

**BUILDING
APPROVALS**

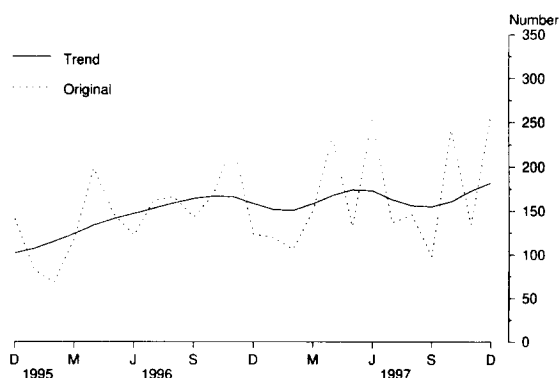
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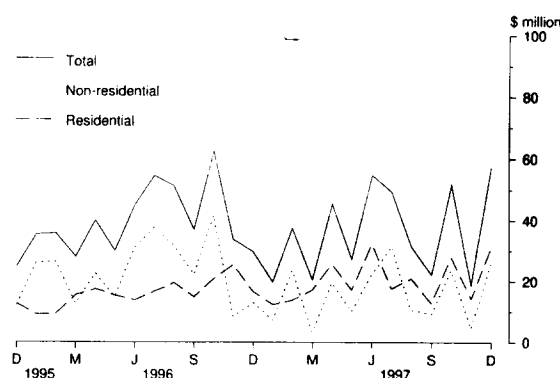
MAIN FEATURES**NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS APPROVED**

	December 1996	November 1997	December 1997	December 1996 to December 1997 change	November 1997 to December 1997 change
Original series	123	135	257	108.9%	90.4%
Trend estimate	158	173	182	15.2%	5.2%

TOTAL DWELLING UNITS APPROVED



VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED

**Residential building**

- The total number of dwelling units approved in December was 257, the highest recorded since April 1987. Of the total, 115 were new houses and 142 were new other residential buildings.
- Darwin City accounted for most approvals with 13 new houses and 84 new other residential dwelling units. Palmerston recorded 44 new houses and 31 new other residential dwellings.
- The value of new residential building approved was \$28.6 million. Residential alterations and additions approved totalled \$2.6 million.

Non-residential building

- The value of non-residential building approved in December was \$26.1 million. The miscellaneous category contributed \$19.1 million (with one job for the Department of Defence accounting for most of this value).

Value of total building

- The value of total building work approved in December was \$57.3 million, an increase of 92.7% on the December 1996 figure. Of the total building works approved there was one job valued \$5 million and over and 3 jobs valued \$1 million to \$5 million.

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TABLE 1. DWELLING UNITS APPROVED (a)

Period	New houses			New other residential buildings			Conversions, etc.	Total (b)			Trend estimate
	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total		Private sector	Public sector	Total	
1994-95	868	161	1,029	554	58	612	20	1,442	219	1,661	..
1995-96	835	96	931	386	119	505	16	1,234	218	1,452	..
1996-97	902	203	1,105	816	26	842	40	1,746	241	1,987	..
1996-97											
July-December	431	103	534	430	9	439	18	867	124	991	..
1997-98											
July-December	432	150	582	423	4	427	6	861	154	1,015	..
1996—											
October	94	16	110	59	—	59	—	153	16	169	167
November	76	25	101	119	7	126	1	196	32	228	166
December	69	30	99	11	—	11	13	81	42	123	158
1997—											
January	52	11	63	39	2	41	16	107	13	120	152
February	55	13	68	37	—	37	1	93	13	106	151
March	66	22	88	53	10	63	—	119	32	151	158
April	73	16	89	137	5	142	3	213	21	234	168
May	97	6	103	28	—	28	1	126	6	132	174
June	128	32	160	92	—	92	1	221	32	253	173
July	79	3	82	52	—	52	3	134	3	137	163
August	72	36	108	37	—	37	1	110	36	146	156
September	64	9	73	22	2	24	1	87	11	98	155
October	87	48	135	104	2	106	1	192	50	242	161
November	43	26	69	66	—	66	—	109	26	135	173
December	87	28	115	142	—	142	—	229	28	257	182

