



PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND EXPECTED EXPENDITURE to June 2003 AUSTRALIA

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DECEMBER QTR KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES (a)

	Dec 2000	Sep 2001	Dec 2001	% change Sep 2001 to Dec 2001	% change Dec 2000 to Dec 2001
	\$m	\$m	\$m		
Total new capital expenditure	10 024	9 835	10 135	3.1	1.1
Buildings & structures	2 400	2 402	2 422	0.8	0.9
Equipment, plant & machinery	7 625	7 433	7 698	3.6	1.0

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (a)

	Dec 2000	Sep 2001	Dec 2001	% change Sep 2001 to Dec 2001	% change Dec 2000 to Dec 2001
	\$m	\$m	\$m		
Total new capital expenditure	10 032	9 629	10 426	8.3	3.9
Buildings & structures	2 387	2 399	2 377	-0.9	-0.4
Equipment, plant & machinery	7 645	7 230	8 049	11.3	5.3

(a) In volume terms.

DECEMBER QTR KEY POINTS

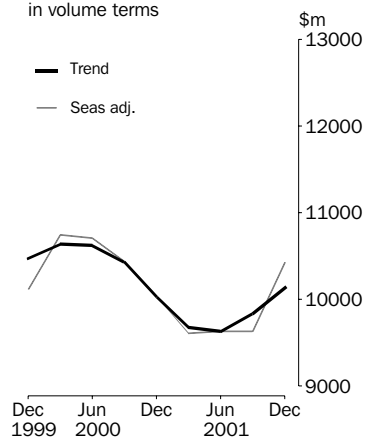
ACTUAL EXPENDITURE

- The trend estimate for total capital expenditure (in volume terms) has increased for the past two quarters following a strong seasonally adjusted increase in Manufacturing this quarter, which came off a low September quarter 2001 estimate. Trend estimates have also increased for Mining (for the past six quarters) and Other selected industries (for the past two quarters).
- The trend estimate for building and structures has increased for the past three quarters while equipment, plant and machinery has increased for the past two quarters.

EXPECTED EXPENDITURE

- Estimate 5 for 2001-02 is \$41,065m which is 4.1% higher than the comparable estimate for 2000-01. Mining recorded a significant increase which was offset, in part, by decreases in Manufacturing and Other selected industries.
- The first estimate of expenditure for 2002-03 is \$39,398m which is 21.1% higher than the first estimate for 2001-02. There were very strong expectations in Mining and, to a lesser extent, Transport and storage, while Retail trade and Finance and insurance also recorded increased expectations. Manufacturing and Other services were the largest contributors for those industries with decreased expectations.

New Capital Expenditure in volume terms



- For further information about these and related statistics, contact John Blanchette on 02 9268 4357, or the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

ISSUE (Quarter)	RELEASE DATE
March 2002	30 May 2002
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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

There are no changes to this issue



CHANGES TO NEXT QUARTER

The December quarter 2001 release of *Private New Capital Expenditure, State Estimates* (Cat. no. 5646.0) is the final issue of that publication.

From the March quarter 2002, the release of state capital expenditure estimates will be brought forward to the same timing as the release of the national capital expenditure estimates. Capital expenditure by type of asset for each state/territory in original, seasonally adjusted and trend terms will be included in this publication from next quarter, and chain volume measures for these estimates will be introduced. Capital expenditure by type of asset and industry for each state/territory, and estimates of expected expenditure by state (only collected in December quarters) will be released on AusStats and will be available on request.

The content of this national publication will be revised to include state estimates. Manufacturing sub-division data will no longer be included in this publication but will continue to be available on AusStats. The format of this publication will be improved to incorporate these changes including the provision of commentary relating to expectations data.

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REVISIONS TO TREND

Readers should exercise care in the interpretation of the trend data as the last three observations, in particular, are likely to be revised with the addition of subsequent quarters' data.

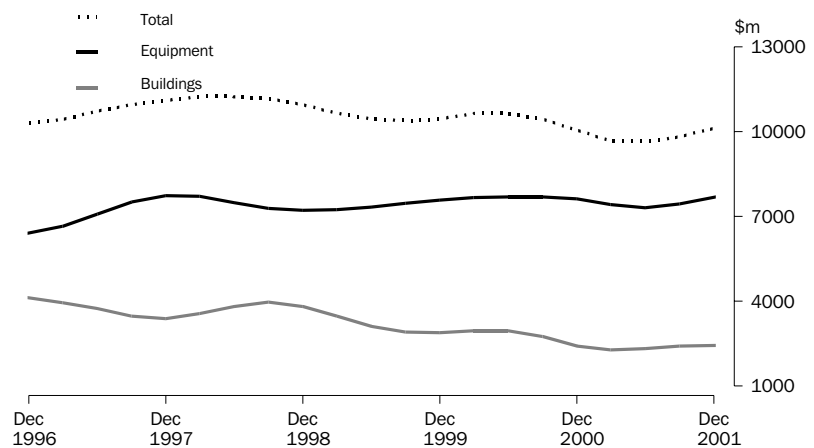
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ACTUAL NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE: Trend

QUARTERLY TREND ESTIMATES OF CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES

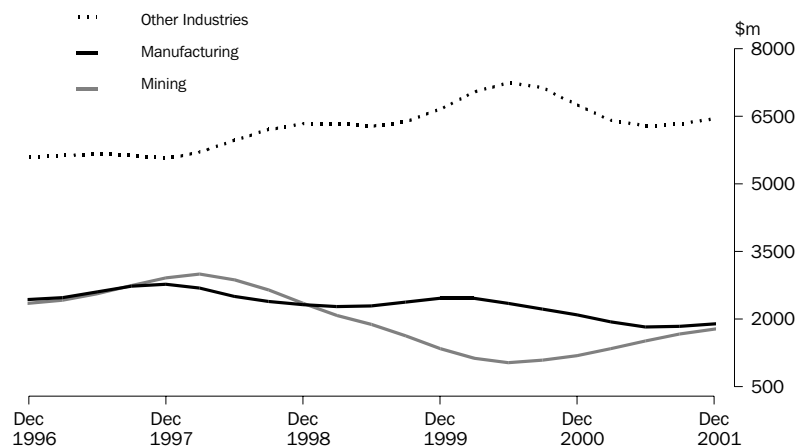
BY ASSET

The trend estimate for total capital expenditure has increased for the past two quarters, after falling in the previous five quarters. The trend estimate for expenditure on buildings and structures has increased for the past three quarters with a large seasonally adjusted increase in June 2001 driven by Mining and Other selected industries, contributing significantly to this trend. The trend estimate for expenditure on equipment, plant and machinery has increased in the past two quarters. All major industry groups recorded increases in the current quarter, but Manufacturing was the major contributor with a strong seasonally adjusted increase of 31.7%.



BY INDUSTRY

The trend estimate for new capital expenditure by the Mining industry has increased strongly in the past six quarters, with increases in expenditure on both buildings and structures (up 7.5%) and equipment, plant and machinery (up 5.3%) in the current quarter. The trend estimate for new capital expenditure by Manufacturing increased by 3.2% this quarter, following a very strong seasonally adjusted increase of 27.8%. All of this seasonally adjusted increase was contributed by expenditure on equipment, plant and machinery following a low September quarter estimate. The trend estimate for Other selected industries has risen in the past two quarters, after falling during 2000-01.

