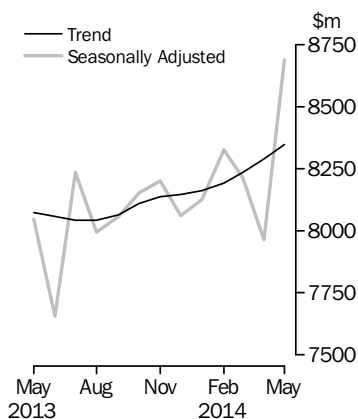


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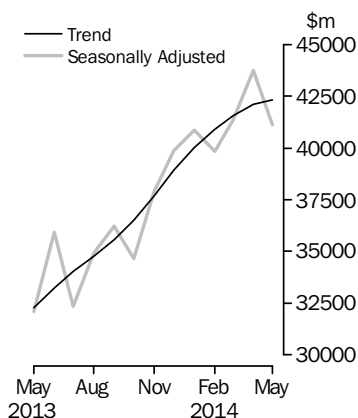
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KEY FIGURES

	Apr 2014	May 2014	Apr 2014 to May 2014
	\$m	\$m	% change
TREND ESTIMATES			
Housing finance for owner occupation(a)	16 777	16 804	0.2
Personal finance	8 288	8 348	0.7
Commercial finance	42 094	42 308	0.5
Lease finance	420	420	-0.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES			
Housing finance for owner occupation(a)	16 858	16 732	-0.7
Personal finance	7 963	8 689	9.1
Commercial finance	43 753	41 110	-6.0
Lease finance	360	441	22.4

(a) Excludes alterations and additions

KEY POINTS

MAY 2014 COMPARED WITH APRIL 2014:

HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

- The total value of owner occupied housing commitments excluding alterations and additions rose 0.2% in trend terms, while the seasonally adjusted series fell 0.7%.

PERSONAL FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total personal finance commitments rose 0.7%. Revolving credit commitments rose 1.9%, while fixed lending commitments fell 0.2%.
- The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total personal finance commitments rose 9.1%. Revolving credit commitments rose 20.4% and fixed lending commitments rose 0.9%.

COMMERCIAL FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total commercial finance commitments rose 0.5%. Revolving credit commitments rose 3.9%, while fixed lending commitments fell 0.7%.
- The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total commercial finance commitments fell 6.0% in May 2014, after a rise of 5.9% in April 2014. Fixed lending commitments fell 11.2%, after a rise of 5.8% in the previous month. Revolving credit commitments rose 9.3%, following a rise of 6.0% in the previous month.

LEASE FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total lease finance commitments fell 0.1% in May 2014, while the seasonally adjusted series rose 22.4%, after a fall of 21.2% in April 2014.

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

<i>ISSUE</i>	<i>RELEASE DATE</i>
June 2014	11 August 2014
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REVISIONS

In this issue revisions have been made to the original series as a result of improved reporting of survey and administrative data. These revisions have impacted on:

- Commercial Finance values (Wholesale Finance and Other) for the periods January 2013 to April 2014
- Housing Finance value for April 2014

Seasonally adjusted and trend series are revised as a result of revisions to the original series, the incorporation of estimates for the latest month and the revision of seasonal factors due to the concurrent seasonal adjustment methodology.

ABBREVIATIONS

\$m	million dollars
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ADI	Authorised Deposit-taking Institution
APRA	Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
ARIMA	autoregressive integrated moving average
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
RBA	Reserve Bank of Australia
RFC	Registered Financial Corporation

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

(Table 1)

The total value of owner occupied housing commitments excluding alterations and additions rose 0.2% in trend terms, while the seasonally adjusted series fell 0.7%.

For further information, please refer to *Housing Finance, Australia* (cat. no. 5609.0), which was released on 11 July 2014.

PERSONAL FINANCE

(Tables 1 & 4)

In trend terms, the value of total personal finance commitments rose 0.7% in May 2014 compared with April 2014. Revolving credit commitments rose 1.9%, while fixed lending commitments fell 0.2%.

In seasonally adjusted terms, the value of total personal finance commitments rose 9.1%. Revolving credit commitments rose 20.4% and fixed lending commitments rose 0.9%.

