

# STATE AND REGIONAL INDICATORS

VICTORIA

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## NOTES

### FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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### CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

The ABS has ceased the compilation and publication of statistics on Australian business expectations following the release of the March Quarter 2003. The data in this publication is the same as in the previous quarter and will not be included in any future issues.

Estimated Resident Population and Components of Population Change figures are included in this issue.

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

The statistics shown are the latest available as at 6 April 2003.

Explanatory Notes in the form found in other ABS publications are not included in *State and Regional Indicators, Victoria*. Readers are directed to the Explanatory Notes contained in related ABS publications.

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## ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| ABS    | Australian Bureau of Statistics  |
| AHECC  | Australian Harmonised Export Commodity Classification                            |
| ANZSIC | Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification                    |
| \$b    | billion  |
| ERP    | Estimated Resident Population  |
| ISP    | Internet service provider  |
| LGA    | Local Government Area  |
| Mb     | megabyte   |
| \$m    | million  |
| ML     | megalitres   |
| MSR    | Major Statistical Region   |
| n.a.   | not available  |
| n.e.c. | not elsewhere classified   |
| n.e.s. | not elsewhere specified  |
| n.p.   | not available for publication but included in totals where applicable            |
| n.y.a. | not yet available  |
| p      | preliminary — figure or series subject to revision                               |
| POP    | point of presence  |
| r      | figure or series revised since previous issue                                    |
| SD     | statistical division   |
| SITC   | Standard International Trade Classification                                      |
| *      | estimate is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes |
| . .    | not applicable   |
| —      | nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)                                    |

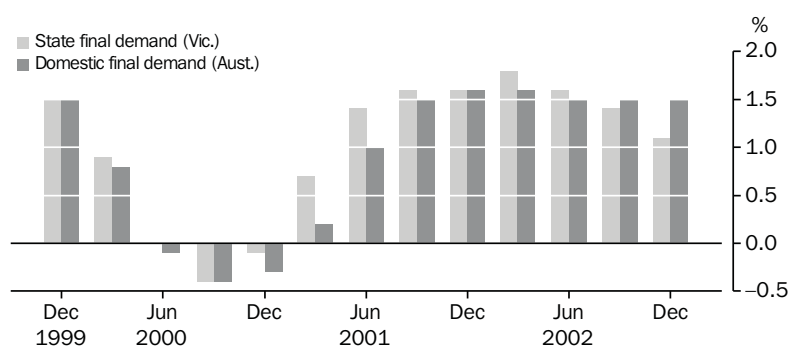
## MAIN FEATURES

### STATE FINAL DEMAND

In the December quarter 2002, the trend series chain volume measure of state final demand for Victoria was \$46,058m. State final demand grew 1.1% relative to the September quarter 2002, and 6.0% relative to the December quarter 2001. The comparable Australian measure, domestic final demand, increased by 1.5% from the September to the December quarter 2002.

Quarterly growth in the trend series for Victorian state final demand has continued to ease in the last three quarters, following a peak of 1.8% in the March quarter 2002. Quarterly growth in Australian domestic final demand has remained constant for the last three quarters at 1.5%.

STATE FINAL DEMAND, Chain volume measure — Change from previous quarter:  
Trend



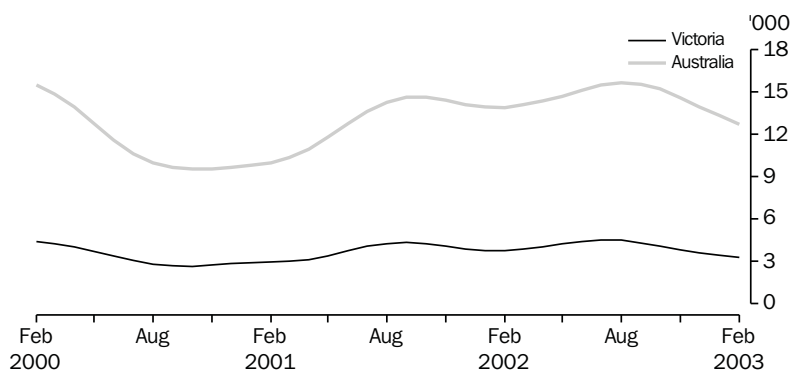
Source: Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product (cat. no. 5206.0).

