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The Consumer Price Index data, previously table and graph 4.2 will no longer be included in this publication. It is available on request from the ABS.

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Analysis of Table 1.1

The estimated resident population of Western Australia at 30 June 1996 was 1,762,700, an increase of 7,200 in the June quarter and 31,600 since 30 June 1995. The growth rate during the twelve months to 30 June 1996 was 1.82 % compared with a growth rate of 1.77 % for the preceding twelve month period.

1.1 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

Period	At end of period			Mean Population
	Males	Females	Persons ¹	
	'000			
Financial years				
1993-94	854.6	846.4	1 701.1	1 688.5
1994-95	869.5	861.6	1 731.2	1 716.1
1995-96 p	884.9	877.9	1 762.7	1 747.2
Calendar years				
1993	847.9	839.5	1 687.4	1 677.1
1994	861.1	853.2	1 714.3	1 702.0
1995p	876.9	869.5	1 746.4	1 731.2
Quarters				
Mar 95	865.7	857.7	1 723.4	..
Jun 95	869.5	861.6	1 731.2	..
Sep 95 p	873.7	865.8	1 739.5	..
Dec 95 p	876.9	869.5	1 746.4	..
Mar 96 p	881.3	874.3	1 755.5	..
Jun 96 p	884.9	877.9	1 762.7	..

¹ All estimates have been finalised using 1991 Census results
Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

Analysis of Table 1.2

In the twelve months to 30 June 1996 the population increased by 31,600 compared with an increase of 30,100 in the previous twelve months. The natural increase dropped slightly from 14,700 in 1994-95 to 14,200 in 1995-96. This was more than offset by a significant increase in the level of net estimated overseas migration up from 10,500 in 1994-95 to 13,500 in 1995-96. This component has increased each year from a low of 4,600 in 1992-93.

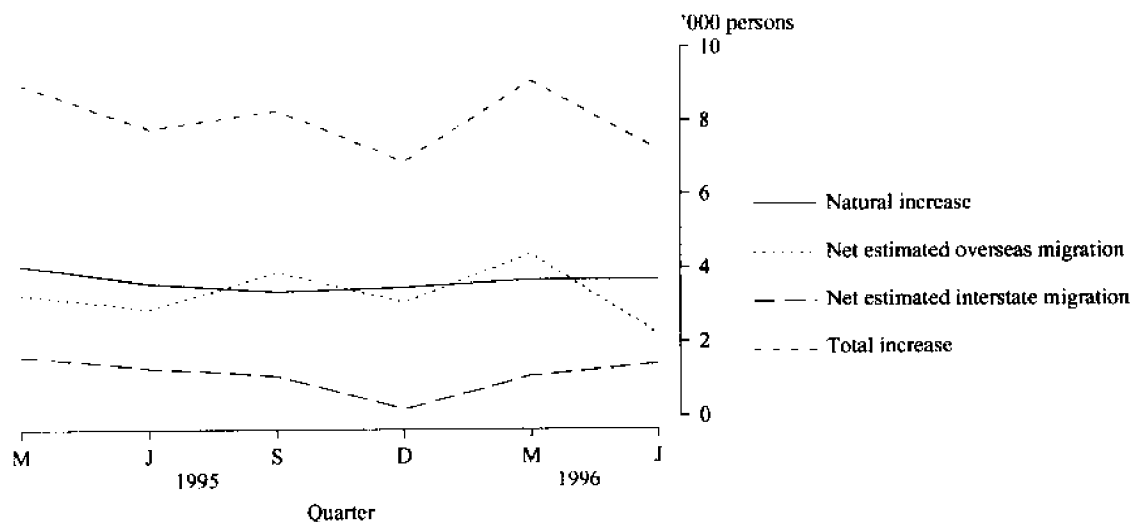
1.2 COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

Period	Natural increase	Net estimated overseas migration ¹	Net estimated interstate migration	Total increase
		('000)		
Financial years				
1993-94	14.3	6.7	3.7	24.7
1994-95	14.7	10.5	4.9	30.1
1995-96 p	14.2	13.5	3.8	31.6
Calendar years				
1993	14.5	5.6	0.6	20.7
1994	14.5	8.0	4.5	26.9
1995 p	14.6	13.2	4.3	32.0
Quarters				
Mar 95	4.1	3.3	1.6	9.0
Jun 95	3.6	2.9	1.3	7.8
Sep 95 p	3.4	3.9	1.1	8.3
Dec 95 p	3.5	3.1	0.2	6.9
Mar 96 p	3.7	4.4	1.1	9.1
Jun 96 p	3.7	2.2	1.4	7.2

¹ Includes an adjustment for 'category jumping'

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Analysis of Table 1.3

The number of marriages fell by 641 in June quarter 1996 from the previous quarter. This compares with a fall of 880 marriages in the same period a year ago.

The number of infant deaths dropped by 25 from March quarter 1996 whilst the total number of deaths increased by 44 in the same period.

1.3 REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Live births	Infant deaths	Total deaths	Marriages	Divorces
Financial years					
1993-94	25 309	148	10 522	10 316	4 934
1994-95	25 022	137	10 261	10 381	4 930
1995-96 p	24 872	141	10 669	10 019	5 195
Calendar years					
1993	25 079	143	10 318	10 382	4 654
1994	25 124	137	10 295	10 366	5 024
1995	25 122	128	10 361	10 404	5 040
Quarters					
Mar 95	6 417	38	2 314	3 247	1 081
Jun 95	6 348	32	2 598	2 367	1 158
Sep 95	6 311	30	2 917	1 524	1 332
Dec 95	6 046	28	2 532	3 266	1 469
Mar 96 p	6 233	54	2 588	2 935	1 231
Jun 96 p	6 282	29	2 632	2 294	1 163

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

Analysis of Table 1.4

The rate for infant deaths in June quarter 1996 was the equal lowest recorded in the last six quarters. The rate for marriages was the second lowest recorded.

For more information regarding tables on Vital Statistics, please contact Mike Joske on (09) 360 5276.

1.4 RATES OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Live births ¹	Infant deaths ²	Total deaths ¹	Marriages ¹	Divorces ¹
Financial years					
1993-94	15.0	5.9	6.2	6.1	2.9
1994-95	14.6	5.5	6.0	6.1	2.9
1995-96 p	14.1	5.7	6.0	5.7	2.9
Calendar years					
1993	15.0	5.7	6.2	6.2	2.8
1994	14.8	5.5	6.1	6.1	3.0
1995	14.4	5.1	6.0	6.0	2.9
Quarters					
Mar 95	14.9	5.9	5.4	7.6	2.5
Jun 95	14.7	5.0	6.0	5.5	2.7
Sep 95	14.6	4.8	6.7	3.5	3.1
Dec 95	13.9	4.6	5.8	7.5	3.4
Mar 96 p	14.2	8.7	5.9	6.7	2.8
Jun 96 p	14.3	4.6	6.0	5.2	2.6

¹ For financial and calendar years the rate is per '000 estimated resident population at 30 June. For quarters, the mean is the average of the previous and the current quarterly populations.

² Infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

Analysis of Table 2.1

Total arrivals in November 1996 were 14% lower than the high of the previous month, but were 11% higher than in November 1995.

The number of Australian residents returning from short-term visits overseas fell by 35% from the previous month to 25,040. However, this was still 10% higher than in November 1995.

Overseas visitors arriving in Western Australia for short-term visits increased by 8% to be the third-highest month in the last year, behind December and February.

The number of long-term arrivals remained fairly constant at approximately 2% of total arrivals. In November there were significantly more Australian residents returning than overseas visitors.

Total departures in November 1996 increased by 4% from the previous month to be 9% higher than in November 1995.

Short-term departures of Australian residents fell by 7% or 1,980 persons from October 1996. This was offset by an increase of 3,880 overseas visitors departing after short-term stays.

The number of long-term departures, although only a small proportion of total departures, increased by 35% from the previous month.

For more information regarding Overseas Arrivals and Departures please contact Mike Joske on (09) 360 5276.

