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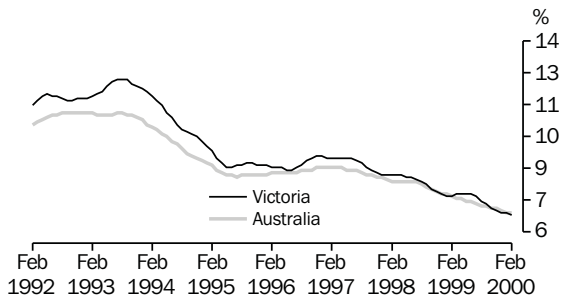
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| ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION | <p>The aim of this publication is to provide users with a range of the latest statistics available at the end of each month of issue. Consequently, the dates and periods shown are not always the same for each table, but are in each case the latest figures available at that time.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT | <p>Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variations from economic time series so that the effects of other influences are obvious. Seasonal variations are the systematic (though not necessarily regular) intra-year movements of economic time series. These are often the result of non-economic phenomena, such as climatic changes and regular religious festivals, e.g. Christmas and Easter.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TREND ESTIMATE | <p>Smoothing seasonally adjusted series produces a measure of trend by removing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson weighted moving average to the respective seasonally adjusted series. Readers are reminded that trend estimates are subject to revision as subsequent months' data become available.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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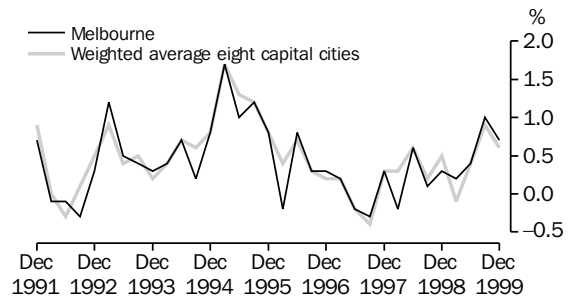
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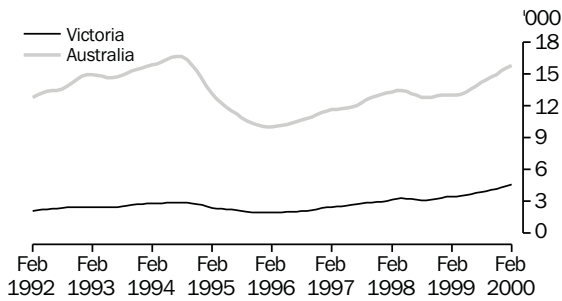
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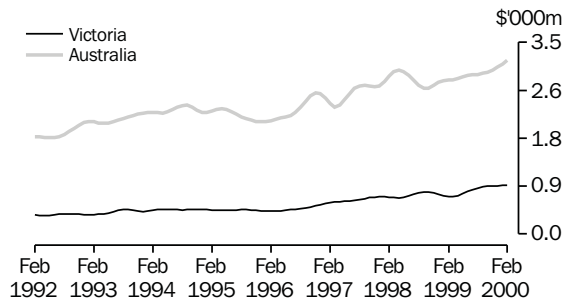
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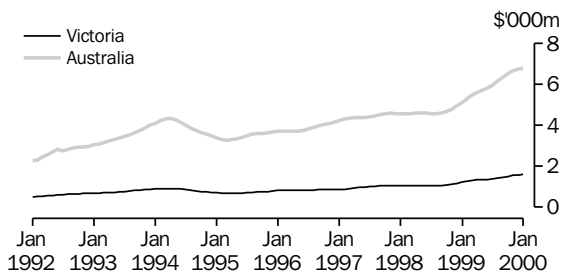
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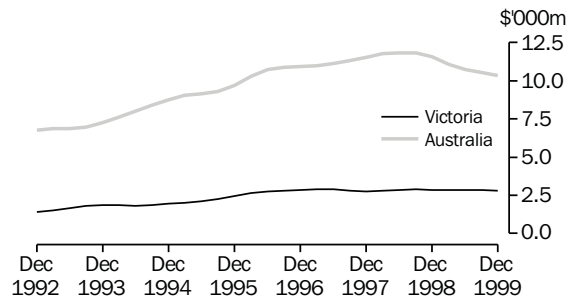
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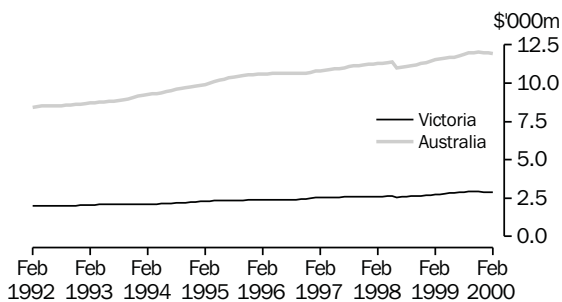
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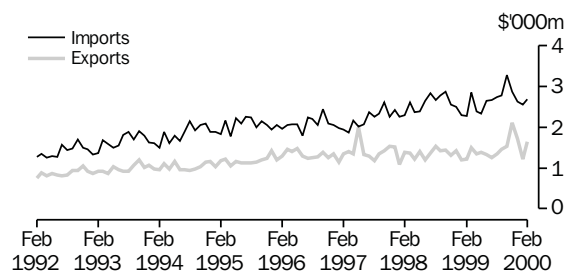
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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

| Period | At end of period | | | Increase during period | | Melbourne Statistical Division at 30 June(a) |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|--|
| | Males '000 | Females '000 | Persons '000 | Natural '000 | Total '000 | |
| 1996-97 | 2 275.2 | 2 330.0 | 4 605.2 | 28.7 | 45.1 | 3 321.8 |
| 1997-98 | 2 301.0 | 2 353.9 | 4 654.9 | 27.7 | 49.7 | 3 367.0 |
| 1998-99 | 2 330.1 | 2 382.1 | 4 712.2 | 26.2 | 57.2 | 3 417.2 |
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| September qtr | 2 281.9 | 2 336.0 | 4 617.8 | 6.1 | 12.6 | .. |
| December qtr | 2 286.3 | 2 341.1 | 4 627.4 | 7.4 | 9.6 | .. |
| 1998 | | | | | | |
| March qtr | 2 295.3 | 2 348.9 | 4 644.3 | 7.4 | 16.9 | .. |
| June qtr | 2 301.0 | 2 353.9 | 4 654.9 | 6.8 | 10.7 | .. |
| September qtr | 2 308.2 | 2 360.8 | 4 669.0 | 6.4 | 14.1 | .. |
| December qtr | 2 315.3 | 2 368.6 | 4 683.8 | 6.6 | 14.8 | .. |
| 1999 | | | | | | |
| March qtr | 2 324.6 | 2 376.8 | 4 701.4 | 6.9 | 17.6 | .. |
| June qtr | 2 330.1 | 2 382.1 | 4 712.2 | 6.4 | 10.8 | .. |
| September qtr | 2 337.8 | 2 388.9 | 4 726.6 | 6.2 | 14.4 | — |

(a) Based on the 1998 Statistical Division boundaries.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

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BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

| Period | Registrations | | | | Annual rate per 1,000 of mean estimated resident population | | | | |
|------------------|---------------|---|------------------|-----------------|---|----------------|-------------------|------------------|--|
| | Births no. | Deaths (including infant deaths) no. | Marriages no. | Divorces no. | Births rate | Deaths rate | Marriages rate | Divorces rate | Infant deaths per 1,000 live births rate |
| 1996-97 | 61 232 | 32 570 | 25 664 | 13 046 | 13.36 | 7.11 | 5.60 | 2.85 | 4.46 |
| 1997-98 | 60 143 | 32 423 | 25 955 | 11 916 | 13.00 | 7.01 | 5.61 | 2.58 | 4.86 |
| 1998-99 p | 59 016 | 32 769 | 26 249 | 12 614 | 12.60 | 7.00 | 5.60 | 2.69 | 5.74 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | |
| September qtr | 15 437 | 9 344 | 3 822 | 3 164 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| December qtr | 15 259 | 7 813 | 7 533 | 3 181 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Year—1997 | 60 610 | 32 760 | 25 456 | 12 463 | 13.16 | 7.11 | 5.53 | 2.71 | 4.82 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | |
| March qtr | 14 577 | 7 169 | 8 530 | 2 663 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| June qtr | 14 870 | 8 097 | 6 070 | 2 908 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| September qtr p | 15 550 | 9 131 | 3 912 | 3 188 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| December qtr p | 15 193 | 8 614 | 7 860 | 3 548 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Year—1998 p | 60 190 | 33 011 | 26 372 | 12 307 | 12.93 | 7.09 | 5.67 | 2.64 | 5.15 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| March qtr p | 13 492 | 6 618 | 8 659 | 2 774 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| June qtr p | 14 781 | 8 406 | 5 818 | 3 104 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| September qtr | 14 965 | 8 747 | 4 210 | 3 461 | — | — | — | — | — |

