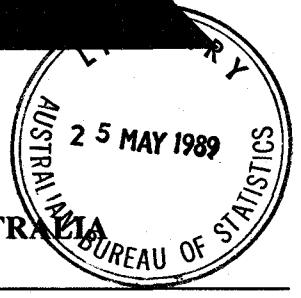


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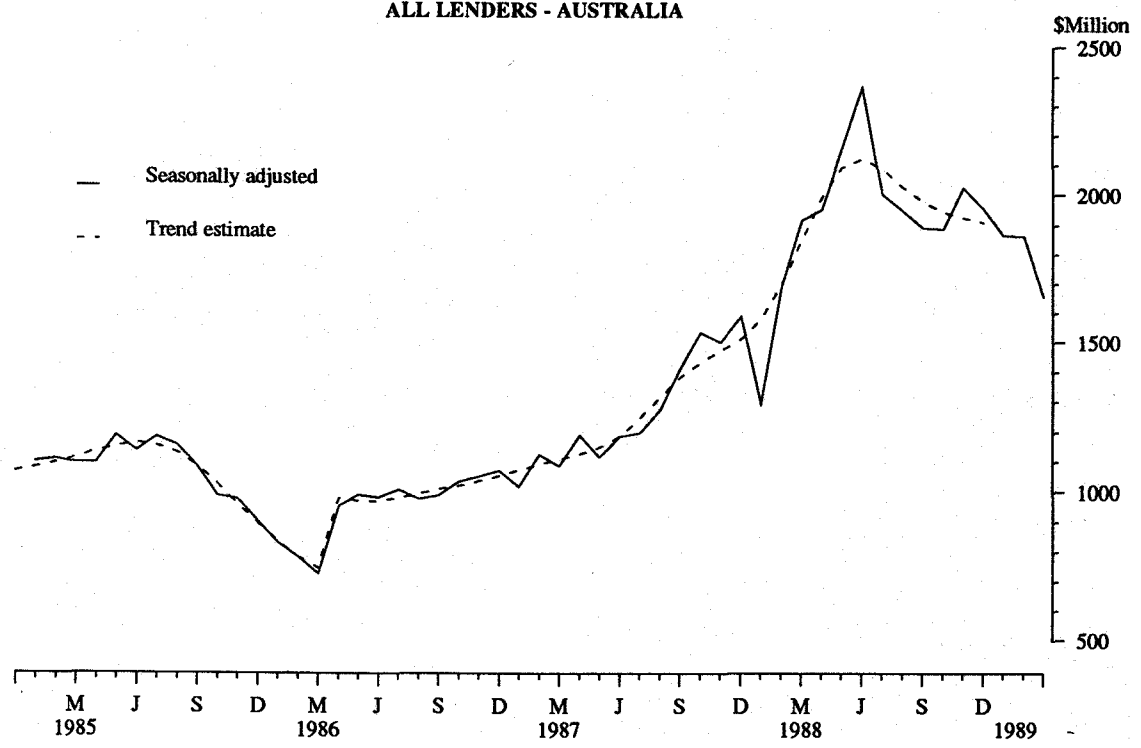
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MAIN FEATURES