2.1 OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES BY MONTH

	SHORT-TERM ARRIVALS			LONG-TERM ARRIVALS		Total Arrivals
	Permanent Arrivals	Australian residents	Overseas visitors	Australian residents	Overseas visitors	
ARRIVALS						
Financial Years						
1993-94	7 740	269 890	297 750	8 900	7 430	591 700
1994-95	10 380	289 250	339 690	9 070	8 470	656 850
1995-96	11 320	308 110	361 180	8 600	10 170	699 380
Months						
Sep 95	890	27 730	24 620	680	470	54 400
Oct 95	1 070	35 360	30 330	700	570	68 020
Nov 95	1 020	22 700	33 660	820	370	58 580
Dec 95	1 040	18 450	46 800	1 260	510	68 070
Jan 96	1 150	36 460	24 250	840	1 460	65 170
Feb 96	940	20 650	39 640	630	2 530	64 380
Mar 96	900	20 660	31 010	670	560	53 810
Apr 96	850	23 670	32 270	580	660	58 020
May 96	680	20 100	22 550	500	380	44 210
Jun 96	860	25 530	26 720	630	500	54 250
Jul 96	910	31 490	28 780	670	1 900	63 750
Aug 96	840	28 570	28 950	580	500	59 430
Sep 96	860	31 390	27 540	640	540	60 970
Oct 96	940	38 310	34 460	690	740	75 130
Nov 96	1 000	25 040	37 270	930	480	64 730

	SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES			LONG-TERM DEPARTURES		Total Departures
	Permanent Departures	Australian residents	Overseas visitors	Australian residents	Overseas visitors	
DEPARTURES						
Financial Years						
1993-94	3 430	274 770	29 540	7 340	4 140	580 220
1994-95	3 580	292 270	343 610	7 560	4 710	651 730
1995-96	3 890	305 910	366 340	7 680	5 480	689 300
Months						
Sep 95	250	29 110	23 430	520	320	53 640
Oct 95	290	25 910	26 720	460	290	53 750
Nov 95	320	22 200	30 630	500	580	54 230
Dec 95	370	33 040	38 900	650	1 110	74 070
Jan 96	410	19 640	37 530	1 010	380	58 970
Feb 96	320	17 840	35 700	730	440	55 030
Mar 96	350	25 730	32 970	750	400	60 200
Apr 96	330	23 540	33 160	670	330	58 030
May 96	370	25 720	27 520	630	270	54 500
Jun 96	200	29 410	31 240	530	560	61 940
Jul 96	340	32 280	25 420	640	560	59 240
Aug 96	270	27 420	29 840	660	390	58 580
Sep 96	260	34 960	25 200	520	370	61 320
Oct 96	250	26 830	28 770	500	330	56 880
Nov 96	320	24 850	32 650	530	590	58 950

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0001. Since figures have been rounded to the nearest ten, discrepancies may occur between sums of component items and totals.

Analysis of Table 2.2

2.2 SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS FROM SELECTED COUNTRIES¹

Total short-term overseas visitor arrivals increased by 2,810 or 8% on October 1996. The number was also 11% higher than in November 1995.

The number of visitors from Singapore and the UK and Ireland increased by 67% and 71%, respectively. The number of visitors from the UK and Ireland was the highest in the last 15 months and 12% more than the previous high in December 1995.

The number of visitors from New Zealand, Indonesia and Japan fell by 39%, 27% and 11% respectively.

Period	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN					Total ²
	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Japan	Singapore	
Financial years						
1993-94	25 150	57 480	27 840	27 530	50 700	297 750
1994-95	24 330	61 070	44 240	28 980	59 600	339 690
1995-96	24 200	59 220	49 260	30 120	64 690	361 180
Months						
Sep 95	2 750	3 750	2 360	2 880	4 670	24 620
Oct 95	2 100	5 780	2 990	2 050	4 010	30 330
Nov 95	1 510	6 680	3 450	1 920	6 660	33 660
Dec 95	2 360	8 370	7 650	2 970	11 040	46 800
Jan 96	1 700	5 760	2 920	2 670	2 400	24 250
Feb 96	1 760	6 440	8 150	3 190	6 460	39 640
Mar 96	2 280	6 010	3 320	2 900	4 760	31 010
Apr 96	2 260	5 990	3 360	2 460	5 760	32 270
May 96	1 630	2 160	2 610	1 320	5 270	22 550
Jun 96	1 660	2 610	4 950	1 290	6 970	26 720
Jul 96	3 000	2 610	5 190	3 430	3 310	28 780
Aug 96	2 100	3 480	3 670	3 720	4 800	28 950
Sep 96	2 430	4 860	2 500	3 220	3 550	27 540
Oct 96	2 740	5 470	4 250	2 430	4 690	34 460
Nov 96	1 680	9 350	3 120	2 170	7 850	37 270

¹ Comprises travellers whose intended or actual stay is less than twelve months.

² Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0013

Analysis of Table 2.3

2.3 SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS BY AIR FROM SELECTED COUNTRIES: PURPOSE OF JOURNEY: HOLIDAY

Short-term overseas visitor arrivals for holiday in Western Australia increased from 18,580 in October 1996 to 20,580 in November 1996; a rise of 2,000 persons or 11%. This was also 2,240 persons (12%) more than twelve months ago.

Visitors on holiday from Singapore increased by 91% on October 1996 to account for 32% of all visitors on holiday. The number of holidaymakers from Singapore was the highest monthly total since December 1995.

Visitors on holiday from the UK and Ireland were the only others to show an increase from the previous month; up by 66%.

The number of tourists from all other selected countries fell from October, with the largest percentage drop occurring with tourists from Thailand (64%).

Period	Country of origin								Total ¹
	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Japan	Malaysia	Singapore	Thailand	United States	
Financial years									
1993-94	9 160	22 260	20 850	24 460	19 180	39 370	7 950	2 910	180 850
1994-95	7 720	19 290	33 350	24 640	19 200	45 100	7 180	2 760	193 880
1995-96	6 800	19 010	35 610	23 840	20 800	47 520	8 770	3 250	200 580
Months									
Sep 95	1 060	1 300	1 470	2 360	1 080	3 440	390	200	13 480
Oct 95	560	1 940	1 810	1 730	1 690	2 650	1 210	310	15 640
Nov 95	280	2 650	2 460	1 360	2 160	5 070	570	340	18 340
Dec 95	450	2 220	6 640	2 640	1 010	9 240	880	410	28 500
Jan 96	320	2 120	1 740	2 240	510	1 270	430	280	11 620
Feb 96	640	1 990	6 400	2 390	2 840	4 320	460	140	23 030
Mar 96	670	1 930	2 520	2 650	1 490	3 520	870	590	17 510
Apr 96	540	1 660	2 050	1 750	2 410	4 330	1 620	170	17 140
May 96	230	810	1 960	1 000	2 760	4 150	790	320	13 580
Jun 96	580	500	3 850	780	2 240	5 640	610	250	16 240
Jul 96	470	1 140	3 200	2 900	1 440	1 480	590	190	14 280
Aug 96	580	870	2 220	3 300	2 790	3 650	980	100	17 310
Sep 96	1 150	1 650	1 360	2 490	1 670	2 510	550	190	14 380
Oct 96	550	1 680	2 800	1 810	2 280	3 410	1 610	200	18 580
Nov 96	370	2 790	2 150	1 680	2 010	6 510	580	160	20 580

¹ Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTWAT31 for monthly figures and PMTRO031 for financial year figures.

Analysis of Table 2.4

There were 24,850 short-term departures of Australian residents from Western Australia in November 1996. This was 1,980 persons or 7% less than the number of departures in October 1996. However, it was also 2,650 persons or 12% more than in November 1995.

Departures to all selected destinations were down on the numbers for October 1996, with the drop ranging from 3% for Malaysia to 16% for Indonesia.

The number of departures to the UK and Ireland was the lowest monthly total since February 1996.

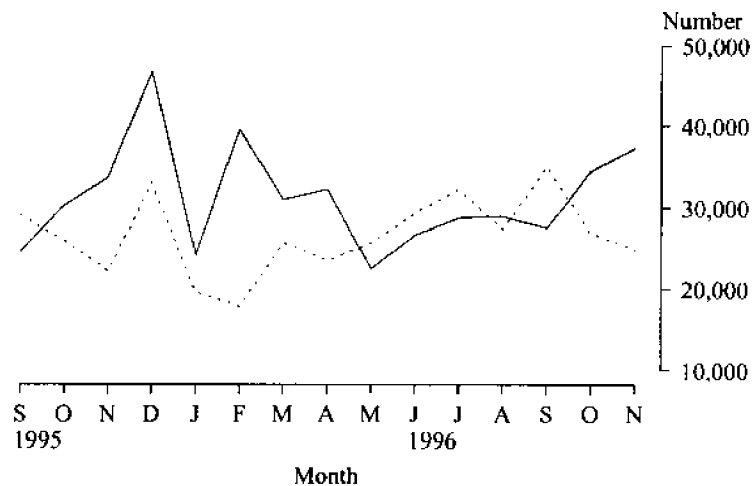
2.4 SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS

Period	Country of destination					Total ¹
	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Malaysia	Singapore	
Financial years						
1993-94	22 020	38 580	64 720	23 420	24 170	274 770
1994-95	25 750	40 850	68 420	23 070	25 840	292 270
1995-96	25 100	44 070	68 860	22 780	29 430	305 910
Months						
Sep 95	2 480	4 660	5 880	3 190	3 070	29 110
Oct 95	2 160	2 860	7 330	1 870	2 750	25 990
Nov 95	2 000	2 060	4 100	2 020	3 100	22 200
Dec 95	4 100	3 800	5 650	2 820	3 030	33 040
Jan 96	2 140	1 400	4 630	1 480	2 740	19 640
Feb 96	2 290	1 680	3 720	1 040	1 990	17 840
Mar 96	2 500	4 110	6 230	1 740	3 080	25 730
Apr 96	1 820	3 330	5 360	1 460	1 770	23 540
May 96	960	5 650	4 420	1 520	1 360	25 720
Jun 96	1 100	5 770	7 610	2 030	2 090	29 410
Jul 96	1 850	5 830	7 790	2 090	2 400	32 280
Aug 96	1 900	3 760	8 100	1 510	1 950	27 420
Sep 96	2 680	4 920	9 390	2 860	2 470	34 960
Oct 96	2 150	3 090	8 990	1 890	1 890	26 830
Nov 96	1 830	2 740	7 590	1 840	1 820	24 850

¹ Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0013.