Source: Demography, Victoria (Cat. no. 3311.2) (annual); Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER

| Month | <i>Employed</i> | | <i>Unemployed looking for work</i> | | | Labour force | Not in labour force | Civilian population 15 years and over | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |
|-------------|-----------------|---------|------------------------------------|-----------|-------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | Full-time | Total | Full-time | Part-time | Total | | | | | |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 1 076.5 | 1 237.3 | 80.7 | 19.3 | 100.0 | 1 337.3 | 486.8 | 1 824.1 | 7.5 | 73.3 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 061.1 | 1 219.8 | 89.0 | 17.0 | 106.0 | 1 325.9 | 500.4 | 1 826.2 | 8.0 | 72.6 |
| February | 1 085.5 | 1 231.2 | 94.5 | 16.2 | 110.7 | 1 341.9 | 486.5 | 1 828.4 | 8.2 | 73.4 |
| March | 1 083.1 | 1 238.3 | 81.9 | 17.1 | 99.0 | 1 337.4 | 493.2 | 1 830.5 | 7.4 | 73.1 |
| April | 1 065.9 | 1 229.7 | 91.6 | 19.7 | 111.3 | 1 341.0 | 491.9 | 1 832.9 | 8.3 | 73.2 |
| May | 1 065.2 | 1 220.4 | 88.8 | 21.9 | 110.7 | 1 331.1 | 504.2 | 1 835.3 | 8.3 | 72.5 |
| June | 1 072.6 | 1 248.4 | 87.4 | 11.5 | 98.8 | 1 347.2 | 490.4 | 1 837.7 | 7.3 | 73.3 |
| July | 1 082.6 | 1 243.2 | 80.7 | 14.8 | 95.5 | 1 338.7 | 501.3 | 1 840.0 | 7.1 | 72.8 |
| August | 1 072.4 | 1 225.7 | 80.3 | 18.1 | 98.4 | 1 324.2 | 518.2 | 1 842.3 | 7.4 | 71.9 |
| September | 1 079.6 | 1 243.7 | 82.8 | 17.7 | 100.5 | 1 344.2 | 500.5 | 1 844.7 | 7.5 | 72.9 |
| October | 1 077.2 | 1 242.2 | 71.5 | 15.9 | 87.4 | 1 329.6 | 518.0 | 1 847.6 | 6.6 | 72.0 |
| November | 1 068.9 | 1 228.3 | 74.6 | 14.4 | 89.0 | 1 317.4 | 533.2 | 1 850.5 | 6.8 | 71.2 |
| December | 1 097.1 | 1 262.9 | 74.8 | 20.1 | 95.0 | 1 357.9 | 495.6 | 1 853.5 | 7.0 | 73.3 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 077.8 | 1 232.6 | 78.0 | 13.5 | 91.4 | 1 324.0 | 531.6 | 1 855.6 | 6.9 | 71.4 |
| February | 1 102.6 | 1 254.6 | 71.9 | 18.8 | 90.7 | 1 345.3 | 512.6 | 1 857.8 | 6.7 | 72.4 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 543.7 | 954.0 | 48.4 | 27.0 | 75.4 | 1 029.4 | 875.9 | 1 905.3 | 7.3 | 54.0 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 533.9 | 915.4 | 52.2 | 24.0 | 76.2 | 991.6 | 915.7 | 1 907.2 | 7.7 | 52.0 |
| February | 531.6 | 929.5 | 54.6 | 32.1 | 86.7 | 1 016.2 | 893.0 | 1 909.2 | 8.5 | 53.2 |
| March | 525.8 | 936.6 | 48.1 | 32.2 | 80.3 | 1 016.9 | 894.3 | 1 911.2 | 7.9 | 53.2 |
| April | 520.0 | 936.8 | 45.6 | 28.2 | 73.8 | 1 010.6 | 902.9 | 1 913.5 | 7.3 | 52.8 |
| May | 520.3 | 940.0 | 43.5 | 28.0 | 71.5 | 1 011.5 | 904.4 | 1 915.9 | 7.1 | 52.8 |
| June | 523.6 | 951.8 | 44.5 | 25.1 | 69.6 | 1 021.4 | 896.8 | 1 918.2 | 6.8 | 53.2 |
| July | 542.5 | 963.3 | 38.6 | 35.3 | 73.9 | 1 037.2 | 883.4 | 1 920.6 | 7.1 | 54.0 |
| August | 527.8 | 953.3 | 38.4 | 29.0 | 67.4 | 1 020.6 | 902.3 | 1 922.9 | 6.6 | 53.1 |
| September | 539.5 | 981.9 | 45.5 | 33.9 | 79.3 | 1 061.2 | 864.1 | 1 925.3 | 7.5 | 55.1 |
| October | 536.0 | 975.8 | 42.3 | 25.8 | 68.1 | 1 043.9 | 884.1 | 1 928.0 | 6.5 | 54.1 |
| November | 533.8 | 975.3 | 38.5 | 27.7 | 66.3 | 1 041.6 | 889.1 | 1 930.7 | 6.4 | 54.0 |
| December | 568.0 | 997.4 | 43.5 | 26.8 | 70.4 | 1 067.8 | 865.6 | 1 933.4 | 6.6 | 55.2 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 547.3 | 943.2 | 43.4 | 33.8 | 77.3 | 1 020.5 | 915.0 | 1 935.4 | 7.6 | 52.7 |
| February | 546.2 | 965.8 | 49.9 | 34.2 | 84.1 | 1 049.9 | 887.6 | 1 937.5 | 8.0 | 54.2 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 1 620.2 | 2 191.3 | 129.2 | 46.3 | 175.4 | 2 366.7 | 1 362.6 | 3 729.4 | 7.4 | 63.5 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 595.0 | 2 135.2 | 141.2 | 41.0 | 182.2 | 2 317.4 | 1 416.1 | 3 733.5 | 7.9 | 62.1 |
| February | 1 617.1 | 2 160.8 | 149.1 | 48.3 | 197.4 | 2 358.1 | 1 379.5 | 3 737.6 | 8.4 | 63.1 |
| March | 1 609.0 | 2 175.0 | 130.0 | 49.3 | 179.3 | 2 354.3 | 1 387.5 | 3 741.8 | 7.6 | 62.9 |
| April | 1 585.9 | 2 166.6 | 137.3 | 47.8 | 185.1 | 2 351.6 | 1 394.8 | 3 746.5 | 7.9 | 62.8 |
| May | 1 582.8 | 2 160.3 | 132.3 | 49.9 | 182.2 | 2 342.6 | 1 408.6 | 3 751.2 | 7.8 | 62.4 |
| June | 1 596.2 | 2 200.2 | 131.9 | 36.6 | 168.4 | 2 368.6 | 1 387.3 | 3 755.9 | 7.1 | 63.1 |
| July | 1 625.1 | 2 206.5 | 119.4 | 50.1 | 169.4 | 2 375.9 | 1 384.6 | 3 760.6 | 7.1 | 63.2 |
| August | 1 600.2 | 2 179.0 | 118.7 | 47.1 | 165.8 | 2 344.8 | 1 420.5 | 3 765.3 | 7.1 | 62.3 |
| September | 1 619.1 | 2 225.5 | 128.3 | 51.6 | 179.9 | 2 405.4 | 1 364.5 | 3 770.0 | 7.5 | 63.8 |
| October | 1 613.2 | 2 218.0 | 113.7 | 41.8 | 155.5 | 2 373.5 | 1 402.1 | 3 775.6 | 6.6 | 62.9 |
| November | 1 602.7 | 2 203.7 | 113.2 | 42.1 | 155.3 | 2 359.0 | 1 422.2 | 3 781.2 | 6.6 | 62.4 |
| December | 1 665.1 | 2 260.3 | 118.3 | 47.0 | 165.3 | 2 425.7 | 1 361.2 | 3 786.8 | 6.8 | 64.1 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 625.1 | 2 175.8 | 121.4 | 47.3 | 168.7 | 2 344.5 | 1 446.6 | 3 791.1 | 7.2 | 61.8 |
| February | 1 648.7 | 2 220.4 | 121.8 | 53.0 | 174.8 | 2 395.2 | 1 400.1 | 3 795.3 | 7.3 | 63.1 |