SECURED HOUSING FINANCE - TOTAL DWELLINGS - VALUE
ALL LENDERS - AUSTRALIA



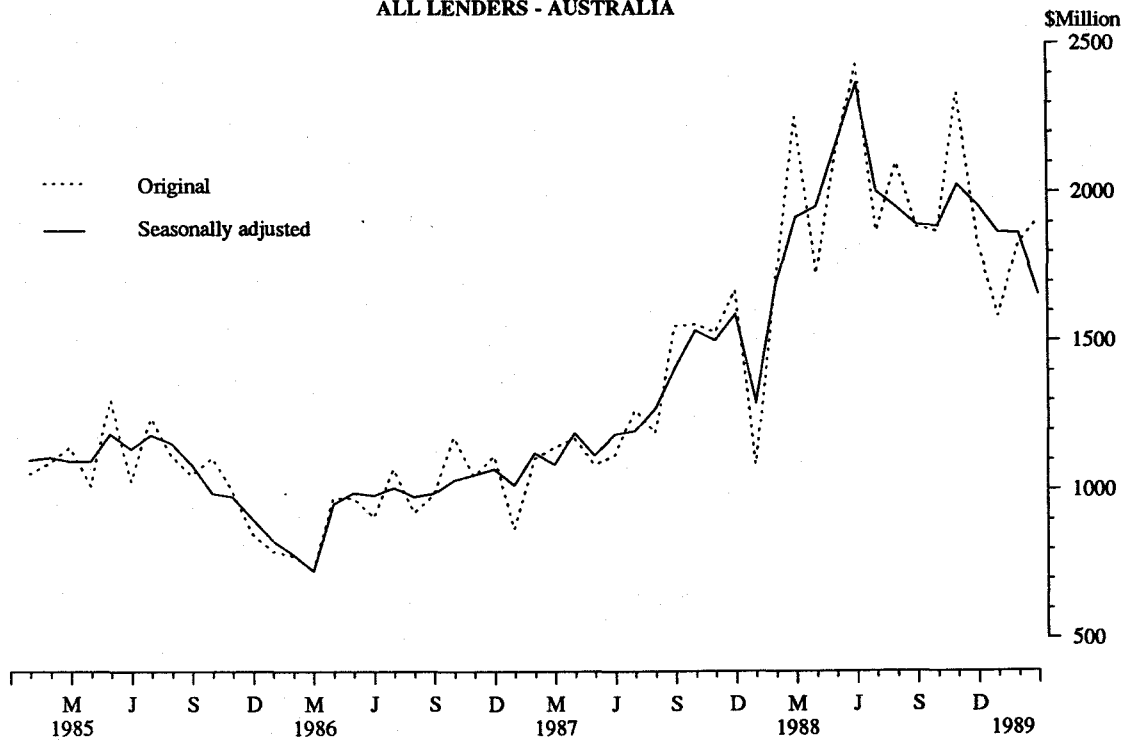
Secured housing finance commitments (excluding alterations and additions) totalled \$1,910.7 million in March 1989, \$78.3 million (4.3%) more than in February 1989 but \$345.5 million (15.3%) less than in March 1988. This increase was partly attributable to some banks reporting for a four week period in February 1989 and a five week period in March 1989. In the seasonally adjusted series, from which the effects of the different reporting periods of the banks are removed, commitments for March 1989 totalled \$1,652.6 million, a fall of \$210.8 million (11.3%) on February 1989 and of \$267.1 million (13.9%) on March 1988.

The trend estimates in the above graph indicate that commitments reached a peak in June 1988 of \$2,124.5

million and then fell steadily. Due to the highly irregular nature of the series, it is not possible to calculate, with reasonable confidence, the trend estimates for the last three months and therefore, these estimates are not provided.

Commitments for first mortgage (or equivalent) finance was provided for 29,774 dwelling units in March 1989, 1,325 dwelling units (4.7%) more than in February 1989, but 11,041 dwelling units (27.1%) less than in March 1988. In seasonally adjusted terms March 1989 was down 9.1% on February 1989 and 26.4% on March 1988.

**SECURED HOUSING FINANCE - TOTAL DWELLINGS - VALUE
ALL LENDERS - AUSTRALIA**



SUMMARY TABLES

Commitments by purpose (original)

<i>Purpose of Commitment</i>	<i>Mar 1989 \$ Million</i>	<i>% Change from last month*</i>	<i>% Change from same month last year#</i>
Established Dwellings	1,435.7	1.8	-19.4
Construction of Dwellings	381.1	14.5	5.1
Purchase of Newly Erected Dwellings	93.9	5.1	-16.6
Total	1,910.7	4.3	-15.3

Commitments by type of lender (original)

<i>Type of lender</i>	<i>Mar 1989 \$ Million</i>	<i>% Change from last month*</i>	<i>% Change from same month last year#</i>
Savings Banks†	1,377.6	5.3	-11.8
Permanent Building Societies†	190.2	-10.7	-51.2
Trading Banks	236.2	10.3	12.5
Other Lenders	106.8	10.6	11.5
Total	1,910.7	4.3	-15.3

Commitments by type of lender (Seasonally adjusted)

<i>Type of lender</i>	<i>Mar 1989 \$ Million</i>	<i>% Change from last month*</i>	<i>% Change from same month last year#</i>
Savings Banks†	1,186.3	-11.9	-11.8
Permanent Building Societies†	180.3	-15.8	-45.7
Trading Banks	186.3	-7.9	16.5
Other Lenders	99.7	-0.2	20.7
Total	1,652.6	-11.3	-13.9

Number of dwellings secured by first mortgage (original)

<i>Purpose of Commitment</i>	<i>Mar 1989 number</i>	<i>% Change from last month*</i>	<i>% Change from same month last year#</i>
Established Dwellings	21,482	2.5	-31.7
Construction of Dwellings	7,008	12.9	-4.6
Purchase of Newly Erected Dwellings	1,284	-0.7	-35.8
Total	29,774	4.7	-27.1

* March 1989 on February 1989

March 1989 on March 1988

† Since March 1988, one Building Society has become a Savings Bank

NOTES

The statistics of housing finance are compiled from returns collected from significant lenders and relate to secured housing finance commitments for the construction or purchase of dwellings for owner occupied housing.