TOTAL SHORT-TERM ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS AND DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS BY MONTH



Source: Unpublished table PMTR0013

— Arrivals

- - - - - Departures

Analysis of Table 2.5

There were 12,620 short-term departures from Western Australia of Australian residents for holidays abroad in November 1996. This is 3,370 residents or 21% fewer than departed in October 1996, but 2,070 residents more than departed in November 1995.

Malaysia was the only destination to show an increase in the number of tourists during November, up by 27% to 1,000 persons.

The number of tourists to all other selected countries fell in November, with the decreases ranging from 2% destined for the United States of America to 60% for Thailand.

The number of tourists to the UK and Ireland was the lowest recorded since February 1996. And the number to Thailand was the lowest recorded in the last 15 months.

2.5 SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS BY AIR TO SELECTED COUNTRIES: PURPOSE OF JOURNEY: HOLIDAY

Period	Country of Destination							United States	Total ¹
	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Malaysia	Singapore	Thailand			
Financial years									
1993-94	9 420	15 080	53 670	12 480	12 160	11 690	9 100	150 490	
1994-95	11 100	18 430	55 070	11 480	13 220	12 560	9 940	160 730	
1995-96	10 120	18 420	53 060	10 430	15 670	12 750	9 650	160 120	
Months									
Sep 95	1 500	2 340	4 770	1 880	1 730	2 000	1 420	17 560	
Oct 95	960	840	6 390	1 140	1 530	1 000	880	14 520	
Nov 95	690	580	3 120	900	2 110	550	340	10 550	
Dec 95	1 480	1 320	4 170	1 480	1 320	800	1 260	16 060	
Jan 96	890	750	3 250	520	1 140	530	820	9 660	
Feb 96	820	380	2 340	440	810	580	370	7 800	
Mar 96	1 070	1 580	4 520	580	1 910	820	760	13 000	
Apr 96	840	1 540	3 620	610	950	1 400	640	11 960	
May 96	350	2 690	3 310	460	630	710	690	12 330	
Jun 96	300	2 440	6 330	890	1 110	1 230	930	16 640	
Jul 96	960	3 020	6 680	1 040	1 320	1 080	1 720	19 110	
Aug 96	700	2 060	6 710	870	860	860	780	16 080	
Sep 96	840	2 190	8 340	1 500	1 020	1 150	1 110	20 830	
Oct 96	1 070	1 710	7 330	790	1 340	1 250	460	15 990	
Nov 96	640	950	6 100	1 000	1 010	500	450	12 620	

¹ Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTWAT31 for monthly figures and PMTRO031 for financial year figures.

2.6 TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

	<i>Hotels, Motels, Guest Houses with facilities</i>			<i>Caravan parks</i>		
	<i>Guest rooms</i>	<i>Room occupancy rates</i>	<i>Guest arrivals</i>	<i>Number of sites</i>	<i>Site occupancy rates</i>	<i>Guest arrivals</i>
	Number	%	'000	Number	%	'000
Financial years						
1993-94 ¹	14 754	57	2 153.8	29 202	39	1 250
1994-95 ¹	14 754	60	2 219.4	29 554	40	1 231
1995-96 ¹	15 085	60	2 256.1	29 952	40	1 299
Months						
Jul 95		55	178		45	140
Aug 95		61	193		44	138
Sep 95	14 720	68	218	29 828	43	135
Oct 95		63	240		39	112
Nov 95		59	194		35	72
Dec 95	14 924	51	197	30 063	38	105
Jan 96		52	203		45	131
Feb 96		57	179		37	73
Mar 96	14 928	58	198	30 085	37	85
Apr 96		59	187		41	125
May 96		56	171		37	89
Jun 96	15 085	55	167	29 952	40	98
Jul 96		57	193		46	151
Aug 96		61	207		45	164
Sep 96	15 396	68	235	29 990	44	153
Holiday Flats, Units, Houses						
	<i>Guest Units</i>	<i>Unit occupancy rates</i>		<i>Visitor Hostels</i>		
		<i>Unit lettings</i>	<i>Bed Spaces</i>	<i>Bed occupancy rates</i>	<i>Bed-nights sold</i>	
		Number	%	'000	Number	%
Financial years						
1993-94 ¹	2 224	55	96	3 119	38	416
1994-95 ¹	2 419	57	110	2 834	41	431
1995-96 ¹	2 687	57	134	3 171	43	478
Months						
Jul 95		56	11		43	37
Aug 95		48	9		38	34
Sep 95	2 439	58	12	2 831	41	35
Oct 95		66	13		44	41
Nov 95		55	11		42	38
Dec 95	2 581	61	12	3 033	43	40
Jan 96		73	12		47	46
Feb 96		58	11		44	40
Mar 96	2 414	59	13	2 794	45	44
Apr 96		64	12		46	44
May 96		43	10		41	40
Jun 96	2 687	46	10	3 171	41	39
Jul 96		57	11		40	39
Aug 96		48	10		36	36
Sep 96	2 705	60	13	3 172	39	37

¹ Number at 30 June.

Reference: Tourist Accommodation, Western Australia (8635.5)

For more information regarding this table, please contact Pam Prince on (09) 360 5207

Analysis of Table 3.1

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 7.6 per cent in January 1997.

The seasonally adjusted number of persons unemployed decreased by 300 to 70,500, and the number of persons employed increased by 3,200 to 854,400.

Western Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate for January 1997 increased by 0.1 percentage points to 66.6 per cent and continues to be the highest of all the States.

3.1 LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Employed full-time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	'000	%	%
Males					
Mar 96	426.9	477.9	42.6	8.2	76.7
Apr 96	424.9	477.1	39.3	7.6	76.0
May 96	426.4	478.8	40.9	7.9	76.3
Jun 96	425.4	476.2	43.7	8.4	76.2
Jul 96	432.9	482.5	39.9	7.6	76.4
Aug 96	425.5	481.2	43.1	8.2	76.6
Sep 96	426.3	480.1	41.4	7.9	76.0
Oct 96	431.3	484.5	42.5	8.1	76.7
Nov 96	429.7	480.2	42.2	8.1	75.9
Dec 96	427.0	483.9	40.9	7.8	76.1
Jan 97	434.3	491.5	36.6	6.9	76.4
Females					
Mar 96	194.9	355.1	27.1	7.1	55.8
Apr 96	197.0	346.2	24.2	6.5	54.0
May 96	192.2	356.7	27.8	7.2	56.0
Jun 96	194.6	354.4	30.4	7.9	55.9
Jul 96	196.3	361.9	29.5	7.5	56.7
Aug 96	203.3	369.8	28.3	7.1	57.6
Sep 96	200.9	365.5	27.2	6.9	56.7
Oct 96	193.2	360.2	27.1	7.0	55.8
Nov 96	194.6	363.5	28.2	7.2	56.3
Dec 96	199.2	367.3	29.9	7.5	57.0
Jan 97	190.7	362.8	33.9	8.5	56.8
Persons					
Mar 96	621.8	833.1	69.7	7.7	66.2
Apr 96	621.9	823.3	63.4	7.2	64.9
May 96	618.5	835.4	68.7	7.6	66.1
Jun 96	620.0	830.6	74.2	8.2	66.0
Jul 96	629.3	844.4	69.5	7.6	66.5
Aug 96	628.8	851.1	71.4	7.7	67.0
Sep 96	627.2	845.5	68.6	7.5	66.3
Oct 96	624.5	844.7	69.6	7.6	66.2
Nov 96	624.3	843.8	70.4	7.7	66.0
Dec 96	626.2	851.2	70.8	7.7	66.5
Jan 97	625.0	854.4	70.5	7.6	66.6

Reference: The Labour Force, Australia Preliminary (6202.0)

Analysis of Table 3.2

Trend estimates for July 1996 to December 1996 have been revised.

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate increased to 7.7 per cent.

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Lesley Martin on (09) 360 5320.

3.2 LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): TREND SERIES

Month	Employed full-time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	'000	%	%
Males					
Mar 96	426.1	476.8	41.4	8.0	76.4
Apr 96	426.4	477.3	41.6	8.0	76.3
May 96	426.7	478.1	41.6	8.0	76.3
Jun 96	427.2	479.1	41.6	8.0	76.3
Jul 96r	427.6	480.0	41.8	8.0	76.4
Aug 96r	428.0	480.8	42.0	8.0	76.4
Sep 96r	428.5	481.6	42.0	8.0	76.3
Oct 96r	428.9	482.2	42.0	8.0	76.3
Nov 96r	429.5	482.6	41.8	8.0	76.2
Dec 96r	430.3	483.0	41.6	7.9	76.1
Jan 97	430.8	486.5	39.6	7.5	76.1
Females					
Mar 96	192.7	352.2	27.7	7.3	55.5
Apr 96	194.3	353.4	27.6	7.2	55.6
May 96	195.8	355.5	27.8	7.2	55.8
Jun 96	196.9	358.1	28.1	7.3	56.1
Jul 96r	197.6	360.8	28.2	7.3	56.4
Aug 96r	198.1	363.1	28.2	7.2	56.6
Sep 96r	198.1	364.4	28.2	7.2	56.7
Oct 96r	197.4	364.7	28.4	7.2	56.6
Nov 96r	196.3	364.6	29.0	7.4	56.6
Dec 96r	195.0	364.5	29.9	7.6	56.6
Jan 97	193.8	364.0	30.9	7.8	56.6
Persons					
Mar 96	618.8	829.0	69.1	7.7	65.9
Apr 96	620.7	830.7	69.1	7.7	65.9
May 96	622.5	833.6	69.4	7.7	66.0
Jun 96	624.1	837.2	69.7	7.7	66.2
Jul 96r	625.2	840.7	70.1	7.7	66.3
Aug 96r	626.1	843.7	70.4	7.7	66.4
Sep 96r	626.5	845.9	70.3	7.7	66.4
Oct 96r	626.3	847.2	70.1	7.6	66.4
Nov 96r	625.8	848.4	70.1	7.6	66.4
Dec 96r	625.3	849.8	70.1	7.6	66.3
Jan 97	624.6	850.5	70.5	7.7	66.3

Reference: The Labour Force, Australia Preliminary (6202.0)

Analysis of Table 3.3

The total number of employees rose from 550,500 in March 1994 to 558,800 in March 1995. During this twelve month period, the total number of public sector employees rose by 3,600 to 157,600, and the total number of private sector employees showed an increase of 4,800 to 401,300.

