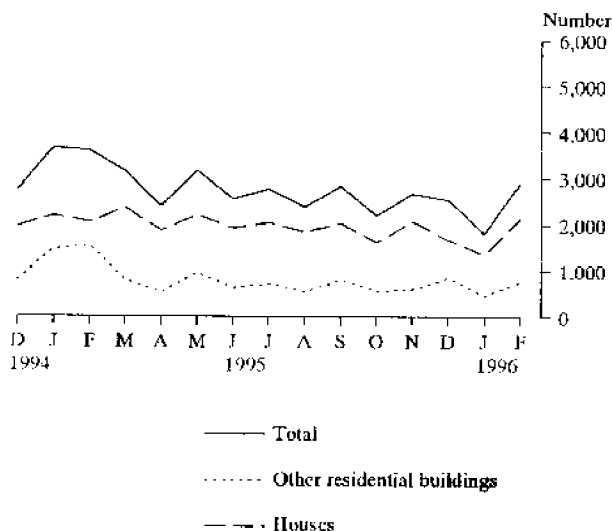


DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS REPORTED BY APPROVING AUTHORITIES QUEENSLAND, FEBRUARY 1996

MAIN FEATURES

DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED



Houses

- There were 2,136 new houses reported as commenced in February of which 2,091 were private sector houses. Brisbane Statistical Division accounted for 1,085 of the private sector houses.

New other residential buildings

- A total of 764 new other residential buildings were reported as commenced, with the private sector contributing 623 of this total.

Total dwellings

- During February there were a total of 2,900 new dwellings commenced with 186 of these in the public sector. Brisbane City reported 645 commencements and Redland Shire Council 435.

NOTE: The councils of Brisbane, Caloundra, Logan, Maroochy and Redland all reported a significant number of dwellings commenced prior to February. These figures have been included as February 1996 commencements.

INQUIRIES

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TABLE 1 – NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY OWNERSHIP AND TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS
QUEENSLAND (a)

