

BUILDING ACTIVITY

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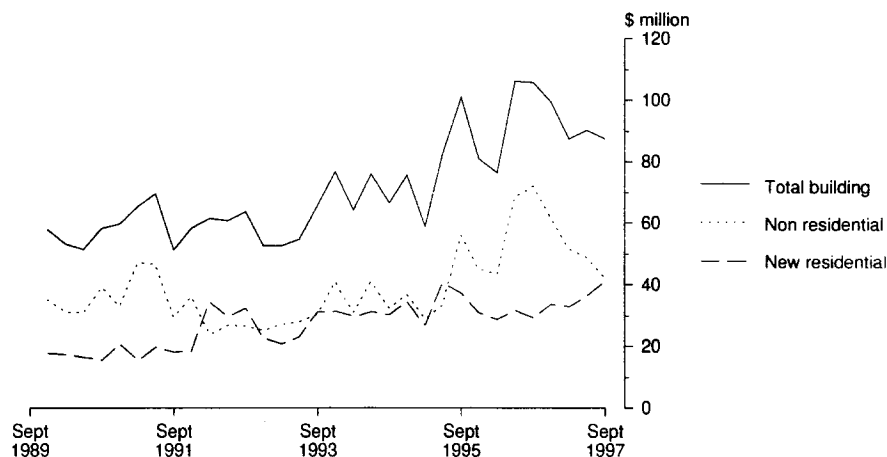
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Value of building work done at average 1989-90 prices

	% change on	
	June quarter 1997	Sept quarter 1996
New residential building	12.9	40.1
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	-14.3	-4.5
Non-residential building	-13.9	-41.5
Total	-3.1	-17.3

- In average 1989-90 prices, the value of new residential building work done during the September quarter 1997 increased by 12.9% to \$41.2 million, the highest figure since the December quarter 1985. The majority of the increase in the September quarter occurred in other residential dwellings which rose by 31.3% to \$14.7 million. Work done on new houses also rose, by 4.7% to \$26.5 million.
- Work done on non-residential building fell by 13.9% to \$42.1 million following falls of 5.0% in the June quarter and 16.7% in the March quarter.
- The total value of building work done in the September quarter fell by 3.1% to \$87.5 million.

VALUE OF WORK DONE
AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES



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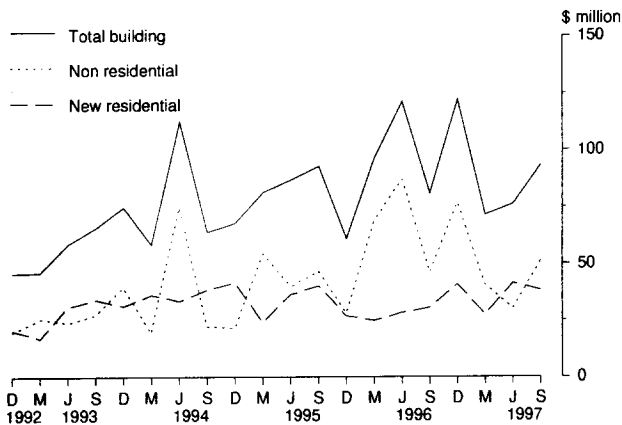
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – continued

Value of building work commenced at average 1989–90 prices

	% change on	
	June quarter 1997	Sept quarter 1996
New residential building	-7.7	25.7
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	-25.0	-18.2
Non-residential building	71.9	11.3
Total	22.5	15.1

- In average 1989–90 prices, the value of new residential building work commenced during the September quarter 1997 fell by 7.7% to \$38.2 million. New houses increased by 4.9% to \$25.8 million, while other residential dwellings fell by 26.2% to \$12.4 million.
- Commencements of non-residential buildings during the quarter rose by 71.9% to \$51.4 million partly offsetting the falls of 26.4% in the June quarter and 47.2% in the March quarter.
- The total value of all building work commenced during the quarter increased by 22.5% to \$93.2 million.

VALUE OF WORK COMMENCED AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES

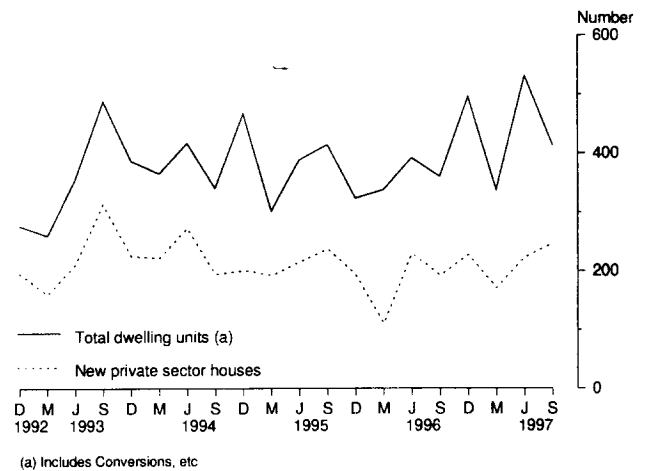


Number of dwelling units commenced

	% change on	
	June quarter 1997	Sept quarter 1996
New private sector houses	10.7	29.2
Private sector dwelling units	-25.7	9.5
Total dwelling units	-22.2	15.0

- The total number of dwelling units commenced during the September quarter fell by 22.2% to 414 following an increase of 57.4% in the June quarter.
- Within the private sector, total dwelling units commenced fell by 25.7% to 358 with new houses increasing by 10.7% to 248. Although new other residential dwellings decreased by 58.3% to 106, the June quarter had been the highest since the December quarter 1984 and the third highest since the series began in 1969.