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

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EMPLOYED PERSONS, BY INDUSTRY

| Industry division | Nov | Feb | May | Aug | Nov | Feb |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 1998 | 1999 | 1999 | 1999 | 1999 | 2000 |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| MALES | | | | | | |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 51.8 | 57.9 | 58.6 | 56.3 | 56.1 | 56.6 |
| Mining | 5.3 | *3.8 | *3.1 | *2.9 | *3.6 | 5.1 |
| Manufacturing | 244.3 | 259.0 | 241.9 | 236.6 | 244.6 | 255.5 |
| Electricity, gas and water supply | 12.0 | 13.4 | 14.4 | 13.9 | 10.6 | 11.1 |
| Construction | 132.1 | 125.7 | 130.1 | 133.8 | 137.0 | 136.3 |
| Wholesale trade | 85.8 | 86.5 | 81.6 | 88.6 | 90.4 | 77.6 |
| Retail trade | 165.1 | 170.1 | 166.0 | 161.7 | 163.9 | 166.0 |
| Accommodation, cafes and restaurants | 39.9 | 42.4 | 41.7 | 40.0 | 41.2 | 46.2 |
| Transport and storage | 75.6 | 78.5 | 72.0 | 75.5 | 70.8 | 71.8 |
| Communication services | 26.4 | 28.5 | 27.8 | 27.9 | 29.6 | 35.7 |
| Finance and insurance | 50.4 | 45.4 | 43.4 | 36.8 | 38.9 | 42.7 |
| Property and business services | 148.4 | 138.3 | 154.3 | 162.2 | 148.7 | 144.5 |
| Government administration and defence | 31.4 | 28.6 | 28.8 | 27.7 | 35.2 | 34.3 |
| Education | 38.4 | 40.4 | 45.4 | 46.4 | 50.2 | 48.0 |
| Health and community services | 45.0 | 46.6 | 42.3 | 39.5 | 36.4 | 41.5 |
| Cultural and recreational services | 26.5 | 25.1 | 27.3 | 32.3 | 30.4 | 31.7 |
| Personal and other services | 40.3 | 41.2 | 41.5 | 43.4 | 40.8 | 50.0 |
| Total | 1 218.9 | 1 231.2 | 1 220.4 | 1 225.7 | 1 228.3 | 1 254.6 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 25.3 | 28.8 | 26.8 | 26.4 | 29.1 | 25.8 |
| Mining | *0.2 | *0.0 | *0.3 | *0.6 | *0.8 | *1.4 |
| Manufacturing | 91.4 | 98.3 | 98.1 | 94.5 | 98.9 | 101.6 |
| Electricity, gas and water supply | *2.5 | *2.7 | *3.9 | *3.0 | *2.4 | *2.4 |
| Construction | 18.2 | 16.5 | 17.2 | 17.3 | 18.5 | 21.0 |
| Wholesale trade | 40.6 | 40.2 | 42.8 | 46.1 | 50.0 | 34.5 |
| Retail trade | 161.5 | 167.6 | 168.5 | 174.9 | 172.2 | 173.7 |
| Accommodation, cafes and restaurants | 49.9 | 43.8 | 44.6 | 47.0 | 48.9 | 48.3 |
| Transport and storage | 19.7 | 22.1 | 22.2 | 20.8 | 22.7 | 20.9 |
| Communication services | 13.2 | 10.9 | 14.0 | 14.1 | 17.3 | 19.5 |
| Finance and insurance | 51.2 | 45.1 | 37.3 | 39.7 | 45.7 | 49.4 |
| Property and business services | 112.1 | 108.0 | 108.9 | 123.6 | 114.5 | 116.8 |
| Government administration and defence | 40.5 | 38.2 | 38.7 | 38.6 | 40.7 | 34.2 |
| Education | 93.3 | 84.0 | 101.1 | 105.1 | 97.1 | 93.6 |
| Health and community services | 155.4 | 155.4 | 144.3 | 137.6 | 149.6 | 156.8 |
| Cultural and recreational services | 28.2 | 26.2 | 32.6 | 26.2 | 26.4 | 24.9 |
| Personal and other services | 37.8 | 41.5 | 38.7 | 37.6 | 40.4 | 41.0 |
| Total | 941.0 | 929.5 | 940.0 | 953.3 | 975.3 | 965.8 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 77.1 | 86.6 | 85.3 | 82.7 | 85.2 | 82.4 |
| Mining | 5.6 | *3.8 | *3.4 | *3.5 | *4.4 | 6.5 |
| Manufacturing | 335.8 | 357.4 | 340.0 | 331.2 | 343.5 | 357.1 |
| Electricity, gas and water supply | 14.5 | 16.2 | 18.3 | 16.9 | 13.0 | 13.5 |
| Construction | 150.3 | 142.2 | 147.3 | 151.1 | 155.6 | 157.3 |
| Wholesale trade | 126.4 | 126.7 | 124.4 | 134.7 | 140.4 | 112.1 |
| Retail trade | 326.6 | 337.6 | 334.5 | 336.7 | 336.0 | 339.7 |
| Accommodation, cafes and restaurants | 89.8 | 86.3 | 86.3 | 87.1 | 90.0 | 94.5 |
| Transport and storage | 95.3 | 100.6 | 94.2 | 96.4 | 93.5 | 92.7 |
| Communication services | 39.6 | 39.4 | 41.9 | 42.0 | 46.9 | 55.1 |
| Finance and insurance | 101.6 | 90.5 | 80.7 | 76.5 | 84.7 | 92.1 |
| Property and business services | 260.5 | 246.3 | 263.3 | 285.8 | 263.2 | 261.3 |
| Government administration and defence | 72.0 | 66.8 | 67.5 | 66.3 | 75.8 | 68.5 |
| Education | 131.7 | 124.4 | 146.5 | 151.5 | 147.3 | 141.6 |
| Health and community services | 200.4 | 202.0 | 186.6 | 177.1 | 186.0 | 198.3 |
| Cultural and recreational services | 54.6 | 51.4 | 60.0 | 58.5 | 56.8 | 56.6 |
| Personal and other services | 78.0 | 82.8 | 80.2 | 80.9 | 81.2 | 91.0 |
| Total | 2 159.8 | 2 160.8 | 2 160.3 | 2 179.0 | 2 203.7 | 2 220.4 |

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

5

JOB VACANCIES

| Month | Vacancies all persons '000 | Sector | | Job vacancy rate % |
|-------------|-------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------------------|
| | | Public | Private | |
| | | '000 | '000 | |
| 1998 | | | | |
| November | 34.4 | 1.9 | 32.5 | 1.58 |
| 1999 | | | | |
| February | 15.6 | *2.4 | 13.3 | 0.73 |
| May | 22.1 | 2.5 | 19.6 | 1.05 |
| August | 29.3 | 3.0 | 26.4 | 1.39 |
| November | 31.0 | 3.8 | 27.1 | 1.49 |
| 2000 | | | | |
| February | 27.0 | 4.4 | 22.5 | 1.33 |

Source: Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia (Cat. no. 6354.0) (quarterly).