| Period | Houses | | | Other residential buildings | | | Total | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------|----------------|---------------|--------|
| | Private sector | Public sector | Total | Private sector | Public sector | Total | Private sector | Public sector | Total |
| BRISBANE STATISTICAL DIVISION | | | | | | | | | |
| 1992-93 | 12,600 | 274 | 12,874 | 5,327 | 513 | 5,840 | 17,927 | 787 | 18,714 |
| 1993-94 | 13,452 | 292 | 13,744 | 5,737 | 543 | 6,280 | 19,189 | 835 | 20,024 |
| 1994-95 | 11,791 | 223 | 12,014 | 5,098 | 725 | 5,823 | 16,889 | 948 | 17,837 |
| <i>1994</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 780 | 4 | 784 | 245 | 30 | 275 | 1,025 | 34 | 1,059 |
| <i>1995</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 849 | 24 | 873 | 406 | 50 | 456 | 1,255 | 74 | 1,329 |
| February | 811 | 14 | 825 | 939 | 58 | 997 | 1,750 | 72 | 1,822 |
| March | 975 | 40 | 1,015 | 280 | 64 | 344 | 1,255 | 104 | 1,359 |
| April | 717 | 11 | 728 | 251 | 39 | 290 | 968 | 50 | 1,018 |
| May | 958 | 11 | 969 | 527 | 139 | 666 | 1,485 | 150 | 1,635 |
| June | 677 | 38 | 715 | 98 | 50 | 148 | 775 | 88 | 863 |
| July | 997 | 7 | 1,004 | 403 | 4 | 407 | 1,400 | 11 | 1,411 |
| August | 747 | 3 | 750 | 189 | 6 | 195 | 936 | 9 | 945 |
| September | 884 | 7 | 891 | 381 | 8 | 389 | 1,265 | 15 | 1,280 |
| October | 701 | 22 | 723 | 352 | 14 | 366 | 1,053 | 36 | 1,089 |
| November | 693 | 7 | 700 | 168 | 8 | 176 | 861 | 15 | 876 |
| December | 629 | 14 | 643 | 282 | 29 | 311 | 911 | 43 | 954 |
| <i>1996—</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 477 | 13 | 490 | 203 | 19 | 222 | 680 | 32 | 712 |
| February | 1,085 | 18 | 1,103 | 425 | 19 | 444 | 1,510 | 37 | 1,547 |
| QUEENSLAND | | | | | | | | | |
| 1992-93 | 31,653 | 703 | 32,338 | 11,499 | 1,062 | 12,561 | 43,134 | 1,765 | 44,899 |
| 1993-94 | 33,917 | 580 | 34,497 | 14,466 | 1,049 | 15,515 | 48,383 | 1,629 | 50,012 |
| 1994-95 | 29,158 | 629 | 29,787 | 13,013 | 1,387 | 14,400 | 42,171 | 2,016 | 44,187 |
| <i>1994—</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 1,933 | 14 | 1,947 | 738 | 60 | 798 | 2,671 | 74 | 2,745 |
| <i>1995—</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2,095 | 97 | 2,192 | 1,376 | 91 | 1,467 | 3,471 | 188 | 3,659 |
| February | 2,031 | 22 | 2,053 | 1,472 | 82 | 1,554 | 3,503 | 104 | 3,607 |
| March | 2,237 | 120 | 2,357 | 624 | 163 | 787 | 2,861 | 283 | 3,144 |
| April | 1,818 | 49 | 1,867 | 414 | 112 | 526 | 2,232 | 161 | 2,393 |
| May | 2,177 | 27 | 2,204 | 808 | 150 | 958 | 2,985 | 177 | 3,162 |
| June | 1,830 | 93 | 1,923 | 526 | 108 | 634 | 2,356 | 201 | 2,557 |
| July | 2,038 | 15 | 2,053 | 663 | 44 | 707 | 2,701 | 59 | 2,760 |
| August | 1,824 | 18 | 1,842 | 475 | 61 | 536 | 2,299 | 79 | 2,378 |
| September | 2,012 | 20 | 2,032 | 795 | 8 | 803 | 2,807 | 28 | 2,835 |
| October | 1,590 | 27 | 1,617 | 513 | 59 | 572 | 2,103 | 86 | 2,189 |
| November | 2,040 | 37 | 2,077 | 538 | 52 | 590 | 2,578 | 89 | 2,667 |
| December | 1,651 | 27 | 1,678 | 800 | 59 | 859 | 2,451 | 86 | 2,537 |
| <i>1996—</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1,317 | 35 | 1,352 | 400 | 64 | 464 | 1,717 | 99 | 1,816 |
| February | 2,091 | 45 | 2,136 | 623 | 141 | 764 | 2,714 | 186 | 2,900 |

(a) See paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 2 — NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, QUEENSLAND

