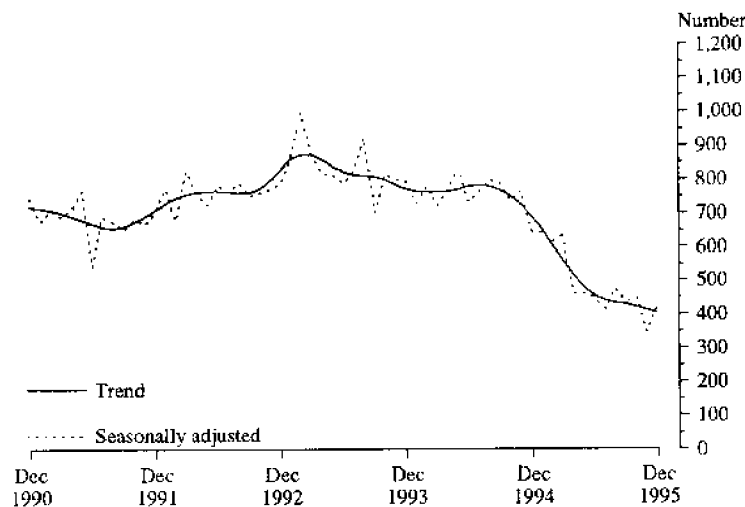


## BUILDING APPROVALS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, DECEMBER 1995

### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

#### PRIVATE HOUSES APPROVED



#### Residential building

- The trend estimate for private sector house approvals fell to 405 continuing its downward path which started from August 1994. The trend estimate for total dwelling units dropped to 510 from the November figure of 533.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate of the number of private sector houses approved was 429, an increase of 23.6%. The seasonally adjusted number for total dwelling units approved was 492, this was 3.6% higher than the previous month.
- In original (unadjusted) figures the total number of dwelling units approved was 434. The number of private houses approved totalled 354 and there were 61 private other residential dwelling units approved.
- Within the Adelaide Statistical Division (ASD) the number of new private houses approved declined slightly to 202. The councils within the ASD recording the most new private house approvals were Noarlunga (38), Munno Para (24) and Tea Tree Gully (17). Outside the ASD Mount Gambier (13) was the only area to record more than 10 private house approvals.

- The value of new residential building approved fell by 15.4% from \$40.8 million in November to \$34.5 million in December.
- The value of alterations and additions to residential buildings was \$8.9 million this month.

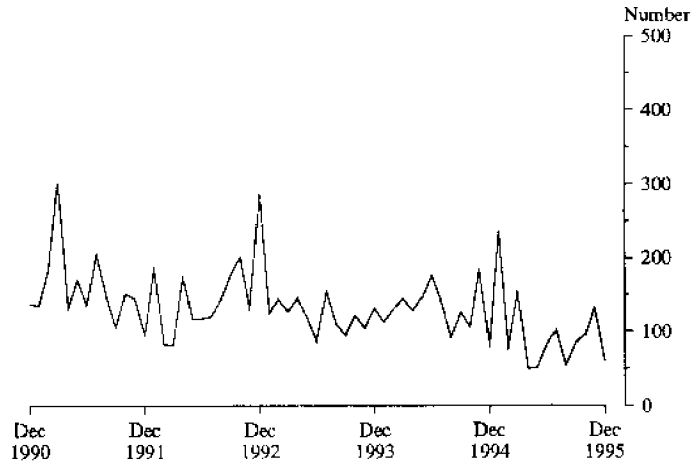
#### Non-residential building

- The value of non-residential projects approved was \$36.1 million. The Educational class accounted for \$13.5 million of the total, including one public sector job valued at \$10.3 million. There was one other project for South Australia valued at more than \$5 million and four projects in the \$1 million to \$5 million category.

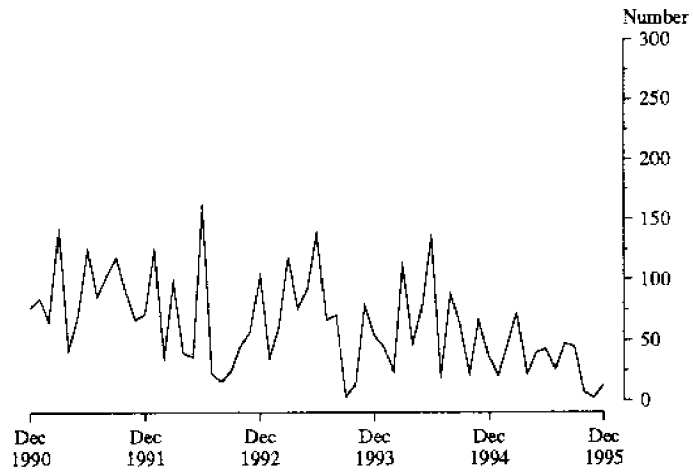
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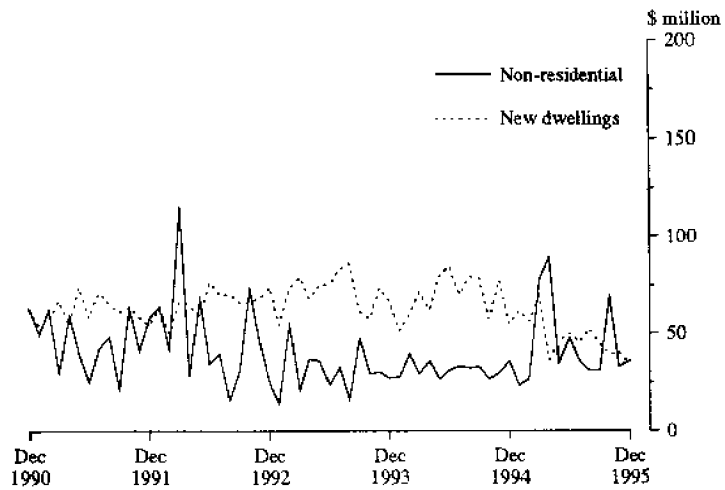
**NEW OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS APPROVED  
PRIVATE SECTOR**



**TOTAL DWELLING UNITS APPROVED  
PUBLIC SECTOR**



**VALUE OF BUILDING WORK APPROVED**



## RELIABILITY OF CONTEMPORARY TREND ESTIMATES

The tables below present trend estimates of selected building approvals series for the six months July 1995 to December 1995.

