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BUILDING ACTIVITY, NORTHERN TERRITORY DECEMBER QUARTER 1995

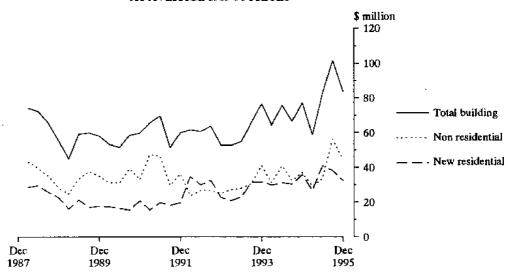
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Value of building work done at average 1989-90 prices

•	% chang	e on
	Sept quarter 1995	Dec quarter 1994
New residential building Alterations and additions	-14.7	-9.5
to residential buildings	-14.3	46.7
Non-residential building	-20.0	21.4
Total building	-17.6	8.5

- In average 1989–90 prices, the value of new residential building work done during the December quarter fell by 14.7% to \$32.5 million, 9.5% less than a year earlier.
- Non-residential building fell by 20.0% to \$44.9 million, but is still 21.4% above the previous year.
- The total value of building work done for the quarter was down 17.6% to \$84.0 million. However the December quarter value is still 8.5% higher than the previous year.

VALUE OF WORK DONE AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES



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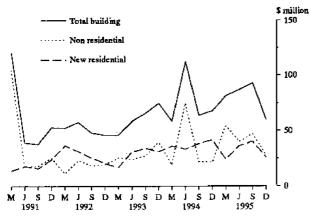
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – continued

Value of building work commenced at average 1989-90 prices

	% chang	e on
	Sept quarter 1995	Dec quarter 1994
New residential building Alterations and additions	-35.6	-37.6
to residential buildings	10.5	28.6
Non-residential building	-41.1	28.8
Total building	-35.5	-11.8

- In average 1989–90 prices, the value of new residential building work commenced fell by 35.6% during the quarter to \$25.9 million. Commencements of new houses in the quarter fell by 19.3% to \$18.4 million and new other residential buildings fell by 56.9% to \$7.5 million.
- Commencements of non-residential buildings fell by 41.1% to \$27.7 million.
- The total value of all building work commenced fell by 35.5% during the quarter to \$59.9 million.

VALUE OF WORK COMMENCED AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES

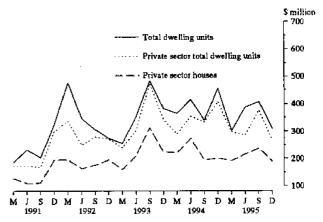


Number of dwelling units commenced

	% chang	e on
	Sept quarter 1995	Dec quarter 1994
Private sector houses	-21.0	-6,5
Private sector dwelling units	-29.2	-34.6
Total dwelling units	-24.0	-32.2

- The total number of dwelling units commenced during the quarter fell 24.0% to 310, a fall of 32.2% from the previous year.
- Within the private sector, house commencements fell by 21.0% to 188 and other residential dwelling unit commencements were down 43.2% to 79.

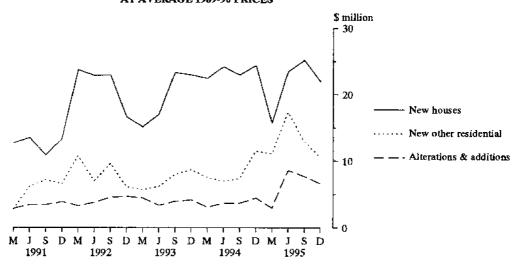
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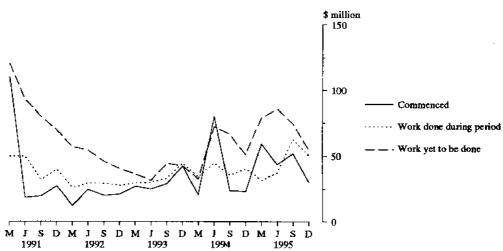
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- The total value of building work done during the December quarter fell by 17.2% to \$100.5 There were falls in all the major building categories, new residential buildings by 14.8%, alterations and additions to residential building by 14.6% and total work on non-residential buildings by 19.6%.
- Total building work commenced during the quarter decreased by 33.6% to \$73.0 million.
- Work yet to be done on jobs under construction at the end of the quarter was down 19.1% to \$101.5 million or 1.01 times the work done during the December quarter.

VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL WORK DONE AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES



VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING



VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL WORK DONE

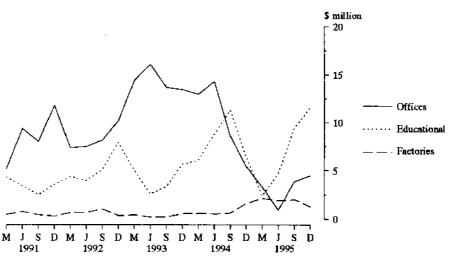


TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF BUILDING ACTIVITY, NORTHERN TERRITORY

		_	New residential building	l balding								Vah	Value (Sm)						
	Houses		Other restdential buildings	ential gr	Total							Non-reside	Non-residential building	g _{reg}	<u>.</u>				
Period	Number of dwelling units	Value (3m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (3m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (5m)	Alterations and and additions to residential buildings	Hotels etc.	Shops	Shops Factories	Offices	Other business premises	Educa- Honal	Reli- gious	Health	Enter-tahment and recreational	Miscel- laneous	Total	Total building
							ō	COMMENCED	Œ										
1992-93	828	82.5	366	26.3	1.194	108.8	19.6	191	2.7	19	25.4	12.4	17.2	0.2	10,1	8.0	20.9	93.2	221.6
1993-94	1,205	123.5	4	38.1	1.651	161.6	18.7	10.6	30.2	5.3	26.0	29.2	24.6	0.1	11.3	83	26.2	171.8	352.2
1994-95	. 947	106.1	541	67.9	1,488	174.0	28.3	25.2	14.1	3.8	7,4	9.5	35.5	l	4.1	7.8	6.4	149.5	351.8
1994 Sent. atr	202	20.1	139	25.8	341	45.9	4.2	0.2	2.5	8.0	3.1	2.2	10.1	I	0.5	2.9	1.3	23.7	73.8
Dec. qtr	245	27.4	212	23.4	457	50.9	63	0.2	æ. Ei	1.8	1.4	5.3	0.7	1	0.5	2.6	6.9	23.3	80,4
1995 Mar. qtr	196	20.2	901	10.2	302	30.3	4.0	16.7	2.5	0.3	1.9	0.3	7.8	I	0.1	1.2	28.1	58.9	93.3
June qtr	304	38.4	84	80	80 80 80	46.9	13.8	 	5.3		1.0	1.6	16.8	١	0.4	Ξ	8.5	43.7	104.4
Sept. qtr r	269	30.7	139	20.1	408	50.8	7.6	2.9	4.4	1.7	11.2	7.6	4.2	2,4	5.1	4.3	5.7	51.6	110.0
Dec. qtr	229	25.3	81	8.8	310	34.1	8.5	0,4	2.1	1.4	1.5	6.2	11.1	0.5	0.5	4.2	2.6	30.5	73.0
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1992-93	397	43.2	177	12.2	574	55.3	9.2	1.5	2.3	0.2	86.7	0.6	15.8	0.3	7.0	0.7	15.1	138.1	202.6
1993-94	620	69.7		11.7	761	81.3	10.2	I	24.5		111.5	17.1	1.7.1	1	9.7	4.	15.0	202.9	294.4
1994-95	492	57.0	295	41.9	787	6.86	14.9	25.0	29.4	4.5	5.1	11.3	22.6		0.7	1.6	46.I	146.5	260.3
1994 Sept. off	540	58.7	170	29.1	710	87.8	8.6		25.9		105.7	15.1	24.0	!	9.3	3.7	15.1	203.4	301.0
Dec. qtr	467	54.5		45.0	191	4.66	11.1	0.1	24.7	5.5	63	20.6	9'9	1	8.6	2.8	17.5	92.7	203.3
1995 Mar off	431	46.2		40.8	752	87.0	11.6	16.8	26.1		4.6	13.6	88 63	I	90 90	3.7	42.6	129.1	227.6
June qtr	492	57.0		41.9	787	6.86		25.0	29.4		5.1	11.3	22.6		0.7	1.6	46.1	146.5	260.3
Sept. qtr 7	474	58.2		44.5	771	102.6		16.5	26.0	5.9	10.2	20.0	22.4	2.4	8. 8.	0.5	47.1	156.7	272.1
Dec. qtr	432	51.8	276	47.3	708	99.1	13.6	13.4	25.5		10.7	15.4	22.5	0.3	3.5	4.4	32.4	134.3	247.0
						-		COMPLETED	ED										
1992-93	914	90.5	409	39.3	1,323	129.8		1.5	5.5		8.7	14.6	12.9	0.1	8.6	2.0	19.1	76.1	227.6
1993-94	896	94.2	473	36.2	1,441	130.4		11.8	7.9	1.6	27.0		23.8	4.0	0.0	5.0	25.1	132.0	279.5
1994-95	1,070	121.8	387	35.3	1,457	157.1	24.1	0.4	8.2		119.3	17.0	31.4		10.7	6.9	15.0	214.5	395.6
1994 Sept. qtr	281	31.9	110	80. 80.	391	40.7	4.6	0.2	1.0	0.1	13.8	4.2	3.8		1.0	3.4	1.5	29.1	74.4
Dec. qtr	317	33.4	82	7.6	386	41.0	5.2	0.1	4.1	6.0	101.4	2.0	0.61	1	1.3	2.3	4.6	135.6	181.8
1995 Mar. atr	232	28,8	8	7.1	317	35.9		١	Ξ		3.7		6.1	;	0.1	0.3	89. 80.	23.5	63.2
June qu	240	27.8		_		39.5		0.1	1.9		0.4		2.5	1	8.3	3.3	5.1	26.3	76.2
Sept. qtr r	285	30.7	134			47.7	_	11.4	7.8		6.2		3.5	i	0.1	5.4	4.7	41.0	98.7
Dec. qtr	270	31.3		9.1	369	40.4	7.9	33	2.4	13	I.1 	10.9	11.1	2.6	2.8	0.3	17.4	53.2	101.5

TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF BUILDING ACTIVITY, NORTHERN TERRITORY—continued

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The control of the c	Dec. qtr	;	31.6	;	13.3	:	4 .	5.7	0.1	2.9	1.6	5.4	12,4	6.4		3.7	1.9	6.0	40.4	91.0
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1992-93	744	67.3	353	25.0	1,097	92.3	17.3	1.6	2.3	1.8	11.1	9'11	1.6	0.2	3.1	4.0	1.4	35.1	144.7
1993-94	1,035	95.0	430	36.8	1,465	131.8	18.1	10.6	30.1	1.5	5.1	12.6	5.9	0.1	Ξ	5.0	9.9	90.6	230.5
1994-95	804	80.3	522	65.9	1,326	146.3	20.6	25.2	13.9	3.0	5.1	7.3	60 Ei	I	0.7	4.	8.0	8. 96	236.7
1994 Sept. qtr	195	19.3	139	25.8	334	45.1	4.2	0.2	2.5	03	1.9	2.2	0.2		0.3	6.0	0.2	8.2	57.5
Dec. qtr	201	20.1	207	677	408	43.0	86. (5)	0.2	60 60	1.7	1.2	3.5		1	4.0	2.1	1	12.8	61.7
1995 Mar. qtr	192	19.4	10%	10.2	298	29.5	3.9	16.7	.; 4	0,3	1.9	0.3	9.0	I	I	0.1	6.3	29.4	62.8
June qtr	216	21.5	70	7.1	286	28.6	9.9	8.1	5.3	0.7	0.2	1.2	2.5		I	0'1	9.4	19.4	54.6
Sept. qtr r	238	24.5	139	20.1	377	2.4	7.2	2.9	3.9	0.7	1.7	2.9	4, 1	1	4.1	80 ·	0.1	1. c	70.5
Dec. qtr	188	19.2	79	4.	267	27.6	4.5	0.4	2.1	1.4	1.2	5.5	1.6	0.5		3.3	6.0	17.0	49.1
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1992-93	344	32.8	170	11.7	514	24	9.2	1.5	2.3	0.2	5.2	3.5	0.2	0.3	9.0	0.7	0.2	14.4	68.1
1993-94	505	50.3	129	10.8	634	61.1	10.1	1	24.5	0.2	6.0	2.5	0.9	I	١	1.0	1.3	31.2	102.4
1994-95	417	41.9	283	40.7	700	82.6	10.9	25.0	29.4	6.0	1.3	4	2.7	1	0.4	1.2	4.6	6.69	163.4
1994 Sept. qtr	462	47.0	162	28.5	624	75.5	9.7	1	25.9	0.5	2.5	3.5	0.4		I	1.0	0.3	34.2	119.4
Dec. qtr	392	40.7	295	44.5	289	85.2	10.8	0.1	24.7	1.8	9.1	5.0	0.2	I	0.4	2.4	0.1	36.5	132.5
1995 Mar. qtr	391	38.4	318	40.5	709	78.9		16.8	26.1	1.0	1.5	6.4	9.0	1	0.4	3.4	4.6	59.4	149.4
June qtr	417	41.9	283	40.7	700	82.6		25.0	29.4	6.0	1.3	4.4	2.7		0.4 4	1.2	4.6	6.69	163.4
Sept. qtr r Dec oft	9,4 1,4	42.0	285	₹. 5. 4	685 454	\$ \$ 2.2	12.1	16.5	25.6 25.1	1.3 2.6	1.5	4.0 4.0	3.7	5	4 4 Ú A	0.5 9.6	0.9 0.9	8, 8, 4, 4,	156.7
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1994-95	888	89.7	368	33.6	1,256	123.2		0.4	8.0	2.3	5.1	4.9	1.5	1	0.3	4.2	en en	30.6	174.2
1994 Sept. atr	237	22.6	106	86 5.5	343	31.1		0.2	1.0		0.3	1.2	0.7		0.3	0.2	1.5	5.5	41.2
Dec. qtr	270	26.7	74	7.0	34	33.7	5.0	0.1	4.1	0.5	2.1	2.0	0.2	1		8.0	0.1	8.6	48.5
1995 Mar. qtr	193	22.0		6.9	276	28.9		١	1.0	1.1	2.3	0.3	I	I	I	1	1.8	6.5	39.3