| Period | Houses | | | | | Total | Other residential buildings | Total |
|-----------|---------------------|------------------|--------|--------------|-------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Double-brick (a)(b) | Brick veneer (a) | Timber | Fibre cement | Other | | | |
| 1992-93 | 1,846 | 25,492 | 3,085 | 1,452 | 463 | 32,338 | 12,561 | 44,899 |
| 1993-94 | 1,962 | 27,391 | 2,959 | 1,455 | 729 | 34,497 | 15,515 | 50,012 |
| 1994-95 | 2,428 | 22,865 | 2,491 | 1,257 | 746 | 29,787 | 14,400 | 44,187 |
| 1994 — | | | | | | | | |
| December | 173 | 1,453 | 204 | 70 | 47 | 1,947 | 798 | 2,745 |
| 1995 — | | | | | | | | |
| January | 189 | 1,698 | 165 | 90 | 50 | 2,192 | 1,467 | 3,659 |
| February | 193 | 1,537 | 171 | 85 | 67 | 2,053 | 1,554 | 3,607 |
| March | 189 | 1,838 | 201 | 83 | 46 | 2,357 | 787 | 3,144 |
| April | 182 | 1,408 | 159 | 76 | 42 | 1,867 | 526 | 2,393 |
| May | 243 | 1,573 | 183 | 123 | 82 | 2,204 | 958 | 3,162 |
| June | 237 | 1,375 | 132 | 91 | 88 | 1,923 | 634 | 2,557 |
| July | 238 | 1,466 | 166 | 99 | 84 | 2,053 | 707 | 2,760 |
| August | 331 | 1,174 | 164 | 74 | 99 | 1,842 | 536 | 2,378 |
| September | 465 | 1,196 | 151 | 95 | 125 | 2,032 | 803 | 2,835 |
| October | 319 | 1,018 | 126 | 79 | 75 | 1,617 | 572 | 2,189 |
| November | 528 | 1,109 | 210 | 108 | 122 | 2,077 | 590 | 2,667 |
| December | 414 | 971 | 116 | 76 | 101 | 1,678 | 859 | 2,537 |
| 1996 — | | | | | | | | |
| January | 372 | 749 | 115 | 56 | 60 | 1,352 | 464 | 1,816 |
| February | 545 | 1,216 | 149 | 117 | 109 | 2,136 | 764 | 2,900 |

(a) Including bricks or blocks of clay, concrete or calcium silicate. (b) Including concrete poured on site, prefabricated steel-reinforced concrete and stone.

TABLE 3 — NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS AND STATISTICAL DISTRICTS (a), QUEENSLAND

| Statistical division and statistical district | Dec., 1995 | | | Jun., 1996 | | | Feb., 1996 | | |
|---|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| | Houses | Other residential buildings | Total | Houses | Other residential buildings | Total | Houses | Other residential buildings | Total |
| <i>Statistical division</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Brisbane | 643 | 311 | 954 | 490 | 222 | 712 | 1,103 | 444 | 1,547 |
| Moreton | 523 | 470 | 993 | 395 | 154 | 549 | 414 | 181 | 595 |
| Wide Bay-Burnett | 129 | 5 | 134 | 106 | 12 | 118 | 193 | 10 | 203 |
| Darling Downs | 65 | 24 | 89 | 59 | 2 | 61 | 97 | 24 | 121 |
| South West | 4 | — | 4 | — | — | — | — | 8 | 8 |
| Fitzroy | 77 | 9 | 86 | 59 | 8 | 67 | 77 | 7 | 84 |
| Central West | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | 4 | 4 |
| Mackay | 51 | 18 | 69 | 48 | 2 | 50 | 52 | 22 | 74 |
| Northern | 66 | 6 | 72 | 64 | 26 | 90 | 88 | 39 | 127 |
| Far North | 117 | 16 | 133 | 130 | 29 | 159 | 109 | 25 | 134 |
| North West | 3 | — | 3 | — | 9 | 9 | 3 | — | 3 |
| Queensland | 1,678 | 859 | 2,537 | 1,352 | 464 | 1,816 | 2,136 | 764 | 2,900 |
| <i>Statistical district</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Gold Coast-Tweed (b) | 313 | 409 | 722 | 160 | 91 | 251 | 120 | 30 | 150 |
| Sunshine Coast | 103 | 45 | 148 | 122 | 63 | 185 | 148 | 151 | 299 |
| Bundaberg | 28 | — | 28 | 14 | — | 14 | 63 | — | 63 |
| Gladstone | 25 | 1 | 26 | 17 | — | 17 | 20 | — | 20 |
| Rockhampton | 21 | 6 | 27 | 16 | — | 16 | 12 | 4 | 16 |
| Mackay | 18 | 18 | 36 | 24 | 2 | 26 | 32 | — | 32 |
| Townsville | 37 | — | 37 | 40 | 22 | 62 | 57 | 32 | 89 |
| Cairns | 54 | 12 | 66 | 84 | 25 | 109 | 59 | 25 | 84 |

(a) See paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Excluding that part of the Gold Coast-Tweed Statistical District in New South Wales.