Analysis of building approvals series has shown that the original series can be volatile and that the initial estimates of a month's trend value can be revised substantially. In particular, some months can elapse before a turning point in the trend series is identified reliably. Generally, the size of revisions to the trend estimates tends to be larger, the greater the volatility of the original series. Revisions to trend estimates will also occur with revisions to original data and re-estimation of seasonal adjustment factors. See paragraphs 21 to 23 of the Explanatory Notes for more information.

To illustrate the possible impact of future months observations on the trend estimates for the latest months, the tables below show the revisions to the trend estimates which would result if the movements in the seasonally adjusted estimates for next month (January 1996) were to equal the average absolute monthly percentage change in the series over the last ten years.

For example, if the seasonally adjusted estimate for the number of private sector houses approved (the first table below) were to increase by 10% in January 1996, the trend estimate for that month would be 427, a movement of 0.9%. The movements in the trend estimates for October, November and December which are currently estimated to be -2.0%, -2.3% and -1.8% respectively, would be revised to -0.9%, -0.6% and 0.2%. On the other hand, a 10% seasonally adjusted decline in the number of private sector houses approved in January 1996 would produce a trend estimate for January of 393, a movement of -1.9%, with the movements in the trend estimates for October, November and December being revised to -2.1%, -2.6% and -2.4% respectively.

### NUMBER OF PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSES APPROVED RELIABILITY OF TREND ESTIMATES

	Trend estimate		Revised trend estimate if January 1996 seasonally adjusted estimate			
			is up 10% on December 1995		is down 10% on December 1995	
	No.	% change on previous month	No.	% change on previous month	No.	% change on previous month
1995—						
July	442	-3.1	439	-3.6	441	-3.3
August	436	-1.3	432	-1.7	435	-1.4
September	431	-1.1	429	-0.7	431	-1.0
October	422	-2.0	425	-0.9	422	-2.1
November	413	-2.3	423	-0.6	411	-2.6
December	405	-1.8	423	0.2	401	-2.4
January	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	427	0.9	393	-1.9

### TOTAL NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS APPROVED RELIABILITY OF TREND ESTIMATES

	Trend estimate		Revised trend estimate if January 1996 seasonally adjusted estimate			
			is up 12% on December 1995		is down 12% on December 1995	
	No.	% change on previous month	No.	% change on previous month	No.	% change on previous month
1995—						
July	568	-0.4	566	-0.7	568	-0.4
August	573	0.9	570	0.8	574	1.1
September	569	-0.6	568	-0.3	570	-0.7
October	554	-2.7	555	-2.4	550	-3.6
November	533	-3.9	537	-3.2	520	-5.4
December	510	-4.2	522	-2.9	490	-5.9
January	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	512	-1.9	464	-5.4

TABLE 1. NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

Period	New houses			New other residential buildings			Conversions, etc.	Total (a)		
	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total		Private sector	Public sector	Total
ADELAIDE STATISTICAL DIVISION										
1992-93	6,843	352	7,195	1,647	386	2,033	20	8,510	738	9,248
1993-94	6,587	401	6,988	1,342	286	1,628	15	7,944	687	8,631
1994-95	5,256	384	5,640	1,213	120	1,333	59	6,515	517	7,032
1994-95 July-December	3,210	169	3,379	635	104	739	48	3,880	286	4,166
1995-96 July-December	1,589	113	1,702	450	27	477	36	2,075	140	2,215
1994—										
October	467	20	487	99	2	101	3	569	22	591
November	525	37	562	155	30	185	7	687	67	754
December	386	28	414	61	8	69	1	448	36	484
1995—										
January	332	17	349	227	4	231	—	559	21	580
February	347	41	388	68	—	68	1	416	41	457
March	444	66	510	126	4	130	2	572	70	642
April	264	22	286	40	—	40	5	309	22	331
May	329	28	357	45	6	51	3	377	34	411
June	330	41	371	72	2	74	—	402	43	445
July	284	18	302	92	8	100	3	379	26	405
August	353	44	397	33	4	37	4	390	48	438
September	275	30	305	74	15	89	24	373	45	418
October	263	7	270	90	—	90	—	353	7	360
November	212	2	214	110	—	110	—	322	2	324
December	202	12	214	51	—	51	5	258	12	270
SOUTH AUSTRALIA										
1992-93	9,710	377	10,087	1,809	416	2,225	29	11,548	793	12,341
1993-94	9,470	431	9,901	1,559	299	1,858	18	11,046	731	11,777
1994-95	7,757	390	8,147	1,387	151	1,538	77	9,208	554	9,762
1994-95 July-December	4,599	169	4,768	733	126	859	53	5,372	308	5,680
1995-96 July-December	2,603	114	2,717	531	27	558	44	3,178	141	3,319
1994—										
October	671	20	691	106	2	108	5	782	22	804
November	796	37	833	184	30	214	8	988	67	1,055
December	578	28	606	82	8	90	2	662	36	698
1995—										
January	515	17	532	237	4	241	1	753	21	774
February	553	45	598	78	2	80	1	632	47	679
March	681	66	747	154	7	161	5	840	73	913
April	403	22	425	50	—	50	6	459	22	481
May	493	30	523	52	10	62	4	549	40	589
June	513	41	554	83	2	85	7	603	43	646
July	445	18	463	102	8	110	3	550	26	576
August	564	44	608	54	4	58	5	623	48	671
September	437	30	467	85	15	100	25	547	45	592
October	415	7	422	96	—	96	1	512	7	519
November	388	2	390	133	—	133	4	525	2	527
December	354	13	367	61	—	61	6	421	13	434