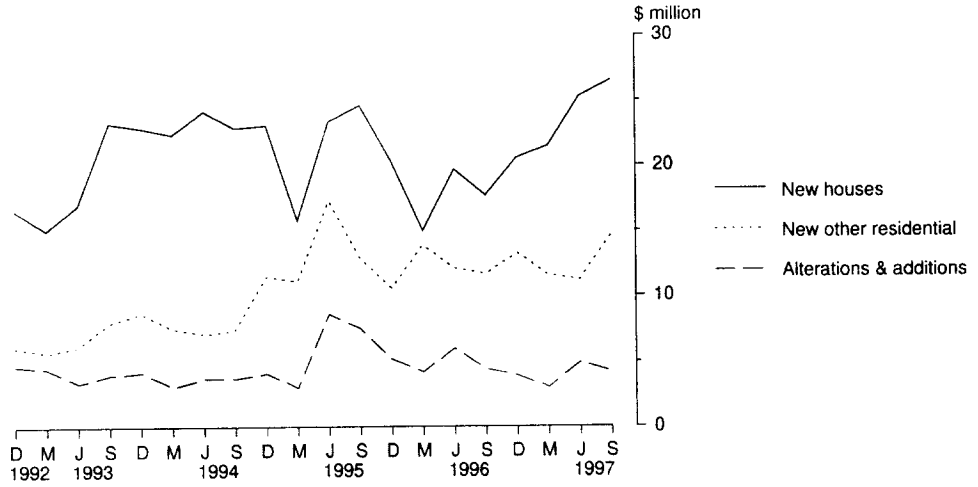
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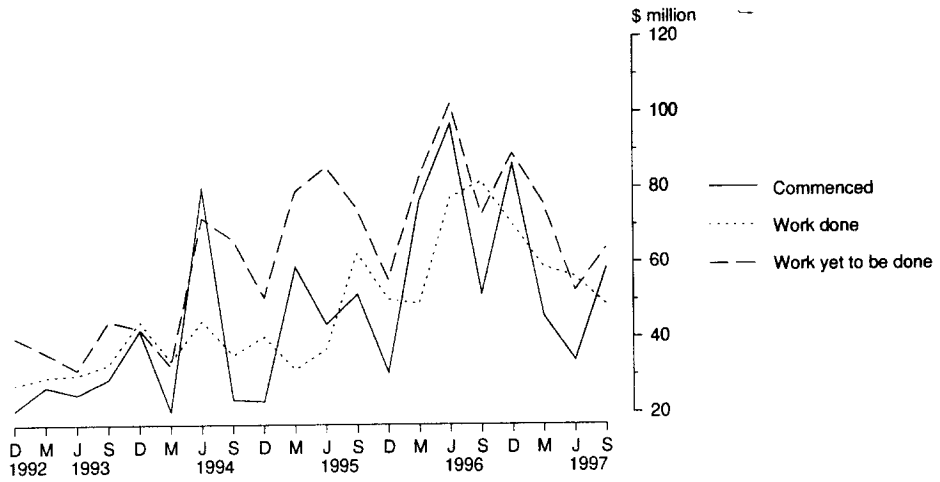
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- The total value of building work commenced during the September quarter 1997 rose by 21.1% to \$116.7 million. Total residential building fell by 7.0% to \$58.1 million while non-residential building rose by 72.6% to \$58.5 million. Most of this rise was attributable to a Defence establishment.
- Work done during the quarter fell by 2.1% to \$110.6 million with total residential building increasing by 9.0% to \$61.9 million and non-residential building falling by 13.5% to \$48.6 million.
- Work yet to be done on jobs under construction at the end of September 1997 rose by 7.9% to \$105.7 million. This is 0.96 times the value of the work done for the quarter.

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



VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING



VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL WORK DONE

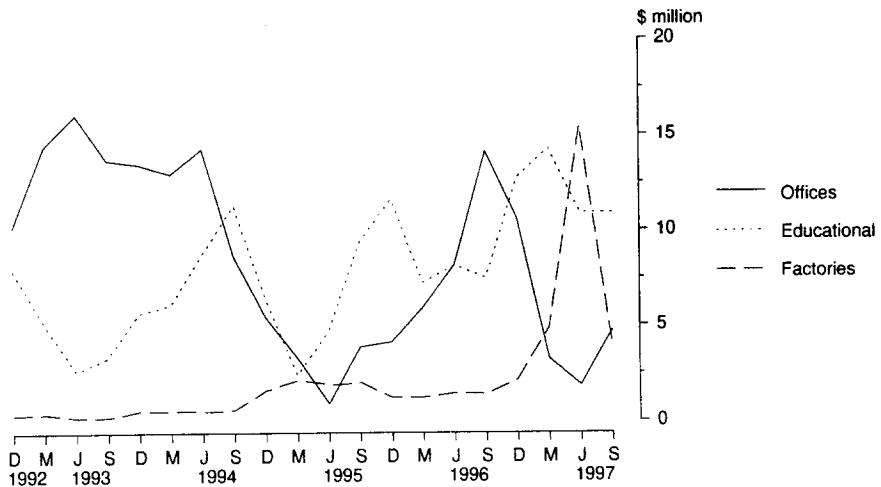


TABLE 1. VALUE OF BUILDING ACTIVITY, AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES (a)
 (\$ million)

Period	New residential building			Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building
	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total		Private Sector	Total	
COMMENCED							
1994-95	80.4	59.9	140.3	21.9	64.3	137.8	300.0
1995-96	72.0	48.0	120.0	20.6	129.8	230.8	371.4
1996-97	87.6	52.4	140.0	17.0	101.7	193.6	350.6
1996 June qtr	17.6	10.7	28.3	5.9	47.7	87.1	121.3
Sept. qtr	19.4	11.0	30.4	4.4	35.5	46.2	81.0
Dec. qtr	22.7	18.2	40.9	4.3	47.3	76.9	122.1
1997 Mar. qtr	20.9	6.4	27.3	3.5	8.7	40.6	71.4
June qtr	24.6	16.8	41.4	4.8	10.2	29.9	76.1
Sept. qtr	25.8	12.4	38.2	3.6	18.6	51.4	93.2
VALUE OF WORK DONE DURING PERIOD							
1994-95	85.2	47.3	132.5	19.4	46.4	132.1	284.0
1995-96	79.6	49.5	129.1	22.9	114.2	212.9	364.9
1996-97	85.1	47.8	132.9	16.2	125.1	234.2	383.3
1996 June qtr	19.7	12.1	31.8	6.0	42.2	68.4	106.2
Sept. qtr	17.7	11.7	29.4	4.4	46.6	72.0	105.8
Dec. qtr	20.6	13.3	33.9	3.9	35.5	61.8	99.6
1997 Mar. qtr	21.5	11.6	33.1	3.0	25.1	51.5	87.6
June qtr	25.3	11.2	36.5	4.9	17.9	48.9	90.3
Sept. qtr	26.5	14.7	41.2	4.2	22.8	42.1	87.5

(a) See paragraphs 21 and 22 of the Explanatory Notes. Constant price estimates are subject to revision each quarter as more up to date information on prices and commodity compositions becomes available.