TABLE 4 — NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS (a), QUEENSLAND

| Local government area | Dec., 1995 | | | Jan., 1996 | | | Feb., 1996 | | |
|--|------------|-----------------------------|-------|------------|-----------------------------|-------|------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Houses | Other residential buildings | Total | Houses | Other residential buildings | Total | Houses | Other residential buildings | Total |
| <i>Brisbane and Moreton</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Statistical Divisions (b)</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaudesert (S) | 28 | 8 | 36 | 39 | — | 39 | 52 | — | 52 |
| Boonah (S) | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | 4 | — | 4 |
| Brisbane (C) | 297 | 289 | 586 | 239 | 196 | 435 | 403 | 242 | 645 |
| Caboolture (S) | 82 | 9 | 91 | 70 | 4 | 74 | 112 | — | 112 |
| Caloundra | 71 | 14 | 85 | 39 | 12 | 51 | 92 | 71 | 163 |
| Esk (S) | 8 | — | 8 | 11 | — | 11 | 5 | — | 5 |
| Gatton (S) | 8 | — | 8 | 3 | — | 3 | 8 | — | 8 |
| Gold Coast (C) | 387 | 413 | 800 | 178 | 91 | 269 | 132 | 30 | 162 |
| Ipswich (C) | 35 | 9 | 44 | 32 | 10 | 42 | 37 | — | 37 |
| Kilcoy (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Laidley (S) | 10 | — | 10 | 8 | — | 8 | 19 | — | 19 |
| Logan (C) | 43 | — | 43 | 12 | — | 12 | 154 | 29 | 183 |
| Maroochy (S) | 50 | 30 | 80 | 71 | 47 | 118 | 88 | 63 | 151 |
| Noosa (S) | 40 | 9 | 49 | 62 | 4 | 66 | 41 | 17 | 58 |
| Pine Rivers (S) | 54 | — | 54 | 67 | 10 | 77 | 89 | — | 89 |
| Redcliffe (C) | 7 | — | 7 | 4 | — | 4 | 11 | 8 | 19 |
| Redland (S) | 45 | — | 45 | 49 | 2 | 51 | 270 | 165 | 435 |
| <i>Wide Bay-Burnett Statistical Division</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Biggenden (S) | 2 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 |
| Bundaberg (C) | 21 | — | 21 | 13 | — | 13 | 35 | — | 35 |
| Burnett (S) | 16 | — | 16 | 2 | — | 2 | 49 | — | 49 |
| Cooloola (S) | 16 | — | 16 | 21 | — | 21 | 23 | — | 23 |
| Eidsvold (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Gayndah (S) | 3 | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Hervey Bay (C) | 23 | 5 | 28 | 37 | 6 | 43 | 34 | 10 | 44 |
| Isis (S) | 2 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 8 | — | 8 |
| Kirkivan (S) | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | 2 | — | 2 |
| Kingaroy (S) | 3 | — | 3 | 3 | — | 3 | 2 | — | 2 |
| Kolan (S) | 10 | — | 10 | 7 | — | 7 | 7 | — | 7 |
| Maryborough (C) | 4 | — | 4 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 10 | — | 10 |
| Miriam Vale (S) | 5 | — | 5 | 4 | — | 4 | 5 | — | 5 |
| Monto (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | 3 |
| Mundubbera (S) | — | — | — | 2 | — | 2 | — | — | — |
| Murgon (S) | 2 | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Nanango (S) | 6 | — | 6 | 4 | — | 4 | 6 | — | 6 |
| Perry (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Tiaro (S) | 6 | — | 6 | 7 | — | 7 | 6 | — | 6 |
| Wondai (S) | 9 | — | 9 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Woocoo (S) | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | 2 | — | 2 |
| <i>Darling Downs Statistical Division</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Cambooya (S) | 2 | — | 2 | 3 | — | 3 | 2 | — | 2 |
| Chinchilla (S) | — | — | — | 3 | — | 3 | 1 | — | 1 |
| Clifton (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Crow's Nest (S) | 6 | — | 6 | — | — | — | 19 | — | 19 |
| Dalby (T) | 1 | — | 1 | 2 | — | 2 | 4 | — | 4 |
| Goondiwindi (T) | — | — | — | 2 | — | 2 | — | — | — |
| Inglewood (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Jondaryan (S) | 5 | — | 5 | 1 | — | 1 | 13 | 6 | 19 |
| Millmerran (S) | 2 | — | 2 | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | — | 1 |
| Murilla (S) | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — |
| Pittsworth (S) | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | — | 1 |
| Rosalie (S) | 7 | — | 7 | 1 | — | 1 | 6 | — | 6 |
| Stanthorpe (S) | 2 | — | 2 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| Tara (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Taroom (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Toowoomba (C) | 31 | 24 | 55 | 35 | — | 35 | 34 | 11 | 45 |
| Wagamba (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Wambo (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | 3 |
| Warwick (S) | 8 | — | 8 | 5 | — | 5 | 11 | — | 11 |