(a) Includes Conversions, etc. See paragraphs 10-12 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 2. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED  
(\$ million)

Period	New residential building									Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building	
	Houses			Other residential buildings			Total				Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total					
ADELAIDE STATISTICAL DIVISION														
1992-93	500.9	20.6	521.6	98.0	19.1	117.1	598.9	39.7	638.6	111.4	132.8	345.9	840.8	1,096.0
1993-94	494.3	25.7	520.0	86.3	17.0	103.3	580.6	42.7	623.3	98.7	167.2	314.2	846.0	1,036.2
1994-95	420.2	26.7	446.9	87.7	6.9	94.6	508.0	33.5	541.5	95.0	181.2	393.1	782.5	1,029.5
1994-95 July-December	249.6	10.8	260.4	41.7	6.0	47.7	291.3	16.8	308.1	53.9	88.1	148.0	432.4	510.1
1995-96 July-December	136.1	8.4	144.5	29.4	1.8	31.3	165.5	10.2	175.7	48.4	105.9	193.2	319.5	417.4
1994														
October	35.4	1.2	36.6	5.8	0.1	5.9	41.2	1.3	42.5	8.7	10.8	18.2	60.7	69.4
November	42.4	2.2	44.6	10.0	1.7	11.6	52.3	3.8	56.2	8.7	14.8	22.7	75.8	87.6
December	31.2	1.9	33.1	5.1	0.4	5.5	36.3	2.3	38.6	7.6	13.9	25.3	57.8	71.5
1995-														
January	28.1	1.3	29.4	18.3	0.2	18.5	46.4	1.5	47.9	6.4	5.8	14.9	58.6	69.3
February	29.2	3.5	32.7	7.7	—	7.7	36.9	3.5	40.4	5.8	11.8	21.2	54.5	67.4
March	36.2	4.5	40.6	9.9	0.3	10.1	46.0	4.7	50.8	10.1	13.1	68.6	69.2	129.5
April	22.1	1.5	23.6	2.4	—	2.4	24.5	1.5	25.9	4.9	17.1	80.1	46.5	110.9
May	27.8	2.0	29.8	2.9	0.3	3.2	30.7	2.3	33.0	7.0	16.3	26.1	53.8	66.1
June	27.3	3.1	30.4	4.9	0.1	5.0	32.2	3.2	35.4	6.8	29.0	34.1	67.6	76.2
July	24.0	1.1	25.1	6.4	0.4	6.8	30.4	1.5	31.9	7.7	21.0	29.0	59.1	68.6
August	29.4	3.0	32.4	2.2	0.3	2.5	31.6	3.3	34.9	8.9	14.0	26.2	54.4	70.1
September	23.8	2.7	26.5	5.1	1.1	6.2	28.9	3.8	32.7	9.4	19.5	27.7	57.8	69.8
October	22.7	0.6	23.4	4.1	—	4.1	26.8	0.6	27.4	8.3	33.7	62.8	68.6	98.4
November	18.4	0.1	18.5	8.1	—	8.1	26.5	0.1	26.6	7.6	8.3	26.8	42.4	61.0
December	17.7	0.8	18.5	3.7	—	3.7	21.3	0.8	22.2	6.5	9.4	20.7	37.3	49.4
SOUTH AUSTRALIA														
1992-93	691.4	22.3	713.7	106.4	20.8	127.3	797.8	43.1	840.9	132.6	174.0	418.4	1,101.8	1,391.9
1993-94	695.1	27.5	722.6	98.5	17.8	116.3	793.6	45.3	838.9	122.2	208.4	375.2	1,122.8	1,336.3
1994-95	605.8	27.0	632.8	98.4	8.5	106.9	704.2	35.5	739.7	119.9	244.7	493.2	1,065.4	1,352.8
1994-95 July-December	352.3	10.8	363.1	48.2	7.1	55.3	400.5	17.9	418.4	66.8	119.7	192.3	585.2	677.4
1995-96 July-December	212.1	8.6	220.6	34.5	1.8	36.4	246.6	10.4	257.0	61.9	128.3	237.4	436.5	556.3
1994-														
October	50.3	1.2	51.5	6.2	0.1	6.3	56.5	1.3	57.8	10.3	15.3	26.7	82.1	94.9
November	62.1	2.2	64.3	11.7	1.7	13.3	73.7	3.8	77.6	10.5	19.7	30.2	103.9	118.3
December	45.7	1.9	47.6	6.9	0.4	7.3	52.6	2.3	54.9	9.4	22.9	36.2	84.8	100.6
1995-														
January	41.6	1.3	42.9	18.8	0.2	19.0	60.4	1.5	61.9	8.0	7.2	23.4	75.5	93.4
February	44.1	3.7	47.8	8.5	0.1	8.6	52.6	3.7	56.3	7.5	16.8	26.8	76.9	90.6
March	54.1	4.5	58.5	11.2	0.5	11.7	65.3	5.0	70.2	12.6	19.5	78.1	96.5	160.9
April	32.1	1.5	33.6	2.8	—	2.8	34.9	1.5	36.4	6.6	25.4	89.3	66.8	132.2
May	40.4	2.1	42.5	3.2	0.6	3.8	43.6	2.7	46.3	9.3	20.2	35.4	72.8	91.0
June	41.3	3.1	44.4	5.6	0.1	5.7	46.9	3.2	50.1	9.2	35.9	47.9	91.6	107.2
July	36.7	1.1	37.9	7.0	0.4	7.4	43.7	1.5	45.2	9.0	25.0	36.3	77.8	90.6
August	45.5	3.0	48.5	3.4	0.3	3.8	48.9	3.3	52.3	11.2	18.2	31.5	78.2	94.9
September	35.6	2.7	38.2	5.7	1.1	6.8	41.3	3.8	45.0	12.1	22.3	31.1	75.7	88.2
October	33.9	0.6	34.6	4.6	—	4.6	38.5	0.6	39.2	10.4	37.5	69.2	86.3	118.8
November	31.3	0.1	31.4	9.5	—	9.5	40.7	0.1	40.8	10.3	11.8	33.1	62.9	84.2
December	29.1	1.0	30.1	4.4	—	4.4	33.5	1.0	34.5	8.9	13.4	36.1	55.6	79.5