Explanatory notes are available at the back of this publication.

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TABLE 1 - SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS - MARCH 1989

Purpose Of Commitment	Type of Lender										Total Dwelling units	\$ million
	Savings		Banks		Trading		Permanent building societies		Other lenders			
	Dwelling units	\$ million	Dwelling units	\$ million	Dwelling units	\$ million	Dwelling units	\$ million	Dwelling units	\$ million		
AUSTRALIA												
Construction of dwellings -												
Houses -												
By first mortgage	5,153	271.8	850	34.3	488	31.4	382	22.8	6,873	360.3		
By other security	..	4.1	..	5.1	..	—	..	0.1	..	9.3		
Other dwellings -												
By first mortgage	64	4.8	66	4.8	3	0.3	2	0.3	135	10.1		
By other security	..	0.5	..	0.8	..	—	..	—	..	1.3		
Purchase of newly erected dwellings -												
Houses -												
By first mortgage	825	58.3	83	4.2	63	4.2	63	4.1	1,034	70.8		
By other security	..	0.4	..	2.1	..	—	..	0.1	..	2.7		
Other dwellings -												
By first mortgage	165	11.7	53	4.1	24	1.7	8	0.3	250	17.9		
By other security	..	0.2	..	2.0	..	—	..	0.3	..	2.6		
Purchase of established dwellings -												
Houses -												
By first mortgage	14,391	945.7	2,332	125.4	2,005	135.1	1,099	70.4	19,827	1,276.7		
By other security	..	4.9	..	24.4	..	0.8	..	0.9	..	31.0		
Other dwellings -												
By first mortgage	1,055	74.4	266	23.3	245	16.6	89	7.2	1,655	121.5		
By other security	..	0.7	..	5.5	..	0.1	..	0.2	..	6.5		
Alterations and additions to dwellings	..	62.9	..	15.9	..	8.5	..	4.1	..	91.4		
Total commitments	21,653	1440.5	3,650	252.1	2,828	198.7	1,643	110.8	29,774	2,002.1		
STATES(a)												
New South Wales	6,019	483.7	1,416	130.4	793	61.0	372	31.5	8,600	706.6		
Victoria	5,581	399.1	770	54.9	508	43.0	517	39.5	7,376	536.5		
Queensland	4,113	227.6	561	26.0	519	30.7	479	23.9	5,672	308.2		
South Australia	2,026	116.7	306	10.7	391	22.5	63	3.1	2,786	153.0		
Western Australia	2,799	154.4	416	21.9	547	37.2	98	6.7	3,860	220.2		
Tasmania	616	27.5	48	1.7	..	..	..	..	776	34.4		
Northern Territory	193	11.2	19	0.6	70	4.3	114	6.1	213	11.8		
Australian Capital Territory	306	20.4	114	5.8	..	..	..	..	491	31.4		

(a) Includes alterations and additions.