3.3 NUMBER OF EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS BY INDUSTRY AND SECTOR

Particulars	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES				GROSS EARNINGS
	Mar 1994	Sept 1994	Dec 1994	Mar 1995	Mar quarter 1995
	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m
INDUSTRY					
Mining	20.6	20.7	21.5	23.8	323.5
Manufacturing	58.5	59.7	57.0	56.7	449.9
Electricity, gas and water	8.7	8.4	8.2	8.0	69.1
Construction	28.3	26.0	26.3	28.0	246.6
Wholesale trade	39.9	38.9	38.1	40.0	301.0
Retail trade	78.8	81.8	82.5	80.9	334.9
Transport and storage	22.3	22.2	21.8	21.7	204.5
Communication	8.2	8.5	8.7	8.8	79.4
Finance, property and business	60.8	63.4	66.3	64.2	493.9
Public administration and defence	29.5	29.9	31.7	30.1	226.5
Community services	144.9	149.1	151.1	152.3	970.9
Recreation, personal and other services	48.4	42.3	44.1	42.8	193.9
Total all industries¹	550.5	552.2	558.8	558.8	3 906.2
SECTOR					
Private	396.5	398.9	398.8	401.3	2 692.4
Government					
Commonwealth	22.0	21.5	22.1	22.3	198.6
State	118.7	118.5	125.3	122.7	937.0
Local	13.3	13.3	12.7	12.6	78.3
Total Government	154.0	153.2	160.1	157.6	1 213.8
Total all sectors	550.5	552.2	558.8	558.8	3 906.2

Particulars	FEBRUARY 1994			FEBRUARY 1995		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
INDUSTRY						
Mining	18.4	2.9	21.3	20.6	3.4	24.0
Manufacturing	46.2	13.7	59.9	44.0	13.2	57.2
Electricity, gas and water	7.8	0.9	8.8	7.0	1.0	8.0
Construction	22.9	5.6	28.5	23.1	4.1	27.2
Wholesale trade	28.1	11.7	39.8	27.5	12.9	40.4
Retail trade	33.0	44.1	77.1	33.4	46.5	80.0
Transport and storage	17.9	4.4	22.3	16.1	5.6	21.7
Communication	5.8	2.4	8.3	6.0	2.7	8.8
Finance, property and business	28.6	32.7	61.2	29.4	34.3	63.7
Public administration and defence	17.9	11.6	29.5	17.7	12.4	30.1
Community services	49.3	92.6	141.9	43.8	101.2	145.0
Recreation, personal and other services	19.7	26.6	46.3	18.1	24.9	43.0
Total all industries¹	296.9	249.7	546.5	287.9	262.6	550.5
SECTOR						
Private	218.2	175.5	393.8	211.8	187.8	399.6
Government						
Commonwealth	13.8	9.0	22.8	13.1	9.1	22.2
State	56.4	60.2	116.6	55.3	61.0	116.2
Local	8.4	4.8	13.3	7.8	4.7	12.5
Total Government	78.6	74.1	152.7	76.1	74.8	150.9
Total all sectors	296.9	249.7	546.5	287.9	262.6	550.5

¹ Includes employees of government agencies classified to Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.
Reference: Employed Wage and Salary Earners (6248.0)

Analysis of Table 3.4

3.4 AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

Over the past twelve months to August 1996, both Western Australian and Australian average weekly total earnings for full-time adult persons increased by 3.7%.

Western Australian average weekly total earnings for full-time adult persons in August 1996 were \$728.70, while the comparable Australian average earnings in August 1996 were \$716.90.

Reference period	Males - Full Time Adults		All males Total earnings
	Ordinary time earnings	Total earnings	
	(dollars)		
19 May 95	701.8	764.2	656.6
18 Aug 95	716.8	776.2	677.0
17 Nov 95	730.0	792.2	682.7
16 Feb 96	749.7	806.7	691.8
17 May 96	745.9	805.4	687.3
16 Aug 96	748.5	804.8	691.1

Reference period	Females - Full Time Adults		All females Total earnings
	Ordinary time earnings	Total earnings	
	(dollars)		
19 May 95	541.8	557.4	403.9
18 Aug 95	555.9	568.7	401.3
17 Nov 95	560.8	574.4	406.5
16 Feb 96	575.1	586.7	414.9
17 May 96	577.3	588.8	410.6
16 Aug 96	582.2	595.0	411.3

Reference period	Persons - Full Time Adults		All employees Total earnings
	Ordinary time earnings	Total earnings	
	(dollars)		
19 May 95	645.8	691.9	539.9
18 Aug 95	660.0	702.9	544.4
17 Nov 95	668.5	713.1	548.4
16 Feb 96	687.6	728.4	560.8
17 May 96	684.8	726.8	552.5
16 Aug 96	688.2	728.7	549.9

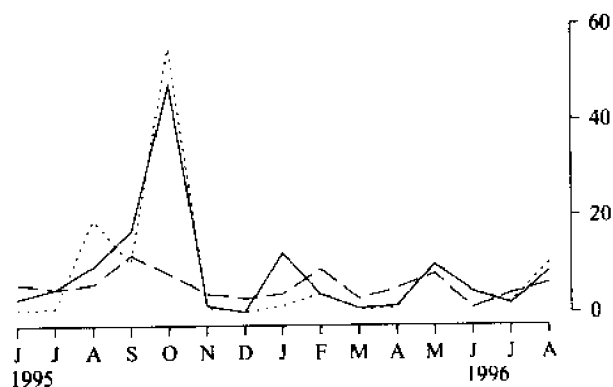
Reference: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia, (6302.0)

3.5 INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

Period	Number of disputes	Workers Involved			Working days lost
		Directly	Indirectly	Total	
	Number	'000	'000	'000	'000
Calendar year					
1993	111	27.4	0.2	27.6	29.5
1994	82	15.7	0.2	15.9	27.4
1995	70	99.7	0.0	99.7	101.6
Months					
Sep 95	12	10.4	—	10.4	17.0
Oct 95	8	55.5	—	55.5	47.6
Nov 95	4	1.2	—	1.2	1.6
Dec 95	3	0.4	—	0.4	0.2
Jan 96	4	1.5	—	1.5	12.4
Feb 96	9	4.0	—	4.0	3.9
Mar 96	3	0.9	—	0.9	1.0
Apr 96	5	1.1	—	1.1	1.4
May 96	8	10.0	—	10.0	9.9
Jun 96	1	4.4	—	4.4	4.4
Jul 96	4	2.1	—	2.1	1.8
Aug 96	6	10.2	—	10.2	8.5
Sept 96	6	3.0	—	3.0	1.6
Oct 96	6	3.0	—	3.3	1.7
Nov 96	8	1.3	—	1.3	0.9

Reference: Industrial Disputes, Unpublished ABS Data.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES



Source: Unpublished ABS data

- Working Days Lost ('000)
- Workers involved Directly ('000)
- - - Number of Disputes

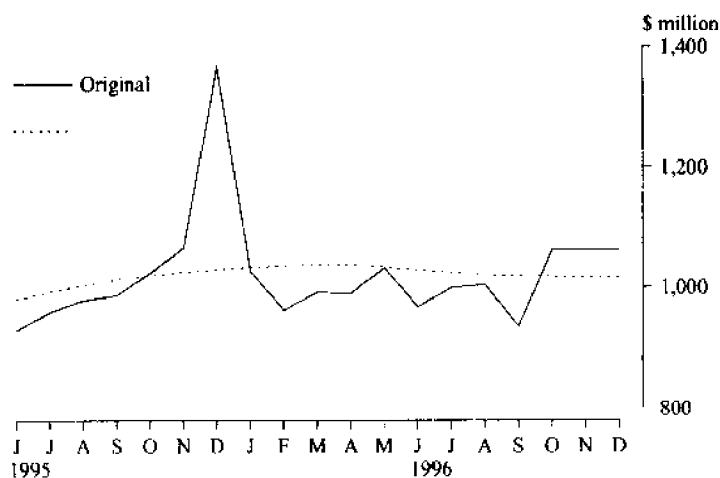
4.1 MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER: ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

