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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

Changes have been made to the State Accounts tables and data to reflect the implementation of the new international standards and the introduction of Chain Volume measures.



SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

n.a.	not available
n.y.a.	not yet available
*	subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes
..	not applicable
0, 0.0	nil or rounded to zero



ROUNDING

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



INFORMATION

More detailed information on each series, including explanatory and technical notes, can be obtained from other Australian Bureau of Statistics publications or alternative data sources. To assist those seeking further information a source publication for each of the series has been documented in the statistical summary.

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REVIEW

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OVERVIEW

- The value of merchandise exports, where the final stage of production was in South Australia fell from \$472.6m in September 1998 to \$412.2m in October 1998 whilst the value of merchandise imports released from Customs control in South Australia was \$311.3m in October 1998, an increase of 6.6% (\$19.2m) on September 1998.
- The trend estimate for retail turnover in October 1998 indicates that monthly growth has been a consistent 0.5% over the past four months.
- The trend for new motor vehicle registrations has fallen 3.9% in October 1998 and continues the downward trend over the past four months.
- The trend estimate at current prices for private new capital expenditure for the September quarter 1998 decreased 6.3% from the previous quarter.
- The trend for total dwelling units approved for October 1998 is 3.5% lower than July, due mainly to the decline in other dwelling approvals over this time.
- The total value of building approved in September was \$163.5m (up 15.8%) of which \$103.4m was new residential building and \$46.9m non-residential building.
- The trend estimate of employed persons has increased in recent months, thus reversing the downward trend evident between August 1997 and May 1998.
- The trend estimate of the unemployment rate has decreased in recent months, reaching 9.6% in November 1998.
- In September 1998 there were 5,637 short-term overseas visitor arrivals to South Australia, a decrease of 8.0% on the previous month.
- The trend estimate for the value of new housing commitments (excluding alterations and additions) decreased for the fourth consecutive month, dropping 2.4% to \$246.0m in October 1998.

STATE ACCOUNTS

NOTE: Some of the information previously included in *Australian National Accounts: State Accounts* (Cat. no. 5242.0) is now provided in a new Standard Data Service entitled *Australian National Accounts: Quarterly State Details* (Cat. no. 5206.0.40.001). This information is available quarterly, usually within one week of the release of the quarterly Australian National Accounts.

Trend (Constant prices)

State Final demand (SFD) increased 0.7% in the September quarter 1998, down slightly from the June quarter (0.8%). Growth in SFD has remained fairly constant for the last three quarters. The national trend slowed marginally to 1.0% after five quarters of constant growth of between 1.2%–1.3%.

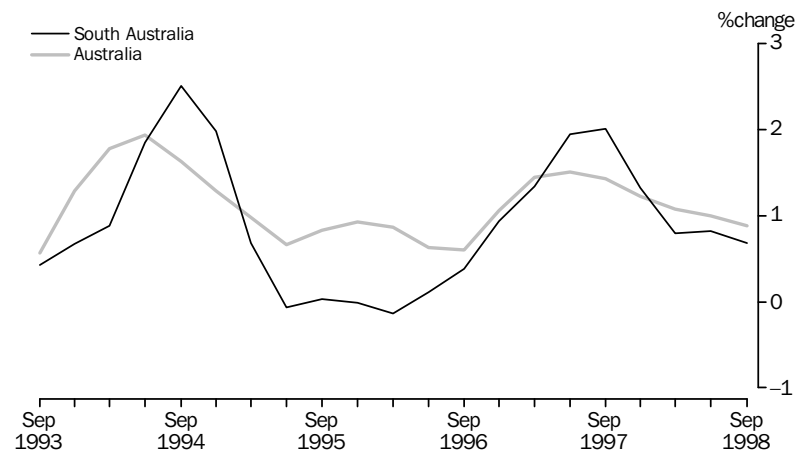
Growth through the year to September quarter 1998 was 3.7% compared with the national rate of 4.6%. Only Tasmania recorded a lower increase (0.3%).

Contributing to the growth of SFD was a 0.7% increase in household final consumption expenditure, offset by a 3.3% fall in the growth rate of private gross fixed capital expenditure (due mainly to a 4.4% fall in plant and machinery). Public final demand increased by 2.9%, continuing an upward trend evident over the last three quarters.

Trend (Constant prices) *continued*

Private household final consumption expenditure rose 0.7%, the same as the national rate. South Australia had been marginally ahead of the national rate for the previous four quarters. Growth through the year to September quarter was 4.3%, compared to the national rate of 3.6%.

State final demand: **Trend** (Chain volume measures) (a)



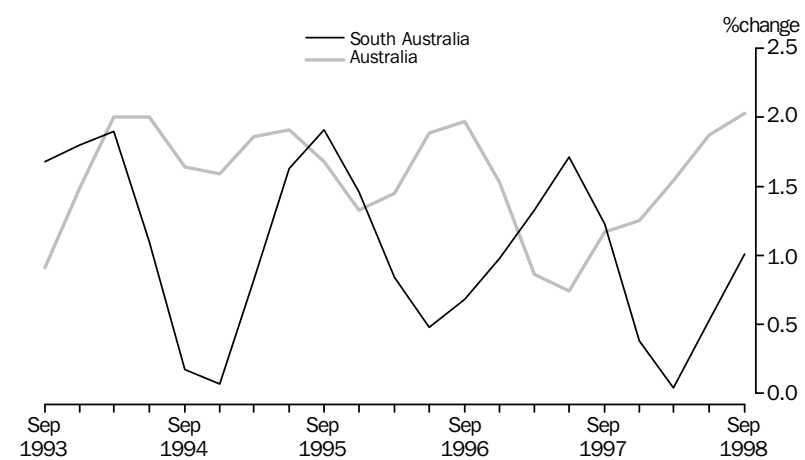
(a) Quarterly changes

Trend (Current prices)

Wages, salaries and supplements rose 1.0% in the September quarter, half the national rate of 2.0%.

Growth through the year to September quarter was 2.0%, significantly below the national rate of 6.9% and the lowest of all States and Territories. South Australia has been significantly below the national rate for the last four quarters.

Compensation of employees: **Trend** (Current prices) (a)



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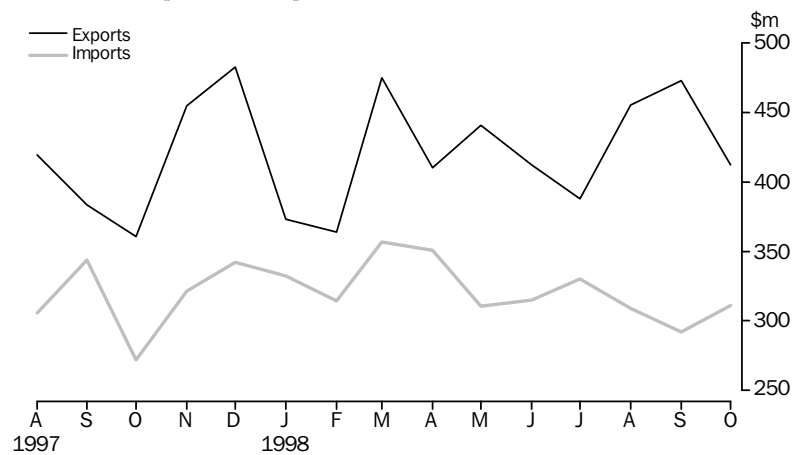
INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Merchandise exports

The value of merchandise exports, where the final stage of production was in South Australia fell from \$472.6m in September 1998 to \$412.2m in October 1998. This was a 14.2% increase over the same period of the previous year. The export commodity groups recording significant decreases on the previous month were road vehicles, parts and accessories, down \$37.3m to \$45.4m, fish and crustaceans, down \$12.6m to \$16.3m and cereal and cereal preparations, down \$8.7m to \$37.4m. The decreases were partly offset by increases in petroleum up \$5.9m to \$18.0m, meat and meat preparations, up \$2.4m to \$20.0m and minor increases in exports of wine, and wool and sheepskins.

The United States of America and Japan were the major destinations affected by the fall in South Australian exports, decreasing \$48.3m to \$39.1m and \$29.4m to \$38.4m respectively over the previous month. In October 1998 the United Kingdom was the major destination of South Australian exports with a total of \$49.4m whilst the East Asia region fell \$16.3m to \$138.3m.

Merchandise exports and imports



Merchandise imports

The value of merchandise imports released from Customs control in South Australia was \$311.3m in October 1998, an increase of 6.6% (\$19.2m) on September 1998 and a 14.6% increase on October 1997. The major commodity groups which recorded increases over the previous month were road vehicles, up \$15.2m to \$78.6m, machinery, up \$8.7m to \$82.6m and food and beverages, up \$1.8m to \$15.9m. Chemicals, metals and other manufactured goods recorded decreases for the month.

CONSUMPTION AND INVESTMENT

Retail turnover

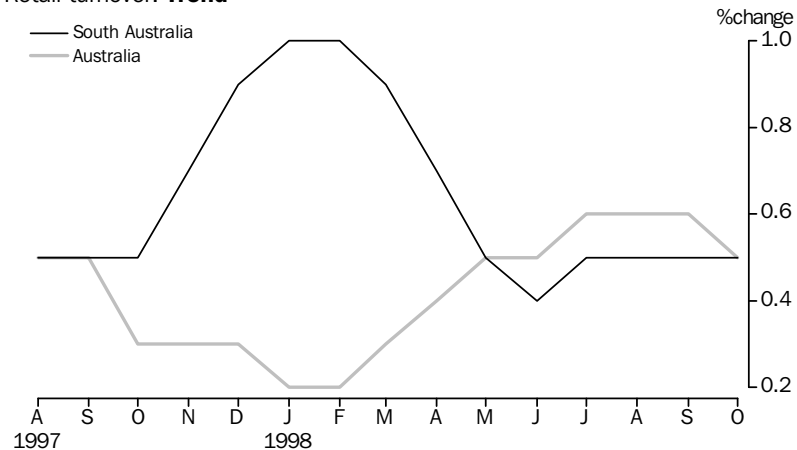
The trend estimate for retail turnover in October 1998 indicates that monthly growth has been a consistent 0.5% over the past four months. The food and hospitality and services groups have been the main contributors to the growth in this period.

Over the three months to October 1998 increases were recorded in the groups of food retailing (1.9%) and hospitality and services (4.4%), clothing and soft good retailing (2.3%). Trend decreases were recorded for department stores (1.4%), household good retailing (1.7%) and other retailing (0.9%).

In original terms, South Australian retail turnover for October was \$923.7m, an increase of 8.7% on September 1998 and an increase of 10.0% on October 1997. The South Australian share of the Australian total was 7.7%.

In October 1998, Australian turnover was \$12,066.1m, a rise of 7.0% on the previous month and a 5.8% increase when compared with last year. Chains and other large retailers increased by 7.6% while smaller retailers increased by 3.8%.

Retail turnover: **Trend**



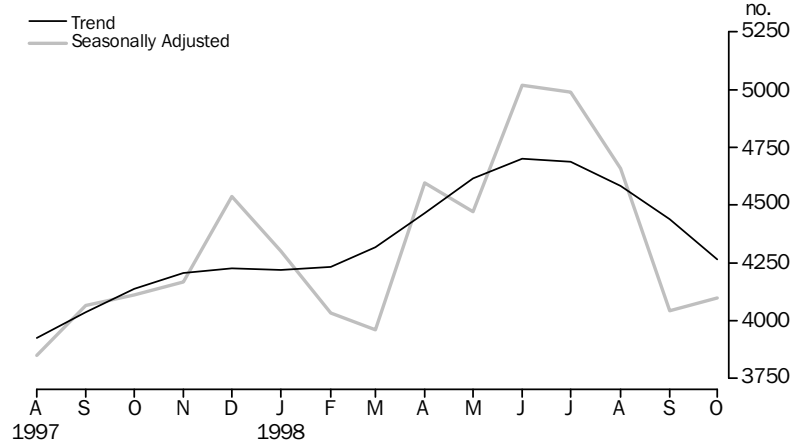
New motor vehicle registrations

The trend for new motor vehicle registrations has fallen 3.9% this month. This continues the downward trend over the past four months since the record high in June 1998.

In original numbers there were 4,237 vehicles registered during October 1998. The leading makes of passenger vehicles registered were Holden (888), Mitsubishi (621), Ford (573), Toyota (467), Hyundai (284), Nissan (187) and Mazda (92).

In October 1998 total Australian new motor vehicle registrations (64,519) in original numbers were 3.2% lower than a year ago.

New motor vehicle registrations

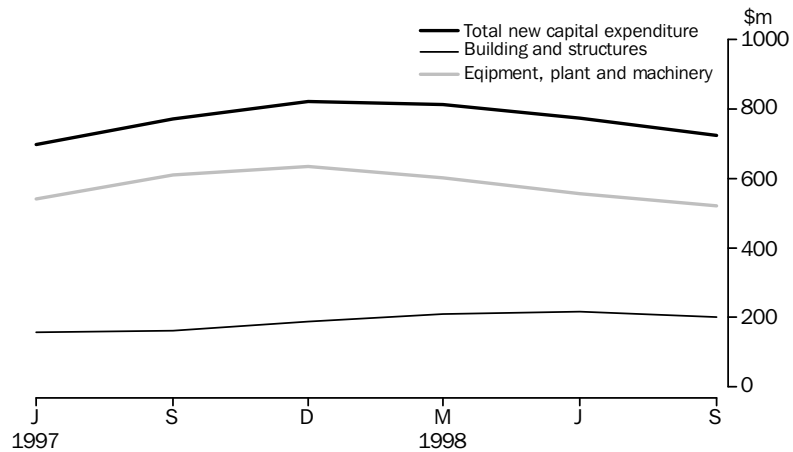


Private new capital expenditure

The trend estimate at current prices for private new capital expenditure for the September quarter 1998 decreased 6.3% from the previous quarter. Expenditure on buildings decreased by 6.5% and equipment decreased 6.3%. When compared with September quarter 1997, total expenditure has decreased by \$48m (6.2%). Expenditure on buildings has increased by \$41m (25.5%), and equipment fell by \$90m (14.7%).

In original terms, private new capital expenditure for the September quarter 1998 was \$623m, a decrease of 22.4% on the previous quarter. Equipment, plant and machinery accounted for \$463m and buildings and structures \$159m.

Private new capital expenditure, type of asset: **Trend**



Tourist accommodation

The number of rooms and units available in licensed hotels, motels and guesthouses, and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms or units increased 2.3% in the September quarter 1998 compared with the September quarter 1997. The room occupancy rate increased from 54.3% to 53.7%. Takings for all accommodation types increased when compared with September quarter 1997, with total takings increasing from \$39.3m to \$42.5m. Average takings per room night occupied rose from \$82.30 to \$86.00.

