

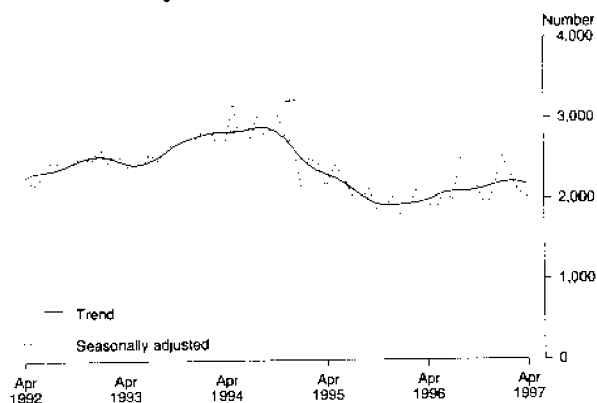
## BUILDING APPROVALS, VICTORIA, APRIL 1997

### MAIN FEATURES

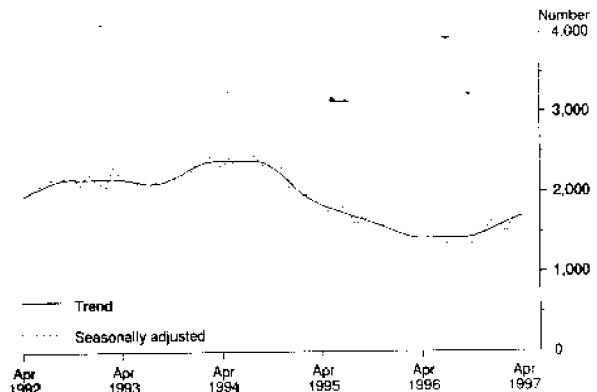
#### NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

	April 1996	March 1997	April 1997	April 1996 to April 1997 change	March 1997 to April 1997 change
Original series	1,870	1,864	2,082	11.3%	11.7%
Seasonally adjusted	1,970	2,082	2,029	3.0%	-2.5%
Trend estimate	1,997	2,209	2,174	10.6%	-1.6%

TOTAL DWELLING UNITS APPROVED



PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSES APPROVED



#### Residential building

- In original terms there were 2,082 dwelling units approved in April. Of the total 1,772 were new private sector houses and 262 were new private other residential dwelling units.
- The value of new residential building approvals in April was \$227.9 million. The value of alterations and additions to residential buildings was \$53.6 million.

#### Non-residential building

- The value of non-residential projects approved in April was \$121.1 million. The largest category was factories with \$26.8 million followed by other business premises at \$21.5 million. There were 3 projects valued \$5 million and over and 21 projects between \$1 million and \$5 million.

*The method of collecting building approvals for Victoria has changed. For some time details of building work have been reported by approving authorities to both the ABS and the Building Control Commission of Victoria (the Commission). New procedures were introduced for April 1997 approvals, so that reporting authorities now provide information to the Commission. These procedures will reduce the total reporting load on building surveyors by eliminating duplication of reporting.*

*It is not expected that this change will have any significant long term effect on the statistics. There are indications, however, that during the transition stage over the last few months, some permits issued by private surveyors have not been notified by reporting authorities to the ABS. This is currently being investigated and any resulting changes will be included as revisions in the next issue.*

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## RELIABILITY OF CONTEMPORARY TREND ESTIMATES

The tables below present trend estimates of selected building approvals series for the six months November 1996 to April 1997.

Analysis of building approvals series has shown that the original series can be volatile and that the initial estimates of a month's trend value can be revised substantially. In particular, some months can elapse before a turning point in the trend series is identified reliably. Generally, the size of revisions to the trend estimates will tend to be larger with greater volatility of the original series. Revisions to trend estimates will also occur with revisions to original data and re-estimation of seasonal adjustment factors. See paragraphs 19 and 20 of the Explanatory Notes for a more detailed explanation.

To illustrate the possible impact of future months' observations on the trend estimates for the latest months, the tables show the revisions to the trend estimates which would result if the movements in the seasonally adjusted estimates for next month (May 1997) were to equal the average monthly percentage change (regardless of sign) in the series over the last ten years.

For example, if the seasonally adjusted estimate for the number of private sector houses approved (the first table) were to increase by 5% in May 1997, the trend estimate for that month would be 1,770, a movement of 2.4%. The monthly movements in the trend estimates for February, March and April 1997 which are currently estimated to be 3.2%, 2.8% and 2.6% respectively, would be revised to 3.7%, 3.4% and 3.1%. On the other hand, a 5% seasonally adjusted decline in the number of private sector houses approved in May 1997 would produce a trend estimate for that month of 1,692, a movement of 0.9%, with the movements in the trend estimates for February, March and April 1997, being revised to 2.9%, 2.2% and 1.7% respectively.

### NUMBER OF PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSES APPROVED RELIABILITY OF TREND ESTIMATES

	Trend estimate		Revised trend estimate if May 1997 seasonally adjusted estimate			
			is up 5% on April 1997		is down 5% on April 1997	
	No.	% change on previous month	No.	% change on previous month	No.	% change on previous month
1996—						
November	1,473	2.2	1,470	2.0	1,474	2.3
December	1,517	3.0	1,512	2.9	1,519	3.1
1997—						
January	1,567	3.3	1,565	3.5	1,568	3.2
February	1,616	3.2	1,622	3.7	1,614	2.9
March	1,662	2.8	1,677	3.4	1,650	2.2
April	1,705	2.6	1,729	3.1	1,678	1.7
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1,770	2.4	1,692	0.9

### TOTAL NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS APPROVED RELIABILITY OF TREND ESTIMATES

	Trend estimate		Revised trend estimate if May 1997 seasonally adjusted estimate			
			is up 8% on April 1997		is down 8% on April 1997	
	No.	% change on previous month	No.	% change on previous month	No.	% change on previous month
1996—						
November	2,141	1.0	2,141	1.1	2,147	1.3
December	2,171	1.4	2,171	1.4	2,181	1.6
1997—						
January	2,200	1.4	2,200	1.4	2,205	1.1
February	2,213	0.6	2,215	0.7	2,202	-0.2
March	2,209	-0.2	2,203	0.5	2,158	-2.0
April	2,174	-1.6	2,175	-1.3	2,088	-3.2
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	2,155	0.9	2,025	-3.0

TABLE 1. DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

Period	New houses			New other residential buildings			Conversions, etc.	Total (a)		
	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total		Private sector	Public sector	Total
<b>MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION (b)</b>										
1993-94	17,878	585	18,463	2,920	414	3,334	1,152	21,844	1,105	22,949
1994-95	17,816	307	18,123	3,100	581	3,681	1,330	22,240	894	23,134
1995-96	12,690	345	13,035	2,986	723	3,709	617	16,275	1,086	17,361
1995-96 July-April	10,670	304	10,974	2,147	701	2,848	600	13,399	1,023	14,422
1996-97 July-April	10,304	135	10,439	4,654	248	4,902	711	15,659	393	16,052
<i>1996—</i>										
February	833	7	840	437	34	471	88	1,357	42	1,399
March	809	10	819	325	50	375	336	1,461	69	1,530
April	910	33	943	267	100	367	66	1,235	141	1,376
May	1,056	33	1,089	400	11	411	5	1,461	44	1,505
June	964	8	972	439	11	450	12	1,415	19	1,434
July	1,033	22	1,055	507	106	613	19	1,558	129	1,687
August	1,135	18	1,153	773	34	807	47	1,955	52	2,007
September	1,012	5	1,017	263	52	315	30	1,305	57	1,362
October	1,037	9	1,046	646	22	668	116	1,799	31	1,830
November	907	4	911	390	17	407	40	1,337	21	1,358
December	999	9	1,008	271	8	279	208	1,478	17	1,495
<i>1997—</i>										
January	939	33	972	642	4	646	24	1,605	37	1,642
February	957	3	960	567	5	572	174	1,698	8	1,706
March	1,006	12	1,018	348	—	348	35	1,381	20	1,401
April	1,279	20	1,299	247	—	247	18	1,543	21	1,564
<b>VICTORIA</b>										
1993-94	27,227	830	28,057	3,109	584	3,693	1,167	31,396	1,521	32,917
1994-95	25,284	601	25,885	3,225	808	4,033	1,347	29,849	1,416	31,265
1995-96	18,425	464	18,889	3,218	937	4,155	663	22,277	1,430	23,707
1995-96 July-April	15,450	389	15,839	2,293	876	3,169	637	18,351	1,294	19,645
1996-97 July-April	14,990	186	15,176	5,026	311	5,337	755	20,758	510	21,268
<i>1996—</i>										
February	1,298	12	1,310	489	38	527	94	1,880	51	1,931
March	1,331	25	1,356	360	65	425	338	2,020	99	2,119
April	1,348	40	1,388	286	113	399	83	1,698	172	1,870
May	1,540	53	1,593	448	42	490	12	2,000	95	2,095
June	1,435	22	1,457	477	19	496	14	1,926	41	1,967
July	1,511	34	1,545	533	109	642	22	2,065	144	2,209
August	1,578	24	1,602	825	42	867	53	2,456	66	2,522
September	1,476	8	1,484	304	63	367	43	1,823	71	1,894
October	1,560	19	1,579	712	22	734	120	2,392	41	2,433
November	1,406	7	1,413	426	39	465	43	1,875	46	1,921
December	1,446	18	1,464	317	8	325	216	1,976	29	2,005
<i>1997—</i>										
January	1,395	34	1,429	674	16	690	25	2,094	50	2,144
February	1,400	9	1,409	602	7	609	176	2,178	16	2,194
March	1,446	12	1,458	371	—	371	35	1,844	20	1,864
April	1,772	21	1,793	262	5	267	22	2,055	27	2,082

(a) Includes Conversions, etc. See paragraphs 11-13 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) As a result of minor changes to the Melbourne Statistical Division boundary, data for the periods prior to July 1995 are not strictly comparable to data for periods from July 1995 onwards.

