

BUILDING APPROVALS, TASMANIA, JANUARY 1994

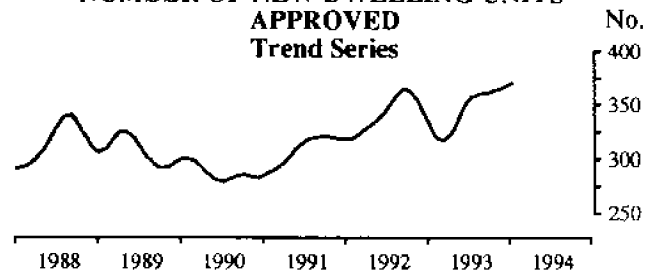
MAIN FEATURES

- There were 344 new dwelling units approved in January 1994, a decrease of seven per cent on the 371 approved in December 1993, but an 11 per cent increase on January 1993 (311).
- For the 12 months ended January 1994 there were 4156 new dwelling units approved, slightly above the 4141 recorded for the 12 months ended January 1993.
- The latest trend estimates available for the number of new dwelling units approved show a continuing increase over the last ten months.
- The highest number of dwelling units approved in January 1994 was recorded by the City of Clarence with 51, followed by the City of Hobart with 33 and the City of Launceston with 27.
- The value of all buildings approved, at current prices, for January 1994 was \$40.9m, compared with \$40.6m in December 1993 and \$35.2m in January 1993.
- The value of all buildings approved, at average 1989-90 prices, in the December quarter 1993 was \$126.8m, 12 per cent above the September quarter 1993 figure of \$112.8m and 28 per cent above the December quarter 1992 figure of \$99.1m.

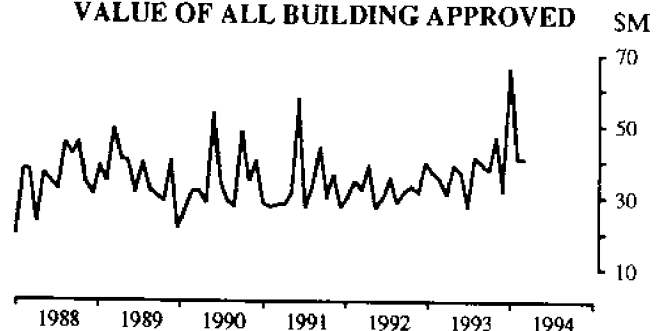
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VALUE OF ALL BUILDING APPROVED



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TABLE 1. NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS APPROVED IN NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

Period	Private sector			Public sector			Total			Trend estimate(a)
	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Original	
1990-91	2,466	827	3,293	89	101	190	2,555	928	3,483	..
1991-92	2,774	965	3,739	95	69	164	2,869	1,034	3,903	..
1992-93	2,928	1,023	3,951	28	115	143	2,956	1,138	4,094	..
1992-93										
July-January	1,737	614	2,351	27	100	127	1,764	714	2,478	..
1993-94										
July-January	1,794	659	2,453	41	46	87	1,835	705	2,540	..
1992—										
November	313	74	387	8	24	32	321	98	419	355
December	256	69	325	4	26	30	260	95	355	342
1993—										
January	193	86	279	3	29	32	196	115	311	329
February	178	34	212	1	2	3	179	36	215	319
March	277	101	378	—	13	13	277	114	391	317
April	286	58	344	—	—	—	286	58	344	324
May	233	73	306	—	—	—	233	73	306	336
June	217	143	360	—	—	—	217	143	360	350
July	255	85	340	—	—	—	255	85	340	358
August	264	119	383	—	—	—	264	119	383	360
September	277	63	340	1	—	1	278	63	341	361
October	242	104	346	5	—	5	247	104	351	363
November	282	128	410	—	—	—	282	128	410	365
December	251	95	346	25	—	25	276	95	371	368
1994—										
January	223	65	288	10	46	56	233	111	344	371

(a) Seasonally adjusted series smoothed by application of a 13-term Henderson moving average. Trend estimates for the most recent months are provisional and can be revised as data for additional months become available. NOTE: The number of self-contained dwelling units approved as part of the construction of non-residential building and alterations and additions to existing buildings (including conversions to dwelling units) are excluded from this table. There was 1 such dwelling unit approved in January 1994.