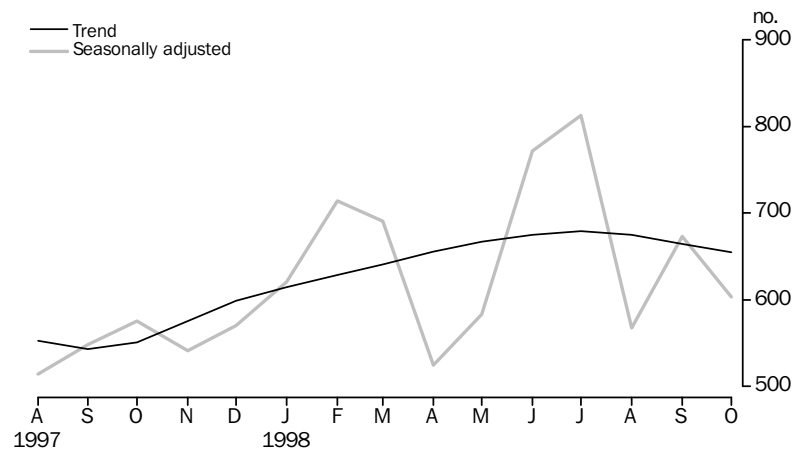
PRODUCTION

Building approvals

The trend for total dwelling units approved is 3.5% lower than July 1998, due mainly to the decline in other dwelling approvals over this time. In original terms, the number of dwelling unit approvals for October was 585, with private sector houses accounting for 518.

For Australia, the trend for total dwelling units has fallen for the last six months and is 9.0% below the peak in April 1998. In original terms, South Australia accounted for 4.7% of the total dwelling units approved in Australia during October 1998.

Dwelling units approved



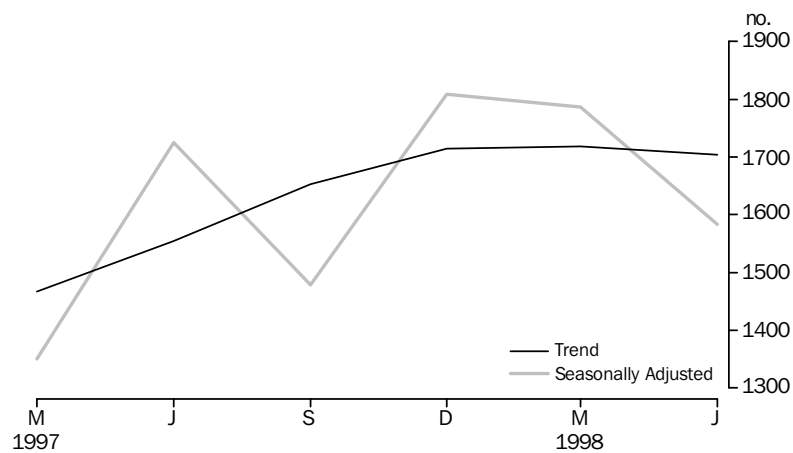
The value of both residential and non-residential building approved in South Australia has fallen for October 1998. For residential building the value fell by 43.1% to \$66.3m. Non-residential building has fallen by 13.6% to \$40.5m. Of this total, the Offices, Health and Other business premises categories accounted for more than 50% of this value.

Overall for October 1998, the value of all buildings approved fell by 34.6% from the previous month to \$106.9m.

Building activity

For the June quarter 1998, the total number of dwelling units commenced fell by 5.8% from the previous quarter to 1,552 and was 8.2% below the level of a year earlier. The corresponding figures for Australia were an increase of 7.8% and 10.5% respectively. The June quarter 1998 level represents 4.1% of all dwelling units commenced in Australia, compared with 4.9% for the June quarter 1997.

Dwelling units commenced

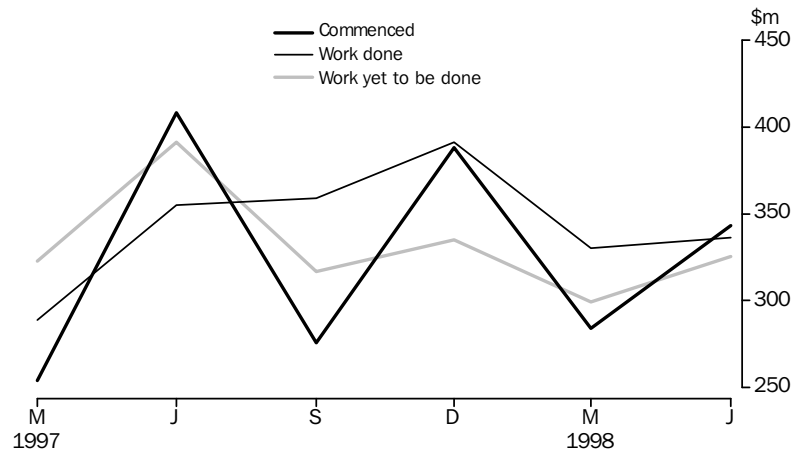


The total value of building work commenced during the June quarter 1998 rose by 20.8% to \$343.2m. While the value of new residential building increased by 1.5%, non-residential building increased by 69.7%, with the main increases occurring in Other business premises, Offices and Entertainment and recreational categories. For the 1997-98 financial year the value of building commenced has increased by 9.2% to \$1,290.7m. This rise can be attributed to a 21.9% rise in total residential building for the 1997-98 financial year.

The total value of building work done during the June quarter 1998 rose by 1.8% to \$336.3m compared with a 6.4% increase nationally. However, compared with the June quarter 1997, South Australia recorded a 5.4% decrease in total building work done while nationally there was a 6.1% increase. For the 1997-98 financial year the value of work done rose 11.1% to \$1,417.2m from the previous financial year.

The total value of building work yet to be done at the end of June 1998 was \$325.4m. This was an increase of 8.6% on the March quarter 1998, which represents 2.4% of the corresponding national figure.

Value of building activity



Engineering construction

The value of engineering construction work done for the June quarter 1998 rose by 13.7% to \$345.3m, compared with a national increase of 10.5%. The June quarter level represents 7.1% of the national figure, compared with 6.9% for the March quarter. In South Australia, work commenced during the June quarter increased by 19.2% to \$259.5m, compared with a national increase of 6.2%. As a result, the State's proportion of the national total of commencements rose from 5.5% for the March quarter 1998 to 6.1% for the June quarter 1998.

PRICES

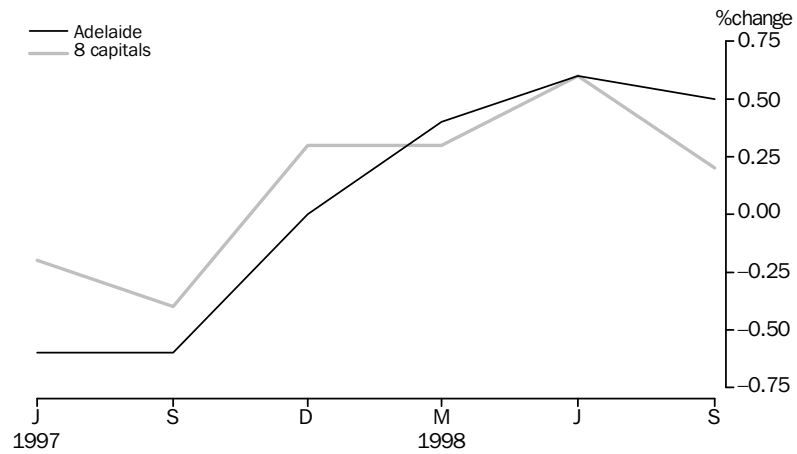
Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (all groups) in Adelaide rose 0.5% between the June quarter 1998 and September quarter 1998. The groups which contributed most to the overall increase this quarter were food and housing. The transportation, alcohol and tobacco, and health and personal care all had small increases which were partly offset by decreases in clothing, household equipment and operation, recreation and education groups.

In annual terms, the index has shown a 1.5% increase between September 1997 and September 1998.

The Consumer Price Index for the weighted average of eight capital cities rose 0.2% from the previous quarter and rose 1.3% compared with last year.

Consumer price index

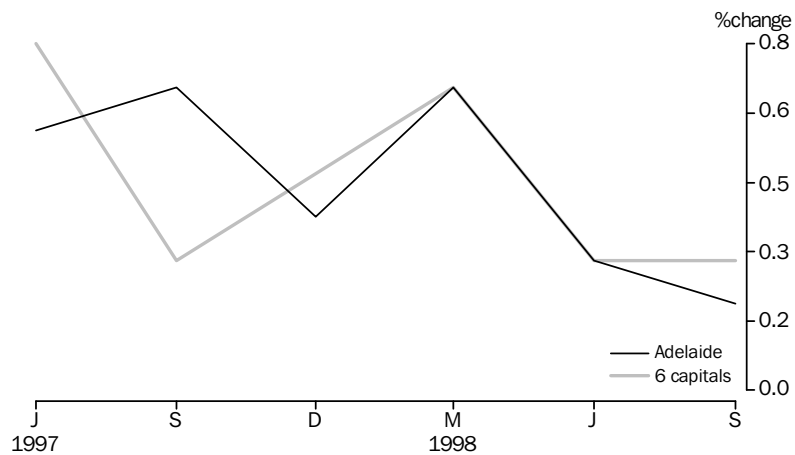


House building materials index

The Price Index of Materials used in House Building rose by 0.2% for the September quarter 1998 in Adelaide. The major contributors to the rise in the index were increased prices for structural timber. The weighted average of the six State capitals recorded a 0.3% increase in the same period.

Adelaide recorded a rise of 1.6% in the Index for the 12 months to September quarter 1998, with the weighted average of the six State capitals recording a 1.8% increase.

Materials used in house building

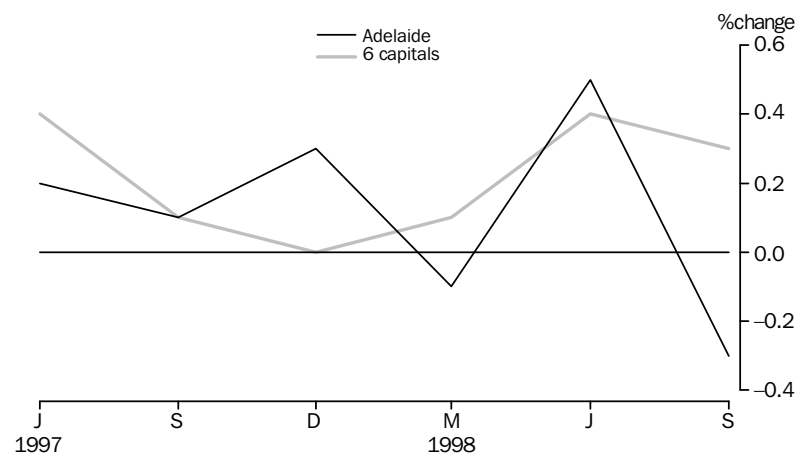


Non-house building materials index

The Price Index of Materials used in Building other than House Building fell 0.3% in the September quarter. Materials to record increases were structural timber and builders hardware which were more than offset by decreases in the price of re-inforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh, and ready mix concrete. The decreases were mainly the result of increased competition in the market place. For the same period, the weighted average of the six State capitals rose 0.3%.

For the 12 months to September quarter 1998, Adelaide recorded a rise of 0.4% in the Index, while the weighted average of the six State capitals showed a 0.7% increase in the same period.

Materials used in building other than house building



House prices indexes

During the September quarter 1998 the Price Index of Established Houses in Adelaide fell 0.5%, while there was a 3.0% increase annually. Over the corresponding period, the weighted average of the eight capital cities index did not increase between September and June 1998 quarters and increased 6.7% annually.

The Project Home Price Index fell by 0.1% during the September quarter 1998 and increased 2.1% when compared with the same time the previous year. Nationally, the weighted average of eight capital cities index rose 0.5% from the June quarter and 1.4% from the September quarter 1997.

Passenger transport cost index

The Passenger Transport Cost Index measures changes in the costs of operating a public transport passenger bus service in Adelaide. Costs covered include labour costs, leasing charges, registration and insurance, repairs and maintenance, fuel and overheads. The index has been compiled on a quarterly basis from September 1995 with a base of 100.0 in 1993–94. The All Groups index number for June quarter 1998 is 109.8, down from 110.5 in the previous quarter. This fall is due to decreases in the prices of distillate and depot leasing charges.

LABOUR FORCE AND DEMOGRAPHY

Population

At 31 March 1998 the estimated resident population of South Australia was 1,485,354. This was an increase of 2,485 persons from the December quarter and was due to a natural increase of 2,083 persons and a net migration increase of 402 persons.

Between 31 March 1997 and 31 March 1998 the population for South Australia grew by 0.5% compared with the Australian rate of 1.2%.

Short-term overseas visitor arrivals

In September 1998 there were 5,637 short-term overseas visitor arrivals to South Australia, a decrease of 8.0% on the previous month. A comparison with the same period last year shows a fall of 7.0%. The South Australian proportion of short-term visitors was 1.7% for September 1998.

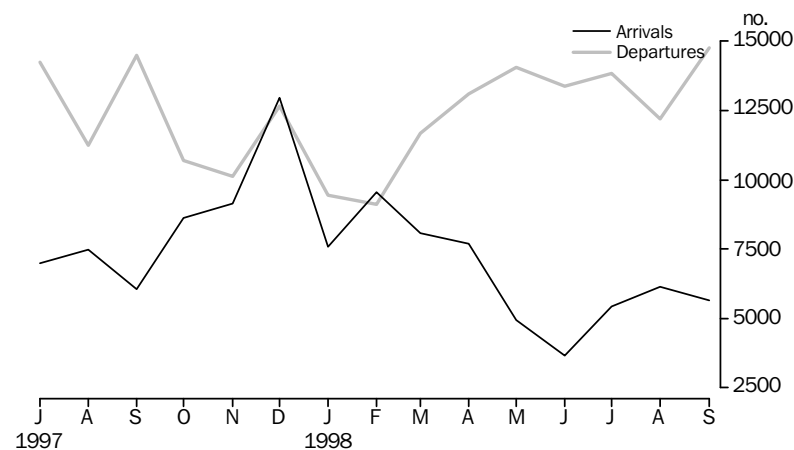
The Australian data shows little change on last month whilst the annual change was a fall of 2.1%.

Short-term resident departures

There were 14,757 short-term resident departures in September 1998. This represents an increase of 21.1% from last month and a 1.9% increase on last year. South Australia accounted for 4.7% of all short-term resident departures in August.

