

COMMON FUNDS: AUSTRALIA

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Enclosed are the Common Funds tables for the quarter ended MARCH 2000

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TABLE 1. CASH COMMON FUNDS (\$ million)

	Sep 97	Dec 97	Mar 98	Jun 98	Sep 98	Dec 98	Mar 99	Jun 99	Sep 99	Dec 99	Mar 00
				AS	SETS						
Cash and deposits Cash and bank deposits Other deposit taking institutions	354 5	392 2	340	369 116	368 114	346 114	329 116	364 115	346 116	404 115	295 125
Loans and placements	4	5	4	4	4	27	5	5	6	5	6
Short term securities Bills of exchange Bank certificates of deposit Other short term securities	1,921 409 375	2,115 407 373	1,998 598 452	2,134 498 280	2,115 668 330	2,121 668 317	2,167 745 240	1,979 876 196	2,208 733 164	1,939 958 165	1,999 1,175 191
Long term securities Commonwealth government bonds State and local government securities Other long term securities	34	34	2 31	35	39	- 7 55	6 50	8 57	8 51	41	- 39
Other financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	60	60	60	60
Other non-financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	3,102	3,328	3,425	3,436	3,638	3,655	3,718	3,660	3,692	3,687	3,890
				LIAE	BILITIES						
Depositors' Funds Other Liabilities	3,102	3,328	3,425	3,436	3,638	3,655	3,718	3,660	3,692	3,687	3,890
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,102	3,328	3,425	3,436	3,638	3,655	3,718	3,660	3,692	3,687	3,890
				DEPOSITS ANI) WITHDRAWAL	S					
Depositors' Funds at start of the period New deposits during quarter Other amounts credited during quarter Withdrawals during quarter Depositors' Funds at end of period	2,967 902 - 767 3,102	3,102 920 - 694 3,328	3,328 924 - 827 3,425	3,425 808 797 3,436	3,436 879 1 678 3,638	3,638 494 1 478 3,655	3,655 468 405 3,718	3,718 573 18 649 3,660	3,660 564 532 3,692	3,692 1,011 13 1,029 3,687	3,687 1,052 849 3,890
				MATURITY	DISSECTION						
At call and up to 24 hours Over 24 hours and up to 7 days Over 7 days and up to 30 days Over 30 days and up to 90 days Over 90 days and up to 180 days Over 180 days <i>TOTAL ASSETS</i>	358 312 801 925 493 213 <i>3,102</i>	391 266 894 1,004 565 208 <i>3,328</i>	300 414 905 1,262 325 219 <i>3,425</i>	289 555 874 1,209 458 51 <i>3,436</i>	323 464 782 1,268 552 249 3,638	325 580 706 1,458 502 84 <i>3,655</i>	301 479 835 1,226 596 281 <i>3,718</i>	405 415 824 1,409 456 151 <i>3,660</i>	329 482 968 1,211 577 125 3,692	403 315 1,258 1,297 296 118 <i>3,687</i>	242 517 1,545 1,144 317 125 <i>3,890</i>

TABLE 2. COMMON FUNDS (EXCLUDING CASH COMMON FUNDS)(\$ million)