6

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

| Month | Disputes | | Employees involved | | Working days lost | | | | |
|-------------|---------------------|-------|---------------------|--------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------|
| | Beginning in period | Total | Beginning in period | Total | Manufacturing | Construction | Education, health, community services | Other industries | Total |
| | no. | no. | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 11 | 12 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 1.0 | — | 1.4 | 3.8 |
| November | 15 | 16 | 12.7 | 12.8 | 3.9 | 0.3 | 10.0 | 3.3 | 17.4 |
| December | 19 | 21 | 3.1 | 4.6 | 2.8 | 1.4 | — | 1.3 | 5.5 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 5 | 8 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 2.6 | 0.5 | — | 1.2 | 4.3 |
| February | 17 | 20 | 2.5 | 3.7 | 1.4 | 1.5 | — | 1.7 | 4.7 |
| March | 29 | 32 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 7.3 | 1.0 | — | 1.3 | 9.6 |
| April | 15 | 21 | 13.9 | 14.8 | 7.1 | 13.0 | — | 1.8 | 21.9 |
| May | 23 | 25 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 7.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 8.8 |
| June | 23 | 25 | 10.9 | 11.3 | 13.1 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 15.6 |
| July | 16 | 23 | 10.3 | 11.0 | 11.5 | 6.6 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 19.6 |
| August | 26 | 31 | 75.5 | 76.1 | 42.7 | 8.3 | 10.6 | 6.1 | 67.6 |
| September | 13 | 14 | 14.0 | 14.2 | 19.2 | 4.6 | — | 0.2 | 24.0 |
| October | r 20 | r 22 | 8.2 | 8.4 | r 1.6 | 5.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 | r 8.0 |
| November | 15 | r 19 | 17.6 | r 17.8 | 5.2 | 19.4 | — | 0.6 | 25.2 |
| December | 25 | 30 | 5.2 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 1.6 | — | 0.5 | 8.3 |

Source: Industrial Disputes, Australia (Cat. no. 6321.0) (monthly).

7

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

| Month | Males | | | Females | | | Persons | | |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Full-time adult ordinary time earnings | Full-time adult total earnings | All males total earnings | Full-time adult ordinary time earnings | Full-time adult total earnings | All females total earnings | Full-time adult ordinary time earnings | Full-time adult total earnings | All employees total earnings |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | |
| August | 770.90 | 826.30 | 704.30 | 650.20 | 662.70 | 475.60 | 728.00 | 768.20 | 600.90 |
| November | 781.80 | 842.10 | 716.80 | 657.40 | 673.30 | 473.90 | 736.30 | 780.30 | 602.40 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 769.20 | 823.70 | 710.90 | 658.10 | 673.20 | 474.40 | 729.00 | 769.20 | 600.30 |
| May | 783.00 | 835.00 | 717.60 | 666.20 | 679.80 | 486.50 | 740.60 | 778.60 | 608.00 |
| August | 772.30 | 821.00 | 705.70 | 685.20 | 700.80 | 488.40 | 740.80 | 777.60 | 601.60 |
| November | 780.80 | 838.80 | 726.90 | 695.40 | 712.40 | 488.80 | 750.10 | 793.40 | 610.80 |

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0) (quarterly).

8

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—MELBOURNE

| Melbourne | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-------|----------|---------|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|---|
| Period | Food | Clothing | Housing | Household equipment and operation | Transportation | Tobacco and alcohol | Health and personal care | Recreation and education | All groups | Weighted average of eight capital cities—All groups |
| 1996–97 | 118.6 | 108.4 | 95.0 | 114.7 | 124.0 | 158.5 | 157.1 | 123.3 | 119.9 | 120.3 |
| 1997–98 | 120.5 | 108.9 | 86.5 | 115.0 | 123.3 | 161.4 | 162.2 | 127.6 | 119.8 | 120.3 |
| 1998–99 | 125.1 | 108.1 | 86.7 | 115.1 | 120.8 | 166.9 | 161.1 | 129.6 | 120.9 | 121.8 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March qtr | 120.7 | 109.0 | 84.1 | 115.1 | 122.1 | 162.0 | 163.6 | 129.4 | 119.6 | 120.3 |
| June qtr | 121.6 | 108.9 | 86.2 | 115.1 | 122.0 | 163.9 | 165.8 | 128.8 | 120.3 | 121.0 |
| September qtr | 123.6 | 108.9 | 85.3 | 115.3 | 121.0 | 165.0 | 166.7 | 128.4 | 120.4 | 121.3 |
| December qtr | 124.3 | 108.2 | 86.6 | 115.3 | 120.6 | 166.0 | 165.3 | 129.0 | 120.8 | 121.9 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March qtr | 125.8 | 107.5 | 87.3 | 114.7 | 119.9 | 167.6 | 155.7 | 131.0 | 121.0 | 121.8 |
| June qtr | 126.7 | 107.8 | 87.5 | 115.1 | 121.6 | 169.1 | 156.6 | 129.8 | 121.5 | 122.3 |
| September qtr | 127.8 | 107.5 | 88.8 | 114.3 | 125.9 | 169.4 | 157.0 | 130.7 | 122.7 | 123.4 |
| December qtr | 128.6 | 107.1 | 90.4 | 114.4 | 125.2 | 173.7 | 157.0 | 131.0 | 123.5 | 124.1 |

Base of each group: year 1989–90=100.0

Source: Consumer Price Index (Cat. no. 6401.0) (quarterly).

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PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING—MELBOURNE

| Group | 1998–1999 | | | 1999–2000 | | | Weighted average of six state capital cities—Dec qtr 1999 |
|---|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---|
| | 1996–97 | 1997–98 | 1998–99 | Jun qtr | Sep qtr | Dec qtr | |
| House building | | | | | | | |
| All groups | 115.3 | 117.1 | 118.0 | 117.4 | 119.2 | 120.5 | 121.5 |
| Other than house building | | | | | | | |
| Structural timber | 110.1 | 115.6 | 116.2 | 112.0 | 113.1 | 117.6 | 128.8 |
| Clay bricks | 113.1 | 117.9 | 119.6 | 119.3 | 119.3 | 119.3 | 122.1 |
| Ready mix concrete | 111.5 | 111.4 | 112.9 | 113.2 | 111.6 | 111.3 | 104.2 |
| Precast concrete products | 110.3 | 115.7 | 123.9 | 122.7 | 126.6 | 127.5 | 125.9 |
| Steel decking and cladding | 109.2 | 109.4 | 108.0 | 107.2 | 107.8 | 108.5 | 113.6 |
| Structural steel | 104.2 | 104.9 | 104.9 | 105.0 | 101.2 | 102.0 | 112.2 |
| Reinforcing steel bar, mesh, etc. | 100.7 | 100.8 | 99.5 | 98.5 | 93.7 | 92.6 | 103.4 |
| Aluminium windows | 100.6 | 100.0 | 100.4 | 101.6 | 102.0 | 103.6 | 112.6 |
| Fabricated steel products | 116.7 | 120.0 | 124.7 | 125.1 | 125.1 | 125.5 | 117.4 |
| Builders' hardware | 116.5 | 119.6 | 122.7 | 124.4 | 125.0 | 125.7 | 129.0 |
| Sand and aggregate | 115.9 | 116.3 | 120.5 | 121.3 | 121.3 | 120.2 | 122.0 |
| Carpet | 101.6 | 102.6 | 100.1 | 98.8 | 99.4 | 99.3 | 101.8 |
| Paint and other coatings | 145.8 | 144.7 | 153.8 | 156.6 | 158.0 | 163.0 | 148.2 |
| Non-ferrous pipes and fittings | 111.5 | 113.0 | 111.2 | 111.8 | 112.9 | 117.6 | 132.9 |
| All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services | 110.0 | 111.0 | 112.3 | 112.5 | 112.0 | 112.3 | 114.4 |
| All electrical materials | 112.0 | 109.8 | 112.4 | 114.8 | 115.8 | 116.6 | 121.2 |
| All mechanical services | 115.0 | 114.9 | 118.2 | 119.2 | 119.6 | 120.1 | 118.8 |
| All plumbing materials | 120.1 | 122.8 | 122.8 | 122.5 | 125.7 | 126.1 | 130.1 |
| All groups | 110.9 | 111.4 | 113.2 | 113.7 | 113.4 | 113.8 | 115.4 |

Base of each index: year 1989–90=100.0.

Source: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6407.0) (quarterly); Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6408.0) (quarterly).