TABLE 2 - SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS - ALL LENDERS

YEARS	Construction of Dwellings				\$ million	Dwelling units	\$ million	Dwelling units	\$ million	Other security	\$ million
	Houses		Other dwellings								
	First mortgage	Other security	First mortgage	Other security							
	Dwelling units	\$ million	\$ million	Dwelling units	\$ million	Dwelling units	\$ million	Other security	\$ million		
AUSTRALIA											
1985-1986	50,545	1,963.0	63.6	1,310	45.6						8.6
1986-1987	45,303	1,883.9	53.7	1,252	50.3						8.3
1987-1988	64,088	3,048.4	85.5	1,540	74.2						11.2
1988											
January	3,615	169.7	5.0	77	4.0						1.0
February	5,417	256.3	6.5	121	6.3						0.7
March	7,197	345.8	8.1	147	7.4						1.4
April	5,326	266.9	5.8	103	5.1						1.5
May	6,640	328.2	8.5	176	8.8						0.6
June	7,997	404.2	9.3	194	9.7						1.0
July	6,515	331.7	6.8	163	8.4						1.7
August	7,402	370.7	8.8	214	11.7						2.6
September	6,064	308.5	8.7	130	7.8						2.5
October	5,857	295.5	8.0	155	8.3						0.6
November	7,149	354.9	10.5	168	9.9						1.9
December	5,105	266.4	6.8	122	6.7						1.6
1989											
January	5,029	263.6	6.0	99	6.3						3.2
February	6,074	312.6	9.8	134	7.6						2.8
March	6,873	360.3	9.3	135	10.1						1.3
STATES - FEBRUARY 1989											
N.S.W.	1,705	93.8	2.8	51	3.2						1.8
Vic.	1,243	71.3	4.6	29	1.4						0.3
Qld	1,442	64.3	1.5	18	1.3						0.3
S.A.	450	21.1	0.2	9	0.4						—
W.A.	1,050	54.6	0.5	25	1.2						0.4
Tas.	100	3.8	—	—	—						—
N.T.	20	0.7	—	—	—						—
A.C.T.	64	3.0	0.1	2	0.1						—
STATES - MARCH 1989											
N.S.W.	1,867	105.6	2.7	49	4.8						0.1
Vic.	1,349	82.1	3.2	27	1.7						0.5
Qld	1,593	75.8	1.3	20	1.7						—
S.A.	597	27.3	1.0	10	0.6						0.2
W.A.	1,222	60.0	0.9	28	1.4						0.2
Tas.	138	5.0	—	—	—						—
N.T.	24	0.9	—	1	—						—
A.C.T.	83	3.5	0.2	—	—						0.3

TABLE 2 - SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS - ALL LENDERS -continued

YEARS	Purchase of newly erected dwellings					
	Houses			Other dwellings		
	First mortgage Dwelling units	\$ million	Other security \$ million	First mortgage Dwelling units	\$ million	Other security \$ million
AUSTRALIA						
1985-1986	16,954	709.5	18.7	2,917	116.8	11.6
1986-1987	15,338	706.8	13.0	2,426	107.5	14.4
1987-1988	15,668	827.2	17.0	3,512	191.1	23.0
1988						
January	836	44.2	0.8	185	10.0	0.4
February	1,158	60.4	1.0	265	14.7	1.3
March	1,630	86.7	1.9	369	22.7	1.3
April	1,334	76.0	1.1	235	14.1	0.6
May	1,472	83.2	1.4	294	17.9	3.4
June	1,611	92.5	1.8	332	18.8	2.3
July	1,557	91.7	2.1	296	16.9	1.2
August	1,612	92.6	2.2	352	19.9	2.9
September	1,447	84.4	1.3	293	17.7	2.3
October	1,363	82.5	1.3	329	21.6	1.9
November	1,586	94.7	2.2	378	23.7	5.0
December	1,293	78.9	3.1	267	17.7	2.3
1989						
January	1,001	63.0	1.2	219	12.6	1.5
February	1,040	67.4	1.4	253	19.0	1.5
March	1,034	70.8	2.7	250	17.9	2.6
STATES - FEBRUARY 1989						
N.S.W.	165	13.2	0.9	72	7.7	0.7
Vic.	489	33.1	0.2	92	6.0	0.1
Qld	176	9.5	0.1	47	3.5	0.3
S.A.	49	2.5	—	4	0.2	—
W.A.	73	3.8	0.1	28	1.4	0.4
Tas.	18	0.9	—	6	0.2	—
N.T.	5	0.2	—	3	0.1	—
A.C.T.	65	4.1	0.1	1	0.1	—
STATES - MARCH 1989						
N.S.W.	166	12.3	2.0	89	7.4	0.8
Vic.	520	38.2	0.1	63	4.3	0.7
Qld	137	8.4	0.1	52	3.6	—
S.A.	59	2.4	0.2	16	0.8	0.5
W.A.	67	4.0	0.1	21	1.3	0.5
Tas.	26	1.4	0.1	4	0.2	—
N.T.	1	0.2	—	2	0.1	—
A.C.T.	58	4.0	0.2	3	0.2	—

TABLE 2 - SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS - ALL LENDERS - continued