**TABLE 3. NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS (a) APPROVED SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES (b)**

Period	Houses				Total			
	Private sector		Total		Private sector		Total	
	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	1994--							
October	733	750	740	794	841	894	853	957
November	767	725	786	770	946	874	998	930
December	647	692	702	736	694	842	779	891
1995--								
January	643	652	673	691	933	796	933	836
February	615	607	679	641	676	737	744	770
March	636	560	661	590	800	672	812	700
April	460	516	469	543	507	609	523	637
May	463	480	477	505	521	561	552	591
June r	449	456	499	483	540	535	590	570
July r	416	442	427	473	515	528	532	568
August r	475	436	502	468	540	533	588	573
September r	437	431	520	461	583	533	659	569
October r	448	422	451	448	542	523	551	554
November r	347	413	347	412	472	508	475	533
December	429	405	443	417	466	492	492	510

(a) Includes Conversions, etc. See paragraphs 10-12 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Seasonally adjusted series smoothed by application of a 13-term Henderson moving average. Trend estimates for the most recent months are provisional and can be revised as data for additional months become available. See Explanatory Notes for a more detailed explanation.

**TABLE 4. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES (a)  
(\$ million)**

Period	New residential building				Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building	
	Houses		Other residential buildings	Total		Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
	Private sector	Total							
1992-93	652.7	673.8	119.1	793.0	125.1	163.6	393.3	1,038.5	1,311.3
1993-94	628.9	653.6	107.5	761.1	110.4	194.0	348.9	1,023.9	1,220.5
1994-95	527.5	551.0	97.3	648.3	104.4	224.5	452.5	944.9	1,205.2
1994--									
June qtr.	158.2	169.1	31.9	201.0	28.0	38.6	87.3	253.0	316.2
Sept. qtr.	171.3	176.3	26.0	202.3	32.2	57.0	91.6	281.2	326.1
Dec. qtr.	137.1	141.7	24.5	166.3	26.3	53.3	85.7	239.6	278.3
1995--									
Mar. qtr.	120.4	128.6	35.7	164.3	24.2	39.9	117.7	219.1	306.2
June qtr.	98.6	104.4	11.1	115.5	21.7	74.4	157.5	205.0	294.7
Sept. qtr.	101.9	107.8	16.1	123.9	27.9	59.6	90.0	204.5	241.8

(a) See paragraphs 24 to 26 of the Explanatory Notes. Constant price estimates are subject to revision each quarter as more up to date information on prices and commodity compositions becomes available.

TABLE 5. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND OWNERSHIP  
(\$ million)

Class of building	1993-94	1994-95	July-December		1995		
			1994-95	1995-96	October	November	December
PRIVATE SECTOR							
New houses	695.1	605.8	352.3	212.1	33.9	31.3	29.1
New other residential buildings	98.5	98.4	48.2	34.5	4.6	9.5	4.4
<i>Total new residential building</i>	<i>793.6</i>	<i>704.2</i>	<i>400.5</i>	<i>246.6</i>	<i>38.5</i>	<i>40.7</i>	<i>33.5</i>
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	120.7	116.6	65.1	61.6	10.3	10.3	8.8
Hotels, etc.	5.0	4.2	2.0	2.0	0.4	0.3	0.2
Shops	40.8	51.3	22.8	18.8	3.5	1.2	2.9
Factories	18.2	25.0	14.2	14.9	1.7	1.4	3.0
Offices	39.1	34.3	15.6	31.6	21.3	2.0	1.0
Other business premises	24.8	59.2	32.0	25.4	3.7	1.2	2.5
Educational	18.2	17.3	9.8	9.5	0.4	2.3	1.3
Religious	1.9	3.0	2.4	1.3	0.5	—	0.2
Health	26.9	26.5	10.8	13.4	3.7	0.7	0.1
Entertainment and recreational	15.9	9.7	5.9	7.1	1.9	2.5	1.2
Miscellaneous	17.6	14.0	4.1	4.2	0.5	0.2	1.0
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>208.4</i>	<i>244.7</i>	<i>119.7</i>	<i>128.3</i>	<i>37.5</i>	<i>11.8</i>	<i>13.4</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,122.8</b>	<b>1,065.4</b>	<b>585.2</b>	<b>436.5</b>	<b>86.3</b>	<b>62.9</b>	<b>55.6</b>
PUBLIC SECTOR							
New houses	27.5	27.0	10.8	8.6	0.6	0.1	1.0
New other residential buildings	17.8	8.5	7.1	1.8	—	—	—
<i>Total new residential building</i>	<i>45.3</i>	<i>35.5</i>	<i>17.9</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>1.0</i>
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	1.5	3.3	1.7	0.4	0.2	—	0.1
Hotels, etc.	0.9	0.4	0.1	—	—	—	—
Shops	3.0	3.1	0.6	0.6	—	—	0.1
Factories	3.2	5.5	5.5	6.0	—	—	5.0
Offices	25.0	92.5	28.9	22.5	3.3	9.7	1.8
Other business premises	7.0	13.2	3.5	6.1	1.2	1.5	2.5
Educational	100.2	92.5	16.1	31.0	4.0	7.6	12.1
Religious	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health	9.5	16.0	3.9	2.5	0.2	1.1	0.7
Entertainment and recreational	4.4	9.7	5.4	2.2	—	0.3	0.5
Miscellaneous	13.6	15.5	8.7	38.4	23.0	1.1	0.1
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>166.8</i>	<i>248.6</i>	<i>72.6</i>	<i>109.1</i>	<i>31.7</i>	<i>21.2</i>	<i>22.8</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>213.5</b>	<b>287.4</b>	<b>92.2</b>	<b>119.8</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>23.9</b>
TOTAL							
New houses	722.6	632.8	363.1	220.6	34.6	31.4	30.1
New other residential buildings	116.3	106.9	55.3	36.4	4.6	9.5	4.4
<i>Total new residential building</i>	<i>838.9</i>	<i>739.7</i>	<i>418.4</i>	<i>257.0</i>	<i>39.2</i>	<i>40.8</i>	<i>34.5</i>
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	122.2	119.9	66.8	61.9	10.4	10.3	8.9
Hotels, etc.	5.9	4.7	2.1	2.0	0.4	0.3	0.2
Shops	43.8	54.4	23.5	19.3	3.5	1.2	3.0
Factories	21.3	30.6	19.7	20.9	1.7	1.4	8.0
Offices	64.1	126.8	44.5	54.1	24.6	11.6	2.7
Other business premises	31.8	72.4	35.4	31.5	4.9	2.7	5.0
Educational	118.4	109.7	25.8	40.5	4.4	9.9	13.5
Religious	1.9	3.0	2.4	1.3	0.5	—	0.2
Health	36.4	42.6	14.7	15.9	3.9	1.8	0.9
Entertainment and recreational	20.4	19.4	11.3	9.3	1.9	2.8	1.7
Miscellaneous	31.2	29.6	12.8	42.6	23.5	1.3	1.1
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>375.2</i>	<i>493.2</i>	<i>192.3</i>	<i>237.4</i>	<i>69.2</i>	<i>33.1</i>	<i>36.1</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,336.3</b>	<b>1,352.8</b>	<b>677.4</b>	<b>556.3</b>	<b>118.8</b>	<b>84.2</b>	<b>79.5</b>