COMMERCIAL FINANCE

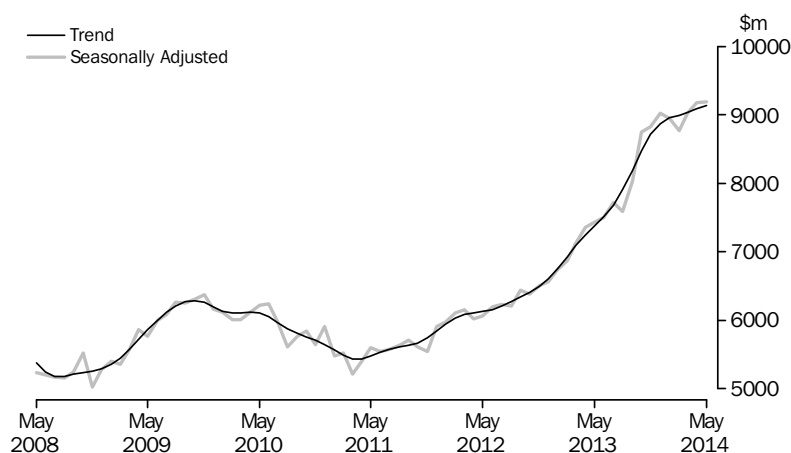
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The value of commitments for the purchase of dwellings by individuals for rent or resale (trend) rose 0.6% in May 2014 and the seasonally adjusted series rose 0.2%.

PURCHASE OF DWELLINGS BY INDIVIDUALS FOR RENT OR RESALE



LEASE FINANCE

(Table 1)

The trend series for the value of total lease finance commitments fell 0.1% in May 2014, while the seasonally adjusted series rose 22.4%, after a fall of 21.2% in April 2014.

FINANCE COMMITMENTS, Summary

Month	SECURED HOUSING(a)		PERSONAL(b)			COMMERCIAL			LEASE
	Construction and purchase of dwellings(c)	Alterations and additions	Fixed loans(d)	Revolving credit(e)	Total	Fixed loans(d)	Revolving credit(e)	Total	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ORIGINAL									
2013									
May	16 899	403	5 218	3 525	8 743	27 466	6 955	34 421	490
June	14 848	336	4 691	3 396	8 088	29 370	12 103	41 473	573
July	16 294	343	4 689	4 218	8 907	24 499	8 273	32 772	477
August	15 240	349	4 429	3 275	7 704	28 015	7 872	35 887	310
September	15 591	326	4 391	3 403	7 794	25 993	9 283	35 276	350
October	17 289	349	4 722	3 774	8 496	26 706	8 285	34 991	401
November	17 825	355	4 727	3 332	8 059	29 898	8 624	38 523	400
December	16 896	341	4 686	3 472	8 158	37 425	13 039	50 464	450
2014									
January	14 194	288	4 136	3 143	7 279	25 147	7 264	32 411	349
February	14 735	349	4 400	3 502	7 903	24 543	7 732	32 275	379
March	16 554	353	4 739	3 589	8 328	30 788	10 258	41 045	493
April	16 022	326	4 265	3 135	7 400	27 619	9 849	37 468	340
May	18 078	382	5 105	3 981	9 085	30 959	11 291	42 250	460
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2013									
May	15 090	347	4 603	3 444	8 047	25 134	6 964	32 098	449
June	15 426	347	4 433	3 223	7 656	25 036	10 907	35 943	514
July	15 471	341	4 600	3 636	8 236	24 530	7 801	32 331	442
August	14 950	350	4 507	3 486	7 993	27 146	7 775	34 921	334
September	15 972	332	4 547	3 512	8 059	26 987	9 230	36 217	384
October	16 185	330	4 596	3 557	8 153	26 468	8 162	34 630	392
November	16 592	340	4 651	3 549	8 200	29 315	8 591	37 906	401
December	16 293	351	4 677	3 385	8 062	30 289	9 586	39 875	402
2014									
January	16 534	346	4 681	3 445	8 126	31 027	9 817	40 844	421
February	16 830	359	4 673	3 652	8 325	30 470	9 372	39 841	425
March	16 650	335	4 677	3 535	8 212	30 876	10 453	41 329	457
April	16 858	348	4 614	3 349	7 963	32 668	11 085	43 753	360
May	16 732	345	4 655	4 034	8 689	28 998	12 112	41 110	441
TREND									
2013									
May	14 999	345	4 605	3 469	8 074	24 177	8 086	32 263	476
June	15 201	345	4 580	3 479	8 059	24 855	8 356	33 211	452
July	15 391	343	4 552	3 492	8 044	25 512	8 504	34 016	425
August	15 595	340	4 541	3 502	8 043	26 201	8 547	34 748	403
September	15 824	339	4 558	3 507	8 065	27 005	8 566	35 571	388
October	16 069	339	4 597	3 512	8 108	27 886	8 641	36 527	385
November	16 300	341	4 634	3 505	8 138	28 869	8 814	37 683	393
December	16 485	344	4 658	3 488	8 146	29 782	9 140	38 922	405
2014									
January	16 603	346	4 669	3 492	8 161	30 448	9 566	40 014	416
February	16 668	348	4 670	3 522	8 191	30 866	10 017	40 883	419
March	16 727	348	4 664	3 570	8 235	31 047	10 519	41 566	420
April	16 777	347	4 657	3 631	8 288	31 064	11 029	42 094	420
May	16 804	346	4 648	3 700	8 348	30 849	11 459	42 308	420

(a) For owner occupation.

