</i>
Delatite (S)										
Benalla	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North	2	—	189	—	—	—	—	—	—	189
South	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Total</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>189</i>
Greater Shepparton (C)										
Part A	16	—	2,050	2	—	136	12	1,084	1,224	3,422
Part B										
East	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
West	1	—	138	—	—	—	13	—	—	151
<i>Total</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>2,188</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>136</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>1,084</i>	<i>1,224</i>	<i>3,572</i>
Mitchell (S)										
North	14	—	954	—	—	—	58	—	87	1,099
South	16	—	1,927	—	—	—	245	—	—	2,173
<i>Total</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>2,882</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>303</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>3,272</i>
Moira (S)										
East	3	—	396	—	—	—	15	860	860	1,270
West	8	—	942	—	—	—	136	504	504	1,582
<i>Total</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1,338</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>1,364</i>	<i>1,364</i>	<i>2,852</i>
Murrindindi (S)										
East	5	—	470	—	—	—	150	—	—	620
West	5	—	420	—	—	—	31	—	—	451
<i>Total</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>890</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>181</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1,071</i>
Strathbogie (S)	6	—	584	—	—	—	19	537	537	1,141
Goulburn (SD)	88	—	9,425	4	—	287	901	3,105	3,402	14,014
OVENS-MURRAY STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Alpine (S)										
East	12	—	1,270	—	—	—	921	—	—	2,191
West	2	—	240	—	—	—	45	—	—	285
<i>Total</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1,510</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>966</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>2,476</i>
Indigo (S)										
Part A	5	—	431	—	—	—	131	50	50	612
Part B	1	—	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	100
<i>Total</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>531</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>131</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>712</i>
Wangaratta (RC)										
Central	3	—	419	—	—	—	49	615	615	1,083
North	3	—	487	—	—	—	84	—	—	571
South	2	—	210	—	—	—	58	—	—	268
<i>Total</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1,116</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>191</i>	<i>615</i>	<i>615</i>	<i>1,922</i>
Towong (S)										
Part A	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Part B	2	—	150	—	—	—	10	—	—	160
<i>Total</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>160</i>
Wodonga (RC)	24	—	2,738	—	—	—	158	380	380	3,277
Ovens-Murray (SD)	54	—	6,045	—	—	—	1,456	1,045	1,045	8,546

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TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), APRIL 1998—continued

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	Houses			Other residential buildings				Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)				
EAST GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION										
East Gippsland (S)										
Bairnsdale	17	—	1,743	—	—	—	85	551	551	2,379
Orbost	2	—	151	—	—	—	—	—	—	151
South-West	2	—	95	—	—	—	42	—	—	137
Balance	1	—	120	—	—	—	21	—	—	141
<i>Total</i>	22	—	2,109	—	—	—	149	551	551	2,809
Wellington (S)										
Alberton	3	—	166	—	—	—	48	—	—	214
Avon	1	—	300	—	—	—	54	—	—	354
Maffra	1	—	140	—	—	—	—	800	800	940
Rosedale	8	—	913	—	—	—	35	—	—	948
Sale	2	1	299	—	—	—	22	185	1,584	1,905
<i>Total</i>	15	1	1,818	—	—	—	159	985	2,384	4,361
East Gippsland (SD)	37	1	3,927	—	—	—	308	1,536	2,935	7,169
GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Bass Coast (S)										
Phillip Island	16	—	1,486	—	—	—	101	120	120	1,708
Balance	18	—	1,626	—	—	—	151	—	—	1,778
<i>Total</i>	34	—	3,113	—	—	—	253	120	120	3,485
Baw Baw (S)										
Part A	1	—	68	—	—	—	10	—	—	78
Part B										
East	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	60	60	75
West	14	—	1,830	—	—	—	157	260	260	2,247
<i>Total</i>	15	—	1,899	—	—	—	182	320	320	2,401
La Trobe (S)										
Moe	3	—	262	—	—	—	51	245	245	558
Morwell	2	—	245	—	—	—	106	80	80	431
Traralgon	14	—	1,555	—	—	—	151	1,750	1,750	3,456
Balance	1	—	90	—	—	—	16	—	—	106
<i>Total</i>	20	—	2,152	—	—	—	324	2,075	2,075	4,551
South Gippsland (S)										
Central	2	—	200	—	—	—	81	443	443	724
East	2	—	135	—	—	—	92	—	—	227
West	1	—	145	—	—	—	77	215	215	437
<i>Total</i>	5	—	481	—	—	—	250	658	658	1,389
Yarra Ranges (S) — Pt B (d)	1	—	115	—	—	—	—	—	—	115
Bass Strait Islands	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
French Island	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yallourn Works Area	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gippsland (SD)	75	—	7,759	—	—	—	1,009	3,173	3,173	11,941
VICTORIA										
Victoria	2,506	1	286,915	648	109	84,095	77,812	201,220	302,726	751,549

(a) For details of changes to Statistical Local Areas, please refer to paragraphs 28-30 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Excludes Conversions, etc. (c) Details relating to individual classes of building are available on request. (d) The Shire of Yarra Ranges comprises four Statistical Local Areas (SLA). Three of these are included in the Melbourne Statistical Division and one is included in the Gippsland Statistical Division. Approvals data for these SLAs are shown in Table 8 under the relevant Statistical Divisions.