TABLE 2. NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMMENCED, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR: ORIGINAL

Period	Number of dwelling units				Value (\$m)						
	New houses	New other residential building	Conversions etc.	Total dwelling units	New houses	New other residential building	New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Total residential building	Total non-residential building	Total building
PRIVATE SECTOR											
1994-95	804	522	11	1,337	80.3	65.9	146.3	20.6	166.8	69.8	236.7
1995-96	773	455	9	1,237	80.0	48.2	128.2	21.6	149.8	143.9	293.7
1996-97	815	685	28	1,528	99.5	60.2	159.6	20.7	180.3	114.2	294.5
1996 June qtr	230	142	1	373	23.9	11.2	35.1	6.8	42.0	53.1	95.1
Sept. qtr	192	132	3	327	22.5	12.5	35.0	6.0	40.9	39.6	80.6
Dec. qtr	228	219	2	449	25.9	20.8	46.7	5.0	51.7	53.1	104.9
1997 Mar. qtr	171	80	19	270	21.0	7.3	28.3	4.4	32.7	9.8	42.5
June qtr	224	254	4	482	30.0	19.6	49.6	5.3	54.9	11.6	66.6
Sept. qtr	248	106	4	358	30.5	14.9	45.4	4.7	50.1	21.2	71.3
PUBLIC SECTOR											
1994-95	143	19	—	162	25.8	2.0	27.7	7.7	35.5	79.7	115.2
1995-96	112	117	3	232	18.9	7.7	26.6	6.1	32.7	111.7	144.4
1996-97	170	16	12	198	25.2	1.6	26.9	3.1	30.0	103.5	133.5
1996 June qtr	5	12	2	19	0.5	1.3	1.8	1.2	3.0	43.8	46.8
Sept. qtr	31	2	—	33	4.4	0.4	4.8	—	4.9	12.0	16.9
Dec. qtr	40	7	—	47	6.2	0.6	6.8	1.0	7.8	33.2	40.9
1997 Mar. qtr	54	2	12	68	9.0	0.2	9.3	0.6	9.8	36.0	45.8
June qtr	45	5	—	50	5.6	0.5	6.0	1.5	7.5	22.3	29.9
Sept. qtr	56	—	—	56	7.4	—	7.4	0.5	8.0	37.4	45.3
TOTAL											
1994-95	947	541	11	1,499	106.1	67.9	174.0	28.3	202.3	149.5	351.8
1995-96	885	572	12	1,469	98.9	56.0	154.8	27.7	182.6	255.6	438.2
1996-97	985	701	40	1,726	124.7	61.8	186.5	23.8	210.3	217.7	428.0
1996 June qtr	235	154	3	392	24.4	12.5	37.0	8.0	45.0	96.9	141.9
Sept. qtr	223	134	3	360	26.9	12.9	39.8	6.0	45.8	51.7	97.5
Dec. qtr	268	226	2	496	32.1	21.4	53.5	6.0	59.5	86.3	145.8
1997 Mar. qtr	225	82	31	338	30.1	7.5	37.6	5.0	42.5	45.8	88.3
June qtr	269	259	4	532	35.6	20.0	55.6	6.8	62.5	33.9	96.4
Sept. qtr	304	106	4	414	37.9	14.9	52.8	5.3	58.1	58.5	116.7

TABLE 3. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING COMMENCED, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR: ORIGINAL
(\$ million)

<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>Entertain- ment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscel- laneous</i>	<i>Total non-resi- dential building</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR											
1994-95	25.2	13.9	3.0	5.1	7.3	3.3	—	0.7	4.4	6.8	69.8
1995-96	62.7	26.5	3.9	12.6	17.2	5.4	0.6	4.1	9.0	2.0	143.9
1996-97	1.4	53.8	4.0	20.2	19.7	7.4	0.2	0.4	1.9	5.1	114.2
1996 June qtr	18.3	17.0	0.9	7.7	5.2	1.3	0.1	—	2.2	0.5	53.1
Sept. qtr	0.9	6.1	0.4	16.0	7.2	5.9	—	0.1	0.6	2.6	39.6
Dec. qtr	0.3	39.6	1.6	3.0	6.2	0.2	—	—	1.1	1.1	53.1
1997 Mar. qtr	—	3.8	0.5	0.7	2.7	1.3	0.2	0.4	—	0.3	9.8
June qtr	0.1	4.4	1.6	0.5	3.7	—	—	—	0.2	1.2	11.6
Sept. qtr	0.5	7.3	2.4	3.4	4.6	1.5	0.1	—	1.3	0.1	21.2
PUBLIC SECTOR											
1994-95	—	0.1	0.8	2.2	2.2	32.2	—	0.7	3.4	38.1	79.7
1995-96	—	4.9	1.1	14.9	17.3	27.4	2.4	1.9	11.4	30.5	111.7
1996-97	1.2	5.1	21.7	8.0	5.5	37.2	—	3.3	4.4	19.0	103.5
1996 June qtr	—	4.4	0.1	4.7	9.9	15.1	—	0.1	3.1	6.5	43.8
Sept. qtr	—	1.8	1.6	0.8	4.0	1.1	—	1.1	—	3.5	12.0
Dec. qtr	—	2.6	20.0	4.8	0.1	3.3	—	1.1	1.3	—	33.2
1997 Mar. qtr	1.0	0.2	—	1.0	1.1	15.5	—	0.9	3.1	13.2	36.0
June qtr	0.1	0.5	0.1	1.5	0.3	17.2	—	0.3	—	2.3	22.3
Sept. qtr	—	—	—	4.4	24.0	7.3	—	—	—	1.6	37.4
TOTAL											
1994-95	25.2	14.1	3.8	7.4	9.5	35.5	—	1.4	7.8	44.9	149.5
1995-96	62.7	31.3	5.0	27.5	34.5	32.8	3.0	6.1	20.3	32.5	255.6
1996-97	2.6	57.1	25.7	28.2	25.2	44.6	0.2	3.8	6.2	24.0	217.7
1996 June qtr	18.3	21.4	0.9	12.4	15.1	16.4	0.1	0.1	5.3	7.0	96.9
Sept. qtr	0.9	6.1	2.0	16.8	11.2	7.0	—	1.1	0.6	6.0	51.7
Dec. qtr	0.3	42.2	21.6	7.8	6.2	3.5	—	1.1	2.3	1.1	86.3
1997 Mar. qtr	1.0	3.9	0.5	1.7	3.8	16.8	0.2	1.3	3.1	13.4	45.8
June qtr	0.3	4.9	1.6	2.0	4.0	17.2	—	0.3	0.2	3.5	33.9
Sept. qtr	0.5	7.3	2.4	7.8	28.6	8.9	0.1	—	1.3	1.7	58.5