**TABLE 6. NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING JOBS APPROVED, BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND VALUE SIZE GROUPS**

Period	\$50,000 to less than \$200,000		\$200,000 to less than \$500,000		\$500,000 to less than \$1m		\$1m to less than \$5m		\$5m and over		Total	
	No.	Value (\$m)	No.	Value (\$m)	No.	Value (\$m)	No.	Value (\$m)	No.	Value (\$m)	No.	Value (\$m)
<b>HOTELS, ETC.</b>												
1995 October	5	0.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	0.4
November	3	0.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	0.3
December	2	0.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	0.2
<b>SHOPS</b>												
1995 October	11	1.1	2	0.6	2	1.8	—	—	—	—	15	3.5
November	7	0.6	—	—	1	0.6	—	—	—	—	8	1.2
December	10	1.2	4	1.3	1	0.5	—	—	—	—	15	3.0
<b>FACTORIES</b>												
1995 October	7	0.7	—	—	—	—	1	1.0	—	—	8	1.7
November	8	0.6	1	0.2	1	0.6	—	—	—	—	10	1.4
December	5	0.4	2	0.5	1	0.6	1	1.5	1	5.0	10	8.0
<b>OFFICES</b>												
1995 October	14	1.3	3	0.7	1	0.6	2	2.5	1	19.6	21	24.6
November	15	1.5	7	2.1	2	1.6	—	—	1	6.4	25	11.6
December	9	0.9	5	1.3	1	0.6	—	—	—	—	15	2.7
<b>OTHER BUSINESS PREMISES</b>												
1995 October	16	1.8	6	1.9	—	—	1	1.2	—	—	23	4.9
November	9	1.0	2	0.4	—	—	1	1.3	—	—	12	2.7
December	15	1.4	2	0.5	1	0.6	1	2.5	—	—	19	5.0
<b>EDUCATIONAL</b>												
1995 October	1	0.1	1	0.3	1	0.7	3	3.3	—	—	6	4.4
November	5	0.4	5	1.3	—	—	4	8.2	—	—	14	9.9
December	5	0.3	2	0.7	1	0.9	1	1.2	1	10.3	10	13.5
<b>RELIGIOUS</b>												
1995 October	1	0.1	2	0.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	0.5
November	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
December	1	0.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	0.2
<b>HEALTH</b>												
1995 October	3	0.3	—	—	—	—	1	3.6	—	—	4	3.9
November	2	0.2	3	0.9	1	0.6	—	—	—	—	6	1.8
December	2	0.1	—	—	1	0.7	—	—	—	—	3	0.9
<b>ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATIONAL</b>												
1995 October	4	0.5	2	0.7	1	0.8	—	—	—	—	7	1.9
November	6	0.6	2	0.7	—	—	1	1.5	—	—	9	2.8
December	2	0.1	2	0.6	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	5	1.7
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>												
1995 October	3	0.4	2	0.6	—	—	—	—	1	22.5	6	23.5
November	5	0.4	3	0.9	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	1.3
December	1	0.1	—	—	—	—	1	1.0	—	—	2	1.1
<b>TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING</b>												
1995 October	65	6.6	18	5.1	5	3.8	8	11.6	2	42.1	98	69.2
November	60	5.6	23	6.6	5	3.5	6	11.0	1	6.4	95	33.1
December	52	4.9	17	4.9	7	4.9	4	6.2	2	15.3	82	36.1



TABLE 7. NUMBER AND VALUE OF DWELLING UNITS (a) APPROVED  
BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS  
DECEMBER 1995