TABLE 9. BUILDING APPROVALS BY SELECTED STATISTICAL SUBDIVISIONS (a), APRIL 1998

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Non-residential building (c)			
	Houses			Other residential buildings			Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)		Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
GREATER GEELONG CITY PART A STATISTICAL SUBDIVISION										
Greater Geelong (C) —										
— Bellarine — Inner	7	—	811	—	—	—	144	60	60	1,016
— Corio — Inner	25	—	2,152	—	—	—	291	2,141	2,421	4,864
— Geelong	1	—	67	5	—	333	209	464	527	1,136
— Geelong West	2	—	123	2	—	87	107	—	—	317
— Newtown	1	—	127	—	—	—	325	—	—	452
— South Barwon — Inner	30	—	3,530	2	—	120	422	300	900	4,972
Greater Geelong City Part A (SSD)	66	—	6,811	9	—	540	1,499	2,965	3,908	12,758
BALLARAT CITY STATISTICAL SUBDIVISION										
Ballarat (C) —										
— Central	16	—	1,142	4	—	300	440	200	200	2,081
— Inner North	19	—	1,938	—	54	3,433	301	3,450	3,450	9,121
— North	1	—	65	—	—	—	20	—	—	85
— South	16	—	1,229	—	—	—	61	—	—	1,290
Ballarat City (SSD)	52	—	4,373	4	54	3,733	821	3,650	3,650	12,577
MILDURA RURAL CITY PART A STATISTICAL SUBDIVISION										
Mildura (RC) — Pt A	21	—	2,224	—	—	—	384	2,457	2,457	5,065
Mildura Rural City Part A (SSD)	21	—	2,224	—	—	—	384	2,457	2,457	5,065
GREATER BENDIGO CITY PART A STATISTICAL SUBDIVISION										
Greater Bendigo (C) —										
— Central	10	—	926	—	—	—	60	—	13,705	14,690
— Eaglehawk	2	—	224	—	—	—	98	—	—	322
— Inner East	16	—	1,317	—	—	—	74	—	—	1,391
— Inner North	6	—	509	—	—	—	58	510	510	1,077
— Inner West	17	—	1,862	—	—	—	166	578	578	2,606
— Strathfieldsaye	4	—	284	—	—	—	87	265	265	636
Greater Bendigo City Part A (SSD)	55	—	5,121	—	—	—	544	1,353	15,057	20,722
GREATER SHEPPARTON CITY PART A STATISTICAL SUBDIVISION										
Greater Shepparton (C) Pt A	16	—	2,050	2	—	136	12	1,084	1,224	3,422
Shepparton City Part A (SSD)	16	—	2,050	2	—	136	12	1,084	1,224	3,422
WODONGA STATISTICAL SUBDIVISION										
Indigo (S) — Pt A	5	—	431	—	—	—	131	50	50	612
Towong (S) — Pt A	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wodonga (RC)	24	—	2,738	—	—	—	158	380	380	3,277
Wodonga (SSD)	29	—	3,169	—	—	—	289	430	430	3,888
LA TROBE VALLEY STATISTICAL SUBDIVISION										
Baw Baw (S) — Pt A	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
La Trobe (S) —										
— Moe	3	—	262	—	—	—	51	245	245	558
— Morwell	2	—	245	—	—	—	106	80	80	431
— Traralgon	14	—	1,555	—	—	—	151	1,750	1,750	3,456
— Balance	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yallourn Works Area	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
La Trobe Valley (SSD)	21	—	2,221	—	—	—	334	2,075	2,075	4,630

(a) For details of changes to Statistical Local Areas and Statistical Subdivisions, please refer to paragraphs 28-30 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Excludes Conversions, etc.

(c) Details relating to individual classes of building are available on request.