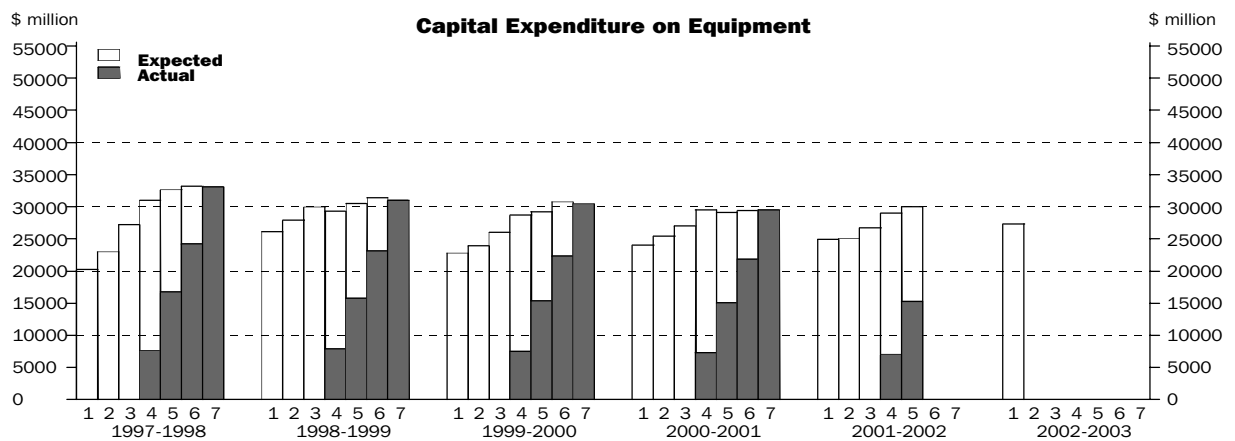
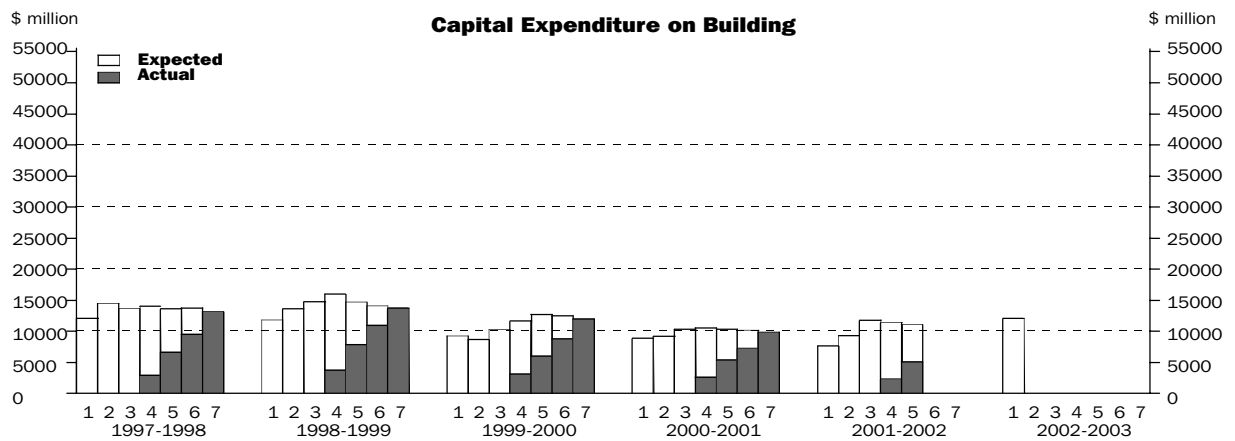
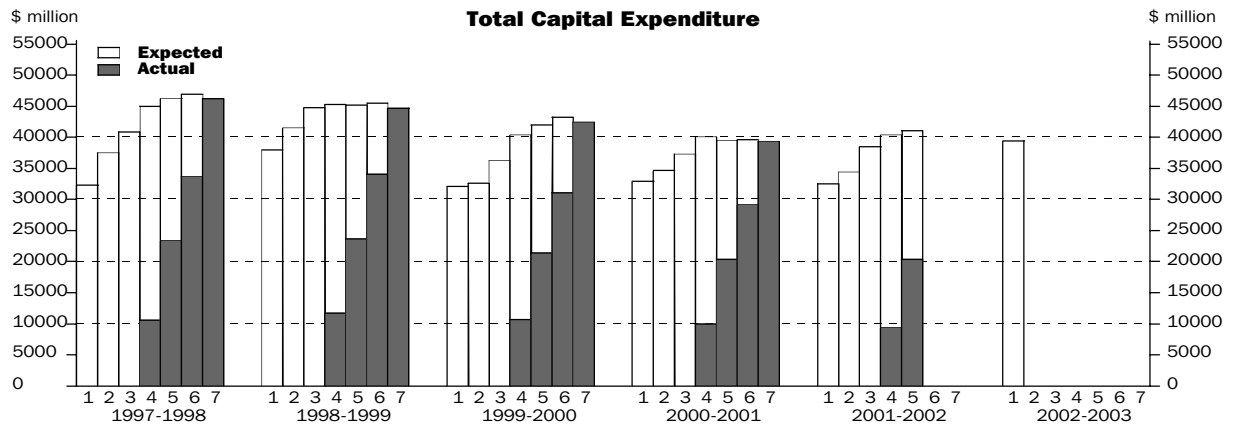


ACTUAL AND EXPECTED NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

FINANCIAL YEARS AT CURRENT PRICES

EXPENDITURE

The estimates of actual and expected expenditure appearing below relate to data contained in table 4. Information about the timing and construction of these estimates are contained on pages 13 and 14 and advice about the usefulness of the realisation ratios is on pages 15 and 16.



