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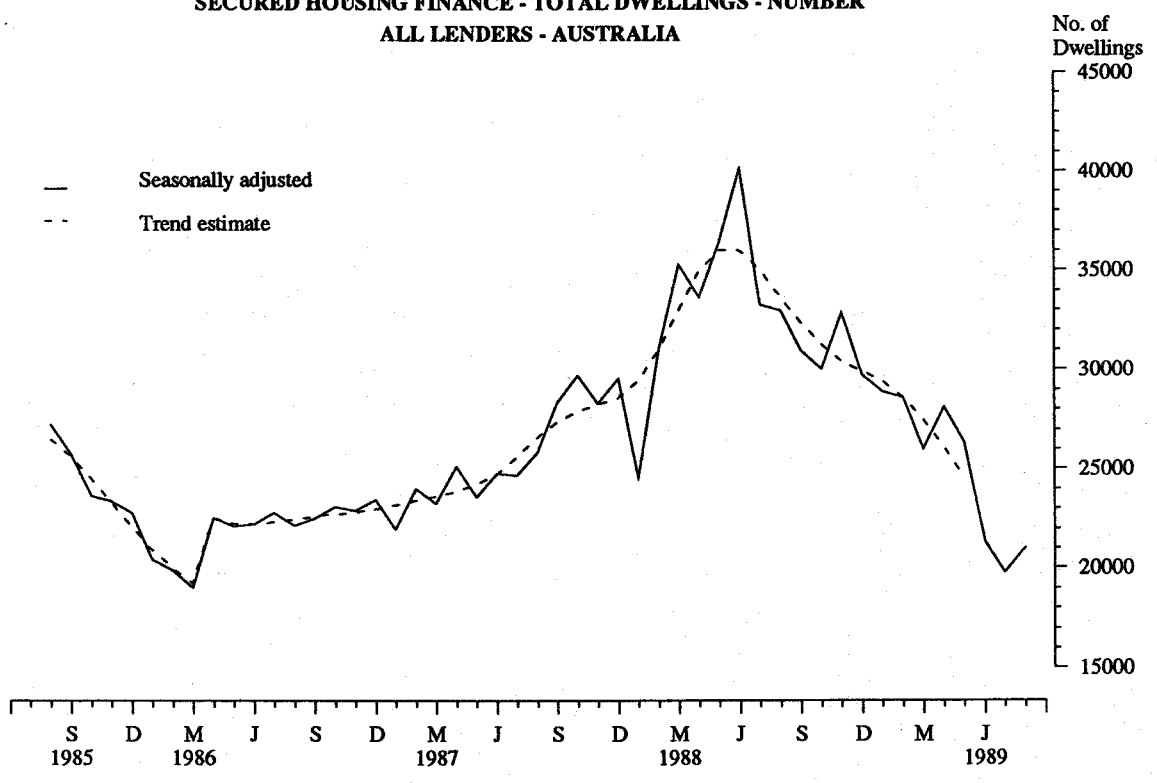
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HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION, AUSTRALIA AUGUST 1989