TABLE 10. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING JOBS APPROVED BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND STATISTICAL DIVISION (a)
(\$'000)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Hotels etc.</i>	<i>Shops</i>	<i>Factories</i>	<i>Offices</i>	<i>Other business premises</i>	<i>Educational</i>	<i>Religious</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>Entertainment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>Total</i>
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	27,930	314,547	180,794	326,322	186,075	231,103	10,880	84,398	208,521	85,198	1,655,767
1995-96	119,585	286,401	150,986	379,055	282,968	308,468	6,152	77,392	222,735	100,765	1,934,508
1996-97	147,318	325,549	265,862	353,644	351,294	322,293	13,059	175,611	64,177	284,155	2,302,962
1997 February	4,620	31,345	46,859	26,476	29,013	15,211	673	7,963	7,365	102,455	271,981
March	3,570	29,896	23,044	27,650	57,344	23,968	145	10,135	2,373	5,936	184,061
April	3,733	59,482	11,616	24,775	17,755	10,246	1,345	11,727	3,854	12,314	156,848
1998 February	12,505	10,060	17,969	47,912	29,757	15,944	250	15,703	3,268	12,406	165,773
March	4,618	29,587	11,732	18,127	25,407	7,101	948	1,808	6,139	12,132	117,599
April	1,448	44,359	12,813	51,527	75,432	26,342	1,645	6,915	12,939	20,764	254,184
BARWON STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	11,770	10,598	10,028	9,922	6,010	28,427	685	1,334	8,698	797	88,270
1995-96	1,550	20,026	23,299	6,910	12,502	13,382	179	9,806	5,190	2,627	95,471
1996-97	1,806	22,431	14,978	12,791	5,078	7,655	329	12,552	3,706	2,140	83,466
1997 February	—	351	2,320	3,730	1,355	—	—	2,866	1,360	—	11,983
March	—	—	430	5,376	97	635	—	597	—	150	7,286
April	—	645	6,170	374	332	478	—	250	—	59	8,309
1998 February	310	4,168	852	—	335	890	—	1,020	1,093	—	8,669
March	154	458	564	566	295	142	—	124	—	1,703	4,005
April	—	1,665	844	580	1,042	3,208	—	59	248	173	7,820
WESTERN DISTRICT STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	100	2,313	3,908	2,075	1,558	2,609	1,000	2,350	2,632	105	18,651
1995-96	3,842	3,389	7,189	2,440	913	5,471	159	10,786	984	2,802	37,975
1996-97	140	2,742	22,669	2,578	3,825	512	273	4,648	819	3,001	41,208
1997 February	—	300	200	193	—	—	—	383	—	134	1,210
March	140	—	—	295	596	—	—	—	—	417	1,448
April	—	300	11,143	136	1,715	—	—	—	—	—	13,294
1998 February	—	100	—	97	115	—	365	1,900	90	—	2,667
March	—	150	330	3,920	290	1,110	—	—	—	100	5,900
April	—	195	50	80	586	—	—	400	99	—	1,410
CENTRAL HIGHLANDS STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	4,270	4,679	4,417	7,917	2,273	8,054	410	897	1,065	2,658	36,640
1995-96	2,013	11,551	2,796	5,284	4,524	3,441	—	8,433	3,802	2,885	44,730
1996-97	985	6,286	2,795	3,657	2,792	10,997	—	3,027	6,475	1,299	38,312
1997 February	70	756	119	—	75	650	—	—	1,500	107	3,277
March	—	—	115	—	347	700	—	500	—	170	1,832
April	250	—	65	—	175	—	—	450	950	—	1,890
1998 February	—	313	—	222	200	—	—	—	—	25,150	25,885
March	—	—	—	60	100	—	—	2,000	—	715	2,875
April	254	—	50	—	261	—	—	3,400	260	—	4,225

TABLE 10. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING JOBS APPROVED BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND STATISTICAL DIVISION (a)—continued
(\$'000)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Hotels etc.</i>	<i>Shops</i>	<i>Factories</i>	<i>Offices</i>	<i>Other business premises</i>	<i>Educational</i>	<i>Religious</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>Entertainment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>Total</i>
WIMMERA STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	65	490	1,004	216	610	3,437	283	17,786	305	860	25,057
1995-96	172	442	1,275	2,831	648	2,899	—	1,220	2,220	1,605	13,312
1996-97	227	1,151	2,044	1,812	970	185	—	1,810	1,209	1,246	10,654
1997 February	—	242	—	—	—	—	—	—	80	470	792
March	77	85	—	—	—	—	—	—	250	100	512
April	—	—	236	306	222	—	—	—	—	—	764
1998 February	775	—	—	283	—	—	—	—	—	50	1,108
March	—	242	60	—	109	—	—	—	73	242	727
April	—	—	—	—	171	—	—	—	70	1,170	1,411
MALLEE STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	845	1,365	735	1,245	1,123	6,215	—	774	80	86	12,468
1995-96	420	6,511	3,685	3,312	2,544	5,527	112	1,838	1,368	1,318	26,635
1996-97	217	4,029	2,314	1,147	4,689	6,639	171	1,172	—	1,596	21,973
1997 February	—	355	138	—	110	4,259	120	—	—	318	5,300
March	—	—	—	—	—	368	—	—	—	—	368
April	—	480	—	57	368	130	51	—	—	—	1,086
1998 February	—	—	445	151	1,041	318	—	—	50	—	2,004
March	—	195	957	460	70	214	—	—	—	53	1,949
April	—	2,367	180	—	273	—	—	1,211	—	175	4,206
LODDON STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1995-96	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1996-97	70	1,835	2,226	2,174	3,894	8,490	358	5,575	1,968	13,295	39,886
1997 February	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
April	—	—	—	134	150	371	—	—	—	185	840
1998 February	—	163	178	100	—	1,872	—	100	—	190	2,603
March	270	630	162	1,050	658	85	—	325	261	80	3,521
April	150	2,800	300	853	160	689	—	13,555	—	410	18,916
GOULBURN STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1995-96	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1996-97	3,265	5,629	16,652	5,196	11,991	21,381	369	2,117	2,757	14,985	84,344
1997 February	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
April	—	2,634	463	1,734	855	—	—	—	50	—	5,736
1998 February	—	1,762	190	111	60	—	—	2,528	190	—	4,841
March	3,150	80	80	1,108	490	—	—	—	2,000	276	7,184
April	—	880	760	196	573	145	—	70	—	777	3,402