Particulars	Private sector		Public sector		Total	
	Number	Value (\$'000)	Number	Value (\$'000)	Number	Value (\$'000)
ADELAIDE STATISTICAL DIVISION						
Houses						
Brick, stone or concrete	6	1,160	—	—	6	1,160
Brick-veneer	156	13,243	12	849	168	14,092
Timber	4	213	—	—	4	213
Fibre cement	1	26	—	—	1	26
Steel, aluminium or other materials	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not stated	35	3,047	—	—	35	3,047
<b>Total houses</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>17,690</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>18,538</b>
<i>Other residential buildings</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>3,653</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>3,653</i>
<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>21,343</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>22,191</b>
REST OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA						
Houses —						
Brick, stone or concrete	20	1,608	—	—	20	1,608
Brick-veneer	58	5,261	—	—	58	5,261
Timber	15	734	—	—	15	734
Fibre cement	18	860	—	—	18	860
Steel, aluminium or other materials	2	35	—	—	2	35
Not stated	39	2,886	1	146	40	3,032
<b>Total houses</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>11,385</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>11,531</b>
<i>Other residential buildings</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>742</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>742</i>
<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>12,127</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>12,273</b>
TOTAL SOUTH AUSTRALIA						
Houses —						
Brick, stone or concrete	26	2,768	—	—	26	2,768
Brick-veneer	214	18,505	12	849	226	19,353
Timber	19	948	—	—	19	948
Fibre cement	19	886	—	—	19	886
Steel, aluminium or other materials	2	35	—	—	2	35
Not stated	74	5,933	1	146	75	6,079
<b>Total houses</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>29,075</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>30,070</b>
<i>Other residential buildings</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>4,395</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>4,395</i>
<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>33,470</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>34,465</b>

(a) Comprises new houses and dwelling units in new other residential buildings.

TABLE 8. SUMMARY OF BUILDING APPROVED BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, DECEMBER 1995

Statistical division	Dwelling units in new residential buildings (a)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)
	Houses		Other residential buildings		Total				
	Number	Value (\$'000)	Number	Value (\$'000)	Number	Value (\$'000)			
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>									
Adelaide	202	17,690	51	3,653	253	21,343	6,530	9,380	37,252
Outer Adelaide	61	4,833	—	—	61	4,833	665	2,563	8,061
Yorke and Lower North	15	979	—	—	15	979	201	51	1,231
Murray Lands	21	1,362	—	—	21	1,362	410	200	1,972
South East	28	2,206	—	—	28	2,206	293	523	3,022
Eyre	10	801	8	607	18	1,408	254	50	1,712
Northern	17	1,204	2	135	19	1,339	446	610	2,396
<b>South Australia</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>29,075</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>4,395</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>33,470</b>	<b>8,798</b>	<b>13,377</b>	<b>55,645</b>
<b>PUBLIC SECTOR</b>									
Adelaide	12	849	—	—	12	849	—	11,341	12,190
Outer Adelaide	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	71	71
Yorke and Lower North	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Murray Lands	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South East	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,370	10,370
Eyre	1	146	—	—	1	146	—	777	923
Northern	—	—	—	—	—	—	120	200	320
<b>South Australia</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>22,759</b>	<b>23,874</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>									
Adelaide	214	18,538	51	3,653	265	22,191	6,530	20,721	49,442
Outer Adelaide	61	4,833	—	—	61	4,833	665	2,634	8,132
Yorke and Lower North	15	979	—	—	15	979	201	51	1,231
Murray Lands	21	1,362	—	—	21	1,362	410	200	1,972
South East	28	2,206	—	—	28	2,206	293	10,893	13,392
Eyre	11	947	8	607	19	1,554	254	827	2,635
Northern	17	1,204	2	135	19	1,339	566	810	2,716
<b>South Australia</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>30,070</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>4,395</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>34,465</b>	<b>8,918</b>	<b>36,136</b>	<b>79,519</b>

(a) Excludes Conversions, etc.

TABLE 9. NEW DWELLING UNITS (a) APPROVED, BY TYPE AND STATISTICAL DIVISION, DECEMBER 1995

Statistical division	New other residential building									
	New houses	Semi-detached, row or terrace houses, townhouses, etc. of			Flats, units or apartments in a building of				Total	Total new residential building
		1 storey	2 or more storeys	Total	1-2 storeys	3 storeys	4 or more storeys	Total		
NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS										
Adelaide	214	32	19	51	--	--	--	--	51	265
Outer Adelaide	61	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	61
Yorke and Lower North	15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	15
Murray Lands	21	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21
South East	28	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	28
Eyre	11	8	--	8	--	--	--	--	8	19
Northern	17	2	--	2	--	--	--	--	2	19
<b>South Australia</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>428</b>
VALUE (\$'000)										
Adelaide	18,538	2,285	1,368	3,653	--	--	--	--	3,653	22,191
Outer Adelaide	4,833	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4,833
Yorke and Lower North	979	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	979
Murray Lands	1,362	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,362
South East	2,206	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2,206
Eyre	947	607	--	607	--	--	--	--	607	1,554
Northern	1,204	135	--	135	--	--	--	--	135	1,339
<b>South Australia</b>	<b>30,070</b>	<b>3,027</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>4,395</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>4,395</b>	<b>34,465</b>

(a) Excludes Conversions, etc.