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MAIN FEATURES

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



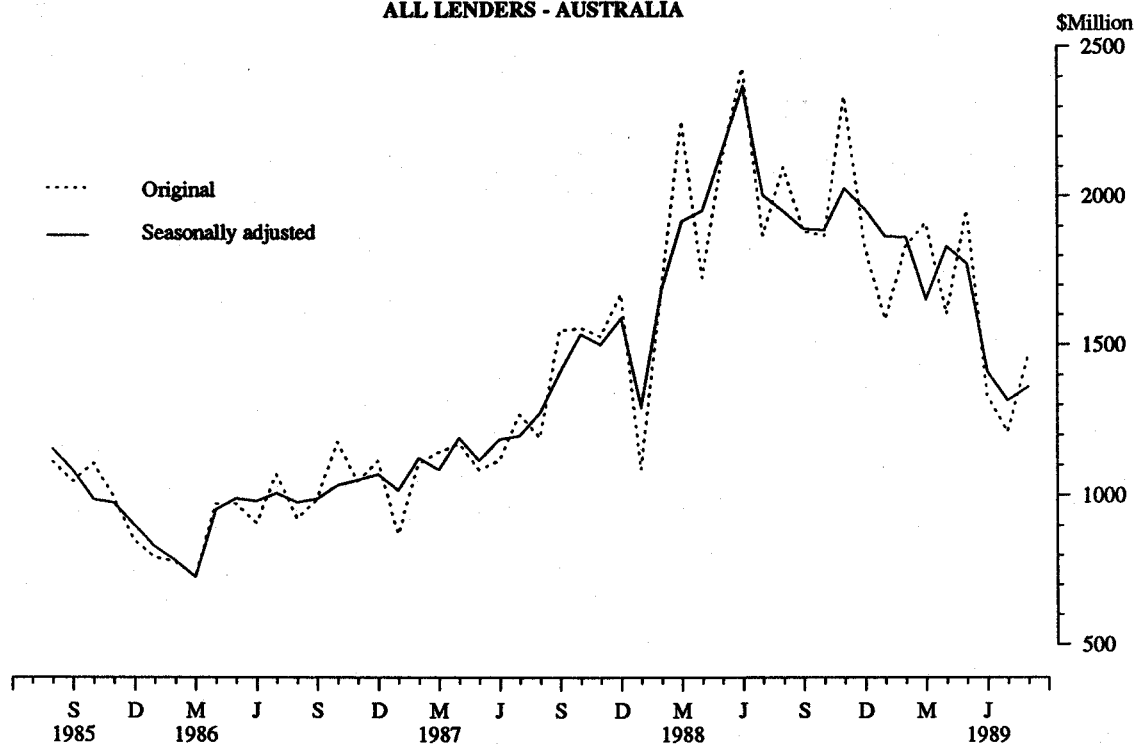
Commitments for first mortgage (or equivalent) finance were provided for 22,462 dwelling units in August 1989, 3,924 dwelling units (21.2%) more than in July 1989 but 12,631 dwelling units (36.0%) less than in August 1988. The increase in August 1989, however, is partly attributable to some banks reporting for a five week period in this month compared with a four week period in July 1989. August 1988 was also a five week reporting period for some banks.

After seasonal adjustment, which removes the effects of the different reporting periods of the banks, there was an increase of 1,287 dwelling units (6.5%) over July 1989 but a decrease of 11,922 dwelling units (36.2%) compared with August 1988.

Secured housing finance commitments (excluding alterations and additions) totalled \$1,467.1 million in August 1989, \$256.8 million (21.2%) more than in July 1989 but down \$632.7 million (30.1%) on August 1988. In seasonally adjusted terms finance commitments in August 1989 were 3.3% higher than in July 1989, but down 30.3% on August 1988.

The trend estimates for the number of dwelling units in the above graph show a steady decline since the peak of just over 36,000 dwelling units in May 1988. 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.

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



SUMMARY TABLES

Commitments by purpose (original)

<i>Purpose of Commitment</i>	<i>Aug. 1989 \$ Million</i>	<i>Change from last month(a) (per cent)</i>	<i>Change from same month last year(b) (per cent)</i>
Established Dwellings	1,108.4	22.8	-30.2
Construction of Dwellings	297.2	18.1	-24.5
Purchase of Newly Erected Dwellings	61.5	9.5	-47.7
Total	1,467.1	21.2	-30.1

Commitments by type of lender (Seasonally adjusted)

<i>Type of lender</i>	<i>Aug. 1989 \$ Million</i>	<i>Change from last month(a) (per cent)</i>	<i>Change from same month last year(b) (per cent)</i>
Savings Banks	911.8	4.8	-32.4
Permanent Building Societies(c)	131.6	11.7	-57.4
Trading Banks(c)	177.5	-7.4	-10.5
Other Lenders	138.4	1.2	45.1
Total	1,359.3	3.3	-30.3

Commitments by type of lender (original)