TABLE 10. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING JOBS APPROVED BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND STATISTICAL DIVISION (a)—continued
(\$'000)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Hotels etc.</i>	<i>Shops</i>	<i>Factories</i>	<i>Offices</i>	<i>Other business premises</i>	<i>Educational</i>	<i>Religious</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>Entertainment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>Total</i>
OVENS MURRAY STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1995-96	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1996-97	2,292	3,463	3,672	9,395	2,136	1,999	60	3,460	973	2,796	30,247
1997 February	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
April	1,040	300	280	—	580	—	—	—	—	50	2,250
1998 February	455	—	350	100	330	—	200	—	232	—	1,667
March	—	710	—	849	500	—	400	—	—	400	2,859
April	—	50	120	80	—	—	250	295	250	—	1,045
EAST GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1995-96	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1996-97	105	4,199	725	867	2,953	6,699	—	2,577	558	1,697	20,379
1997 February	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
April	—	305	—	—	860	380	—	615	—	—	2,160
1998 February	—	350	50	200	—	1,590	—	390	560	50	3,190
March	—	80	367	—	135	—	—	—	—	—	582
April	—	200	905	331	100	1,399	—	—	—	—	2,935
GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1994-95	1,412	9,754	6,871	5,081	4,511	3,630	152	284	2,495	3,146	37,337
1995-96	1,050	7,931	22,345	1,883	4,728	7,258	90	530	4,389	1,900	52,104
1996-97	406	6,710	21,609	9,020	3,986	17,009	165	2,997	2,627	6,487	71,017
1997 February	50	184	50	650	90	3,200	—	—	—	65	4,289
March	—	114	461	110	210	5,250	—	—	—	—	6,145
April	—	140	75	—	600	96	—	165	110	1,486	2,672
1998 February	910	491	198	60	528	—	—	1,500	400	90	4,177
March	—	296	250	62	500	120	—	—	—	58	1,286
April	60	1,845	120	813	—	215	—	—	120	—	3,173
TOTAL VICTORIA											
1994-95	48,126	358,756	219,224	361,187	218,315	303,732	15,351	121,046	230,444	99,015	1,975,197
1995-96	136,388	390,446	230,616	419,038	340,836	364,917	7,476	136,564	251,475	174,633	2,452,389
1996-97	157,717	391,128	373,817	404,650	401,094	411,291	15,388	257,829	90,245	336,600	2,839,760
1997 February	4,740	34,885	61,747	33,430	35,698	40,996	793	11,805	10,544	124,770	359,408
March	4,139	31,090	35,449	33,516	59,485	31,606	145	16,379	4,561	8,754	225,125
April	5,110	67,898	23,345	28,636	26,206	11,811	1,396	50,664	7,414	14,504	236,985
1998 February	14,955	17,407	20,232	49,237	32,366	20,614	815	23,141	5,883	37,936	222,586
March	8,192	32,428	14,502	26,202	28,555	8,771	1,348	4,257	8,474	15,759	148,487
April	1,912	54,362	16,142	54,459	78,597	31,998	1,895	25,905	13,986	23,470	302,726

(a) As a result of changes to Statistical Division boundaries, data for the periods prior to July 1995 are not directly comparable to data for the periods from July 1995 onward. The Statistical Divisions of Loddon (formerly Loddon- Campaspe), Goulburn, Ovens-Murray, and East Gippsland were significantly affected by the changes, but for the remaining Statistical Divisions the changes were relatively minor.

TABLE 11. NEW DWELLING UNITS (a) APPROVED, BY TYPE AND STATISTICAL DIVISION (b) APRIL 1998

Statistical Division	New other residential building									Total new residential building
	New houses	Semi-detached, row or terrace houses, townhouses, etc. of			Flats, units or apartments in a building of				Total	
		1 storey	2 or more storeys	Total	1-2 storeys	3 storeys	4 or more storeys	Total		
NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS										
Melbourne	1,860	247	161	408	38	76	160	274	682	2,542
Barwon	131	2	—	2	11	—	—	11	13	144
Western District	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27
Central Highlands	88	34	4	38	20	—	—	20	58	146
Wimmera	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
Mallee	32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32
Loddon	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100
Goulburn	88	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	4	92
Ovens-Murray	54	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	54
East Gippsland	38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38
Gippsland	75	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	75
Victoria	2,507	287	165	452	69	76	160	305	757	3,264
VALUE (\$'000)										
Melbourne	221,469	20,842	16,926	37,768	2,453	6,515	32,500	41,468	79,236	300,704
Barwon	13,521	120	—	120	720	—	—	720	840	14,361
Western District	3,130	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,130
Central Highlands	7,415	2,283	300	2,583	1,150	—	—	1,150	3,733	11,148
Wimmera	1,504	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,504
Mallee	3,069	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,069
Loddon	9,650	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9,650
Goulburn	9,425	287	—	287	—	—	—	—	287	9,711
Ovens-Murray	6,045	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,045
East Gippsland	3,927	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,927
Gippsland	7,759	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,759
Victoria	286,915	23,531	17,226	40,757	4,323	6,515	32,500	43,338	84,095	371,010