June qu	188	18.3		Ξ		29.5		0.1	1.9	9.0	0.4	[.5	9.0	1	I	3.2	0.4	80 80	45.2
Sept. qtr r Dec ett	253	24.5	134	17.0	387	2.14 5.05	6.1	11.4	L, C 06 4	9, 0 4, 0	2.3	1.5	60 K	12	12	1.5	5.45	29.7	77.4
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		W	New residential building	building								Vahu	Vatue (3m)	<u> </u> 				 	
	Tourse I		Other residential	entíal	Trent		!					Non-residential building	riial buildt	8u					
Basted	Number of dwelling units	Value	Number of dwelling	Value	Number of dwelling units	Value (3m)	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Howels etc.	Shops Factories		Offices 1	Other business premises	Educa- tional	Rell- etous	na 14 14	Enter- tainment and recrea-	Miscel-	Total	Total building
						\ \ \ \ \	VALUE OF WORK DONE DURING PERIOD	K DONE I	XURUNG PE		- 1			1					
1992-93	-	673	:	29.3	:	96.6	17.4	1.7	3.1	1.8	12.2	11.3	1.6	0.2	3.3	0,4	1.6	37.1	151.1
1993-94	•	87.3	:	34.4	:	121.7	18.0	10.5	9.2	1.5	5.4	12.7	6.8	0.1	L3	4.9	8.9	58.3	1.98.0
1994-95	:	86.5	:	52.4	:	138.9	21.0	11.3	11:2	2.7	5.6	7.1	1.5		9.0	4.4	6.4	50.9	210.9
1994 Sept. qtr	;	23.4	:	8.2	;	31.5	4,7	0.2	2.4	0.2	1.4	1.8	0.3	1	0.3	0.2	6.0	7.9	4
Dec. qtr	:	23.2	:	12.7	:	36.0	5.5	0.1	2.9	1.1	1.5	2.0	0.1		0.2	1.3	I	9.1	50.5
1995 Mar. qu	:	19.0	:	12.4	;	31.4	4.0	ri oo	2.8	9.0	23	2.4	0.5	1	1	8.0	3.0	15.4	50.8
fune qtr	:	20.9	:	19.1	:	40.0	8.9	8.2	3.0	8.0	0.3	1.0	9.0	I	İ	2.0	2.5	18.5	65.3
Sept. etr r	:	24.4	:	14.7	:	39.1	6.9	11.3	7.9	0.7	1.7	2.4	2.1	1	1.1	6.0	1.3	29.5	75.6
Dec. qtr	;	21.4	:	12.1	:	33.4	5.6	3.0	4.4	6.0	1.2	2.2	2.5	0.3	2.3	3.1	4.0	20.3	59.4
							VALUE OF WORK YET TO BE DONE	ORK YET	TO BE DC	N.E									
1992-93	:	15.0	:	-4 <u>1</u>		661	4.2	0.2	6:1	0.1	8.0	1.9	0.2	0.1	0.2	1.0	0.1	5.5	29.6
1993-94	:	22.9	:	5.1	:	28.1	4.2	į	22.7	0.1	9.0	1.2	0.3	ļ	I	0.3	9.0	25.7	87.9
1994-95	:	18.0	:	16.2	:	34.2	4.5	14.1	24.6	0.4	0.4	1.0	2.1		0.1	0.4	1.2	44.3	83.0
1994 Sept. qtr	:	18.8	:	23.3	;	42.1	3.8		22.7	0.2	1.0	1.7	0.2			0.3	0.1	26.2	72.1
Dec. qtr	;	16.2	:	33.5	-	49.7	4.4	0.1	22.8	8.0	1.0	3.1	<u></u>	!	0.2	1.2	0.1	29.4	83.5
1995 Mar. qtr	:	17.0	:	24.0	:	41.1	4.5	14.0	22.4	6.0	970	1.0	0.2	ı	0.1	1.3	3.4	43.4	89.0
June qu	:	18.0	:	16.2	:	34.2	4.5	14.1	24.6	4.0	0.4	1.0	2.1	I	0.1	0.4	1.2	44.3	83.0
Sept. qtr r	:	18.2	:	21.3	:	30.5	ক। কা	5.7	20.6	0.5	0.4	2.1	<u></u> ;	1:	3.2	0.3	1	34.0	78.4
Dec. qtr	-	16.2	;	20.8	:	37.0	3.9	6.	18.2	1.2	0.4	5.4	0.5	0.1	8:0	0.5	0.5	30.6	71.5