TABLE 4—NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS (a), QUEENSLAND—continued

| Local government area | Dec., 1995 | | | Jan., 1996 | | | Feb., 1996 | | |
|--|------------|-----------------------------|-------|------------|-----------------------------|-------|------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Houses | Other residential buildings | Total | Houses | Other residential buildings | Total | Houses | Other residential buildings | Total |
| <i>South West Statistical Division</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Balonne (S) | 2 | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | 4 | 4 |
| Bendemeere (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Booringa (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Bulloo (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Bungil (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Murweh (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Paroo (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Quilpie (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 4 |
| Roma (T) | 2 | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Warroo (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Fitzroy Statistical Division</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Banana (S) | 2 | — | 2 | 1 | — | 1 | 2 | — | 2 |
| Bauhinia (S) | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 |
| Calliope (S) | 16 | 1 | 17 | 7 | — | 7 | 13 | — | 13 |
| Duaringa (S) | — | — | — | 2 | — | 2 | — | — | — |
| Emerald (S) | 6 | — | 6 | 5 | — | 5 | 8 | — | 8 |
| Fitzroy (S) | 3 | — | 3 | 5 | — | 5 | 7 | — | 7 |
| Gladstone (C) | 11 | — | 11 | 10 | — | 10 | 8 | — | 8 |
| Jericho (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 |
| Livingstone (S) | 19 | 2 | 21 | 15 | 8 | 23 | 27 | 3 | 30 |
| Mount Morgan (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Peak Downs (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Rockhampton (C) | 19 | 6 | 25 | 14 | — | 14 | 10 | 4 | 14 |
| <i>Central West Statistical Division</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Aramac (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Barcaldine (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Barcoo (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Blackall (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Boulia (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Diamantina (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Ilfracombe (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Isisford (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Longreach (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 2 |
| Tambo (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Winton (S) | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | 2 | 2 |
| <i>Mackay Statistical Division</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Belyando (S) | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Broadsound (S) | 3 | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Mackay (C) | 27 | 18 | 45 | 30 | 2 | 32 | 38 | — | 38 |
| Mirani (S) | 3 | — | 3 | 4 | — | 4 | 1 | — | 1 |
| Nebo (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Sarina (S) | 6 | — | 6 | 4 | — | 4 | 5 | — | 5 |
| Whitsunday (S) | 11 | — | 11 | 10 | — | 10 | 5 | 20 | 25 |
| <i>Northern Statistical Division</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Bowen (S) | 1 | — | 1 | 3 | — | 3 | 3 | — | 3 |
| Burdekin (S) | 15 | 6 | 21 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 9 | 7 | 16 |
| Charters Towers (C) | 2 | — | 2 | 2 | — | 2 | 3 | — | 3 |
| Dalrymple (S) | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | 4 | — | 4 |
| Hinchinbrook (S) | 6 | — | 6 | 7 | — | 7 | 5 | — | 5 |
| Thuringowa (C) | 27 | — | 27 | 23 | — | 23 | 27 | 2 | 29 |
| Townsville (C) | 14 | — | 14 | 21 | 22 | 43 | 37 | 30 | 67 |
| <i>Far North Statistical Division</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Atherton (S) | 10 | — | 10 | 6 | — | 6 | 7 | — | 7 |
| Aurukun (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Cairns (C) | 57 | 12 | 69 | 86 | 25 | 111 | 60 | 25 | 85 |
| Cardwell (S) | 6 | — | 6 | 11 | 2 | 13 | 3 | — | 3 |
| Cook (S) | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | 10 | — | 10 |
| Croydon (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Douglas (S) | 6 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 5 | — | 5 |