Months	Food	Department	Clothing and soft goods	Other Household	Recreational
\$ million					
Dec 95	509.3	182.2	86.3	163.4	88.6
Jan 96	451.4	83.3	59.3	111.5	55.5
Feb 96	433.9	74.8	49.5	109.8	50.3
Mar 96	445.0	82.5	55.4	101.0	53.0
Apr 96	423.7	91.6	62.5	102.1	55.9
May 96	436.6	99.9	69.6	108.3	57.5
Jun 96	400.6	90.3	67.5	108.0	50.5
Jul 96	420.5	93.6	64.7	127.7	53.4
Aug 96	431.1	94.2	60.7	130.6	52.1
Sep 96	406.6	82.2	55.9	111.5	51.2
Oct 96	445.0	101.3	68.4	138.8	55.6r
Nov 96	442.0	109.6	67.0	138.2	53.0r
Dec 96	501.1	176.8	88.1	163.7	68.2

Months	Totals				
	Other	Hospitality and services	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimates
\$ million					
Dec 95	123.0	191.2	1 367.4	1 024.7	1 030.5
Jan 96	84.8	173.7	1 027.0	1 040.1	1 034.6
Feb 96	79.6	164.2	962.1	1 039.5	1 037.0
Mar 96	80.5	175.3	992.7	1 040.8	1 038.8
Apr 96	89.6	164.6	990.0	1 034.5	1 037.7
May 96	98.4	162.3	1 032.6	1 037.7	1 034.2r
Jun 96	92.6	158.5	968.0	1 026.3	1 029.3r
Jul 96	88.5	150.6	999.0	1 018.0	1 024.4r
Aug 96	84.0	151.8	1 004.5	1 049.7	1 019.9r
Sep 96	81.0	146.5	934.9	969.3	1 015.8r
Oct 96	94.6	154.3	1 058.0r	1 035.0r	1 011.9r
Nov 96	94.3	153.3	1 057.4r	1 017.1r	1 008.1r
Dec 96	121.1	168.4	1 287.4	994.5	1 005.1

Reference: Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0)

MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Source: Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0)

5.1 NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

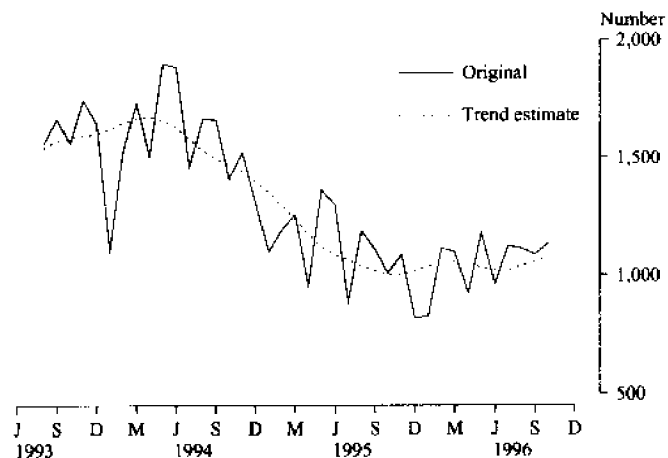
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Period	HOUSES		OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS		TOTAL ¹	
	Dwelling Units	Value	Dwelling Units	Value	Dwelling Units	Value
	Number	\$m	Number	\$m	Number	\$m
Financial years						
1993-94	19 437	1 503.7	7 144	461.0	26 776	1 964.7
1994-95	16 207	1 354.3	6 105	420.3	22 427	1 774.6
1995-96	12 211	1 148.3	3 527	272.3	15 853	1 420.7
Months						
Oct 95	1 008	96.6	253	20.4	1 265	117.0
Nov 95	1 087	99.1	286	22.7	1 378	121.8
Dec 95	819	79.5	168	12.7	995	92.2
Jan 96	827	82.5	410	33.2	1 241	115.7
Feb 96	1 115	105.1	342	25.5	1 482	130.6
Mar 96	1 101	104.5	362	33.7	1 501	138.2
Apr 96	922	90.9	244	17.3	1 169	108.1
May 96	1 183	114.3	227	15.0	1 420	129.2
Jun 96	966	94.0	227	15.3	1 195	109.3
Jul 96	1 124	104.1	136	8.7	1 265	112.8
Aug 96	1 114	108.9	118	9.8	1 239	118.7
Sep 96	1 089	106.9	111	7.8	1 210	114.7
Oct 96	1 135	109.3	194	15.5	1 338	124.8
Nov 96	1 141	110.4	183	15.0	1 328	125.4
Dec 96	1 017	101.2	189	17.7	1 219	118.9

¹ Includes conversions

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

NEW HOUSES APPROVED
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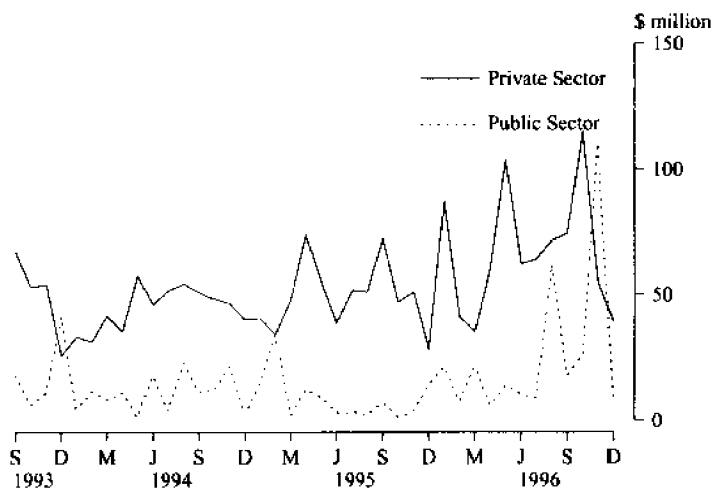
Source: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

5.2 NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

Period	Private	Public	Total
	(\$ million)		
Financial years			
1993-94	513.1	153.9	667.0
1994-95	580.9	147.3	728.2
1995-96	692.0	111.1	803.1
Months			
Oct 95	47.1	1.4	48.5
Nov 95	51.2	3.4	54.7
Dec 95	28.7	14.2	42.9
Jan 96	86.9	21.3	108.2
Feb 96	41.3	7.3	48.6
Mar 96	35.5	21.4	56.9
Apr 96	60.8	5.7	66.5
May 96	103.4	14.0	117.4
June 96	62.1	10.0	72.1
Jul 96	63.9	8.7	72.6
Aug 96	71.7	61.7	133.4
Sep 96	74.1	17.8	91.9
Oct 96	114.6	26.4	141.0
Nov 96	54.9	110.1	165.0
Dec 96	39.0	7.4	46.4

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED WESTERN AUSTRALIA

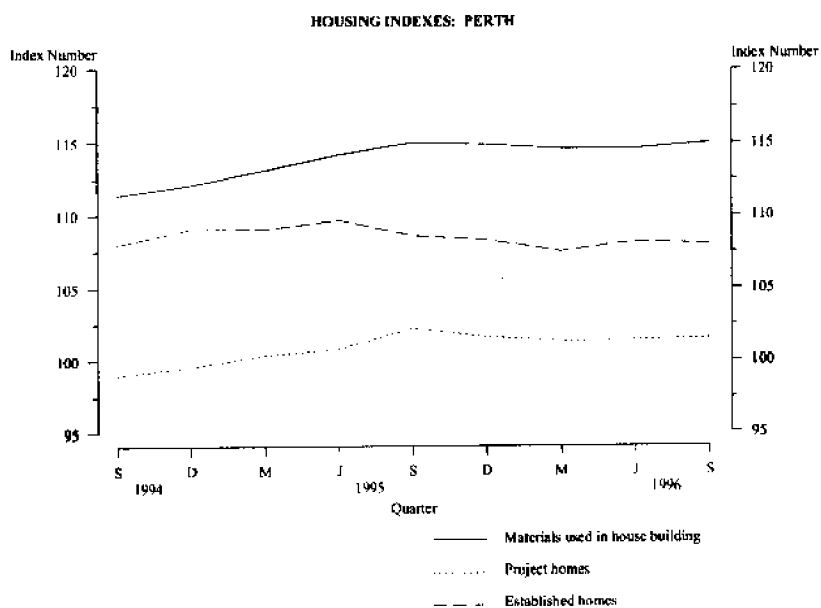


Source: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

5.3 SELECTED HOUSING PRICE INDEXES: PERTH

Period	Materials used in house building	Project homes	Established homes
(Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0)			
Financial years			
1993-94	109.1	96.2	104.7
1994-95	112.7	100.0	109.0
1995-96	114.7	101.6	108.2
Quarters			
Jun 95	114.2	100.8	109.7
Sep 95	115.0	102.2	108.6
Dec 95	114.9	101.6	108.3
Mar 96	114.6	101.3	107.5
Jun 96	114.6	101.4	108.2
Sep 96	115.0	101.5	108.0

References: Price Index of Materials Used in House Building (6408.0); House Price Indexes, (6416.0)