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					
1990-91	186,346	6,413	192,760	43,288	6,228	49,516	229,635	12,641	242,276	28,565	102,950	135,837	361,038	406,678
1991-92	201,224	7,154	208,378	47,379	4,538	51,917	248,604	11,692	260,296	32,637	68,980	105,941	350,181	398,873
1992-93	214,890	2,098	216,989	50,783	7,490	58,273	265,674	9,588	275,262	33,050	62,416	103,107	360,929	411,419
1992—														
November	22,761	620	23,381	3,364	1,622	4,986	26,125	2,242	28,367	2,582	5,110	8,928	33,816	39,876
December	19,252	329	19,581	3,282	1,839	5,121	22,533	2,168	24,701	3,582	8,092	8,479	34,086	36,762
1993—														
January	15,077	249	15,326	4,198	2,153	6,351	19,275	2,402	21,677	2,656	5,462	10,866	27,394	35,199
February	14,037	50	14,087	1,751	154	1,905	15,788	204	15,992	2,235	3,243	12,552	21,265	30,779
March	20,870	—	20,870	5,198	494	5,692	26,068	494	26,562	2,809	4,638	9,588	33,515	38,959
April	21,723	—	21,723	3,137	—	3,137	24,859	—	24,859	2,996	4,366	9,094	32,221	36,949
May	17,275	—	17,275	4,424	—	4,424	21,699	—	21,699	2,189	2,822	3,369	26,710	27,257
June	15,899	—	15,899	7,790	—	7,790	23,689	—	23,689	3,037	6,126	14,627	32,762	41,353
July	19,360	—	19,360	4,344	—	4,344	23,704	—	23,704	2,305	8,654	13,222	34,663	39,231
August	20,991	—	20,991	6,028	—	6,028	27,019	—	27,019	2,704	5,519	7,901	35,242	37,624
September	20,470	50	20,520	3,291	—	3,291	23,761	50	23,811	3,086	10,146	19,927	36,993	46,824
October	18,120	543	18,663	4,893	—	4,893	23,013	543	23,556	3,510	2,913	4,430	29,396	31,495
November	21,222	—	21,222	12,221	—	12,221	33,444	—	33,444	3,309	8,551	29,656	45,304	66,409
December	19,335	2,221	21,556	5,187	—	5,187	24,523	2,221	26,743	3,521	4,461	10,385	32,505	40,649
1994—														
January	18,412	775	19,187	3,570	3,235	6,805	21,982	4,010	25,992	3,095	10,492	11,816	35,515	40,902