(a) Buildings for Aboriginal Communities are included in the Private Sector. However, if the building is owned by a Community Government Council it will be included in the Public Sector. (b) Includes Conversions, etc. See paragraphs 10-12 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 2. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED (\$'000)

Period	New residential building									Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building	
	Houses			Other residential buildings			Total				Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total					
1994-95	84,947	29,137	114,085	63,327	10,319	73,645	148,274	39,456	187,730	29,958	98,145	184,496	268,058	402,184
1995-96	83,369	15,473	98,841	38,318	7,640	45,958	121,687	23,113	144,800	27,426	112,754	222,043	255,839	394,269
1996-97	108,382	29,083	137,465	70,015	2,337	72,352	178,397	31,421	209,817	23,341	153,401	241,249	351,959	474,407
1996-97														
July-December	48,899	15,742	64,641	36,887	1,054	37,941	85,785	16,796	102,582	11,593	116,875	155,008	212,762	269,182
1997-98														
July-December	53,988	21,904	75,892	37,687	445	38,132	91,674	22,349	114,024	10,855	39,940	105,926	141,173	230,805
1996—														
October	10,401	2,571	12,972	5,294	—	5,294	15,695	2,571	18,265	2,500	40,352	41,732	57,985	62,497
November	8,246	3,329	11,575	11,257	654	11,911	19,503	3,983	23,486	2,024	6,342	8,367	27,366	33,878
December	8,585	4,806	13,391	820	—	820	9,405	4,806	14,211	2,365	4,111	13,161	15,467	29,737
1997—														
January	6,246	1,714	7,960	2,845	250	3,095	9,090	1,964	11,054	1,466	4,886	7,238	15,442	19,758
February	6,701	2,318	9,019	3,464	—	3,464	10,165	2,318	12,483	1,446	3,732	23,585	15,130	37,514
March	8,838	2,160	10,998	3,649	580	4,229	12,486	2,740	15,227	2,038	2,736	3,234	16,539	20,499
April	9,554	1,992	11,546	11,173	453	11,626	20,726	2,445	23,172	2,548	5,988	19,653	28,869	45,373
May	12,479	1,115	13,595	1,716	—	1,716	14,195	1,115	15,310	1,866	2,639	10,129	18,550	27,305
June	15,666	4,041	19,707	10,283	—	10,283	25,949	4,041	29,990	2,385	16,546	22,402	44,667	54,777
July	10,510	524	11,034	4,731	—	4,731	15,241	524	15,765	1,884	8,928	31,638	25,988	49,287
August	9,487	5,731	15,217	3,757	—	3,757	13,243	5,731	18,974	1,940	6,852	10,535	21,776	31,449
September	8,484	1,525	10,009	1,458	295	1,753	9,942	1,820	11,762	1,101	5,833	9,338	16,876	22,201
October	10,349	7,234	17,583	7,983	150	8,133	18,332	7,384	25,715	2,304	7,718	23,655	27,603	51,675
November	4,677	2,820	7,497	5,714	—	5,714	10,391	2,820	13,210	1,054	4,232	4,632	15,655	18,896
December	10,481	4,072	14,553	14,045	—	14,045	24,526	4,072	28,598	2,571	6,377	26,128	33,274	57,297

TABLE 3. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, (a) BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND OWNERSHIP
(\$'000)