In September 1998 the resident departures from Australia were 313,522, an 18.1% increase on the previous month and a 3.1% increase on last year.

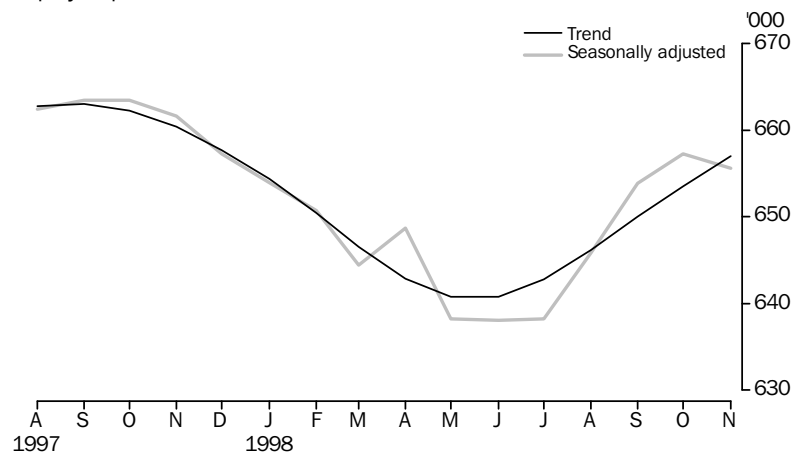
Short-term arrivals and departures



Employment

The trend estimate of employed persons has increased in recent months, thus reversing the downward trend evident between August 1997 and May 1998. Nevertheless, the November 1998 estimate (657,000) is 0.5% lower than the level of a year ago (660,400). Most of this decrease can be attributed to a decline in part-time employment of 3.3% or 6,200 since November 1997. In contrast, full-time employment has increased by 0.6% to 473,100 persons in the twelve months to November 1998.

Employed persons



Labour force participation

The labour force participation rate expresses the labour force (or all employed and unemployed persons) as a proportion of the total population aged 15 and over. It measures the economically active or productive element within the working age population.

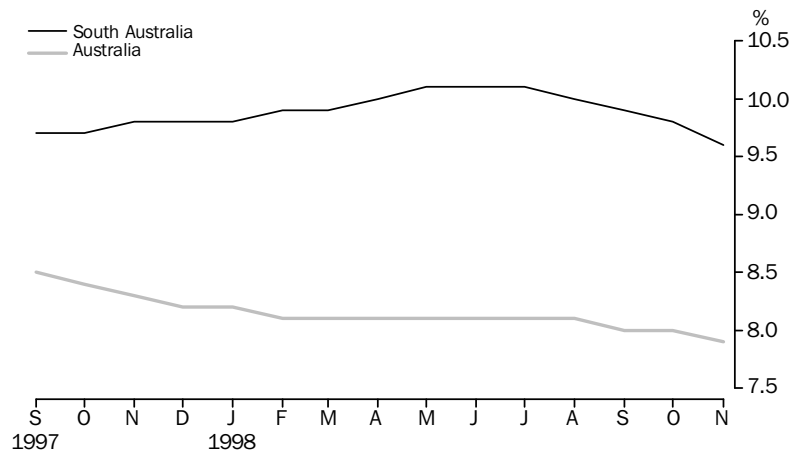
The trend estimate of the labour force participation rate has begun to increase after reaching an annual low of 59.8% in May 1998. The November 1998 level of 60.8% is still lower than the 61.6% observed in November 1997. It is also considerably lower than the national participation rate of 63.4% at November 1998. An ageing population and reduced female labour force activity have contributed to the lower State level.

Unemployment

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate has decreased in recent months, reaching 9.6% in November 1998. A year earlier, the rate was higher at 9.8%. In contrast, the trend unemployment rate for Australia has declined gradually in 1998, reaching 7.9% in November; 12 months ago, the rate was much higher at 8.3%.

In unadjusted, original terms, the teenage full-time unemployment rate has risen from 35.4% in October 1998, to 36.2% in November 1998. The latest result indicates that 8,300 persons aged 15–19 were actively seeking full-time work out of a teenage, full-time labour force of 23,000. However, it does not mean that nearly 4 in 10 of the State's teenagers were unemployed. In fact, the majority of 15–19 year olds were unavailable for full-time work, with 42,700 being full-time students and 33,700 in the part-time labour force only.

Unemployment rates: **Trend**



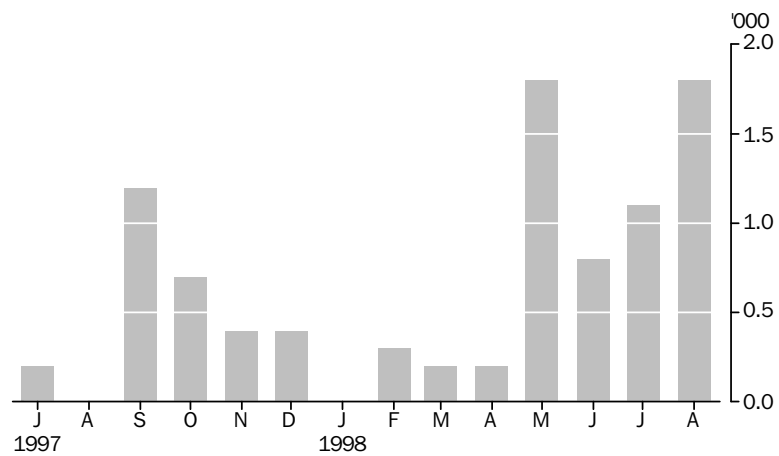
Industrial disputes

A total of 1,800 working days were lost through industrial disputation during August 1998, an increase of 700 working days from July 1998. South Australia contributed 3.3% to the national level of 54,900 working days lost.

The number of working days lost in South Australia in the 12 months to August 1998 was 9,200, 12.2% higher than the 8,200 days lost in the 12 months to August 1997.

The Australian data for August 1998 showed that the number of working days lost increased by 34,400 days to 54,900 days.

Industrial disputes, working days lost



Overtime

In original terms, the proportion of employees who worked overtime in August 1998 was 12.1%, compared with 16.7% in August 1997. The percentage of employees working overtime in South Australia in August 1998 was below the national rate of 15.0%.

In August 1998, employees who worked overtime in South Australia recorded an average of 5.3 overtime hours per week. This was lower than the 6.0 overtime hours recorded 12 months earlier and lower than the Australian average of 6.8 hours.

INCOMES

Average weekly earnings

The trend estimate of average weekly ordinary time earnings of full-time adult employees increased by 1.5% from May 1998 to August 1998. Full-time adult ordinary time earnings for males and females rose by 1.9% and 0.9% respectively.

Between August 1997 and August 1998, the trend estimate of average weekly ordinary earnings of adult male employees rose by 5.1%, compared with a larger increase of 6.9% for females.

For Australia, over the twelve months to August 1998, the trend estimate of full-time adult ordinary time earnings for both males and females increased by 4.3%.

Note: since it is an average of earnings across all employees, changes in average weekly earnings may occur through changes in employment as well as changes in pay levels.

Wage cost index

The Wage Cost Index measures quarterly changes in wage and salary costs for employee jobs. Hourly rates of pay are collected on both an ordinary time and total time basis, with or without bonuses. The first reference period is the quarter to December 1997. This new measure replaces the discontinued award rates of pay index.

In South Australia, the index of total hourly rates of pay (excluding bonuses) increased by 1.3% between June 1998 and September 1998. Nationally, the corresponding increase was also 1.2%. The annual change for South Australia was 3.2% compared with the Australian rate of 3.3%.

In South Australia, the index of ordinary time hourly rates of pay (excluding bonuses) rose by 1.3% in the quarter to September 1998. The Australian rate increased 1.2% for the same period. The annual rates were 3.2% for South Australia and 3.3% for Australia.

FINANCIAL MARKETS**Housing finance**

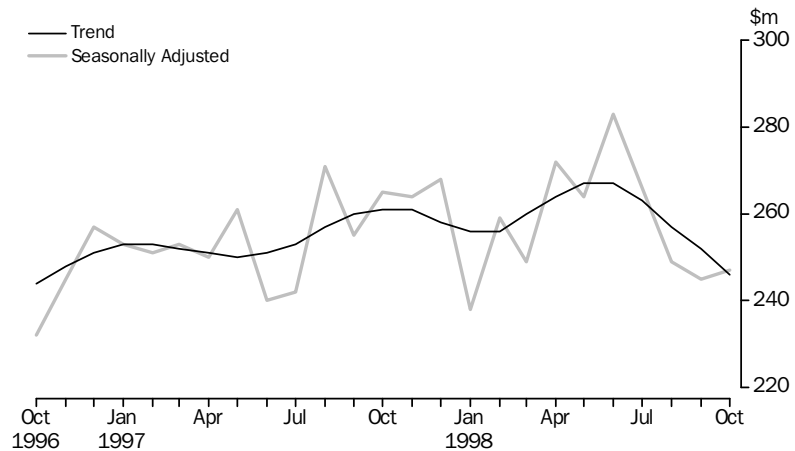
The trend estimate for the value of new housing commitments (excluding alterations and additions) decreased for the fourth consecutive month, dropping 2.4% to \$246.0m in October 1998. Seasonally adjusted, the value increased marginally following three months of decline from the June peak. Nationally the trend decreased for the fifth consecutive month, while the seasonally adjusted value for October rose 3.7%. South Australia's proportion of the national total dropped back to 5.2%.

Total new commitments (original figures including alterations and additions) decreased marginally to \$249.0m, 11.4% lower than the previous October. The number of dwelling commitments in South Australia decreased 4.3% to 2687, 15.3% lower than the previous October. The average value of commitments increased during the month to \$88,600, compared with the average for October 1997 of \$84,400.

The fall in commitments was mainly due to the decrease in refinancing, down \$5.0m to \$40.0m, 43.4% lower than October 1997. Refinancing dropped to 16.1% of total new lending commitments, the lowest proportion since early 1995. The other falls were purchase of newly erected dwellings other than houses, and purchase of established houses, with both categories dropping by \$1.0m.

The two main increases were purchase of newly erected houses, up \$2.0m to \$6.0m, and alterations and additions, up \$2.0m to \$11.0m. Both these categories were significantly below the previous October. Construction of dwellings increased 2.7% to \$38.0m, 12.0% above October 1997, while nationally, construction decreased 4.6% to be marginally lower over the year.

Secured housing finance commitments (a)



(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

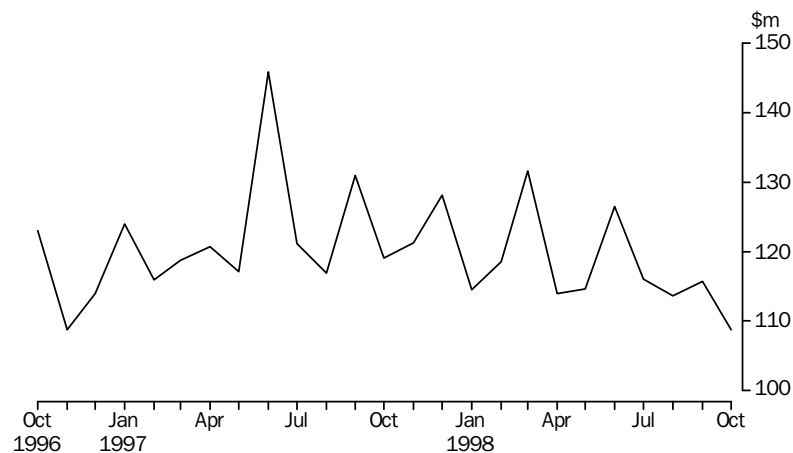
Personal finance

Total personal finance commitments in October 1998 continued the downward trend from the June peak, decreasing 2.8% to \$245.9m, 11.2% above the previous October. Nationally personal commitments increased 2.7% in original figures, an increase of 6.2% when seasonally adjusted. South Australia's proportion of the national total fell back to 6.6%.

Since March fixed loan commitments have followed a downward trend which has been offset by the increase in revolving credit facilities, which now represent the main proportion of personal finance commitments. In October fixed loan commitments decreased 6.0% to \$108.8m, 8.7% below the previous October. Refinancing decreased 19.0% to \$9.3m, 26.4% lower than October 1997. Commitments for the purchase of individual residential blocks of land decreased 20.6% to \$5.8m following the highest recorded month. Used motor cars and station wagons, the largest category, decreased 4.4% to \$35.0m, 6.5% lower than October 1997.

Total revolving credit facilities remained relatively unchanged at \$137.2m, 34.5% higher than October 1997. Secured revolving credit facilities fell 4.9% to \$83.7m following four high months and were 52.0% higher than the previous October. Unsecured revolving facilities increased 8.6% to \$53.4m, 13.9% higher than October 1997.

Personal fixed loan commitments, all lenders



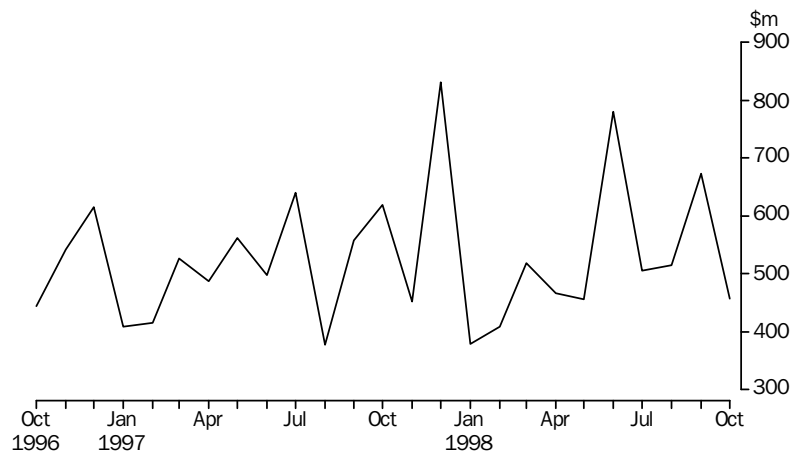
Commercial finance

Total commercial finance in October 1998 decreased 32.0% to \$457.3m, 26.2% lower than the previous October. The Australian total decreased 3.9% for the month in original figures, which when seasonally adjusted represented an increase of 13.8%. South Australia's proportion of the national total dropped to 3.4%.

Revolving credit facilities decreased 40.8% to \$181.7m, 21.3% below the previous October. The bulk of the decrease was manufacturing, down \$124.1m to \$43.4m following the big increase in the previous month. Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting decreased \$12.9m to \$24.6m and property and business services decreased \$8.2m to \$19.5m. Both were significantly lower than the previous October. The main increase was for retail trade, up 67.2% to \$59.9m more than double October 1997.