ACTUAL & EXPECTED EXPENDITURE, By Type of Asset and Industry—Current prices

Period	BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES.....				EQUIPMENT, PLANT AND MACHINERY.....				TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.....			
	Mining	Manu- facturing	Other selected indus- tries	Total	Mining	Manu- facturing	Other selected indus- tries	Total	Mining	Manu- facturing	Other selected indus- tries	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ORIGINAL (Actual)												
1999–2000	2 534	1 501	7 968	12 003	2 753	8 184	19 507	30 444	5 288	9 685	27 475	42 447
2000–2001	2 268	1 233	6 369	9 870	2 980	7 163	19 344	29 486	5 248	8 397	25 712	39 357
2000–2001												
September	453	389	1 754	2 596	542	1 804	4 961	7 307	995	2 193	6 715	9 903
December	541	349	1 861	2 752	722	1 897	5 101	7 720	1 264	2 246	6 962	10 472
March	476	233	1 229	1 939	850	1 577	4 408	6 835	1 326	1 810	5 638	8 774
June	798	262	1 524	2 584	866	1 885	4 874	7 625	1 663	2 148	6 397	10 209
2001–2002												
September	846	170	1 325	2 340	860	1 427	4 755	7 042	1 705	1 597	6 080	9 382
December	959	178	1 626	2 763	1 041	2 145	5 022	8 208	2 000	2 323	6 648	10 970
ORIGINAL (Expected)(a)												
2001-2002												
6 mths to Jun	2 262	622	3 098	5 982	3 179	3 703	7 849	14 731	5 441	4 325	10 947	20 713
Total 2001-2002	4 067	969	6 049	11 085	5 079	7 275	17 626	29 980	9 146	8 245	23 674	41 065
Total 2002-2003												
12 mths to Jun	4 975	1 156	5 931	12 061	6 105	6 239	14 992	27 336	11 080	7 395	20 922	39 398
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Actual)												
1999–2000	2 554	1 505	7 997	12 055	2 747	8 205	19 525	30 476	5 299	9 710	27 522	42 531
2000–2001	2 254	1 209	6 361	9 824	2 981	7 175	19 361	29 516	5 234	8 384	25 722	39 340
2000–2001												
September	469	328	1 875	2 672	543	1 934	4 965	7 442	1 012	2 262	6 840	10 114
December	509	294	1 613	2 416	715	1 787	4 988	7 490	1 224	2 081	6 601	9 906
March	526	243	1 336	2 105	891	1 725	4 847	7 463	1 417	1 968	6 183	9 568
June	750	344	1 537	2 631	831	1 729	4 561	7 121	1 581	2 073	6 098	9 752
2001–2002												
September	873	140	1 419	2 432	862	1 529	4 742	7 133	1 735	1 669	6 161	9 565
December	904	148	1 404	2 456	1 035	2 021	4 928	7 984	1 939	2 169	6 332	10 440
TREND ESTIMATES (Actual)												
1999–2000	2 235	1 143	7 662	11 041	2 642	8 186	19 449	30 277	4 879	9 329	27 110	41 318
2000–2001	2 276	1 108	6 323	9 708	2 998	7 073	19 459	29 529	5 275	8 181	25 781	39 237
2000–2001												
September	479	289	1 850	2 618	607	1 867	5 026	7 500	1 086	2 156	6 876	10 118
December	497	286	1 585	2 368	718	1 810	4 932	7 460	1 215	2 096	6 517	9 828
March	583	279	1 445	2 307	808	1 720	4 789	7 317	1 391	1 999	6 234	9 624
June	718	254	1 443	2 415	865	1 676	4 711	7 252	1 583	1 930	6 154	9 667
2001–2002												
September	841	201	1 436	2 478	910	1 727	4 736	7 373	1 751	1 928	6 172	9 851
December	927	157	1 409	2 493	970	1 826	4 830	7 626	1 897	1 983	6 239	10 119

(a) Not directly comparable with estimates of actual expenditure due to likely over/under realisation
— see paragraphs 26 to 29 of the Explanatory Notes.

ACTUAL & EXPECTED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, Detailed Industries—Current prices

Period	MANUFACTURING.....										
	<i>Food, beverage and tobacco</i>	<i>Textile, clothing, footwear and leather</i>	<i>Wood and paper product</i>	<i>Printing, publishing and recorded media</i>	<i>Petroleum, coal, chemical and assoc. product</i>	<i>Non-metallic mineral product</i>	<i>Metal product</i>	<i>Machinery and equipment</i>	<i>Other manufacturing</i>	<i>Total manufacturing</i>	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
ORIGINAL (Actual)											
1999–2000	5 288	2 221	196	987	782	1 801	469	1 482	1 524	221	9 685
2000–2001	5 248	2 035	233	580	678	1 379	511	1 099	1 702	179	8 397
2000–2001											
September	995	427	54	151	163	327	170	240	612	49	2 193
December	1 264	549	46	133	208	464	129	333	347	37	2 246
March	1 326	498	38	124	130	297	89	208	375	51	1 810
June	1 663	561	95	173	176	291	124	318	367	43	2 148
2001–2002											
September	1 705	388	38	98	115	320	91	235	271	40	1 597
December	2 000	578	51	181	144	368	167	372	408	55	2 323
ORIGINAL (Expected)(a)											
2001-2002											
6 mths to Jun	5 441	1 134	63	299	239	723	311	637	866	53	4 325
Total 2001-2002	9 146	2 101	151	578	498	1 411	569	1 244	1 545	148	8 245
Total 2002-2003											
12 mths to Jun	11 080	1 785	95	444	417	1 260	369	1 257	1 657	110	7 395
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Actual)											
1999–2000	5 299	2 216	197	985	787	1 829	470	1 500	1 506	221	9 710
2000–2001	5 234	2 030	228	582	681	1 367	509	1 091	1 716	179	8 384
2000–2001											
September	1 012	478	58	142	192	328	166	260	592	46	2 262
December	1 224	524	42	152	190	400	121	315	298	39	2 081
March	1 417	503	44	148	144	335	101	225	414	54	1 968
June	1 581	525	84	140	156	303	121	291	412	41	2 073
2001–2002											
September	1 735	436	40	92	135	323	89	255	262	37	1 669
December	1 939	551	47	209	130	316	157	351	350	58	2 169
TREND ESTIMATES (Actual)											
1999–2000	4 879	2 198	205	880	808	1 530	472	1 479	1 537	217	9 329
2000–2001	5 275	2 020	212	580	660	1 397	495	1 084	1 557	176	8 181
2000–2001											
September	1 086	512	49	163	175	374	147	285	408	43	2 156
December	1 215	506	50	150	175	358	132	270	410	45	2 096
March	1 391	505	55	136	164	341	110	263	381	44	1 999
June	1 583	497	58	131	146	323	106	266	359	44	1 930
2001–2002											
September	1 751	495	55	140	137	312	117	288	339	45	1 928
December	1 897	508	48	162	133	316	134	322	312	48	1 983

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— see paragraphs 26 to 29 of the Explanatory Notes.

ACTUAL & EXPECTED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, Detailed Industries—Current prices *continued*

OTHER SELECTED INDUSTRIES.....									TOTAL
Period	Construction	Wholesale trade	Retail trade	Transport and storage	Finance and insurance	Property and business services	Other services etc.	Total other selected industries	Total new capital expenditure
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ORIGINAL (Actual)									
1999–2000	1 435	2 599	3 093	3 659	2 925	6 163	7 601	27 475	42 447
2000–2001	1 268	2 071	2 771	3 040	3 187	5 848	7 527	25 712	39 357
2000–2001									
September	333	583	723	602	986	1 552	1 936	6 715	9 903
December	381	554	843	859	798	1 504	2 022	6 962	10 472
March	247	420	475	871	566	1 269	1 789	5 638	8 774
June	307	514	729	707	837	1 522	1 781	6 397	10 209
2001–2002									
September	293	538	811	860	743	1 163	1 672	6 080	9 382
December	300	559	855	990	603	1 281	2 060	6 648	10 970
ORIGINAL (Expected)(a)									
2001–2002									
6 mths to Jun	255	779	1 325	1 811	1 389	2 024	3 365	10 947	20 713
Total 2001–2002	848	1 876	2 991	3 661	2 734	4 468	7 097	23 674	41 065
Total 2002–2003									
12 mths to Jun	563	1 498	2 684	4 631	2 685	4 023	4 838	20 922	39 398
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Actual)									
1999–2000	1 433	2 573	3 107	3 662	2 969	6 178	7 600	27 522	42 531
2000–2001	1 279	2 067	2 757	3 050	3 171	5 851	7 550	25 722	39 340
2000–2001									
September	378	552	717	591	969	1 579	2 054	6 840	10 114
December	363	515	724	851	724	1 419	2 005	6 601	9 906
March	276	501	636	901	667	1 434	1 768	6 183	9 568
June	261	498	680	706	811	1 419	1 723	6 098	9 752
2001–2002									
September	334	510	801	839	731	1 183	1 763	6 161	9 565
December	286	520	733	984	546	1 211	2 052	6 332	10 440
TREND ESTIMATES (Actual)									
1999–2000	1 446	2 553	3 077	3 491	2 833	6 179	7 532	27 110	41 318
2000–2001	1 308	2 071	2 793	3 230	2 959	5 806	7 615	25 781	39 237
2000–2001									
September	382	544	727	823	748	1 556	2 096	6 876	10 118
December	339	525	687	796	731	1 479	1 960	6 517	9 828
March	299	501	677	792	743	1 422	1 800	6 234	9 624
June	287	502	702	819	737	1 349	1 758	6 154	9 667
2001–2002									
September	294	509	739	845	698	1 265	1 822	6 172	9 851
December	305	516	764	909	629	1 181	1 935	6 239	10 119