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

Class of building	1991-92	1992-93	July-January		1993		1994
			1992-93	1993-94	November	December	January
PRIVATE SECTOR							
New houses	201,224	214,890	125,086	137,910	21,222	19,335	18,412
New other residential buildings	47,379	50,783	28,484	39,535	12,221	5,187	3,570
<i>Total new residential building</i>	<i>248,604</i>	<i>265,674</i>	<i>153,570</i>	<i>177,445</i>	<i>33,444</i>	<i>24,523</i>	<i>21,982</i>
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	32,597	32,839	19,665	21,439	3,309	3,521	3,042
Hotels, etc.	4,747	4,047	2,991	2,654	120	90	—
Shops	7,663	9,422	5,276	7,422	2,835	475	952
Factories	10,719	10,276	6,284	7,135	972	720	1,380
Offices	9,837	9,967	6,367	9,064	770	50	5,170
Other business premises	3,899	7,656	6,166	3,638	270	462	65
Educational	13,543	4,765	4,246	1,233	174	255	—
Religious	1,534	1,235	263	767	110	250	50
Health	8,303	11,063	7,315	12,449	2,850	—	2,875
Entertainment and recreational	4,271	2,581	2,102	1,203	—	70	—
Miscellaneous	4,465	1,406	212	5,171	450	2,090	—
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>68,980</i>	<i>62,416</i>	<i>41,221</i>	<i>50,735</i>	<i>8,551</i>	<i>4,461</i>	<i>10,492</i>
Total	350,181	360,929	214,456	249,618	45,304	32,505	35,515
PUBLIC SECTOR							
New houses	7,154	2,098	2,048	3,588	—	2,221	775
New other residential buildings	4,538	7,490	6,842	3,235	—	—	3,235
<i>Total new residential building</i>	<i>11,692</i>	<i>9,588</i>	<i>8,890</i>	<i>6,823</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>2,221</i>	<i>4,010</i>
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	40	211	121	92	—	—	53
Hotels, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shops	100	114	61	—	—	—	—
Factories	2,117	—	—	2,381	—	—	—
Offices	3,027	8,919	2,986	3,361	140	475	—
Other business premises	548	150	150	1,709	—	350	1,165
Educational	15,634	13,429	6,486	14,531	613	5,024	—
Religious	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health	8,577	8,596	873	21,300	18,800	75	—
Entertainment and recreational	519	1,005	407	1,463	327	—	—
Miscellaneous	6,439	8,478	1,692	1,857	1,225	—	160
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>36,961</i>	<i>40,691</i>	<i>12,655</i>	<i>46,602</i>	<i>21,105</i>	<i>5,924</i>	<i>1,325</i>
Total	48,693	50,490	21,467	53,517	21,105	8,145	5,387
TOTAL							
New houses	208,378	216,989	127,135	141,499	21,222	21,556	19,187
New other residential buildings	51,917	58,273	35,326	42,770	12,221	5,187	6,805
<i>Total new residential building</i>	<i>260,296</i>	<i>275,262</i>	<i>162,461</i>	<i>184,268</i>	<i>33,444</i>	<i>26,743</i>	<i>25,992</i>
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	32,637	33,050	19,785	21,531	3,309	3,521	3,095
Hotels, etc.	4,747	4,047	2,991	2,654	120	90	—
Shops	7,763	9,536	5,337	7,422	2,835	475	952
Factories	12,836	10,276	6,284	9,516	972	720	1,380
Offices	12,864	18,886	9,353	12,425	910	525	5,170
Other business premises	4,447	7,806	6,316	5,346	270	812	1,230
Educational	29,177	18,194	10,732	15,764	787	5,279	—
Religious	1,534	1,235	263	767	110	250	50
Health	16,881	19,658	8,187	33,749	21,650	75	2,875
Entertainment and recreational	4,789	3,586	2,509	2,666	327	70	—
Miscellaneous	10,903	9,884	1,904	7,028	1,675	2,090	160
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>105,941</i>	<i>103,107</i>	<i>53,876</i>	<i>97,336</i>	<i>29,656</i>	<i>10,385</i>	<i>11,816</i>
Total	398,873	411,419	236,122	303,135	66,409	40,649	40,902

TABLE 4. NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING JOBS APPROVED, BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND VALUE SIZE GROUPS

Period	\$50,000 to less than \$200,000		\$200,000 to less than \$500,000		\$500,000 to less than \$1m		\$1m to less than \$5m		\$5m and over		Total	
	No.	Value (\$'000)	No.	Value (\$'000)	No.	Value (\$'000)	No.	Value (\$'000)	No.	Value (\$'000)	No.	Value (\$'000)
HOTELS, ETC.												
1993 November	1	120	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	120
December	1	90	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	90
1994 January	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
SHOPS												
1993 November	2	210	2	525	1	700	1	1,400	—	—	6	2,835
December	1	75	1	400	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	475
1994 January	3	262	2	690	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	952
FACTORIES												
1993 November	2	175	2	797	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	972
December	3	360	1	360	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	720
1994 January	2	330	2	550	1	500	—	—	—	—	5	1,380
OFFICES												
1993 November	6	660	1	250	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	910
December	1	50	2	475	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	525
1994 January	1	137	2	600	1	633	1	3,800	—	—	5	5,170
OTHER BUSINESS PREMISES												
1993 November	3	270	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	270
December	4	462	1	350	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	812
1994 January	1	65	—	—	—	—	1	1,165	—	—	2	1,230
EDUCATIONAL												
1993 November	3	405	1	382	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	787
December	3	305	—	—	1	676	2	4,298	—	—	6	5,279
1994 January	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
RELIGIOUS												
1993 November	1	110	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	110
December	1	50	1	200	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	250
1994 January	1	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	50
HEALTH												
1993 November	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4,650	1	17,000	3	21,650
December	1	75	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	75
1994 January	1	75	—	—	—	—	1	2,800	—	—	2	2,875
ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATIONAL												
1993 November	3	327	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	327
December	1	70	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	70
1994 January	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MISCELLANEOUS												
1993 November	3	220	2	805	1	650	—	—	—	—	6	1,675
December	3	170	1	420	—	—	1	1,500	—	—	5	2,090
1994 January	1	160	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	160
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING												
1993 November	24	2,497	8	2,759	2	1,350	3	6,050	1	17,000	38	29,656
December	19	1,706	7	2,205	1	676	3	5,798	—	—	30	10,385
1994 January	10	1,079	6	1,840	2	1,133	3	7,765	—	—	21	11,816