5.4 PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING: PERTH

Period	All groups	Special Series		
		Electrical materials	Mechanical services	Plumbing materials
(Base of each index 1989-90 = 100)				
Financial Years				
1993-94	107.1	101.9	104.2	105.1
1994-95	110.1	107.3	106.8	114.4
1995-96	113.2	113.0	112.3	120.1
Months				
Oct 95	113.1	112.9	111.5	120.7
Nov 95	113.1	112.6	112.1	120.0
Dec 95	113.2	112.6	112.3	119.8
Jan 96	113.3	112.5	112.4	120.0
Feb 96	113.4	112.5	112.9	120.0
Mar 96	113.4	112.8	113.4	119.7
Apr 96	113.5	113.5	114.4	118.9
May 96	113.6	114.0	114.5	120.3
Jun 96	113.5	113.9	114.6	120.4
Jul 96	113.9	112.6	114.3	117.3
Aug 96	114.0	110.3	114.1	117.4
Sep 96 p	114.2	110.2	113.5	117.9
Oct 96 p	114.3	110.2	113.8	117.0
Nov 96 p	114.1	109.4	112.6	117.4
Dec 96 p	114.4	109.6	112.7	119.0

Reference: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building (6407.0)

Period	Selected Major Building Materials				
	Structural timber	Clay bricks	Ready mixed concrete	Structural steel	Aluminium windows
(Base of each index 1989-90 = 100)					
Financial years					
1993-94	110.6	113.9	116.6	100.4	104.4
1994-95	110.6	118.0	117.8	103.6	112.4
1995-96	109.3	120.7	115.0	107.5	118.1
Months					
Oct 95	109.6	120.2	115.0	106.9	118.2
Nov 95	109.8	120.2	114.6	107.3	118.2
Dec 95	109.6	120.2	114.4	107.7	118.2
Jan 96	109.2	120.2	114.4	108.2	118.2
Feb 96	109.1	120.2	114.1	108.2	118.2
Mar 96	109.1	120.2	114.1	108.2	118.2
Apr 96	108.6	120.2	114.7	108.2	118.2
May 96	108.6	123.4	114.7	108.8	118.2
Jun 96	108.6	123.4	114.7	108.8	116.4
Jul 96	108.6	123.4	119.8	108.8	116.4
Aug 96	105.9	123.4	119.5	109.7	116.4
Sep 96 p	105.9	123.6	119.4	111.2	116.4
Oct 96 p	105.7	123.6	119.4	111.2	116.4
Nov 96 p	105.6	123.6	119.6	113.4	116.4
Dec 96 p	105.6	123.6	119.6	115.7	116.4

Reference: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building (6407.0)

6.1 LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED

Period	Cattle						
	Bulls, bullocks, steers	Cows, heifers	Total	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
'000							
Financial years							
1993-94	271	168	439	4	2 952	1 553	550
1994-95	244	186	430	4	2 438	1 264	604
1995-96p	233	192	426	3	2 267	1 303	571
Months							
Nov 95	28	16	44	—	233	127	47
Dec 95	23	17	40	—	196	79	42
Jan 96	19	19	38	-	199	75	40
Feb 96	20	23	43	-	196	89	47
Mar 96	19	18	36	-	194	110	49
Apr 96	17	13	30	-	183	114	47
May 96	17	14	31	-	207	142	51
Jun 96	16	12	28	-	167	118	45
Jul 96	14	13	27	-	175	145	49
Aug 96	16	15	31	-	195r	124r	44
Sep 96	18	17	35	1	211	152	43
Oct 96	21	20	41	-	244r	205r	40
Nov 96	20	20	40	-	202	144	46
Dec 96	22	20	42	-	195	116	48

Reference: Livestock Products (7215.0)

6.2 MEAT PRODUCED

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat
tonnes					
Financial years					
1993-94	101 513	296	61 731	24 936	32 423
1994-95	97 140	250	47 776	18 955	37 109
1995-96p	97 059	187	44 737	22 171	35 437
Months					
Nov 95	10 283	17	4 518	2 069	2 888
Dec 95	9 066	17	3 926	1 200	2 524
Jan 96	8 359	16	3 995	1 323	2 497
Feb 96	9 719	14	3 851	1 581	2 909
Mar 96	8 297	11	3 839	1 954	3 009
Apr 96	6 984	11	3 600	2 017	2 907
May 96	7 037	14	4 166	2 445	3 233
Jun 96	6 485	19	3 271	2 078	2 762
Jul 96	5 862	21	3 407	2 448	2 900
Aug 96	6962r	21	3801r	2 102r	2 921r
Sep 96	8 039	27	4 064	2 584r	2 999
Oct 96	9 448	23	4784r	3345r	2 927
Nov 96	9 103	24	4 057	2 394	3 173
Dec 96	9 072	24	3 779	1 976	3 269

Reference: Livestock Products (7215.0)

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Peter Hodgson on (09) 360 5180.

6.3 WOOL RECEIVALS¹ and LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS

Period	Receivals of taxable wool by brokers and dealers		Export of live sheep		
	bales	tonnes	Number '000	Gross Value \$'000	Gross Weight '000t
Financial years					
1993-94	1 196 990	212 670	4 524.0	127 564	238.0
1994-95	972 837	172 575	3 864.8	127 517	193.1
1995-96	931 048	165 842	4 690.6	181 069	232.3
Months					
Nov 95	87 099	15 520	313.0	11 104	15.9
Dec 95	38 393	6 799	343.0	13 799	16.6
Jan 96	62 665	11 173	389.8	15 782	20.1
Feb 96	93 367	16 748	361.1	14 234	18.5
Mar 96	92 096	16 422	518.1	19 863	26.5
Apr 96	71 694	12 719	306.8	11 183	15.8
May 96	52 751	9 326	523.2	17 453	26.2
Jun 96	24 310	4 284	236.1	8 320	10.3
Jul 96	53 329r	95 10r	209.4	7 540	10.3
Aug 96	99 902	17 933	262.2	9 613	12.4
Sep 96	120 998r	21 634r	437.7	16 378	21.9
Oct 96	120 825r	21 372r	466.8	17 067	24.2
Nov 96	80729r	14 262r	329.1	11 537	17.2
Dec 96	35 593	6 229	272.5	9 156	13.6

¹ Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers

Reference: FTRACCS Trade Statistics

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Pam Prince on (09) 360 5207

6.4 ENERGY PRODUCTION

Period	Coal ¹	Electricity generated	Gas for distribution ²	Crude oil ^{3,4}	Natural gas ⁴
	'000 tonnes	million kWh	million MJ	mega-litres	million m ³
Financial years					
1993-94	5 151	15 755	172 432	7 639	13 659
1994-95	5 882	16 756	186 658	12 680	15 714
1995-96	5 897	17 422	181 710	9 676	16 766
Months					
Dec 95	613	1 477	14 416	2 740	4 253
Jan 96	505	1 537	15 635		
Feb 96	445	1 532	15 707		
Mar 96	588	1 514	16 638	3 708	4 136
Apr 96	413	1 366	15 305		
May 96	487	1 475	16 609		
Jun 96	569	1 456	16 614	4 204	4 208
Jul 96	379	1 523	17 292		
Aug 96	414	1 473	17 097		
Sep 96	469	1 379	15 454	4 187	4 115
Oct 96	517	1 412	15 558		
Nov 96	584	1 328	17 457		
Dec 96	446	1 401	17 883	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

¹ Source: Department of Minerals and Energy.

² Available for issue through mains.

³ Includes condensate.

⁴ Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

6.5 MINERAL EXPLORATION: EXPENDITURE BY TYPE OF MINERAL SOUGHT

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Period	Metallic Minerals			Non-Metallic Minerals		Total minerals
	Base metals ¹	Gold	Other	Diamonds	Other	
	(\$ million)					
Financial years						
1993-94	63.3	310.2	31.5	46.6	2.1	453.7
1994-95	58.8	379.4	17.9	35.2	5.6	495.5
1995-96	89.0	367.8	6.9	33.8	6.0	519.5
Quarters						
June 95	14.1	108.2	4.0	5.8	0.6	135.3
Sep 95	16.6	90.4	4.5	9.7	2.4	124.9
Dec 95	17.5	100.0	4.8	7.4	1.1	128.9
Mar 96	21.8	83.9	n.a.	4.9	2.1	117.8
Jun 96	32.3	93.4	n.a.	11.7	1.6	147.0
Sep 96	23.6	120.2	n.a.	8.8	n.a.	162.8

¹ Includes copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel and cobalt.