TABLE 10. BUILDING APPROVED BY SELECTED STATISTICAL LOCAL AREA, DECEMBER 1995

Statistical local area	New residential buildings (a)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building		
	Houses			Other residential buildings				Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)				
<b>ADELAIDE STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>										
Adelaide (C)	2		285	11		748	519	935	1,978	3,529
Brighton (C)	6		410	6		500	165	190	190	1,265
Burnside (C)	15	—	2,000	6	—	485	619	250	250	3,354
Campbelltown (C)	11	—	919		—		337	170	170	1,426
East Torrens (DC)	2		451							451
Elizabeth (C)	1		82				15	435	435	531
Enfield (C) Pt A & Pt B	4	8	898	2		60	30		2,993	3,981
Gawler (M)	4		289				63			352
Glenside (C)	1		150	4		280	74		60	564
Happy Valley (C)	7		820				331			1,151
Henley & Grange (C)	3		163				101			264
Hindmarsh and Woodville (C)	14	2	1,194				744	638	638	2,576
Kensington & Norwood (C)							32	255	255	287
Marion (C)	9		638	4		275	51	177	561	1,525
Mitcham (C)	2		261	2		155	466	50	140	1,022
Munno Para (C)	24		1,582				65	90	90	1,737
Noarlunga (C)	38	2	3,458	12		950	265	250	250	4,922
Payneham (C)	7		485				92	90	90	667
Port Adelaide (C)	4		386				40	310	5,711	6,137
Prospect (C)							282		170	452
St Peters (M)							185			185
Salisbury (C)	12		976				103	950	950	2,029
Stirling (DC)	1		40				180	170	170	390
Tea Tree Gully (C)	17		1,633				298	1,560	1,560	3,492
Thebarton (M)	1		60					95	95	155
Unley (C)	2		220	2		100	839	80	80	1,239
Walkerville (M)							220			220
West Torrens (C)	7		499	2		100	311	2,685	3,885	4,794
Willunga (DC)	8		639				105			744
Unincorporated										
<b>Adelaide (SD)</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18,538</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,653</b>	<b>6,530</b>	<b>9,380</b>	<b>20,721</b>	<b>49,442</b>
<b>REST OF STATE</b>										
Barossa (DC)	2		150					185	185	335
Light (DC)	5		388					900	971	1,359
Mallala (DC)	4		192				45			237
Mount Barker (DC)	5		428				177	200	200	806
Mount Gambier (C)	13		1,075				180	473	10,843	12,099
Murray Bridge (RC)	3		213				35			248
Northern Yorke Peninsula (DC)	3		172				13			184
Port Augusta (C)	1		56				137	350	350	543
Port Elliot & Goolwa (DC)	8		584				15			599
Port Lincoln (C)	4		209	4		340	70		70	689
Port Pirie (C)	7		492				120	260	260	872
Roxby Downs (M)				2		135				135
Strathalbyn (DC)	6		577				100			677
Victor Harbor (DC)	7		458				20			478
Whyalla (C)	1		130				193		200	523
Other	83	1	6,406	4		267	1,284	1,629	2,336	10,293
<b>Rest of State</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11,531</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>2,389</b>	<b>3,997</b>	<b>15,415</b>	<b>30,077</b>
<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>										
<b>South Australia</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>30,070</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,395</b>	<b>8,918</b>	<b>13,377</b>	<b>36,136</b>	<b>79,519</b>

(a) Excludes Conversions, etc (C) Municipality with city status. (DC) District Council. (M) Municipality. (RC) Rural City. (SD) Statistical Division.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Introduction

This publication contains monthly details of building work approved.

2. For purposes of comparison, it should be noted that statistics of building approvals are affected from month to month by large projects (e.g. blocks of flats, multi-storey office buildings) approved in particular months and also by the administrative arrangements of government authorities.

### Scope and coverage

3. Statistics of building work approved are compiled from:

- (a) permits issued by local authorities in areas subject to building control by those authorities; and
- (b) contracts let or day labour work authorised by Commonwealth, State, semi-government and local government authorities;
- (c) major building activity which takes place in areas not subject to the normal administrative approval processes (e.g. buildings on remote mine sites).

4. The statistics relate to building activity which includes construction of new buildings, and alterations and additions to existing buildings. Construction activity not defined as building (e.g. construction of roads, bridges, railways, earthworks etc.) is excluded from this publication, but can be found in the ABS publication *Engineering Construction Survey* (8762.0).

5. In relation to work carried out on existing buildings, the statistics include details of non-structural renovation and refurbishment work and the installation of integral building fixtures for which building approval was obtained.

6. From July 1990, the statistics cover:

- (a) all approved new residential building jobs valued at \$10,000 or more (previously \$5,000 or more)
- (b) approved alterations and additions to residential buildings valued at \$10,000 or more
- (c) all approved non-residential building jobs valued at \$50,000 or more (previously \$30,000 or more).

These changes in coverage do not have a statistically significant effect on broad building approvals aggregate data. However, care should be taken in interpreting data for specific classes of non-residential building.

### Definitions

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

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

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

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

10. From the January 1995 issue of this publication, the number of dwelling units approved as part of alterations and additions to or conversions of existing residential or non-residential buildings and as part of the construction of non-residential building is shown separately in Table 1 under the heading of 'Conversions, etc.', and is included in the total number of dwelling units shown in the table. Previously, such dwellings were only included as a footnote.

11. In addition, from the January 1995 issue, the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for the number of dwelling units approved, shown in Table 3, include these conversions, etc. Previously, only dwelling units approved as part of the construction of new residential buildings were included in these estimates.

12. The value of new residential building approved continues to exclude the value of dwelling units approved as part of alterations and additions to or conversions of existing residential or non-residential building. Approved building work represented by these conversions, etc. jobs continues to be included in the value of alterations and additions to residential buildings or in the value of non-residential building as appropriate.

13. Value data are derived by aggregation of the estimated value (when completed) of building work (excluding value of land and landscaping but including site preparation) as reported on approval documents. For 'houses', these estimates are usually a reliable indicator of the completed value of the building. However, for 'other residential buildings' and 'non-residential buildings' these estimates can differ significantly from the completed value of the building.

### Building classification

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

15. *Functional classification of buildings:* a building is classified according to its intended major function. Hence a building which is ancillary to other buildings or forms a part of a group of related buildings is classified to the function of the building and not to the function of the group as a whole. An example of this can be seen in the treatment of building work approved for a factory complex. In this case a detached administration building would be classified to Offices, a detached cafeteria building to Shops, while factory buildings

would be classified to Factories. An exception to this rule is the treatment of group accommodation buildings e.g. a student accommodation building on a university campus would be classified to Educational.

### Seasonal adjustment

16. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series may be more clearly recognised.

17. Table 3 shows seasonally adjusted estimates for both private and total dwellings. For the four series shown, account has been taken of normal seasonal factors and 'trading day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays etc. in the month) and the effect of movement in the date of Easter which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months.

18. Seasonal adjustment procedures do not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month, such as the effect of the approval of large projects or as a consequence of the administrative arrangements of approving authorities. These irregular influences that are highly volatile can make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variation.