Commitments under fixed loan facilities decreased 24.7% to \$275.6m, 29.0% below October 1997. The main decrease was for mining, down \$48.9m to \$2.1m, following the high September. Manufacturing decreased \$9.1m to \$15.0m and finance, investment and insurance decreased \$9.2m to \$10.9m. The main increase was property and business services, up \$17.7m to \$51.0m, 44.9% lower than October 1997.

Commercial finance commitments, all lenders



Lease finance

New finance lease commitments remained low for the third consecutive month, decreasing 19.3% to \$13.2m, 38.8% lower than the previous October. The Australian total decreased 5.8% in original terms, representing a marginal increase when seasonally adjusted. South Australia's proportion of Australian lease finance dropped lower to 1.9%.

New motor cars and station wagons not subject to depreciation, the largest category, dropped 26.5% to \$3.8m, 20.2% lower than the previous October and reducing the South Australian proportion of the national total to 2.0%. Used heavy trucks were down \$1.3m to \$0.1m, following the highest month since 1996. Office machines decreased \$1.1m to \$0.7m, the lowest month since November 1996.

Construction and earthmoving equipment increased \$0.6m to \$1.3m and new heavy trucks were up \$0.4m to \$0.8m. Both categories were significantly down on the previous October.

FORWARD OUTLOOK

Composite leading indicator for Australia

The Composite Leading Indicator (CLI) is a single time series produced by aggregating eight individual economic indicators, and has been developed by the ABS as an experimental series to supplement existing forms of economic analysis and modelling.

The CLI summarises the early signals contained in a selection of economic indicators and is designed to assist the detection of turning points between successive expansions and slow downs of economic activity as measured by constant price GDP(A). It does not attempt to forecast the level of economic activity.

Composite leading indicator for Australia

In the September quarter 1998 the experimental CLI fell 0.31%, following a fall of 0.24% in the June quarter 1998. This fourth consecutive fall gives a provisional peak in the CLI in the September quarter 1997.

The quarterly data are released in more detail in the *Australian Economic Indicators* (Cat. no. 1350.0). The CLI was the topic of the Focus article in the September 1993 edition of *South Australian Economic Indicators* (Cat. no. 1307.4). A review of the performance of the CLI and its components was published in the July 1997 issue of Cat. no. 1350.0.

Business expectations

Surveys of business expectations have been available to decision makers for a number of years from several sources. These surveys provided *qualitative* indicators in the form of the net proportion of businesses expecting a rise or fall in future business conditions. Since the December quarter 1993, the ABS has been compiling a *quantitative* indicator of business expectations in the form of an expected weighted aggregate change in a range of economic variables. These data are available on a quarterly basis in *Australian Business Expectations* (Cat. no. 5250.0).

South Australia, Short-term outlook expected aggregate change

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EXPECTED AGGREGATE CHANGE
OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.....

	Dec qtr 1997	Mar qtr 1998	Jun qtr 1998	Sep qtr 1998	Dec qtr 1998
<i>Business performance indicators</i>	%	%	%	%	%
.....					
Trading performance					
Operating income	5.1	0.2	1.9	2.0	0.4
Selling prices	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4
Profit	26.5	3.0	2.9	12.4	-16.0
Investment					
Capital expenditure	9.5	1.5	9.8	2.6	0.4
Stocks	0.6	1.9	0.2	-2.4	-0.4
Employment					
Full time equivalent	1.0	0.1	-0.1	-1.2	-1.0

Short term—South Australian businesses expect an increase of 0.4% in operating income in the December quarter 1998 compared with the September quarter 1998 whilst the Australian rate was 1.5%. The investment component for South Australia was expected to increase 0.4% for capital expenditure compared with 4.9% for Australia whilst full-time employment levels were expected to rise 1.0% for South Australia and 0.1% for Australia.

South Australia, Medium-term outlook expected aggregate change

EXPECTED AGGREGATE CHANGE OVER THE
SAME QUARTER OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.....

	Sep qtr 1998	Dec qtr 1998	Mar qtr 1999	Jun qtr 1999	Sep qtr 1999
<i>Business performance indicators</i>	%	%	%	%	%
Trading performance					
Operating income	4.8	4.3	2.7	3.4	2.8
Selling prices	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.0
Profit	25.3	18.1	22.7	20.9	-0.6
Investment					
Capital expenditure	3.0	2.3	-2.0	8.6	-6.0
Stocks	1.1	2.0	0.2	0.3	1.8
Employment					
Full time equivalent	-0.3	-1.5	-1.3	-0.5	0.6

Medium term—Businesses in South Australia expect operating income in the September quarter 1999 to be 2.8% above September quarter 1998. Capital expenditure was expected to decrease by 6.0% whilst employment indicators are showing an increase of 0.6%. The Australian data shows a 2.1% increase in capital expenditure and a 0.4% rise in employment levels.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Indicator	Unit	Period	SOUTH AUSTRALIA.....			AUSTRALIA.....					
			Number	% change from.....		Number	% change from.....		SA as a % of Aust.	Source index	
				Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year			
State accounts											
Domestic final demand											
Current prices trend	\$m	Sep qtr 98	10 401	1.5	6.4	147 286	1.5	6.6	7.1	(1)	
Chain volume measures trend	\$m	Sep qtr 98	10 106	0.7	3.7	143 181	0.9	4.2	7.1	(1)	
Private final consumption expenditure											
Current prices trend	\$m	Sep qtr 98	6 288	1.3	6.3	85 758	1.2	5.6	7.3	(1)	
Chain volume measures trend	\$m	Sep qtr 98	6 131	0.7	4.3	83 421	0.7	3.6	7.3	(1)	
Private gross fixed capital formation											
Current prices trend	\$m	Sep qtr 98	1 678	-2.3	6.8	28 138	1.0	8.8	6.0	(1)	
Chain volume measures trend	\$m	Sep qtr 98	1 622	-3.3	3.1	27 552	0.7	6.2	5.9	(1)	
Compensation of employees											
Current prices trend	\$m	Sep qtr 98	4 802	1.0	2.0	70 919	2.0	6.9	6.8	(1)	
International accounts											
Exports	\$m	Oct 98	412.2	-12.8	14.2	7 453.9	3.4	2.9	5.5	(2)	
Imports	\$m	Oct 98	311.3	6.6	14.6	9 022.3	5.4	13.6	3.5	(2)	
Consumption and investment											
Retail turnover											
Current prices original	\$m	Oct 98	923.7	8.7	10.0	12 066.1	7.0	5.8	7.7	(3)	
Current prices trend	\$m	Oct 98	887.6	0.5	8.2	11 708.0	0.5	5.0	7.6	(3)	
1996-97 chain volume measures	\$m	Sep qtr 98	2 483.0	0.1	5.7	32 996.5	2.2	2.7	7.5	(3)	
New motor vehicle registrations											
Original	no.	Oct 98	4 237	1.7	-2.3	64 519	-1.1	-3.2	6.6	(4)	
Trend	no.	Oct 98	4 265	-3.9	3.1	65 527	-2.0	4.0	6.5	(4)	
Private new capital expenditure											
Current prices original	\$m	Jun qtr 98	792	9.8	9.5	12 305	19.5	3.5	6.4	(6)	
Current prices trend	\$m	Jun qtr 98	792	-2.3	13.5	11 687	0.2	4.8	6.8	(6)	
Private new capital expenditure	\$m	1997-98	3 183	..	23.4	45 974	..	4.9	6.9	(6)	
Takings, licensed hotels, motels, guesthouses and apartments with facilities	\$m	Sep qtr 98	42.5	5.4	2.7	998.1	13.3	4.5	4.0	(5)	
Production											
Dwelling unit approvals											
Original	no.	Oct 98	585	-21.2	-2.3	12 328	-5.3	-2.9	4.7	(7)	
Trend	no.	Oct 98	655	-1.4	18.9	12 347	-1.5	-2.8	5.3	(7)	
Dwelling units commenced	no.	Jun qtr 98	1 552	-5.8	-8.2	37 941	7.8	10.5	4.1	(8a)	
Value of non-residential building approvals	\$m	Oct 98	40.5	-13.6	18.8	1 123.5	18.4	-9.2	3.6	(7)	
Value of total building activity											
Commenced	\$m	Jun qtr 98	343.2	20.8	-16.0	8 241.3	2.2	12.0	4.2	(8)	
Work done	\$m	Jun qtr 98	336.3	1.8	-5.4	8 285.9	9.4	14.3	4.1	(8)	
Work yet to be done	\$m	Jun qtr 98	325.4	8.6	-16.8	13 496.6	2.8	26.7	2.2	(8)	
Value of engineering construction work done	\$m	Jun qtr 98	345.3	13.7	12.3	4 883.5	10.5	14.4	7.1	(9)	
Manufacturing production											
Red meat	tonnes	Sep qtr 98	41 999	-10.3	-4.2	746 182	2.1	2.0	5.6	(11)	
Mineral exploration expenditure (other than for petroleum)	\$m	Jun qtr 98	12.0	30.4	-17.2	262.6	19.1	-24.4	4.6	(12)	

Indicator	Unit	Period	SOUTH AUSTRALIA.....			AUSTRALIA.....				
			Number	% change from.....		Number	% change from		SA as a % of Aust.	Source index
				Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year		
Prices										
CPI – All groups	1989–90=100	Sep qtr 98	123.0	0.5	1.5	121.3	0.2	1.3	..	(13)
Price index of materials used in house building	1989–90=100	Sep qtr 98	124.4	0.2	1.6	119.4	0.3	1.8	..	(14)
Price index of materials used in building other than houses	1989–90=100	Sep qtr 98	115.3	-0.3	0.4	114.8	0.3	0.7	..	(15)
Price index of established houses	1989–90=100	Sep qtr 98	113.1	-0.5	3.0	126.9	0.0	6.7	..	(16)
Price index of project homes	1989–90=100	Sep qtr 98	114.2	-0.1	2.1	111.4	0.5	1.4	..	(16)
Labour force and demography										
Population (resident at end qtr)	'000	Mar qtr 98	1 485.4	0.2	0.5	18 709.7	0.4	1.2	7.9	(17)
Short-term overseas visitor arrivals	no.	Aug 98	5 637	-8.0	-7.0	323 864	0.1	-2.1	1.7	(21)
Short-term resident departures	no.	Aug 98	14 757	21.1	1.9	313 522	18.1	3.1	4.7	(21)
Labour force										
Original	'000	Nov 98	725.9	0.6	-0.9	9 363.7	-0.1	1.1	7.8	(18)
Trend	'000	Nov 98	726.9	0.4	-0.7	9 407.3	0.1	1.6	7.7	(18)
Employed persons										
Original	'000	Nov 98	657.5	0.2	-0.9	8 653.1	-0.4	1.5	7.6	(18)
Trend	'000	Nov 98	657.0	0.5	-0.5	8 664.8	0.1	2.1	7.6	(18)
Participation rate										
Original(a)	%	Nov 98	60.7	-0.3	-1.0	63.1	-0.1	-0.1	..	(18)
Trend(a)	%	Nov 98	60.8	0.2	-0.8	63.4	0.0	0.2	..	(18)
Unemployment rate										
Original(a)	%	Nov 98	9.4	0.3	-0.1	7.6	0.3	-0.4	..	(18)
Trend(a)	%	Nov 98	9.6	-0.2	-0.2	7.9	-0.1	-0.4	..	(18)
Job vacancies	'000	Aug 98	3.0	11.1	-37.5	73.0	-0.4	5.3	4.1	(19)
Average weekly overtime per employee working overtime	hours '000 working	Aug 98	5.3	-5.4	-12.9	6.8	1.5	3.8	..	(19)
Industrial disputes	days lost	Aug 98	1.8	63.6	..	54.9	167.8	68.9	3.3	(20)
Incomes										
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time)										
Original	\$	Aug 98	694.70	2.1	4.7	736.1	1.3	4.2	..	(22)
Trend	\$	Aug 98	693.70	1.5	5.1	736.7	1.2	4.4	..	(22)
Wage cost index (Total hourly rate excluding bonuses)										
	Sep 1997=100	Sep qtr 98	103.2	1.3	3.2	103.3	1.2	3.3	..	(23)
Financial markets										
Secured housing finance										
Finance commitments	\$m	Oct 98	249.0	-0.8	-11.4	4 793.0	1.6	-4.5	5.2	(24)
Personal										
Commercial	\$m	Oct 98	245.9	-2.8	11.2	3 746.9	2.7	-2.0	6.6	(25)
Lease	\$m	Oct 98	457.3	-32.0	-26.1	13 560.7	-3.9	-14.3	3.4	(25)
Interest rates										
Banks new housing loans(a)	%	Nov 98	..	..	..	6.70	0.0	0.0	..	(26)
Banks business loans(a)										
Small, medium sized business	%	Nov 98	..	..	..	7.70	0.0	-1.1	..	(26)
Large business	%	Nov 98	8.05	0.0	-0.4	..	(26)

(a) Change is shown in terms of percentage points.