Reference: Actual and Expected Private Mineral Exploration Expenditure, Australia (8412.0)

6.6 MINERAL PRODUCTION

Period	Iron ore	Bauxite	Gold	Ilmenite	Nickel	Diamonds
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	kg	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 carats
Financial years						
1993-94	119 690	27 087	193 599	1 612	62	39 909
1994-95	132 742	26 852	187 280	1 631	94	43 591
1995-96	143 392	28 250	205 830	1 871	105	42 517
Quarters						
Jun 95	34 738	6 729	47 000	433	27	9 324
Sep 95	36 459r	7 451	48 765	500	25	9 105
Dec 95	35 213r	7 028	48 675	477	24	12 153
Mar 96	35 890r	6 946	53 100	417	26	11 473
Jun 96	35 830	6 825	55 946	477	30	9 835
Sep 96	36 821	6 865	53 836	464	28	11 235

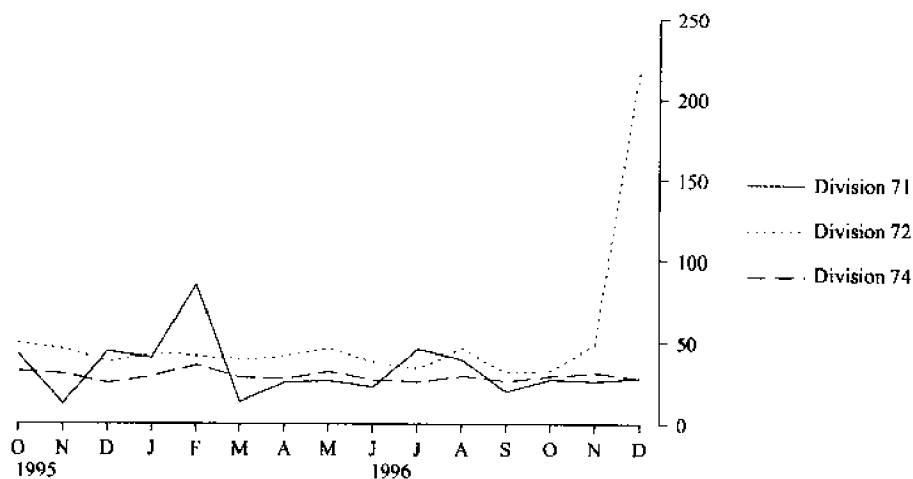
Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics

7.1 IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION

Period	33 Petroleum, petroleum products, etc	71 Power generating equipment and machinery	72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	74 General industrial machinery and equipment	78 Road vehicles
(\$ million)					
Financial years					
1993-94	678.4	189.7	432.2	254.0	690.0
1994-95	823.8	203.1	436.9	308.7	802.1
1995-96	768.9	356.1	510.3	345.7	794.5
Months					
Nov 95	51.2	12.3	46.1	30.7	72.9
Dec 95	72.0	44.5	38.7	25.0	60.4
Jan 96	74.7	40.8	43.0	29.8	47.2
Feb 96	72.8	85.5	41.8	36.4	53.8
Mar 96	74.2	13.5	39.6	28.7	60.0
Apr 96	56.4	25.6	41.9	27.8	62.5
May 96	69.9	26.5	46.6	32.2	74.6
Jun 96	47.6	23.0	38.5	27.2	72.1
Jul 96	115.1	46.2	34.0	25.8	70.7
Aug 96	92.7	40.2	46.3	29.8	74.3
Sep 96	39.2	20.0	31.9	26.3	63.0
Oct 96	107.3	27.5	33.0	29.7	81.0
Nov 96	66.2	26.3	49.0	31.7	73.2
Dec 96	126.6	28.3	217.8	27.8	66.6
Jan 97	109.8	24.7	49.4	50.4	61.3

Reference: Fastraccs Trade Statistics

IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION



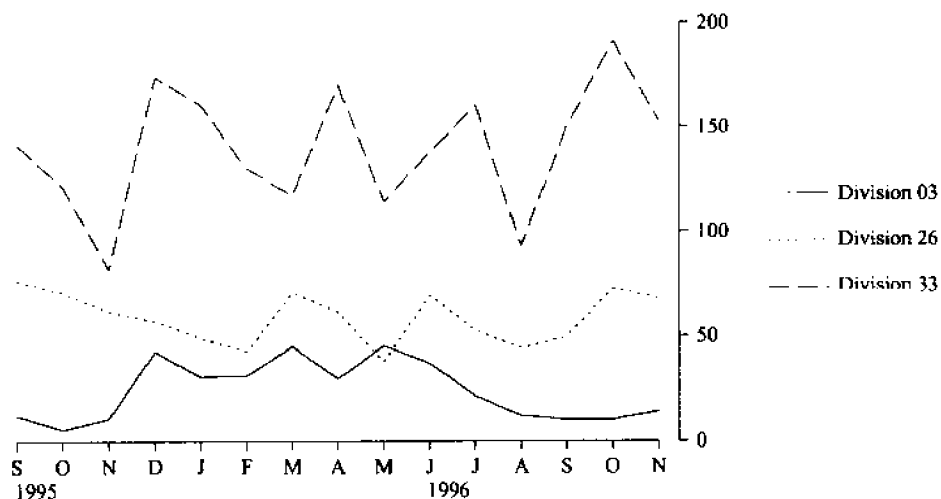
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7.2 EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

Period	03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs, etc	04 Cereals and cereal preparations	26 Textile fibres and waste (excluding yarn or fabric)	28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	33 Petroleum, petroleum products etc.
(\$ million)					
Financial years					
1993-94	413.3	1 150.1	656.1	2 999.4	882.9
1994-95	408.6	1 154.3	733.8	3 094.0	1 544.4
1995-96	364.2	1 874.9	692.6	3 221.8	1 586.0
Months					
Oct 95	5.6	123.5	70.7	271.0	121.3
Nov 95	10.5	164.9	61.8	269.8	81.9
Dec 95	42.7	209.6	57.2	274.3	174.0
Jan 96	30.4	213.7	49.2	246.0	160.6
Feb 96	31.1	197.6	42.8	233.6	130.3
Mar 96	45.1	185.3	70.8	275.5	117.5
Apr 96	49.6	177.7	61.5	251.6	170.0
May 96	45.5	161.9	37.5	259.7	114.4
Jun 96	37.2	153.5	69.6	314.8	138.2
Jul 96	21.2	121.5	52.4	299.8	160.4
Aug 96	12.0	104.4	44.2	295.8	92.9
Sep 96	10.0	113.1	49.9	289.9	150.0
Oct 96	10.0	120.5	72.4	278.4	190.8
Nov 96	14.1	90.5	67.7	273.4	152.9
Dec 96	45.6	177.9	64.2	271.5	151.9

Reference: Fastraccs Trade Statistics

EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS



Source: Fastraccs Trade Statistics

8.1 NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS¹

Period	Western Australia				Total	Perth Statistical Division
	Passenger vehicles	Light commercial vehicles	Trucks and buses	Motor cycles and scooters		
Financial years						
1993-94	48 589	10 350	2 136	2 103	63 178	49 074
1994-95	51 947	10 782	2 170	2 344	67 243	52 168
1995-96	51 134	10 838	2 315	2 440	66 727	51 390
Months						
Nov 95	4 595	945	247	365	6 148	4 887
Dec 95	4 308	884	207	209	5 608	4 249
Jan 96	3 178	692	140	174	4 184	3 041
Feb 96	4 516	1 090	158	170	5 934	4 472
Mar 96	4 718	995	174	201	6 088	4 624
Apr 96	4 109	804	145	230	5 288	4 046
May 96	4 889	1 139	204	198	6 430	5 114
Jun 96	4 590	1 199	223	157	6 169	4 662
Jul 96	4 580	895	201	174	5 850	4 590
Aug 96	4 728	839	177	216	5 960	4 756
Sep 96	4 392	748	177	183	5 500	4 442
Oct 96	5 209	874	168	238	6 517	5 142
Nov 96	4 656	819	186	368	6 029	4 742
Dec 96	4 861	859	181	228	6 129	4 743

¹ Excludes plant and equipment, caravans and trailers
Reference: Unpublished statistics

8.2 VEHICLE REGISTRATION STATISTICS¹

Period	Passenger Vehicles		Other Vehicles		Total	
	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Trend estimate
Months						
Nov 95	4 595	4 072	1 192	1 062	5 787	5 134
Dec 95	4 308	4 117	1 091	1 076	5 399	5 193
Jan 96	3 178	4 197	832	1 092	4 010	5 289
Feb 96	4 516	4 308	1 248	1 107	5 764	5 415
Mar 96	4 718	4 435	1 169	1 119	5 887	5 554
Apr 96	4 109	4 544	1 179	1 131	5 288	5 675
May 96	4 889	4 616	1 343	1 142	6 430	5 758
Jun 96	4 590	4 647 r	1 422	1 145	6 012	5 792 r
Jul 96	4 580	4 642 r	1 096	1 134	5 676	5 776 r
Aug 96	4 728	4 639 r	1 016	1 111 r	5 744	5 750 r
Sep 96	4 392	4 658 r	925	1 079 r	5 317	5 737 r
Oct 96	5 209	4 675 r	1 070	1 044 r	6 279	5 719 r
Nov 96	4 656	4 686 r	1 005	1 013 r	5 661	5 699 r
Dec 96	4 861	4 697	1 040	989	5 901	5 686

¹ Other vehicles excludes motor cycles, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.
Reference: Unpublished statistics

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Cheryl Smith on (09) 360 5242

9.1 PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUPS (ORIGINAL SERIES)

Period	Selected Industry			Total	
	Mining	Manu- facturing	Other selected industries	Original	Seasonally adjusted
(\$ million)					
Financial Years					
1994-95	4 046	595	2 216	6 857	6 856
1995-96	4 199	958	2 422	7 579	7 576
Quarters					
Jun 95	1 027	209	487	1 724	1 719
Sep 95	1 046	200	562	1 808	1 870
Dec 95	1 173	174	760	2 107	1 797
Mar 96	915	205	542	1 663	1 917
Jun 96	1 064	379	558	2 001	1 992
Sep 96	923	128	464	1 514	1 572

Reference: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (5646.0)

Analysis of Table 9.2

No growth was reported for GSP in the September quarter. However, because of relatively strong growth in the first half of the year, overall growth through the year to September quarter 1996 was 5.8%. Wages, salaries and supplements grew by 1.0% in the September quarter to be 6.4% higher than the same quarter of the previous year. Gross operating surplus declined by 0.3% in the September quarter 1996, but increased by 6.0% through the year to September quarter 1996. For the second consecutive quarter indirect taxes less subsidies declined, falling by 2.1% in the September quarter 1996.