YEARS	Purchase of established dwellings					
	Houses			Other dwellings		
	First mortgage	Other security	\$ million	First mortgage	Other security	\$ million
	Dwelling units		Dwelling units			
AUSTRALIA						
1985-1986	186,704	7,639.2	194.9	17,431	717.0	45.1
1986-1987	197,492	9,011.3	150.1	17,527	796.9	33.8
1987-1988	256,455	13,805.1	250.2	30,475	1,690.4	86.4
1988						
January	14,127	738.0	15.8	1,714	90.5	6.0
February	21,928	1,172.7	18.6	2,778	152.4	6.6
March	28,315	1,561.0	24.8	3,157	187.1	8.0
April	20,802	1,199.8	16.2	2,221	135.2	4.6
May	25,181	1,473.5	23.0	2,782	173.8	9.7
June	27,902	1,664.3	31.2	2,949	186.0	9.3
July	20,772	1,233.2	24.2	2,208	144.2	8.2
August	23,141	1,397.4	25.6	2,372	156.5	8.9
September	20,295	1,259.5	22.1	2,358	155.4	12.0
October	20,237	1,264.5	31.4	2,126	144.0	8.4
November	25,089	1,598.6	37.2	2,674	185.7	11.2
December	19,120	1,265.4	28.4	1,954	138.6	11.5
1989						
January	16,798	1,091.7	24.1	1,525	105.6	7.1
February	19,291	1,249.3	27.0	1,657	124.4	9.5
March	19,827	1,276.7	31.0	1,655	121.5	6.5
STATES - FEBRUARY 1989						
N.S.W.	5,438	433.8	13.7	759	68.9	4.5
Vic.	4,985	340.6	5.0	363	25.4	2.0
Qld	3,666	193.0	2.7	188	11.5	1.8
S.A.	1,705	94.3	1.8	137	7.2	0.3
W.A.	2,393	135.3	2.3	173	9.4	0.7
Tas.	586	24.7	0.4	4	0.2	0.1
N.T.	117	5.9	0.2	14	0.6	0.1
A.C.T.	401	21.8	1.0	19	1.1	0.1
STATES - MARCH 1989						
N.S.W.	5,674	449.0	10.5	755	67.8	2.2
Vic.	5,069	348.8	12.0	348	25.0	1.2
Qld	3,680	189.4	2.2	190	11.4	1.2
S.A.	1,952	106.4	1.6	152	6.4	0.1
W.A.	2,359	129.4	3.6	163	8.6	1.7
Tas.	601	24.8	0.3	7	0.3	0.1
N.T.	167	9.1	0.2	18	0.8	0.1
A.C.T.	325	20.0	0.4	22	1.2	—

TABLE 2 - SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS - ALL LENDERS - continued

YEARS	Alterations and additions to dwellings \$ million	Total dwelling units	Total commitments \$ million	Cancellations of commitments \$ million	Commitments advanced during period \$ million	Commitments not advanced at end of period \$ million
AUSTRALIA						
1985-1986	507.2	275,861	12,040.9	507.7	11,919.0	2,217.4
1986-1987	498.5	279,338	13,328.6	465.9	12,599.0	2,481.0
1987-1988	707.3	371,738	20,816.9	617.6	18,059.6	4,597.9
1988						
January	38.9	20,554	1,124.4	39.9	1,105.1	3,060.3
February	59.1	31,667	1,756.5	46.9	1,399.1	3,361.5
March	77.5	40,815	2,333.7	57.6	1,818.4	3,819.2
April	64.9	30,021	1,791.8	60.8	1,484.7	4,065.5
May	78.6	36,545	2,210.6	60.8	1,847.0	4,368.3
June	89.3	40,985	2,519.8	80.4	2,209.9	4,597.9
July	72.2	31,511	1,942.4	67.6	2,021.3	4,451.5
August	85.7	35,093	2,185.5	86.2	2,158.1	4,392.7
September	79.0	30,587	1,961.2	82.6	1,863.1	4,408.1
October	79.4	30,067	1,947.3	71.3	1,807.6	4,476.5
November	97.6	37,044	2,433.2	79.1	2,233.9	4,597.7
December	75.1	27,861	1,902.5	58.3	2,156.1	4,285.7
1989						
January	65.3	24,671	1,651.2	74.1	1,639.4	4,223.5
February	83.4	28,449	1,915.8	63.3	1,849.1	4,199.5
March	91.4	29,774	2,002.1	75.4	2,019.6	4,106.7
STATES - FEBRUARY 1989						
N.S.W.	38.3	8,190	683.2	29.1	631.9	1,846.3
Vic.	19.4	7,201	509.4	10.5	559.7	934.0
Qld	11.1	5,537	301.0	9.3	271.3	553.8
S.A.	3.8	2,354	131.8	7.8	122.4	213.5
W.A.	7.6	3,742	217.7	3.7	195.0	522.8
Tas.	1.7	714	32.1	0.5	30.6	41.0
N.T.	0.2	159	8.1	—	8.3	14.2
A.C.T.	1.3	552	32.6	2.4	29.9	74.1
STATES - MARCH 1989						
N.S.W.	41.4	8,600	706.6	32.4	685.6	1,834.9
Vic.	18.9	7,376	536.5	15.4	548.1	906.9
Qld	13.0	5,672	308.2	12.7	324.3	524.9
S.A.	5.4	2,786	153.0	5.6	143.1	217.8
W.A.	8.6	3,860	220.2	6.2	242.1	494.6
Tas.	2.3	776	34.4	0.8	32.8	41.7
N.T.	0.1	213	11.8	0.4	13.8	11.9
A.C.T.	1.7	491	31.4	1.8	29.7	73.9