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS

| Period | Cattle | Calves | Sheep | Lambs | Pigs |
|----------------|-----------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| 1996-97 | 1 675.9 | 697.3 | 2 806.6 | 5 978.9 | 1 397.2 |
| 1997-98 | 1 798.0 | 767.2 | 3 285.6 | 6 385.7 | 1 567.7 |
| 1998-99 | r 1 715.3 | 714.4 | 3 079.6 | 6 699.4 | 1 572.8 |
| 1998 | | | | | |
| November | 159.9 | 21.3 | 291.4 | 595.9 | 129.7 |
| December | 161.0 | 10.1 | 252.3 | 606.8 | 143.3 |
| 1999 | | | | | |
| January | r 152.6 | 5.9 | 256.9 | 554.6 | 102.8 |
| February | 161.4 | 6.0 | 296.0 | 538.1 | 111.0 |
| March | 146.1 | 15.0 | 314.3 | 574.6 | 132.9 |
| April | 128.3 | 24.5 | 263.9 | 510.4 | 126.6 |
| May | 134.3 | 43.8 | 262.6 | 466.2 | 135.2 |
| June | 126.2 | 78.5 | 230.4 | 524.4 | 133.1 |
| July | 124.9 | 90.6 | 246.1 | 554.1 | 127.0 |
| August | 117.4 | 182.8 | 238.9 | 535.4 | 123.0 |
| September | 112.3 | 142.5 | 282.6 | 625.0 | 126.3 |
| October | r 123.3 | r 50.2 | 329.1 | 605.3 | 116.2 |
| November | r 132.5 | 20.7 | 344.2 | 639.7 | 117.3 |
| December r | 133.5 | 9.0 | 339.1 | 610.6 | 131.2 |
| 2000 | | | | | |
| January r | 124.0 | 7.2 | 341.0 | 530.8 | 109.9 |
| February | 136.9 | 6.5 | 394.7 | 581.6 | 117.6 |

Source: Livestock Products, Australia (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly prior to July 1998 and quarterly from September 1998); Unpublished data, Monthly Livestock Collection.

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MEAT PRODUCTION

| Period | Meat (carcass weight) | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|
| | Beef | Veal | Mutton | Lamb | Pigmeat |
| | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes |
| 1996-97 | 373 819 | 14 293 | 55 545 | 111 403 | 99 226 |
| 1997-98 | 389 087 | 15 578 | 63 470 | 119 972 | 112 504 |
| 1998-99 | r 398 815 | 14 225 | 61 647 | r 128 379 | 114 581 |
| 1998 | | | | | |
| November | 36 593 | 479 | 5 951 | 11 795 | 9 268 |
| December | 36 318 | 251 | 5 173 | 10 452 | 9 751 |
| 1999 | | | | | |
| January | 35 570 | 149 | 5 200 | 10 571 | 7 449 |
| February | 38 184 | 153 | 5 815 | 10 339 | 8 035 |
| March | 33 412 | 332 | 6 217 | 11 110 | 9 635 |
| April | 30 360 | 497 | 5 104 | 9 786 | 9 527 |
| May | 30 429 | 878 | 5 121 | 9 085 | 10 164 |
| June | 28 023 | 1 520 | 4 615 | 10 337 | 9 824 |
| July | 28 011 | 1 729 | 4 976 | 11 002 | 9 358 |
| August | 26 379 | 3 563 | 4 894 | 10 232 | 9 197 |
| September | 25 749 | 2 797 | 5 943 | 12 233 | 9 442 |
| October | r 28 673 | r 1 010 | 7 278 | 11 770 | 8 698 |
| November | r 31 629 | r 425 | 7 038 | 12 338 | 8 796 |
| December r | 31 062 | 208 | 6 897 | 11 709 | 9 403 |
| 2000 | | | | | |
| January r | 29 030 | 177 | 6 749 | 10 608 | 8 029 |
| February | 32 122 | 162 | 7 568 | 11 517 | 8 499 |

Source: Livestock Products, Australia (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly prior to July 1998 and quarterly from September 1998); Unpublished data, Monthly Livestock Collection.

| Period | <i>New dwelling units(a)</i> | | | | | | | <i>Non-residential building(b)</i> | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|----------------------|------|-----------------|---------|---------------------|--|-----------------------|---------|--------------------|-----|
| | <i>Private sector</i> | | <i>Public sector</i> | | <i>Total(c)</i> | | Conversions etc.(d) | Alterations and additions to residential buildings | <i>Private sector</i> | | Total all building | |
| | no. | \$m | no. | \$m | no. | \$m | | | no. | \$m | | \$m |
| MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996-97 | 19 670 | 2 185.2 | 447 | 35.7 | 20 117 | 2 221.0 | 1 189 | 592.3 | 1 527.1 | 2 303.0 | 5 116.2 | |
| 1997-98 | 26 490 | 3 026.5 | 723 | 56.0 | 27 213 | 3 082.6 | 1 029 | 701.2 | 2 168.2 | 2 593.0 | 6 376.8 | |
| 1998-99 | 28 616 | 3 550.4 | 661 | 49.6 | 29 277 | 3 600.0 | 1 555 | 800.3 | 1 918.6 | 2 642.3 | 7 042.6 | |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| November | 2 282 | 287.0 | 57 | 3.7 | 2 339 | 290.7 | 351 | 76.2 | 179.5 | 236.0 | 602.9 | |
| December | 2 524 | 302.7 | 54 | 5.7 | 2 578 | 308.4 | 145 | 60.5 | 107.1 | 133.7 | 502.6 | |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 708 | 210.4 | 125 | 8.8 | 1 833 | 219.1 | 22 | 41.6 | 87.9 | 153.8 | 414.5 | |
| February | 2 785 | 353.4 | 51 | 3.1 | 2 826 | 356.5 | 229 | 73.7 | 109.3 | 206.7 | 636.9 | |
| March | 2 554 | 326.1 | 37 | 4.0 | 2 591 | 330.1 | 103 | 75.3 | 159.7 | 226.8 | 632.3 | |
| April | 2 447 | 281.9 | 52 | 3.4 | 2 499 | 285.3 | 160 | 72.3 | 126.8 | 157.4 | 515.0 | |
| May | 2 642 | 337.1 | 37 | 2.4 | 2 679 | 339.5 | 48 | 63.0 | 174.4 | 202.0 | 604.5 | |
| June | 2 450 | 320.9 | 45 | 4.0 | 2 495 | 324.9 | 43 | 69.2 | 108.4 | 125.1 | 519.2 | |
| July | 2 746 | 351.9 | 88 | 6.3 | 2 834 | 358.2 | 194 | 92.2 | 183.6 | 208.6 | 659.1 | |
| August | 3 768 | 494.0 | 39 | 4.3 | 3 807 | 498.3 | 78 | 86.1 | 159.2 | 226.2 | 810.7 | |
| September | 3 038 | 405.7 | 72 | 5.9 | 3 110 | 411.6 | 33 | 76.9 | 198.4 | 214.0 | 702.5 | |
| October | 2 685 | 357.5 | 93 | 8.0 | 2 778 | 365.5 | 86 | 82.8 | 154.4 | 197.9 | 646.2 | |
| November | 3 105 | 403.5 | 59 | 4.6 | 3 164 | 408.1 | 96 | 77.2 | 154.2 | 181.1 | 666.3 | |
| December | 2 930 | 408.9 | 62 | 6.0 | 2 992 | 414.9 | 95 | 69.8 | 146.7 | 209.3 | 694.0 | |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2 867 | 407.4 | 19 | 1.6 | 2 886 | 409.0 | 144 | 66.1 | 165.2 | 181.6 | 656.7 | |
| February | 3 327 | 436.6 | 54 | 4.1 | 3 381 | 440.9 | 91 | 86.1 | 176.6 | 214.7 | 741.7 | |
| TOTAL VICTORIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996-97 | 26 014 | 2 793.3 | 596 | 46.7 | 26 610 | 2 839.9 | 1 240 | 728.5 | 1 879.7 | 2 839.8 | 6 408.2 | |
| 1997-98 | 34 178 | 3 811.3 | 1 171 | 88.6 | 35 349 | 3 899.8 | 1 089 | 858.5 | 2 476.9 | 3 064.5 | 7 822.8 | |
| 1998-99 | 37 194 | 4 482.6 | 894 | 67.2 | 38 088 | 4 549.9 | 1 616 | 951.2 | 2 262.5 | 3 125.7 | 8 626.8 | |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| November | 2 991 | 362.4 | 91 | 6.5 | 3 082 | 368.9 | 357 | 90.5 | 204.2 | 267.9 | 727.2 | |
| December | 3 081 | 361.1 | 61 | 6.3 | 3 142 | 367.4 | 159 | 70.2 | 136.2 | 177.4 | 614.9 | |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2 297 | 274.0 | 155 | 10.9 | 2 452 | 284.9 | 23 | 52.4 | 111.6 | 184.6 | 521.8 | |
| February | 3 469 | 431.8 | 83 | 5.5 | 3 552 | 437.4 | 232 | 86.9 | 129.8 | 255.7 | 780.0 | |
| March | 3 467 | 425.2 | 61 | 5.5 | 3 528 | 430.7 | 109 | 90.5 | 188.4 | 275.0 | 796.3 | |
| April | 3 196 | 365.7 | 57 | 3.8 | 3 253 | 369.5 | 163 | 85.7 | 146.3 | 183.9 | 639.0 | |
| May | 3 516 | 436.2 | 42 | 3.1 | 3 558 | 439.3 | 52 | 74.4 | 202.3 | 241.6 | 755.4 | |
| June | 3 214 | 408.5 | 51 | 4.6 | 3 265 | 413.2 | 47 | 83.4 | 156.3 | 183.2 | 679.8 | |
| July | 3 565 | 444.8 | 134 | 9.2 | 3 699 | 454.0 | 194 | 105.2 | 211.9 | 248.2 | 807.4 | |
| August | 4 619 | 587.3 | 66 | 6.5 | 4 685 | 593.8 | 85 | 101.9 | 204.5 | 282.8 | 978.5 | |
| September | 3 964 | 513.6 | 105 | 8.7 | 4 069 | 522.1 | 36 | 95.7 | 217.2 | 240.6 | 858.5 | |
| October | 3 653 | 473.3 | 98 | 8.4 | 3 751 | 481.8 | 88 | 97.7 | 182.0 | 236.8 | 816.2 | |
| November | 4 048 | 515.0 | 68 | 5.4 | 4 116 | 520.5 | 107 | 91.4 | 184.8 | 222.3 | 834.2 | |
| December | 3 854 | 519.9 | 64 | 6.3 | 3 918 | 526.3 | 101 | 85.5 | 184.7 | 261.9 | 873.7 | |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 3 662 | 502.2 | 27 | 2.3 | 3 689 | 504.6 | 152 | 79.5 | 189.6 | 227.6 | 811.6 | |
| February | 4 438 | 570.8 | 73 | 5.9 | 4 511 | 576.6 | 101 | 99.6 | 202.3 | 271.6 | 947.9 | |