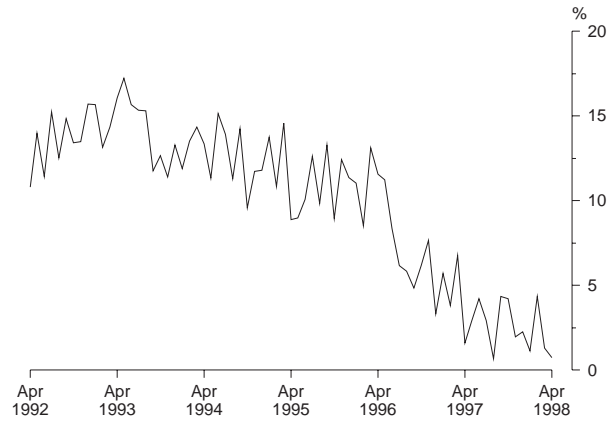
(a) Excludes Conversions, etc. (b) For details of changes to Statistical Divisions, please refer to paragraphs 28-30 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 12. NUMBER OF DUAL OCCUPANCY (a) DWELLING UNITS APPROVED BY STATISTICAL DIVISIONS (SD) AND SELECTED SUBDIVISIONS (SSD)

Statistical division / subdivision (b)	1995-96	1996-97	July - Apr. 1997-98	Apr. 1998
Melbourne (SD)	1,919	979	508	19
Greater Geelong City Part A (SSD)	70	49	10	—
Barwon (SD)	82	60	16	—
Western District (SD)	26	18	2	—
Ballarat City (SSD) (c)	n.a.	7	16	—
Central Highlands (SD)	39	16	21	—
Wimmera (SD)	7	6	—	—
Mildura Rural City Part A (SSD)	13	11	4	—
Mallee (SD)	19	16	4	—
Greater Bendigo City Part A (SSD)	42	—	—	—
Loddon (SD) (c)	n.a.	n.a.	3	—
Greater Shepparton City Part A (SSD)	7	4	7	—
Goulburn (SD) (c)	n.a.	n.a.	23	—
Wodonga (SSD) (c)	n.a.	n.a.	2	—
Ovens-Murray (SD) (c)	n.a.	n.a.	3	—
East Gippsland (SD) (c)	n.a.	n.a.	6	—
Latrobe Valley (SSD) (c)	n.a.	n.a.	1	—
Gippsland (SD)	57	23	4	—
Victoria	2,292	1,154	590	19

(a) Refer to paragraph 10 of the explanatory notes. (b) As a result of changes to Statistical Division and Statistical Subdivision boundaries, data for periods prior to July 1995 are not directly comparable to data for periods from July 1995 onward. (c) Data for periods marked "n.a." are not available because boundaries have been significantly altered.

**DUAL OCCUPANCY DWELLING UNITS APPROVED,
EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DWELLING UNITS,
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION**



**DUAL OCCUPANCY DWELLING UNITS APPROVED,
VICTORIA**

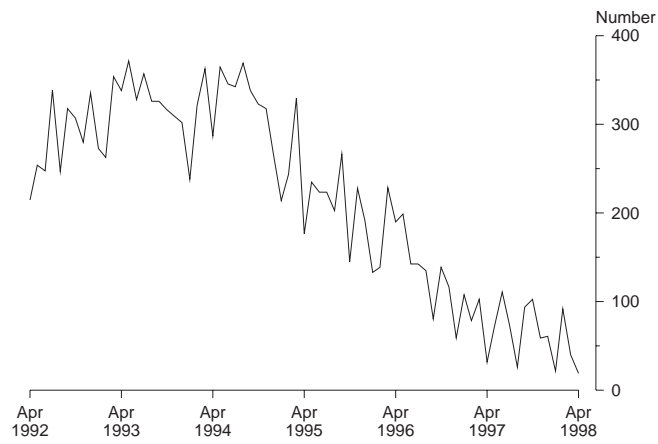


TABLE 13. NUMBER OF DUAL OCCUPANCY (a) DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