	Sep 97	Dec 97	Mar 98	Jun 98	Sep 98	Dec 98	Mar 99	Jun 99	Sep 99	Dec 99	Mar 00
				AS	SETS						
Cash and deposits Cash and bank deposits Other deposit taking institutions	218 168	219 165	223 171	225 175	221 163	217 172	191 175	179 191	137 201	137 169	126 173
Loans and placements	1,430	1,431	1,394	1,402	1,630	1,714	1,757	1,798	1,867	1,893	1,986
Short term securities Bills of exchange Bank certificates of deposit Other short term securities	222 50 15	212 66 23	159 65 54	187 69 70	188 68 11	165 121 56	184 140 62	126 146 5	117 168 2	67 164 20	74 155 6
Long term securities Commonwealth government bonds State and local government securities Other long term securities	61 306 264	64 319 262	68 331 297	66 344 344	62 353 406	69 361 371	65 374 376	58 355 446	59 345 453	58 363 456	49 371 444
Equities and Units in trusts Private trading corporation shares Financial sector shares Units in trusts Other financial assets	300 237 55	291 233 56	239 312 63	204 319 100	195 339 108	206 345 116	221 344 90	214 335 82	204 327 115	232 370 113	239 375 108
<i>Non-financial assets</i> Land and buildings Other non-financial assets	65	70	72	33	52	46	49 38	66 29	46 29	46 38	46 39
Total Assets in Australia	3,391	3,411	3,448	3,538	3,796	3,959	4,066	4,030	4,070	4,126	4,191
Assets overseas	-	-	72	44	42	49	43	36	35	40	41
TOTAL ASSETS of which:	3,391	3,411	3,520	3,582	3,838	4,008	4,109	4,066	4,105	4,166	4,232
Equity Funds Mortgage Funds Property Funds Other Funds	666 1,509 132 1,084	654 1,526 134 1,097	745 1,525 127 1,123	693 1,585 128 1,176	686 1,839 138 1,175	739 1,908 135 1,226	753 1,976 137 1,243	718 1,967 134 1,247	700 1,984 135 1,286	762 1,971 123 1,310	771 1,926 124 1,411
				LIAF	BILITIES						
Depositors' Funds Borrowings from Financial sector	3,391	3,411	3,520	3,582	3,837	4,007	4,108	4,062	4,103	4,166	4,232
Other borrowings Options and futures Other liabilities <i>TOTAL LIABILITIES</i>	3,391	3,411	3,520	3,582	- 1 3,838	- 1 4,008	- 1 4,109	- 4 4,066	2 4,105	4,166	4,232
				DEPOSITS ANI) WITHDRAWAL	S					
Depositors' Funds at start of the period New deposits during quarter Other amounts credited during quarter Withdrawals during quarter Depositors' Funds at end of period	3,267 212 9 97 3,391	3,375 182 3 149 3,411	3,392 385 8 265 3,520	3,528 224 4 174 3,582	3,584 402 18 166 3,838	3,838 343 3 176 4,008	4,008 226 24 149 4,109	4,109 165 5 213 4,066	4,066 206 13 180 4,105	4,105 212 8 159 4,166	4,166 200 41 175 4,232

TABLE 3. ALL COMMON FUNDS (\$ million)

	Sep 97	Dec 97	Mar 98	Jun 98	Sep 98	Dec 98	Mar 99	Jun 99	Sep 99	Dec 99	Mar 00
				AS	SSETS						
<i>Cash and deposits</i> Cash and bank deposits Other deposit taking institutions	745 572 173	778 611 167	734 563 171	885 594 291	866 589 277	849 563 286	811 520 291	849 543 306	800 483 317	825 541 284	719 421 298
Loans and placements	1,434	1,436	1,398	1,406	1,634	1,741	1,762	1,803	1,873	1,898	1,992
Short term securities Bills of exchange Bank certificates of deposit Other short term securities	2,992 2,143 459 390	3,196 2,327 473 396	3,326 2,157 663 506	3,238 2,321 567 350	3,380 2,303 736 341	3,448 2,286 789 373	3,538 2,351 885 302	3,328 2,105 1,022 201	3,392 2,325 901 166	3,313 2,006 1,122 185	3,600 2,073 1,330 197
Long term securities Commonwealth government bonds State and local government securities Other long term securities	665 61 306 298	679 64 319 296	729 68 333 328	789 66 344 379	860 62 353 445	863 69 368 426	871 65 380 426	924 58 363 503	916 59 353 504	918 58 363 497	903 49 371 483
<i>Equities and Units in trusts</i> Private trading corporation shares Financial sector shares Units in trusts	592 300 237 55	580 291 233 56	614 239 312 63	623 204 319 100	642 195 339 108	667 206 345 116	655 221 344 90	631 214 335 82	646 204 327 115	715 232 370 113	722 239 375 108
Other financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	60	60	60	60
<i>Non-financial assets</i> Land and buildings Other non-financial assets	65	70	72	33	52	46	49 38	66 29	46 29	46 38	46 39
Total Assets in Australia	6,493	6,739	6,873	6,974	7,434	7,614	7,784	7,690	7,762	7,813	8,081
Assets overseas	-	-	72	44	42	49	43	36	35	40	41
TOTAL ASSETS of which:	6,493	6,739	6,945	7,018	7,476	7,663	7,827	7,726	7,797	7,853	8,122
Cash Funds Equity Funds Mortgage Funds Property Funds Other Funds	3,102 666 1,509 132 1,084	3,328 654 1,526 134 1,097	3,425 745 1,525 127 1,123	3,436 693 1,585 128 1,176	3,638 686 1,839 138 1,175	3,655 739 1,908 135 1,226	3,718 753 1,976 137 1,243	3,660 718 1,967 134 1,247	3,692 700 1,984 135 1,286	3,687 762 1,971 123 1,310	3,890 771 1,926 124 1,411
				LIAE	BILITIES						
Depositors' Funds Borrowings from Financial sector Other borrowings Options and futures	6,493	6,739	6,945	7,018	7,475	7,662	7,826	7,722	7,795	7,853	8,122
Other liabilities TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,493	6,739	6,945	7,018	1 7,476	1 7,663	1 7,827	4 7,726	2 7,797	7,853	8,122
					D WITHDRAWAL						
Depositors' Funds at start of the period New deposits during quarter Other amounts credited during quarter Withdrawals during quarter Depositors' Funds at end of period	6,234 1,114 9 864 6,493	6,477 1,102 3 843 6,739	6,720 1,309 8 1,092 6,945	6,953 1,032 4 971 7,018	7,020 1,281 19 844 7,476	7,476 837 4 654 7,663	7,663 694 24 554 7,827	7,827 738 23 862 7,726	7,726 770 13 712 7,797	7,797 1,223 21 1,188 7,853	7,853 1,252 41 1,024 8,122