TABLE 3 - SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS - ALL LENDERS - ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED(a)

	Construction of dwellings		Purchase of newly erected dwellings		Purchase of established dwellings		Total	
	Dwelling units	\$ million	Dwelling units	\$ million	Dwelling units	\$ million	Dwelling units	\$ million
ORIGINAL								
1988								
January	3,692	179.8	1,021	55.4	15,841	850.3	20,554	1,085.5
February	5,538	269.8	1,423	77.4	24,706	1,350.3	31,667	1,697.5
March	7,344	362.7	1,999	112.6	31,472	1,780.9	40,815	2,256.2
April	5,429	279.4	1,569	91.8	23,023	1,355.9	30,021	1,727.0
May	6,816	346.1	1,766	105.8	27,963	1,680.0	36,545	2,131.9
June	8,191	424.2	1,943	115.3	30,851	1,890.9	40,985	2,430.4
July	6,678	348.5	1,853	111.8	22,980	1,409.9	31,511	1,870.1
August	7,616	393.8	1,964	117.6	25,513	1,588.4	35,093	2,099.8
September	6,194	327.5	1,740	105.6	22,653	1,449.1	30,587	1,882.2
October	6,012	312.4	1,692	107.2	22,363	1,448.2	30,067	1,867.8
November	7,317	377.2	1,964	125.6	27,763	1,832.8	37,044	2,335.6
December	5,227	281.6	1,560	102.0	21,074	1,443.8	27,861	1,827.4
1989								
January	5,128	279.1	1,220	78.4	18,323	1,228.4	24,671	1,585.9
February	6,208	332.8	1,293	89.3	20,948	1,410.2	28,449	1,832.4
March	7,008	381.1	1,284	93.9	21,482	1,435.7	29,774	1,910.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								
1988								
January	4,503	223.9	1,233	67.7	18,791	1,006.6	24,527	1,298.2
February	5,670	283.4	1,492	82.0	23,921	1,324.5	31,083	1,689.8
March	6,172	305.7	1,767	101.4	27,380	1,512.6	35,319	1,919.7
April	6,083	312.3	1,693	101.4	25,898	1,542.0	33,674	1,955.7
May	6,671	336.0	1,741	101.7	27,988	1,717.8	36,400	2,155.5
June	7,894	407.4	1,831	109.8	30,459	1,849.8	40,184	2,367.0
July	6,894	355.6	1,941	118.4	24,433	1,533.3	33,268	2,007.2
August	6,865	351.0	1,794	106.0	24,320	1,494.1	32,979	1,951.1
September	6,274	331.9	1,721	103.8	22,976	1,457.0	30,971	1,892.7
October	6,044	313.4	1,729	107.9	22,238	1,465.1	30,011	1,886.5
November	6,610	336.5	1,734	108.5	24,514	1,582.0	32,858	2,027.1
December	5,830	315.2	1,685	112.2	22,213	1,529.6	29,728	1,957.0
1989								
January	6,070	338.8	1,468	94.1	21,361	1,431.5	28,899	1,864.3
February	6,472	353.3	1,376	95.7	20,764	1,414.3	28,612	1,863.4
March	5,942	327.5	1,134	86.2	18,934	1,239.0	26,010	1,652.6

(a) Excludes alterations and additions.