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		₹.	New residential building	building								Vah	Value (5m)						
	Houses		Other residential	ntial	Loted							Non-resid	Non-residential building	Îng					
Perind	Number of dwelling units	Value (5m)	Number of dwelling contra	Value (3m)	Number of dwelling units	Value (3m)	Afterations and additions to residential buildings	Hotels	Shops	Shops Factories	ОЯсел	Other business premises	Educa- tional	Reli-	u Health	Enter- tainment and recrea-	Miscel- Imeous	Total	Total building
								COMMENCED			,								
1992-93	84	15.2	13	1.3	76	16.5	2.3		4.0	0.1	14.3	8.0	15.6	+	7.1	9.4	19.4	58.1	76.9
1993-94	170	28.5	16	<u>.</u>	981	29.8	0.6	ļ	0.1	- en	20.9	16.6	18.7		10.1	3.4	17.6	91.2	121.7
1994-95	143	25.8	19	2.0	162	27.7	7.7	1	0.1	0.8	2.2	2.2	32.2	1	0.7	3,4	38.1	7.67	115.2
1994 Sept. atr	7	0.8			*	0.8	I	I		0.4	1.2	1	6.6	ł	0.1	2.6	1.2	15.5	16.3
Dec. qu	4	7.3	ĸ	6.5	6	7.8	0.5	1	I	0.1	0.2	1.8	0.7	I	0.1	0.4	6.9	10.4	18.7
1995 Mar off	4	×	I	I	4	œ	ī	I	1.0	0.1	9.1	1	7.2	1	0.1	0.2	21.8	29.5	30.4
June off	P 66	16.9	4	5.1	102	10.3	7.2		;	. 6	. 0.	0.4	14.4		0.4	0.1	8.7	24.3	49.7
Sept, qfr 7	31	62	;	1	<u> </u>	6.2	0.4	I	0.5	0.1	9.6	6.7	oo c∙i	2.4	1.0	3,5	9.6	32.9	39.5
Dec. qtr	41	6.1	2	0.4	43	6.5	4.0			1	0.2	0.7	9.5	!	0.5	0.8	1.7	13.5	24.0
				:		<u>\$</u>	UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD	CCTION	I END C	F PERIOD									
1992-93	53	10.3	7	0.5	98	10.8					81.5	5.5	15.6	1	6.2	1	14.9	123.7	134.5
1993-94	115	19.3	12	6.0	127	20.2	0.1	1		3.7	110.6	14.6	16.2		6.6	3.1	13.8	171.7	192.0
1994-95	75	15.0	12	1.2	87	163	4.1	ļ		3.6	3.8	6.9	20.0		0.4	0.4	41.6	9.92	6.96
1994 Sept. qtr	78	11.7	96	9.0	3 2	12.3	0.1	1	1	4.0	103.2	11.6	23.5	1	9.3	2.6	14.9	169.2	181.6
Dec. qtr	75	13.7	w	0.5	3 2	14.2	0.3			3.7	4.4	15.6	6.4	I	8.2	0.4	17.4	56.2	70.8
1995 Mar. of	40	7.7	12)	0.3	43	8.1	5,0			3.7	3.1	9.6	7.5	I	8.5	9.4	38.0	69.7	78.3
June qtr	75	15.0	12	1.2	87	16.3	4.1	!	ļ	3.6	3.8	6.9	20.0	l	0.4	6.4	41.6	76.6	6'96
Sept. qtr r	74	16.2	12	1.2	98	17.4	0.7	1	0.5	4.6	4.6	13.6	18.6	2.4	1.3		46.9	97.3	115.4
Dec. qtt	89	13.1	9	6.0	74	14.0	4.1		0.5	3.6	9.3	7.4	20.8		1.0	6.8	31.5	74.9	93.0
							_	COMPLETED	El										
1992-93	159	24.1	71	10.9	230	35.1	4,3		2.0	1.3	1.1	3.7	11.3		5.6	1.1	17.2	43.4	82.8
1993-94	112	17.3	=	0.0	123	18.2		I	0.1	0.1	17.6		18.5	ŀ	7.0	0.5	6'81	70.2	88.9
1994-95	182	32.1	19	1.7	201	33.8	3.8		0.1	6'0	114.2	12.0	29.8	l	10.3	5.1	11.2	183.9	221.4
1994 Sept. atr	4	6.9	4	0.3	\$	9.6		l	!	0.1	13.5	3.0	3.1	I	9.6	3.2	0.1	23.6	33.2
Dec. qtr	47	6.7	œ	9.0	55	7.3	0.2	I	1	0.5	60.3	1	18.8	I	1.3	1.5	4.5	125.8	133.2
1995 Mar. qtr	39	6.7	2	0.2	14	6.9	I	ļ	0.1	0.1	4	6.9	6.1	ŀ	0.1	0.3	6.1	17.0	24.0
June qtr	52	9.4		9.0	57	10.0		1		0.2	0.1		6.1	1	8.3	0.1	4.7	17.4	31.0
Sept. qtr r	32	6.2	ı	I	32	6.2				1	3.9		3.1	1	0.1	3.9	0.2	11.2	21.4
Dec. qtr	47	£.8	æ	8.0	\$5	9.4	9.0			0.	9.0	6.9	7.4	2.4	6.0	ı	17.3	36,4	46.5