TABLE 2. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED  
(\$ 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	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total	Private sector	Public sector	Total					
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION (a)														
1993-94	1,683.9	40.5	1,724.4	241.8	31.1	272.9	1,925.7	71.6	1,997.3	509.2	1,619.8	2,138.6	4,046.0	4,645.1
1994-95	1,732.4	23.5	1,755.9	380.7	46.4	427.0	2,113.1	69.8	2,182.9	571.9	1,072.3	1,655.8	3,749.0	4,410.6
1995-96	1,315.8	32.6	1,348.4	308.5	53.9	362.4	1,624.3	86.5	1,710.8	467.2	1,352.5	1,934.5	3,422.5	4,112.5
1995-96														
July-April	1,089.5	29.4	1,118.9	242.3	52.7	295.0	1,331.8	82.1	1,413.9	392.4	1,122.0	1,609.7	2,828.8	3,416.0
1996-97														
July-April	1,179.9	16.5	1,196.4	448.2	14.9	463.1	1,628.1	31.4	1,659.5	443.7	1,165.7	1,652.6	3,216.6	3,755.8
1996-														
February	87.8	0.8	88.6	58.8	4.6	63.3	146.6	5.4	151.9	40.9	114.8	126.5	301.2	319.3
March	88.6	0.8	89.4	27.1	3.8	31.0	115.8	4.6	120.4	49.8	66.6	152.9	230.2	323.0
April	99.1	3.1	102.2	17.9	9.2	27.1	117.0	12.3	129.3	44.8	89.5	136.6	249.4	310.7
May	119.6	2.6	122.2	31.4	0.7	32.1	151.0	3.3	154.4	39.4	154.2	221.6	342.3	415.3
June	106.6	0.6	107.2	34.8	0.5	35.3	141.5	1.1	142.5	35.4	76.2	103.2	251.4	281.1
July	110.8	1.6	112.4	62.7	6.8	69.5	173.5	8.4	181.9	41.8	87.2	105.1	300.6	328.9
August	126.6	1.5	128.1	88.8	2.1	90.9	215.4	3.6	219.0	46.1	118.4	163.2	378.8	428.2
September	114.1	0.9	115.0	21.0	2.2	23.2	135.1	3.0	138.1	42.0	117.8	151.5	294.0	331.6
October	117.6	0.8	118.4	54.6	2.1	56.8	172.3	2.9	175.2	53.3	132.0	175.1	355.7	403.6
November	106.8	0.3	107.1	39.0	0.8	39.8	145.8	1.1	146.9	40.2	130.1	242.8	312.9	430.0
December	114.9	1.4	116.2	24.6	0.5	25.0	139.4	1.8	141.3	39.0	442.8	162.1	317.8	342.4
1997-														
January	106.1	5.8	111.9	58.6	0.2	58.9	164.7	6.0	170.7	39.7	169.8	203.7	371.5	414.1
February	114.2	0.2	114.4	51.1	0.2	51.3	165.3	0.4	165.7	58.6	128.3	260.1	349.4	484.4
March	116.4	1.2	117.6	26.3	—	26.3	142.8	1.2	144.0	40.1	74.2	106.7	256.5	290.8
April	152.4	2.9	155.3	21.4	—	21.4	173.8	2.9	176.7	42.9	65.0	82.1	279.3	301.8
VICTORIA														
1993-94	2,465.2	58.8	2,524.0	252.8	40.9	293.7	2,718.0	99.7	2,817.7	623.5	1,853.6	2,502.7	5,186.0	5,943.9
1994-95	2,383.4	41.9	2,425.3	388.8	59.9	448.7	2,772.2	101.8	2,874.0	685.1	1,274.7	1,975.2	4,717.5	5,534.3
1995-96	1,845.2	42.2	1,887.4	325.9	66.4	392.3	2,171.1	108.7	2,279.7	590.1	1,721.6	2,452.4	4,448.5	5,322.3
1995-96														
July-April	1,530.5	36.6	1,567.1	252.9	63.2	316.2	1,783.4	99.9	1,883.3	492.2	1,418.7	2,020.9	3,667.4	4,396.4
1996-97														
July-April	1,639.8	20.9	1,660.7	474.0	19.0	493.0	2,113.7	39.9	2,153.6	550.6	1,411.1	2,052.3	4,047.2	4,756.6
1996-														
February	130.5	1.1	131.6	62.6	4.8	67.4	193.1	5.9	199.0	49.8	182.7	200.1	424.4	448.9
March	138.1	2.1	140.2	29.2	4.9	34.1	167.4	6.9	174.3	63.1	89.2	185.6	315.8	423.0
April	142.5	3.7	146.3	19.2	9.9	29.0	161.7	13.6	175.3	55.3	107.6	164.7	321.7	395.4
May	165.0	4.2	169.2	35.4	2.3	37.7	200.4	6.6	206.9	53.4	184.7	259.6	433.0	519.9
June	149.7	1.3	151.1	37.6	0.9	38.4	187.3	2.2	189.5	44.5	118.1	171.9	348.1	405.9
July	155.8	2.7	158.5	64.3	7.0	71.3	220.0	9.7	229.8	52.1	109.3	135.3	378.5	417.1
August	168.9	1.8	170.7	93.2	2.8	96.0	262.1	4.6	266.7	54.7	140.5	200.1	455.8	521.4
September	160.3	1.2	161.5	23.5	2.8	26.4	183.8	4.0	187.9	53.3	140.3	182.2	375.8	423.3
October	167.7	1.4	169.1	58.9	2.1	61.0	226.6	3.5	230.2	66.3	153.5	205.5	443.1	502.0
November	155.3	0.5	155.8	41.6	2.3	43.8	196.9	2.8	199.7	52.1	157.7	286.5	402.7	538.3
December	159.2	2.3	161.5	27.7	0.5	28.2	186.9	2.8	189.7	49.4	177.7	221.6	409.5	460.8
1997-														
January	152.1	5.9	158.0	61.3	1.0	62.2	213.3	6.9	220.2	50.9	189.9	228.1	450.6	499.3
February	157.6	0.7	158.3	53.6	0.3	53.9	211.2	1.0	212.2	68.9	149.6	334.9	425.9	615.9
March	160.8	1.2	162.0	27.5	—	27.5	188.3	1.2	189.5	49.4	91.8	137.0	328.9	375.9
April	202.1	3.1	205.2	22.4	0.3	22.7	224.5	3.4	227.9	53.6	100.9	121.1	376.3	402.6

(a) As a result of minor changes to the Melbourne Statistical Division boundary, data for the periods prior to July 1995 are not strictly comparable to data for periods from July 1995 onwards.

**TABLE 3. NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED  
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES (a)**

Period	Number of dwelling units (b)				Value (\$m)	
	Houses		Total		New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential buildings
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total		
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED</b>						
1996 -						
February	1,293	1,304	1,870	1,924	194.5	50.0
March	1,423	1,408	2,153	2,212	190.2	61.8
April	1,478	1,509	1,819	1,970	186.2	55.7
May	1,398	1,479	1,765	1,859	185.5	47.2
June	1,485	1,506	2,011	2,078	203.4	49.4
July	1,341	1,399	1,854	2,000	207.6	52.0
August	1,498	1,557	2,329	2,513	267.4	56.1
September	1,472	1,479	1,860	1,916	190.8	55.1
October	1,344	1,404	2,075	2,148	198.5	53.4
November	1,380	1,328	1,880	1,861	197.0	48.3
December	1,614	1,599	2,048	2,127	196.0	54.0
1997-						
January	1,665	1,713	2,607	2,535	248.6	61.5
February	1,475	1,458	2,288	2,298	218.4	72.8
March	1,702	1,711	1,954	2,082	228.1	49.6
April	1,731	1,742	2,169	2,029	220.3	53.3
<b>TREND ESTIMATES</b>						
1996 -						
February	1,458	1,469	1,862	1,952	182.3	52.4
March	1,430	1,446	1,885	1,969	183.8	53.2
April	1,419	1,445	1,909	1,997	189.7	53.2
May	1,421	1,460	1,931	2,035	198.3	52.9
June	1,427	1,476	1,956	2,075	207.3	52.6
July	1,425	1,475	1,972	2,094	212.7	52.3
August	1,422	1,463	1,983	2,095	213.7	52.0
September	1,424	1,452	2,013	2,101	212.1	52.5
October	1,441	1,456	2,056	2,119	209.6	53.8
November	1,473	1,479	2,101	2,141	208.7	55.3
December	1,517	1,519	2,150	2,171	211.2	56.8
1997—						
January	1,567	1,568	2,191	2,200	216.6	58.0
February	1,616	1,620	2,213	2,213	222.3	58.7
March	1,662	1,668	2,219	2,209	227.1	58.6
April	1,705	1,712	2,198	2,174	229.0	58.0

(a) See paragraphs 17-24 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes Conversions, etc. See paragraphs 11-13 of the Explanatory Notes.

The seasonally adjusted PRIVATE and TOTAL series are derived independently of each other and on occasions an anomaly may occur between these two series, that is, PRIVATE may exceed TOTAL. The seasonal factors used to produce the series are reviewed annually and the results of the latest review will be shown in the July issue.

TABLE 4. 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							
1993-94	2,354.9	2,411.2	367.3	2,778.5	595.4	2,330.2	3,148.6	5,672.0	6,522.5
1994-95	2,220.1	2,259.0	543.9	2,802.9	637.9	1,564.3	2,423.5	4,960.2	5,864.3
1995-96	1,693.2	1,731.8	465.6	2,197.5	541.3	2,071.2	2,950.4	4,742.7	5,689.1
1995— Dec. qtr.	429.8	442.7	124.7	567.5	135.1	675.2	924.7	1,349.8	1,627.3
1996— Mar. qtr.	364.6	368.5	133.8	502.2	141.0	440.9	659.3	1,074.7	1,302.5
June qtr.	418.7	427.2	124.2	551.4	140.3	491.5	714.0	1,170.7	1,405.7
Sept. qtr.	443.3	448.5	228.3	676.8	146.2	465.9	618.3	1,286.1	1,441.4
Dec. qtr.	441.3	445.1	156.3	601.4	153.6	581.3	848.6	1,339.8	1,603.6
1997— Mar. qtr.	428.9	436.0	167.8	603.8	154.2	510.4	828.4	1,276.9	1,586.4

(a) Constant price estimates are subject to revision each quarter as more up to date information on prices and commodity compositions becomes available.

VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED  
AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES

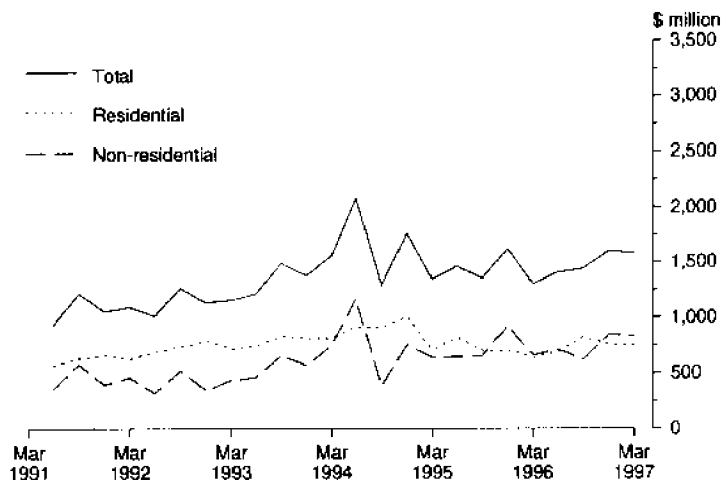


TABLE 5. VALUE OF BUILDING APPROVED, BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND OWNERSHIP  
(\$ million)