TABLE 5: NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES APPROVED BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS, TASMANIA (a)

Period	Material of outer walls					Total
	Double brick	Brick veneer	Fibre cement	Timber	Other and not stated	
1986-87						
1987-88	152	2,016	93	332	54	2,647
1988-89	98	2,048	37	404	85	2,672
1989-90	130	2,248	54	374	84	2,890
1990-91	139	1,943	83	384	114	2,663
1991-92	177	1,758	76	467	77	2,555
1992-93	256	1,937	72	515	89	2,869
	293	1,999	119	476	69	2,956
1992:						
November	41	207	13	51	9	321
December	22	168	14	51	5	260
1993:						
January	23	130	6	34	3	196
February	18	122	5	31	3	179
March	27	200	2	41	7	277
April	18	199	10	52	7	286
May	19	162	15	31	6	233
June	16	165	5	25	6	217
July	43	168	2	34	8	255
August	43	172	10	33	6	264
September	27	194	10	45	2	278
October	23	181	9	28	6	247
November	26	187	6	55	8	282
December	1	199	11	51	14	276
1994:						
January	26	163	3	34	7	233

(a) From July 1990 includes only those approvals valued at \$10 000 and over.

TABLE 6: VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS (a)
(\$'000)

Period	Greater Hobart		Southern		Northern		Mersey-Lyell		Tasmania	
	New residential building	All building (b)	New residential building	All building (b)	New residential building	All building (b)	New residential building	All building (b)	New residential building	All building (b)
1986-87	74,904	155,272	19,342	24,309	50,706	128,963	38,070	73,206	183,022	381,750
1987-88	79,070	154,886	21,074	27,704	52,115	119,131	40,523	86,978	192,782	388,699
1988-89	88,215	204,554	23,731	30,180	72,931	126,685	50,967	100,238	235,845	461,657
1989-90	88,156	173,760	23,416	29,823	79,631	118,360	46,182	76,085	237,385	398,028
1990-91	94,266	190,545	25,998	34,220	78,257	112,342	43,755	69,571	242,276	406,678
1991-92	105,027	173,652	28,412	35,994	84,619	118,574	42,238	70,653	260,296	398,873
1992-93	114,154	182,266	27,818	32,593	82,656	116,014	50,634	80,546	275,262	411,419
1992:										
November	10,143	15,346	3,932	4,308	7,896	10,330	6,396	9,892	28,367	39,876
December	8,815	16,065	2,699	2,993	8,216	10,692	4,971	7,012	24,701	36,762
1993:										
January	6,093	11,013	3,055	3,294	8,570	12,022	3,960	8,871	21,677	35,199
February	5,764	15,186	1,268	1,883	5,367	8,309	3,593	5,401	15,992	30,779
March	13,260	20,570	1,290	1,433	7,045	10,663	4,968	6,293	26,562	38,959
April	8,714	16,629	3,290	3,618	7,426	10,302	5,430	6,400	24,859	36,949
May	9,474	11,713	1,727	1,990	6,545	7,620	3,954	5,935	21,699	27,257
June	11,223	19,404	1,604	2,046	6,424	8,988	4,438	10,915	23,689	41,353
July	12,467	18,116	1,921	4,636	6,175	8,671	3,141	7,808	23,704	39,231
August	14,034	18,643	3,171	5,137	4,875	7,948	4,939	5,896	27,019	37,624
September	10,939	22,360	3,898	4,246	6,202	15,631	2,773	4,588	23,811	46,824
October	10,502	13,756	1,993	2,658	7,203	8,671	3,858	6,410	23,556	31,495
November	19,896	24,328	2,850	3,167	5,531	11,780	5,166	27,134	33,444	66,409
December	12,324	21,599	3,286	3,550	6,151	8,649	4,983	6,852	26,743	40,649
1994:										
January	13,057	14,377	2,735	2,735	8,908	13,900	4,386	9,890	29,086	40,902

