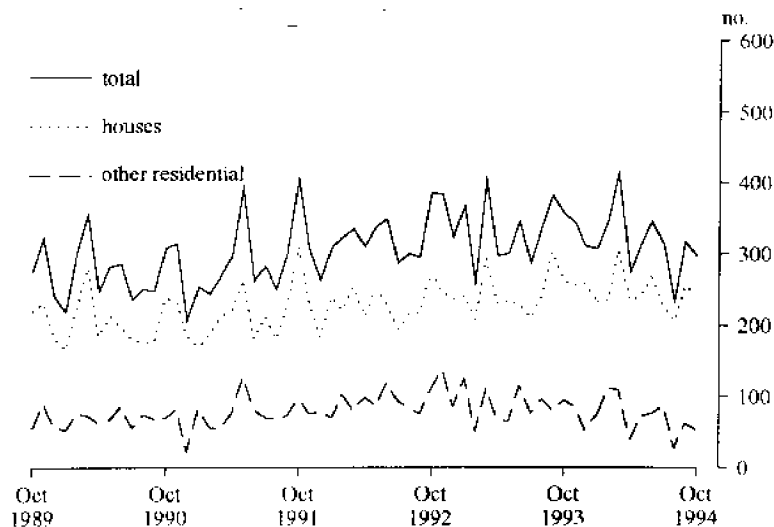


**DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY  
APPROVING AUTHORITIES, TASMANIA, OCTOBER 1994**

**MAIN FEATURES**

- There were 296 new dwelling units commenced in October 1994, a seven per cent decrease on the 318 new dwelling units commenced in September 1994, and a 17 per cent decrease on the October 1993 figure of 357.
- For the twelve months ended October 1994 there were 3818 new dwelling units commenced, a six per cent decrease on the 4048 recorded for the twelve months ended October 1993.
- The Greater Hobart Statistical Division recorded 37 per cent of the new dwelling units commenced in October 1994, followed by the Northern Statistical Division with 29 per cent; the Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division recorded 25 per cent while the Southern Statistical Division made up the balance with 9 per cent.
- The City of Clarence recorded 28 new dwelling unit commencements in October 1994, followed by the Municipality of Kingborough with 23, the Municipality of West Tamar with 22 and the Municipality of Meander Valley with 19.

**NEW DWELLING COMMENCEMENTS**



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TABLE 1. NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMMENCED BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS AND OWNERSHIP, TASMANIA

<i>Period</i>	<i>Double brick</i>	<i>Brick veneer</i>	<i>Fibre cement</i>	<i>Timber</i>	<i>Other and not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>						
1991-92	238	1 773	67	498	78	2 654
1992-93	277	1 905	103	447	65	2 797
1993-94	306	2 073	103	440	79	3 001
1993:						
August	32	174	6	23	5	240
September	46	188	9	54	5	302
October	33	176	9	37	4	259
November	24	176	10	39	7	256
December	15	163	7	46	16	247
1994:						
January	15	160	4	35	4	218
February	23	163	3	39	6	234
March	18	208	17	46	8	297
April	22	164	9	32	8	235
May	28	172	10	24	6	240
June	22	187	14	31	9	263
July	15	168	9	25	9	226
August	14	156	5	26	5	206
September	21	188	11	32	3	255
October	11	181	10	35	5	242
<b>PUBLIC SECTOR</b>						
1991-92	-	93	-	2	-	95
1992-93	-	28	-	-	-	28
1993-94	-	47	-	1	-	48
1993:						
August	-	-	-	-	-	-
September	-	1	-	-	-	1
October	-	3	-	-	-	3
November	-	1	-	-	-	1
December	-	12	-	-	-	12
1994:						
January	-	15	-	-	-	15
February	-	1	-	-	-	1
March	-	7	-	1	-	8
April	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	2	-	-	-	2
June	-	5	-	-	-	5
July	-	-	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	-	-
October	-	1	-	-	-	1
<b>TOTAL</b>						
1991-92	238	1 866	67	500	78	2 749
1992-93	277	1 933	103	447	65	2 825
1993-94	306	2 120	103	441	79	3 049
1993:						
August	32	174	6	23	5	240
September	46	189	9	54	5	303
October	33	179	9	37	4	262
November	24	177	10	39	7	257
December	15	175	7	46	16	259
1994:						
January	15	175	4	35	4	233
February	23	164	3	39	6	235
March	18	215	17	47	8	305
April	22	164	9	32	8	235
May	28	174	10	24	6	242
June	22	192	14	31	9	268
July	15	168	9	25	9	226
August	14	156	5	26	5	206
September	21	188	11	32	3	255
October	11	182	10	35	5	243