Class of building	1994-95	1995-96	July-April		1997		
			1995-96	1996-97	February	March	April
PRIVATE SECTOR							
New houses	2,383.4	1,845.2	1,530.5	1,639.8	157.6	160.8	202.1
New other residential buildings	388.8	325.9	252.9	474.0	53.6	27.5	22.4
<i>Total new residential building</i>	<i>2,772.2</i>	<i>2,171.1</i>	<i>1,783.4</i>	<i>2,113.7</i>	<i>211.2</i>	<i>188.3</i>	<i>224.5</i>
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	670.6	555.8	465.3	522.4	65.1	48.7	50.9
Hotels, etc.	47.0	135.2	128.1	129.1	4.1	0.9	1.6
Shops	351.0	365.0	274.7	256.1	33.7	15.6	18.9
Factories	206.8	227.6	178.3	285.6	49.2	21.9	26.7
Offices	238.1	301.0	256.6	203.6	18.1	14.0	15.4
Other business premises	165.0	265.1	224.4	254.9	25.9	23.3	21.4
Educational	77.4	80.6	62.9	58.1	4.8	8.6	2.2
Religious	15.4	7.5	5.6	11.3	0.7	0.1	0.8
Health	49.2	68.6	47.2	70.8	5.0	3.3	8.1
Entertainment and recreational	81.9	136.2	116.8	40.4	4.8	2.2	1.1
Miscellaneous	42.9	134.7	123.9	101.1	3.4	2.1	4.8
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>1,274.7</i>	<i>1,721.6</i>	<i>1,418.7</i>	<i>1,411.1</i>	<i>149.6</i>	<i>91.8</i>	<i>100.9</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,717.5</b>	<b>4,448.5</b>	<b>3,667.4</b>	<b>4,047.2</b>	<b>425.9</b>	<b>328.9</b>	<b>376.3</b>
PUBLIC SECTOR							
New houses	41.9	42.2	36.6	20.9	0.7	1.2	3.1
New other residential buildings	59.9	66.4	63.2	19.0	0.3	—	0.3
<i>Total new residential building</i>	<i>101.8</i>	<i>108.7</i>	<i>99.9</i>	<i>39.9</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>3.4</i>
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	14.4	34.3	27.0	28.2	3.8	0.7	2.6
Hotels, etc.	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.7	—	—
Shops	7.7	25.5	25.4	17.5	0.8	—	1.9
Factories	12.4	3.0	2.9	20.6	—	—	0.1
Offices	123.1	118.0	91.8	110.7	14.8	4.9	5.4
Other business premises	53.3	75.7	67.7	7.1	2.5	0.4	0.1
Educational	226.3	284.3	227.0	160.9	36.0	24.8	4.0
Religious	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health	71.8	68.0	52.0	121.9	4.6	9.9	1.9
Entertainment and recreational	148.6	115.3	106.3	31.3	5.3	2.4	0.2
Miscellaneous	56.2	39.9	28.0	170.1	120.6	2.7	6.6
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>700.5</i>	<i>730.8</i>	<i>602.2</i>	<i>641.2</i>	<i>185.3</i>	<i>45.1</i>	<i>20.3</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>816.7</b>	<b>873.8</b>	<b>729.0</b>	<b>709.3</b>	<b>190.0</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>26.3</b>
TOTAL							
New houses	2,425.3	1,887.4	1,567.1	1,660.7	158.3	162.0	205.2
New other residential buildings	448.7	392.3	316.2	493.0	53.9	27.5	22.7
<i>Total new residential building</i>	<i>2,874.0</i>	<i>2,279.7</i>	<i>1,883.3</i>	<i>2,153.6</i>	<i>212.2</i>	<i>189.5</i>	<i>227.9</i>
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	685.1	590.1	492.2	550.6	68.9	49.4	53.6
Hotels, etc.	48.1	136.4	129.3	130.3	4.7	0.9	1.6
Shops	358.8	390.4	300.1	273.6	34.5	15.6	20.8
Factories	219.2	230.6	181.2	306.2	49.2	21.9	26.8
Offices	361.2	419.0	348.5	314.3	32.9	18.9	20.7
Other business premises	218.3	340.8	292.1	262.0	28.4	23.7	21.5
Educational	303.7	364.9	289.9	219.0	40.8	33.3	6.2
Religious	15.4	7.5	5.6	11.3	0.7	0.1	0.8
Health	121.0	136.6	99.2	192.7	9.6	13.2	10.0
Entertainment and recreational	230.4	251.5	223.1	71.8	10.1	4.6	1.3
Miscellaneous	99.0	174.6	151.9	271.2	124.0	4.8	11.4
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>1,975.2</i>	<i>2,452.4</i>	<i>2,020.9</i>	<i>2,052.3</i>	<i>334.9</i>	<i>137.0</i>	<i>121.1</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,534.3</b>	<b>5,322.3</b>	<b>4,396.4</b>	<b>4,756.6</b>	<b>615.9</b>	<b>375.9</b>	<b>402.6</b>

**TABLE 6. 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 (\$m)	No.	Value (\$m)	No.	Value (\$m)	No.	Value (\$m)	No.	Value (\$m)	No.	Value (\$m)
<b>HOTELS, ETC.</b>												
1997 February	2	0.1	1	0.3	2	1.3	2	3.0	—	—	7	4.7
March	7	0.9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	0.9
April	3	0.3	3	0.7	1	0.7	—	—	—	—	7	1.6
<b>SHOPS</b>												
1997 February	52	4.7	12	3.8	7	4.9	2	3.1	1	18.0	74	34.5
March	50	4.7	9	2.4	2	1.4	4	7.1	—	—	65	15.6
April	38	3.4	14	4.5	1	0.6	5	12.4	—	—	58	20.8
<b>FACTORIES</b>												
1997 February	30	2.7	18	5.8	7	4.7	8	15.2	2	20.8	65	49.2
March	28	2.9	9	2.7	4	2.2	7	14.1	—	—	48	21.9
April	27	2.5	14	4.5	3	1.9	2	4.9	2	13.0	48	26.8
<b>OFFICES</b>												
1997 February	33	3.6	18	5.1	3	2.0	7	15.1	1	7.1	62	32.9
March	39	3.7	15	4.3	6	4.0	4	6.9	—	—	64	18.9
April	50	5.3	10	3.3	11	7.8	3	4.3	—	—	74	20.7
<b>OTHER BUSINESS PREMISES</b>												
1997 February	23	2.7	12	4.1	5	3.4	10	18.2	—	—	50	28.4
March	28	2.7	12	3.5	3	2.0	8	15.5	—	—	51	23.7
April	34	3.9	17	4.4	3	1.8	6	11.4	—	—	60	21.5
<b>EDUCATIONAL</b>												
1997 February	8	0.8	8	2.5	1	0.6	10	31.0	1	6.0	28	40.8
March	11	1.1	8	2.8	5	3.4	5	13.8	2	12.3	31	33.3
April	9	1.0	4	1.3	—	—	1	3.8	—	—	14	6.2
<b>RELIGIOUS</b>												
1997 February	2	0.2	2	0.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	0.7
March	2	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	0.1
April	1	0.1	—	—	1	0.7	—	—	—	—	2	0.8
<b>HEALTH</b>												
1997 February	4	0.5	1	0.4	1	0.6	4	8.1	—	—	10	9.6
March	4	0.4	3	1.1	3	2.0	4	9.8	—	—	14	13.2
April	9	1.0	8	2.6	3	1.9	2	4.5	—	—	22	10.0
<b>ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATIONAL</b>												
1997 February	9	0.7	3	0.8	1	0.6	4	8.1	—	—	17	10.1
March	5	0.4	3	0.9	1	0.5	2	2.8	—	—	11	4.6
April	4	0.4	—	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	5	1.3
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>												
1997 February	19	1.4	10	3.7	—	—	6	10.6	2	108.4	37	124.0
March	10	1.0	5	1.5	—	—	2	2.3	—	—	17	4.8
April	13	1.4	6	1.8	—	—	2	2.7	1	5.5	22	11.4
<b>TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING</b>												
1997 February	182	17.4	85	26.9	27	18.0	53	112.3	7	160.3	354	334.9
March	184	17.8	64	19.2	24	15.5	36	72.2	2	12.3	310	137.0
April	188	19.1	76	23.1	24	16.4	21	43.9	3	18.5	312	121.1



TABLE 7. NUMBER AND VALUE OF NEW DWELLING UNITS (a) APPROVED  
BY MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS, APRIL 1997

Particulars	Private sector		Public sector		Total	
	Number	Value (\$'000)	Number	Value (\$'000)	Number	Value (\$'000)
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION (b)						
Houses —						
Brick, stone or concrete	26	4,019	—	—	26	4,019
Brick-veneer	907	103,939	16	2,120	923	106,058
Timber	57	6,181	—	—	57	6,181
Fibre cement	3	113	—	—	3	113
Steel, aluminium or other materials	44	6,088	—	—	44	6,088
Not stated	242	32,032	4	816	246	32,848
<b>Total houses</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>152,371</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2,936</b>	<b>1,299</b>	<b>155,307</b>
<i>Other residential buildings</i>	247	21,413	—	—	247	21,413
<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>173,784</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2,936</b>	<b>1,546</b>	<b>176,720</b>
REST OF VICTORIA (b)						
Houses —						
Brick, stone or concrete	10	1,070	—	—	10	1,070
Brick-veneer	318	34,520	1	190	319	34,710
Timber	40	2,740	—	—	40	2,740
Fibre cement	13	860	—	—	13	860
Steel, aluminium or other materials	47	3,266	—	—	47	3,266
Not stated	65	7,236	—	—	65	7,236
<b>Total houses</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>49,692</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>49,882</b>
<i>Other residential buildings</i>	15	1,032	5	265	20	1,297
<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>50,724</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>51,179</b>
TOTAL VICTORIA						
Houses —						
Brick, stone or concrete	36	5,088	—	—	36	5,088
Brick-veneer	1,225	138,459	17	2,310	1,242	140,769
Timber	97	8,921	—	—	97	8,921
Fibre cement	16	973	—	—	16	973
Steel, aluminium or other materials	91	9,354	—	—	91	9,354
Not stated	307	39,268	4	816	311	40,084
<b>Total houses</b>	<b>1,772</b>	<b>202,063</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3,126</b>	<b>1,793</b>	<b>205,189</b>
<i>Other residential buildings</i>	262	22,445	5	265	267	22,710
<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>2,034</b>	<b>224,508</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3,391</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>227,899</b>

(a) Excludes Conversions, etc. (b) For details of changes to Statistical Divisions, please refer to paragraphs 28-30 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), APRIL 1997