(d) Includes refinancing (see Glossary).

(b) Includes unsecured housing finance for owner occupation.

(e) New and increased credit limits during the month. Includes credit cards.

(c) Includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary).

HOUSING AND PERSONAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, By Lender: Original

Month	HOUSING FINANCE(a)					PERSONAL FINANCE(b)				
	Banks	Permanent building societies	Wholesale lenders n.e.c.	Other lenders	Total	Banks	Credit co-operatives	Finance companies	Other lenders	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2013										
May	15 870	241	340	449	16 899	7 543	np	np	851	8 743
June	13 972	186	304	386	14 848	6 907	np	np	854	8 088
July	15 273	206	355	460	16 294	7 404	np	np	1 184	8 907
August	14 274	214	327	425	15 240	6 505	np	np	885	7 704
September	14 679	210	322	380	15 591	6 623	np	np	888	7 794
October	16 190	232	388	478	17 289	7 308	np	np	880	8 496
November	16 713	253	373	486	17 825	6 847	np	np	903	8 059
December	15 836	199	299	563	16 896	6 967	np	np	888	8 158
2014										
January	13 201	176	312	505	14 194	6 093	np	np	881	7 279
February	13 683	201	305	547	14 735	6 788	np	np	826	7 903
March	15 418	245	375	516	16 554	7 133	np	np	885	8 328
April	14 960	205	369	488	16 022	6 334	np	np	795	7 400
May	16 788	220	456	613	18 078	7 902	np	np	871	9 085

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(a) Secured finance for owner occupation. Excludes alterations and additions.
 (b) Includes unsecured housing finance for owner occupation.

COMMERCIAL AND LEASE FINANCE COMMITMENTS, By Lender: **Original**

Month	COMMERCIAL FINANCE					LEASE FINANCE				
	Banks	Money market corporations	Finance companies	Other lenders	Total	Banks	General financiers	Finance companies	Other lessors	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2013										
May	31 234	np	np	np	34 421	116	176	np	np	490
June	37 641	np	np	np	41 473	138	231	np	np	573
July	29 851	np	np	np	32 772	111	192	np	np	477
August	33 488	np	np	np	35 887	66	151	np	np	310
September	32 736	np	np	np	35 276	95	156	np	np	350
October	32 040	np	np	np	34 991	86	166	np	np	401
November	36 162	np	np	np	38 523	90	158	np	np	400
December	47 642	np	np	np	50 464	83	201	np	np	450
2014										
January	29 714	np	np	np	32 411	67	137	np	np	349
February	29 701	np	np	np	32 275	59	155	np	np	379
March	38 618	np	np	np	41 045	101	223	np	np	493
April	35 225	np	np	np	37 468	56	133	np	np	340
May	39 658	np	np	np	42 250	103	171	np	np	460

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PERSONAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, By Purpose (Fixed Loans): Original

<i>Month</i>	<i>New motor cars and station wagons</i>	<i>Used motor cars and station wagons</i>	<i>Total motor vehicles(a)</i>	<i>Individual residential blocks of land</i>	<i>Unsecured finance for owner occupation(b)</i>	<i>Debt consolidation</i>	<i>Refinancing</i>	<i>Other(c)</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2013									
May	580	452	1 187	641	59	757	1 618	955	5 218
June	586	393	1 120	594	43	598	1 515	821	4 691
July	617	447	1 219	531	51	645	1 370	873	4 689
August	601	454	1 208	550	46	582	1 164	878	4 429
September	587	424	1 160	544	50	587	1 208	842	4 391
October	565	441	1 159	591	51	638	1 336	947	4 722
November	549	404	1 098	618	59	608	1 398	946	4 727
December	552	381	1 075	626	46	608	1 391	940	4 686
2014									
January	553	428	1 127	483	39	491	1 130	865	4 136
February	549	408	1 098	532	41	566	1 250	913	4 400
March	578	409	1 133	578	51	621	1 374	982	4 739
April	512	382	1 023	546	41	513	1 246	897	4 265
May	567	434	1 148	673	52	665	1 497	1 069	5 105

(a) Includes motorcycles and other motor vehicles.

(b) Includes alterations and additions.

(c) Includes boats, caravans and trailers, household goods, travel and holidays and other purposes.

PERSONAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, Revolving Credit Stocks and Flows: **Original**

<i>Month</i>	NEW AND INCREASED CREDIT LIMITS			CANCELLATIONS AND REDUCTIONS	CREDIT AT END OF MONTH	
	<i>Secured</i>	<i>Unsecured</i>	Total	<i>Total(a)</i>	<i>Total limits(a)</i>	<i>Credit used</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2013						
May	1 338	2 187	3 525	3 969	297 119	117 893
June	1 352	2 044	3 396	3 504	296 903	118 144
July	1 752	2 466	4 218	3 497	297 773	116 785
August	1 250	2 025	3 275	3 292	297 496	115 582
September	1 281	2 122	3 403	3 001	297 918	115 154
October	1 574	2 200	3 774	3 205	298 619	114 784
November	1 154	2 179	3 332	3 465	298 578	115 024
December	1 331	2 140	3 472	3 165	298 833	115 053
2014						
January	947	2 196	3 143	3 563	298 500	113 937
February	1 335	2 168	3 502	3 035	298 956	114 258
March	1 311	2 278	3 589	4 074	298 611	113 663
April	1 153	1 983	3 135	3 145	298 778	113 232
May	1 673	2 307	3 981	9 624	294 098	113 129

(a) These figures sometimes reflect a rebasing of the data by one or more lenders without adjustment to earlier periods' commitments or cancellations.

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COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, By Purpose (Fixed Loans): Original

Month	Construction finance	Purchase of real property	Wholesale finance	Purchase of plant and equipment	Refinancing	Other	Total	Commitments not drawn at end of month
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2013								
May	1 285	11 002	1 568	2 101	2 386	9 123	27 466	44 976
June	1 484	10 849	1 499	2 314	4 573	8 651	29 370	46 846
July	983	10 281	1 476	1 956	3 606	6 197	24 499	44 635
August	1 471	9 782	2 616	1 822	2 386	9 938	28 015	44 909
September	1 315	9 768	1 868	1 898	3 337	7 807	25 993	46 789
October	1 304	11 250	1 641	2 034	3 770	6 706	26 706	44 424
November	1 992	13 143	1 741	1 856	3 209	7 958	29 898	46 678
December	2 814	13 097	2 920	2 089	4 094	12 413	37 425	51 393
2014								
January	829	9 304	2 326	1 439	2 600	8 649	25 147	49 146
February	1 611	10 072	1 349	1 963	1 799	7 749	24 543	48 973
March	1 252	12 091	1 581	1 788	3 622	10 454	30 788	49 747
April	3 006	11 577	1 461	1 696	1 820	8 059	27 619	49 900
May	1 681	13 406	1 925	2 198	2 973	8 775	30 959	51 437

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LEASE AND COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, Stocks and Flows: Original

Month	LEASE FINANCE		COMMERCIAL REVOLVING CREDIT			
	Total commitments	Commitments not drawn at end of month	New and increased credit limits	Cancellations and reductions(a)	Total credit limits at end of month(a)	Credit used at end of month
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2013						
May	490	np	6 955	8 963	316 647	195 681
June	573	np	12 103	11 315	318 404	196 298
July	477	np	8 273	9 808	317 207	194 812
August	310	np	7 872	7 657	316 855	192 149
September	350	np	9 283	10 676	315 259	192 164
October	401	np	8 285	10 357	312 834	191 611
November	400	np	8 624	6 855	315 168	191 240
December	450	np	13 039	11 971	316 564	189 524
2014						
January	349	np	7 264	9 595	313 442	187 106
February	379	np	7 732	7 859	314 080	188 922
March	493	np	10 258	9 106	315 343	189 596
April	340	np	9 849	8 683	316 333	188 836
May	460	np	11 291	7 985	319 581	189 711

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FINANCE COMMITMENTS, For Housing (Owner Occupation and Commercial)