### CONSTRUCTION

The trend estimate for the total number of dwelling units approved for Victoria in February 2003 was 3,269 dwellings, down 4.6% from the previous month. The number of dwelling unit approvals fell in each of the seven months since July 2002, following five months of growth.

Monthly growth in the total number of dwelling units approved in Victoria has closely followed its Australian equivalent, which also fell 4.6% from January to February 2003. The trend estimate of the total value of Victorian building approvals was \$911.9m in February 2003, down 7.5% from January and 15.3% lower than a year ago.

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED: Trend estimates



Source: Building Approvals, Australia (cat. no. 8731.0).

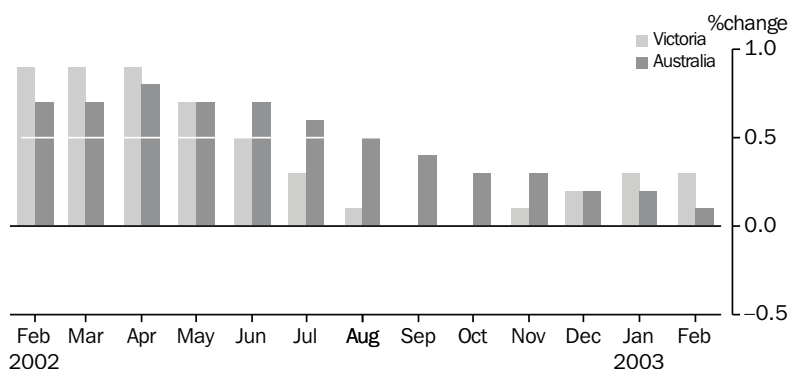
CONSTRUCTION *continued*

In the December quarter 2002, the price index for established homes in Melbourne rose 3.0%. This is contrasted with a modest rise of 0.5% in the September quarter 2002. The index for project homes prices rose slightly by 0.7%.

RETAIL TURNOVER

The trend estimate of retail turnover was \$3,432m in February 2003. Victorian retail turnover has continued to increase since a low of \$3,398.7m in September 2002. This compares to an easing of growth at the national level, since a peak in April 2002. In Victoria, over the three months to February 2003, declining trend turnover in the Clothing and soft good and Recreational good retail industries was offset by increases in Food retailing, Department stores, Other retailing and Hospitality and services.

RETAIL TURNOVER: Trend

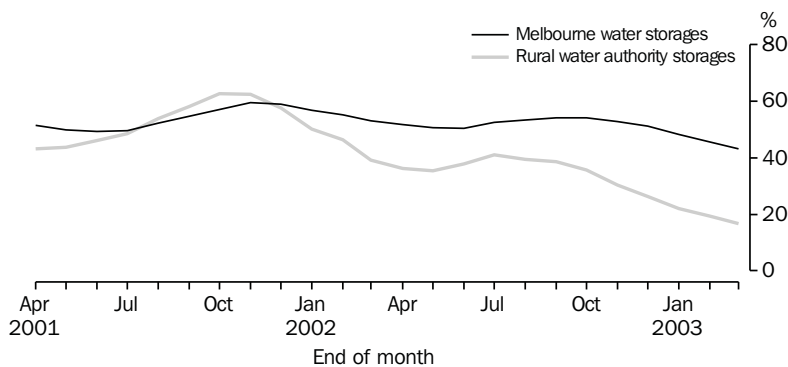


Source: Retail Trade, Australia (cat. no. 8501.0).

WATER STORAGE

At the end of March 2003, Victorian water storages were at 19.4% of capacity, down from 21.9% at the end of February. March 2003 water storage was less than half of the level at the end of March 2002 (44.3%). Rural water storages were at 16.7% of capacity at the end of March 2003, markedly lower than at 31 March 2002, when capacity was at 39.2%. Melbourne water storages were at 43.3% of capacity on 31 March 2003, slightly lower than the 45.5% capacity at the end of February 2003, and down from 53.5% capacity on 31 March 2002.

WATER STORAGE VOLUMES, Proportion of capacity



Source: Department of Natural Resources and Environment web site <<http://www.nre.vic.gov.au/vro>>.