Class of building	1995-96	1996-97	July-December		1997		
			1996-97	1997-98	October	November	December
PRIVATE SECTOR							
New houses	83,369	108,382	48,899	53,988	10,349	4,677	10,481
New other residential buildings	38,318	70,015	36,887	37,687	7,983	5,714	14,045
<i>Total new residential building</i>	<i>121,687</i>	<i>178,397</i>	<i>85,785</i>	<i>91,674</i>	<i>18,332</i>	<i>10,391</i>	<i>24,526</i>
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	21,398	20,162	10,102	9,558	1,554	1,032	2,371
Hotels, etc.	38,821	26,940	22,380	780	—	—	—
Shops	14,599	71,060	58,936	11,165	2,409	1,608	552
Factories	3,212	4,996	1,864	3,309	382	300	897
Offices	13,302	18,793	16,147	4,531	350	830	861
Other business premises	19,837	18,289	10,052	10,556	2,565	1,294	1,401
Educational	5,255	6,476	3,291	1,507	—	—	88
Religious	609	180	—	591	—	—	—
Health	3,210	373	—	254	—	200	—
Entertainment and recreational	10,216	2,004	1,171	4,113	1,782	—	—
Miscellaneous	3,693	4,290	3,034	3,133	230	—	2,579
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>112,754</i>	<i>153,401</i>	<i>116,875</i>	<i>39,940</i>	<i>7,718</i>	<i>4,232</i>	<i>6,377</i>
Total	255,839	351,959	212,762	141,173	27,603	15,655	33,274
PUBLIC SECTOR							
New houses	15,473	29,083	15,742	21,904	7,234	2,820	4,072
New other residential buildings	7,640	2,337	1,054	445	150	—	—
<i>Total new residential building</i>	<i>23,113</i>	<i>31,421</i>	<i>16,796</i>	<i>22,349</i>	<i>7,384</i>	<i>2,820</i>	<i>4,072</i>
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	6,028	3,180	1,491	1,296	750	22	200
Hotels, etc.	—	1,648	1,395	—	—	—	—
Shops	4,246	3,369	2,716	52	52	—	—
Factories	1,824	12,691	12,601	80	—	—	—
Offices	13,412	8,987	6,956	14,500	12,100	—	400
Other business premises	14,147	5,424	4,438	21,460	—	—	460
Educational	26,037	36,303	4,594	3,851	214	—	1,927
Religious	2,361	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health	1,433	2,460	2,195	1,158	—	—	447
Entertainment and recreational	11,551	4,458	1,477	528	—	400	—
Miscellaneous	34,279	12,858	1,761	24,357	3,572	—	16,517
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>109,290</i>	<i>87,848</i>	<i>38,133</i>	<i>65,986</i>	<i>15,938</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>19,751</i>
Total	138,430	122,448	56,420	89,632	24,071	3,241	24,023
TOTAL							
New houses	98,841	137,465	64,641	75,892	17,583	7,497	14,553
New other residential buildings	45,958	72,352	37,941	38,132	8,133	5,714	14,045
<i>Total new residential building</i>	<i>144,800</i>	<i>209,817</i>	<i>102,582</i>	<i>114,024</i>	<i>25,715</i>	<i>13,210</i>	<i>28,598</i>
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	27,426	23,341	11,593	10,855	2,304	1,054	2,571
Hotels, etc.	38,821	28,588	23,775	780	—	—	—
Shops	18,845	74,429	61,652	11,217	2,461	1,608	552
Factories	5,036	17,686	14,465	3,389	382	300	897
Offices	26,715	27,781	23,103	19,031	12,450	830	1,261
Other business premises	33,984	23,363	14,490	32,016	2,565	1,294	1,861
Educational	31,293	42,780	7,885	5,358	214	—	2,015
Religious	2,969	180	—	591	—	—	—
Health	4,643	2,833	2,195	1,412	—	200	447
Entertainment and recreational	21,767	6,462	2,648	4,641	1,782	400	—
Miscellaneous	37,972	17,148	4,795	27,490	3,801	—	19,095
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>222,043</i>	<i>241,249</i>	<i>155,008</i>	<i>105,926</i>	<i>23,655</i>	<i>4,632</i>	<i>26,128</i>
Total	394,269	474,407	269,182	230,805	51,675	18,896	57,297

(a) Buildings for Aboriginal Communities are included in the Private Sector. However, if the building is owned by a Community Government Council it will be included in the Public Sector.