TABLE 2. NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMMENCED IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS AND OWNERSHIP  
OCTOBER 1994

<i>Statistical division/ subdivision</i>	<i>Double brick</i>	<i>Brick veneer</i>	<i>Fibre cement</i>	<i>Timber</i>	<i>Other and not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>						
<i>Greater Hobart</i>	8	74	-	7	1	90
<i>Southern</i>	-	7	1	14	4	26
Greater Launceston	-	45	3	3	-	51
Central North	1	10	1	-	-	12
North-Eastern	1	6	3	1	-	11
<i>Northern</i>	2	61	7	4	-	74
Burnie-Devonport	-	31	-	4	-	35
North-Western Rural	1	8	2	4	-	15
Lyell	-	-	-	2	-	2
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>	1	39	2	10	-	52
<b><i>Tasmania</i></b>	<b>11</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>242</b>
<b>PUBLIC SECTOR</b>						
<i>Greater Hobart</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Southern</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greater Launceston	-	1	-	-	-	1
Central North	-	-	-	-	-	-
North-Eastern	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Northern</i>	-	1	-	-	-	1
Burnie-Devonport	-	-	-	-	-	-
North-Western Rural	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lyell	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b><i>Tasmania</i></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>						
<i>Greater Hobart</i>	8	74	-	7	1	90
<i>Southern</i>	-	7	1	14	4	26
Greater Launceston	-	46	3	3	-	52
Central North	1	10	1	-	-	12
North-Eastern	1	6	3	1	-	11
<i>Northern</i>	2	62	7	4	-	75
Burnie-Devonport	-	31	-	4	-	35
North-Western Rural	1	8	2	4	-	15
Lyell	-	-	-	2	-	2
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>	1	39	2	10	-	52
<b><i>Tasmania</i></b>	<b>11</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>243</b>

TABLE 3. NUMBER AND VALUE OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS, OCTOBER 1994

Statistical region sectors and statistical local areas (a)	Private sector			Total (b)		
	Houses	Total dwelling units	Value of dwelling units	Houses	Total dwelling units	Value of dwelling units
	Number	Number	(\$'000)	Number	Number	(\$'000)
Brighton (M)	15	18	1 141	15	18	1 141
Central Highlands (M)	4	4	95	4	4	95
Clarence (C)	26	26	2 480	26	28	2 580
Glamorgan/Spring Bay (M)	3	3	170	3	3	170
Glenorchy (C)	8	15	912	8	15	912
Hobart (C)	14	14	1 634	14	14	1 634
Huon Valley (M)	10	11	654	10	11	654
Kingborough (M)	17	23	1 562	17	23	1 562
New Norfolk (M)	4	4	376	4	4	376
Sorell (M)	13	13	762	13	13	762
Southern Midlands (M)	1	1	90	1	1	90
Tasman (M)	1	1	20	1	1	20
<i>Greater Hobart-Southern</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>133</i>	<i>9 896</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>135</i>	<i>9 996</i>
Break O'Day (M)	7	7	418	7	7	418
Dorset (M)	2	2	185	2	2	185
Flinders (M)	2	2	130	2	2	130
George Town (M)	4	4	329	4	4	329
Launceston (C)	11	16	1 927	11	16	1 927
Meander Valley (M)	12	18	1 029	13	19	1 139
Northern Midlands (M)	14	14	1 010	14	14	1 010
West Tamar (M)	22	22	1 926	22	22	1 926
<i>Northern</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>6 954</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>7 064</i>
Burnie (C)	3	12	1 095	3	14	1 255
Central Coast (M)	11	11	855	11	11	855
Circular Head (M)	6	6	470	6	6	470
Devonport (C)	9	13	1 041	9	13	1 041
Kentish (M)	5	5	347	5	5	347
King Island (M)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Latrobe (M)	8	8	626	8	8	626
Waratah/Wynyard (M)	8	16	1 265	8	16	1 265
West Coast (M)	2	2	51	2	2	51
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>5 749</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>5 909</i>
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>22 599</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>22 969</b>
<i>Statistical Division and Statistical Subdivision</i>						
<i>Greater Hobart</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>8 423</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>108</i>	<i>8 523</i>
<i>Southern</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>1 473</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>1 473</i>
Greater Launceston	51	58	4 480	52	59	4 590
Central North	12	16	1 741	12	16	1 741
North-Eastern	11	11	733	11	11	733
<i>Northern</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>6 954</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>7 064</i>
Burnie-Devonport	35	56	4 610	35	58	4 770
North-Western Rural	15	15	1 088	15	15	1 088
Lyell	2	2	51	2	2	51
<i>Mersey-Lyell</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>5 749</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>5 909</i>
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>22 599</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>22 969</b>