<i>Type of lender</i>	<i>Aug. 1989 \$ Million</i>	<i>Change from last month(a) (per cent)</i>	<i>Change from same month last year(b) (per cent)</i>
Savings Banks	977.9	20.0	-32.4
Permanent Building Societies(c)	138.2	28.8	-57.1
Trading Banks(c)	209.7	30.2	-10.6
Other Lenders	141.4	11.3	47.8
Total	1,467.1	21.2	-30.1

Number of dwellings secured by first mortgage (original)

<i>Purpose of Commitment</i>	<i>Aug. 1989 number</i>	<i>Change from last month(a) (per cent)</i>	<i>Change from same month last year(b) (per cent)</i>
Established Dwellings	16,084	22.9	-37.0
Construction of Dwellings	5,462	18.1	-28.3
Purchase of Newly Erected Dwellings	916	10.5	-53.4
Total	22,462	21.2	-36.0

(a) August 1989 on July 1989. (b) August 1989 on August 1988. (c) Since August 1988, one Building Society has become a Trading 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 - AUGUST 1989

Purpose Of Commitment	Type of Lender								Total Dwelling units	Total \$ million
	Savings		Banks		Permanent building societies		Other lenders			
	Dwelling units	\$ million	Dwelling units	\$ million	Dwelling units	\$ million	Dwelling units	\$ million		
AUSTRALIA										
Construction of dwellings -										
Houses -										
By first mortgage	3,974	198.6	504	27.9	282	18.2	570	34.8	5,330	279.6
By other security	"	4.5	"	3.4	"	0.2	"	—	"	8.1
Other dwellings -										
By first mortgage	85	4.2	45	3.4	2	0.2	—	—	132	7.8
By other security	"	0.3	"	1.4	"	—	"	—	"	1.7
Purchase of newly erected dwellings -										
Houses -										
By first mortgage	480	29.0	58	3.6	62	3.9	125	9.6	725	46.1
By other security	"	0.3	"	0.9	"	0.1	"	0.2	"	1.5
Other dwellings -										
By first mortgage	113	7.4	53	3.8	25	2.1	—	—	191	13.2
By other security	"	—	"	0.6	"	—	"	0.1	"	0.7
Purchase of established dwellings -										
Houses -										
By first mortgage	10,145	671.9	1,778	129.0	1,573	102.8	1,426	91.3	14,922	995.0
By other security	"	5.0	"	13.5	"	0.6	"	1.0	"	20.0
Other dwellings -										
By first mortgage	782	54.2	185	17.3	140	10.1	55	3.7	1,162	85.3
By other security	"	2.4	"	5.0	"	0.1	"	0.6	"	8.1
Alterations and additions to dwellings	"	59.3	"	13.6	"	6.0	"	1.7	"	80.7
Total commitments	15,579	1037.2	2,623	223.2	2,084	144.3	2,176	143.1	22,462	1,547.8
STATES(a)										
New South Wales	4,058	341.1	1,160	125.9	702	57.3	396	37.5	6,316	561.8
Victoria	5,055	336.8	606	54.1	358	23.0	412	33.1	6,431	447.0
Queensland	2,631	143.2	367	16.2	353	23.2	882	46.3	4,233	228.9
South Australia	1,378	78.7	116	4.7	214	11.9	232	11.2	1,940	106.6
Western Australia	1,679	96.2	230	14.6	408	26.2	119	8.3	2,436	145.3
Tasmania	422	18.2	41	1.6	—	—	—	—	568	24.0
Northern Territory	92	5.2	24	0.7	49	2.6	135	6.7	116	5.9
Australian Capital Territory	264	17.8	79	5.4	—	—	—	—	422	28.3

(a) Includes alterations and additions.