TABLE 4. BUILDING APPROVED (a) IN SELECTED AREAS, DECEMBER 1997

Selected statistical areas	New residential building (b)								Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
	Houses				Other residential buildings						
	Private sector		Public sector		Private sector		Public sector				
	Number	Value (\$'000)	Number	Value (\$'000)	Number	Value (\$'000)	Number	Value (\$'000)			
Darwin City (SSD)	13	2,329	—	—	84	9,005	—	—	835	4,320	16,490
Palmerston-East Arm (SSD)	42	4,905	2	235	31	2,556	—	—	152	268	8,115
Darwin (SD)	55	7,234	2	235	115	11,561	—	—	986	4,588	24,605
Alice Springs (T)	12	1,368	—	—	27	2,484	—	—	143	537	4,532
Katherine (T)	4	431	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	470	921
Tennant Creek (T)	1	33	13	2,080	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,113
Darwin Rural Areas (SSD)	14	1,311	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,085	17,586	19,982
Remainder of Balance (SD)	1	105	13	1,757	—	—	—	—	336	2,947	5,145
Northern Territory Balance (SD)	32	3,247	26	3,837	27	2,484	—	—	1,584	21,540	32,692
Northern Territory	87	10,481	28	4,072	142	14,045	—	—	2,571	26,128	57,297

(a) Buildings for Aboriginal Communities are included in the Private Sector. However, if the building is owned by a Community Government Council it will be included in the Public Sector. (b) Excludes Conversions, etc.

TABLE 5. NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES (a) APPROVED BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS IN SELECTED AREAS DECEMBER 1997

Selected statistical areas	Material of outer walls						Total
	Double brick(b)	Brick veneer	Fibre cement	Timber	Metal clad and other	Not stated	
Darwin (SD)	49	1	1	—	6	—	57
Alice Springs (T)	6	1	1	—	—	4	12
Darwin Rural Areas (SSD)	6	—	1	—	7	—	14
Northern Territory	63	2	3	—	30	17	115

(a) Excludes Conversions, etc. (b) Includes houses constructed with outer walls of stone or concrete.

TABLE 6. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES (a) (\$ million)

Period	New residential building				Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building	
	Houses		Other residential buildings	Total		Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
	Private sector	Total							
1994-95	65.9	88.3	64.9	153.2	23.1	90.2	169.8	230.4	346.1
1995-96	61.9	73.4	39.5	112.9	20.3	101.7	200.5	214.4	333.8
1996-97	77.2	97.9	61.1	159.0	16.6	136.8	214.8	289.5	390.4
1996—									
June qtr.	18.8	19.2	12.6	31.8	4.3	25.6	61.7	56.3	97.8
Sept. qtr.	15.9	19.6	17.0	36.6	3.4	59.2	82.1	95.7	122.1
Dec. qtr.	19.4	27.0	15.3	42.3	4.9	45.3	56.4	83.9	103.7
1997—									
Mar. qtr.	15.5	19.9	9.1	29.0	3.5	10.1	30.2	37.1	62.7
June qtr.	26.4	31.4	19.8	51.2	4.8	22.2	46.0	72.8	101.9
Sept. qtr.	19.8	25.3	8.5	33.8	3.4	18.9	45.1	50.6	82.3

(a) See paragraphs 16-18 of the Explanatory Notes. Constant price estimates are subject to revision each quarter as more up to date information on prices and commodity compositions becomes available.