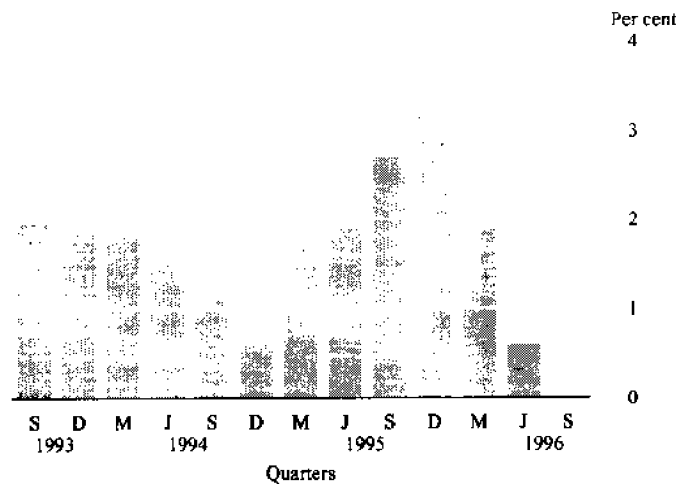
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9.2 STATE FINAL DEMAND AND PRODUCTION ACCOUNT TREND DATA AT CURRENT PRICES

Period	Wages salaries and supplements	Gross operating surplus	Indirect taxes less subsidies	GSP (income based)
	(\$ million)			
Quarters				
Mar 94	5 044	5 040	1 246	11 330
Jun 94	5 073	5 134	1 295	11 502
Sep 94	5 112	5 193	1 322	11 627
Dec 94	5 182	5 191	1 320	11 693
Mar 95	5 288	5 267	1 308	11 863
Jun 95	5 369	5 388	1 326	12 083
Sep 95	5 464	5 560	1 385	12 409
Dec 95	5 583	5 771	1 449	12 803
Mar 96	5 685	5 892	1 465	13 042
Jun 96	5 759	5 911	1 449	13 119
Sep 96	5 814	5 892	1 419	13 125

Reference: State Accounts (5242.0)

PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN GSP(A) - TREND WESTERN AUSTRALIA



(A) Gross State Product at current prices
Source: State Accounts 5242.0

10.1 STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Indicator	Period	Unit	Western Australia				Change from one year ago (%)
			Current Australian figure	Current figure	Change from last period(%)	Figure one year ago	
POPULATION							
Estimated resident population	Jun qtr 96 p	'000	18 289.1	1 762.7	0.4	1 731.2	1.8
Natural increase	Jun qtr 96 p	No.	31 176	3 655	0.1	3 557	2.8
Net estimated migration gain	Jun qtr 96 p	No.	19 330	3 549	-35.3	4 251	-16.5
TOURISM							
<i>Hotels and motels, etc with facilities</i>							
Guest arrivals	Sep qtr 96	'000	7 890	636	21.4	588.8	8
Guest rooms available	Sep qtr 96	No.	172 421	15 396	2.1	14 720	4.5
Room occupancy rates	Sep qtr 96	%	58.8	62.0	9.7	61.1	1.5
<i>Overseas visitors</i>							
Long-term Arrivals	Nov 96	No.	4 460	480	-35.1	370	29.7
Short-term Arrivals	Nov 96	No.	375 560	37 270	8.2	33 660	10.7
<i>Resident Departures</i>							
Long-term Departures	Nov 96	No.	4 770	530	6.0	500	6.0
Short-term Departures	Nov 96	No.	218 220	24 850	-7.4	22 200	11.9
EMPLOYMENT							
Employed persons (Trend)	Jan 97	'000	8 419.0	850.5	0.1	828.6	2.6
<i>Unemployed persons</i>							
Looking for work (Original)	Jan 97	'000	853.8	76.1	7.5	76.8	-0.9
Looking for work (Trend)	Jan 97	'000	791.5	70.5	0.6	69.3	1.7
<i>Participation rate</i>							
Original	Jan 97	%	63.2	66.4	-1.0	65.6	1.2
Trend	Jan 97	%	63.6	66.3	0.0	66.1	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate</i>							
Original	Jan 97	%	9.3	8.3	9.2	8.6	-3.5
Trend	Jan 97	%	8.6	7.7	1.3	7.7	0.0
<i>Full-time adult average weekly earnings</i>							
Males	Aug 96	\$	774.40	804.80	-0.1	776.20	3.7
Females	Aug 96	\$	614.20	559.00	1.1	568.70	4.6
Persons	Aug 96	\$	716.90	728.70	0.3	702.90	3.7
All employees total earnings	Aug 96	\$	566.60	549.90	-0.5	544.40	1.0
<i>Average weekly overtime hours</i>							
Per employee	Aug 96	hours	1	1.2	3.4	1.3	-8.2
Per employee working overtime	Aug 96	hours	6.8	8.4	6.6	8	5.8
Employees working overtime	Aug 96	%	14.9	14.0	-3.0	16.1	-13.2
<i>Industrial disputes in progress (working days lost)</i>							
Total	Nov 96	'000	51.7	0.9	-43.8	1.6	-43.8
Per '000 employees year ended	Nov 96	days	129.0	69.0	-1.4	157.0	-56.0
RETAIL							
<i>Monthly Retail Turnover</i>							
Original	Nov 96	\$m	10 610.9	1 061.9	-0.1	1 066.4	-0.4
Trend estimate	Nov 96	\$m	10 194.3	1 016.3	0.0	1 026	-0.9
Consumer Price Index	Dec qtr 96	Index No.	120.3	118.4	0.1	116.3	1.8

10.1 STATISTICAL SUMMARY continued

Indicator	Period	Unit	Western Australia				
			Current Australian figure	Current figure	Change from last period (%)	Change from one year ago (%)	
CONSTRUCTION							
<i>Building Approvals</i>							
Dwelling Units	Oct 96	No.	11 817	1 338	10.6	1 265	5.8
Value of all building	Oct 96	\$m	2 751.9	279.9	27.7	177.4	57.8
<i>Building Commencements</i>							
Dwelling Units	Jun qtr 96	No.	30 996	3 778	10.2	4 623	-18.3
Value of all building	Jun qtr 96	\$m	6 413.7	626.3	6.8	658.5	-4.9
<i>Total Building</i>							
Value of work done during	Jun qtr 96	\$m	6 256.5	619.3	5.8	671.9	-7.8
Value of work yet to be done	Jun qtr 96	\$m	9 177.1	605.5	12	642.4	-5.7
<i>Engineering Construction</i>							
Value of work commenced	Jun qtr 96	\$m	3 072.4	794.7	20.9	489.7	62.6
Value of work done during	Jun qtr 96	\$m	4 114.7	856.2	46.5	477.8	79.1
Value of work yet to be done	Jun qtr 96	\$m	5 704.3	1 353.4	1.3	1 052.6	28.6
<i>Housing Price Indexes</i>							
Materials used in house building	Dec 96	Index No.	115.9	115	0	114.6	0.3
Established houses	Sep qtr 96	Index No.	114	108	-0.2	108.3	-0.6
Project Homes	Sep qtr 96	Index No	109.4	101.5	0.1	101.6	0.7
MINERAL EXPLORATION							
Gold	Jun qtr 96	\$m	147.4	93.4	11.3	108.2	-11.4
Other minerals	Jun qtr 96	\$m	137.5	53.6	58.1	27.1	97.8
OVERSEAS TRADE							
Imports	Dec 96	\$m	6 710.2	755.1	50.1	493.3	53.1
Exports	Dec 96	\$m	6 493.8	1 673.4	11.9	1 721.5	-2.8
TRANSPORT							
<i>Passenger vehicle registrations</i>							
Original	Nov 96	No.	45 968	4 656	-10.6	4 595	1.3
Trend	Nov 96	No.	44 758	4 678	0.2	4 072	14.9
<i>Total registrations</i>							
Original	Nov 96	No.	54 425	5 661	-9.8	5 787	-2.2
Trend	Nov 96	No.	53 356	5 673	-0.6	5 134	10.5
FINANCE							
<i>Private New Capital Expenditure</i>							
Original	Sep qtr 96	\$m	10 161	1 514	-24.3	1 808	-16.3
Seasonally adjusted	Sep qtr 96	\$m	10 601	1 572	-21.1	1 870	-15.9
<i>Gross State Product (Income based)</i>							
Current prices	Sep qtr 96	\$m	122 660	12 621	0.2	12 068	4.6
State Final Demand at average 1989-90 prices	Sep qtr 96	\$m	108 075	10 737	-4.8	10 490	2.4

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