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	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)				
<b>MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>										
<b>Banyule (C)</b>										
Heidelberg	13	—	1,304	4	—	150	572	600	600	2,626
North	11	—	1,513	—	—	—	275	—	520	2,308
Total	24	—	2,817	4	—	150	847	600	1,120	4,934
<b>Bayside (C)</b>										
Brighton	10	—	1,703	4	—	988	750	—	—	3,441
South	18	—	2,408	6	—	955	1,801	—	—	5,165
Total	28	—	4,112	10	—	1,943	2,551	—	—	8,606
<b>Boroondara (C)</b>										
Camberwell North	29	—	5,162	—	—	—	1,485	—	—	6,647
Camberwell South	12	—	1,547	—	—	—	1,683	—	—	3,230
Hawthorn	8	—	1,079	3	—	600	858	350	350	2,888
Kew	6	—	1,503	—	—	—	800	—	—	2,304
Total	55	—	9,292	3	—	600	4,827	350	350	15,069
<b>Brimbank (C)</b>										
Keilor	65	—	7,882	—	—	—	306	2,090	2,090	10,278
Sunshine	19	—	1,890	2	—	90	256	2,862	2,862	5,098
Total	84	—	9,772	2	—	90	562	4,952	4,952	15,376
<b>Cardinia (S)</b>										
North	5	—	355	2	—	115	298	100	100	868
Pakenham	12	—	976	—	—	—	15	469	469	1,460
South	4	—	386	—	—	—	88	—	—	474
Total	21	—	1,717	2	—	115	401	569	569	2,802
<b>Casey (C)</b>										
Berwick	106	—	10,940	—	—	—	238	150	150	11,329
Cranbourne	30	—	2,449	—	—	—	413	350	4,142	7,005
Hallam	11	—	1,245	—	—	—	236	1,510	1,510	2,991
South	4	—	424	—	—	—	20	—	—	444
Total	151	—	15,058	—	—	—	908	2,010	5,802	21,768
<b>Darebin (C)</b>										
Northcote	4	—	265	—	—	—	547	345	345	1,157
Preston	9	—	1,071	28	—	1,742	880	973	973	4,667
Total	13	—	1,336	28	—	1,742	1,427	1,318	1,318	5,823
<b>Frankston (C)</b>										
East	20	—	1,906	—	—	—	365	690	690	2,961
West	11	—	795	—	—	—	625	690	690	2,110
Total	31	—	2,701	—	—	—	990	1,380	1,380	5,071
<b>Glen Eira (C)</b>										
Caulfield	15	—	2,363	6	—	420	1,946	350	350	5,079
South	6	—	715	—	—	—	788	60	60	1,563
Total	21	—	3,078	6	—	420	2,734	410	410	6,642
<b>Greater Dandenong (C)</b>										
Dandenong	3	—	250	—	—	—	224	4,361	4,421	4,895
Balance	9	—	985	—	—	—	186	3,200	3,200	4,371
Total	12	—	1,235	—	—	—	411	7,561	7,621	9,267
<b>Hobsons Bay (C)</b>										
Altona	27	—	2,621	2	—	101	243	1,610	1,610	4,574
Williamstown	10	—	1,279	—	—	—	761	183	411	2,451
Total	37	—	3,900	2	—	101	1,004	1,793	2,021	7,026
<b>Hume (C)</b>										
Broadmeadows	8	—	913	—	—	—	67	1,838	1,838	2,818
Craigieburn	43	—	4,601	—	—	—	142	—	380	5,123
Sunbury	15	—	1,604	—	—	—	365	165	165	2,133
Total	66	—	7,118	—	—	—	573	2,003	2,383	10,074
<b>Kingston (C)</b>										
North	12	—	1,432	—	—	—	848	719	719	2,999
South	32	—	4,039	43	—	2,190	428	315	315	6,972
Total	44	—	5,470	43	—	2,190	1,276	1,034	1,034	9,971

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), APRIL 1997—continued

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	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)				
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION - continued										
Knox (C)										
North	34	—	3,698	20	—	1,000	1,183	958	958	6,840
South	52	—	6,437	—	—	—	320	550	550	7,308
Total	86	—	10,135	20	—	1,000	1,504	1,508	1,508	14,147
Manningham (C)										
East	12	—	2,226	—	—	—	141	—	—	2,367
West	23	—	3,645	5	—	420	654	697	697	5,417
Total	35	—	5,871	5	—	420	794	697	697	7,783
Maribyrnong (C)	1	—	225	—	—	—	389	189	189	803
Maroondah (C)										
Croydon	21	2	2,879	4	—	400	488	1,800	1,800	5,567
Ringwood	11	2	1,729	—	—	—	172	—	—	1,901
Total	32	4	4,608	4	—	400	660	1,800	1,800	7,468
Melbourne (C)										
Inner	—	—	—	4	—	700	258	6,216	7,312	8,270
Remainder	3	—	595	16	—	1,700	1,790	1,783	7,882	11,967
Total	3	—	595	20	—	2,400	2,049	7,999	15,194	20,237
Melton (S)										
East	12	—	1,340	—	—	—	20	—	—	1,360
Balance	22	—	2,417	—	—	—	56	—	—	2,473
Total	34	—	3,757	—	—	—	76	—	—	3,833
Monash (C)										
South-West	11	—	1,444	4	—	205	44	1,334	1,334	3,027
Waverley East	8	—	1,239	2	—	300	595	180	180	2,314
Waverley West	12	—	1,362	3	—	255	1,050	2,903	2,903	5,570
Total	31	—	4,045	9	—	760	1,689	4,417	4,417	10,911
Moonee Valley (C)										
Essendon	6	—	750	—	—	—	1,813	1,886	2,544	5,107
West	8	—	1,416	—	—	—	348	325	325	2,089
Total	14	—	2,166	—	—	—	2,161	2,211	2,869	7,196
Moreland (C)										
Brunswick	6	—	520	6	—	400	706	—	—	1,626
Coburg	14	—	1,809	10	—	710	723	160	160	3,402
North	6	—	884	2	—	166	184	—	—	1,234
Total	26	—	3,212	18	—	1,276	1,613	160	160	6,261
Morrington Peninsula (S)										
East	19	—	2,143	—	—	—	398	749	749	3,290
South	40	—	5,066	2	—	280	344	300	620	6,311
West	26	—	2,632	—	—	—	713	4,590	4,590	7,935
Total	85	—	9,841	2	—	280	1,455	5,639	5,959	17,535
Nillumbik (S)										
South	11	—	1,170	3	—	170	279	164	164	1,784
South-West	12	—	1,520	—	—	—	141	—	—	1,661
Balance	3	—	320	—	—	—	90	50	50	460
Total	26	—	3,010	3	—	170	510	214	214	3,905
Port Phillip (C)										
St Kilda	8	—	710	17	—	1,942	1,136	2,345	2,345	6,133
West	9	15	2,943	—	—	—	1,003	1,397	2,197	6,143
Total	17	15	3,653	17	—	1,942	2,139	3,742	4,542	12,276
Stonnington (C)										
Prahan	5	—	3,171	—	—	—	1,539	50	1,109	5,819
Malvern	6	—	2,930	10	—	1,858	1,836	125	125	6,750
Total	11	—	6,101	10	—	1,858	3,375	175	1,234	12,568
Whitehorse (C)										
Box Hill	13	—	1,285	17	—	1,701	929	385	385	4,299
Nunawading East	13	—	1,544	8	—	640	313	620	620	3,117
Nunawading West	50	—	4,970	—	—	—	251	416	416	5,637
Total	76	—	7,799	25	—	2,341	1,492	1,421	1,421	13,053

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TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), APRIL 1997—continued

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	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)				
<b>MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION — continued</b>										
Whittlesea (C)										
North	22	—	2,142	—	—	—	275	—	—	2,417
South	97	1	10,705	2	—	120	743	464	464	12,032
Total	119	1	12,848	2	—	120	1,018	464	464	14,450
Wyndham (C)										
North-East	8	—	822	—	—	—	140	—	—	962
Werribee	30	—	2,999	—	—	—	447	295	2,230	5,675
Balance	1	—	94	—	—	—	46	8,054	8,054	8,194
Total	39	—	3,914	—	—	—	633	8,349	10,284	14,831
Yarra (C)										
North	17	—	1,678	10	—	960	1,328	370	370	4,326
Richmond	7	—	555	2	—	145	560	1,510	1,646	2,906
Total	24	—	2,233	12	—	1,095	1,888	1,880	2,016	7,232
Yarra Ranges (S) — Pt A (d)										
Central	1	—	85	—	—	—	29	—	—	114
North	1	—	97	—	—	—	—	—	—	97
South-West	31	—	3,506	—	—	—	919	110	210	4,635
Total	33	—	3,687	—	—	—	948	110	210	4,845
<b>Melbourne (SD)</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>155,307</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>21,413</b>	<b>42,905</b>	<b>64,956</b>	<b>82,138</b>	<b>301,762</b>
<b>BARWON STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>										
Colac-Otway (S)										
Colac	—	—	—	—	—	—	45	100	100	145
North	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	—	—	25
South	5	—	342	—	—	—	25	120	120	487
Total	5	—	342	—	—	—	95	220	220	657
Golden Plains (S)										
North-West	7	—	639	—	—	—	105	—	—	743
South-East	—	—	—	—	—	—	59	50	50	109
Total	7	—	639	—	—	—	164	50	50	853
Greater Geelong (C)										
Part A										
Bellarine — Inner	23	—	2,027	2	—	100	158	—	—	2,284
Corio — Inner	18	—	1,875	3	—	147	128	6,478	6,478	8,629
Geelong	3	—	340	—	—	—	331	1,045	1,259	1,930
Geelong West	3	—	250	—	—	—	275	—	—	524
Newtown	—	—	—	—	—	—	352	100	100	452
South Barwon — Inner	19	—	2,200	2	—	150	391	—	120	2,861
Part B	18	—	1,927	—	—	—	360	83	83	2,369
Part C	2	—	202	—	—	—	111	—	—	313
Total	84	—	8,619	7	—	397	1,994	7,706	8,040	19,049
Queenscliffe (B)	3	—	610	—	—	—	45	—	—	655
Surf Coast (S)										
East	13	—	1,350	—	—	—	163	—	—	1,513
West	14	—	1,737	—	—	—	262	—	—	1,999
Total	27	—	3,087	—	—	—	424	—	—	3,512
<b>Barwon (SD)</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>13,499</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>2,834</b>	<b>7,975</b>	<b>8,309</b>	<b>25,039</b>

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TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), APRIL 1997—continued

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Non-residential building (c)			
	Houses			Other residential buildings			Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)		Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
<b>WESTERN DISTRICT STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>										
Corangamite (S)										
North	1	—	115	—	—	—	152	—	—	267
South	2	—	230	2	—	120	182	1,500	1,500	2,032
Total	3	—	345	2	—	120	334	1,500	1,500	2,299
Glenelg (S)										
Heywood	1	—	120	—	—	—	22	136	136	278
North	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Portland	1	—	37	—	—	—	61	120	120	218
Total	2	—	157	—	—	—	83	256	256	496
Moynce (S)										
North-East	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	11
North-West	3	—	215	—	—	—	—	—	—	215
South	3	—	355	—	—	—	69	90	90	514
Total	6	—	570	—	—	—	80	90	90	741
Southern Grampians (S)										
Hamilton	3	—	270	—	—	—	80	—	—	350
Warron	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	10
Balance	3	—	321	—	—	—	42	—	—	363
Total	6	—	591	—	—	—	132	—	—	723
Warrambool (C)	13	—	1,352	—	—	—	433	11,448	11,448	13,233
Lady Julia Percy Island	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Western District (SD)</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,014</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>13,294</b>	<b>13,294</b>	<b>17,492</b>
<b>CENTRAL HIGHLANDS STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>										
Ararat (RC)	2	—	135	—	—	—	125	—	—	260
Ballarat (C)										
Central	7	—	665	—	5	265	235	765	765	1,930
Inner North	17	—	1,951	—	—	—	22	950	950	2,923
North	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South	9	—	1,060	—	—	—	228	—	—	1,289
Total	33	—	3,677	—	5	265	485	1,715	1,715	6,142
Hepburn (S)										
East	4	—	338	—	—	—	33	175	175	546
West	—	—	—	—	—	—	52	—	—	52
Total	4	—	338	—	—	—	84	175	175	597
Moorabool (S)										
Bacchus Marsh	4	—	507	—	—	—	14	—	—	521
Ballan	1	—	53	—	—	—	—	—	—	53
West	1	—	150	—	—	—	11	—	—	161
Total	6	—	710	—	—	—	25	—	—	735
Pyrenees (S)										
North	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South	—	—	—	—	—	—	68	—	—	68
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	68	—	—	68
<b>Central Highlands (SD)</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,861</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>7,803</b>

TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), APRIL 1997—continued

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Non-residential building (c)		
	Houses			Other residential buildings			Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)	
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)		Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)
<b>WIMMERA STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>									
Hindmarsh (S)	1	—	120	—	—	—	—	—	120
Horsham (RC)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Central	8	—	780	—	—	—	88	404	1,272
Balance	1	—	128	—	—	—	—	—	128
Total	9	—	908	—	—	—	88	404	1,400
Northern Grampians (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St Arnaud	—	—	—	—	—	—	35	—	35
Stawell	3	—	310	—	—	—	149	—	459
Total	3	—	310	—	—	—	184	—	494
West Wimmera (S)	3	—	208	—	—	—	30	306	544
Yarriambiack (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North	—	—	—	—	—	—	153	54	207
South	2	—	212	—	—	—	56	—	268
Total	2	—	212	—	—	—	209	54	475
<b>Wimmera (SD)</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,757</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>3,032</b>
<b>MALLEE STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>									
Buloke (S)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	200	230
South	2	—	107	—	—	—	19	118	244
Total	2	—	107	—	—	—	49	318	474
Gannawarra (S)	2	—	162	—	—	—	136	—	298
Mildura (RC)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pt A	16	—	1,897	—	—	—	156	587	2,769
Pt B	1	—	88	—	—	—	30	51	169
Total	17	—	1,985	—	—	—	186	638	2,938
Swan Hill (RC)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Central	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	—	25
Robinvale	1	—	100	—	—	—	—	—	100
Balance	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1	—	100	—	—	—	25	—	125
<b>Mallee (SD)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,354</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>3,836</b>

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TABLE 8. BUILDING APPROVALS BY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS (a), APRIL 1997—continued

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Non-residential building (c)			
	Houses			Other residential buildings			Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)	Private sector (number)	Public sector (number)	Total value (\$'000)		Private sector (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)	Total building (\$'000)
<b>LODDON STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>										
Central Goldfields (S)										
Maryborough	1	—	107	—	—	—	50	—	—	157
Balance	2	—	72	—	—	—	18	—	—	90
Total	3	—	179	—	—	—	68	—	—	247
Greater Bendigo (C)										
Part A										
Central	6	—	517	—	—	—	192	706	706	1,415
Eaglehawk	1	—	83	—	—	—	60	—	—	143
Inner East	8	—	974	—	—	—	125	—	—	1,098
Inner North	5	—	451	—	—	—	238	—	—	690
Inner West	13	—	1,071	—	—	—	68	75	75	1,214
Strathfieldsaye	3	—	328	—	—	—	93	59	59	480
Part B	5	—	453	—	—	—	80	—	—	533
Total	41	—	3,878	—	—	—	855	840	840	5,573
Loddon(S)										
North	1	—	65	—	—	—	66	—	—	131
South	—	—	—	—	—	—	97	—	—	97
Total	1	—	65	—	—	—	163	—	—	228
Macedon Ranges (S)										
Kyneton	2	—	93	—	—	—	97	—	—	190
Romsey	4	—	437	—	—	—	117	—	—	554
Balance	14	—	1,640	—	—	—	186	—	—	1,826
Total	20	—	2,170	—	—	—	401	—	—	2,571
Mount Alexander (S)										
Castlemaine	3	—	361	—	—	—	60	—	—	421
Balance	6	—	703	—	—	—	52	—	—	755
Total	9	—	1,065	—	—	—	112	—	—	1,177
<b>Loddon-Campaspe (SD)</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>7,357</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,599</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>9,796</b>

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Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	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)				
<b>GOULBURN STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>										
Campaspe (S)										
Echuca	1	—	77	—	—	—	—	2,350	2,350	2,427
Kyabram	2	—	96	—	—	—	—	312	312	408
Rochester	1	—	139	—	—	—	20	—	—	159
South	1	—	100	—	—	—	36	—	—	136
Total	5	—	412	—	—	—	56	2,662	2,662	3,130
Delatite (S)										
Benalla	—	—	—	—	—	—	86	75	75	161
North	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	10
South	9	—	522	—	—	—	43	—	—	565
Total	9	—	522	—	—	—	139	75	75	736
Greater Shepparton (C)										
Part A	4	—	354	—	—	—	—	151	151	505
Part B										
East	2	—	289	—	—	—	—	—	—	289
West	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	125	676	676
Total	6	—	644	—	—	—	—	276	827	1,470
Mitchell (S)										
North	2	—	124	—	—	—	—	—	—	124
South	7	—	892	—	—	—	73	600	1,783	2,748
Total	9	—	1,016	—	—	—	73	600	1,783	2,872
Moira (S)										
East	4	—	456	—	—	—	—	130	130	586
West	3	—	259	—	—	—	39	—	—	298
Total	7	—	715	—	—	—	39	130	130	884
Murrumbidgee (S)										
East	1	—	80	—	—	—	106	259	259	445
West	4	—	240	—	—	—	140	—	—	380
Total	5	—	320	—	—	—	246	259	259	825
Strathbogie (S)	3	—	940	—	—	—	17	—	—	957
<b>Goulburn (SD)</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,569</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>4,002</b>	<b>5,736</b>	<b>10,875</b>
<b>OVENS-MURRAY STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>										
Alpine (S)										
East	2	—	228	—	—	—	388	1,490	1,490	2,106
West	—	—	—	—	—	—	94	260	260	354
Total	2	—	228	—	—	—	482	1,750	1,750	2,460
Indigo (S)										
Part A	3	—	254	—	—	—	173	120	120	547
Part B	1	—	214	—	—	—	23	—	—	237
Total	4	—	467	—	—	—	196	120	120	783
Wangaratta (RC)										
Central	1	1	276	—	—	—	270	100	150	695
North	3	—	316	—	—	—	—	—	—	316
South	2	—	192	—	—	—	77	—	—	269
Total	6	1	783	—	—	—	347	100	150	1,280
Towong (S)										
Part A	1	—	73	—	—	—	41	—	—	114
Part B	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1	—	73	—	—	—	41	—	—	114
Wodonga (RC)	19	—	2,454	2	—	135	71	230	230	2,890
<b>Ovens-Murray (SD)</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4,005</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>1,136</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>7,527</b>

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Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	Non-residential building (c)		
	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)				
<b>EAST GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>										
<b>East Gippsland (S)</b>										
Bairnsdale	10	—	939	—	—	—	147	580	1,195	2,281
Orbost	6	—	410	—	—	—	25	210	210	645
South-West	5	—	482	—	—	—	27	—	—	509
Balance	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Total</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1,831</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>199</i>	<i>790</i>	<i>1,405</i>	<i>3,434</i>
<b>Wellington (S)</b>										
Alberton	2	—	121	—	—	—	49	—	—	171
Avon	1	—	45	—	—	—	27	—	—	72
Maffra	4	—	338	—	—	—	49	305	305	693
Rosedale	5	—	325	—	—	—	42	450	450	817
Sale	1	—	112	4	—	380	58	—	—	550
<i>Total</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>941</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>380</i>	<i>226</i>	<i>755</i>	<i>755</i>	<i>2,302</i>
<b>East Gippsland (SD)</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,772</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>1,545</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>5,737</b>
<b>GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>										
<b>Bass Coast (S)</b>										
Phillip Island	15	—	863	—	—	—	222	—	—	1,086
Balance	18	—	1,487	—	—	—	262	140	140	1,889
<i>Total</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>2,350</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>485</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>2,975</i>
<b>Baw Baw (S)</b>										
Part A	4	—	379	—	—	—	—	1,486	1,486	1,865
Part B										
East	2	—	230	—	—	—	35	—	—	265
West	10	—	1,184	—	—	—	279	—	75	1,538
<i>Total</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1,793</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>314</i>	<i>1,486</i>	<i>1,561</i>	<i>3,668</i>
<b>La Trobe (S)</b>										
Moe	3	—	215	—	—	—	161	165	325	701
Morwell	4	—	422	—	—	—	73	396	396	891
Traralgon	5	—	530	—	—	—	129	—	—	659
Balance	1	—	65	—	—	—	—	—	—	65
<i>Total</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1,232</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>362</i>	<i>561</i>	<i>721</i>	<i>2,316</i>
<b>South Gippsland (S)</b>										
Central	2	—	110	—	—	—	50	—	—	160
East	1	—	107	—	—	—	—	—	—	107
West	1	—	100	—	—	—	114	250	250	464
<i>Total</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>318</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>732</i>
Yarra Ranges (S) — Pt B (d)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bass Strait Islands	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
French Island	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yallourn Works Area	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Gippsland (SD)</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5,693</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,325</b>	<b>2,437</b>	<b>2,672</b>	<b>9,691</b>
<b>VICTORIA</b>										
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>1,772</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>205,189</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>22,710</b>	<b>53,551</b>	<b>100,859</b>	<b>121,139</b>	<b>402,588</b>

(a) For details of changes to Statistical Local Areas, please refer to paragraphs 28-30 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Excludes Conversions, etc. (c) Details relating to individual classes of building are available on request. (d) The Shire of Yarra Ranges comprises four Statistical Local Areas (SLA). Three of these are included in the Melbourne Statistical Division and one is included in the Gippsland Statistical Division. Approvals data for these SLAs are shown in Table 8 under the relevant Statistical Divisions.

TABLE 9. BUILDING APPROVALS BY SELECTED STATISTICAL SUBDIVISIONS (a), APRIL 1997

Statistical Local Area	New residential buildings (b)						Non-residential building (c)			
	Houses			Other residential buildings			Alterations and additions to residential buildings (\$'000)	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)				
<b>GREATER GEELONG CITY PART A STATISTICAL SUBDIVISION</b>										
Greater Geelong (C) —										
Bellarine — Inner	23	—	2,027	2	—	100	158	—	—	2,284
— Corio — Inner	18	—	1,875	3	—	147	128	6,478	6,478	8,629
— Geelong	3	—	340	—	—	—	331	1,045	1,259	1,930
Geelong West	3	—	250	—	—	—	275	—	—	524
Newtown	—	—	—	—	—	—	352	100	100	452
South Barwon — Inner	19	—	2,200	2	—	150	391	—	120	2,861
<b>Greater Geelong City Part A (SSD)</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>6,692</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>7,623</b>	<b>7,957</b>	<b>16,680</b>
<b>BALLARAT CITY STATISTICAL SUBDIVISION</b>										
Ballarat (C) —										
— Central	7	—	665	—	—	265	235	765	765	1,930
— Inner North	17	—	1,951	—	—	—	22	950	950	2,923
North	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
— South	9	—	1,060	—	—	—	228	—	—	1,289
<b>Ballarat City (SSD)</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,677</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>6,142</b>
<b>MILDURA RURAL CITY PART A STATISTICAL SUBDIVISION</b>										
Mildura (RC) — Pt A	16	—	1,897	—	—	—	156	587	717	2,769
<b>Mildura Rural City Part A (SSD)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,897</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>2,769</b>
<b>GREATER BENDIGO CITY PART A STATISTICAL SUBDIVISION</b>										
Greater Bendigo (C) —										
— Central	6	—	517	—	—	—	192	706	706	1,415
— Eaglehawk	1	—	83	—	—	—	60	—	—	143
— Inner East	8	—	974	—	—	—	125	—	—	1,098
— Inner North	5	—	451	—	—	—	238	—	—	690
— Inner West	13	—	1,071	—	—	—	68	75	75	1,214
Strathfieldsaye	3	—	328	—	—	—	93	59	59	480
<b>Greater Bendigo City Part A (SSD)</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,425</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>5,040</b>
<b>GREATER SHEPPARTON CITY PART A STATISTICAL SUBDIVISION</b>										
Greater Shepparton (C) Pt A	4	—	354	—	—	—	—	151	151	505
<b>Shepparton City Part A (SSD)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>505</b>
<b>WODONGA STATISTICAL SUBDIVISION</b>										
Indigo (S) — Pt A	3	—	254	—	—	—	173	120	120	547
Towong (S) — Pt A	1	—	73	—	—	—	41	—	—	114
Wodonga (RC)	19	—	2,454	2	—	135	71	230	230	2,890
<b>Wodonga (SSD)</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,780</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>3,550</b>
<b>LA TROBE VALLEY STATISTICAL SUBDIVISION</b>										
Baw Baw (S) — Pt A	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
La Trobe (S) —										
— Moe	3	—	215	—	—	—	161	165	325	701
— Morwell	4	—	422	—	—	—	73	396	396	891
— Traralgon	5	—	530	—	—	—	129	—	—	659
— Balance	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yallourn Works Area	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>La Trobe Valley (SSD)</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,611</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>2,047</b>	<b>2,207</b>	<b>4,181</b>

(a) For details of changes to Statistical Local Areas and Statistical Subdivisions, please refer to paragraphs 28-30 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Excludes Conversions, etc.  
(c) Details relating to individual classes of building are available on request.