Month	OWNER OCCUPATION (SECURED FINANCE)				OWNER OCCUPATION (UNSECURED FINANCE)	COMMERCIAL FINANCE(a)			ALL HOUSING FINANCE	
	Construction of dwellings	Purchase of new dwellings	Purchase of established dwellings(b)	Alterations and additions	Total(c)	Construction of dwellings for rent and resale	Purchase of dwellings by individuals for rent or resale (d)	Purchase of dwellings by others for rent or resale	Total	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
ORIGINAL										
2013										
May	1 762	1 083	14 054	403	59	602	8 699	816	27 479	
June	1 561	932	12 355	336	43	627	8 014	719	24 587	
July	1 643	1 060	13 591	343	51	502	8 085	694	25 969	
August	1 647	934	12 659	349	46	572	7 565	800	24 572	
September	1 580	929	13 082	326	50	728	7 632	908	25 235	
October	1 695	1 070	14 524	349	51	634	8 884	876	28 083	
November	1 637	1 057	15 132	355	59	600	9 344	933	29 115	
December	1 599	1 055	14 242	341	46	737	9 175	1 091	28 286	
2014										
January	1 403	853	11 938	288	39	315	7 530	637	23 003	
February	1 560	807	12 368	349	41	898	7 537	904	24 464	
March	1 752	920	13 882	353	51	586	8 903	1 061	27 509	
April	1 657	890	13 475	326	41	643	9 005	864	26 900	
May	2 007	979	15 091	382	52	558	10 255	1 103	30 427	
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED										
2013										
May	1 518	983	12 589	347	46	530	7 431	730	24 175	
June	1 530	980	12 916	347	46	449	7 499	616	24 382	
July	1 473	1 007	12 990	341	51	496	7 718	710	24 787	
August	1 554	966	12 430	350	47	588	7 589	796	24 321	
September	1 597	970	13 404	332	50	626	8 034	867	25 881	
October	1 613	977	13 594	330	48	654	8 741	836	26 794	
November	1 638	996	13 958	340	53	664	8 821	919	27 388	
December	1 647	956	13 691	351	49	700	9 025	955	27 374	
2014										
January	1 755	979	13 800	346	49	475	8 946	883	27 233	
February	1 743	917	14 170	359	44	1 028	8 765	997	28 024	
March	1 809	916	13 925	335	48	586	9 029	1 106	27 754	
April	1 758	926	14 174	348	44	711	9 179	966	28 106	
May	1 778	933	14 021	345	43	528	9 193	1 036	27 877	
TREND										
2013										
May	1 507	985	12 507	345	46	456	7 378	714	23 937	
June	1 522	991	12 688	345	47	480	7 507	711	24 290	
July	1 535	989	12 867	343	48	523	7 674	731	24 710	
August	1 550	985	13 060	340	49	567	7 906	771	25 227	
September	1 574	982	13 269	339	50	604	8 187	817	25 821	
October	1 607	979	13 483	339	50	636	8 472	861	26 428	
November	1 647	974	13 680	341	50	665	8 712	901	26 970	
December	1 685	965	13 836	344	49	688	8 871	933	27 371	
2014										
January	1 717	953	13 932	346	48	699	8 953	959	27 609	
February	1 745	941	13 982	348	47	699	8 994	985	27 742	
March	1 768	931	14 028	348	46	689	9 038	1 009	27 856	
April	1 784	923	14 070	347	44	669	9 086	1 027	27 951	
May	1 794	918	14 092	346	43	644	9 138	1 037	28 012	

(a) Excludes revolving credit.

(b) Only includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary).

(c) Includes alterations and additions.

(d) Includes refinancing (See Glossary)

FINANCE COMMITMENTS, For Motor Vehicles: **Original**

Month	PERSONAL FINANCE(a)					COMMERCIAL FINANCE(a)	LEASE FINANCE	ALL VEHICLE FINANCE
	New motor cars and station wagons	Used motor cars and station wagons	Motorcycles	Other motor vehicles	Total	Total	Total	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2013								
May	580	452	30	125	1 187	919	299	2 406
June	586	393	27	114	1 120	1 186	284	2 590
July	617	447	28	127	1 219	997	243	2 459
August	601	454	32	122	1 208	930	142	2 280
September	587	424	32	117	1 160	963	170	2 293
October	565	441	29	124	1 159	986	225	2 369
November	549	404	29	116	1 098	939	220	2 257
December	552	381	28	114	1 075	1 072	227	2 374
2014								
January	553	428	27	120	1 127	831	199	2 157
February	549	408	26	116	1 098	971	216	2 286
March	578	409	26	119	1 133	957	237	2 327
April	512	382	24	105	1 023	867	225	2 115
May	567	434	26	121	1 148	1 039	248	2 435

(a) Excludes revolving credit.

LEASE FINANCE COMMITMENTS, For Motor Vehicles: **Original**

Month	MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS				LIGHT TRUCKS		HEAVY TRUCKS		OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES	ALL VEHICLES
	New	Used	New	Used	New	Used	Total	Total		
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m		
2013										
May	178	np	30	10	21	4	np	299		
June	166	46	31	9	13	np	np	284		
July	162	42	23	7	5	1	4	243		
August	93	24	17	np	3	np	np	142		
September	113	31	12	np	3	np	np	170		
October	144	44	18	8	7	np	np	225		
November	145	46	17	7	2	np	np	220		
December	153	43	18	5	3	np	np	227		
2014										
January	130	47	14	4	2	np	np	199		
February	141	46	18	5	3	—	2	216		
March	158	46	22	5	2	np	np	237		
April	145	44	21	4	4	2	4	225		
May	162	53	23	5	2	1	2	248		

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

np not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated

Month	COMMERCIAL FINANCE(b)			LEASE FINANCE	ALL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FINANCE
	<i>Transport equipment</i>	<i>Other plant and equipment</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2013					
May	532	650	1 182	191	1 373
June	239	889	1 128	289	1 417
July	314	646	959	233	1 193
August	304	588	892	168	1 060
September	214	722	936	180	1 116
October	263	785	1 048	176	1 224
November	219	699	918	180	1 098
December	278	740	1 017	223	1 240
2014					
January	148	459	608	150	758
February	329	662	991	163	1 154
March	209	623	832	256	1 087
April	264	566	829	116	945
May	390	769	1 158	212	1 371

(a) Excludes motor vehicles (see tables 9 and 10).