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

YEARS	Construction of Dwellings				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										
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	
1988-1989	73,823	3,807.2	96.7	1,739	104.9				25.6	
1988										
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	
April	5,836	303.6	6.9	162	10.8				2.7	
May	6,944	368.4	9.0	151	10.6				3.4	
June	4,975	271.0	6.1	106	6.5				1.5	
July	4,500	234.6	6.3	124	7.6				3.0	
August	5,330	279.6	8.1	132	7.8				1.7	
STATES - JULY 1989										
N.S.W.	1,032	59.7	2.1	29	2.6				1.8	
Vic.	1,303	70.5	2.0	50	2.6				0.5	
Qld	1,036	49.2	1.2	10	0.4				0.1	
S.A.	397	19.6	0.2	11	0.7				0.4	
W.A.	582	29.1	0.5	21	1.1				0.3	
Tas.	86	3.5	—	—	—				—	
N.T.	18	0.7	—	—	—				—	
A.C.T.	46	2.3	0.1	3	0.2				—	
STATES - AUGUST 1989										
N.S.W.	1,304	81.7	2.4	27	2.2				0.5	
Vic.	1,536	78.7	2.5	55	3.6				0.5	
Qld	1,283	59.6	1.6	15	0.8				0.3	
S.A.	347	17.2	0.3	13	0.4				0.2	
W.A.	662	33.9	1.2	18	0.7				0.2	
Tas.	113	4.3	—	2	0.1				—	
N.T.	17	0.8	—	1	0.1				—	
A.C.T.	68	3.5	0.1	1	—				—	

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					
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
1988-1989	14,276	875.0	23.4	3,260	207.5	25.4
1988						
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	2.2
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
April	783	49.9	1.2	227	15.3	1.0
May	957	60.1	2.4	216	13.7	0.9
June	603	39.1	2.2	180	11.4	2.6
July	672	42.3	1.1	157	10.8	2.1
August	725	46.1	1.5	191	13.2	0.7
	STATES - JULY 1989					
N.S.W.	170	13.4	0.8	50	3.9	0.7
Vic.	180	11.3	0.2	47	3.3	0.5
Qld	117	7.0	—	38	2.5	0.1
S.A.	52	1.8	—	6	0.3	0.6
W.A.	83	5.0	—	8	0.5	—
Tas.	22	1.2	—	2	0.1	—
N.T.	7	0.2	—	1	—	—
A.C.T.	41	2.4	—	5	0.3	0.1
	STATES - AUGUST 1989					
N.S.W.	193	15.0	0.8	75	6.0	0.1
Vic.	227	13.8	0.3	50	3.4	0.3
Qld	121	6.8	0.3	40	2.5	—
S.A.	42	2.0	—	7	0.4	—
W.A.	70	4.0	0.1	13	0.7	0.2
Tas.	11	0.6	—	5	0.3	—
N.T.	1	0.1	—	—	—	—
A.C.T.	60	3.8	—	1	—	—

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						
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
1988-1989	998.7	349,295	23,100.4	857.3	22,818.3	3,906.3
1988						
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	1,855.0	4,415.9
October	79.4	30,067	1,947.2	71.2	1,794.9	4,497.0
November	97.6	37,044	2,433.2	79.1	2,213.6	4,638.6
December	75.1	27,861	1,902.4	58.3	2,132.4	4,350.3
1989						
January	65.3	24,671	1,651.2	74.1	1,608.7	4,318.8
February	83.4	28,449	1,915.8	63.3	1,813.2	4,330.8
March	91.4	29,774	2,002.1	75.4	1,977.6	4,279.9
April	83.5	24,715	1,686.2	64.6	1,677.2	4,228.8
May	106.8	29,413	2,062.6	76.4	1,996.0	4,219.0
June	79.4	20,110	1,410.6	58.5	1,570.4	3,906.3
July	63.8	18,538	1,274.1	56.5	1,483.3	3,642.5
August	80.7	22,462	1,547.8	64.3	1,488.6	3,621.3
STATES - JULY 1989						
N.S.W.	28.8	4,963	419.5	27.8	490.8	1,483.1
Vic.	16.0	5,416	393.6	10.0	464.2	992.7
Qld	8.5	3,399	184.4	8.5	206.4	452.0
S.A.	3.2	1,922	108.3	3.7	113.7	198.0
W.A.	4.9	1,919	119.9	5.2	148.7	414.1
Tas.	1.5	462	21.7	0.6	26.0	37.9
N.T.	0.1	122	6.8	—	8.2	9.9
A.C.T.	0.8	335	20.0	0.6	25.4	54.8
STATES - AUGUST 1989						
N.S.W.	38.1	6,316	561.8	35.0	495.0	1,514.9
Vic.	18.3	6,431	447.0	10.0	451.6	978.0
Qld	11.1	4,233	228.9	8.0	230.0	442.9
S.A.	3.5	1,940	106.6	4.2	107.7	176.7
W.A.	7.2	2,436	145.3	4.1	147.8	407.5
Tas.	0.9	568	24.0	0.7	23.9	37.3
N.T.	0.3	116	5.9	0.2	5.5	10.1
A.C.T.	1.3	422	28.3	2.0	27.1	53.9