TABLE 10. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING JOBS APPROVED BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND STATISTICAL DIVISION (a)  
(\$'000)

Period	Hotels etc.	Shops	Factories	Offices	Other business premises	Educa- tional	Religious	Health	Enterta- inment and recreati- onal	Miscel- laneous	Total
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1993-94	167,762	441,505	120,873	197,917	332,785	171,926	10,818	257,790	359,444	77,796	2,138,618
1994-95	27,930	314,547	180,794	326,322	186,075	231,103	10,880	84,398	208,521	85,198	1,655,767
1995-96	119,585	286,401	150,986	379,055	282,968	308,468	6,152	77,392	222,735	100,765	1,934,508
1996 February	100	27,308	14,559	29,213	13,226	15,385	1,020	2,547	4,039	19,057	126,454
March	1,725	7,054	9,124	28,982	67,052	17,914	—	3,038	4,218	13,756	152,863
April	4,124	16,154	9,948	29,450	13,145	38,341	—	12,281	4,621	8,527	136,592
1997 February	4,620	31,330	45,437	25,961	21,674	15,311	543	6,178	7,015	102,005	260,074
March	360	14,824	20,367	12,987	21,951	23,978	145	6,935	2,420	2,766	106,733
April	340	15,998	8,399	17,984	15,624	-4,696	725	8,548	200	9,623	82,138
BARWON STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1993-94	1,650	8,390	12,294	3,564	10,105	4,695	559	5,187	1,071	7,182	54,696
1994-95	11,770	10,598	10,028	9,922	6,010	28,427	685	1,334	8,698	797	88,270
1995-96	1,550	20,026	23,299	6,910	12,502	13,382	179	9,806	5,190	2,627	95,471
1996 February	—	319	1,896	130	—	3,843	—	3,192	1,500	—	10,880
March	—	350	464	240	660	—	—	400	600	55	2,769
April	350	80	640	1,030	506	644	—	—	1,575	315	5,140
1997 February	—	351	2,320	3,730	1,355	—	—	2,866	1,360	—	11,983
March	—	—	430	5,376	97	635	—	597	—	150	7,286
April	—	645	6,170	374	332	478	—	250	—	59	8,309
WESTERN DISTRICT STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1993-94	632	1,299	2,161	820	6,609	2,316	632	8,417	506	2,015	25,408
1994-95	100	2,313	3,908	2,075	1,558	2,609	1,000	2,350	2,632	105	18,651
1995-96	3,842	3,389	7,189	2,440	913	5,471	159	10,786	984	2,802	37,975
1996 February	400	80	307	—	—	—	—	220	—	65	1,072
March	2,846	68	804	790	50	—	—	2,134	225	850	7,767
April	—	54	78	—	—	50	—	—	55	50	287
1997 February	—	300	200	193	—	—	—	383	—	134	1,210
March	140	—	—	295	596	—	—	—	—	417	1,448
April	—	300	11,143	136	1,715	—	—	—	—	—	13,294
CENTRAL HIGHLANDS STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1993-94	865	3,254	2,977	1,078	1,620	6,418	387	1,270	6,138	2,785	26,793
1994-95	4,270	4,679	4,417	7,917	2,273	8,054	410	897	1,065	2,658	36,640
1995-96	2,013	11,551	2,796	5,284	4,524	3,441	—	8,433	3,802	2,885	44,730
1996 February	353	134	257	—	470	158	—	—	—	—	1,373
March	—	300	700	1,780	250	100	—	—	50	918	4,098
April	86	1,231	—	150	—	271	—	240	244	387	2,609
1997 February	70	756	119	—	75	650	—	—	1,500	107	3,277
March	—	—	115	—	347	700	—	500	—	170	1,832
April	250	—	65	—	175	—	—	450	950	—	1,890

TABLE 10. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING JOBS APPROVED BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND STATISTICAL DIVISION (a)—continued  
(S'000)

Period	Hotels etc.	Shops	Factories	Offices	Other business premises	Educational	Religious	Health	Entertainment and recreational	Miscellaneous	Total
WIMMERA STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1993-94	883	1,605	7,618	210	816	2,035	—	1,006	580	120	14,874
1994-95	65	490	1,004	216	610	3,437	283	17,786	305	860	25,057
1995-96	172	442	1,275	2,831	648	2,899	—	1,220	2,220	1,605	13,312
1996 February	—	—	—	—	150	—	—	—	120	100	370
March	—	60	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	110
April	—	—	—	645	264	—	—	—	—	—	909
1997 February	—	242	—	—	—	—	—	—	80	470	792
March	77	85	—	—	—	—	—	—	250	190	512
April	—	—	236	306	-222	—	—	—	—	—	764
MALLEE STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1993-94	83	1,432	280	450	2,343	800	416	1,185	301	1,510	8,801
1994-95	845	1,365	735	1,245	1,123	6,215	—	774	80	86	12,468
1995-96	420	6,511	3,685	3,312	2,544	5,527	112	1,838	1,368	1,318	26,635
1996 February	120	2,500	50	810	—	—	—	—	310	—	3,790
March	—	—	—	450	—	—	—	—	—	—	450
April	—	110	52	260	270	930	—	1,256	—	65	2,943
1997 February	—	355	138	—	110	4,259	120	—	—	318	5,300
March	—	—	—	—	—	368	—	—	—	—	368
April	—	480	—	57	368	130	51	—	—	—	1,086
LODDON STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1993-94	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1994-95	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1995-96	3,313	40,832	3,079	5,121	7,670	8,079	260	150	1,310	2,011	71,825
1996 February	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
April	1,050	2,031	286	689	60	476	—	—	—	80	4,672
1997 February	—	137	235	53	904	5,900	—	—	—	9,360	16,589
March	—	—	204	—	—	320	—	3,676	—	1,200	5,400
April	—	—	—	134	150	371	—	—	—	185	840
GOULBURN STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1993-94	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1994-95	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1995-96	2,657	5,254	11,075	4,736	6,245	3,110	371	19,271	7,210	6,284	66,214
1996 February	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
April	—	—	1,643	800	260	—	—	1,132	213	—	4,049
1997 February	—	240	114	2,129	2,600	9,180	—	—	64	10,671	24,998
March	—	—	150	—	309	95	—	1,471	1,875	—	3,901
April	—	2,634	463	1,734	855	—	—	—	50	—	5,736

TABLE 10. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING JOBS APPROVED BY CLASS OF BUILDING AND STATISTICAL DIVISION (a) - continued  
(S'000)

Period	Hotels etc.	Shops	Factories	Offices	Other business premises	Educational	Religious	Health	Entertainment and recreational	Miscellaneous	Total
OVENS MURRAY STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1993-94	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1994-95	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1995-96	749	5,574	2,536	4,338	17,402	5,550	153	3,496	1,372	987	42,157
1996 February	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
April	52	280	315	1,264	1,500	—	—	—	—	—	3,411
1997 February	—	525	500	—	—	280	—	—	—	890	2,195
March	301	550	130	130	104	—	—	—	63	—	1,278
April	1,040	300	280	—	580	—	—	—	—	50	2,250
EAST GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1993-94	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1994-95	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1995-96	1,036	2,535	2,351	3,126	692	1,733	—	3,642	895	51,449	67,457
1996 February	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
April	—	—	—	—	78	61	—	2,228	—	130	2,497
1997 February	—	100	65	200	1,550	2,000	—	162	75	—	4,152
March	—	—	—	—	56	2,000	—	—	—	—	2,056
April	—	305	—	—	860	380	—	615	—	—	2,160
GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1993-94	2,299	4,164	3,248	14,498	3,584	8,213	154	1,713	1,852	912	40,639
1994-95	1,412	9,754	6,871	5,081	4,511	3,630	152	284	2,495	3,146	37,337
1995-96	1,050	7,931	22,345	1,883	4,728	7,258	90	530	4,389	1,900	52,104
1996 February	—	450	—	—	1,900	253	—	230	—	230	3,063
March	—	1,040	100	140	350	50	—	—	—	569	2,249
April	—	1,160	216	—	—	51	—	—	—	203	1,631
1997 February	50	184	50	650	90	3,200	—	—	—	65	4,289
March	—	114	461	110	210	5,250	—	—	—	—	6,145
April	—	140	75	—	600	96	—	165	110	1,486	2,672
TOTAL VICTORIA											
1993-94	188,389	487,069	206,188	234,292	366,837	207,686	13,934	302,668	378,184	117,425	2,502,670
1994-95	48,126	358,756	219,224	361,187	218,315	303,732	15,351	121,046	230,444	99,015	1,975,197
1995-96	136,388	390,446	230,616	419,038	340,836	364,917	7,476	136,564	251,475	174,633	2,452,389
1996 February	1,520	31,471	17,784	31,205	15,894	20,077	1,123	6,189	6,298	68,521	200,083
March	5,356	11,642	12,077	33,682	69,324	21,349	150	5,922	9,777	16,318	185,598
April	5,662	21,100	13,179	34,288	16,083	40,825	—	17,136	6,708	9,757	164,740
1997 February	4,740	34,520	49,178	32,915	28,358	40,780	663	9,589	10,094	124,020	334,858
March	878	15,573	21,857	18,898	23,671	33,346	145	13,179	4,608	4,803	136,958
April	1,630	20,802	26,831	20,726	21,482	6,151	776	10,028	1,310	11,403	121,139

(a) As a result of changes to Statistical Division boundaries, data for the periods prior to July 1995 are not directly comparable to data for the periods from July 1995 onward. The Statistical Divisions of Loddon (formerly Loddon-Campaspe), Goulburn, Ovens-Murray, and East Gippsland were significantly affected by the changes, but for the remaining Statistical Divisions the changes were relatively minor.