(a) In this table, statistics are presented in terms of statistical local areas aggregated to their equivalent local government areas.  
(b) Private sector plus public sector.

TABLE 4. NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY OWNERSHIP AND TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING, TASMANIA

Period	Private sector			Public sector			Total		
	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total
		Number of dwelling units	Number of dwelling units		Number of dwelling units	Number of dwelling units		Number of dwelling units	Number of dwelling units
	Number			Number			Number		
1991-92	2 654	950	3 604	95	74	169	2 749	1 024	3 773
1992-93	2 797	1 027	3 824	28	102	130	2 825	1 129	3 954
1993-94	3 001	923	3 924	48	50	98	3 049	973	4 022
1993:									
August	240	97	337	-	-	-	240	97	337
September	302	80	382	1	-	1	303	80	383
October	259	95	354	3	-	3	262	95	357
November	256	87	343	1	-	1	257	87	344
December	247	52	299	12	-	12	259	52	311
1994:									
January	218	56	274	15	19	34	233	75	308
February	234	90	324	1	21	22	235	111	346
March	297	102	399	8	8	16	305	110	415
April	235	39	274	-	-	-	235	39	274
May	240	71	311	2	2	4	242	73	315
June	263	77	340	5	-	5	268	77	345
July	226	83	309	-	4	4	226	87	313
August	206	27	233	-	-	-	206	27	233
September	255	52	307	-	11	11	255	63	318
October	242	49	291	1	4	5	243	53	296

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Introduction

1. This publication contains monthly details of the number of new dwelling units reported by approving authorities as having commenced in each local government area.

### Scope and Coverage

2. The statistics were compiled from monthly reports, provided by local and other government authorities, of commencements of new houses and other new residential buildings for which:

(a) building permits were issued by local government authorities in areas subject to building control by those authorities; or

(b) contracts were let, or day labour work was authorised, by Commonwealth, State, semi-government and local government authorities.

Major residential building commencements in areas not subject to the normal administrative approval processes (e.g., buildings on remote mine sites) are included also.

3. The number of dwelling units created by alterations and additions to existing buildings, and through the construction of new non-residential buildings (i.e., buildings other than dwellings) is not included.

### Definitions

4. 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.

5. A *residential building* is defined as a building predominantly consisting of one or more dwelling units. Dwellings can be either houses or other residential buildings as follows:

(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 caretakers' 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., townhouses, duplexes and apartment buildings).

6. **Commencements:** For the purposes of this statistical series, a residential building is regarded as being commenced on the date when:

(a) the building work is first inspected by a local government, or other government authority building inspector or surveyor, whether the work is passed or not (in general, the first inspection is undertaken at the foundations or footings stage of construction); or

(b) the building work is determined as commenced by a building inspector or surveyor.

7. **Ownership:** The 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.