TABLE 4 — NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED BY TYPE OF NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS (a), QUEENSLAND—continued

| <i>Local government area</i> | <i>Dec., 1995</i> | | | <i>Jan., 1996</i> | | | <i>Feb., 1996</i> | | |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| | <i>Houses</i> | <i>Other residential buildings</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Houses</i> | <i>Other residential buildings</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Houses</i> | <i>Other residential buildings</i> | <i>Total</i> |
| <i>Far North Statistical Division — continued</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Eacham (S) | 3 | — | 3 | 2 | — | 2 | 2 | — | 2 |
| Etheridge (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Herberton (S) | 4 | — | 4 | 5 | — | 5 | 4 | — | 4 |
| Johnstone (S) | 17 | — | 17 | 6 | — | 6 | 11 | — | 11 |
| Mareeba (S) | 9 | — | 9 | 8 | — | 8 | 7 | — | 7 |
| Torres (S) | 5 | 2 | 7 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| <i>North West Statistical Division</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Burke (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Carpentaria (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 |
| Cloncurry (S) | 3 | — | 3 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 |
| Flinders (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| McKinlay (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Mornington (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Mount Isa (C) | — | — | — | — | 9 | 9 | 1 | — | 1 |
| Richmond (S) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Unincorporated islands | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Queensland | 1,678 | 859 | 2,537 | 1,352 | 464 | 1,816 | 2,136 | 764 | 2,900 |

(a) See paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) See paragraph 11 of the Explanatory Notes. (C) City. (T) Town. (S) Shire.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains monthly details of the number of new dwelling units reported by approving authorities as having commenced in each legal local government area.

Scope and coverage

2. The statistics were compiled from monthly reports, provided by local and other government authorities, of commencements of new houses and new other residential buildings for which:

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

3. Major dwelling unit commencements in areas not subject to the normal administrative approval processes (e.g. buildings on remote mine sites) are also included.

4. 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.

Comparability of statistics

5. Because of the difference in data sources, collection methodologies and timing of notification of commencements, care should be exercised in comparing quarterly data derived from monthly dwelling unit commencement statistics with the quarterly dwelling unit commencement statistics from the Building Activity Survey.

Definitions

6. 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 e.g. motels, hostels and holiday apartments, are not defined as dwelling units.

7. 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 as follows:

- (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 caretakers' 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 townhouses, duplexes, apartment buildings etc.).

8. *Commencements*. For the purposes of this statistical series, a dwelling unit is regarded as being commenced on the date when:

(a) the residential building is first inspected by a local authority or other government authority building inspector or surveyor, whether the work is passed or not; or

(b) the residential building is determined as commenced by a building inspector or surveyor.

9. *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.

Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC)

10. Area statistics are now being classified to the *Australian Standard Geographical Classification, Edition 2.5* (1216.0) and ASGC terminology has been adopted in the presentation of building statistics.

11. The legal local government area structure has been cross-classified with the statistical division level of the main structure. The use of this cross-classification requires the combination of the Brisbane and Moreton Statistical Divisions, as some legal local government areas cross the contiguous boundary of these two statistical divisions.

12. *Legal local government areas* (LGAs), as defined under the *Local Government Act 1936*, are spatial units which represent the geographical areas of incorporated local government councils, such as cities (C), towns (T) and shires (S).