(a) See explanatory notes, paragraph 4.

(b) Includes new residential buildings specified in the previous column. The items comprising 'All building' are specified in Table 8.

TABLE 7. BUILDING APPROVED IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS, JANUARY 1994

Statistical region sectors and statistical local areas (a)	New residential buildings						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building		
	Houses			Other residential buildings				Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)				
GREATER HOBART-SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS										
Brighton (M)	7	1	579	3	—	165	18	—	—	762
Central Highlands (M)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Clarence (C)	24	—	2,131	12	15	1,553	224	80	80	3,987
Glamorgan/Spring Bay (M)	6	—	511	3	—	180	15	—	—	706
Glenorchy (C)	14	2	1,259	4	—	215	88	50	50	1,612
Hobart (C) — Inner & Remainder	9	—	993	9	15	1,820	803	700	700	4,315
Huon Valley (M)	10	—	689	6	2	431	62	—	—	1,182
Kingborough (M) Pt A & B	21	—	1,818	2	—	86	372	490	490	2,766
New Norfolk (M) Pt A & B	4	—	390	—	—	—	—	—	—	390
Sorell (M) Pt A & B	14	—	982	4	—	240	10	—	—	1,232
Southern Midlands (M)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tasman (M)	5	—	150	—	—	—	10	—	—	160
Greater Hobart-Southern (SDs)	114	3	9,501	43	32	4,690	1,601	1,320	1,320	17,112
NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Break O'Day (M)	7	—	544	2	2	237	30	200	200	1,011
Dorset (M)	2	—	120	—	—	—	—	—	—	120
Flinders (M)	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	—	—	25
George Town (M) Pt A & B	5	—	393	—	—	—	55	—	—	448
Launceston (C) Inner, Pt B & Pt C	23	—	2,340	4	—	195	547	4,433	4,433	7,515
Meander Valley (M) Pt A & B	19	1	1,457	1	2	222	—	—	—	1,679
Northern Midlands (M) Pt A & B	8	1	659	2	—	60	40	—	160	919
West Tamar (M) Pt A & B	14	3	1,460	2	2	271	253	200	200	2,184
Northern (SD)	78	5	6,973	11	6	985	950	4,833	4,993	13,900
MERSEY-LYELL STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Burnie (C) Pt A & B	3	—	290	2	2	280	80	3,650	3,650	4,300
Central Coast (M) Pt A & B	3	1	323	—	—	—	67	180	180	570
Circular Head (M)	—	1	91	—	—	—	99	—	—	190
Devonport (C)	3	—	259	6	6	685	109	509	1,674	2,727
Kentish (M)	7	—	546	—	—	—	75	—	—	621
King Island (M)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Latrobe (M) Pt A & B	9	—	784	3	—	165	49	—	—	998
Waratah/Wynyard (M) Pt A & B	6	—	420	—	—	—	65	—	—	485
West Coast (M)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mersey-Lyell (SD)	31	2	2,713	11	8	1,130	543	4,339	5,504	9,890

For footnote, see end of table.