<i>Statistical local area (b) (c)</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>July - Apr. 1997-98</i>	<i>Apr. 1998</i>
Banyule (C)				
Heidelberg	n.a.	n.a.	7	1
North	n.a.	n.a.	7	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	14	1
Bayside (C)				
Brighton	49	27	25	1
South	n.a.	n.a.	21	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	46	1
Boroondara (C)				
Camberwell North	n.a.	n.a.	12	2
Camberwell South	n.a.	n.a.	8	—
Hawthorn	8	6	2	—
Kew	24	1	7	—
Total	104	29	29	2
Brimbank (C)				
Keilor	n.a.	n.a.	27	—
Sunshine	n.a.	n.a.	15	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	42	—
Cardinia (S)				
Pakenham	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
South	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Casey (C)				
Berwick	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
South	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Darebin (C)				
Northcote	n.a.	n.a.	16	—
Preston	n.a.	n.a.	7	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	23	—
Frankston (C)				
East	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
West	n.a.	n.a.	5	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	5	—
Glen Eira (C)				
Caulfield	87	73	12	—
South	n.a.	n.a.	22	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	34	—
Greater Dandenong (C)				
Dandenong	9	17	—	—
Balance	n.a.	n.a.	8	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	8	—
Hobsons Bay (C)				
Altona	n.a.	n.a.	10	—
Williamstown	n.a.	n.a.	5	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	15	—
Hume (C)				
Broadmeadows	n.a.	n.a.	10	—
Craigieburn	n.a.	n.a.	2	—
Sunbury	n.a.	n.a.	4	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	16	—
Kingston (C)				
North	n.a.	n.a.	23	—
South	n.a.	n.a.	17	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	40	—
Knox (C)	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Manningham (C)	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Maribymong (C)	n.a.	n.a.	14	2
Maroondah (C)				
Croydon	n.a.	n.a.	17	—
Ringwood	n.a.	n.a.	14	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	31	—
Melbourne (C)				
Inner	—	—	—	—
Remainder	n.a.	2	—	—
Total	n.a.	2	—	—
Melton (S)				
East	n.a.	n.a.	2	—
Balance	n.a.	n.a.	1	1
Total	n.a.	n.a.	3	1
Monash (C)				
South-West	n.a.	n.a.	19	—
Waverley East	n.a.	n.a.	6	—
Waverley West	n.a.	n.a.	25	2
Total	n.a.	n.a.	50	2

TABLE 13. NUMBER OF DUAL OCCUPANCY (a) DWELLING UNITS APPROVED—*continued*

<i>Statistical local area (b) (c)</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>July - Apr. 1997-98</i>	<i>Apr. 1998</i>
Moonee Valley (C)				
Essendon	49	—	—	—
West	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	—	—
Moreland (C)				
Brunswick	10	5	8	—
Coburg	n.a.	n.a.	9	1
North	n.a.	n.a.	11	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	28	2
Mornington Peninsula (S)				
East	n.a.	n.a.	4	—
South	14	—	6	—
West	n.a.	n.a.	2	—
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	12	—
Nillumbik (S)				
South-West	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Balance	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	—	—
Port Phillip (C)				
St Kilda	n.a.	n.a.	4	—
West	n.a.	1	8	—
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	12	—
Stonnington (C)				
Prahran	n.a.	n.a.	7	—
Malvern	33	19	16	—
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	23	—
Whitehorse (C)				
Box Hill	39	36	11	2
Nunawading East	n.a.	n.a.	11	—
Nunawading West	n.a.	n.a.	16	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>3</i>
Whittlesea (C)	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Wyndham (C)	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Yarra (C)				
North	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Richmond	25	14	19	4
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>4</i>
Yarra Ranges (S) (d)				
Central	3	5	—	—
North	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
South-West	n.a.	n.a.	6	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1</i>
Melbourne Statistical Division	1,919	979	508	19
Rest of Victoria	373	175	82	—
Total Victoria	2,292	1,154	590	19

(a) Refer to paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) As a result of changes to Statistical Division and Statistical Subdivision boundaries, data for periods prior to July 1995 are not directly comparable to data for periods from July 1995 onward. (c) Data for periods marked "n.a." are not available because boundaries have been significantly altered. (d) The Shire of Yarra Ranges comprises four Statistical Local Areas (SLA). Approvals data for the three SLAs included in the Melbourne Statistical Division are shown in Table 13. The other SLA is included in the Gippsland Statistical Division.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1. This publication contains monthly details of building work approved.
2. For purposes of comparison, it should be noted that statistics of building approvals are affected from month to month by large projects (e.g. blocks of flats, multi-storey office buildings) approved in particular months and also by the administrative arrangements of government authorities.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

3. Statistics of building work approved are compiled from:
 - (a) permits issued by local authorities in areas subject to building control by those authorities; and
 - (b) contracts let or day labour work authorised by Commonwealth, State, semi-government and local government authorities.
 - (c) major building activity which takes place in areas not subject to the normal administrative approval processes (e.g. buildings on remote mine sites).
 - (d) permits issued by licensed private building surveyors. The last category reflects implementation of the 1993 Building Act by the Victorian Government from 1 July 1994.
4. The statistics relate to building activity which includes construction of new buildings, and alterations and additions to existing buildings. Construction activity not defined as building (e.g. construction of roads, bridges, railways, earthworks etc.) is excluded from this publication, but can be found in the ABS publication *Engineering Construction Survey* (Cat. no. 8762.0).
5. In relation to work carried out on existing buildings, the statistics include details of non-structural renovation and refurbishment work and the installation of integral building fixtures for which building approval was obtained.
6. From July 1990, the statistics cover:
 - (a) all approved new residential building jobs valued at \$10,000 or more (previously \$5,000 or more)
 - (b) approved alterations and additions to residential buildings valued at \$10,000 or more
 - (c) all approved non-residential building jobs valued at \$50,000 or more (previously \$30,000 or more).

These changes in coverage do not have a statistically significant effect on broad building approvals aggregate data. However, care should be taken in interpreting data for specific classes of non-residential building.

