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## **CESSATION OF THE QUARTERLY STATE AND TERRITORY BUILDING ACTIVITY PUBLICATIONS**

You should soon receive your annual renewal notice and an explanation of some changes to our subscription service to be implemented from 1 January 2004. The changes are the result of increasing demand by clients for electronic data. As part of these changes and rationalisation of publications, the quarterly state and territory *Building Activity* publications (cat. nos. 8752.1–8) have been discontinued.

**The enclosed June quarter 2003 issue is the final issue of this publication.** It has been discontinued in both hard copy and electronic form. Your past subscription has been appreciated.

In future, all data in this publication will be available in other ABS products. Alternative sources are:

### ***Building Activity, Australia* (cat. no. 8752.0)—quarterly**

This publication has been expanded to include the state and territory data series of interest to most users. It contains data for all states and territories and has traditionally been released almost two weeks before the state and territory publications. It also includes state and territory trend series—not previously available in the enclosed publication.

If you wish to subscribe to the above publication (in printed or electronic form), contact the Subscription Services Centre on 1300 366 323 or visit the ABS web site <[www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)>.

Alternatively, the ABS provides an email notification service with free links to main features of publications. State and territory information, now included in the main features of 8752.0 will be available via this service.

### **AusStats**

This on-line service is most useful to subscribers seeking access to ABS data covering a wide range of subject areas. It is updated daily with the latest ABS releases. All data series in the enclosed publication will also be available in AusStats, updated quarterly. The advantage of a subscription to this service is that you always have access to the latest data the instant it's released, previous periods are updated/revised automatically and it contains a lengthy historical time series. If you would like further information about this service, contact 1300 135 070.

### **Building Activity data cube—quarterly**

If you are an occasional user only of Building Activity data, you may find it useful to purchase a data cube containing a time series of most of the variables included in the enclosed publication. This new electronic product allows you to select the variables required and to cross classify them to meet your needs. The June quarter 2003 data cube is available now. If you would like a copy, please contact Tony Bammann, whose contact details are below. For the September quarter 2003 onwards, you will be able to purchase data cubes, as required, for \$30 from the ABS web site. They can be found by selecting 'Data Cubes' from the list of 'Statistical Products and Services', followed by the 'Building and construction' subject area.

Alternatively, you may decide that preliminary building data for either the number of dwelling unit commencements or the value of building work done may be sufficient for your needs. If so, the following two publications may be of interest, viz:

#### ***Building Activity: Dwelling Unit Commencements, Australia, Preliminary*** **(cat. no. 8750.0)—quarterly**

This publication includes preliminary data on the number of dwellings commenced for each state and territory and has traditionally been released about six weeks before the state and territory publications.

#### ***Construction Work Done, Australia, Preliminary*** (cat. no. 8755.0)—quarterly

This publication includes preliminary data on the value of building work done for each state and territory and has traditionally been released about 8–9 weeks before the state and territory publications. It also includes details of Engineering Work Done for Australia, thereby providing a total picture of the state of the construction industry.

For either of these publications, you may either subscribe or get regular email notifications in the same manner as for 8752.0 above.

### **Libraries**

Another option, of course, is that you can visit your nearest library. At many state, public and tertiary libraries, ABS publications and other products may be accessed for free.

If you have any queries about the availability of Building Activity data, please contact Tony Bammann on 08 8237 7316 or by email to [tony.bammann@abs.gov.au](mailto:tony.bammann@abs.gov.au).



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