TABLE 3. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC SECTOR BUILDING ACTIVITY, NORTHERN TERRITORY—continued

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		₹	New residential building	building								Vatu	Vatue (Sm)					ļ	
	:		Other residential	ntial	F							Non-residential building	nutai build	Su					
	Houses		haldings	,	Iotal	1						,				Enter-			
	Number of	Zabus	Number of	Vohio	Number of	Vahue	Alterations and additions to residential	Hotels				Other	Educa-	Reli-	•	tainment and recrea-	Miscel-		Total
Period	Sylun	(3m)	Street and the	(3m)	umits	(3m)	buildings	etc.	Shops	Shops Factories	ОДпсея	premises	tional	grous	Health	rional	laneous	Total	building
						VA	VALUE OF WORK DONE DURING PERIOD	RK DONE	DUMING	PERIOD									
1997.93		18.3	:	2.1	:	20.4	3.1		0.7	0.2	36.6	3.4	19.1	ţ	4.2	0.7	14.8	7.67	103.2
1993-94		26.9		1.2	:	28.1	6.5		0.1	4.0	49.0	0.9	18.0	†	9.1	3.4	11.9	67.6	126.6
1994-95	: ;	26.8	;	2.0	:	28.8	4.9	I	0.1	3.5	12.6	14.9	23.3		8.7	2.5	28.7	93.8	127,4
1004 Come of		44		0.0	:	6.7	İ	ļ		0.4	7.2	1.6	11.0	ļ	2.4	13	8. 8.	27.6	34.3
Dec. of	: :	i osi	: :	0.5	: :	8.9	0.2	1	١	6.5	3.9	10.4	6.4	ı	3.5	9.0	6.0	31.3	40.5
		4		03	;	2.7	0.2		0.1	1.5	1.0	1.9	1.9	1	1.7	0.4	7.8	16.3	19.2
1995 Mar. qui	-	9	:	9	: :	10,6		1	1	1.1	9.0	6.0	4.0	1	0.5	0.2	11.1	18.5	33.5
Sent off		· *		5.0	:	9.4		I	0.1	1.3	2.1	8.0	7.3	1.6	0.7	3.6	15.5	33.1	45.8
Dec. qtr	: :	7.6	:	0.3	:	7.9	3.2	1	0.1	0.4	3.3	2.7	9.1	0.7	6.0	0.7	12.1	30.0	41.1
							VALUE OF WORK YET TO BE DONE	WORK YE	T TO BE 1	XONE									
1002-01		7.6	-	0.4	:	8.0	! !				8.4	0.5	5.0	ļ	6.0	1	6.1	26.1	34.1
1003-04	: :	6.9	:	0.5	:	7.4	0.1	ļ		3,4	6.2	11.0	6.2	ļ	7.4	0.7	12.0	4.64	53.9
1994-95	: :	owi T	:	0.5	:	8.7	2.9		i	0.7	1.0	0.5	16.5	1	0.3	0.1	12.3	4. 14	52.9
1004 Come of		7.1	;	0.3	;	2.5	!			3.5	5.2	4.6	5.6	١	5.3	1.6	9.3	40.0	42.5
Dec. qtr	: :	2.4	: :	0.3	:	2.7	0.3	1		3.2	1.7	3.1	6.0	1	1.9	0.3	10.4	21.4	24.3
1005 Mar of	;	8	:	0.1	:	8.0	0.2	l		1.7	9.0	Ξ	6.2	-	9.0	0.1	25.1	35.7	36.7
Jane off	: :	8.1	;	0.5	:	8.7	2.9	1		0.7	1.0	6.5	16.5		0.3	0.1	22.3	41.4	52.9
Sept. atr	: :	6.5	•	0.1	;	9.9	-		0.4	0.4	œ 4.	6.4	1:1	0.7	0.5	ļ	12.3	6 0.3	47.0
Dec. 4	:	4.5	-	0.2	:	4.7	1.0	1	0.2	ŀ	5.6	4.3	11.5		4,0	0.1	2.1	24.3	30.0

TABLE 4. VALUE OF BUILDING ACTIVITY, AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES (a), NORTHERN TERRITORY (S million)

	New n	esidential building		Alterations and	Non-residential by			
Period	Other residential Houses buildings		Total	additions to residential bidldings	Private Sector	Total	Total building	
			COMMENC	ED				
1992-93	70.2	23.6	93,8	17.1	33.1	87.7	198.6	
1993-94	100,4	34.2	134,6	15.4	75.6	161.2	311.2	
1994-95	80.4	59,9	140.3	21.9	64.3	137.8	300.0	
1994 Sept. qtr	15.5	22.9	38.4	3.3	7.6	22.1	63.8	
Dec. qtr	20.9	20.6	41.5	4,9	11.9	21.5	6 7.9	
1995 Mar. gtr	15.2	8.9	24.1	3.1	27.1	54.3	81.5	
June qu	28.8	7.5	36.3	10,6	17.7	39.9	86.8	
Sept. qtr r	22,8	17.4	40.2	5.7	17.0	47.0	92.9	
Dec. qtr	18.4	7.5	25.9	6.3	15.4	27.7	59.9	
		VALUE OF W	ORK DONE	DURING PERIOD) 			
1992-93	71.6	27.6	99.2	17.2	34.2	107.4	223.8	
1993-94	92.8	31.2	124.0	15.0	53.6	143.7	282.7	
1994-95	86.5	47.3	133.8	19.8	46.4	132.1	285.7	
1994 Sept. qtr	22.9	7.4	30.3	3.7	7.2	32.5	66.5	
Dec. qtr	24.4	11.5	35.9	4.5	8.3	37.0	77.4	
1995 Mar. qtr	15.7	11.1	26.8	3.0	14.1	29.0	58.8	
June qtr	23.5	17.3	40.8	8.6	16.8	33.6	83.0	
Sept. qtr r	25.2	12.9	38.1	7.7	26.4	56.1	101.9	
Dec. qtr	21.9	10.6	32.5	6.6	18.1	44.9	84.0	

⁽a) See paragraphs 22 and 23 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. NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS BY OWNERSHIP, CLASS OF BUILDER AND STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION, NORTHERN TERRITORY