**TABLE 4. NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD,
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR: ORIGINAL**

	<i>Number of dwelling units</i>				<i>Value (\$m)</i>						
	<i>New houses</i>	<i>New other residential building</i>	<i>Conversions etc.</i>	<i>Total dwelling units</i>	<i>New houses</i>	<i>New other residential building</i>	<i>New residential building</i>	<i>Alterations and additions to residential buildings</i>	<i>Total residential building</i>	<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>Total building</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR											
1994-95	417	283	5	705	41.9	40.7	82.6	10.9	93.4	69.9	163.4
1995-96	354	264	4	622	37.5	30.6	68.1	9.5	77.6	115.2	192.8
1996-97	338	450	9	797	42.1	38.5	80.7	10.3	91.0	57.3	148.3
1996 June qtr	354	264	4	622	37.5	30.6	68.1	9.5	77.6	115.2	192.8
Sept. qtr	335	305	6	646	38.4	26.5	65.0	10.8	75.8	131.5	207.3
Dec. qtr	350	341	5	696	40.2	33.0	73.1	10.0	83.1	131.9	215.0
1997 Mar. qtr	354	314	9	677	42.1	29.8	71.9	10.0	82.0	84.4	166.4
June qtr	338	450	9	797	42.1	38.5	80.7	10.3	91.0	57.3	148.3
Sept. qtr	338	299	9	646	44.2	30.0	74.2	10.1	84.3	64.1	148.4
PUBLIC SECTOR											
1994-95	75	12	—	87	15.0	1.2	16.3	4.1	20.3	76.6	96.9
1995-96	9	108	2	119	1.0	6.6	7.6	0.2	7.8	104.4	112.1
1996-97	52	5	—	57	6.3	0.5	6.8	1.5	8.3	72.0	80.3
1996 June qtr	9	108	2	119	1.0	6.6	7.6	0.2	7.8	104.4	112.1
Sept. qtr	33	108	—	141	4.6	6.7	11.3	0.1	11.5	66.1	77.5
Dec. qtr	46	7	—	53	6.5	0.6	7.1	0.8	7.8	79.3	87.1
1997 Mar. qtr	66	7	—	73	10.2	0.6	10.8	0.7	11.5	81.0	92.5
June qtr	52	5	—	57	6.3	0.5	6.8	1.5	8.3	72.0	80.3
Sept. qtr	54	—	—	54	7.1	—	7.1	0.6	7.6	84.5	92.1
TOTAL											
1994-95	492	295	5	792	57.0	41.9	98.9	14.9	113.8	146.5	260.3
1995-96	363	372	6	741	38.6	37.2	75.8	9.6	85.4	219.5	304.9
1996-97	390	455	9	854	48.4	39.0	87.5	11.8	99.3	129.3	228.6
1996 June qtr	363	372	6	741	38.6	37.2	75.8	9.6	85.4	219.5	304.9
Sept. qtr	368	413	6	787	43.0	33.2	76.3	10.9	87.2	197.6	284.8
Dec. qtr	396	348	5	749	46.7	33.5	80.2	10.7	91.0	211.1	302.1
1997 Mar. qtr	420	321	9	750	52.3	30.4	82.8	10.7	93.5	165.5	258.9
June qtr	390	455	9	854	48.4	39.0	87.5	11.8	99.3	129.3	228.6
Sept. qtr	392	299	9	700	51.3	30.0	81.2	10.7	91.9	148.6	240.5

TABLE 5. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD,
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR: ORIGINAL
(\$ million)

	<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>Entertain- ment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscel- laneous</i>	<i>Total non-resi- dential building</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR											
1994-95	25.0	29.4	0.9	1.3	4.4	2.7	—	0.4	1.2	4.6	69.9
1995-96	59.6	36.9	1.0	7.3	6.4	0.7	0.1	—	2.5	0.6	115.2
1996-97	0.6	40.1	1.1	6.5	7.9	—	0.2	—	0.1	0.7	57.3
1996 June qtr	59.6	36.9	1.0	7.3	6.4	0.7	0.1	—	2.5	0.6	115.2
Sept. qtr	53.9	40.2	0.5	20.7	8.0	5.8	—	—	0.1	2.3	131.5
Dec. qtr	49.7	45.5	1.6	19.2	8.4	4.5	—	—	0.1	2.7	131.9
1997 Mar. qtr	18.1	47.2	1.3	6.6	8.5	1.3	0.2	—	0.1	1.0	84.4
June qtr	0.6	40.1	1.1	6.5	7.9	—	0.2	—	0.1	0.7	57.3
Sept. qtr	1.2	41.9	3.0	7.3	6.8	1.5	0.2	—	1.4	0.7	64.1
PUBLIC SECTOR											
1994-95	—	—	3.6	3.8	6.9	20.0	—	0.4	0.4	41.6	76.6
1995-96	—	4.9	—	12.9	16.3	36.5	—	0.5	4.8	28.5	104.4
1996-97	0.1	0.2	20.1	0.8	0.6	33.5	—	0.4	3.3	13.1	72.0
1996 June qtr	—	4.9	—	12.9	16.3	36.5	—	0.5	4.8	28.5	104.4
Sept. qtr	—	4.4	1.6	0.4	13.5	16.3	—	1.1	1.8	27.0	66.1
Dec. qtr	—	2.6	20.0	3.8	10.9	16.5	—	1.2	2.9	21.2	79.3
1997 Mar. qtr	1.0	1.9	20.0	0.4	1.1	23.4	—	1.5	3.8	29.8	81.0
June qtr	0.1	0.2	20.1	0.8	0.6	33.5	—	0.4	3.3	13.1	72.0
Sept. qtr	0.1	0.3	21.0	5.2	24.4	24.3	—	0.1	0.4	8.7	84.5
TOTAL											
1994-95	25.0	29.4	4.5	5.1	11.3	22.6	—	0.7	1.6	46.1	146.5
1995-96	59.6	41.7	1.0	20.2	22.7	37.2	0.1	0.5	7.3	29.1	219.5
1996-97	0.8	40.3	21.2	7.3	8.5	33.5	0.2	0.4	3.4	13.8	129.3
1996 June qtr	59.6	41.7	1.0	20.2	22.7	37.2	0.1	0.5	7.3	29.1	219.5
Sept. qtr	53.9	44.6	2.2	21.1	21.5	22.2	—	1.1	1.9	29.3	197.6
Dec. qtr	49.7	48.1	21.6	22.9	19.4	21.1	—	1.2	3.1	23.9	211.1
1997 Mar. qtr	19.2	47.2	21.3	7.0	9.6	24.8	0.2	1.5	3.9	30.8	165.5
June qtr	0.8	40.3	21.2	7.3	8.5	33.5	0.2	0.4	3.4	13.8	129.3
Sept. qtr	1.3	42.2	24.0	12.5	31.2	25.8	0.2	0.1	1.8	9.5	148.6