TABLE 4 - SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS - TYPE OF LENDER - ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED(a)

	Banks		Trading		Permanent Building Societies		Other Lenders	
	Savings		Dwelling		Dwelling		Dwelling	
	Dwelling units	\$ million	units	\$ million	units	\$ million	units	\$ million
	ORIGINAL							
1988								
January	14,364	732.8	1,592	117.5	3,201	174.5	1,397	60.7
February	22,419	1,167.0	2,204	164.0	5,248	287.5	1,796	79.0
March	29,188	1,561.0	2,702	209.9	6,907	389.5	2,018	95.8
April	20,658	1,152.9	2,173	169.6	5,426	322.4	1,764	82.2
May	24,627	1,380.0	2,649	229.5	7,132	421.4	2,137	101.0
June	28,968	1,658.8	3,154	267.4	6,711	404.6	2,152	99.5
July	21,823	1,256.7	2,341	195.3	5,597	336.2	1,750	82.0
August	25,138	1,447.5	2,655	234.4	5,334	322.2	1,966	95.6
September	21,267	1,262.0	2,186	196.4	5,330	336.3	1,804	87.6
October	21,428	1,278.6	2,159	196.1	4,654	299.9	1,826	93.3
November	27,034	1,628.2	2,999	275.7	5,193	332.6	1,818	99.0
December	19,913	1,273.4	2,227	211.2	3,739	241.4	1,982	101.4
1989								
January	17,792	1,133.7	2,646	184.8	2,827	183.3	1,406	84.1
February	20,532	1,308.7	3,133	214.2	3,194	213.0	1,590	96.6
March	21,653	1,377.6	3,650	236.2	2,828	190.2	1,643	106.8
	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
1988								
January	17,040	866.5	1,964	145.0	3,942	214.7	1,581	72.0
February	22,208	1,179.3	2,040	153.6	5,076	277.8	1,759	79.1
March	25,446	1,345.1	2,101	159.9	5,950	332.0	1,822	82.6
April	23,639	1,321.5	2,429	200.9	5,783	347.2	1,823	86.2
May	24,693	1,406.7	2,928	258.7	6,826	398.1	1,953	91.9
June	28,245	1,612.0	2,803	233.3	7,021	426.6	2,115	95.2
July	22,645	1,321.7	2,751	232.1	6,027	364.8	1,845	88.5
August	23,691	1,348.3	2,214	198.4	5,098	309.0	1,976	95.4
September	21,396	1,254.2	2,522	218.2	5,242	331.8	1,811	88.5
October	21,078	1,263.8	2,514	230.9	4,573	298.3	1,846	93.5
November	24,149	1,421.8	2,462	219.9	4,544	292.7	1,703	92.7
December	21,066	1,361.3	2,452	229.3	4,058	255.6	2,152	110.8
1989								
January	20,714	1,322.3	3,272	229.6	3,350	215.1	1,563	97.4
February	20,879	1,347.1	2,910	202.3	3,210	214.1	1,613	99.9
March	18,787	1,186.3	2,939	186.3	2,697	180.3	1,587	99.7

(a) Excludes alterations and additions.

TABLE 5. SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS : ALL LENDERS (a)

	Trend estimates							
	Construction of dwellings		Purchase of newly erected dwellings		Purchase of established dwellings		Total	
	Dwelling units	\$ million	Dwelling units	\$ million	Dwelling units	\$ million	Dwelling units	\$ million
1987								
October	4,727	225.0	1,525	80.8	21,656	1,129.8	27,908	1,435.6
November	4,939	238.2	1,513	81.6	21,797	1,155.1	28,250	1,474.9
December	5,112	249.2	1,500	82.2	21,992	1,182.9	28,604	1,514.3
1988								
January	5,313	261.6	1,501	83.5	22,646	1,239.5	29,460	1,584.6
February	5,594	278.4	1,535	86.8	23,863	1,334.7	30,993	1,699.9
March	5,986	300.7	1,606	92.4	25,418	1,456.1	33,010	1,849.2
April	6,430	325.6	1,699	99.2	26,806	1,571.5	34,935	1,996.3
May	6,796	346.5	1,780	105.3	27,450	1,644.0	36,026	2,095.8
June	6,996	358.7	1,826	108.8	27,173	1,657.0	35,995	2,124.5
July	6,995	359.8	1,836	110.1	26,206	1,622.8	35,038	2,092.7
August	6,818	351.6	1,822	110.0	24,981	1,569.1	33,621	2,030.8
September	6,577	340.6	1,798	109.6	23,961	1,528.8	32,336	1,979.0
October	6,347	331.2	1,752	108.4	23,193	1,504.7	31,292	1,944.4
November	6,202	327.4	1,679	106.2	22,634	1,492.0	30,515	1,925.5
December	6,155	329.3	1,589	103.2	22,135	1,475.8	29,880	1,908.3

(a) Excludes alterations and additions.