**TABLE 11. NEW DWELLING UNITS (a) APPROVED, BY TYPE AND STATISTICAL DIVISION (b)  
APRIL 1997**

Statistical Division	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										
Melbourne	1,299	148	84	232	6	5	4	15	247	1,546
Barwon	128	7	—	7	—	—	—	—	7	135
Western District	30	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	32
Central Highlands	45	5	—	5	—	—	—	—	5	50
Wimmera	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18
Mallee	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22
Loddon	74	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	74
Goulburn	44	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44
Ovens-Murray	33	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	35
East Gippsland	34	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	4	38
Gippsland	66	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	66
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>1,793</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>2,060</b>
VALUE (\$'000)										
Melbourne	155,307	9,881	8,349	18,230	1,103	1,000	1,080	3,183	21,413	176,720
Barwon	13,499	397	—	397	—	—	—	—	397	13,896
Western District	3,014	120	—	120	—	—	—	—	120	3,134
Central Highlands	4,861	265	—	265	—	—	—	—	265	5,126
Wimmera	1,757	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,757
Mallee	2,354	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,354
Loddon	7,357	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,357
Goulburn	4,569	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,569
Ovens-Murray	4,005	135	—	135	—	—	—	—	135	4,140
East Gippsland	2,772	380	—	380	—	—	—	—	380	3,152
Gippsland	5,693	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,693
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>205,189</b>	<b>11,178</b>	<b>8,349</b>	<b>19,527</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>3,183</b>	<b>22,710</b>	<b>227,898</b>

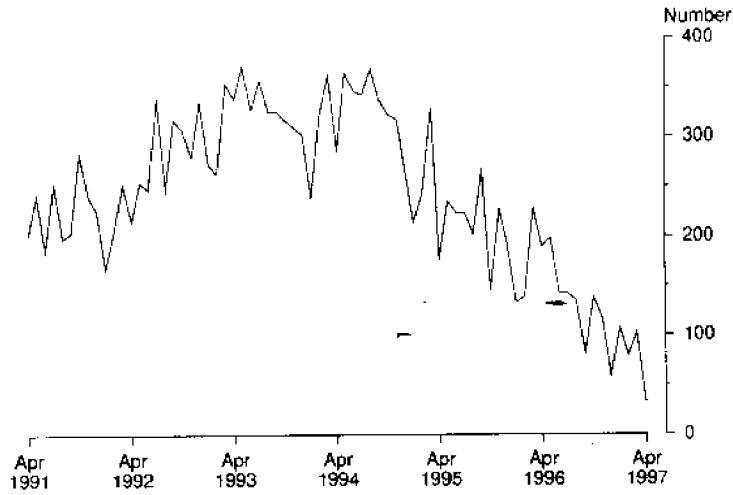
(a) Excludes Conversions, etc. (b) For details of changes to Statistical Divisions, please refer to paragraphs 28-30 of the Explanatory Notes.

**TABLE 12. NUMBER OF DUAL OCCUPANCY (a) DWELLING UNITS APPROVED BY  
STATISTICAL DIVISIONS (SD) AND SELECTED SUBDIVISIONS (SSD)**

Statistical division / subdivision (b)	1994-95	1995-96	July - Apr. 1996-97	Apr. 1997
Melbourne (SD)	2,672	1,919	831	25
Greater Geelong City Part A (SSD)	108	70	45	2
Barwon (SD)	164	82	51	2
Western District (SD)	56	26	16	—
Ballarat City (SSD) (c)	n.a.	30	3	—
Central Highlands (SD)	58	39	10	—
Wimmera (SD)	20	7	6	—
Mildura Rural City Part A (SSD)	27	13	10	—
Mallee (SD)	49	19	15	2
Greater Bendigo City Part A (SSD)	54	42	0	—
Loddon (SD) (c)	n.a.	n.a.	5	—
Greater Shepparton City Part A (SSD)	20	7	4	—
Goulburn (SD) (c)	n.a.	n.a.	11	—
Wodonga (SSD) (c)	n.a.	n.a.	2	—
Ovens-Murray (SD) (c)	n.a.	n.a.	5	—
East Gippsland (SD) (c)	n.a.	n.a.	8	1
Ltrobe Valley (SSD) (c)	n.a.	n.a.	10	—
Gippsland (SD)	76	57	19	—
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>3,382</b>	<b>2,292</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>30</b>

1 Continuity break. (a) Refer to paragraph 10 of the explanatory notes. (b) As a result of changes to Statistical Division and Statistical Subdivision boundaries, data for periods prior to July 1995 are not directly comparable to data for periods from July 1995 onward. (c) Data for periods marked "n.a." are not available because boundaries have been significantly altered.

**DUAL OCCUPANCY DWELLING UNITS APPROVED,  
VICTORIA**



**DUAL OCCUPANCY DWELLING UNITS APPROVED,  
EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DWELLING UNITS,  
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION**

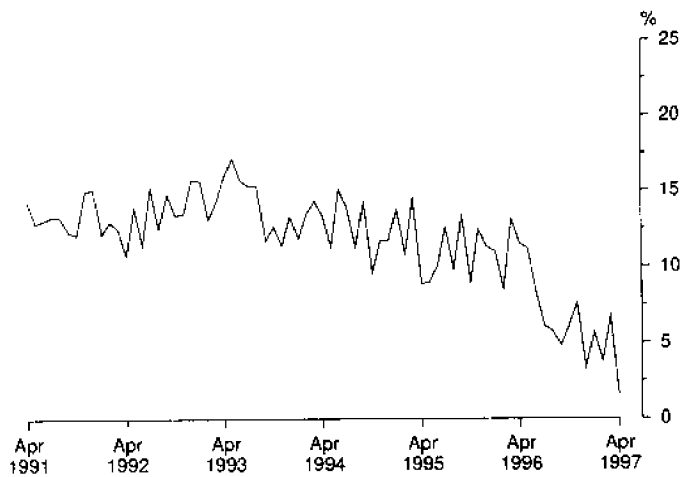


TABLE 13. NUMBER OF DUAL OCCUPANCY (a) DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

<i>Statistical local area (b) (c)</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>July - Apr. 1996-97</i>	<i>Apr. 1997</i>
Banyule (C)				
Heidelberg	n.a.	n.a.	6	—
North	n.a.	n.a.	8	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	14	—
Bayside (C)				
Brighton	87	49	27	—
South	n.a.	n.a.	22	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	49	—
Boroondara (C)				
Camberwell North	n.a.	n.a.	11	1
Camberwell South	n.a.	n.a.	5	2
Hawthorn	23	8	2	1
Kew	35	24	1	—
Total	174	104	19	4
Brimbank (C)				
Keilor	n.a.	n.a.	63	2
Sunshine	n.a.	n.a.	26	2
Total	n.a.	n.a.	89	4
Cardinia (S)				
Pakenham	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
South	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Casey (C)				
Berwick	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
South	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Darebin (C)				
Northcote	n.a.	n.a.	16	—
Preston	n.a.	n.a.	29	3
Total	n.a.	n.a.	45	3
Frankston (C)				
East	n.a.	n.a.	3	—
West	n.a.	n.a.	6	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	9	—
Glen Eira (C)				
Caulfield	106	87	59	1
South	n.a.	n.a.	42	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	101	1
Greater Dandenong (C)				
Dandenong	25	9	15	—
Balance	n.a.	n.a.	21	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	36	—
Hobsons Bay (C)				
Altona	n.a.	n.a.	29	—
Williamstown	n.a.	n.a.	13	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	42	—
Hume (C)				
Broadmeadows	n.a.	n.a.	25	—
Craigieburn	n.a.	n.a.	3	—
Sunbury	n.a.	n.a.	5	2
Total	n.a.	n.a.	33	2
Kingston (C)				
North	n.a.	n.a.	28	—
South	n.a.	n.a.	28	2
Total	n.a.	n.a.	56	2
Knox (C)				
Manningham (C)	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Maribyrnong (C)	n.a.	n.a.	22	—
Maroondah (C)				
Croydon	n.a.	n.a.	11	—
Ringwood	n.a.	n.a.	6	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	17	—
Melbourne (C)				
Inner	—	—	—	—
Remainder	n.a.	5	2	—
Total	n.a.	5	2	—
Melton (S)				
East	n.a.	n.a.	5	—
Balance	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	5	—
Monash (C)				
South-West	n.a.	n.a.	44	—
Waverley East	n.a.	n.a.	18	2
Waverley West	n.a.	n.a.	72	—
Total	n.a.	n.a.	134	2



TABLE 13. NUMBER OF DUAL OCCUPANCY (a) DWELLING UNITS APPROVED—continued

<i>Statistical local area (b) (c)</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>July - Apr. 1996-97</i>	<i>Apr. 1997</i>
<b>Moonee Valley (C)</b>				
Essendon	55	49	—	—
West	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	—	—
<b>Moreland (C)</b>				
Brunswick	6	10	4	—
Coburg	n.a.	n.a.	1	—
North	n.a.	n.a.	15	—
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>20</i>	—
<b>Mornington Peninsula (S)</b>				
East	n.a.	n.a.	2	—
South	14	14	—	—
West	n.a.	n.a.	8	—
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>10</i>	—
<b>Nilfumbik (S)</b>				
South-West	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
Balance	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	—	—
<b>Port Phillip (C)</b>				
St Kilda	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
West	n.a.	9	1	—
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>1</i>	—
<b>Stonnington (C)</b>				
Fairan	n.a.	n.a.	10	—
Malvern	59	33	19	2
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>2</i>
<b>Whitehorse (C)</b>				
Box Hill	69	39	30	2
Nunawading East	n.a.	n.a.	11	—
Nunawading West	n.a.	n.a.	28	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>190</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>3</i>
<b>Whittlesea (C)</b>	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
<b>Wyndham (C)</b>	n.a.	n.a.	—	—
<b>Yarra (C)</b>				
North	n.a.	n.a.	3	1
Richmond	29	25	12	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>2</i>
<b>Yarra Ranges (S) (d)</b>				
Central	2	3	4	—
North	n.a.	n.a.	2	—
South-West	n.a.	n.a.	8	—
<i>Total</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>14</i>	—
<b>Melbourne Statistical Division</b>	<b>2,672</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Rest of Victoria</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>3,382</b>	<b>2,292</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>30</b>

1 Continuity break. (a) Refer to paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) As a result of changes to Statistical Division and Statistical Subdivision boundaries, data for periods prior to July 1995 are not directly comparable to data for periods from July 1995 onward. (c) Data for periods marked "n.a." are not available because boundaries have been significantly altered. (d) The Shire of Yarra Ranges comprises four Statistical Local Areas (SLA). Approvals data for the three SLAs included in the Melbourne Statistical Division are shown in Table 13. The other SLA is included in the Gippsland Statistical Division.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

1. 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 local authorities in areas subject to building control by those authorities; and
  - (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).
  - (d) permits issued by licensed private building surveyors. The last category reflects implementation of the 1993 Building Act by the Victorian Government from 1 July 1994.
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* (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 caretaker'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 townhouses, duplexes, apartment buildings etc.).

10. Details of dual occupancy dwelling units approved are included in Tables 12 and 13 of this publication. The dual occupancy concept applies in each case where two dwelling units occupy a single residential allotment and new dwelling units are created as follows:

- (a) when two new dwelling units are to be erected on one allotment both units are counted.
- (b) when one new dwelling unit is to be erected on an allotment already occupied by an existing dwelling unit, the new unit is counted.
- (c) when an existing dwelling unit is to be altered or added to, to create two dwelling units, one new unit is counted.
- (d) when a non-residential building is to be altered and/or added to, to create two dwelling units, both units are counted.