13. *Statistical divisions*, which are groupings of whole or part of LGAs, are designed to be relatively homogeneous regions characterised by identifiable social and economic units within the region.

14. Statistical districts have been defined around selected urban areas to provide comparable statistics over a period of time. These districts, which are intended to contain the anticipated urban spread for at least 20 years, are generally defined as having a population of 25,000 or more and experiencing urban growth beyond the LGA boundaries.

15. From July 1995 the statistics reflect the changes made to the ASGC spatial units. A new City of Gold Coast, comprising the combined areas of the former Shire of Albert and the former City of Gold Coast, and including/excluding small parts of the Shire of Beaudesert has been created. A new City of Cairns, comprising the combined areas of the former City of Cairns, the former Mulgrave Shire, a small part of Douglas Shire, and small parts of Mareeba Shire has been created. Further details are:

- (a) The existing SLA's of Berrinba and Karawatha are being amalgamated to form the new SLA of Berrinba-Karawatha.
- (b) The existing SLA of Albert (S) Bal in BSD is being split and abolished, the major part forming the new SLA of Gold Coast (C) Bal in BSD and a very small part becoming part of the existing SLA of Beaudesert (S) Bal in BSD.
- (c) Part of the existing SLA of Beaudesert (S) Bal in BSD is being transferred to the new SLA of Gold Coast (S) Bal in BSD.

- (d) Part of the existing SLA of Beaudesert (S) – Pt B is being transferred to the new SLA of Gold Coast (S) – Pt B Bal. The existing SLA of Beaudesert (S) – Pt B is to also include parts of the existing SLA of Albert (S) – Pt B Bal.
- (e) The remaining portion of the existing SLA of Albert (S) – Pt B Bal has been renamed Gold Coast (C) – Pt B Bal.
- (f) The existing SLA's of Cairns (C) and Mulgrave (S) – Pt A are being amalgamated to form the new SLA of Cairns (C) – Pt A. The new SLA will also include parts of the existing SLA's of Douglas (S) and Mareeba (S).
- (g) The existing SLA of Mulgrave (S) – Pt B has been renamed Cairns (C) – Pt B.
- (h) The existing SLA of Ipswich (C) has been renamed Ipswich (C) – Central and a small part of Ipswich (C) has been transferred to the SLA of Wacol as well as small part of the SLA of Carole Park.
- (i) The boundary of the existing SLA of Camira has also been altered slightly to include part of the SLA of Greenbank – Pt B and the major part of the SLA of Carole Park, which has been abolished.
- (j) The existing SLA of Moreton (S) Bal in BSD – Nth has been renamed Ipswich (C) Bal in BSD – Nth. The new SLA also includes part of the old SLA of Moreton (S) – Pt B, and excludes part of the existing SLA of Moreton (S) Bal in BSD – Nth, which has been transferred to the existing SLA of Esk (S).
- (k) The existing SLA of Moreton (S) Bal in BSD – Sth has been renamed Ipswich (C) Bal in BSD – Sth.
- (l) The area covered by the existing SLA of Esk (S) has been enlarged to include parts of the old SLA's of Moreton (S) Bal in BSD – Nth and Moreton (S) – Pt B.
- (m) Those areas of the old SLA of Moreton (S) – Pt A not transferred to either the SLA's of Esk (S) or Ipswich (C) Bal in BSD – Nth now make up the new SLA of Ipswich (S) – Pt B. For further details, inquiries should be made to your local ABS office listed at the back of this publication.

Unpublished data

16. The ABS can also make available certain dwelling unit commencement 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: microfiche, photocopy, computer printout and clerically extracted tabulation. A charge may be made for providing unpublished information in these forms.

Related publications

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

Building Approvals, Australia (8731.0) – issued monthly
Building Approvals, Queensland (8731.3) – issued monthly
Building Activity, Australia: Dwelling Unit Commencements, Preliminary (8750.0) – issued quarterly
Building Activity, Queensland (8752.3) – issued quarterly

18. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

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