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STATE ACCOUNTS AT CURRENT PRICES

Period	FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE.....		GROSS FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION.....		State final demand	Gross State product (I)	Compensation of employees
	Households	General Government	Private	Public			
ANNUAL (\$m)							
1992-93	19 538	6 499	4 399	1 527	31 964	29 989	15 155
1993-94	20 400	7 192	4 460	1 342	33 392	32 057	16 167
1994-95	21 475	7 275	5 541	1 421	35 713	33 437	16 615
1995-96	22 617	7 366	5 177	1 173	33 332	35 457	17 553
1996-97	22 920	7 411	5 722	1 291	37 396	36 023	18 178
1997-98	24 283	7 853	6 728	1 204	40 068	n.a.	18 945
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR							
1992-93	2.1	3.3	3.2	-6.7	2.1	4.4	3.2
1993-94	4.4	10.7	1.4	-12.1	4.5	6.9	6.7
1994-95	5.3	1.2	24.2	5.9	7.0	4.3	2.8
1995-96	5.3	1.3	-6.6	-17.5	-6.7	6.0	5.6
1996-97	1.3	0.6	10.5	10.1	12.2	1.6	3.6
1997-98	5.9	6.0	17.6	-6.7	7.1	n.a.	4.2
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$m)							
1996-97							
June	5 743	2 063	1 599	367	9 772	9 006	4 577
1997-98							
September	5 907	1 910	1 533	259	9 609	n.a.	4 767
December	6 344	1 953	1 863	361	10 521	n.a.	4 895
March	5 889	1 762	1 636	183	9 470	n.a.	4 544
June	6 143	2 228	1 696	401	10 468	n.a.	4 739
1998-99							
September	6 251	2 130	1 607	252	10 241	n.a.	4 831
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$m)							
1996-97							
June	5 812	1 901	1 521	328	9 562	9 116	4 652
1997-98							
September	5 916	1 929	1 609	322	9 775	n.a.	4 709
December	6 026	1 929	1 688	303	9 946	n.a.	4 727
March	6 122	1 960	1 723	286	10 089	n.a.	4 729
June	6 207	2 043	1 718	278	10 246	n.a.	4 754
1998-99							
September	6 288	2 143	1 678	291	10 401	n.a.	4 802
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND							
1996-97							
June	1.3	2.3	4.7	0.9	2.0	0.7	1.7
1997-98							
September	1.8	1.5	5.8	-1.8	2.2	..	1.2
December	1.9	0.0	4.9	-5.9	1.7	..	0.4
March	1.6	1.6	2.1	-5.6	1.4	..	0.0
June	1.4	4.2	-0.3	-2.8	1.6	..	0.5
1998-99							
September	1.3	4.9	-2.3	4.7	1.5	..	1.0

Period	FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE.....			GROSS FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION.....		State final demand	Gross State product (I)
	Households	General Government	Private	Public			
ANNUAL (\$m)							
1992-93	20 604	6 968	4 313	1 516	33 376	28 077	
1993-94	21 110	7 375	4 290	1 316	34 040	29 004	
1994-95	22 111	7 480	5 285	1 402	36 272	29 226	
1995-96	22 905	7 461	4 969	1 144	36 434	30 465	
1996-97	22 920	7 412	5 776	1 293	37 396	30 868	
1997-98	23 986	7 767	6 689	1 194	39 636	n.a.	
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR							
1992-93	-1.0	1.5	0.4	-7.4	-0.6	3.9	
1993-94	2.5	5.8	-0.5	-13.2	2.0	3.3	
1994-95	4.7	1.4	23.2	6.5	6.6	0.8	
1995-96	3.6	-0.3	-6.0	-18.4	0.4	4.2	
1996-97	0.1	-0.7	16.2	13.0	2.6	1.3	
1997-98	4.7	4.8	15.8	-7.7	6.0	..	
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$m)							
1996-97							
June	5 727	2 061	1 617	366	9 775	7 524	
1997-98							
September	5 862	1 910	1 556	257	9 585	n.a.	
December	6 287	1 924	1 869	361	10 441	n.a.	
March	5 814	1 741	1 617	181	9 353	n.a.	
June	6 023	2 192	1 647	395	10 257	n.a.	
1998-99							
September	6 104	2 050	1 553	243	9 950	n.a.	
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$m)							
1996-97							
June	5 786	1 901	1 540	327	9 556	7 662	
1997-98							
September	5 879	1 921	1 627	320	9 748	n.a.	
December	5 969	1 914	1 692	303	9 877	n.a.	
March	6 035	1 934	1 705	283	9 956	n.a.	
June	6 089	1 998	1 678	268	10 038	n.a.	
1998-99							
September	6 131	2 052	1 622	274	10 106	n.a.	
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND							
1996-97							
June	1.1	2.2	5.3	0.0	2.0	-0.5	
1997-98							
September	1.6	1.1	5.6	-2.1	2.0	..	
December	1.5	-0.4	4.0	-5.3	1.3	..	
March	1.1	1.0	0.8	-6.6	0.8	..	
June	0.9	3.3	-1.6	-5.3	0.8	..	
1998-99							
September	0.7	2.7	-3.3	2.2	0.7	..	

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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, By Selected Commodity Group(a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Meat and meat preparations</i>	<i>Cereals and cereal preparations</i>	<i>Wine</i>	<i>Wool and sheepskins</i>	<i>Machinery</i>	<i>Metals and metal manu- factures</i>	<i>Fish and crustaceans</i>	<i>Road vehicles, parts and accessories</i>	<i>Petroleum and petroleum products</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
ANNUAL										
1992-93	282 181	573 375	192 255	318 989	211 426	490 594	154 608	338 359	372 445	3 760 602
1993-94	324 796	436 517	238 366	290 963	223 760	462 355	186 861	351 229	276 473	3 889 783
1994-95	307 785	261 052	250 527	301 645	285 309	571 094	191 386	332 321	285 310	3 829 336
1995-96	244 508	713 092	318 534	240 148	340 205	610 899	196 629	249 237	220 915	4 498 532
1996-97	182 478	745 227	397 949	260 974	378 923	542 204	191 093	655 916	286 458	5 012 652
1997-98	218 241	527 689	564 087	287 823	401 749	574 408	236 352	479 408	237 825	4 988 249
MONTHLY										
1997-98										
July	12 693	18 848	38 625	31 249	41 558	47 372	16 678	53 516	14 509	407 543
August	11 641	18 715	44 669	17 560	31 082	43 635	18 826	60 483	39 320	419 433
September	15 556	27 715	62 570	24 139	38 751	50 905	18 769	18 938	26 927	383 286
October	17 450	10 488	62 258	23 438	26 461	37 876	23 617	39 356	10 935	360 815
November	21 311	8 737	33 344	29 856	41 143	61 843	18 039	83 677	18 110	454 693
December	22 742	67 159	36 065	35 568	38 306	40 932	13 637	72 253	33 679	482 272
January	15 469	92 923	25 835	20 260	21 783	56 613	24 571	15 137	12 427	373 009
February	21 174	45 383	43 674	17 710	27 617	41 123	18 253	19 097	18 197	363 965
March	23 937	62 521	55 440	26 154	37 500	51 720	22 850	37 642	19 792	474 800
April	20 323	71 491	50 539	16 054	30 937	48 037	21 581	24 260	12 089	410 108
May	19 757	36 499	58 198	28 786	41 200	44 539	18 447	30 781	18 406	440 940
June	16 188	67 210	52 870	17 049	25 411	49 813	21 084	24 268	13 434	412 626
1998-99										
July	11 886	41 106	48 323	17 802	37 239	36 746	23 828	44 144	8 909	388 023
August	12 036	57 675	54 365	14 016	30 382	51 467	30 657	43 037	20 669	455 163
September	17 609	46 101	70 081	20 866	30 241	39 788	28 826	82 634	12 086	472 600
October	19 990	37 446	71 189	22 140	27 149	38 944	16 273	45 379	17 991	412 203

(a) Final stage of production in South Australia.

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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, By Selected Countries(a)

Period	EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.....				EAST ASIA.....					
	<i>United States of America</i>	<i>Middle East</i>	<i>United Kingdom</i>	<i>Total European Community</i>	<i>New Zealand</i>	<i>Japan</i>	<i>China</i>	<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>ASEAN</i>	<i>Total East Asia</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
ANNUAL										
1992-93	352 764	314 049	237 520	594 701	288 421	649 684	208 135	171 803	487 174	1 820 065
1993-94	393 611	280 499	263 092	571 047	311 999	625 481	220 211	165 163	533 977	1 898 975
1994-95	329 878	184 342	246 118	553 051	376 262	682 937	177 875	193 014	551 433	2 004 013
1995-96	279 555	525 348	287 727	691 996	376 628	672 885	293 360	202 307	572 529	2 057 945
1996-97	707 871	563 409	304 645	641 308	382 103	611 870	244 917	234 547	614 481	2 030 435
1997-98	632 076	399 369	424 252	839 670	354 725	612 223	331 488	239 651	479 186	2 009 622
MONTHLY										
1997-98										
July	75 629	33 014	27 348	60 442	25 538	47 644	31 626	15 779	55 943	179 014
August	80 052	22 224	43 757	72 636	22 840	51 224	21 497	16 567	56 687	175 291
September	25 569	14 786	43 947	79 167	31 032	64 737	22 139	22 409	53 570	182 763
October	26 279	10 465	55 190	89 953	41 159	52 538	27 453	10 146	41 844	149 685
November	92 792	20 278	26 755	56 937	25 983	65 589	33 375	28 165	65 284	224 741
December	80 392	41 986	27 798	59 759	17 406	54 762	33 218	25 272	51 166	196 158
January	19 822	50 590	16 660	36 534	23 869	39 153	24 539	27 258	33 374	154 303
February	33 828	32 808	28 219	68 122	29 889	36 608	36 830	23 072	19 272	136 147
March	63 876	57 910	33 353	75 576	37 792	48 436	37 418	21 220	38 142	178 958
April	38 257	52 361	39 893	76 781	35 943	45 057	12 599	14 654	20 393	126 329
May	43 367	27 970	46 314	97 519	32 101	51 107	28 785	20 116	17 839	153 095
June	52 213	30 122	35 019	66 245	31 173	55 368	22 009	14 993	25 672	153 234
1998-99										
July	49 983	36 832	37 794	64 806	36 675	45 130	11 003	19 763	24 058	123 058
August	34 075	33 052	45 878	79 204	33 719	73 412	23 384	16 539	44 408	179 492
September	87 368	53 378	47 456	79 981	32 170	67 744	26 265	16 371	23 419	154 596
October	39 087	43 416	49 361	81 081	31 323	38 350	32 597	19 302	27 939	138 281

(a) Final stage of production in South Australia.

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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, By Industry of Origin(a)

MANUFACTURING.....

Period	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	Mining	Food, beverages and tobacco	Petroleum, coal, chemical associated product	Metal product	Machinery and equipment	Other manu- facturing	Other industries/ confidential	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
ANNUAL									
1992-93	883 725	294 586	766 518	195 387	509 303	641 930	178 726	290 427	3 760 602
1993-94	733 014	245 247	884 737	180 147	475 060	665 066	208 573	497 938	3 889 783
1994-95	592 129	268 537	886 337	186 661	584 838	711 529	243 314	355 991	3 829 336
1995-96	1 014 521	226 309	978 332	172 285	639 267	674 131	226 496	567 191	4 498 532
1996-97	1 067 084	205 433	981 918	290 361	569 715	1 140 136	229 503	528 502	5 012 652
1997-98	931 705	137 850	1 204 947	292 174	615 345	994 504	262 793	524 462	4 988 249
MONTHLY									
1997-98									
July	80 018	20 940	83 465	14 706	48 601	105 329	24 687	29 798	407 543
August	51 751	11 810	93 510	37 889	48 749	99 482	24 105	52 136	419 433
September	55 954	22 149	115 717	24 156	55 582	65 691	21 959	22 078	383 286
October	43 747	1 722	119 482	18 055	39 145	73 873	19 014	45 776	360 815
November	45 830	16 715	89 418	25 488	67 645	134 105	22 038	53 454	454 693
December	121 012	28 936	88 087	26 808	45 353	121 927	21 840	47 765	482 272
January	77 088	6 767	77 125	17 938	58 347	43 235	18 390	30 195	373 009
February	77 088	805	91 546	25 843	42 638	56 040	19 488	50 516	363 965
March	110 422	13 279	116 812	23 588	55 768	86 302	29 905	38 724	474 800
April	94 690	896	105 811	22 179	51 716	64 034	20 316	50 466	410 108
May	70 549	3 524	118 987	30 653	49 662	84 602	23 947	59 017	440 940
June	98 739	10 307	105 045	24 871	52 139	59 884	17 105	44 537	412 626
1998-99									
July	80 388	916	95 510	16 951	42 749	92 690	17 292	41 528	388 023
August	88 419	8 723	98 298	34 630	53 203	90 623	19 822	61 446	455 163
September	77 447	1 066	112 511	26 325	40 577	122 119	21 113	71 442	472 600
October	70 172	9 059	119 530	26 329	40 992	83 567	20 612	41 942	412 203

(a) Final stage of production in South Australia.

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MERCHANDISE IMPORTS, By Selected Commodity Group(a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food, beverages and tobacco</i>	<i>Petroleum and petroleum products</i>	<i>Chemicals</i>	<i>Textiles</i>	<i>Metals and metal manufactures</i>	<i>Machinery</i>	<i>Road, vehicles, parts and accessories</i>	<i>Other manufactured goods</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
ANNUAL									
1992-93	91 756	570 334	186 001	57 434	255 924	609 212	661 714	521 723	3 068 122
1993-94	99 177	404 626	200 225	60 172	160 937	595 238	663 617	484 590	2 803 446
1994-95	115 930	330 430	220 536	64 524	214 432	695 038	749 658	563 368	3 099 510
1995-96	118 237	346 397	254 102	76 847	213 487	675 869	546 445	728 096	3 114 309
1996-97	136 695	505 633	225 187	79 708	223 259	868 346	538 690	695 238	3 413 043
1997-98	148 771	445 218	276 270	94 956	280 554	1 062 232	772 227	739 262	3 942 726
MONTHLY									
1997-98									
July	10 522	66 543	14 283	6 781	22 112	107 428	83 398	56 474	376 173
August	12 208	29 929	13 882	6 401	24 929	75 139	81 995	53 136	305 788
September	13 380	61 141	13 489	7 031	21 941	79 644	58 896	80 302	343 992
October	15 074	2 052	12 983	8 211	22 588	76 605	67 992	56 732	271 659
November	14 009	67 061	16 244	7 528	21 290	75 564	55 373	51 324	321 543
December	13 857	32 306	22 823	6 607	21 520	115 623	58 610	58 122	342 164
January	13 497	29 721	39 180	8 063	24 670	96 949	54 033	55 492	332 475
February	10 608	39 221	26 084	8 195	27 664	69 791	53 601	70 676	314 306
March	11 294	41 325	31 280	8 678	26 177	86 622	70 446	70 667	357 051
April	10 012	22 090	38 574	9 335	21 137	113 439	61 182	63 078	350 581
May	11 224	38 780	27 490	10 045	21 394	74 468	56 026	60 734	310 708
June	13 086	15 049	18 431	8 041	25 140	90 940	70 652	62 527	314 687
1998-99									
July	14 289	23 350	13 006	9 516	26 565	96 124	71 756	64 597	330 399
August	15 000	18 697	14 928	8 219	24 494	84 035	67 725	66 528	308 849
September	14 111	12 616	22 605	8 647	25 446	73 881	63 420	63 244	292 105
October	15 872	11 640	18 564	9 096	23 276	82 615	78 644	59 628	311 318

(a) Goods released from Customs control in South Australia.