DEFINITIONS

7. A *building* is defined as a rigid, fixed and permanent structure which has a roof. Its intended purpose is primarily to house people, plant, machinery, vehicles, goods or livestock. An integral feature of a building's design, to satisfy its intended use, is the provision for regular access by persons.
8. A *dwelling unit* is defined as a self-contained suite of rooms, including cooking and bathing facilities and intended for long term residential use. Units (whether self-contained or not) within buildings offering institutional care such as hospitals or temporary accommodation, such as motels, hostels and holiday apartments are not defined as dwelling units. The value of units of this type is included in the appropriate category of non-residential buildings' approved.
9. A *residential building* is defined as a building predominantly consisting of one or more dwelling units. Residential buildings can be either houses or other residential buildings.
 - (a) A *house* is defined as a detached building predominantly used for long term residential purposes and consisting of only one dwelling unit. Thus detached granny flats and detached dwelling units such as caretaker's residences associated with non-residential buildings are defined as houses for the purpose of these statistics.
 - (b) An *other residential building* is defined as a building which is predominantly used for long term residential purposes and which contains (or has attached to it) more than one dwelling unit (e.g. includes townhouses, duplexes, apartment buildings etc.).

10. Details of dual occupancy dwelling units approved are included in Tables 12 and 13 of this publication. The dual occupancy concept applies in each case where two dwelling units occupy a single residential allotment and new dwelling units are created as follows:

- (a) when two new dwelling units are to be erected on one allotment both units are counted.
- (b) when one new dwelling unit is to be erected on an allotment already occupied by an existing dwelling unit, the new unit is counted.
- (c) when an existing dwelling unit is to be altered or added to, to create two dwelling units, one new unit is counted.
- (d) when a non-residential building is to be altered and/or added to, to create two dwelling units, both units are counted.

11. From the January 1995 issue of this publication, the number of dwelling units approved as part of alterations and additions to or conversions of existing residential or non-residential buildings and as part of the construction of non-residential building is shown separately in Table 1 under the heading of 'Conversions, etc.', and is included in the total number of dwelling units shown in the table. Previously, such dwellings were only included as a footnote.

12. In addition, from the January 1995 issue, the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for the number of dwelling units approved, shown in Table 3, include these conversions, etc. Previously, only dwelling units approved as part of the construction of new residential buildings were included in these estimates.

13. The value of new residential building approved continues to exclude the value of dwelling units approved as part of alterations and additions to or conversions of existing residential or non-residential buildings and as part of the construction of non-residential building. Approved building work represented by these conversions, etc. jobs continues to be included in the value of alterations and additions to residential buildings or in the value of non-residential building as appropriate.

14. Value data are derived by aggregation of the estimated value (when completed) of building work (excluding value of land and landscaping but including site preparation) *as reported on approval documents*. For 'houses', these estimates are usually a reliable indicator of the completed value of the building. However, for 'other residential buildings' and 'non-residential buildings' these estimates can differ significantly from the completed value of the building.

BUILDING CLASSIFICATION

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

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

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

17. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series may be more clearly recognised.

18. Table 3 shows seasonally adjusted estimates for both private and total dwellings. For the four series shown, account has been taken of normal seasonal factors and 'trading day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays etc. in the month) and the effect of movement in the date of Easter which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months.

19. Seasonal adjustment procedures do not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month, such as the effect of the approval of large projects or as a consequence of the administrative arrangements of approving authorities. These irregular influences that are highly volatile can make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variation.

20. Most of the component series have been seasonally adjusted independently. Therefore, the adjusted components may not add to the adjusted totals. Further, the difference between independently seasonally adjusted series does not necessarily produce series which are optimum or even adequate adjustments of the similarly derived original series. Thus the figures which can be derived by subtracting seasonally adjusted private sector dwelling units from the seasonally adjusted total should not be used to represent seasonally adjusted public sector dwelling units.

21. As happens with all seasonally adjusted series, the seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's data. For Building Approvals, the results of the latest review are normally shown in the July issue each year. Further information about seasonal adjustment can be obtained from the Assistant Director of Time Series Analysis, Canberra, on (02) 6252 6345.

TREND ESTIMATES

22. Seasonally adjusted series can be smoothed to reduce the impact of the irregular component in the adjusted series. This smoothed seasonally adjusted series is called a trend estimate.

23. Table 3 shows trend estimates for both private and total dwellings. These are obtained by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months of the respective seasonally adjusted series except the last six months. Trend series are created for the last six months by applying surrogates of the Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted time series. For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series – Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (Cat. no. 1348.0).

24. While the smoothing technique described in paragraphs 22 and 23 enables trend estimates to be produced for the latest few months, it does result in revisions to the trend estimates as new data become available. Generally, revisions become smaller over time and, after three months, usually have a negligible impact on the series. Revisions to the original data and re-analysis of seasonal factors may also lead to revisions to the trend.

ESTIMATES AT CONSTANT PRICES

25. Estimates of the quarterly value of building approvals at average 1989–90 prices are presented in Table 4. (Note: monthly value data at constant prices are not available.)

26. 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 are derived from the same price data underlying the deflators compiled for the dwelling and non-dwelling construction components of the national accounts aggregate 'Gross fixed capital expenditure'.

27. 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* (Cat. no. 5216.0).