11. 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 Table 1 under the heading of 'Conversions, etc.', and is included in the total number of dwelling units shown in the table. Previously, such dwellings were only included as a footnote.

12. In addition, from the January 1995 issue, the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for the number of dwelling units approved, shown in Table 3, include these conversions, etc. Previously, only dwelling units approved as part of the construction of new residential buildings were included in these estimates.

13. 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. continues to be included in the value of alterations and additions to residential buildings or in the value of non-residential building as appropriate.

14. 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.

15. *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.

16. *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.

17. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series may be more clearly recognised.

18. Table 3 shows seasonally adjusted estimates for both private and total dwellings. For the four series shown, account has been taken of normal seasonal factors and 'trading day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays etc. in the month) and the effect of movement in the date of Easter which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months.

19. Seasonal adjustment procedures do not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month, such as the effect of the approval of large projects or as a consequence of the administrative arrangements of approving authorities. These irregular influences that are highly volatile can make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variation.

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20. Most of the component series have been seasonally adjusted independently. Therefore, the adjusted components may not add to the adjusted totals. Further, the difference between independently seasonally adjusted series does not necessarily produce series which are optimum or even adequate adjustments of the similarly derived original series. Thus the figures which can be derived by subtracting seasonally adjusted private sector dwelling units from the seasonally adjusted total should not be used to represent seasonally adjusted public sector dwelling units.

21. As happens with all seasonally adjusted series, the seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's data. For Building Approvals, the results of the latest review are shown in the July issue each year. Further information about seasonal adjustment can be obtained from the Assistant Director of Time Series Analysis, Canberra, on (06) 252 6345.

#### TREND ESTIMATES

22. Seasonally adjusted series can be smoothed to reduce the impact of the irregular component in the adjusted series. This smoothed seasonally adjusted series is called a trend estimate.

23. Table 3 shows trend estimates for both private and 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* (1348.0).

24. While the smoothing technique described in paragraphs 22 and 23 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.

#### ESTIMATES AT CONSTANT PRICES

25. Estimates of the quarterly value of building approvals at average 1989-90 prices are presented in Table 4. (Note: monthly value data at constant prices are not available.)

26. 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'.

27. 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).

#### AUSTRALIAN STANDARD GEOGRAPHICAL CLASSIFICATION (ASGC)

28. Area statistics are now being classified to the *Australian Standard Geographical Classification, 1996 Edition* (1216.0), effective from 1 July 1996, and ASGC terminology has been adopted in the presentation of building statistics.

29. The 1996 edition of the ASGC includes some changes to Victorian Statistical Divisions (SDs), Statistical Subdivisions (SSDs) and Statistical Local Areas (SLAs). Further details are:

- (a) The Shire of Milawa was renamed to Wangaratta and constituted as a Rural City.
- (b) Western Fringe Melbourne SSD (in Melbourne SD) has been renamed Melton-Wyndham SSD.
- (c) (i) The boundary of the Bendigo Statistical District has been extended to include a part transferred from Greater Bendigo (C) - Part B SLA to Greater Bendigo (C) - Strathfieldsaye SLA. There are consequential changes to Greater Bendigo City Part A and North Loddon SSDs.
- (ii) All SLAs in Greater Bendigo (C) LGA have been redefined. The seven new SLAs are: Greater Bendigo (C) - Central, Greater Bendigo (C) - Eaglehawk, Greater Bendigo (C) - Inner East, Greater Bendigo (C) - Inner North, Greater Bendigo (C) - Inner West, Greater Bendigo (C) - Strathfieldsaye (in Greater Bendigo City Part A SSD) and Greater Bendigo (C) - Part B (in North Loddon SSD).

- (d) The following SLA splits (and boundary changes) have occurred:
- (i) Cardinia (S) – Pakenham has been split into two SLAs, Cardinia (S) – Pakenham (which also includes a part from Cardinia (S) – South) and Cardinia (S) – North
  - (ii) Casey (C) – Berwick lost part to Casey (C) – South; remainder has been split into two SLAs, Casey (C) – Berwick and Casey (C) – Hallam
  - (iii) Casey (C) – South has been split into two SLAs, Casey (C) – South (which also includes a part from Casey (C) – Berwick) and Casey (C) – Cranbourne
  - (iv) Knox (C) has been split into two SLAs, Knox (C) – North and Knox (C) – South
  - (v) Manningham (C) has been split into two SLAs, Manningham (C) – East and Manningham (C) – West
  - (vi) Moira (S) has been split into two SLAs, Moira (S) – East and Moira (S) – West
  - (vii) Nillumbik (S) Bal has been split into two SLAs, Nillumbik (S) – South (which also includes a part from Nillumbik (S) – South-West) and Nillumbik (S) Bal
  - (viii) Pyrenees (S) has been split into two SLAs, Pyrenees (S) – North and Pyrenees (S) – South
  - (ix) Swan Hill (RC) Bal has been split into two SLAs, Swan Hill (RC) – Robinvale and Swan Hill (RC) Bal
  - (x) Whittlesea (C) has been split into two SLAs, Whittlesea (C) – North and Whittlesea (C) – South
  - (xi) Wyndham (C) has been split into three SLAs, Wyndham (C) – North-West, Wyndham (C) – Werribee and Wyndham (C) Bal
- (e) There have been changes between the following boundaries:
- (i) Ballarat (C) – Central and Ballarat (C) – Inner North
  - (ii) Ballarat (C) – Inner North and Ballarat (C) – South
  - (iii) Banyule (C) – Heidelberg and Banyule (C) – North
  - (iv) Colac-Otway (S) – Colac, and Colac-Otway (S) – North
  - (v) East Gippsland (S) – Orbost and East Gippsland (S) Bal
  - (vi) Geelong and Geelong West
  - (vii) Glenelg (S) – Heywood and Glenelg (S) – North
  - (viii) Glenelg (S) – Heywood and Glenelg (S) – Portland
  - (ix) Loddon (S) – North and Loddon (S) – South
  - (x) Macedon Ranges (S) – Kyneton and Macedon Ranges (S) Bal
  - (xi) Maroondah (C) – Croydon and Maroondah (C) – Ringwood
  - (xii) Moonee Valley (C) – Essendon and Moonee Valley (C) – West
  - (xiii) Moyne (S) Bal abolished: split between Moyne (S) – South (renamed to Moyne (S) – South-West) and new SLA Moyne (S) – North-West
  - (xiv) Moyne (S) – South created from Moyne (S) – South-West and the southern part of Moyne (S) Bal
  - (xv) Nillumbik (S) – South-West, and Nillumbik (S) – South
  - (xvi) Surf Coast (S) – East and Surf Coast (S) – West
  - (xvii) Wangaratta (RC) – North (previously Milawa (S) – North) and Wangaratta (RC) – South (previously Milawa (S) – South)
  - (xviii) Wangaratta (RC) – Central renamed from Milawa (S) – Wangaratta
  - (xix) Wellington (S) – Avon and Wellington (S) – Maffra

30. Tables 8, 9 and 13 show approvals statistics according to the new SLA structure for July 1996. Tables 10, 11, 12 and 13 include data for previous periods relating to those geographic areas for which no boundary changes have been made and for SDs to which only minor boundary changes have been made. (Historical data for SDs subject to significant boundary changes can, in some instances, be provided as a special data service. Charges apply for these services.)

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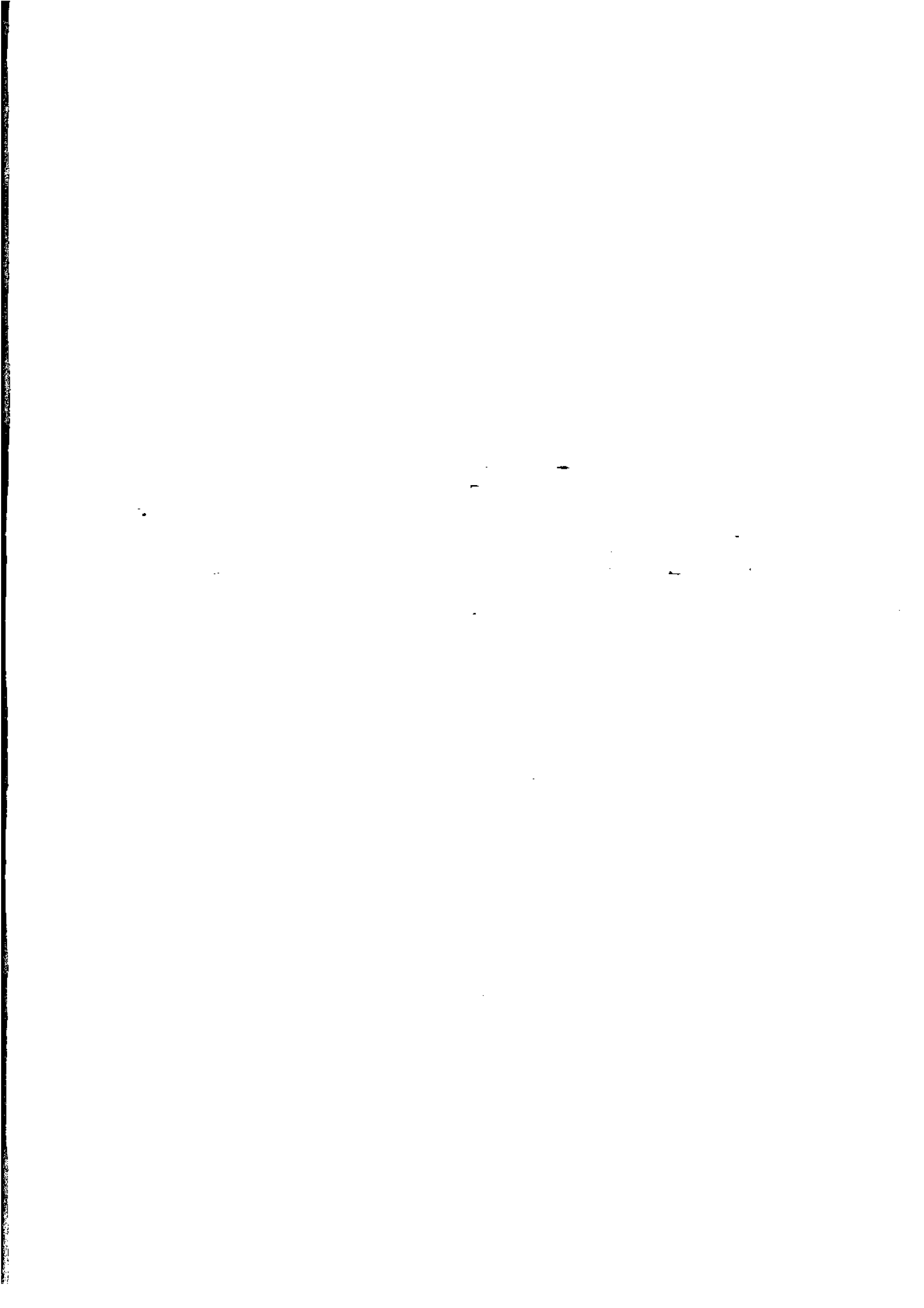
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