Period	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ANNUAL (\$m)								
1993-94	3 253.3	1 107.8	479.0	917.8	378.1	684.0	1 338.8	8 158.8
1994-95	3 477.3	1 128.8	538.0	959.6	383.8	793.5	1 654.4	8 935.4
1995-96	3 786.4	1 138.6	546.6	1 025.8	431.2	902.7	1 762.1	9 593.4
1996-97	4 064.9	1 120.9	467.1	936.9	424.8	792.8	1 648.0	9 455.7
1997-98	4 454.4	1 073.7	541.0	1 084.2	413.3	928.2	1 502.7	10 051.4
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL (\$m)								
1997-98								
August	349.6	80.5	38.7	83.5	32.0	66.0	127.4	777.6
September	348.9	84.8	38.8	84.5	33.2	65.8	121.1	777.2
October	370.4	92.0	46.3	94.3	34.6	76.1	126.6	840.2
November	365.4	105.6	45.6	95.5	36.6	79.2	129.0	856.9
December	418.2	106.5	58.3	121.3	52.5	107.7	148.4	1 066.8
January	396.1	93.8	45.3	94.2	33.4	77.0	116.1	856.0
February	344.9	76.0	33.0	81.9	29.1	69.3	107.4	741.5
March	373.6	78.4	42.9	85.2	34.2	75.8	120.4	810.5
April	385.7	91.6	49.7	81.6	31.8	80.9	127.3	848.6
May	381.2	86.6	50.0	89.3	31.7	86.1	131.0	855.8
June	365.4	80.0	46.6	89.8	32.5	76.8	124.3	815.5
1998-99								
July	390.1	96.3	48.9	84.2	34.6	77.9	133.9	865.8
August	380.6	79.8	43.2	82.7	32.0	76.6	130.8	825.5
September	387.9	82.6	45.1	81.0	35.4	80.8	136.9	849.8
October	421.8	88.5	50.5	91.8	36.0	84.6	150.5	923.7
MONTHLY, TREND (\$m)								
1997-98								
August	354.3	94.6	43.9	86.0	34.4	68.9	131.0	811.9
September	357.4	94.0	44.1	88.1	34.2	70.9	127.1	815.9
October	360.6	93.3	44.1	90.2	34.0	73.4	122.9	820.1
November	364.2	92.9	44.1	92.0	33.7	76.2	119.5	825.6
December	368.5	93.2	44.1	93.0	33.4	78.7	117.7	832.7
January	373.5	93.5	44.4	93.2	33.4	80.7	117.9	840.7
February	378.4	93.8	45.0	92.9	33.6	81.9	120.0	849.2
March	382.4	93.7	45.8	92.1	34.1	82.5	123.7	856.7
April	385.3	93.5	46.5	91.0	34.7	82.5	128.0	862.6
May	387.1	93.0	47.2	89.7	35.3	82.3	132.3	866.9
June	389.0	92.4	47.7	88.6	35.7	81.8	135.7	870.4
1998-99								
July	391.4	92.0	48.1	87.8	35.9	81.2	138.4	874.7
August	394.0	91.7	48.5	87.1	36.1	80.8	140.7	879.0
September	396.6	91.3	48.9	86.7	36.2	80.6	142.8	883.5
October	399.0	90.7	49.2	86.3	36.4	80.5	144.5	887.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND								
1997-98								
August	0.9	-0.1	1.2	1.9	0.3	1.3	-2.2	0.5
September	0.9	-0.6	0.5	2.4	-0.6	2.9	-3.0	0.5
October	0.9	-0.7	0.0	2.4	-0.6	3.5	-3.3	0.5
November	1.0	-0.4	0.0	2.0	-0.9	3.8	-2.8	0.7
December	1.2	0.3	0.0	1.1	-0.9	3.3	-1.5	0.9
January	1.4	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.0	2.5	0.2	1.0
February	1.3	0.3	1.4	-0.3	0.6	1.5	1.8	1.0
March	1.1	-0.1	1.8	-0.9	1.5	0.7	3.1	0.9
April	0.8	-0.2	1.5	-1.2	1.8	0.0	3.5	0.7
May	0.5	-0.5	1.5	-1.4	1.7	-0.2	3.4	0.5
June	0.5	-0.6	1.1	-1.2	1.1	-0.6	2.6	0.4
1998-99								
July	0.6	-0.4	0.8	-0.9	0.6	-0.7	2.0	0.5
August	0.7	-0.3	0.8	-0.8	0.6	-0.5	1.7	0.5
September	0.7	-0.4	0.8	-0.5	0.3	-0.2	1.5	0.5
October	0.6	-0.7	0.6	-0.5	0.6	-0.1	1.2	0.5

Period	ORIGINAL.....			SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....			TREND ESTIMATE.....		
	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total
ANNUAL									
1991-92	32 351	5 333	37 684	..	..	..	..	..	..
1992-93	32 894	5 577	38 471	..	..	..	..	..	..
1993-94	32 806	5 781	38 587	..	..	..	..	..	..
1994-95	35 830	6 736	42 566	..	..	..	..	..	..
1995-96	36 067	6 828	42 895	..	..	..	..	..	..
1996-97	36 146	6 970	43 116	..	..	..	..	..	..
1997-98	43 407	7 453	50 860	..	..	..	..	..	..
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1991-92	-6.9	-19.4	-8.9	..	..	..	..	..	..
1992-93	1.7	4.6	2.1	..	..	..	..	..	..
1993-94	-0.3	3.7	0.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
1994-95	9.2	16.5	10.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
1995-96	0.7	1.4	0.8	..	..	..	..	..	..
1996-97	0.2	2.1	0.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
1997-98	20.1	6.9	18.0	..	..	..	..	..	..
MONTHLY									
1997-98									
July	3 351	545	3 896	3 227	539	3 766	3 277	571	3 848
August	3 368	508	3 876	3 274	574	3 848	3 362	563	3 925
September	3 619	555	4 174	3 487	577	4 064	3 468	567	4 036
October	3 775	560	4 335	3 537	573	4 110	3 557	581	4 138
November	3 662	537	4 199	3 604	563	4 167	3 606	601	4 207
December	3 781	702	4 483	3 877	661	4 537	3 601	625	4 226
January	2 883	483	3 366	3 657	643	4 300	3 572	648	4 221
February	3 340	640	3 980	3 332	700	4 033	3 571	663	4 234
March	3 661	687	4 348	3 369	592	3 961	3 633	669	4 302
April	3 385	678	4 063	3 812	785	4 597	3 788	677	4 466
May	3 693	686	4 379	3 836	636	4 472	3 934	680	4 614
June	4 889	872	5 761	4 408	610	5 018	4 021	680	4 701
1998-99									
July	4 411	681	5 092	4 297	692	4 990	4 009	677	4 686
August	3 864	676	4 540	3 870	787	4 658	3 914	669	4 583
September	3 569	597	4 166	3 438	605	4 044	3 782	659	4 440
October	3 677	560	4 237	3 501	597	4 098	3 627	639	4 265
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH									
1997-98									
July	-8.4	-30.1	-12.2	-3.9	-9.1	-4.7	1.5	-2.4	0.9
August	0.5	-6.8	-0.5	1.5	6.5	2.2	2.6	-1.4	2.0
September	7.5	9.3	7.7	6.5	0.5	5.6	3.2	0.9	2.8
October	4.3	0.9	3.9	1.4	-0.7	1.1	2.6	2.3	2.5
November	-3.0	-4.1	-3.1	1.9	-1.7	1.4	1.4	3.4	1.7
December	3.2	30.7	6.8	7.6	17.4	8.9	-0.1	4.0	0.5
January	-23.8	-31.2	-24.9	-5.7	-2.7	-5.2	-0.8	3.7	-0.1
February	15.9	32.5	18.2	-8.9	8.9	-6.2	0.0	2.3	0.3
March	9.6	7.3	9.2	1.1	-15.4	-1.8	2.1	1.4	2.0
April	-7.5	-1.3	-6.6	13.1	32.6	16.1	3.9	0.7	3.4
May	9.1	1.2	7.8	0.6	-19.0	-2.7	3.9	0.4	3.3
June	32.4	27.1	31.6	14.9	-4.1	12.2	2.2	0.0	1.9
1998-99									
July	-9.8	-21.9	-11.6	-2.5	13.4	-0.6	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3
August	-12.4	-0.7	-10.8	-9.9	13.7	-6.7	-2.4	-1.2	-2.2
September	-7.6	-11.7	-8.2	-11.2	-23.1	-13.2	-3.4	-1.5	-3.1
October	3.0	-6.2	1.7	1.8	-1.3	1.3	-4.1	-3.0	-3.9

Period	INDUSTRY.....			Total	TYPE OF ASSET.....	
	Mining	Manu- facturing	Other selected industries		New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
ANNUAL (\$m)						
1992-93	218	564	739	1 522	416	1 105
1993-94	97	613	773	1 484	356	1 128
1994-95	115	829	1 162	2 106	351	1 755
1995-96	196	756	921	1 873	358	1 515
1996-97	489	840	1 251	2 580	594	1 985
1997-98	1 370	791	1 022	3 183	783	2 400
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR						
1992-93	12.8	-26.1	10.6	-6.4	6.1	-10.4
1993-94	-55.5	8.7	4.6	-2.5	-14.5	2.0
1994-95	18.3	35.2	50.3	41.9	-1.4	55.6
1995-96	70.4	-8.8	-20.7	-11.1	2.0	-13.7
1996-97	149.5	11.1	35.8	37.7	65.9	31.0
1997-98	180.2	-5.8	-18.3	23.4	31.8	20.9
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$m)						
1996-97						
June	267	221	234	720	160	563
1997-98						
September	345	170	201	716	159	557
December	447	265	241	953	196	757
March	360	168	193	721	188	534
June	214	217	386	803	250	553
1998-99						
September	126	157	340	623	159	463
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, ORIGINAL						
1996-97						
June	238.0	11.6	-4.5	38.2	23.1	44.0
1998-99						
September	29.2	-23.1	-14.1	-0.6	-0.6	-1.1
December	29.6	55.9	19.9	33.1	23.3	35.9
March	-19.5	-36.6	-19.9	-24.3	-4.1	-29.5
June	-40.6	29.2	100.0	11.4	33.0	3.6
1998-99						
September	-41.1	-27.6	-11.9	-22.4	-36.4	-16.3
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$m)						
1996-97						
June	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	698	157	541
1997-98						
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	772	161	611
December	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	821	187	634
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	812	210	601
June	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	773	216	556
1998-99						
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	724	202	521
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND						
1996-97						
June	..	..	..	11.9	2.6	14.6
1997-98						
September	10.6	2.5	12.9
December	6.3	16.1	3.8
March	-1.1	12.3	-5.2
June	-4.8	2.9	-7.5
1998-99						
September	-6.3	-6.5	-6.3

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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Period	HOTELS WITH FACILITIES...			MOTELS AND GUESTHOUSES..			SERVICED APARTMENTS....		
	Guest rooms	Room occupancy	Takings	Flats, units and houses	Room occupancy	Takings	Guest rooms	Room occupancy	Takings
	no.	%	\$'000	no.	%	\$'000	no.	%	\$'000
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QUARTERLY									
1996-97									
June	3 819	54.1	18 460	5 197	50.3	16 835	624	61.4	2 624
September	3 875	56.2	19 193	5 197	51.3	17 420	624	57.9	2 714
1997-98									
June	4 048	53.6	19 048	5 136	52.8	17 773	750	59.4	3 551
September	4 048	57.2	21 068	5 112	51.7	17 805	740	56.3	3 667
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PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1997-98									
June	6.0	..	3.2	-1.2	..	5.6	20.2	..	35.3
September	4.5	..	9.8	-1.3	..	2.2	18.6	..	35.1
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Period	HOUSES.....		TOTAL DWELLING UNITS.....		Alterations and additions to residential building	Total residential building	Non-residential building	Total building
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total				
	no.	no.	no.	no.				
ANNUAL								
1992-93	9 715	10 091	11 548	12 341	133	973	418	1 392
1993-94	9 474	9 905	11 046	11 777	122	961	375	1 336
1994-95	7 765	8 155	9 208	9 762	120	860	493	1 353
1995-96	4 938	5 117	5 760	5 968	119	588	566	1 155
1996-97	5 512	5 608	6 148	6 264	117	632	581	1 213
1997-98	6 187	6 380	6 997	7 215	128	758	602	1 360
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL								
1997-98								
September	505	527	570	600	10.7	62.5	58.6	121.1
October	523	538	584	599	12.0	63.3	34.1	97.4
November	482	490	544	552	11.1	62.3	64.5	126.7
December	475	482	506	513	10.6	58.6	35.1	93.7
January	365	373	420	431	7.3	44.7	16.1	60.8
February	542	545	663	666	15.6	72.6	41.9	114.5
March	623	671	686	738	10.7	74.3	53.8	128.1
April	461	472	491	502	9.6	53.6	34.6	88.3
May	515	527	588	602	9.2	64.4	38.2	102.6
June	610	641	771	810	10.2	80.3	36.5	116.8
1998-99								
July	654	660	893	901	11.8	90.4	40.2	130.6
August	528	536	622	634	10.6	69.1	72.1	141.2
September	600	625	717	742	13.1	116.5	46.9	163.5
October	518	542	561	585	10.8	66.3	40.5	106.9
MONTHLY, TREND								
1997-98								
October	487	505	533	551	10.3	59.1	54.9	114.0
November	504	522	556	575	10.4	60.8	46.9	107.7
December	520	537	581	599	10.4	62.4	42.5	104.8
January	533	549	598	615	10.2	63.3	40.9	104.2
February	543	558	612	629	10.0	64.4	39.7	104.1
March	548	558	624	641	9.8	65.3	38.1	103.4
April	548	563	639	656	10	67	37	104
May	545	559	652	667	10	70	37	107
June	540	554	661	675	10	73	39	112
1998-99								
July	536	551	663	679	11	77	42	118
August	533	549	656	675	11	79	46	125
September	530	548	641	664	11	81	50	131
October	532	553	627	655	11	82	54	136
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND								
1997-98								
October	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.2	-16.3	-7.6
November	3.5	3.4	4.3	4.4	1.0	2.9	-14.6	-5.5
December	3.2	2.9	4.5	4.2	0.0	2.6	-9.4	-2.7
January	2.5	2.2	2.8	2.7	-1.9	1.4	-3.8	-0.6
February	1.9	1.6	2.5	2.3	-2.0	1.7	-2.9	-0.1
March	0.9	0.0	2.0	1.9	-2.0	1.4	-4.0	-0.7
April	0.0	0.2	2.4	2.3	1.0	2.8	-2.6	0.8
May	-0.5	-0.7	2.0	1.7	2.0	4.2	0.8	3.0
June	-0.9	-0.9	1.4	1.2	3.0	4.9	4.0	4.7
1998-99								
July	-0.7	-0.5	0.3	0.6	1.0	4.5	6.7	5.2
August	-0.6	-0.4	-1.1	-0.6	1.0	3.5	9.6	5.7
September	-0.6	-0.2	-2.3	-1.6	0.0	2.3	9.7	4.9
October	0.4	0.9	-2.2	-1.4	-0.9	1.4	8.0	3.9

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BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS

Period	NEW HOUSES.....		TOTAL DWELLING UNITS(a).....				NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING.....		
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total	New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential building	Private sector	Total	Total building
	no.	no.	no.	no.	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ANNUAL									
1992-93	9 122	9 416	10 889	11 646	816.2	122.4	205.5	458.7	1 397.2
1993-94	9 159	9 590	10 712	11 501	845.3	126.5	209.9	373.0	1 344.8
1994-95	7 745	8 210	9 132	9 796	765.5	125.3	251.7	518.5	1 409.3
1995-96	4 836	5 070	5 691	5 960	496.5	121.7	452.8	631.8	1 250.0
1996-97	5 057	5 113	5 704	5 790	496.3	116.9	423.4	568.8	1 181.9
1997-98	5 628	5 823	6 436	6 647	614.3	133.3	419.0	543.2	1 290.8
QUARTERLY									
1995-96									
June	1 153	1 183	1 273	1 307	111.0	28.8	217.7	264.0	403.9
1996-97									
September	1 191	1 207	1 302	1 321	108.7	26.2	67.9	104.2	239.1
December	1 245	1 262	1 513	1 530	133.8	33.8	85.3	113.2	280.8
March	1 099	1 102	1 242	1 247	106.3	26.2	76.6	121.2	253.6
June	1 522	1 541	1 655	1 691	147.5	30.7	193.5	230.2	408.4
1997-98									
September	1 354	1 402	1 480	1 541	131.9	31.6	84.5	112.3	275.8
December	1 531	1 588	1 835	1 906	179.8	33.8	139.2	174.1	387.7
March	1 409	1 436	1 622	1 648	150.1	38.7	68.1	95.2	284.0
June	1 334	1 397	1 484	1 552	152.4	29.2	127.1	161.6	343.2

(a) Includes conversions.