TABLE 6. NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMPLETED, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR: ORIGINAL

Period	Number of dwelling units				Value (\$m)						
	New houses	New other residential building	Conversions etc.	Total dwelling units	New houses	New other residential building	New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Total residential building	Total non-residential building	Total building
PRIVATE SECTOR											
1994-95	888	368	7	1,263	89.7	33.6	123.2	20.3	143.6	30.6	174.2
1995-96	833	467	11	1,311	85.2	61.6	146.8	23.2	170.0	97.4	267.4
1996-97	823	504	23	1,350	95.2	50.2	145.3	20.0	165.3	171.4	336.7
1996 June qtr	196	149	2	347	20.4	26.9	47.3	6.0	53.3	20.3	73.6
Sept. qtr	208	91	1	300	21.3	14.0	35.3	4.9	40.2	23.3	63.5
Dec. qtr	210	188	3	401	24.1	14.9	39.0	5.7	44.8	51.7	96.4
1997 Mar. qtr	167	107	15	289	19.3	10.4	29.7	4.2	34.0	57.2	91.2
June qtr	238	118	4	360	30.4	10.9	41.3	5.1	46.4	39.2	85.6
Sept. qtr	246	257	4	507	28.5	23.2	51.7	5.1	56.8	14.7	71.5
PUBLIC SECTOR											
1994-95	182	19	—	201	32.1	1.7	33.8	3.8	37.6	183.9	221.4
1995-96	178	21	1	200	33.5	2.4	35.9	10.0	46.0	86.5	132.4
1996-97	125	119	14	258	19.8	8.0	27.8	1.8	29.5	135.2	164.7
1996 June qtr	78	6	—	84	16.2	1.0	17.2	1.5	18.8	29.0	47.8
Sept. qtr	7	2	2	11	0.8	0.5	1.4	0.1	1.4	50.6	52.1
Dec. qtr	25	108	—	133	4.1	6.7	10.8	0.4	11.2	21.4	32.6
1997 Mar. qtr	34	2	12	48	5.4	0.2	5.5	0.6	6.2	34.1	40.2
June qtr	59	7	—	66	9.5	0.6	10.1	0.7	10.8	29.0	39.8
Sept. qtr	54	5	—	59	6.7	0.4	7.1	1.5	8.6	25.9	34.6
TOTAL											
1994-95	1,070	387	7	1,464	121.8	35.3	157.1	24.1	181.2	214.5	395.6
1995-96	1,011	488	12	1,511	118.7	64.0	182.7	33.2	215.9	183.9	399.8
1996-97	948	623	37	1,608	114.9	58.2	173.1	21.7	194.8	306.6	501.4
1996 June qtr	274	155	2	431	36.6	27.9	64.5	7.5	72.0	49.4	121.4
Sept. qtr	215	93	3	311	22.2	14.5	36.7	4.9	41.6	74.0	115.6
Dec. qtr	235	296	3	534	28.2	21.6	49.8	6.1	55.9	73.1	129.0
1997 Mar. qtr	201	109	27	337	24.7	10.6	35.3	4.9	40.2	91.3	131.4
June qtr	297	125	4	426	39.9	11.5	51.4	5.8	57.2	68.3	125.4
Sept. qtr	300	262	4	566	35.3	23.6	58.9	6.6	65.5	40.6	106.1

TABLE 7. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING COMPLETED, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR: ORIGINAL
(\$ million)

<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>Entertain- ment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscel- laneous</i>	<i>Total non-resi- dential building</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR											
1994-95	0.4	8.0	2.3	5.1	4.9	1.5	—	0.3	4.2	3.8	30.6
1995-96	26.8	19.2	3.9	6.5	15.4	7.4	0.5	4.2	7.6	5.9	97.4
1996-97	60.9	49.4	4.0	20.9	18.4	8.0	0.1	0.4	4.2	5.0	171.4
1996 June qtr	3.9	6.2	1.2	2.1	5.0	1.2	—	—	0.2	0.4	20.3
Sept. qtr	6.7	2.8	0.8	2.6	5.6	0.8	0.1	0.1	3.0	0.9	23.3
Dec. qtr	5.5	32.3	0.5	4.5	5.7	1.4	—	—	1.1	0.7	51.7
1997 Mar. qtr	31.1	2.4	0.9	13.2	2.8	4.5	—	0.4	—	1.9	57.2
June qtr	17.6	11.9	1.8	0.6	4.3	1.3	—	—	0.2	1.5	39.2
Sept. qtr	—	5.5	0.5	2.6	6.0	—	—	—	—	—	14.7
PUBLIC SECTOR											
1994-95	—	0.1	0.9	114.2	12.0	29.8	—	10.3	5.1	11.2	183.9
1995-96	—	—	4.7	5.9	7.9	11.7	2.4	2.0	7.1	44.8	86.5
1996-97	1.0	7.7	1.6	20.2	22.1	40.8	—	3.6	5.9	32.3	135.2
1996 June qtr	—	—	3.7	1.4	0.1	—	—	0.5	1.4	22.0	29.0
Sept. qtr	—	0.5	—	13.3	6.7	21.4	—	0.5	3.0	5.2	50.6
Dec. qtr	—	4.4	1.6	1.5	3.6	3.5	—	1.0	0.1	5.7	21.4
1997 Mar. qtr	—	2.5	—	4.4	10.9	8.7	—	0.7	2.2	4.6	34.1
June qtr	1.0	0.3	—	1.1	0.8	7.1	—	1.5	0.5	16.7	29.0
Sept. qtr	—	—	0.1	—	0.2	16.5	—	0.3	2.9	6.0	25.9
TOTAL											
1994-95	0.4	8.2	3.3	119.3	17.0	31.4	—	10.7	9.3	15.0	214.5
1995-96	26.8	19.2	8.6	12.5	23.3	19.1	2.8	6.3	14.7	50.6	183.9
1996-97	61.9	57.1	5.6	41.1	40.5	48.8	0.1	4.0	10.1	37.3	306.6
1996 June qtr	3.9	6.2	4.9	3.5	5.1	1.2	—	0.5	1.6	22.4	49.4
Sept. qtr	6.7	3.2	0.8	15.9	12.4	22.2	0.1	0.6	6.0	6.1	74.0
Dec. qtr	5.5	36.7	2.1	6.0	9.3	4.9	—	1.0	1.2	6.4	73.1
1997 Mar. qtr	31.1	4.9	0.9	17.6	13.7	13.2	—	1.0	2.2	6.6	91.3
June qtr	18.7	12.2	1.8	1.7	5.1	8.4	—	1.5	0.7	18.3	68.3
Sept. qtr	—	5.5	0.6	2.6	6.2	16.5	—	0.3	2.9	6.1	40.6