TABLE 7. BUILDING APPROVED IN STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS, JANUARY 1994—continued

Statistical region sectors and statistical local areas (a)	New residential buildings						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building		
	Houses			Other residential buildings				Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)				
STATISTICAL DIVISIONS AND SUBDIVISIONS										
Greater Hobart (SD)	86	3	7,550	32	30	3,993	1,514	1,320	1,320	14,377
Southern (SD)	28	—	1,951	11	2	697	87	—	—	2,735
Greater Launceston (SSD)	55	5	5,201	9	2	596	745	4,633	4,793	11,334
Central North (SSD)	14	—	1,108	—	2	152	150	—	—	1,410
North-Eastern (SSD)	9	—	664	2	2	237	55	200	200	1,156
Northern (SD)	78	5	6,973	11	6	985	950	4,833	4,993	13,900
Burnie-Devonport (SSD)	18	1	1,591	11	8	1,130	306	4,339	5,504	8,531
North-Western Rural (SSD)	13	1	1,122	—	—	—	237	—	—	1,359
Lyell (SSD)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mersey-Lyell (SD)	31	2	2,713	11	8	1,130	543	4,339	5,504	9,890
Tasmania	223	10	19,187	65	46	6,805	3,094	10,492	11,816	40,902

(a) Statistics are presented in terms of statistical local areas aggregated to their equivalent legal local government areas.

TABLE 8. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVALS IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS BY CLASS OF BUILDING, JANUARY 1994 (\$'000)

Class of building	Greater Hobart	Southern	Northern	Mersey-Lyell	Tasmania
New houses	7,550	1,951	6,973	2,713	19,187
New other residential building	3,993	697	985	1,130	6,805
Total new residential building	11,543	2,648	7,958	3,843	25,992
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	1,514	87	950	543	3,095
Hotels etc.	—	—	—	—	—
Shops	670	—	200	82	952
Factories	—	—	200	1,180	1,380
Offices	600	—	4,433	137	5,170
Other business premises	—	—	—	1,230	1,230
Educational	—	—	—	—	—
Religious	50	—	—	—	50
Health	—	—	—	2,875	2,875
Entertainment and recreational	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	—	—	160	—	160
Total non-residential building	1,320	—	4,993	5,504	11,816
Total building	14,377	2,735	13,900	9,890	40,902

TABLE 9. 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							
1990-91	174.9	181.0	49.0	230.0	26.9	102.4	135.1	347.5	392.0
1991-92	181.6	188.2	51.0	239.2	29.5	68.5	105.2	327.2	373.9
1992-93	187.4	189.2	57.6	246.8	28.8	62.4	103.0	329.9	378.6
1992—									
Sept. qtr.	44.5	44.9	13.3	58.3	6.5	18.9	21.1	82.8	85.9
Dec. qtr.	52.2	53.4	15.3	68.7	8.5	16.9	21.9	89.3	99.1
1993—									
Mar. qtr.	43.6	43.9	13.7	57.6	6.7	13.3	33.0	75.0	97.3
June qtr.	47.0	47.0	15.2	62.2	7.0	13.3	27.0	82.8	96.3
Sept. qtr.	51.5	51.6	13.5	65.1	6.9	24.2	40.9	96.6	112.8
Dec. qtr.	49.5	51.8	21.9	73.8	8.7	15.8	44.3	96.6	126.8

(a) See paragraphs 18 and 19 of the Explanatory Notes. Constant price estimates are subject to revisions each quarter as more up to date information on prices and commodity compositions becomes available.

TABLE 10. NEW DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, BY TYPE AND STATISTICAL DIVISION
JANUARY 1994

Statistical division	Houses	Other residential building							Total residential building	
		Semi-detached, row or terrace houses, townhouses, etc. of			Flats, units or apartments in a building of					
		1 storey	2 or more storeys	Total	1-2 storeys	3 storeys	4 or more storeys	Total		
NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS										
Greater Hobart	89	62	—	62	—	—	—	—	62	151
Southern	28	13	—	13	—	—	—	—	13	41
Northern	83	17	—	17	—	—	—	—	17	100
Mersey-Lyell	33	19	—	19	—	—	—	—	19	52
Tasmania	233	111	—	111	—	—	—	—	111	344
VALUE (\$'000)										
Greater Hobart	7,550	3,993	—	3,993	—	—	—	—	3,993	11,543
Southern	1,951	697	—	697	—	—	—	—	697	2,648
Northern	6,973	985	—	985	—	—	—	—	985	7,958
Mersey-Lyell	2,713	1,130	—	1,130	—	—	—	—	1,130	3,843
Tasmania	19,187	6,805	—	6,805	—	—	—	—	6,805	25,992