				NORTHERN	TERRIT	ORY				_	
	Private sector			•		Public sector			Total		
Period	Contractor- built	Houses Other	Total	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total
.				COMN	MENCED		·				
		254	744	353	1,097	84	13	97	828	366	1,194
1992-93	490		1,035	430	1,465	170	16	186	1,205	446	1,651
1993-94	792	243	804	522	1,326	143	19	162	947	541	1,488
1994-95	592	212	804	342	1,320	143	• •	*			·
1994 Sept. qtr	154	41	195	139	334	7		7	202	139	341
Dec. qtr	149	52	201	207	408	44	5	49	245	212	457
•			192	106	298	4		4	196	106	302
1995 Mar. qtr	131	61	216	70	286	88	14	102	304	84	388
June qtr	158	58	216	139	377	31	_	31	269	139	408
Sept.qtrr	150	88	188	79	267	41	2	43	229	81	310
Dec. qtr	138	50									
				ONSTRUCT					397	177	574
1992-93	152	192	344	170	514	53	7	60 127	620	141	7 6)
1993-94	338	166	505	129	634	115	12	127 87	492	295	787
1994-95	230	187	417	283	700	75	12	81	472	273	, ,
1004 Feet of	285	176	462	162	624	78	8	86	540	170	710
1994 Sept. qtr Dec. qtr	210	182	392	295	687	75	5	80	467	300	767
•		197	391	318	709	40	3	43	431	321	752
1995 Mar. qtr	193		417		700	75	12	87	492	295	787
June qtr	230	187	400		685	74	12	86	474	297	771
Sept. qtr r	201 187	199 177	364		634	68		74	432	276	700
Dec. qtr									_		
					PLETED			330	914	409	1,32
1992-93	524	231	755		1,093	159		230 123	914 968	473	1,44
1993-94	620	236	856		1,318	112			1,070	387	1,45
1994-95	674	214	888	368	1,256	182	19	201	1,070	196	.,40
1004 Fort of	207	30	237	106	343	44	4	48	281	110	39
1994 Sept. qtr	224	46	270		344	47	8	55	317	82	39
Dec. qtr	224								222	85	31
1995 Mar. qtr	122	71	193		276	39		41	232	35 110	35
June qtr	121	67	188		293	52		57	240		41
Sept. qtr r	178	75	253		387	32		32	285	134 99	36
Dec. qtr	151	72	223	91	314	47	8	55	270	99	סכ

TABLE 6. NUMBER AND VALUE OF NEW HOUSES BUILT BY CONTRACT BUILDERS FOR PRIVATE OWNERSHIP, BY COMPLETION VALUE RANGE AND STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION NORTHERN TERRITORY

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains detailed results from the quarterly Building Activity Survey. Users should note that data for the latest quarter is subject to revision.

- 2. The statistics are compiled on the basis of returns collected from builders and other individuals and organisations engaged in building activity. The quarterly survey consists of two components.
 - (a) A complete enumeration of new residential building construction or alterations and additions valued at \$10,000 or more to residential buildings.
 - (b) A complete enumeration of all non-residential building jobs, including alterations and additions, with an approval value of \$50,000 or more.
- 3. Prior to the June quarter 1991, private sector housing activity was measured by a sample survey. Due to the relatively small size of the total building industry in the Northern Territory the differences resulting between the two survey methods is minimal. The change from a sample survey to a complete enumeration has allowed the collection of accurate small area data, available on request in unpublished form.
- 4. Prior to the September quarter 1990, the cut-off for inclusion of non-residential building jobs (both new and alterations and additions) was \$30,000 or more and prior to the September quarter 1985 it was \$10,000 or more. Care should be taken in interpreting data for specific classes of non-residential building.
- 5. The use of complete enumeration techniques in the Building Activity Survey for the Northern Territory means that reliable estimates of private sector house building activity, including alterations and additions to houses, are available at the Statistical Local Area (SLA) level. Local government areas, or parts thereof, or any unincorporated area can be an SLA. Dwelling unit commencement data for regions below State level are shown in the monthly series of dwelling unit commencements compiled by State offices of the ABS. Data from this series, unlike those compiled from the Building Activity Survey, are based on information reported by government authorities.

Scope and coverage

- 6. 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.
- Building jobs included in each quarter in the Building Activity Survey comprise those building jobs selected in previous quarters which have not been completed (or commenced) by the end of the previous quarter and those building jobs newly selected in the current quarter. The population list from which building jobs are selected for inclusion comprises all approved building jobs which were notified to the ABS up to but not including the last month of the reference quarter (e.g. up to the end of August in respect of the September quarter survey). This introduces a lag to the statistics in respect of those building jobs notified and commenced in the last month of the reference quarter (e.g. for the month of September in respect of the September quarter survey). For example, building jobs which were notified as approved in the month of June and which actually commenced in that month are shown as commencements in the September quarter. Similarly, building jobs which were notified in the month of September and which

actually commenced in that month are shown as commencements in the December quarter.