(a) Not directly comparable with estimates of actual expenditure due to likely over/under realisation
— see paragraphs 26 to 29 of the Explanatory Notes.

ACTUAL EXPENDITURE, By Type of Asset and Industry—Chain volume measures(a)

Period	ASSET.....			INDUSTRY.....			
	<i>Buildings and structures</i>	<i>Equipment, plant and machinery</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Mining</i>	<i>Manufacturing</i>	<i>Other selected industries</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ORIGINAL							
1999–2000	12 003	30 444	42 447	5 288	9 685	27 475	42 447
2000–2001	9 663	30 045	39 707	5 071	8 203	26 433	39 707
2000–2001							
September	2 555	7 601	10 156	978	2 184	6 993	10 156
December	2 696	7 885	10 582	1 227	2 199	7 156	10 582
March	1 891	6 910	8 801	1 278	1 762	5 761	8 801
June	2 520	7 649	10 169	1 588	2 058	6 522	10 169
2001–2002							
September	2 277	7 152	9 429	1 622	1 531	6 277	9 429
December	2 684	8 280	10 964	1 891	2 217	6 855	10 964
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
1999–2000	12 003	30 444	42 447	5 288	9 685	27 475	42 447
2000–2001	9 663	30 045	39 707	5 071	8 203	26 433	39 707
2000–2001							
September	2 710	7 728	10 438	996	2 320	7 122	10 438
December	2 387	7 645	10 032	1 191	2 058	6 783	10 032
March	2 068	7 538	9 606	1 370	1 922	6 314	9 606
June	2 498	7 134	9 631	1 514	1 903	6 214	9 631
2001–2002							
September	2 399	7 230	9 629	1 646	1 624	6 359	9 629
December	2 377	8 049	10 426	1 827	2 075	6 523	10 426
TREND ESTIMATES							
1999–2000	11 709	30 371	42 100	5 123	9 633	27 340	42 100
2000–2001	9 732	30 038	39 767	5 124	8 083	26 556	39 767
2000–2001							
September	2 741	7 698	10 434	1 084	2 222	7 125	10 434
December	2 400	7 625	10 024	1 186	2 097	6 741	10 024
March	2 265	7 410	9 676	1 339	1 934	6 402	9 676
June	2 327	7 305	9 633	1 516	1 829	6 287	9 633
2001–2002							
September	2 402	7 433	9 835	1 663	1 832	6 340	9 835
December	2 422	7 698	10 135	1 785	1 891	6 457	10 135

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 1999–2000.

ACTUAL & EXPECTED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, By Type of Asset—Current prices

Financial year	12 months expectation as reported in Jan–Feb of previous financial year (Estimate 1)	12 months expectation as reported in Apr–May of previous financial year (Estimate 2)	12 months expectation as reported in Jul–Aug (Estimate 3)	3 months actual and 9 months expectation as reported in Oct–Nov (Estimate 4)	6 months actual and 6 months expectation as reported in Jan–Feb (Estimate 5)	9 months actual and 3 months expectation as reported in Apr–May (Estimate 6)	12 months actual (Estimate 7)
BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES (\$ million)							
1998–1999	11 812	13 587	14 789	15 978	14 711	14 081	13 709
1999–2000	9 258	8 655	10 287	11 663	12 731	12 488	12 003
2000–2001	8 877	9 198	10 295	10 539	10 353	10 183	9 870
2001–2002	7 623	9 329	11 762	11 407	11 085	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
2002–2003	12 061	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES (Realisation Ratio)(a)							
1998–1999	1.16	1.01	0.93	0.86	0.93	0.97	1.00
1999–2000	1.30	1.39	1.17	1.03	0.94	0.96	1.00
2000–2001	1.11	1.07	0.96	0.94	0.95	0.97	1.00
5 year average	1.23	1.12	1.01	0.94	0.94	0.95	1.00
EQUIPMENT, PLANT AND MACHINERY (\$ million)							
1998–1999	26 104	27 905	29 948	29 276	30 467	31 386	30 973
1999–2000	22 787	23 912	25 977	28 713	29 203	30 728	30 444
2000–2001	24 046	25 439	26 996	29 522	29 091	29 402	29 486
2001–2002	24 886	25 064	26 738	28 978	29 980	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
2002–2003	27 336	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
EQUIPMENT, PLANT AND MACHINERY (Realisation Ratio)(a)							
1998–1999	1.19	1.11	1.03	1.06	1.02	0.99	1.00
1999–2000	1.34	1.27	1.17	1.06	1.04	0.99	1.00
2000–2001	1.23	1.16	1.09	1.00	1.01	1.00	1.00
5 year average	1.33	1.23	1.13	1.05	1.03	1.00	1.00
TOTAL (\$ million)							
1998–1999	37 916	41 492	44 737	45 253	45 178	45 467	44 682
1999–2000	32 045	32 568	36 264	40 375	41 934	43 216	42 447
2000–2001	32 923	34 638	37 291	40 061	39 444	39 584	39 357
2001–2002	32 509	34 393	38 501	40 385	41 065	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
2002–2003	39 398	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
TOTAL (Realisation Ratio)(a)							
1998–1999	1.18	1.08	1.00	0.99	0.99	0.98	1.00
1999–2000	1.32	1.30	1.17	1.05	1.01	0.98	1.00
2000–2001	1.20	1.14	1.06	0.98	1.00	0.99	1.00
5 year average	1.30	1.19	1.09	1.02	1.00	0.99	1.00
TOTAL (Percentage change over previous estimate for same financial year)							
1998–1999	n.a.	9.4	7.8	1.2	-0.2	0.6	-1.7
1999–2000	n.a.	1.6	11.4	11.3	3.9	3.1	-1.8
2000–2001	n.a.	5.2	7.7	7.4	-1.5	0.4	-0.6
2001–2002	n.a.	5.8	11.9	4.9	1.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
2002–2003	n.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
TOTAL (Percentage change over corresponding estimate for previous financial year)							
1998–1999	17.3	10.7	9.5	0.6	-2.3	-3.0	-3.3
1999–2000	-15.5	-21.5	-18.9	-10.8	-7.2	-5.0	-5.0
2000–2001	2.7	6.4	2.8	-0.8	-5.9	-8.4	-7.3

(a) Ratio of actual expenditure for the financial year to each progressive estimate for the financial year. For more information see paragraphs 26 to 29 of the Explanatory Notes.