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

(b) Valued at \$50,000 and over.

(c) Excludes dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

(d) Dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

Source: *Building Approvals, Victoria (Cat. no. 8731.2) (monthly)*.

NEW HOUSES AND OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS

| Period | New houses | | | | New other residential buildings | | | |
|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| | Approved | Commenced | Under construction(a) | Completed | Approved | Commenced | Under construction(a) | Completed |
| | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. |
| 1996-97 | 19 805 | 18 652 | 8 937 | 17 613 | 6 805 | 6 047 | 4 151 | 5 727 |
| 1997-98 | 27 937 | 26 004 | 12 368 | 22 425 | 7 412 | 7 598 | 5 148 | 6 542 |
| 1998-99 | 29 227 | 29 165 | 14 455 | 26 926 | 8 861 | 8 307 | 6 198 | 7 029 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | |
| June qtr | 7 807 | 7 165 | 12 368 | 6 239 | 1 747 | 1 894 | 5 148 | 1 561 |
| September qtr | 7 526 | 7 362 | 12 740 | 6 951 | 1 706 | 2 000 | 5 404 | 1 700 |
| December qtr | 6 873 | 7 399 | 13 127 | 6 995 | 2 375 | 1 682 | 5 175 | 1 906 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | |
| March qtr | 7 071 | 6 494 | 13 846 | 5 699 | 2 461 | 2 159 | 5 752 | 1 559 |
| June qtr | 7 757 | 7 910 | 14 455 | 7 281 | 2 319 | 2 466 | 6 198 | 1 864 |
| September qtr | 9 280 | 8 162 | 15 739 | 6 878 | 3 173 | 3 104 | 7 685 | 1 611 |

(a) Under construction at the end of the period.

Source: *Building Activity, Victoria* (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly); *Building Approvals, Victoria* (Cat. no. 8731.2) (monthly).

| Period | Residential buildings | | | Non-residential buildings | | | | | Total |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------|---------------------------|---------|-----------|--------|---------|---------|
| | New | Alterations and additions | Shops | Factories | Offices | Education | Health | Other | |
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | |
| COMMENCED | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996-97 | 2 692.2 | 761.0 | 348.2 | 343.8 | 508.5 | 410.3 | 303.6 | 1 003.3 | 6 371.1 |
| 1997-98 | 3 850.5 | 891.1 | 598.5 | 241.8 | 428.6 | 270.9 | 250.2 | 1 399.8 | 7 931.4 |
| 1998-99 | 4 496.3 | 987.2 | 444.1 | 263.6 | 428.1 | 485.0 | 239.9 | 1 186.0 | 8 530.2 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | |
| June qtr | 1 083.5 | 251.9 | 259.4 | 45.0 | 119.2 | 79.4 | 67.7 | 225.2 | 2 131.3 |
| September qtr | 1 126.0 | 221.9 | 111.3 | 54.9 | 102.5 | 132.6 | 26.7 | 225.3 | 2 001.2 |
| December qtr | 1 066.4 | 291.0 | 137.8 | 79.9 | 136.2 | 175.6 | 95.1 | 429.7 | 2 411.7 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| March qtr | 1 046.8 | 223.8 | 75.3 | 64.4 | 98.3 | 98.2 | 41.1 | 190.0 | 1 837.9 |
| June qtr | 1 257.1 | 250.4 | 119.8 | 64.3 | 91.1 | 78.7 | 76.9 | 341.1 | 2 279.4 |
| September qtr | 1 505.5 | 303.6 | 105.5 | 69.4 | 76.4 | 86.0 | 71.7 | 226.7 | 2 444.7 |
| UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996-97 | 1 582.3 | 358.5 | 284.6 | 214.9 | 233.4 | 310.0 | 236.2 | 1 741.7 | 4 961.6 |
| 1997-98 | 2 274.1 | 412.4 | 406.6 | 141.9 | 241.6 | 320.2 | 279.8 | 1 466.0 | 5 542.6 |
| 1998-99 | 2 745.1 | 451.3 | 420.8 | 120.9 | 190.2 | 485.8 | 243.5 | 1 611.2 | 6 268.8 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | |
| June qtr | 2 274.1 | 412.4 | 406.6 | 141.9 | 241.6 | 320.2 | 279.8 | 1 466.0 | 5 542.6 |
| September qtr | 2 426.8 | 412.1 | 461.0 | 124.2 | 237.1 | 420.3 | 210.4 | 1 464.6 | 5 756.6 |
| December qtr | 2 430.6 | 450.5 | 427.2 | 134.7 | 253.1 | 489.2 | 257.4 | 1 566.8 | 6 009.6 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| March qtr | 2 644.3 | 471.4 | 402.8 | 138.2 | 203.8 | 522.4 | 243.7 | 1 461.3 | 6 087.9 |
| June qtr | 2 745.1 | 451.3 | 420.8 | 120.9 | 190.2 | 485.8 | 243.5 | 1 611.2 | 6 268.8 |
| September qtr | 3 212.6 | 536.9 | 429.4 | 120.8 | 122.7 | 527.9 | 241.3 | 1 490.3 | 6 681.9 |
| COMPLETED | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996-97 | 2 617.6 | 768.5 | 364.8 | 295.6 | 404.0 | 342.0 | 194.6 | 1 106.7 | 6 093.8 |
| 1997-98 | 3 213.6 | 866.6 | 474.7 | 338.4 | 449.4 | 283.2 | 208.2 | 1 738.4 | 7 572.4 |
| 1998-99 | 4 068.1 | 992.4 | 487.3 | 294.3 | 524.9 | 328.5 | 305.1 | 1 110.3 | 8 110.9 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | |
| June qtr | 870.5 | 216.7 | 67.4 | 67.2 | 91.8 | 67.6 | 32.4 | 198.6 | 1 612.1 |
| September qtr | 997.9 | 236.8 | 88.8 | 77.0 | 108.3 | 33.2 | 103.7 | 247.0 | 1 892.7 |
| December qtr | 1 080.2 | 259.6 | 179.9 | 70.0 | 139.6 | 107.3 | 51.6 | 340.7 | 2 229.1 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| March qtr | 855.2 | 215.9 | 100.6 | 64.1 | 155.6 | 69.2 | 56.6 | 312.4 | 1 829.5 |
| June qtr | 1 134.9 | 280.2 | 118.0 | 83.1 | 121.3 | 118.8 | 93.2 | 210.2 | 2 159.7 |
| September qtr | 1 057.9 | 229.3 | 114.3 | 73.3 | 146.7 | 49.6 | 76.7 | 373.1 | 2 120.9 |