TABLE 8. VALUE OF BUILDING WORK DONE, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR: ORIGINAL
(\$ million)

<i>Period</i>	<i>New houses</i>	<i>New other residential building</i>	<i>New residential building</i>	<i>Alterations and additions to residential buildings</i>	<i>Total residential building</i>	<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>Total building</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR							
1994-95	86.5	52.4	138.9	21.0	159.9	50.9	210.9
1995-96	83.4	51.9	135.3	22.8	158.1	128.6	286.7
1996-97	98.2	53.8	151.9	20.2	172.1	142.6	314.7
1996 June qtr	21.6	9.5	31.1	6.7	37.8	47.8	85.6
Sept. qtr	22.2	11.9	34.0	5.9	39.9	52.9	92.8
Dec. qtr	23.8	15.2	39.0	4.8	43.8	40.4	84.2
1997 Mar. qtr	21.8	13.5	35.4	3.9	39.3	28.6	67.9
June qtr	30.3	13.2	43.5	5.6	49.1	20.6	69.7
Sept. qtr	29.7	17.6	47.2	5.3	52.5	26.3	78.9
PUBLIC SECTOR							
1994-95	26.8	2.0	28.8	4.9	33.7	93.8	127.4
1995-96	27.2	6.5	33.7	9.0	42.7	110.7	153.4
1996-97	22.9	3.3	26.3	2.7	29.0	124.4	153.4
1996 June qtr	5.0	4.9	9.9	1.4	11.3	29.7	41.0
Sept. qtr	2.4	2.0	4.4	0.1	4.5	28.8	33.3
Dec. qtr	5.1	0.7	5.8	0.7	6.4	29.9	36.3
1997 Mar. qtr	9.5	0.3	9.8	0.5	10.3	30.1	40.5
June qtr	6.0	0.3	6.3	1.4	7.7	35.6	43.3
Sept. qtr	8.4	0.3	8.7	0.7	9.4	22.3	31.7
TOTAL							
1994-95	113.3	54.4	167.7	26.0	193.6	144.7	338.3
1995-96	110.6	58.4	169.0	31.8	200.8	239.3	440.1
1996-97	121.1	57.1	178.2	22.9	201.1	267.0	468.1
1996 June qtr	26.6	14.4	41.0	8.1	49.1	77.5	126.6
Sept. qtr	24.5	13.9	38.4	6.0	44.4	81.7	126.1
Dec. qtr	28.9	15.9	44.8	5.5	50.3	70.3	120.6
1997 Mar. qtr	31.3	13.8	45.2	4.5	49.6	58.8	108.4
June qtr	36.4	13.5	49.8	7.0	56.8	56.2	113.0
Sept. qtr	38.0	17.9	56.0	6.0	61.9	48.6	110.6

TABLE 9. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WORK DONE, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR: ORIGINAL
(\$ million)

<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>Entertain- ment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscel- laneous</i>	<i>Total non-resi- dential building</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR											
1994-95	11.3	11.2	2.7	5.6	7.1	1.5	—	0.6	4.4	6.4	50.9
1995-96	45.0	33.0	4.1	7.1	15.7	7.3	0.5	4.0	9.0	2.9	128.6
1996-97	30.8	50.9	4.2	21.1	20.0	7.5	0.2	0.4	2.1	5.2	142.6
1996 June qtr	23.5	11.9	1.4	2.2	5.1	1.2	—	—	2.1	0.4	47.8
Sept. qtr	15.4	14.4	0.4	12.4	6.5	1.7	0.1	0.1	0.8	1.2	52.9
Dec. qtr	8.7	11.6	1.3	6.2	6.0	4.1	—	—	1.1	1.4	40.4
1997 Mar. qtr	6.5	12.9	0.7	2.0	3.5	1.7	—	0.4	—	1.0	28.6
June qtr	0.2	12.0	1.9	0.5	4.0	0.1	0.1	—	0.2	1.6	20.6
Sept. qtr	0.2	14.8	2.0	3.5	4.1	0.7	0.1	—	0.7	0.2	26.3
PUBLIC SECTOR											
1994-95	—	0.1	3.5	12.6	14.9	23.3	—	8.2	2.5	28.7	93.8
1995-96	—	2.1	1.8	15.0	9.6	29.1	2.4	2.3	10.3	38.2	110.7
1996-97	1.0	5.6	19.6	8.7	14.4	37.9	—	3.4	5.0	28.8	124.4
1996 June qtr	—	1.8	0.1	5.9	2.9	7.0	—	0.3	4.1	7.5	29.7
Sept. qtr	—	0.8	1.0	1.8	5.6	5.8	—	0.8	0.9	12.1	28.8
Dec. qtr	—	3.3	0.9	4.4	5.7	8.7	—	0.9	0.5	5.6	29.9
1997 Mar. qtr	0.8	1.2	4.2	1.3	2.6	12.6	—	1.4	2.2	3.9	30.1
June qtr	0.2	0.4	13.5	1.3	0.5	10.8	—	0.4	1.4	7.1	35.6
Sept. qtr	0.1	0.2	2.1	1.2	3.0	10.2	—	0.1	0.4	4.9	22.3
TOTAL											
1994-95	11.3	11.3	6.2	18.2	22.0	24.8	—	8.8	6.9	35.2	144.7
1995-96	45.0	35.1	6.0	22.1	25.3	36.4	2.9	6.2	19.4	41.1	239.3
1996-97	31.8	56.6	23.8	29.8	34.4	45.4	0.2	3.9	7.1	34.0	267.0
1996 June qtr	23.5	13.7	1.5	8.2	8.0	8.1	—	0.3	6.2	8.0	77.5
Sept. qtr	15.4	15.3	1.4	14.1	12.1	7.5	0.1	0.8	1.8	13.3	81.7
Dec. qtr	8.7	14.9	2.2	10.6	11.7	12.7	—	0.9	1.6	7.0	70.3
1997 Mar. qtr	7.3	14.1	4.9	3.2	6.2	14.3	—	1.7	2.2	4.9	58.8
June qtr	0.4	12.3	15.4	1.9	4.5	10.9	0.1	0.4	1.5	8.7	56.2
Sept. qtr	0.4	15.1	4.1	4.7	7.1	10.9	0.1	0.1	1.1	5.1	48.6