#### **Comparability of Statistics**

8. Because of the difference in data sources, collection methodologies, and timing of notification of commencements, care should be exercised in comparing quarterly data derived from monthly dwelling unit commencements statistics with the quarterly dwelling unit commencements statistics from the Building Activity Survey, published in *Building Activity, Tasmania* (8752.6).

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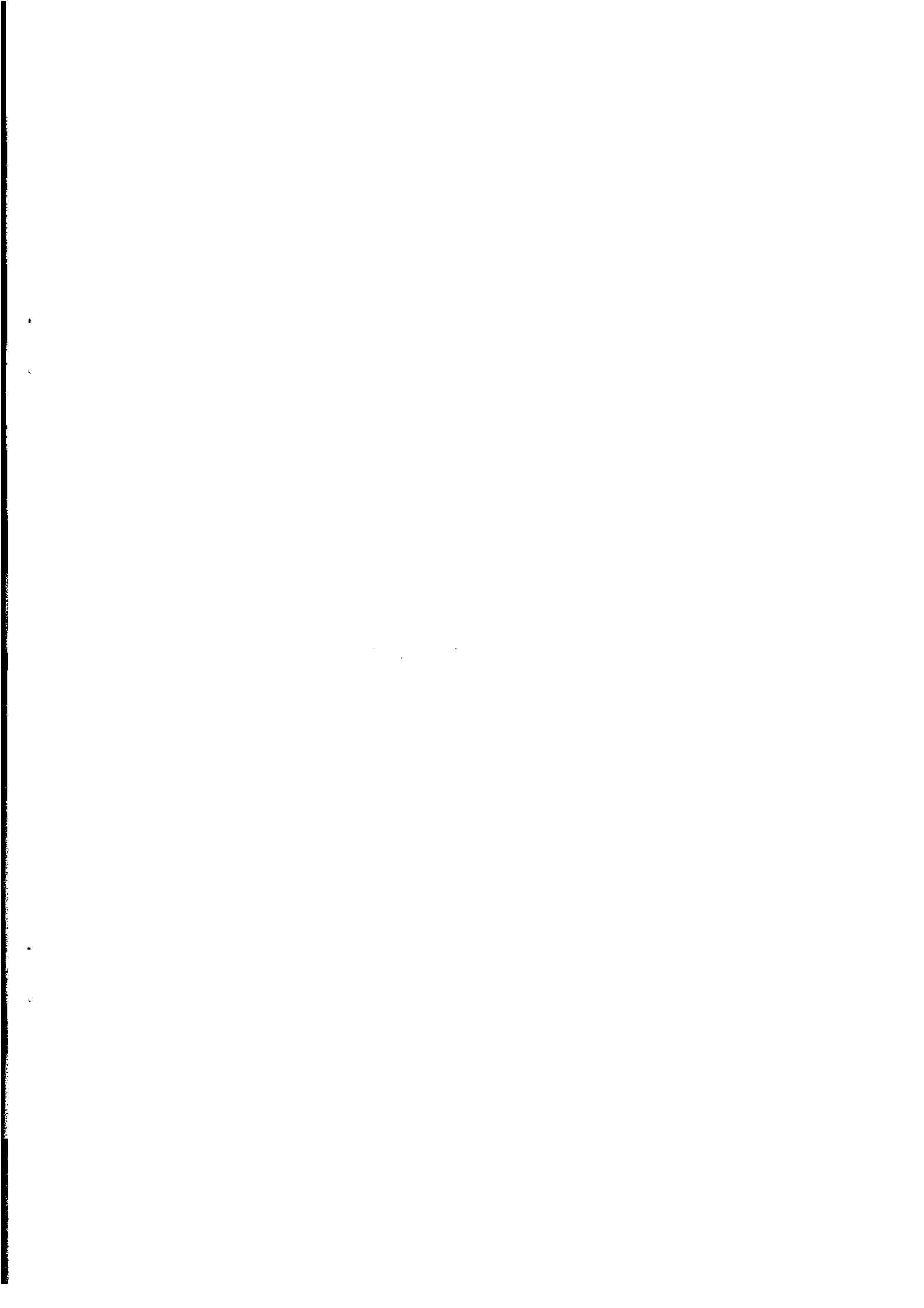
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