**TABLE 7. NEW DWELLING UNITS (a) APPROVED IN SELECTED AREAS, BY TYPE
DECEMBER 1997**

Selected statistical area	New other residential building									Total new residential building
	New houses	Semi-detached, row or terrace houses, townhouses, etc. of			Flats, units or apartments in a building of				Total	
		1 storey	2 or more storeys	Total	1-2 storeys	3 storeys	4 or more storeys	Total		
NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS										
Darwin City (SSD)	13	—	—	—	—	18	66	84	84	97
Palmerston-East Arm (SSD)	44	13	10	23	8	—	—	8	31	75
<i>Darwin (SD)</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>172</i>
Alice Springs (T)	12	8	—	8	19	—	—	19	27	39
Katherine (T)	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Tennant Creek (T)	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
Darwin Rural Areas (SSD)	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
Remainder of Balance (SD)	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
<i>Northern Territory Balance (SD)</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>85</i>
Northern Territory	115	21	10	31	27	18	66	111	142	257
VALUE (\$'000)										
Darwin City (SSD)	2,329	—	—	—	—	1,400	7,605	9,005	9,005	11,334
Palmerston-East Arm (SSD)	5,140	951	1,050	2,001	555	—	—	555	2,556	7,696
<i>Darwin (SD)</i>	<i>7,469</i>	<i>951</i>	<i>1,050</i>	<i>2,001</i>	<i>555</i>	<i>1,400</i>	<i>7,605</i>	<i>9,560</i>	<i>11,561</i>	<i>19,030</i>
Alice Springs (T)	1,368	660	—	660	1,824	—	—	1,824	2,484	3,852
Katherine (T)	431	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	431
Tennant Creek (T)	2,113	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,113
Darwin Rural Areas (SSD)	1,311	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,311
Remainder of Balance (SD)	1,862	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,862
<i>Northern Territory Balance (SD)</i>	<i>7,084</i>	<i>660</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>660</i>	<i>1,824</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1,824</i>	<i>2,484</i>	<i>9,568</i>
Northern Territory	14,553	1,611	1,050	2,661	2,379	1,400	7,605	11,384	14,045	28,598

(a) Excludes Conversions, etc.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains monthly details of building work approved.

2. For purposes of comparison, it should be noted that statistics of building approvals are affected from month to month by large projects (e.g. blocks of flats, multi-storey office buildings) approved in particular months and also by the administrative arrangements of government authorities.

Scope and Coverage

3. Statistics of building work approved are compiled from:

- (a) permits issued by licensed Private Building Certifiers or the Building Branch, Northern Territory Department of Lands, Planning and Environment, in areas subject to building control by those authorities;
- (b) contracts let or day labour work authorised by Commonwealth, State, semi-government and local government authorities;
- (c) major building activity which takes place in areas not subject to the normal administrative approval processes (e.g. buildings on remote mine sites).

4. The statistics relate to building activity which includes construction of new buildings, and alterations and additions to existing buildings. Construction activity not defined as building (e.g. construction of roads, bridges, railways, earthworks etc.) is excluded from this publication, but can be found in the ABS publication *Engineering Construction Survey* (Cat. no. 8762.0).

5. In relation to work carried out on existing buildings, the statistics include details of non-structural renovation and refurbishment work and the installation of integral building fixtures for which building approval was obtained.

6. From July 1990, the statistics cover:

- (a) all approved new residential building jobs valued at \$10,000 or more (previously \$5,000 or more)
- (b) approved alterations and additions to residential buildings valued at \$10,000 or more
- (c) all approved non-residential building jobs valued at \$50,000 or more (previously \$30,000 or more).

These changes in coverage do not have a statistically significant effect on broad building approvals aggregate data. However, care should be taken in interpreting data for specific classes of non-residential building.

Definitions

7. A *building* is defined as a rigid, fixed and permanent structure which has a roof. Its intended purpose is primarily to house people, plant, machinery, vehicles, goods or livestock. An integral feature of a building's design, to satisfy its intended use, is the provision for regular access by persons.

8. A *dwelling unit* is defined as a self-contained suite of rooms, including cooking and bathing facilities and intended for long term residential use. Units (whether self-contained or not) within buildings offering institutional care such as hospitals or temporary accommodation, such as motels, hostels and holiday apartments are not defined as dwelling units. The value of units of this type is included in the appropriate category of

non-residential buildings' approved.

9. A *residential building* is defined as a building predominantly consisting of one or more dwelling units. Residential buildings can be either houses or other residential buildings.

- (a) A *house* is defined as a detached building predominantly used for long term residential purposes and consisting of only one dwelling unit. Thus detached granny flats and detached dwelling units such as care-taker's residences associated with non-residential buildings are defined as houses for the purpose of these statistics.
- (b) An *other residential building* is defined as a building which is predominantly used for long term residential purposes and which contains (or has attached to it) more than one dwelling unit (e.g. includes town-houses, duplexes, apartment buildings etc.).

10. From the January 1995 issue of this publication, the number of dwelling units approved as part of alterations and additions to or conversions of existing residential or non-residential buildings and as part of the construction of non-residential building is shown separately in Tables 1 under the heading of 'Conversions, etc.', and is included in the total number of dwelling units shown in these tables. Previously, such dwellings were only included as a footnote.