(b) Excludes revolving credit.

LEASE FINANCE COMMITMENTS, For Plant and Equipment: **Original**

	<i>Transport equipment (a)</i>	<i>Construction and earthmoving equipment</i>	<i>Agricultural machinery and equipment</i>	<i>Manu- facturing equipment</i>	<i>Electronic data processing equipment</i>	<i>Office machines</i>	<i>Shop and office furniture, fittings and equipment</i>	<i>Other goods</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Month</i>	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2013									
May	13	39	9	2	41	38	14	36	191
June	16	72	15	17	70	35	23	41	289
July	np	73	3	3	57	34	20	np	233
August	np	41	5	3	46	31	8	np	168
September	np	42	7	5	50	22	8	np	180
October	15	38	5	2	45	37	7	27	176
November	np	34	3	3	48	47	5	np	180
December	np	69	8	2	60	27	13	np	223
2014									
January	np	32	6	4	48	np	np	16	150
February	np	np	np	2	36	39	12	np	163
March	np	np	np	1	48	42	4	np	256
April	np	30	np	np	36	21	7	np	116
May	2	np	np	np	38	30	10	45	212

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(a) Excludes motor vehicles (see tables 9 and 10).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

- 1** This publication presents statistics on finance commitments made by significant lenders for the purposes of secured housing finance for owner occupation, other personal finance, commercial finance and lease finance.
- 2** *Secured housing finance for owner occupation* is secured finance to individuals for the purchase or construction of dwellings for owner occupation, and for alterations and additions to existing owner occupied dwellings. Refinancing involving a change of lender is also included, while refinancing with the same lender is excluded from all estimates.
- 3** *Personal finance*, other than secured housing finance for owner occupation, is finance provided to individuals for their personal, non-business, use. Both fixed loans and revolving credit finance are included.
- 4** *Commercial finance* is finance provided to individuals and corporations for business or investment purposes, including for the construction or purchase of dwellings for rental or resale. Fixed loans, revolving credit and commercial hire purchase are included.
- 5** *Lease finance* includes finance and leverage leases. Operating lease finance statistics are provided as spreadsheets on Details tab of this issue.

SCOPE

- 6** Finance commitments made by the following types of lenders are included:
 - Banks
 - Permanent building societies
 - Credit unions/cooperative credit societies
 - Life or general insurance companies
 - General government enterprises
 - Superannuation funds
 - Securitiser of mortgage assets (wholesale lenders) which provide funds to borrowers through a retail intermediary (e.g. mortgage originators)
 - Registered Financial Corporations (RFCs).

COVERAGE

- 7** The statistics cover all bank commitments, and all commitments for secured housing finance for owner occupation made by permanent building societies. Of the remaining commitments, the largest lenders for each of secured housing finance for owner occupation, other personal finance, commercial finance and lease finance are covered, so that when calculated separately for each of the four broad categories of purpose finance, at least 95% of Australia-wide finance commitments and at least 90% of each state's finance commitments are covered. While many lenders other than banks are not covered, at least 70% coverage is maintained for all published lender types (including the Other Lenders series and Other Lessors series).
- 8** The survey coverage of lending finance commitments is maintained and updated by including new lenders as their lending for any of the four categories of finance becomes sufficiently large.
- 9** From June 2001, the statistics for:
 - secured housing finance for owner occupation cover all commitments by banks and permanent building societies, and commitments by all other lenders which provided more than \$50m for housing finance in 2000
 - personal finance cover all commitments by banks, and commitments by all other lenders which provided more than \$96m for personal finance in 2000.
- 10** From June 2002, the statistics for:
 - commercial finance cover all commitments by banks, and commitments by all other lenders which provided more than \$484m for commercial finance in 2001
 - lease finance cover all commitments by banks, and commitments by all other lenders which provided funds of more than \$31m for lease finance in 2001.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

COVERAGE *continued*

11 Additional smaller lenders are also covered where it is necessary to maintain collection coverage (as specified in paragraph 7).

SOURCES

12 For banks, credit cooperatives, building societies and RFCs, the statistics in this publication are currently derived from returns submitted to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA). The Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act 2001 facilitates the collection of statistical data from the financial sector, with APRA established as the central point for collection of both prudential and statistical data. In October 2001, APRA implemented new reporting forms for building societies and credit cooperatives. New reporting forms were implemented for banks in March 2002, and for RFCs in March 2003. APRA commenced collecting loan commitments data from banks, credit cooperatives and building societies in July 2002, and from RFCs in March 2003.

13 Secured housing finance commitments for owner occupied housing from banks, building societies and credit cooperatives are derived from *ARF 392.0 Housing Finance* form collected by APRA. Personal finance commitments from these lenders are sourced from the *ARF 394.0 Personal Finance* form. Commercial finance commitments from these lenders are sourced from the *ARF 391.0 Commercial Finance* form and from the *ARF 394.0 Personal Finance* form for fixed loans for personal investment purposes. Lease finance commitments are sourced from the *ARF 393.0 Lease Finance* form.