TABLE 10. VALUE OF BUILDING WORK YET TO BE DONE AT END OF PERIOD,
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR: ORIGINAL
(\$ million)

	<i>New houses</i>	<i>New other residential building</i>	<i>New residential building</i>	<i>Alterations and additions to residential buildings</i>	<i>Total residential building</i>	<i>Total non-resi- dential building</i>	<i>Total building</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR							
1994-95	18.0	16.2	34.2	4.5	38.7	44.3	83.0
1995-96	15.4	16.2	31.5	3.5	35.0	57.5	92.5
1996-97	17.5	20.4	37.9	4.2	42.1	28.4	70.5
1996 June qtr	15.4	16.2	31.5	3.5	35.0	57.5	92.5
Sept. qtr	15.5	14.2	29.8	3.8	33.6	44.2	77.8
Dec. qtr	17.9	20.3	38.1	4.0	42.1	55.9	98.0
1997 Mar. qtr	17.3	14.0	31.3	4.4	35.7	36.9	72.6
June qtr	17.5	20.4	37.9	4.2	42.1	28.4	70.5
Sept. qtr	18.7	17.4	36.1	3.9	40.0	23.6	63.6
PUBLIC SECTOR							
1994-95	8.1	0.5	8.7	2.9	11.6	41.4	52.9
1995-96	0.4	1.8	2.2	—	2.3	44.9	47.2
1996-97	2.6	0.4	2.9	0.4	3.4	24.1	27.5
1996 June qtr	0.4	1.8	2.2	—	2.3	44.9	47.2
Sept. qtr	2.5	0.4	2.9	—	2.9	28.5	31.4
Dec. qtr	3.5	0.3	3.8	0.3	4.1	33.2	37.3
1997 Mar. qtr	3.0	0.2	3.2	0.3	3.6	38.9	42.5
June qtr	2.6	0.4	2.9	0.4	3.4	24.1	27.5
Sept. qtr	1.7	—	1.7	0.3	2.0	40.2	42.2
TOTAL							
1994-95	26.1	16.8	42.9	7.4	50.2	85.7	135.9
1995-96	15.8	18.0	33.8	3.5	37.3	102.4	139.7
1996-97	20.1	20.8	40.9	4.6	45.5	52.5	98.0
1996 June qtr	15.8	18.0	33.8	3.5	37.3	102.4	139.7
Sept. qtr	18.0	14.6	32.6	3.8	36.5	72.7	109.2
Dec. qtr	21.4	20.5	41.9	4.3	46.2	89.1	135.3
1997 Mar. qtr	20.4	14.2	34.6	4.7	39.3	75.9	115.1
June qtr	20.1	20.8	40.9	4.6	45.5	52.5	98.0
Sept. qtr	20.4	17.4	37.8	4.2	41.9	63.8	105.7

TABLE 11. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WORK YET TO BE DONE AT END OF PERIOD,
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR: ORIGINAL
(\$ million)

	<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>Entertain- ment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscel- laneous</i>	<i>Total non-resi- dential building</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR											
1994-95	14.1	24.6	0.4	0.4	1.0	2.1	—	0.1	0.4	1.2	44.3
1995-96	29.5	18.3	0.3	5.8	2.8	0.2	0.1	—	0.3	0.2	57.5
1996-97	0.6	19.9	0.3	4.8	2.5	—	—	—	—	0.1	28.4
1996 June qtr	29.5	18.3	0.3	5.8	2.8	0.2	0.1	—	0.3	0.2	57.5
Sept. qtr	15.0	9.9	0.3	9.4	3.4	4.4	—	—	—	1.7	44.2
Dec. qtr	7.7	35.9	0.6	6.2	3.7	0.5	—	—	—	1.3	55.9
1997 Mar. qtr	0.6	27.1	0.5	4.9	2.9	0.2	0.2	—	—	0.6	36.9
June qtr	0.6	19.9	0.3	4.8	2.5	—	—	—	—	0.1	28.4
Sept. qtr	0.9	12.3	0.7	4.7	3.3	0.9	—	—	0.6	0.1	23.6
PUBLIC SECTOR											
1994-95	—	—	0.7	1.0	0.5	16.5	—	0.3	0.1	22.3	41.4
1995-96	—	2.7	—	1.2	8.2	15.8	—	0.1	1.2	15.8	44.9
1996-97	0.1	0.1	2.1	0.5	0.2	15.7	—	0.1	0.6	4.6	24.1
1996 June qtr	—	2.7	—	1.2	8.2	15.8	—	0.1	1.2	15.8	44.9
Sept. qtr	—	1.9	0.6	0.2	6.6	11.2	—	0.4	0.3	7.3	28.5
Dec. qtr	—	1.3	19.7	0.7	1.9	6.2	—	0.7	1.1	1.7	33.2
1997 Mar. qtr	0.3	—	15.5	0.4	0.4	9.2	—	0.2	2.0	10.9	38.9
June qtr	0.1	0.1	2.1	0.5	0.2	15.7	—	0.1	0.6	4.6	24.1
Sept. qtr	—	—	1.0	3.7	21.3	12.7	—	—	0.2	1.3	40.2
TOTAL											
1994-95	14.1	24.6	1.2	1.4	1.5	18.6	—	0.4	0.5	23.5	85.7
1995-96	29.5	21.0	0.3	7.0	10.9	16.0	0.1	0.1	1.5	16.0	102.4
1996-97	0.8	20.0	2.4	5.3	2.8	15.7	—	0.1	0.7	4.8	52.5
1996 June qtr	29.5	21.0	0.3	7.0	10.9	16.0	0.1	0.1	1.5	16.0	102.4
Sept. qtr	15.0	11.8	0.9	9.6	10.0	15.6	—	0.4	0.3	9.0	72.7
Dec. qtr	7.7	37.1	20.3	6.8	5.6	6.7	—	0.7	1.1	3.0	89.1
1997 Mar. qtr	0.9	27.1	16.0	5.3	3.3	9.4	0.2	0.2	2.0	11.5	75.9
June qtr	0.8	20.0	2.4	5.3	2.8	15.7	—	0.1	0.7	4.8	52.5
Sept. qtr	0.9	12.3	1.7	8.4	24.6	13.5	—	—	0.8	1.4	63.8