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains monthly details of building work approved. From 1985 there has been a change in terminology used by the ABS in presenting building statistics. The terms 'residential buildings', and 'non-residential building' have replaced 'dwellings' and 'other building' respectively and 'other residential buildings' replaces 'other dwellings'. It should be noted that these are only changes in terminology and do not affect the classification of the various types of buildings or the statistics.

Scope and coverage

2. 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 (construction of roads, bridges, railways, earthworks etc.) is excluded.

3. The statistics include details of non-structural renovation and refurbishing work and the installation of integral building fixtures for which building approval was obtained.

4. Statistics of building work approved are compiled from:

- (a) permits issued by local government authorities in areas subject to building control by those authorities and
- (b) contracts let, or day labour work authorised, by Federal, State, semi-government and local government authorities.

Major building activity which takes place in areas not subject to the normal administrative approval processes (e.g. buildings on remote mine sites) is also included.

5. From July 1990, the statistics cover:

- (a) all approved new residential building jobs valued at \$10 000 or more (previously \$5000 or more);
- (b) approved alterations and additions to residential buildings valued at \$10 000 or more and
- (c) all approved non-residential building jobs valued at \$50 000 or more (previously \$30 000 or more).

These changes mainly affect non-residential building data. In particular, care should be taken in interpreting data for specific classes of non-residential building.

Definitions

6. 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.

7. 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 building' approved.

8. 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 associated with non-residential buildings (such as caretaker's residences) 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 (includes townhouses, duplexes, apartment buildings etc.).

9. The number of dwelling units created by alterations and additions to existing buildings, and through the construction of new non-residential buildings, is not included in the tables but is shown as a footnote to Table 1.

10. **Values** are derived from approval documents and represent the estimated value, when completed, of building work (excluding the value of land and landscaping). Site preparation costs are included.

Building classification

11. **Ownership.** The ownership of a building is classified at the time of approval as either private sector or public sector according to expected ownership of the completed building. 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.

12. **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, and a detached cafeteria building to Shops, while factory buildings would be classified to Factories. An exception to this rule is in the treatment of group accommodation buildings where, for example, a student accommodation building on a university campus would be classified to Educational.

EXPLANATORY NOTES - continued

13. For Building Approvals from July 1992 an expanded functional classification of buildings based on the Dwelling Structure Classification (DSC) has been introduced by the ABS to provide a standard classification of residential buildings.

14. The DSC is a classification recently developed by the ABS to provide a standard classification of the different types of dwelling structures (houses, flats, townhouses, etc.). The DSC has been used in the 1990 Survey of Income and Housings Costs and Amenities and the 1991 Census of Population and Housing. It will be implemented across all major collections of housing data in the ABS. The DSC has the same overall scope as the classification used in previous Censuses and household surveys but provides more categories than previously to reflect the current need to provide separate details on medium to high density housing.

15. In particular, for Building Approvals, DSC allows new other residential building to be classified as follows:

(a) Semi-detached, row or terrace houses, townhouses, etc. (dwellings having their own private grounds and no other dwellings above or below) with:

- one storey;
- two or more storeys.

(b) Flats, units or apartments, etc. (dwellings not having their own private grounds and usually sharing a common entrance, foyer or stairwell) in a building of:

- one or two storeys;
- three stores;
- four or more storeys.

16. More details on the DSC are contained in the ABS Information Paper, Dwelling Structure Classification (DSC) (1296.0).

General

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

Constant Price Estimates

18. 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 dwellings and non-dwelling construction components of the national accounts aggregate 'Gross fixed capital expenditure'. (Note: monthly value data at constant prices are not available.)

19. 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* (5216.0).