14 Finance commitments for RFCs are collected on the *RRF 391.0 Commercial Finance* (commercial finance commitments), *RRF 392.0 Housing Finance* (secured housing finance commitments for owner occupied housing), *RRF 393.0 Lease Finance* (lease finance commitments) and *RRF 394.0 Personal Finance* (personal finance commitments and commercial finance commitments).

15 Electronic versions of the forms and instructions for ADIs are available on the APRA website at <http://www.apra.gov.au/Statistics/Reporting-forms-and-instructions-ADIs.cfm>. For RFCs, these are available at: <http://www.apra.gov.au/nonreg/Pages/default.aspx>.

16 All other institutions, including securitisation vehicles, are collected directly by the ABS.

REVISIONS

17 Revisions to previously published statistics are included in the publication as they occur.

18 Changes in the classification of lenders (e.g. the conversion of a permanent building society to a bank) are reflected in the Lender series from the month of the change. Data for earlier periods for such lenders are not reclassified. Details of the establishment of new banks are published in the Reserve Bank of Australia's monthly *Bulletin* in the section on Technical Notes to Tables.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

19 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation and 'trading day effects'. A 'trading day effect' reflects the varying amounts of activity on different days of the week and the different number of days of the week in any month (i.e. the number of Sundays, Mondays, etc.). This effect may be partly caused by the reporting practices of the lenders. Adjustment is also made for Easter which may affect the March and April estimates differently. Trading day effects are removed from the original estimates prior to the seasonal adjustment process. Seasonal adjustment does not remove the effect of irregular or non-seasonal influences (e.g. a change in interest rates) from the seasonally adjusted series.

20 Estimation of seasonal adjustment and trading day factors that reflect the full effect of recent developments is not possible until a sufficient number of years of data have been collected. When changes are occurring in the seasonal patterns, larger revisions to the seasonally adjusted series can be expected at the time of the biennial (once every two years) seasonal reanalysis. Accordingly, the trend estimate data provide a more

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SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

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reliable indicator of underlying movement in housing finance commitments. (See paragraphs 23 and 24 for further information on trend estimates).

21 The lending finance series uses a concurrent seasonal adjustment methodology to derive the seasonal adjustment factors. This means that original estimates available at the current reference month are used to estimate seasonal factors for the current and previous months. As a result of this methodology, the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for earlier periods can be revised each month. However, in most instances, the only noticeable revisions will be to the previous month and the same month a year ago.

22 Autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) modelling can improve the revision properties of the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates. ARIMA modelling relies on the characteristics of the series being analysed to project future period data. The projected values are temporary, intermediate values, that are only used internally to improve the estimation of the seasonal factors. The projected data do not affect the original estimates and are discarded at the end of the seasonal adjustment process. The lending finance collections use an individual ARIMA model for the majority of the series in this publication. The ARIMA model is assessed as part of the biennial reanalysis. The next reanalysis is scheduled for the November 2014 issue. For more information on ARIMA modelling see Feature article: Use of ARIMA modelling to reduce revisions in the October 2004 issue of *Australian Economic Indicators* (cat. no. 1350.0).

TREND ESTIMATES

23 Smoothing seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13 term Henderson-weighted moving average to all but the last six months of the respective seasonally adjusted series. Trend series are created for the last six months by applying surrogates of the Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted series. For further information, refer to *Information Paper: A Guide to Interpreting Time Series – Monitoring Trends: An Overview* (cat. no. 1349.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on Canberra (02) 6252 6345 or by email at time.series.analysis@abs.gov.au.

24 While the smoothing technique described in paragraph 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. Changes in the original data and re-estimation of seasonal factors may also lead to revisions to the trend.

EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

25 Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals. Published changes in dollar value and percentage terms are calculated using unrounded data and may differ slightly from, but are more accurate than, changes calculated from the rounded data presented in this publication.

ABS DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

26 Estimates for months prior to those shown in this publication and more detailed series are available in spreadsheet format from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) website. For more information, contact the ABS National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

27 Users may also wish to refer to the following ABS releases:

- *Housing Finance, Australia* (cat. no. 5609.0)
- *Assets and Liabilities of Australian Securitizers* (cat. no. 5232.0.55.001)
- *Building Approvals, Australia* (cat. no. 8731.0)
- *Dwelling Unit Commencements, Australia, Preliminary* (cat. no. 8750.0) – issued quarterly
- *Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia* (cat. no. 5625.0)

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RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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■ *Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Australia Electronic Publication* (cat. no. 9314.0).

28 In addition, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) produces the *Reserve Bank of Australia Bulletin*, the tables of which are available on the RBA web site <http://www.rba.gov.au>. The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) also publishes a range of finance statistics on its website <http://www.apra.gov.au>.