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								
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	101.9	21,074	1,443.8	27,861	1,827.3
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
April	5,998	324.0	1,010	67.4	17,707	1,211.3	24,715	1,602.8
May	7,095	391.4	1,173	77.1	21,145	1,487.3	29,413	1,955.8
June	5,081	285.1	783	55.3	14,246	990.9	20,110	1,331.3
July	4,624	251.5	829	56.2	13,085	902.6	18,538	1,210.3
August	5,462	297.2	916	61.5	16,084	1,108.4	22,462	1,467.1
	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
1988								
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	1,886.4
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	1,956.9
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
April	6,875	368.5	1,134	76.0	20,117	1,388.0	28,126	1,832.5
May	6,260	343.9	1,037	66.1	19,087	1,362.3	26,384	1,772.3
June	5,372	300.2	791	57.1	15,160	1,054.4	21,323	1,411.7
July	4,796	261.1	898	60.8	14,076	994.1	19,770	1,316.0
August	5,002	269.0	839	55.6	15,216	1,034.7	21,057	1,359.3

(a) Excludes alterations and additions.

TABLE 5. SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS :
ALL LENDERS - TREND ESTIMATES (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
1988								
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	6,330	330.5	1,757	108.8	23,175	1,503.7	31,262	1,943.0
November	6,163	325.7	1,689	107.2	22,578	1,487.9	30,430	1,920.8
December	6,138	328.7	1,602	104.4	22,151	1,477.1	29,891	1,910.2
1989								
January	6,222	337.1	1,492	99.9	21,670	1,457.2	29,385	1,894.2
February	6,305	344.4	1,361	93.1	20,917	1,417.4	28,583	1,854.9
March	6,305	345.9	1,223	84.6	19,947	1,361.0	27,475	1,791.5
April	6,174	338.7	1,100	76.2	18,824	1,294.1	26,098	1,709.1
May	5,936	325.0	1,000	68.9	17,677	1,223.9	24,613	1,617.8

(a) Excludes alterations and additions.

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

	Banks				Permanent Building Societies		Other Lenders	
	Savings		Trading		Dwelling units	\$ million	Dwelling units	\$ million
	Dwelling units	\$ million	Dwelling units	\$ million				
1988								
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	22,185	1,325.7	2,479	221.7	4,734	300.6	1,865	95.0
November	21,733	1,325.8	2,564	221.5	4,310	276.7	1,822	96.8
December	21,486	1,337.3	2,719	221.3	3,920	253.7	1,767	97.9
1989								
January	21,273	1,346.3	2,880	219.0	3,531	230.2	1,701	98.6
February	20,798	1,333.3	2,997	215.7	3,141	206.2	1,647	99.8
March	20,008	1,292.0	3,023	211.6	2,803	184.9	1,641	103.0
April	18,910	1,224.9	2,954	207.7	2,540	168.0	1,695	108.6
May	17,669	1,144.4	2,812	203.2	2,334	154.0	1,798	116.2

(a) Excludes alterations and additions.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

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.

Commitments not advanced at end of period

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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- .. not applicable

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