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication presents statistics on the assets and liabilities of common funds at the end of each quarter. The statistics have been compiled from returns furnished by trustee companies (the managers of common funds) as part of the quarterly Survey of Financial Information.

Scope

1 Trustee companies manage all common funds. A trustee company is any company which is listed in the relevant State Trustee Companies Act.

2 Common funds were established in the early 1960s in accordance with appropriate State legislation to enable trustee companies to combine depositors' funds and other funds held in trust in an investment pool, and invest the funds in specific types of securities and/or assets.

3 Cash common and other types of common funds have the same investment strategy and economic functions as cash management trusts and public unit trusts. However they do not operate in the same manner, in that they do not issue units, nor do they necessarily issue prospectuses.

4 All the assets and liabilities of all common funds are within scope of the statistics in this publication. However cross-investment between common funds is excluded and data are presented on a consolidated basis.

Coverage

5 All common funds operating in Australia are included in the statistics in this publication. At the end of June 1999 there were 16 trustee companies operating 85 common funds throughout Australia.

6 Common funds can be further classified by their primary investment asset. The types of common funds covered in this publication are:

<u>Cash funds</u> - are limited by the provisions of the relevant Act or prospectus to invest in a limited class of investments which are short term in nature;

Equity funds - established to primarily invest in shares;

Mortgage funds - established to primarily invest in mortgages on real estate;

Property funds - established to primarily invest directly in property; and

Other funds - all other types of funds e.g. funds where the primary asset is interest bearing securities.

Basis of Valuation

7 Respondents to the ABS quarterly survey are requested to report assets and liabilities at market values.

Assets in Australia/overseas

8 Assets in Australia include land and buildings located in Australia and financial claims on residents. Assets overseas include land and buildings located overseas and financial claims on non-residents. A resident is any person, corporation or other entity permanently domiciled in Australia, except that foreign embassies, consulates and military establishments are classified as non-resident. A non-resident is any person, corporation

or other entity permanently domiciled overseas. Entities located in Australia which are owned by non-residents are classified as residents of Australia (e.g. a branch or subsidiary of an overseas company). Overseas branches or subsidiaries of Australian companies are classified as non-resident.

Financial instruments

9 The classification of financial instruments in this publication follows that contained in the ABS publication, *Australian National Accounts- Financial Accounts, Australia (5232.0)*. A definition of these instruments is contained in that publication.

Related publications

10 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request:

Assets of Superannuation Funds and Approved Deposit Funds, Australia (5656.0).

Managed Funds: Australia (5655.0)

Symbols and other usages

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

Electronic services

12 A large range of data is available via on-line services, diskette, magnetic tape, tape catridge and CD ROM. For more details about our electronic data services contact your ABS office.

Revisions

13 Revisions to previously published statistics are included in issues of this data service as they occur.