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## SUMMARY OF STATISTICAL INDICATORS: STATE COMPARISON

|   |            |                               | % change from the same period in the previous year |       |       |       |      |       |
|---|------------|-------------------------------|--|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
|   |            | Vic. as a proportion of Aust. |  |       |       |       |      |       |
|   | Period     | %                             | Vic.   | NSW   | Qld   | SA    | WA   | Aust. |
| State final demand (trend, chain volume measure)                        | Dec qtr 02 | 25.0                          | <b>6.0</b>   | 5.3   | 7.7   | 7.3   | 7.4  | 6.3   |
| Population  |            |                               |  |       |       |       |      |       |
| Total population  | Sep qtr 02 | 24.8                          | <b>1.4</b>   | 1.0   | 2.3   | 0.6   | 1.4  | 1.3   |
| Natural increase(a)   | Sep qtr 02 | ..                            | <b>0.5</b>   | 0.6   | 0.7   | 0.4   | 0.7  | 0.6   |
| Net overseas migration(a)   | Sep qtr 02 | ..                            | <b>0.7</b>   | 0.8   | 0.7   | 0.3   | 0.9  | 0.7   |
| Net interstate migration(a)   | Sep qtr 02 | ..                            | <b>0.1</b>   | -0.4  | 0.9   | -0.1  | -0.2 | ..    |
| Labour  |            |                               |  |       |       |       |      |       |
| Number employed (trend)   | Feb 03     | 25.3                          | <b>3.4</b>   | 2.9   | 4.0   | 2.7   | 3.1  | 3.2   |
| Unemployment rate (trend)(b)  | Feb 03     | ..                            | <b>-0.8</b>  | -0.1  | -0.9  | -0.9  | -0.4 | -0.6  |
| Participation rate (trend)(b)   | Feb 03     | ..                            | <b>0.5</b>   | 0.9   | 0.4   | 0.5   | 0.6  | 0.7   |
| Working days lost for 12 months ended                                   | Dec 02     | 36.5                          | <b>-27.8</b>                                       | -55.5 | -21.1 | -32.3 | 28.8 | -34.1 |
| Job vacancies (original)  | Feb 03     | 24.4                          | <b>-3.2</b>  | 62.8  | 18.1  | 0.4   | 40.3 | 21.9  |
| Average weekly full-time adult total earnings (trend)                   | Nov 02     | ..                            | <b>6.9</b>   | 4.3   | 4.8   | 1.2   | 4.5  | 4.9   |
| Wage cost index (total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses)           | Dec qtr 02 | ..                            | <b>3.8</b>   | 3.2   | 3.1   | 4.0   | 3.7  | 3.4   |
| Prices(c)   |            |                               |  |       |       |       |      |       |
| Consumer price index  | Dec qtr 02 | ..                            | <b>3.1</b>   | 2.8   | 3.0   | 3.6   | 2.9  | 3.0   |
| Price index of materials used in house building                         | Dec qtr 02 | ..                            | <b>3.0</b>   | 4.0   | 5.4   | 3.9   | 3.3  | 3.9   |
| Price index of materials used in building other than house building     | Dec qtr 02 | ..                            | <b>3.8</b>   | 3.7   | 5.0   | 4.2   | 4.3  | 4.0   |
| Established house price index   | Dec qtr 02 | ..                            | <b>12.5</b>  | 22.4  | 25.3  | 21.1  | 11.6 | 18.4  |
| Finance   |            |                               |  |       |       |       |      |       |
| Actual capital expenditure (current prices — trend)                     | Dec qtr 02 | 25.5                          | <b>13.3</b>  | 1.6   | 26.2  | 25.4  | 13.3 | 13.6  |
| Commercial finance commitments  | Jan 03     | 24.8                          | <b>23.6</b>  | 0.3   | 27.9  | 56.7  | -6.0 | 11.6  |
| Lease finance commitments   | Jan 03     | 25.4                          | <b>-9.4</b>  | -25.4 | -15.6 | 39.7  | -7.3 | -14.2 |
| Personal finance commitments  | Jan 03     | 25.2                          | <b>16.6</b>  | 27.5  | 23.6  | 25.9  | 13.4 | 21.1  |
| Secured housing finance commitments (trend)                             | Jan 03     | 23.6                          | <b>1.3</b>   | -6.4  | 1.9   | -4.0  | -2.7 | -2.8  |
| Building  |            |                               |  |       |       |       |      |       |
| Dwelling units approved (trend)   | Feb 03     | 25.7                          | <b>-12.9</b>                                       | -9.2  | -9.5  | -11.7 | 4.7  | -8.5  |
| Value of residential building approved (trend)                          | Feb 03     | 27.5                          | <b>-4.1</b>  | 6.6   | 2.0   | 4.7   | 10.6 | 3.0   |
| Total value of building approved (trend)                                | Feb 03     | 25.0                          | <b>-15.3</b>                                       | 19.4  | -0.4  | 1.2   | 23.6 | 3.9   |
| Value of building commenced (chain volume measure)                      | Sep qtr 02 | 29.8                          | <b>15.0</b>  | 6.1   | 38.8  | 11.4  | 57.7 | 20.8  |
| Value of building work done (seasonally adjusted, chain volume measure) | Sep qtr 02 | 31.5                          | <b>27.0</b>  | 29.4  | 22.2  | 29.6  | 13.4 | 25.2  |
| Consumer spending   |            |                               |  |       |       |       |      |       |
| New motor vehicle sales (trend)   | Feb 03     | 27.4                          | <b>4.6</b>   | -0.5  | 6.2   | 14.8  | 3.8  | 3.5   |
| Retail turnover (trend)   | Feb 03     | 23.6                          | <b>4.4</b>   | 5.7   | 7.2   | 6.4   | 4.2  | 5.5   |
| Takings from tourist accommodation                                      | Dec qtr 02 | 17.7                          | <b>5.3</b>   | 7.2   | 9.6   | 16.3  | 12.4 | 8.6   |
| International merchandise trade   |            |                               |  |       |       |       |      |       |
| Imports   | Feb 03     | 33.2                          | <b>11.7</b>  | -1.8  | -1.3  | 6.9   | 47.2 | 6.3   |
| Exports   | Feb 03     | 16.3                          | <b>-18.8</b>                                       | -14.6 | -11.7 | -5.8  | 11.6 | -3.4  |