AUSTRALIAN STANDARD GEOGRAPHICAL CLASSIFICATION (ASGC)

28. Area statistics are now being classified to the *Australian Standard Geographical Classification, 1996 Edition* (Cat. no. 1216.0), effective from 1 July 1996, and ASGC terminology has been adopted in the presentation of building statistics.

29. The 1996 edition of the ASGC includes some changes to Victorian Statistical Divisions (SDs), Statistical Subdivisions (SSDs) and Statistical Local Areas (SLAs). Further details are:

- (a) The Shire of Milawa was renamed to Wangaratta and constituted as a Rural City.
- (b) Western Fringe Melbourne SSD (in Melbourne SD) has been renamed Melton–Wyndham SSD.
- (c) (i) The boundary of the Bendigo Statistical District has been extended to include a part transferred from Greater Bendigo (C) – Part B SLA to Greater Bendigo (C) – Strathfieldsaye SLA. There are consequential changes to Greater Bendigo City Part A and North Loddon SSDs.
- (ii) All SLAs in Greater Bendigo (C) LGA have been redefined. The seven new SLAs are: Greater Bendigo (C) – Central, Greater Bendigo (C) – Eaglehawk, Greater Bendigo (C) – Inner East, Greater Bendigo (C) – Inner North, Greater Bendigo (C) – Inner West, Greater Bendigo (C) – Strathfieldsaye (in Greater Bendigo City Part A SSD) and Greater Bendigo (C) – Part B (in North Loddon SSD).
- (d) The following SLA splits (and boundary changes) have occurred:
 - (i) Cardinia (S) – Pakenham has been split into two SLAs, Cardinia (S) – Pakenham (which also includes a part from Cardinia (S) – South) and Cardinia (S) – North

- (ii) Casey (C) – Berwick lost part to Casey (C) – South; remainder has been split into two SLAs, Casey (C) – Berwick and Casey (C) – Hallam
 - (iii) Casey (C) – South has been split into two SLAs, Casey (C) – South (which also includes a part from Casey (C) – Berwick) and Casey (C) – Cranbourne
 - (iv) Knox (C) has been split into two SLAs, Knox (C) – North and Knox (C) – South
 - (v) Manningham (C) has been split into two SLAs, Manningham (C) – East and Manningham (C) – West
 - (vi) Moira (S) has been split into two SLAs, Moira (S) – East and Moira (S) – West
 - (vii) Nillumbik (S) Bal has been split into two SLAs, Nillumbik (S) – South (which also includes a part from Nillumbik (S) – South-West) and Nillumbik (S) Bal
 - (viii) Pyrenees (S) has been split into two SLAs, Pyrenees (S) – North and Pyrenees (S) – South
 - (ix) Swan Hill (RC) Bal has been split into two SLAs, Swan Hill (RC) – Robinvale and Swan Hill (RC) Bal
 - (x) Whittlesea (C) has been split into two SLAs, Whittlesea (C) – North and Whittlesea (C) – South
 - (xi) Wyndham (C) has been split into three SLAs, Wyndham (C) – North-West, Wyndham (C) – Werribee and Wyndham (C) Bal
- (e) There have been changes between the following boundaries:
- (i) Ballarat (C) – Central and Ballarat (C) – Inner North
 - (ii) Ballarat (C) – Inner North and Ballarat (C) – South
 - (iii) Banyule (C) – Heidelberg and Banyule (C) – North
 - (iv) Colac–Otway (S) – Colac, and Colac–Otway (S) – North
 - (v) East Gippsland (S) – Orbost and East Gippsland (S) Bal
 - (vi) Geelong and Geelong West
 - (vii) Glenelg (S) – Heywood and Glenelg (S) – North
 - (viii) Glenelg (S) – Heywood and Glenelg (S) – Portland
 - (ix) Loddon (S) – North and Loddon (S) – South
 - (x) Macedon Ranges (S) – Kyneton and Macedon Ranges (S) Bal
 - (xi) Maroondah (C) – Croydon and Maroondah (C) – Ringwood
 - (xii) Moonee Valley (C) – Essendon and Moonee Valley (C) – West
 - (xiii) Moyne (S) Bal abolished: split between Moyne (S) – South (renamed to Moyne (S) – South-West) and new SLA Moyne (S) – North-West
 - (xiv) Moyne (S) – South created from Moyne (S) – South-West and the southern part of Moyne (S) Bal
 - (xv) Nillumbik (S) – South-West, and Nillumbik (S) – South
 - (xvi) Surf Coast (S) – East and Surf Coast (S) – West
 - (xvii) Wangaratta (RC) – North (previously Milawa (S) – North) and Wangaratta (RC) – South (previously Milawa (S) – South)
 - (xviii) Wangaratta (RC) – Central renamed from Milawa (S) – Wangaratta
 - (xix) Wellington (S) – Avon and Wellington (S) – Maffra

30. Tables 8, 9 and 13 show approvals statistics according to the new SLA structure for July 1996. Tables 10, 11, 12 and 13 include data for previous periods relating to those geographic areas for which no boundary changes have been made and for SDs to which only minor boundary changes have been made. (Historical data for SDs subject to significant boundary changes can, in some instances, be provided as a special data service. Charges apply for these services.)

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