19. Most of the component series have been seasonally adjusted independently. Therefore, the adjusted components may not add to the adjusted totals. Further, the difference between independently seasonally adjusted series does not necessarily produce series which are optimum or even adequate adjustments of the similarly derived original series. Thus the figures which can be derived by subtracting seasonally adjusted private sector dwelling units from the seasonally adjusted total should not be used to represent seasonally adjusted public sector dwelling units.

20. As happens with all seasonally adjusted series, the seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's data. For Building Approvals, the results of the latest review are shown in the July issue each year. Further information about seasonal adjustment can be obtained from the Assistant Director of Time Series Analysis, Canberra, on (06) 252 6345.

### Trend estimates

21. Seasonally adjusted series can be smoothed to reduce the impact of the irregular component in the adjusted series. This smoothed seasonally adjusted series is called a trend estimate.

22. Table 3 shows trend estimates for both private and total dwellings. These are obtained by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months of the respective seasonally adjusted series except the last six months. Trend series are created for the last six months by applying surrogates of the Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted time series. For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series - Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (1348.0).

23. While the smoothing technique described in paragraphs 21 and 22 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. Revisions to the original data and re-analysis of seasonal factors may also lead to revisions to the trend.

### Estimates at constant prices

24. Estimates of the quarterly value of building approvals at average 1989-90 prices are presented in Table 4. (Note: monthly value data at constant prices are not available.)

25. Constant price estimates measure changes in value after the direct effects of price changes have been eliminated. The deflators used to revalue the current price estimates are derived from the same price data underlying the deflators compiled for the dwelling and non-dwelling construction components of the national accounts aggregate 'Gross fixed capital expenditure'.

26. Estimates at constant prices are subject to a number of approximations and assumptions. Further information on the nature and concepts of constant price estimates is contained in Chapter 4 of *Australian National Accounts: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (5216.0).

### Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC)

27. Area statistics are now being classified to the *Australian Standard Geographical Classification, Edition 2.5* (1216.0) and ASGC terminology has been adopted in the presentation of building statistics.

### Unpublished data and related publications

28. The ABS can also make available certain building approvals data which are not published. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided in the following forms: microfiche, photocopy, computer printout and clerically extracted tabulation. A charge may be made for providing unpublished information in these forms.

29. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

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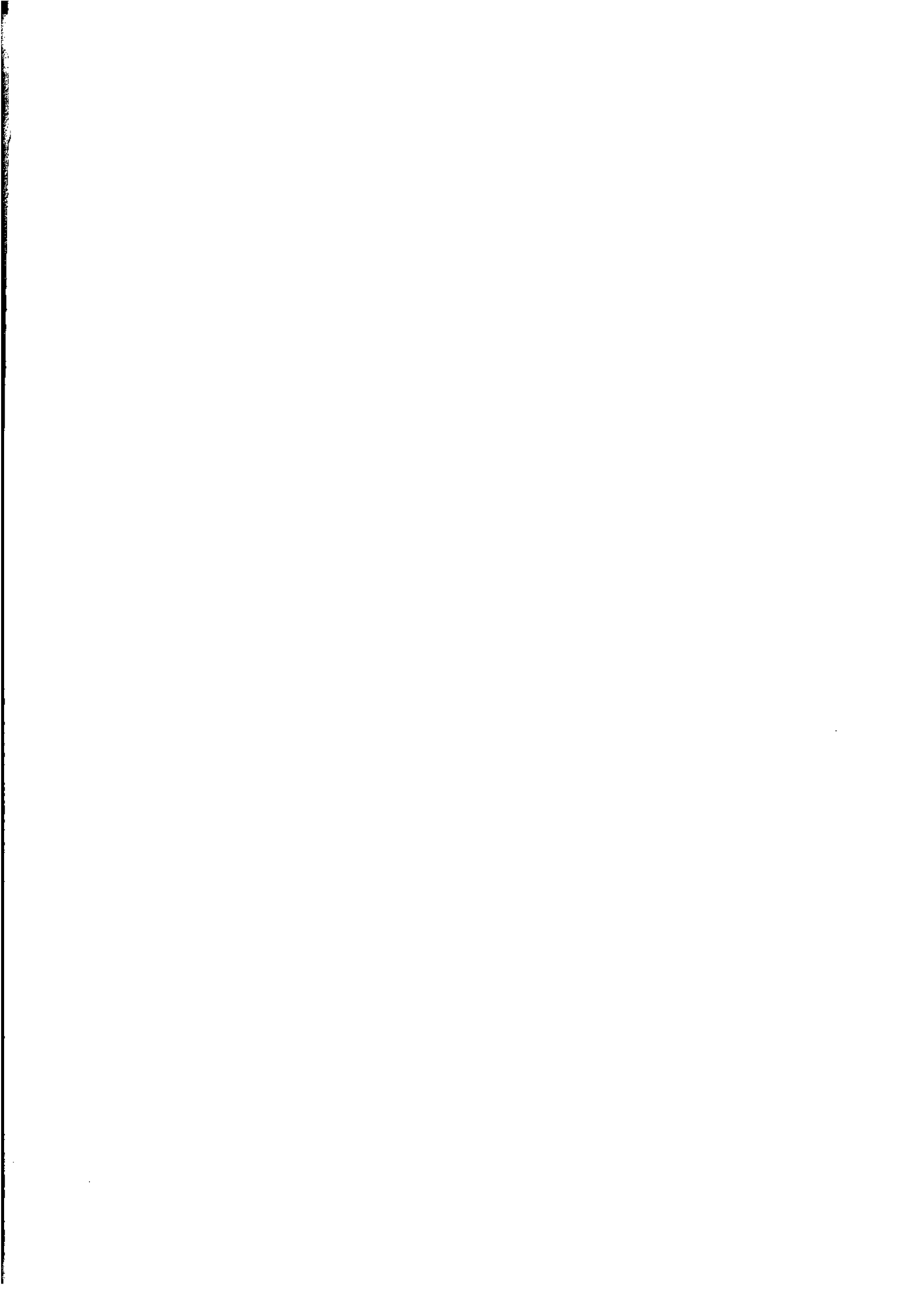
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31. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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