ACTUAL & EXPECTED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, By Industry—Current prices

Financial year	12 months expectation as reported in Jan–Feb of previous financial year (Estimate 1)	12 months expectation as reported in Apr–May of previous financial year (Estimate 2)	12 months expectation as reported in Jul–Aug (Estimate 3)	3 months actual and 9 months expectation as reported in Oct–Nov (Estimate 4)	6 months actual and 6 months expectation as reported in Jan–Feb (Estimate 5)	9 months actual and 3 months expectation as reported in Apr–May (Estimate 6)	12 months actual (Estimate 7)
MANUFACTURING (\$ million)							
1998–1999	8 679	10 412	11 257	10 456	10 371	9 963	9 435
1999–2000	8 735	8 587	9 015	9 594	9 837	9 987	9 685
2000–2001	8 909	9 528	9 923	9 383	9 387	8 787	8 397
2001–2002	8 297	8 204	8 127	8 124	8 245	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
2002–2003	7 395	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
MANUFACTURING (Realisation Ratio)(a)							
1998–1999	1.09	0.91	0.84	0.90	0.91	0.95	1.00
1999–2000	1.11	1.13	1.07	1.01	0.98	0.97	1.00
2000–2001	0.94	0.88	0.85	0.89	0.89	0.96	1.00
5 year average	1.12	1.04	0.96	0.95	0.95	0.96	1.00
MINING (\$ million)							
1998–1999	9 404	10 088	9 245	9 633	9 354	9 049	8 725
1999–2000	6 510	5 524	5 991	6 334	5 598	5 556	5 288
2000–2001	5 183	5 378	5 567	5 988	5 452	5 712	5 248
2001–2002	5 673	7 137	8 300	9 320	9 146	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
2002–2003	11 080	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
MINING (Realisation Ratio)(a)							
1998–1999	0.93	0.86	0.94	0.91	0.93	0.96	1.00
1999–2000	0.81	0.96	0.88	0.83	0.94	0.95	1.00
2000–2001	1.01	0.98	0.94	0.88	0.96	0.92	1.00
5 year average	1.03	0.97	0.93	0.89	0.94	0.95	1.00
OTHER SELECTED INDUSTRIES (\$ million)							
1998–1999	19 833	20 992	24 235	25 165	25 453	26 455	26 522
1999–2000	16 800	18 457	21 259	24 447	26 499	27 673	27 475
2000–2001	18 830	19 732	21 801	24 690	24 605	25 085	25 712
2001–2002	18 539	19 052	22 073	22 942	23 674	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
2002–2003	20 922	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
OTHER SELECTED INDUSTRIES (Realisation Ratio)(a)							
1998–1999	1.34	1.26	1.09	1.05	1.04	1.00	1.00
1999–2000	1.64	1.49	1.29	1.12	1.04	0.99	1.00
2000–2001	1.37	1.30	1.18	1.04	1.05	1.03	1.00
5 year average	1.50	1.36	1.21	1.09	1.04	1.01	1.00

(a) Ratio of actual expenditure for the financial year to each progressive estimate for the financial year. For more information see paragraphs 26 to 29 of the Explanatory Notes.

RATIOS OF ACTUAL TO SHORT TERM EXPECTATION FOR SAME PERIOD(a)—Current prices

Financial year	3 MONTHS ENDING.....		6 MONTHS ENDING.....	
	31 December (collected in September Survey)	30 June (collected in March Survey)	31 December (collected in June Survey)	30 June (collected in December Survey)
TYPE OF ASSET				
Buildings and Structures				
1999–2000	0.98	0.87	1.05	0.89
2000–2001	0.94	0.89	1.03	0.90
2001–2002	0.91	n.y.a.	0.85	n.y.a.
5 year average	0.92	0.84	0.95	0.89
Equipment, Plant and Machinery				
1999–2000	0.96	0.97	1.11	1.09
2000–2001	0.92	1.01	1.04	1.03
2001–2002	1.05	n.y.a.	1.09	n.y.a.
5 year average	0.99	1.00	1.07	1.06
Total				
1999–2000	0.97	0.94	1.09	1.02
2000–2001	0.93	0.98	1.03	1.00
2001–2002	1.01	n.y.a.	1.02	n.y.a.
5 year average	0.97	0.95	1.03	1.00
TYPE OF INDUSTRY				
Mining				
1999–2000	0.75	0.82	0.92	0.88
2000–2001	0.79	0.78	0.84	0.94
2001–2002	0.77	n.y.a.	0.86	n.y.a.
5 year average	0.83	0.82	0.92	0.88
Manufacturing				
1999–2000	0.93	0.89	0.98	0.97
2000–2001	0.86	0.85	0.84	0.80
2001–2002	0.95	n.y.a.	0.94	n.y.a.
5 year average	0.91	0.87	0.92	0.91
Other Selected Industries				
1999–2000	1.04	0.97	1.19	1.07
2000–2001	0.98	1.11	1.16	1.10
2001–2002	1.14	n.y.a.	1.11	n.y.a.
5 year average	1.04	1.03	1.11	1.09
Total				
1999–2000	0.97	0.94	1.09	1.02
2000–2001	0.93	0.98	1.03	1.00
2001–2002	1.01	n.y.a.	1.02	n.y.a.
5 year average	0.97	0.95	1.03	1.00

(a) For more information on Realisation Ratios see paragraphs 26 to 29 of the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains estimates of actual and expected new capital expenditure by private businesses for selected industries in Australia. The series have been compiled from data collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in its quarterly Survey of New Capital Expenditure.

SCOPE OF THE SURVEY

2 The Survey of New Capital Expenditure includes the following industries classified according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification, ANZSIC, 1993:

Mining (Division B)

Manufacturing (Division C)

Food, beverages and tobacco (21)

Textiles, clothing, footwear and leather (22)

Wood and paper products (23)

Printing, publishing and recorded media (24)

Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated products (25)

Non-metallic mineral products (26)

Metal products (27)

Machinery and equipment (28)

Other manufacturing (29)

Other Selected Industries

Construction (Division E)

Wholesale trade (Division F)

Retail trade (Division G)

Transport & storage (Division I)

Finance and insurance (Division K)

Property & business services (Division L)

Other selected services (including electricity & gas; communication; accommodation, cafes & restaurants; cultural & recreational services; and personal services (36, 37, 57, 71, 91–93, 95)

3 The survey excludes the following industries

Agriculture, forestry and fishing

Government administration & defence

Education

Health and community services

Other services (96)

4 The scope excludes public sector business units (i.e. all departments, authorities and other organisations owned and controlled by Commonwealth, State and Local Government).

5 The Survey of New Capital Expenditure, like most ABS economic collections, takes its frame from the ABS Business Register which is primarily based on registrations to the Australian Taxation Office's Pay As You Go Withholding (PAYGW) scheme (and prior to 1 July 2000 the Group Employer scheme). The frame is updated quarterly to take account of new businesses, businesses which have ceased employing, changes in employment levels, changes in industry and other general business changes.