11. In addition, from the January 1995 issue, the trend estimates for the number of dwelling units approved, shown in Table 1, includes these conversions, etc. Previously, only dwelling units approved as part of the construction of new residential buildings were included in these estimates.

12. The value of new residential building approved continues to exclude the value of dwelling units approved as part of alterations and additions to or conversions of existing residential or non-residential buildings and as part of the construction of non-residential building. Approved building work represented by these conversions, etc. jobs continues to be included in the value of alterations and additions to residential buildings or in the value of non-residential building as appropriate.

13. Value data are derived by aggregation of the estimated value (when completed) of building work (excluding value of land and landscaping but including site preparation) as reported on approval documents. For 'houses', these estimates are usually a reliable indicator of the completed value of the building. However, for 'other residential buildings' and 'non-residential buildings' these estimates can differ significantly from the completed value of the building.

Building Classification

14. *Ownership of a building* is classified as either Public Sector or Private Sector according to the sector of the intended owner of the completed building as evident at the time of approval. Residential buildings being constructed by private sector builders under government housing authority schemes whereby the authority has contracted, or intends to contract, to purchase the buildings on or before completion, are classified as public sector.

15. *Functional classification of buildings*: a building is classified according to its intended major function. Hence a building which is ancillary to other buildings or forms a part of a group of related buildings is classified to the function of the building and not to the function of the group as a whole. An example of this can be seen in the treatment of building work approved for a factory complex. In this case a detached

administration building would be classified to Offices, a detached cafeteria building to Shops, while factory buildings would be classified to Factories. An exception to this rule is the treatment of group accommodation buildings e.g. a student accommodation building on a university campus would be classified to Educational.

Estimates at Constant Prices

16. Estimates of the quarterly value of building approvals at average 1989–90 prices are presented in Table 6. (Note: monthly value data at constant prices are not available.)

17. Constant price estimates measure changes in value after the direct effects of price changes have been eliminated. The deflators used to revalue the current price estimates are derived from the same price data underlying the deflators compiled for the dwelling and non-dwelling construction components of the national accounts aggregate 'Gross fixed capital expenditure'.

18. Estimates at constant prices are subject to a number of approximations and assumptions. Further information on the nature and concepts of constant price estimates is contained in Chapter 4 of *Australian National Accounts : Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 5216.0).

Trend Estimates

19. Table 1 shows trend estimates for total dwellings. These are obtained by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months of the respective seasonally adjusted series except the last six months. Trend series are created for the last six months by applying surrogates of the Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted time series. For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series - Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (Cat. no. 1348.0).

20. While the smoothing technique described in paragraph 19 enables trend estimates to be produced for the latest few months, it does result in revisions to the trend estimates as new data become available. Generally, revisions become smaller over time and, after three months, usually have a negligible impact on the series. Revisions to the original data and re-analysis of seasonal factors may also lead to revisions to the trend.

Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC)

21. Area statistics are now being classified to the *Australian Standard Geographical Classification, 1996 Edition* (Cat. no. 1216.0), effective from 1 July 1996, and ASGC

terminology has been adopted in the presentation of building statistics. Further details are:

- (a) The boundaries of the Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) of Alice Springs (T) and Sandover – Balance were amended by the transfer of part of Sandover – Balance to Alice Springs (T).
- (b) The boundaries of the SLAs of Katherine (T) and Elsey – Balance were amended by the transfer of part of Katherine (T) to Elsey – Balance.
- (c) The LGA/SLA of Alice Springs (T) has been split into five SLAs. These new SLAs are: Alice Springs (T) – Charles, Alice Springs (T) – Heavitree, Alice Springs (T) – Larapinta, Alice Springs (T) – Ross, Alice Springs (T) – Stuart.

Unpublished Data and Related Publications

22. The ABS can also make available certain building approvals data which are not published. Where it is not practicable to provide the required information by telephone, data can be provided in the following forms: photocopy, computer printout and clerically extracted tabulation. A charge may be made for providing unpublished information in these forms.

23. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

Building Approvals, Australia (Cat. no. 8731.0) – issued monthly
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