20. Statistics in this publication are presented using the *Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC)* which has been prepared by the ABS for use in its collection, compilation and publication of statistics. For additional information about ASGC, users are referred to the manual *Australian Standard Geographical Classification* (1216.0) Edition 4.

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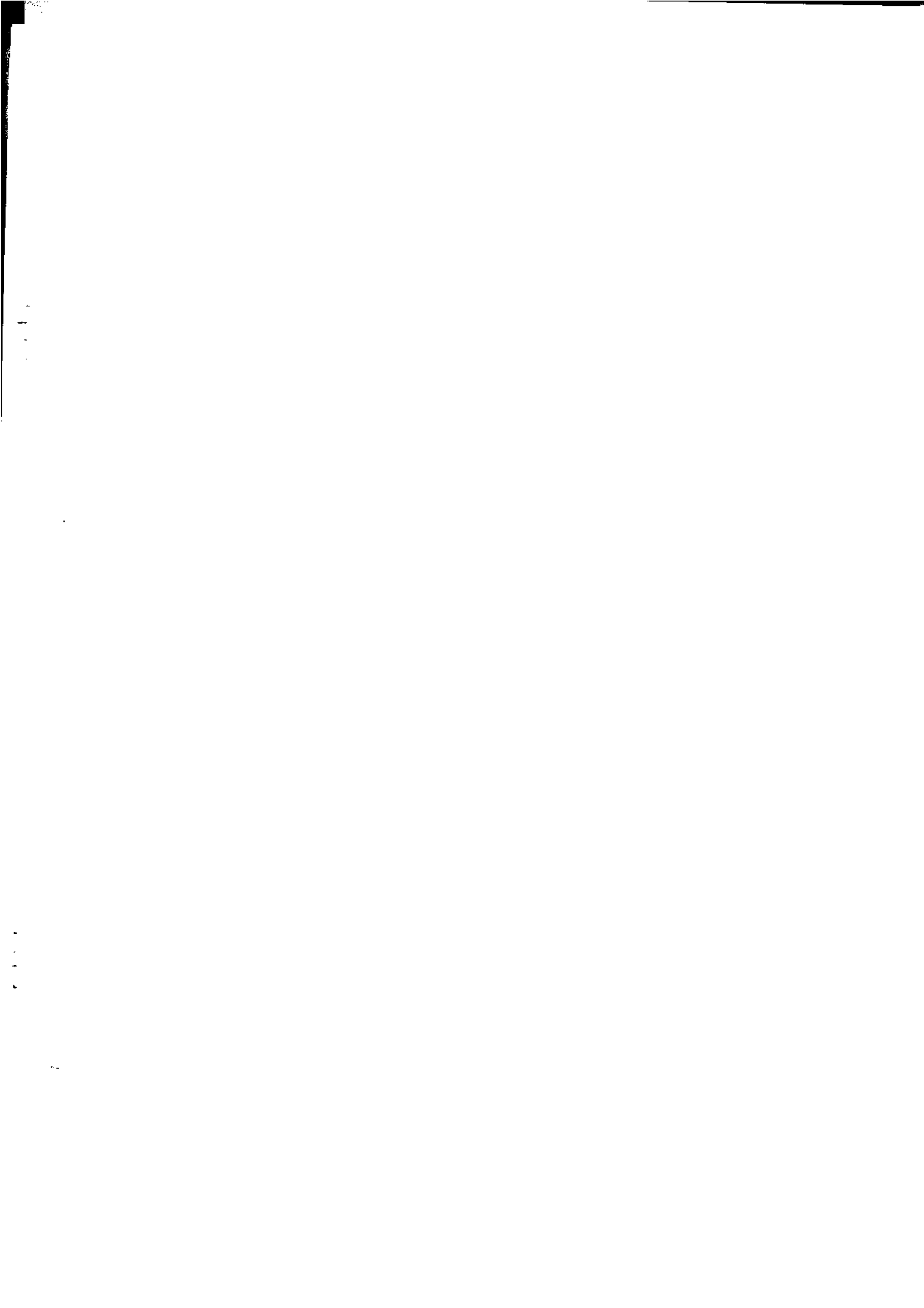
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