6 Businesses which have ceased employing are identified when the Australian Taxation Office cancels their PAYGW registration (or previously their GE registration). In addition, from September quarter 1999, businesses which did not remit under the GE scheme for the previous five quarters were removed from the frame. A similar process will be adopted to remove businesses who do not remit under the PAYGW scheme.

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SCOPE OF THE SURVEY *continued*

7 The statistics in this publication exclude non-employing businesses. Though there are a substantial number of these businesses, it is expected that they would not contribute significantly to the estimates, although the impact would vary from industry to industry.

CHANGES TO ABS BUSINESS REGISTER

8 The introduction to The New Tax System has a number of significant implications for ABS business statistics, and these are discussed in the *Information Paper: ABS Statistics And The New Tax System* (Cat. no. 1358.0). The replacement of the GE registration process by PAYGW registration resulted in a number of changes to most business survey frames. However, an adjustment has been made to the New Capital Expenditure series so that these changes will not affect broader level estimates of level and movement.

9 From the September quarter 2002, the ABS will make further changes including adopting a new units model and expanding its Register to include all units on the Australian Business Register, including non-employers. Further information on the impact of these changes will be provided before they are implemented.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

10 The survey is conducted by mail on a quarterly basis. It is based on a random sample of approximately 6,800 units which is stratified by industry, state/territory and number of employees. The figures obtained from the selected businesses are supplemented by data from units which have large capital expenditure and/or large employment and which are outside the sample framework, or not adequately covered by it.

11 Respondents are asked to provide data on the same basis as their own management accounts. Where a particular business unit does not respond in a given survey period, an estimate is substituted. Revisions may be made to these estimates if data are provided subsequently from those businesses. Aggregates are calculated from all data using the 'number raised' estimation technique. Data are edited at both individual unit level and at aggregate level.

TIMING AND CONSTRUCTION OF SURVEY CYCLE

12 Surveys are conducted in respect of each quarter and returns are completed in the 8 or 9 week period after the end of the quarter to which the survey data relate (e.g. March quarter survey returns are completed during April and May). Full details of the reporting cycle are shown below.

13 Businesses are requested to provide 3 basic figures each survey:

- Actual expenditure incurred during the reference period (Act)
- A short term expectation (E1)
- A longer term expectation (E2).

Survey quarter	Period to which reported data relates											
	2000–2001				2001–2002				2002–2003			
	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	
December 2000	Act	E1			E2							
March 2001	Act	Act	E1		E2							
June 2001	Act	Act	Act	E1		E2						
September 2001				Act	E1	E2						
December 2001					Act	Act	E1		E2			
March 2002					Act	Act	Act	E1	E2			
June 2002					Act	Act	Act	Act	E1	E2		

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TIMING AND CONSTRUCTION OF SURVEY CYCLE *continued*

14 This survey cycle facilitates the formation of estimates of expenditure for financial years (12 months ending 30 June). For example, as the table above shows, the first estimate for 2001–2002 was available from the December 2000 survey as a longer term expectation (E2). It was subsequently revised in the March 2001 survey (again as a longer term expectation) and in the June 2001 survey as the sum of two expectations (E1 + E2). In the September and subsequent surveys the estimate is derived as the sum of actual expenditure (for that part of the year completed) and expected expenditure (for the remainder of the year). The final (or seventh) estimate from the June quarter 2002 survey, will be derived by summing the actual expenditure for each of the four quarters.

EXPLANATION OF TIMING OF ESTIMATES

15 The graphs on page 4 and tables 4 and 5 of this publication contain 7 estimates of expenditure for each financial year.

COMPOSITION OF ESTIMATE.....

<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Based on data reported at:</i>	<i>Data on actual expenditure</i>	<i>Data on short-term expected expenditure</i>	<i>Data on long-term expected expenditure</i>
1	Jan–Feb, 5–6 months before period begins	Nil	Nil	12 months
2	Apr–May, 2–3 months before period begins	Nil	Nil	12 months
3	Jul–Aug, at beginning of period	Nil	6 months	6 months
4	Oct–Nov, 3–4 months into period	3 months	3 months	6 months
5	Jan–Feb, 6–7 months into period	6 months	6 months	Nil
6	Apr–May, 9–10 months into period	9 months	3 months	Nil
7	Jul–Aug, at end of period	12 months	Nil	Nil

SAMPLE REVISION

16 The survey frames and samples are revised each quarter to ensure that they remain representative of the survey population. The timing for creating each quarter's survey frame is consistent with that of other ABS business surveys. This provides for greater consistency when comparing data across surveys.

17 Additionally, with these revisions to the sample, some of the units from the sampled sector are rotated out of the survey and are replaced by others, to spread the reporting workload equitably.

18 Adjustments are included in the estimates to allow for lags in processing new businesses to the ABS Business Register, and the omission of some businesses from the register. The majority of businesses affected and to which adjustments apply are small in size. As an indication of the size of these adjustments, in December quarter 2001 they represented about 1.6% of the total estimate of new capital expenditure.

STATISTICAL UNIT

19 The survey uses the management unit as the statistical unit. The management unit is the highest-level accounting unit within a business, having regard to industry homogeneity, for which accounts are maintained. In nearly all cases it coincides with the legal entity owning the business (i.e. company, etc.). In the case of large diversified businesses, however, there may be more than one management unit, each coinciding with a 'division' or 'line of business'. A division or line of business is recognised where separate and comprehensive accounts are compiled for it.

CLASSIFICATION BY INDUSTRY

20 The Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) has been developed for use in both countries for the production and analysis of industry statistics. It replaces the Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC) and the New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (NZSIC).

21 For more information, users are referred to *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 1993* (Cat. no. 1292.0).

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CLASSIFICATION BY INDUSTRY *continued*

22 In order to classify new capital expenditure by industry, each statistical unit (as defined above) is classified to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) industry in which it *mainly* operates.

CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES

23 The chain volume measures appearing in this publication are annually reweighted chain Laspeyres indexes referenced to current price values in the chosen reference year (currently 1999–2000). The current price values may be thought as being the product of a price and quantity. The value in chain volume terms can be derived by linking together movements in volumes, calculated using the average prices of the previous financial year and applying compound movements to the current price estimates of the reference year. Each year's quarter-to-quarter growth rates in the chain volume series are based on the prices of the previous financial year, except for those quarters of the latest incomplete year which are based upon the second most recent financial year. Quarterly chain volume estimates for a financial year sum to the corresponding annual estimate.

24 With each release of the June quarter issue of this publication, a new base year is introduced and the reference year is advanced one year to coincide with it. This means that with the release of the June quarter 2002 issue of this publication, the chain volume measures for 2001–2002 will have 2000–2001 (the previous financial year) as their base year rather than 1999–2000, and the reference year will be 2000–2001. A change in the reference year changes levels but not growth rates for all periods. A change in the base year can result in revisions, small in most cases, to growth rates for the last few years.

25 Chain volume measures are not generally additive. In other words, component chain volume measures do not, in general, sum to a total in the way original current price components do. For capital expenditure data, this means that the original chain volume estimates for industry groups will not add to total capital expenditure for Australia. In order to minimise the impact of this, the ABS uses the latest base year as the reference year. By adopting this approach, additivity does exist for the quarters following the reference year and non-additivity is relatively small for the quarters in the reference year and those immediately preceding it. For further information on chain volume measures refer to the *Information Paper: Introduction of Chain Volume Measures in the Australian National Accounts* (Cat. no. 5248.0).