Definitions

- 8. 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.
- 9. 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 building.
- 10. 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 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. includes townhouses, duplexes, apartment buildings, etc.).
- 11. The number of dwelling units created by alterations and additions to existing buildings, and through the construction of new non-residential buildings, is not included in the tables but is shown as a footnote to Table 1.
- 12. Commenced. A building job is regarded as commenced when the first physical building activity has been performed on site in the form of materials fixed in place and/or labour expended (this includes site preparation but excludes delivery of building materials, the drawing of plans and specifications and the construction of non-building infrastructures such as roads).
- 13. Under construction. A building job is regarded as being under construction at the end of a period if it has been commenced but has not been completed, and work on it has not been abandoned.
- 14. Completed. A building job is regarded as completed when building activity has progressed to the stage when the building can fulfil its intended function. In practice, the ABS regards buildings as completed when notified as such by respondents to the survey.

Valuation of building jobs

- 15. The value series in this publication are derived from estimates reported on survey returns as follows.
 - (a) Value of building commenced or under construction represents the anticipated completion value based, where practicable, on estimated market or contract price of building jobs excluding the value of land and

- landscaping. Site preparation costs are included. Where building jobs proceed over several quarters, the anticipated completion value reported on the return for the first (commencement) quarter may be amended on returns for subsequent (under construction) quarters as the job nears completion.
- (b) Value of building completed represents the actual completion value based, where practicable, on the market or contract price of building jobs including site preparation costs but excluding the value of land and landscaping.
- (c) Value of building work done during the period represents the estimated value of building work actually carried out during the quarter on building jobs which have commenced.
- (d) Value of building work yet to be done represents the difference between the anticipated completion value and the estimated value of work done up to the end of the period on building jobs commenced but not completed.

Building classification

- 16. 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.
- 17. Builder type. Houses are classified according to the type of builder as follows.
 - (a) Contractor-built houses are those constructed by a private recognised building contractor, either under contract, or in anticipation of sale or rental.
 - (b) Houses built by other than contract builders are those constructed by an owner (other than a recognised building contractor) or under the owner's direction, without the services of a single contractor responsible for the whole job. Houses built by businesses (other than recognised building contractors) and public sector organisations are also included in this category.
- 18. 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 where, for example, a student accommodation building on a university campus would be classified to Educational.
- 19. Examples of the types of buildings included under each main functional heading are shown in the following list.
 - (a) Houses. Includes cottages, bungalows, detached caretakers'/managers' cottages, rectories.

- (b) Other residential buildings. Includes blocks of flats, home units, attached townhouses, villa units, terrace houses, semi-detached houses, maisonettes.
- (c) Hotels, etc. Includes motels, hostels, boarding houses, guesthouses, holiday apartment buildings.
- (d) Shops. Includes retail shops, restaurants, cafes, taverns, dry cleaners, laundromats, hair salons, shopping arcades.
- (e) Factories. Includes paper mills, oil refinery buildings, brickworks, foundries, powerhouses, manufacturing laboratories, workshops as part of a manufacturing process.
- (f) Offices. Includes banks, post offices, council chambers, head and regional offices.
- (g) Other business premises. Includes warehouses, storage depots, service stations, transport depots and terminals, electricity substation buildings, pumping station buildings, telephone exchanges, mail sorting centres, broadcasting stations, film studios.
- (h) *Educational*. Includes schools, colleges, kindergartens, libraries, museums, art galleries, research and teaching laboratories, theological colleges.
- (i) Religious. Includes churches, chapels, temples.
- (j) Health. Includes hospitals, nursing homes, surgeries, clinics, medical centres.
- (k) Entertainment and recreational. Includes clubs, theatres, cinemas, public halls, gymnasiums, grandstands, squash courts, sports and recreation centres.
- (I) Miscellaneous. Includes law courts, homes for the aged (where medical care is not provided as a normal service), orphanages, gaols, barracks, mine buildings, glasshouses, livestock sheds, shearing sheds, fruit and skin drying sheds, public toilets, and ambulance, fire and police stations.

Reliability of the estimates

- 20. Since the figures for private sector house building activity (including alterations and additions) are derived from information obtained from a complete enumeration of approved building jobs they are not subject to sampling error, as may be found in sample surveys. Prior to the June quarter 1991, private sector housing activity was measured by a sample survey and there is a small residual proportion of these sampled jobs which are still under construction included in the survey. The effect of this small number of sampled jobs on these estimates and those that would have been obtained if information for all approved jobs for the relevant period had been included in the survey is not considered to be significant.
- 21. Despite the precise nature of complete enumeration, inaccuracies may occur because of inadequacies in the source of building approval information, imperfections in reporting by respondents, and errors made in the coding and processing of data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling error, and may occur in any enumeration whether it be a full count or only a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by the careful design of questionnaires, efforts to obtain responses for all selected building jobs, and efficient operating procedures.

Estimates at constant prices

- 22. Estimates of the value of commencements and work done at average 1989-90 prices are shown in Table 4. 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 in this publication are derived from the same price data underlying the deflators compiled for the dwellings and non-dwelling construction components of the national accounts aggregate 'Gross fixed capital expenditure'.
- 23. 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).

Unpublished data and related publications

24. The ABS can also make available certain building approvals and activity 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, floppy disk and clerically extracted tabulation. Inquiries should be made to the contact shown at the front of this publication.

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