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

15

PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY SELECTED INDUSTRIES AND TYPE OF ASSET

| Period | Selected industries | | | | Type of asset | |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Mining | Manufacturing | Other selected industries | Total | New buildings and structures | Equipment, plant and machinery |
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| ACTUAL | | | | | | |
| 1997-98 | 833 | 3 401 | 6 809 | 11 044 | 2 858 | 8 185 |
| 1998-99 | 1 234 | 2 951 | 7 166 | 11 352 | 3 210 | 8 141 |
| 1998 | | | | | | |
| September qtr | 318 | 715 | 1 843 | 2 876 | 861 | 2 015 |
| December qtr | 288 | 780 | 1 900 | 2 968 | 819 | 2 149 |
| 1999 | | | | | | |
| March qtr | 321 | 652 | 1 665 | 2 639 | 862 | 1 776 |
| June qtr | 306 | 803 | 1 758 | 2 868 | 668 | 2 200 |
| September qtr r | 205 | 918 | 1 709 | 2 832 | 799 | 2 034 |
| December qtr | 194 | 925 | 1 855 | 2 973 | 711 | 2 262 |
| EXPECTED | | | | | | |
| 1999-2000 r | 813 | 3 513 | 6 547 | 10 872 | 2 664 | 8 208 |
| 2000-2001 | 704 | 3 824 | 5 501 | 10 029 | 2 086 | 7 943 |

Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0) (quarterly).

16

COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS

| Month | Fixed loan facilities | | | | | | | Type of lender | | |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | Construction | Purchase of real property | Purchase of plant and equipment | Wholesale | Other | Total | Revolving credit facilities | Total commitments | Banks | All other lenders |
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | |
| November | 184.9 | 456.8 | 182.7 | 148.7 | 1 031.2 | 2 004.4 | 1 394.7 | 3 399.1 | 2 857.4 | 541.7 |
| December | 68.8 | 477.2 | 208.3 | 269.3 | 956.5 | 1 980.1 | 2 742.8 | 4 722.9 | 3 681.9 | 1 041.1 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 38.8 | 358.9 | 138.8 | 51.2 | 461.8 | 1 049.5 | 1 220.7 | 2 270.3 | 2 102.2 | 168.0 |
| February | 90.4 | 384.5 | 176.4 | 74.5 | 852.9 | 1 578.6 | 2 593.6 | 4 172.2 | 3 081.1 | 1 091.2 |
| March | 110.5 | 477.6 | 190.6 | 329.7 | 1 220.7 | 2 329.2 | 2 467.0 | 4 796.2 | 3 984.1 | 812.2 |
| April | 82.5 | 469.2 | 170.8 | 79.0 | 501.9 | 1 303.4 | 1 361.5 | 2 664.9 | 2 104.1 | 560.8 |
| May | 183.6 | 508.8 | 157.4 | 39.4 | 771.1 | 1 660.2 | 1 569.8 | 3 230.1 | 2 837.0 | 393.1 |
| June | 171.3 | 623.3 | 211.8 | 88.4 | 2 189.9 | 3 284.7 | 1 748.3 | 5 033.0 | 4 695.6 | 337.4 |
| July | 137.8 | 521.0 | 159.0 | 14.9 | 684.6 | 1 517.2 | 1 977.9 | 3 495.1 | 3 074.9 | 420.2 |
| August | 234.0 | 555.5 | 169.2 | 25.2 | 755.8 | 1 739.7 | 1 214.0 | 2 953.7 | 2 759.9 | 193.8 |
| September | 147.8 | 546.9 | 205.8 | 33.8 | 719.7 | 1 654.1 | 1 372.4 | 3 026.5 | 2 632.9 | 393.6 |
| October | 266.0 | 610.1 | 195.8 | 25.0 | 1 128.8 | 2 225.7 | 1 544.8 | 3 770.5 | 3 329.0 | 441.5 |
| November | 235.6 | 633.8 | 214.3 | 65.0 | 502.9 | 1 651.7 | 1 288.5 | 2 940.2 | 2 572.5 | 367.7 |
| December | 155.9 | 689.3 | 250.1 | 77.7 | 571.2 | 1 744.2 | 1 853.3 | 3 597.5 | 3 231.8 | 365.6 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 194.3 | 527.0 | 151.5 | 60.5 | 406.1 | 1 339.4 | 1 468.2 | 2 807.6 | 2 518.5 | 289.1 |

Source: ABS Time Series Service (PC Ausstats).

17

SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS, DWELLING UNITS

| Month | Original series | | Seasonally adjusted | | Trend estimates | |
|-------------|-----------------|-------|---------------------|-------|-----------------|---------|
| | no. | \$m | no. | \$m | no. | \$m |
| 1998 | | | | | | |
| November | 9 513 | 1 109 | 9 838 | 1 118 | 9 680 | 1 108 |
| December | 9 860 | 1 160 | 9 810 | 1 163 | 9 924 | 1 161 |
| 1999 | | | | | | |
| January | 8 095 | 983 | 10 269 | 1 236 | 10 238 | 1 220 |
| February | 9 727 | 1 154 | 10 023 | 1 220 | 10 516 | 1 274 |
| March | 12 455 | 1 520 | 11 394 | 1 362 | 10 693 | 1 313 |
| April | 11 014 | 1 348 | 10 942 | 1 374 | 10 743 | 1 334 |
| May | 10 896 | 1 389 | 10 752 | 1 344 | 10 694 | 1 341 |
| June | 11 305 | 1 445 | 10 420 | 1 346 | 10 642 | 1 348 |
| July | 10 518 | 1 334 | 10 355 | 1 323 | r 10 686 | r 1 369 |
| August | 10 855 | 1 397 | 10 668 | 1 370 | r 10 862 | r 1 408 |
| September | 11 377 | 1 475 | 11 069 | 1 408 | r 11 140 | r 1 460 |
| October | 11 386 | 1 534 | 11 740 | 1 600 | r 11 419 | r 1 513 |
| November | 12 231 | 1 639 | 12 127 | 1 628 | r 11 620 | r 1 554 |
| December | 11 652 | 1 592 | 11 617 | 1 568 | r 11 745 | r 1 582 |
| 2000 | | | | | | |
| January | 8 962 | 1 242 | 11 342 | 1 521 | 11 805 | 1 599 |

Source: Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0) (monthly).

18

RETAIL TURNOVER, BY INDUSTRY (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.)

| Month | Food retailing | Department stores | Clothing and soft good retailing | Household good retailing | Recreational good retailing | Other retailing | Hospitality and services | Total |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | |
| December | 1 298.4 | 498.8 | 286.1 | 421.4 | 232.0 | 402.0 | 379.2 | 3 517.9 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 160.7 | 224.5 | 171.0 | 320.9 | 148.9 | 260.0 | 349.2 | 2 635.3 |
| February | 1 058.0 | 185.9 | 151.8 | 291.5 | 130.9 | 256.8 | 333.4 | 2 408.2 |
| March | 1 166.9 | 233.5 | 194.9 | 308.0 | 145.3 | 313.4 | 372.3 | 2 734.2 |
| April | 1 121.6 | 236.6 | 205.5 | 311.4 | 139.3 | 296.2 | 386.6 | 2 697.2 |
| May | 1 130.3 | 253.5 | 207.1 | 324.0 | 138.5 | 288.0 | 387.9 | 2 729.2 |
| June | 1 089.6 | 220.4 | 208.8 | 319.1 | 142.0 | 299.6 | 382.0 | 2 661.4 |
| July | 1 170.3 | 263.2 | 209.4 | 320.8 | 135.3 | 318.3 | 427.2 | 2 844.6 |
| August | 1 138.2 | 221.3 | 200.9 | 321.3 | 138.3 | 310.9 | 411.6 | 2 742.6 |
| September | 1 146.6 | 248.5 | 213.6 | 330.6 | 148.6 | 320.2 | 427.6 | 2 835.6 |
| October | 1 200.5 | 259.3 | 224.0 | 359.8 | 147.8 | 319.9 | 436.7 | 2 948.1 |
| November | 1 190.1 | 304.1 | 232.1 | 372.7 | 157.7 | 334.1 | 429.8 | 3 020.6 |
| December | 1 411.2 | 528.1 | 325.7 | 477.2 | 235.8 | 436.5 | 511.1 | 3 925.6 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| January | r 1 179.4 | 228.0 | 210.3 | 341.8 | 136.9 | r 263.9 | 400.8 | r 2 762.1 |
| February | 1 116.3 | 195.9 | 173.6 | 311.9 | 119.5 | 264.3 | 394.1 | 2 575.6 |

Source: Retail Trade, Australia (Cat. no. 8501.0) (monthly).