TABLE 6. SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS : TYPE OF LENDER (a)

	Trend estimates							
	Banks				Permanent Building Societies		Other Lenders	
	Savings		Trading		Dwelling units	\$ million	Dwelling units	\$ million
1987								
October	19,274	953.3	2,019	146.3	4,880	261.4	1,735	74.6
November	19,610	985.1	2,048	152.3	4,873	263.0	1,719	74.4
December	20,021	1,022.4	2,048	154.5	4,831	262.7	1,704	74.6
1988								
January	20,790	1,081.4	2,063	157.7	4,898	269.5	1,709	76.0
February	21,943	1,165.2	2,141	166.5	5,166	289.4	1,743	78.7
March	23,315	1,264.2	2,286	182.3	5,607	320.3	1,801	82.4
April	24,526	1,355.6	2,461	201.3	6,075	353.0	1,872	86.4
May	25,116	1,412.2	2,605	217.9	6,373	376.1	1,933	89.7
June	25,003	1,424.0	2,667	227.1	6,372	382.0	1,953	91.3
July	24,352	1,400.0	2,636	228.9	6,105	371.9	1,945	91.9
August	23,474	1,361.6	2,553	226.1	5,673	350.8	1,922	92.3
September	22,760	1,336.6	2,485	223.4	5,197	325.8	1,895	93.2
October	22,212	1,327.0	2,488	222.3	4,730	300.3	1,862	94.9
November	21,798	1,329.3	2,576	222.7	4,315	276.5	1,826	97.0
December	21,454	1,333.9	2,704	221.2	3,938	254.2	1,784	99.0

(a) Excludes alterations and additions.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

1. This publication presents statistics of secured housing finance commitments made by significant lenders to individuals for the construction or purchase of dwellings for owner occupation. For detailed information on the scope and coverage of these statistics and definitions of data items refer to the July 1986 issue of this publication.

2. While the statistics are described as being for calendar months, it should be noted that:

- (i) in the case of *trading banks* and some of the larger savings banks, the data relate to a month ending on the last Wednesday; and
- (ii) in the case of *other lenders*, some have accounting periods which do not correspond exactly to a calendar month and their figures are used without adjustment.

Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates.

3. In the seasonal adjustments of these series, account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors, but also of 'trading day' effects (arising from the varying reporting practices of the lenders) and the influence of Easter which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these series are available on request.

4. Seasonal adjustment procedures do not aim to remove the irregular or 'non-seasonal' influences which may be present in any particular month. Irregular influences that are highly volatile can make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after seasonal adjustment.

5. The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series to create trend estimates is a means of reducing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates have been derived by applying a 13-term Henderson weighted moving average to the seasonally adjusted series.

6. While this smoothing technique enables estimates of trend to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the estimates for the most recent months as data for subsequent months become available. Generally subsequent revisions become smaller and after 3 months have little relative impact on the series. There will also be revisions as a result of revisions to the original estimates and annual reviews of seasonal and 'trading day' factors.

7. Because of the highly irregular nature of the housing finance 'all lenders' series it is not possible to discern with reasonable confidence the current direction of the trend at the end of these series. For such highly irregular series the ABS does not provide for publication the last three trend estimates.

8. Users may wish to refer to the ABS Information Papers *A Guide to Smoothing Time Series — Estimates of 'Trend'* (1316.0) and *Time Series Decomposition — An Overview* (1317.0) for more detailed information on smoothing of seasonally adjusted time series data.

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10. Revision to previously published statistics are included in issues of this publication as they occur.

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11. In principle, commitments not advanced at end of period presented in Table 2 are derivable by adding total commitments less cancellations of commitments less commitments advanced during the period to the balance of commitments at the end of the previous period. In practice, however, revisions and other adjustments may mean that such a derivation is inexact.

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