DERIVATION AND USEFULNESS OF REALISATION RATIOS

26 Once actual expenditure for a financial year is known, it is useful to investigate the relationship between each of the prior 6 estimates of expenditure for that financial year and the actual expenditure (see paragraphs 13–15 above for an explanation of the derivation of the 7 estimates). The resultant realisation ratios (subsequent actual expenditure divided by expected expenditure) then indicate how much expenditure was actually incurred against the amount expected to be incurred at the various times of reporting. Realisation ratios can also be formed separately for 3 or 6 month expectations as well as the 12 month E2 estimates or combinations of estimates containing at least some expectation components (e.g. 6 months actual and 6 months expected expenditure).

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DERIVATION AND USEFULNESS OF REALISATION RATIOS *continued*

27 Realisation ratios provide an important tool in understanding and interpreting expectation statistics for future periods. The application of realisation ratios enables the adjustment of expectation data for known under (or over) realisation patterns in the past and hence provides a valid basis for comparison with other expectation data and actual expenditure estimates. Once this has been done the predictions can be more validly compared with each other and with previously derived estimates of actual expenditure for earlier years. For example, if one wished to make a prediction about actual expenditure for 2001–2002 based on the June 2001 survey results and compare this with 2000–2001 expenditure, it is necessary to apply the relevant realisation factors to the expectation to put both estimates on the same basis.

28 There are many ways in which realisation ratios can be applied to make predictions of actual expenditure for a future period. A range of realisation ratios for both type of asset and industry estimates is provided in tables 4 and 5.

29 In using realisation ratios to adjust expectations data, attention should be paid to the range of values that has occurred in the past. A wide range of values is indicative of volatility in the realisation patterns and hence greater caution should be exercised regarding the predictive value of the expectation, even after adjustment by application of realisation ratios. This is particularly the case with the early 12 month expectations for the following financial year collected in the December and March surveys.

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

30 Estimates provided in this publication are subject to non-sampling and sampling errors. Details of sampling errors are on pages 20 and 21 of this publication.

31 Non-sampling errors may arise as a result of errors in the reporting, recording or processing of the data and can occur even if there is a complete enumeration of the population. These errors can be introduced through inadequacies in the questionnaire, non-response, inaccurate reporting by respondents, errors in the application of survey procedures, incorrect recording of answers, and errors in data entry and processing.

32 It is difficult to measure the size of non-sampling errors. However, every effort is made in the design of the survey and development of survey procedures to minimise their effects.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

33 The quarterly actual new capital expenditure series in this publication are affected to some extent by seasonal influences and it is useful to recognise and take account of this element of variation.

34 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variations for the series so that the effects of other influences can be more clearly recognised.

35 Seasonal adjustment does not remove from the series the effect of irregular or non-seasonal influences (e.g. a change in interest rates) and reflect the sampling and other errors to which the original figures are subject. Particular care should be taken in interpreting quarterly movements in the adjusted figures in this publication, especially for detailed industry estimates. It should be noted that the seasonally adjusted figures necessarily reflect the sampling and other errors to which the original figures are subject.

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- SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT *continued* **36** At least once each year the seasonally adjusted series are revised to take account of the latest available data. The most recent reanalysis takes into account data collected up to and including the March quarter 2001 survey. Data for periods after March 2001 are seasonally adjusted on the basis of extrapolation of historical patterns. The nature of the seasonal adjustment process is such that the magnitude of some revisions resulting from reanalysis may be quite significant, especially for data for more recent quarters.
- TREND ESTIMATES **37** The trend estimates are derived by applying a 7-term Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted series. The 7-term Henderson average (like all Henderson averages) is symmetric, but as the end of a time series is approached, asymmetric forms of the average are applied. Unlike the weights of the standard 7-term Henderson moving average, the weights employed here have been tailored to suit the particular characteristics of individual series. While the asymmetric weights enable trend estimates for recent quarters to be produced, it does result in revisions to the estimates for the most recent three quarters as additional observations become available. There may also be revisions because of changes in the original data and as a result of the re-estimation of the seasonal factors.
- 38** For further information, see *Information Paper: A Guide to Interpreting Time Series — Monitoring Trends, an Overview* (Cat. no. 1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on Canberra 02 6242 6345.
- DESCRIPTION OF TERMS **39** A description of the terms used in this publication is given below:
- 40** *New capital expenditure* refers to the acquisition of new tangible assets either on own account or under a finance lease and includes major improvements, alterations and additions. In general, this is expenditure charged to fixed tangible assets accounts excluding expenditure on second hand assets unless these are imported for the first time.
- 41** Some estimates are dissected by type of asset:
- *Buildings and Structures*. Includes industrial and commercial buildings, houses, flats, home units, water and sewerage installations, lifts, heating, ventilating and similar equipment forming an integral part of buildings and structures, land development and construction site development, roads, bridges, wharves, harbours, railway lines, pipelines, power and telephone lines. Also includes mine development (e.g. construction of shafts in underground mines, preparation of mining and quarrying sites for open cut extraction and other developmental operations primarily for commencing or extending production). Excludes purchases of land, previously occupied buildings and speculatively built projects intended for sale before occupation.
 - *Equipment, plant and machinery*. Includes plant, machinery, vehicles, electrical apparatus, office equipment, furniture, fixtures and fittings not forming an integral part of buildings, durable containers, special tooling, etc. Also includes goods imported for the first time whether previously used outside Australia or not.
- FRAME **42** A list of all members of the target population for a survey. The frame for this survey is a list of all businesses in the ANZSIC divisions, subdivisions and groups listed in paragraph 2. This is extracted from the ABS Business Register, which is a list of all employing Australian businesses, as described in paragraph 5.

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COMPARISON WITH OTHER ABS STATISTICS

43 The statistics for new capital expenditure shown in this publication differ from estimates of private gross fixed capital expenditure shown in the Australian National Accounts for the following reasons:

- National Accounts estimates incorporate data from other sources as well as information from the new capital expenditure survey. For example, annual estimates for capital expenditure on 'machinery and equipment' are based on the ABS' annual Economic Activity Survey combined with data from the Australian Taxation Office. Quarterly estimates are interpolated between and extrapolated from the annual estimates using a variety of indicators including this survey. The ABS's quarterly Building Activity Survey and Engineering Construction Survey are the main sources for estimating the National Accounts dwelling and other building and structures items respectively.
- National Accounts estimates include capital expenditure by all private businesses including units classified to agriculture, forestry and fishing, education, and health and community services industries and capital expenditure on dwellings by households. Data for these sectors are excluded from this publication.
- National Accounts estimates include the value of work done on speculative construction projects as the work is put into place. The statistics in this publication, however, include full value of the speculative projects as new capital expenditure of the purchases (if in scope), when the project is sold.
- For machinery and equipment, the National Accounts estimates relate to acquisitions less disposals of all fixed tangible assets whereas the survey figures are acquisitions of new fixed tangible assets only.

44 For a more detailed explanation of the concepts and methods used in compiling the National Accounts estimates see *Australian National Accounts: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 5216.0).