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VALUE OF BUILDING WORK DONE DURING PERIOD

Period	NEW HOUSES...		NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING.....		Alterations and additions to residential building	NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING.....		TOTAL BUILDING.....	
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total		Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ANNUAL									
1992-93	647.2	660.9	743.8	780.6	127.1	297.9	570.9	1 166.3	1 478.6
1993-94	719.1	746.4	828.9	876.3	132.0	217.7	462.1	1 177.2	1 470.4
1994-95	659.6	693.6	766.1	816.4	129.4	271.6	476.9	1 164.3	1 422.7
1995-96	441.4	460.5	512.9	534.8	130.6	311.4	542.1	953.2	1 207.5
1996-97	433.9	438.9	485.2	490.4	122.2	444.2	663.3	1 049.8	1 275.9
1997-98	523.7	536.4	590.9	605.8	131.1	534.6	680.3	1 255.0	1 417.1
QUARTERLY									
1996-97									
September	97.3	99.3	109.4	111.3	28.0	83.4	143.8	219.4	283.1
December	109.1	110.6	121.3	122.8	35.4	119.6	189.8	276.0	348.0
March	99.9	100.3	114.1	114.6	26.8	100.8	147.8	241.6	289.2
June	127.6	128.7	140.5	141.7	32.0	140.4	181.9	312.8	355.6
1997-98									
September	122.5	125.8	136.3	139.9	32.9	149.8	186.7	318.5	359.4
December	134.0	137.7	152.3	157.1	36.2	157.7	197.7	345.2	391.0
March	130.5	132.8	146.1	149.9	31.4	119.3	149.2	297.7	330.4
June	136.7	140.1	154.9	158.9	30.7	108.0	146.7	293.6	336.3

Period	Pigmeat	Beef	Mutton	Lamb	Gas	Coal	Sawn timber(a)
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	m MJ	tonnes	m ³
ANNUAL							
1991-92	34 538	90 661	72 578	29 941	78 210	2 819 880	271 603
1992-93	38 153	96 338	65 689	39 334	83 000	2 753 610	317 096
1993-94	38 394	94 395	71 354	45 199	89 382	2 643 000	364 961
1994-95	32 063	99 108	66 759	36 147	86 123	2 554 560	392 349
1995-96	31 695	89 704	55 600	37 735	76 074	2 409 120	413 545
1996-97	29 842	85 478	51 778	34 890	76 495	2 633 820	333 691
1997-98	26 384	80 924	58 554	38 224	78 440	2 815 870	361 257

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR							
1991-92	-10.6	4.2	10.9	-6.5	6.7	15.5	13.1
1992-93	10.5	6.3	-9.5	31.4	6.1	-2.4	16.7
1993-94	0.6	-2.0	8.6	14.9	7.7	-4.0	15.1
1994-95	-16.5	5.0	-6.4	-20.0	-3.6	-3.3	7.5
1995-96	-1.1	-9.5	-16.7	4.4	-11.7	-5.7	5.4
1996-97	-5.8	-4.7	-6.9	-7.5	0.6	9.3	-19.3
1997-98	-11.6	-5.3	13.1	9.6	2.5	6.9	8.3

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY							
1996-97							
June	7 866	23 160	11 802	10 225	19 777	720 300	83 742
1997-98							
September	7 431	18 704	10 889	6 594	21 942	752 868	91 537
December	6 301	22 324	16 769	9 963	18 997	610 208	83 957
March	6 731	21 110	20 144	10 561	18 098	718 990	89 540
June	5 921	18 786	10 752	11 106	19 404	733 804	96 223
1998-99							
September	5 606	15 147	10 342	10 733	23 573	748 575	95 339

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH/QUARTER							
1996-97							
June	13.9	8.1	-26.2	-36.1	10.2	5.2	22.4
1997-98							
September	-5.5	-19.2	-7.7	-35.5	10.9	4.5	9.3
December	-15.2	19.4	54.0	51.1	-13.4	-18.9	-8.3
March	6.8	-5.4	20.1	6.0	-4.7	17.8	6.6
June	-12.0	-11.0	-46.6	5.2	7.2	2.1	7.5
1998-99							
September	-5.3	-19.4	-3.8	-3.4	21.5	4.0	-0.9

(a) From Australian softwood logs only.

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Clothing</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household equipment and operation</i>	<i>Transport- ation</i>	<i>Tobacco and alcohol</i>	<i>Health and personal care</i>	<i>Recreation and education</i>	<i>All groups</i>
ANNUAL AVERAGE (1989–90 = 100)									
1992–93	109.3	107.0	94.3	107.6	115.0	131.2	134.9	110.7	111.2
1993–94	111.7	106.6	92.1	108.0	117.8	141.5	142.7	113.7	113.4
1994–95	115.1	104.9	97.8	109.2	120.2	148.9	151.3	116.3	116.9
1995–96	118.2	105.1	103.6	112.1	124.5	160.1	158.9	118.0	121.2
1996–97	120.8	105.5	98.9	113.4	124.6	165.3	165.4	121.1	122.3
1997–98	122.7	105.7	90.7	113.7	122.1	169.3	165.4	124.7	121.6

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, ANNUAL AVERAGE

1992–93	3.1	1.6	-6.1	0.1	4.1	10.6	5.6	2.8	2.1
1993–94	2.2	-0.4	-2.3	0.4	2.4	7.9	5.8	2.7	2.0
1994–95	3.0	-1.6	6.2	1.1	2.0	5.2	6.0	2.2	3.1
1995–96	2.7	0.2	5.9	2.7	3.6	7.6	5.0	1.5	3.7
1996–97	2.2	0.3	-4.5	1.2	0.0	3.3	4.1	2.6	0.9
1997–98	1.6	0.2	-8.3	0.2	-1.9	2.4	0.0	3.0	-0.6

QUARTERLY (1989–90 = 100.0)

1996–97									
June	121.9	105.2	94.1	113.6	122.7	166.5	168.0	122.9	121.9
1997–98									
September	122.0	105.4	92.2	113.6	123.2	167.2	158.6	123.7	121.2
December	122.0	106.2	90.2	113.6	122.3	168.8	164.1	123.6	121.2
March	122.9	105.1	89.9	113.7	121.2	170.7	167.8	125.5	121.7
June	123.7	105.9	90.3	113.9	121.8	170.5	171.1	126.1	122.4
1998–99									
September	125.9	105.3	91.2	113.7	121.8	170.7	171.8	125.9	123.0

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM SAME QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR

1996–97									
June	3.0	-0.3	-9.4	1.2	-2.1	1.8	4.6	3.1	-0.1
1997–98									
September	2.3	-0.1	-10.9	0.5	-1.0	1.5	-1.4	3.8	-0.8
December	1.1	0.2	-10.2	-0.2	-2.5	2.4	-0.5	3.2	-1.1
March	1.4	0.0	-7.8	0.4	-3.5	3.3	0.1	2.6	-0.7
June	1.5	0.7	-4.0	0.3	-0.7	2.4	1.8	2.6	0.4
1998–99									
September	3.2	-0.1	-1.1	0.1	-1.1	2.1	8.3	1.8	1.5

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER

1996–97									
June	0.6	0.1	-3.5	0.3	-2.3	0.8	0.2	0.5	-0.6
1997–98									
September	0.1	0.2	-2.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	-5.6	0.7	-0.6
December	0.0	0.8	-2.2	0.0	-0.7	1.0	3.5	-0.1	0.0
March	0.7	-1.0	-0.3	0.1	-0.9	1.1	2.3	1.5	0.4
June	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.5	-0.1	2.0	0.5	0.6
1998–99									
September	1.8	-0.6	1.0	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.4	-0.2	0.5

Item	Unit	QUARTER.....				
		Sep	Dec	Mar	June	Sep
		1997	1997	1998	1998	1998
		cents	cents	cents	cents	cents
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 L	122	122	124	127	127
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	320	323	322	323	335
Butter	500 g	161	164	167	175	164
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	160	161	163	165	169
Self-raising flour	2 kg	235	239	236	235	239
Beef						
Rump steak	1 kg	1 141	1 135	1 098	1 197	1 109
Corned silverside	1 kg	602	626	590	596	629
Lamb						
Leg	1 kg	574	565	535	534	554
Loin chops	1 kg	792	794	796	794	788
Forequarter chops	1 kg	547	534	575	577	551
Pork						
Leg	1 kg	574	622	618	601	576
Loin chops	1 kg	792	802	788	812	791
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	370	362	351	362	367
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	295	321	295	322	304
Sausages	1 kg	360	360	351	357	369
Potatoes	1 kg	108	111	104	69	62
Onions	1 kg	114	127	165	122	175
Peaches, canned	825 g	185	188	185	193	196
Eggs, 55g	doz.	246	239	235	238	240
Sugar, white	2 kg	182	185	183	201	210
Tea	250 g	175	182	183	217	214
Coffee, instant, jar	150 g	539	573	592	588	570
Margarine, polyunsaturated	500 g	133	144	142	141	161
Petrol						
Leaded	1 L	75.4	74.5	75.0	71.5	71.0
Unleaded	1 L	73.0	72.2	72.6	72.0	68.6

NET MIGRATION.....

<i>Period</i>	<i>Live births(a)</i>	<i>Deaths(a)</i>	<i>Natural increase</i>	<i>Interstate</i>	<i>Overseas(b)</i>	<i>Total increase</i>	<i>Population at end of period(c)</i>
ANNUAL							
1991-92	19 530	11 035	8 532	- 133	2 897	11 296	1 456 523
1992-93	19 686	11 163	8 403	-4 650	1 546	5 299	1 460 730
1993-94	20 036	11 743	7 949	-3 466	1 994	6 477	1 466 127
1994-95	19 569	11 501	7 902	-6 529	2 883	4 256	1 469 411
1995-96	18 959	11 294	7 645	-6 238	4 119	5 526	1 474 253
1996-97	18 945	11 683	7 258	-5 185	3 480	5 553	1 479 806
MONTHLY/QUARTERLY							
1996-97							
September	1 464	977	1 575	-1 746	902	731	1 474 984
October	1 779	1 196	..	..	..	..	..
November	1 536	835	..	..	..	..	..
December	1 424	920	1 780	-1 565	1 003	1 218	1 476 202
January	1 582	911	..	..	..	..	..
February	1 498	827	..	..	..	..	..
March	1 301	758	1 880	-1 368	1 228	1 740	1 477 942
April	1 673	935	..	..	..	..	..
May	1 805	1 080	..	..	..	..	..
June	1 492	959	2 023	-506	347	1 864	1 479 806
1997-98							
July	1 624	1 099	..	..	..	..	..
August	1 448	1 066	..	..	..	..	..
September	1 481	1 068	1 322	-654	1 124	1 792	1 481 598
October	1 581	1 116	..	..	..	..	..
November	1 460	877	..	..	..	..	..
December	1 459	960	1 544	-871	598	1 271	1 482 869
January	1 522	871	..	..	..	..	..
February	1 403	846	..	..	..	..	..
March	1 651	813	2 083	-1 625	2 027	2 485	1 485 354

(a) Registrations.

(b) Includes category jumping.