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains detailed results from the quarterly Building Activity Survey. Each issue includes revisions to the previous quarter. Therefore data for the latest quarter should be considered to be preliminary only.

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

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

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

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

5. The use of sample survey techniques in the Building Activity Survey means that reliable estimates of private sector house building activity, including alterations and additions to houses are only available at the State, Territory and Australia levels, except for the Northern Territory. However, estimates for capital city Statistical Divisions can be made available. Also, data for regions below State/Territory level are available from the Building Approvals series and from the monthly series of dwelling unit commencements compiled for South Australia and Western Australia by the ABS. Unlike data in this publication compiled from the Building Activity Survey, the series for smaller geographic areas are based on information reported by local and other government authorities.

Scope and coverage

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

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

which were notified in the month of September and which actually commenced in that month are shown as commencements in the December quarter.

Definitions

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

9. A *dwelling unit* is defined as a self-contained suite of rooms, including cooking and bathing facilities and intended for *long-term* residential use. Units (whether self-contained or not) within buildings offering institutional care, such as hospitals, or temporary accommodation such as motels, hostels and holiday apartments, are not defined as dwelling units. The value of units of this type is included in the appropriate category of non-residential building.

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

- (a) A *house* is defined as a detached building predominantly used for long-term residential purposes and consisting of only one dwelling unit. Thus, detached 'granny flats' and detached dwelling units (such as caretakers' residences) associated with non-residential buildings are defined as houses for the purpose of these statistics.
- (b) An *other residential building* is defined as a building which is predominantly used for long-term residential purposes and which contains (or has attached to it) more than one dwelling unit (*e.g.* includes townhouses, duplexes, apartment buildings, etc.).

11. From the June quarter 1996 issue of this publication, the number of dwelling units created 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 Tables 2, 4 and 6 under the heading of 'Conversions, etc.', and is included in the total number of dwelling units shown in these tables. Previously, such dwellings were only included as a footnote.

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

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

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

Valuation of building jobs

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

- (a) *Value of building commenced or under construction* represents the anticipated completion value based, where practicable, on estimated market or contract price of building jobs excluding the value of land and landscaping. Site preparation costs are included. Where building jobs proceed over several quarters, the anticipated completion value reported on the return for the first (commencement) quarter may be amended on returns for subsequent (under construction) quarters as the job nears completion.
- (b) *Value of building completed* represents the actual completion value based, where practicable, on the market or contract price of building jobs including site preparation costs but excluding the value of land and landscaping.
- (c) *Value of building work done during the period* represents the estimated value of building work actually carried out during the quarter on building jobs which have commenced.
- (d) Value of building work yet to be done represents the difference between the anticipated completion value and the estimated value of work done up to the end of the period on building jobs commenced but not completed.
- (f) *Offices*. Includes banks, post offices, council chambers, head and regional offices.
- (g) *Other business premises*. Includes warehouses, storage depots, service stations, transport depots and terminals, electricity substation buildings, pumping station buildings, telephone exchanges, mail sorting centres, broadcasting stations, film studios.
- (h) *Educational*. Includes schools, colleges, kindergartens, libraries, museums, art galleries, research and teaching laboratories, theological colleges.
- (i) *Religious*. Includes churches, chapels, temples.
- (j) *Health*. Includes hospitals, nursing homes, surgeries, clinics, medical centres.
- (k) *Entertainment and recreational*. Includes clubs, theatres, cinemas, public halls, gymnasiums, grandstands, squash courts, sports and recreation centres.
- (l) *Miscellaneous*. Includes law courts, homes for the aged (where medical care is not provided as a normal service), orphanages, gaols, barracks, mine buildings, glasshouses, livestock sheds, shearing sheds, fruit and skin drying sheds, public toilets, and ambulance, fire and police stations.

Building classification

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

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

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

- (a) *Houses*. Includes cottages, bungalows, detached caretakers'/managers' cottages, rectories.
- (b) *Other residential buildings*. Includes blocks of flats, home units, attached townhouses, villa units, terrace houses, semi-detached houses, maisonettes.
- (c) *Hotels, etc.* Includes motels, hostels, boarding houses, guesthouses, holiday apartment buildings.
- (d) *Shops*. Includes retail shops, restaurants, cafes, taverns, dry cleaners, laundromats, hair salons, shopping arcades.
- (e) *Factories*. Includes paper mills, oil refinery buildings, brickworks, foundries, powerhouses, manufacturing laboratories, workshops as part of a manufacturing process.

Reliability of the estimates

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

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

Estimates at constant prices

21. Estimates of the value of commencements and work done at average 1989-90 prices are shown in Table 1. Constant price estimates measure changes in value after the direct effects of price changes have been eliminated. The deflators used to revalue the current price estimates in this publication are derived from the same price data underlying the deflators compiled for the dwellings and non-dwelling construction components of the national accounts aggregate 'Gross fixed capital expenditure'.

22. 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).

Unpublished data and related publications

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

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

Building Approvals, Australia (Cat. no. 8731.0) – issued monthly

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