29 Current publications and other products released by the ABS are available from the Statistics View. The ABS also issues a daily Release Advice on the ABS website <http://www.abs.gov.au> which details products to be released in the week ahead.

GLOSSARY

Agricultural machinery and equipment	Includes tractors, tillage implements, seeding, planting and fertilising equipment, agricultural mowers, harvesters, etc.
Alterations and additions	Comprises all structural and non-structural changes which are integral to the functional and structural design of a dwelling. Examples are garages, carports, pergolas, reroofing, recladding, etc. Alterations and additions do not include swimming pools, ongoing repairs, or maintenance and home improvements which do not involve building work.
Commitment	Is a firm offer of finance. It either has been, or is normally expected to be, accepted. Commitments accepted and cancelled in the same month are included. Commitments to non-residents are excluded.
Construction and earth moving equipment	Includes concrete mixers and pumpers, dozers, graders, mobile cranes, crawler tractors, dumpers, road rollers, earth packers, scarifiers, rippers, etc.
Construction of dwellings	Comprises commitments made to individuals to finance, by way of progress payments, the construction of owner occupied dwellings.
Debt consolidation	For personal finance, comprises commitments whose principle purpose is to consolidate and pay out amounts owing by the borrower to third parties.
Dwelling	Is a single self-contained place of residence such as a detached or semidetached house, a terrace house, a flat, home unit, town house, etc. which includes bathing and cooking facilities.
Electronic data processing equipment	Includes computers, computer peripherals, data entry devices, word processing machines, etc.
Established dwelling	Is a dwelling that has been completed for 12 months or more prior to the lodgement of a loan application, or has been previously occupied.
Finance lease	Refers to the leasing or hiring of tangible assets under an agreement, other than a hire purchase agreement, which substantially transfers from the lessor to the lessee all the risks and benefits incident to ownership of the asset without transferring the legal ownership.
Fixed loans	Generally involve: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ a commitment for a fixed amount for a fixed period for a specific purpose■ a schedule of repayments over a fixed period■ repayments which reduce the liability of the borrower but do not act to make further finance available.
Heavy trucks	Comprises all vehicles with a gross combination mass rating in excess of 3.5 tonnes, including prime movers registered without trailers.
Light trucks	Comprises vehicles constructed primarily for the carriage of goods which do not exceed 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass such as utilities, panel vans, trucks, cab-chassis, forward control vans and four-wheel drives used to carry goods.
Manufacturing equipment	Includes all plant and equipment used in the manufacture of goods except motor vehicles such as forklifts, work trucks and tractors.
Motor cars and station wagons	Includes cars, station wagons, four-wheel drive and forward control passenger vehicles with up to nine seats (including the driver).
Motorcycles	Includes two and three wheeled motorcycles and mopeds, scooters and motorcycles with side cars.
New dwelling	Is a dwelling that has been completed within 12 months of the lodgement of a loan application, and the borrower will be the first occupant.
Office machines	Includes telephone systems (including PABX equipment), facsimile machines, cash registers, photocopiers, etc.

GLOSSARY *continued*

Purpose	Of the loan is that specified by the borrower. Where possible multiple purpose loans are split and each component is reported in the appropriate purpose category. Otherwise the whole loan is classified to the major purpose.
Real Property	Comprises both residential and non-residential land, buildings and fixed structures.
Refinancing	For personal and commercial finance, represents a commitment to refinance an existing loan. For secured housing finance, only those loans where the refinancing lender is a different lender and the security is unchanged are included. The refinancing of a loan to fund a change of residence is treated as a new lending commitment.
Revolving credit	Generally has the following characteristics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ a commitment for a credit or borrowing limit is given for a specific period after which the commitment is reviewed■ the extent of the borrowing used at any time during the period may be for any amount up to the authorised limit■ repayments (other than of charges and interest) made during the period reduce the extent of the borrowing used and thereby increase the amount of unused credit available up to the authorised limit. Examples include credit cards, lines of credit and approved overdrafts.
Secured credit limits	Includes overdrafts, lines of credit, credit cards, etc. backed by a mortgage or other assets owned by the borrower.
Secured housing finance	Comprises all secured commitments to individuals for the construction or purchase of dwellings for owner occupation, regardless of type of security. Commitments for housing that will be occupied by persons other than the owner(s) are excluded.
Total credit limits at end of month	Comprises total approved credit limits available at the end of the reference month. In principle, this can be derived by adding new and increased lending commitments during the month less cancellations and reductions of credit limits during the month to the balance of credit limits at the end of the previous month. In practice, however, revisions and other adjustments (such as the transfer of an existing fixed credit facility) will mean that such a derivation is inexact.
Wholesale finance	Comprises finance for the purchase of goods by retailers and wholesalers.

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