Period	EMPLOYED FULL-TIME.....		EMPLOYED PART-TIME.....		TOTAL EMPLOYED.....		UNEMPLOYED..		LABOUR FORCE.....	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
ANNUAL AVERAGE ('000)										
1992-93	322.2	143.2	39.2	126.8	361.4	270.0	51.9	29.9	413.3	299.9
1993-94	322.0	146.3	40.0	127.0	362.0	273.3	47.3	29.9	409.3	303.2
1994-95	323.1	151.5	42.6	131.3	365.7	282.8	44.6	28.7	410.3	311.5
1995-96	325.2	150.0	45.5	136.7	370.7	286.7	42.6	26.0	413.2	312.7
1996-97	320.8	150.5	48.6	140.7	369.4	291.2	42.1	27.5	411.5	318.7
1997-98	321.9	146.3	49.0	136.3	370.9	282.8	42.5	28.8	413.5	311.4
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL ('000)										
1997-98										
October	324.1	145.2	49.6	143.6	373.7	289.9	43.2	26.6	416.9	315.4
November	324.0	147.8	49.2	142.4	373.2	290.3	42.5	26.7	415.8	317.0
December	329.8	151.7	47.1	135.8	376.9	287.5	42.8	28.3	419.7	315.8
January	325.1	147.6	43.3	127.3	368.4	274.9	46.1	32.8	414.5	307.7
February	318.2	148.2	50.0	132.1	368.2	280.2	45.8	31.1	414.0	311.3
March	317.2	148.7	50.4	129.6	367.6	278.2	41.7	31.9	409.3	310.2
April	317.4	145.6	52.2	133.3	369.7	278.9	39.1	28.6	408.8	307.5
May	314.6	142.9	48.7	132.0	363.3	274.9	42.5	29.9	405.8	304.8
June	318.5	141.1	49.9	131.4	368.3	272.5	39.0	29.1	407.3	301.6
1998-99										
July	322.1	145.5	44.7	127.8	366.8	273.2	42.6	26.6	409.4	299.8
August	320.8	144.2	47.1	130.9	367.9	275.1	42.9	29.2	410.8	304.2
September	326.7	147.8	44.8	136.1	371.5	283.9	45.0	27.5	416.6	311.5
October	323.2	148.7	47.1	137.4	370.3	286.1	41.0	24.4	411.2	310.5
November	324.9	147.2	46.7	138.8	371.5	286.0	43.0	25.4	414.5	311.4
MONTHLY, TREND ('000)										
1997-98										
October	324.7	145.8	49.5	142.3	374.2	288.1	43.4	27.9	417.6	316.0
November	324.2	146.1	48.9	141.1	373.1	287.2	43.4	28.0	416.5	315.2
December	323.4	146.9	48.4	138.9	371.8	285.8	43.2	28.3	415.0	314.1
January	322.3	147.6	48.1	136.3	370.4	283.9	42.8	28.7	413.2	312.6
February	320.9	147.7	48.2	133.7	369.1	281.4	42.2	29.1	411.3	310.5
March	319.4	147.1	48.5	131.4	367.9	278.5	41.7	29.4	409.6	307.9
April	318.4	146.1	48.8	129.7	367.2	275.8	41.6	29.8	408.8	305.6
May	318.3	145.3	48.7	128.7	367.0	274.0	41.8	30.0	408.8	304.0
June	319.2	145.0	48.3	128.6	367.5	273.6	42.3	29.9	409.8	303.5
1998-99										
July	320.7	145.2	47.6	129.5	368.3	274.7	42.8	29.5	411.1	304.2
August	322.2	145.9	47.0	130.8	369.2	276.7	43.2	28.8	412.4	305.5
September	323.5	146.6	46.5	132.7	370.0	279.3	43.4	28.0	413.4	307.3
October	324.4	147.3	46.3	134.7	370.7	282.0	43.6	27.2	414.3	309.2
November	325.2	147.9	46.4	137.5	371.6	285.4	43.5	26.4	415.1	311.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND										
1997-98										
October	0.0	-0.3	-0.8	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.4	-0.1	0.0
November	-0.2	0.2	-1.2	-0.8	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.4	-0.3	-0.3
December	-0.2	0.5	-0.8	-1.6	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5	1.1	-0.3	-0.4
January	-0.3	0.5	-0.6	-1.9	-0.4	-0.7	-0.9	1.4	-0.4	-0.5
February	-0.4	0.1	0.2	-1.9	-0.4	-0.9	-1.4	1.4	-0.5	-0.7
March	-0.5	-0.4	0.6	-1.7	-0.3	-1.0	-1.2	1.0	-0.4	-0.8
April	0.0	-0.5	0.0	-0.5	0.0	-0.5	0.5	0.3	0.0	-0.5
May	0.0	-0.5	-0.2	-0.8	-0.1	-0.7	0.5	0.7	0.0	-0.5
June	0.3	-0.2	-0.8	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	1.2	-0.3	0.2	-0.2
1998-99										
July	0.5	0.1	-1.4	0.7	0.2	0.7	1.2	-1.3	0.3	0.2
August	0.5	0.5	-1.3	1.0	0.2	0.7	0.9	-2.4	0.3	0.4
September	0.4	0.5	-1.1	1.5	0.2	0.9	0.5	-2.8	0.2	0.6
October	0.3	0.5	-0.4	1.5	0.2	1.0	0.5	-2.9	0.2	0.6
November	0.2	0.4	0.2	2.1	0.2	1.2	-0.2	-2.9	0.2	0.8

(a) Population aged 15 and over.

Period	CIVILIAN POPULATION....		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....				PARTICIPATION RATE..		
	Males aged 15 and over	Females aged 15 and over	Persons aged 15-19	Males all ages	Females all ages	Persons all ages	Males	Females	Persons
	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
ANNUAL AVERAGE									
1992-93	567.4	588.9	26.6	12.6	10.0	11.5	72.8	51.0	61.7
1993-94	570.6	592.0	28.3	11.5	9.8	10.8	71.7	51.2	61.3
1994-95	573.7	594.7	25.2	10.9	9.2	10.2	71.5	52.4	61.8
1995-96	576.2	597.1	27.2	10.3	8.3	9.5	71.7	52.4	61.9
1996-97	579.8	600.6	23.7	10.2	8.6	9.5	71.0	53.1	61.9
1997-98	583.9	604.5	23.2	10.3	9.2	9.8	70.8	51.5	61.0
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1992-93	0.6	0.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1993-94	0.6	0.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1994-95	0.6	0.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1995-96	0.4	0.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1996-97	0.6	0.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1997-98	0.7	0.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL									
1997-98									
August	582.3	602.9	21.2	10.1	8.2	9.3	71.3	51.7	61.3
September	582.7	603.3	23.2	10.6	8.7	9.8	72.1	52.6	62.2
October	583.1	603.7	22.5	10.4	8.4	9.5	71.5	52.2	61.7
November	583.6	604.1	20.9	10.2	8.4	9.5	71.3	52.5	61.7
December	584.0	604.5	23.3	10.2	8.9	9.7	71.9	52.2	61.9
January	584.3	604.8	26.5	11.1	10.7	10.9	70.9	50.9	60.7
February	584.5	605.1	24.8	11.1	10.0	10.6	70.8	51.5	61.0
March	584.8	605.3	26.1	10.2	10.3	10.2	70.0	51.2	60.5
April	585.1	605.6	23.0	9.6	9.3	9.4	69.9	50.8	60.2
May	585.4	605.9	24.8	10.5	9.8	10.2	69.3	50.3	59.7
June	585.6	606.2	19.9	9.6	9.7	9.6	69.6	49.8	59.5
1997-98									
July	585.9	606.5	23.0	10.4	8.9	9.8	69.9	49.4	59.5
August	586.1	606.8	23.3	10.4	9.6	10.1	70.1	50.1	59.9
September	586.4	607.0	23.1	10.8	8.8	10.0	71.0	51.3	61.0
October	586.9	607.6	23.1	10.0	7.9	9.1	70.1	51.1	60.4
November	587.3	608.1	21.2	10.4	8.2	9.4	70.6	51.2	60.7
MONTHLY, TREND									
1997-98									
August	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.4	8.8	9.7	71.8	52.4	61.9
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.4	8.8	9.7	71.7	52.4	61.9
October	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.4	8.8	9.7	71.6	52.3	61.8
November	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.4	8.9	9.8	71.4	52.2	61.6
December	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.4	9.0	9.8	71.1	52.0	61.4
January	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.4	9.2	9.8	70.7	51.7	61.0
February	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.3	9.4	9.9	70.4	51.3	60.7
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.2	9.6	9.9	70.0	50.9	60.3
April	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.2	9.7	10.0	69.9	50.5	60.0
May	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.2	9.9	10.1	69.8	50.1	59.8
June	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.3	9.9	10.1	70.0	50.0	59.8
1997-98									
July	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.4	9.7	10.1	70.2	50.1	60.0
August	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.5	9.4	10.0	70.4	50.4	60.2
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.5	9.1	9.9	70.5	50.7	60.4
October	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.5	8.8	9.8	70.6	51.0	60.6
November	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.5	8.5	9.6	70.7	51.3	60.8

(a) Population aged 15 and over.

Period	FULL-TIME ADULTS ORDINARY TIME EARNINGS			FULL-TIME ADULTS TOTAL EARNINGS.....			ALL EMPLOYEES TOTAL EARNINGS.....		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
ANNUAL AVERAGE (\$ per week)									
1992-93	610.10	534.90	585.40	646.40	546.80	613.70	560.00	382.60	477.40
1993-94	625.10	547.60	600.00	667.50	560.10	632.70	595.10	396.60	503.30
1994-95	632.70	559.10	608.20	681.70	572.50	645.30	599.90	411.90	513.40
1995-96	653.80	555.90	622.80	703.20	568.50	660.10	620.10	403.90	520.70
1996-97	678.20	575.10	644.30	735.10	589.40	687.20	636.90	408.70	529.80
1997-98	705.60	606.05	670.53	755.05	619.33	707.20	646.28	438.50	545.70
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1992-93	3.7	2.1	3.1	3.4	2.4	3.0	-0.8	-1.1	-1.3
1993-94	2.5	2.4	2.5	3.3	2.4	3.1	6.3	3.7	5.4
1994-95	1.2	2.1	1.4	2.1	2.2	2.0	0.8	3.9	2.0
1995-96	3.3	-0.6	2.4	3.1	-0.7	2.3	3.4	-1.9	1.4
1996-97	3.7	3.5	3.5	4.5	3.7	4.1	2.7	1.2	1.8
1997-98	4.0	5.4	4.1	2.7	5.1	2.9	1.5	7.3	3.0
QUARTERLY (\$ per week)									
1996-97									
16 May	690.90	584.50	655.70	750.00	597.20	699.30	652.30	419.50	542.50
1997-98									
15 August	703.90	583.70	663.40	756.20	593.50	701.40	651.00	420.00	542.50
21 November	689.70	594.20	655.00	739.90	607.40	691.80	631.70	433.90	533.90
20 February	715.10	626.20	683.60	764.60	642.10	721.20	656.10	447.70	553.60
15 May	713.80	620.10	680.10	759.50	634.30	714.40	646.30	452.40	552.80
1998-99									
21 August	737.50	623.50	694.70	785.60	636.30	729.60	670.40	462.10	569.60
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING REFERENCE DATE IN PREVIOUS YEAR									
1996-97									
16 May	3.3	4.9	3.5	4.0	4.4	3.7	1.8	2.7	1.5
1997-98									
15 August	5.6	3.8	4.9	5.0	3.3	4.3	3.6	4.1	3.6
21 November	3.0	3.3	2.4	1.6	2.6	1.0	0.8	7.9	2.2
20 February	4.3	8.3	5.2	3.1	8.1	4.2	2.5	9.3	4.3
15 May	3.3	6.1	3.7	1.3	6.2	2.2	-0.9	7.8	1.9
1998-99									
21 August	4.8	6.8	4.7	3.9	7.2	4.0	3.0	10.0	5.0
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS REFERENCE DATE									
1996-97									
21 February	2.4	0.5	1.6	1.9	0.4	1.1	2.1	1.8	1.6
16 May	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.5	1.0	2.0	2.4	2.2
1997-98									
15 August	1.9	-0.1	1.2	0.8	-0.6	0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.0
21 November	-2.0	1.8	-1.3	-2.2	2.3	-1.4	-3.0	3.3	-1.6
20 February	3.7	5.4	4.4	3.3	5.7	4.2	3.9	3.2	3.7
15 May	-0.2	-1.0	-0.5	-0.7	-1.2	-0.9	-1.5	1.0	-0.1
1998-99									
21 August	3.3	0.5	2.1	3.4	0.3	2.1	3.7	2.1	3.0

SECURED HOUSING
FINANCE
COMMITMENTS.....

Period	Dwelling	Value	Alterations	Personal	Commercial	Lease
	units		and	finance	finance	finance
	no.	\$m	additions	commitments	commitments	commitments
			\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ANNUAL						
1992-93	36 960	2 569.5	102.8	1 656.9	5 122.5	249.5
1993-94	45 725	3 387.9	221.8	1 840.3	5 467.2	250.6
1994-95	36 429	2 879.7	242.2	2 152.2	5 405.6	271.4
1995-96	38 707	2 982.2	240.7	2 215.5	6 516.2	265.7
1996-97	36 661	2 956.1	188.1	2 469.2	6 092.4	232.0
1997-98	37 379	3 129.7	139.5	2 763.9	6 486.4	267.3

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

1992-93	16.4	23.3	15.8	13.7	-23.2	-2.6
1993-94	23.7	31.9	115.7	11.1	6.7	0.5
1994-95	-20.3	-15.0	9.2	16.9	-1.1	8.3
1995-96	6.3	3.6	-0.6	2.9	20.5	-2.1
1996-97	-5.3	-0.9	-21.9	11.5	-6.5	-12.7
1997-98	-2.0	5.9	-25.8	11.9	6.5	15.2

MONTHLY

1997-98

August	3 004	243.4	10.8	278.3	640.6	29.8
September	3 039	253.3	9.9	220.1	557.5	21.7
October	3 173	267.7	13.3	221.1	619.2	21.6
November	3 033	257.8	11.5	219.7	452.4	17.8
December	3 212	275.3	10.1	233.3	831.4	20.0
January	2 515	207.1	8.6	196.5	378.8	15.3
February	3 107	254.1	10.3	209.4	409.2	18.6
March	3 349	282.8	15.8	250.9	518.2	24.2
April	3 227	271.5	12.7	227.6	466.3	16.1
May	3 054	259.8	12.1	235.6	456.3	23.0
June	3 581	307.0	14.0	265.9	779.2	37.5

1998-99

July	3 144	269.0	12.0	249.6	505.2	32.3
August	2 900	244.0	9.0	257.9	514.7	15.5
September	3 063	262.0	11.0	252.9	672.9	16.4
October	2 687	238.0	11.0	245.9	457.3	13.2

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH

1997-98

August	2.7	3.1	-3.9	-26.5	-41.0	-27.1
September	-1.5	0.9	-4.5	7.6	47.6	-0.4
October	4.4	5.7	33.9	0.4	11.1	-0.4
November	-4.4	-3.7	-13.1	-0.6	-26.9	-17.7
December	5.9	6.8	-12.9	6.2	83.8	12.4
January	-21.7	-24.8	-14.3	-15.8	-54.4	-23.5
February	23.5	22.7	19.4	6.6	8.0	21.6
March	7.8	11.3	53.7	19.9	26.6	30.3
April	-3.6	-4.0	-20.0	-9.3	-10.0	-33.4
May	-5.4	-5.1	-4.7	3.5	-2.1	42.9
June	17.3	19.0	16.1	12.9	70.8	62.7

1998-99

July	-12.2	-12.4	-14.3	-6.1	-35.2	-13.9
August	-7.8	-9.3	-25.0	3.3	1.9	-52.0
September	5.6	7.4	22.2	-1.9	30.7	5.6
October	-12.3	-9.2	0.0	-2.8	-32.0	-19.3

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