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

45 Users may also wish to refer the following publications:

- *Australian Business Expectations* (Cat. no. 5250.0)
- *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product* (Cat. no. 5206.0)
- *Australian National Accounts: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 5216.0)
- *Building Activity, Australia* (Cat. no. 8752.0)
- *Business Indicators* (Cat. no. 5676.0)
- *Business Operations and Industry Performance, Australia* (Cat. no. 8140.0)
- *Directory of Capital Expenditure Data Sources and Related Statistics* (Cat. no. 5653.0)
- *Engineering Construction Activity, Australia* (Cat. no. 8762.0)
- *Information Paper: Experimental Estimates: Australian Industry, A State Perspective, 1998–99* (Cat. no. 8156.0)
- *Information Paper: Improvements to Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Indicators* (Cat. no. 5677.0)
- *Introduction of Chain Volume Measures in the Australian National Accounts* (Cat. no. 5248.0)
- *Information Paper: Private New Capital Expenditure, State Estimates* (Cat. no. 5646.0).

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RELATED PUBLICATIONS	46 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the <i>Catalogue of Publications and Products, Australia</i> (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a <i>Release Advice</i> (Cat. no. 1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.
ABS DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST	47 In addition to the data contained in this publication, more detailed industry information may be made available on request, the cost for such a service being dependent upon the amount of data requested. For example, data are generally available at the ANZSIC group (3 digit) level.
SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES	ANZSIC Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification n.y.a. not yet available

STANDARD ERRORS

INTRODUCTION

The estimates in this publication are based on a sample drawn from units in the surveyed population. Because the entire population is not surveyed, the published estimates are subject to sampling error. The most common way of quantifying such sampling error is to calculate the standard error for the published estimate or statistic.

LEVEL ESTIMATES

To illustrate, let us say that the published level estimate for total capital expenditure is \$10,500m and the calculated standard error in this case is \$173m. The standard error is then used to interpret the level estimate of \$10,500m.

For instance, the standard error of \$173m indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real value falls within the range \$10,327m to \$10,673m ($\$10,500\text{m} \pm \173m)
- There are approximately 19 chances in 20 that the real value falls within the ranges \$10,154m and \$10,846m ($\$10,500\text{m} \pm \346m)

The real value in this case is the result we would obtain if we could enumerate the total population.

The following table shows the standard errors for national quarterly level estimates. These standard errors are based on a smoothed average of capital expenditure estimates.

	Building and structures \$m	Equipment, plant and machinery \$m	Total \$m
Mining	11	16	36
Manufacturing	16	51	62
Construction	7	35	40
Wholesale trade	5	57	65
Retail trade	7	22	34
Transport and storage	10	40	45
Finance and insurance	3	29	31
Property and business services	52	62	84
Other services	69	36	89
Total	90	124	173

STANDARD ERRORS

MOVEMENT ESTIMATES

The following example illustrates how to use the standard error to interpret a movement estimate. Let us say that one quarter the published level estimate for total capital expenditure is \$10,500m, and the next quarter the published level estimate is \$11,100m. In this example the calculated standard error for the movement estimate is \$221m. The standard error is then used to interpret the published movement estimate of +\$600m.

For instance, the standard error of \$221m indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real movement over the two quarter period falls within the range \$379m to \$821m ($\$600m \pm \$221m$)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real movement falls within the range \$158m to \$1,042m ($\$600m \pm \$442m$)

The following table shows the standard errors for national quarterly movement estimates. These standard errors are based on a smoothed average of capital expenditure estimates.

	Building and structures \$m	Equipment, plant and machinery \$m	Total \$m
Mining	15	23	49
Manufacturing	22	64	78
Construction	10	48	55
Wholesale trade	7	51	66
Retail trade	11	25	45
Transport and storage	12	49	53
Finance and insurance	5	40	32
Property and business services	74	84	114
Other services	98	46	119
Total	127	153	221

WHAT IF ...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

Each time new seasonally adjusted estimates become available, trend estimates are revised (see paragraphs 33 to 38 of the Explanatory Notes).

TREND REVISIONS

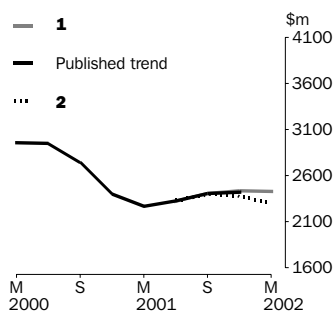
The examples in the tables below show two scenarios and the consequent revisions to previous trend estimates of capital expenditure by private businesses.

1 The March quarter seasonally adjusted estimate of chain volume measures is higher than the December quarter estimate by the percentage shown.

2 The March quarter seasonally adjusted estimate of chain volume measures is lower than the December quarter estimate by the percentage shown.

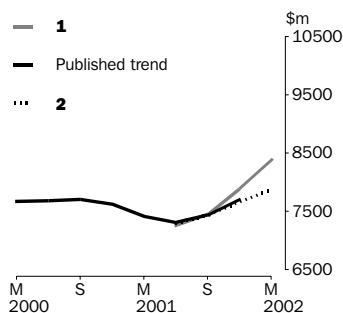
The percentages chosen are approximately the long term average movement, without regard to sign, in the seasonally adjusted series.

BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES



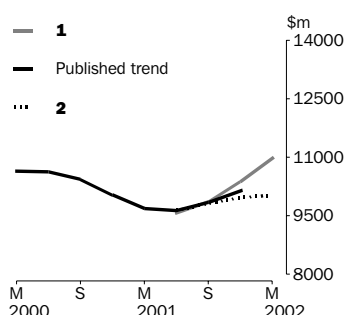
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	\$m	% change	1 <i>rises by 6.7% on Dec 2001</i>		2 <i>falls by 6.7% on Dec 2001</i>	
	\$m	% change	\$m	% change	\$m	% change
2001						
June	2 327	2.7	2 317	2.3	2 329	2.9
September	2 402	3.2	2 402	3.7	2 398	2.9
December	2 422	0.8	2 436	1.4	2 377	-0.9
2002						
March	—	—	2 429	-0.3	2 297	-3.3

EQUIPMENT, PLANT AND MACHINERY



	TREND AS PUBLISHED		WHAT IF NEXT QUARTER'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:			
	\$m	% change	1 <i>rises by 4.9% on Dec 2001</i>		2 <i>falls by 4.9% on Dec 2001</i>	
	\$m	% change	\$m	% change	\$m	% change
2001						
June	7 305	-1.4	7 253	-2.1	7 299	-1.5
September	7 434	1.8	7 450	2.7	7 433	1.8
December	7 698	3.6	7 886	5.9	7 663	3.1
2002						
March	—	—	8 380	6.3	7 867	2.7

TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE



	TREND AS PUBLISHED		WHAT IF NEXT QUARTER'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:			
	\$m	% change	1 <i>rises by 4.4% on Dec 2001</i>		2 <i>falls by 4.4% on Dec 2001</i>	
	\$m	% change	\$m	% change	\$m	% change
2001						
June	9 633	-0.4	9 558	-1.2	9 640	-0.4
September	9 835	2.1	9 855	3.1	9 827	1.9
December	10 135	3.1	10 377	5.3	9 982	1.6
2002						
March	—	—	10 972	5.7	10 036	0.5

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