19

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, BY SECTIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN EXPORT AND IMPORT CLASSIFICATIONS(a)

| Section | 1998-99 | | eight months ending February 2000 | |
|---|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| | Imports | Exports | Imports | Exports |
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| 0 Food and live animals chiefly for food | 1 313 | 3 939 | 918 | 2 801 |
| 1 Beverages and tobacco | 134 | 166 | 93 | 121 |
| 2 Crude materials, inedible (except fuels) | 585 | 1 405 | 393 | 983 |
| 3 Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials | 1 150 | 798 | 1 000 | 810 |
| 4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes | 108 | 108 | 59 | 71 |
| 5 Chemicals and related products, n.e.c. | 3 247 | 977 | 2 120 | 658 |
| 6 Manufacturing goods classified chiefly by material | 4 470 | 2 422 | 3 110 | 1 727 |
| 7 Machinery and transport equipment | 13 489 | 2 897 | 9 789 | 2 678 |
| 8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 5 343 | 1 039 | 3 982 | 774 |
| 9 Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, n.e.c. | 1 175 | 2 740 | 760 | 1 659 |
| Total | 31 014 | 16 489 | 22 224 | 12 282 |

(a) Any discrepancies between sums of the component items and totals are due to rounding.

Source: Foreign Trade Australia: Fasttraccs Database.

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OVERSEAS TRADE, MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS(a)

| Country | 1997-98 | | 1998-99 | | eight months ending February 2000 | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| | Imports | Exports | Imports | Exports | Imports | Exports |
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| Belgium-Luxembourg | 243 | 91 | 239 | 102 | 170 | 74 |
| Brazil | 134 | 76 | 118 | 48 | 69 | 25 |
| Canada | 390 | 122 | 392 | 125 | 300 | 87 |
| China | 2 154 | 624 | 2 537 | 669 | 2 043 | 657 |
| Fiji | 133 | 245 | 180 | 242 | 137 | 208 |
| Finland | 193 | 12 | 188 | 9 | 127 | 6 |
| France | 631 | 168 | 619 | 131 | 428 | 92 |
| Germany | 2 116 | 268 | 2 341 | 407 | 1 591 | 257 |
| Hong Kong (SAR of China) | 338 | 1 073 | 431 | 900 | 269 | 614 |
| India | 256 | 188 | 261 | 192 | 180 | 119 |
| Indonesia | 637 | 325 | 1 078 | 226 | 598 | 183 |
| Italy | 963 | 396 | 1 038 | 288 | 678 | 199 |
| Japan | 3 847 | 1 686 | 4 133 | 1 676 | 2 810 | 1 204 |
| Korea, Republic of | 882 | 1 039 | 847 | 862 | 573 | 727 |
| Malaysia | 668 | 517 | 873 | 431 | 734 | 319 |
| Mexico | 80 | 77 | 103 | 90 | 77 | 44 |
| Netherlands | 254 | 81 | 292 | 109 | 199 | 69 |
| New Zealand | 1 311 | 1 552 | 1 333 | 1 640 | 967 | 1 709 |
| Pakistan | 97 | 87 | 87 | 44 | 60 | 40 |
| Papua New Guinea | 163 | 235 | 64 | 188 | 27 | 98 |
| Philippines | 135 | 388 | 157 | 387 | 101 | 268 |
| Saudi Arabia | 107 | 268 | 107 | 511 | 100 | 419 |
| Singapore | 492 | 989 | 510 | 1 080 | 393 | 920 |
| South Africa | 147 | 272 | 125 | 217 | 110 | 156 |
| Sweden | 585 | 41 | 598 | 25 | 418 | 19 |
| Switzerland | 277 | 24 | 335 | 34 | 213 | 24 |
| Taiwan | 852 | 657 | 905 | 920 | 617 | 484 |
| Thailand | 400 | 341 | 523 | 343 | 432 | 290 |
| United Kingdom | 1 694 | 453 | 1 839 | 1 169 | 1 183 | 519 |
| United States of America | 7 027 | 1 603 | 6 891 | 1 469 | 5 202 | 1 087 |
| Other and unknown | 1 645 | 2 033 | 1 870 | 1 955 | 1 416 | 1 364 |
| Total | 28 851 | 15 931 | 31 014 | 16 489 | 22 224 | 12 282 |

(a) The list of countries in this table reflects the volume of trade with Victoria. Information about Victoria's trade with other countries is available on request.

Source: Overseas Trade: Fasttraccs Database.

21

VALUE OF OVERSEAS TRADE—VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA

| Period | Victoria | | Australia | | |
|----------------|----------|------------------|-----------|---|----------------------------|
| | Imports | Exports <i>r</i> | Imports | Exports (including re-exports) <i>r</i> | Excess of exports <i>r</i> |
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| 1997-98 | 28 851 | 15 931 | 90 684 | 87 768 | -2 916 |
| 1998-99 | 31 014 | 16 489 | 97 611 | 85 991 | -11 620 |
| 1998 | | | | | |
| December | 2 505 | 1 429 | 7 820 | 7 891 | 71 |
| 1999 | | | | | |
| January | 2 300 | 1 198 | 7 231 | 6 299 | -932 |
| February | 2 274 | 1 218 | 7 112 | 6 243 | -869 |
| March | 2 855 | 1 504 | 8 699 | 7 331 | -1 368 |
| April | 2 393 | 1 341 | 7 731 | 6 433 | -1 298 |
| May | 2 331 | 1 381 | 7 746 | 6 967 | -779 |
| June | 2 652 | 1 332 | 8 142 | 6 892 | -1 250 |
| July | 2 663 | 1 256 | 8 181 | 7 158 | -1 023 |
| August | 2 748 | 1 352 | r 8 871 | 7 349 | -1 522 |
| September | 2 777 | 1 460 | r 8 965 | 7 391 | -1 574 |
| October | r 3 282 | 1 536 | r 10 211 | 7 990 | -2 221 |
| November | 2 870 | 2 103 | r 9 668 | 8 472 | -1 196 |
| December | 2 634 | 1 715 | r 8 906 | 8 365 | -541 |
| 2000 | | | | | |
| January | r 2 560 | 1 216 | r 8 108 | 6 817 | -1 291 |
| February | 2 691 | 1 644 | 8 624 | 8 159 | -465 |

Source: Overseas Trade: Fasttraccs Database.

22

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

| Quarter ended | Hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments(a) | | | | | | |
|---------------|---|-------------|------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| | Establishments | Guest rooms | Bed spaces | Room nights occupied | Room occupancy rate | Persons employed | Takings from accommodation |
| | no. | no. | no. | '000 | % | no. | \$'000 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | |
| June | 669 | 28 850 | 78 637 | 1 415.7 | 53.9 | 20 754 | 153 243 |
| September | 676 | 29 404 | 80 902 | 1 464.3 | 54.4 | 20 776 | 169 966 |
| December | 682 | 29 717 | 81 976 | 1 602.6 | 58.7 | 20 813 | 182 207 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | |
| March | 686 | 30 160 | 83 420 | 1 680.8 | 62.0 | 21 129 | 195 573 |
| June | 698 | 30 766 | 85 247 | 1 545.6 | 55.4 | 21 725 | 170 130 |
| September | 698 | 30 934 | 85 483 | 1 589.5 | 56.0 | 21 780 | 184 105 |
| December | 705 | 31 317 | 86 058 | 1 672.7 | 58.1 | 21 633 | 191 644 |

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Australia (Cat. no. 8635.0) (quarterly).

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