(a) Percentage change figures for components of population increase indicate the contribution of each component to the total population increase.

(b) Percentage change columns indicate the difference between the percentage rate for the reference period, and the percentage rate for the same period in the previous year.

(c) Data relates to capital cities.



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## STATE FINAL DEMAND: ORIGINAL

|  | Mar qtr<br>2001 | Jun qtr<br>2001 | Sep qtr<br>2001 | Dec qtr<br>2001 | Mar qtr<br>2002 | Jun qtr<br>2002 | Sep qtr<br>2002 | Dec qtr<br>2002 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| CURRENT PRICES (\$m)                   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Final consumption expenditure          |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| General government                     | 6 914           | 7 148           | r 6 991         | r 7 257         | r 7 133         | r 7 684         | r 7 219         | 7 741           |
| Households                             | 24 561          | 25 998          | r 26 532        | r 28 366        | r 26 206        | r 27 694        | r 28 306        | 30 079          |
| Gross fixed capital formation          |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Private                                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Dwellings                              | 2 192           | 2 501           | 2 726           | r 2 855         | r 2 734         | r 3 310         | r 3 281         | 3 352           |
| Other buildings and structures         | 1 250           | 1 293           | r 1 328         | r 1 403         | r 1 304         | r 1 579         | r 2 049         | 1 834           |
| Machinery and equipment                | 2 647           | 3 037           | r 2 795         | r 3 353         | r 2 730         | 3 357           | r 3 213         | 3 736           |
| Livestock                              | 148             | 148             | 185             | 185             | 185             | 185             | 145             | 145             |
| Intangible fixed assets                | 763             | 771             | 764             | 763             | 712             | 731             | r 769           | 812             |
| Ownership transfer costs               | 521             | 572             | 697             | 734             | 768             | 764             | r 844           | 893             |
| Total private                          | 7 521           | 8 322           | r 8 493         | r 9 292         | r 8 434         | r 9 927         | r 10 301        | 10 772          |
| Public                                 | 1 150           | r 1 451         | r 1 113         | r 1 377         | r 1 238         | r 1 539         | r 1 068         | 1 403           |
| <b>State final demand</b>              | <b>40 145</b>   | <b>r 42 919</b> | <b>r 43 131</b> | <b>r 46 291</b> | <b>r 43 011</b> | <b>r 46 845</b> | <b>r 46 895</b> | <b>49 995</b>   |
| International trade — exports of goods | 5 734           | 6 137           | 6 187           | 6 180           | r 6 074         | r 5 928         | r 5 637         | 5 865           |
| International trade — imports of goods | 8 667           | 8 845           | 9 350           | 9 725           | 9 069           | 9 413           | r 10 483        | 11 112          |
| Compensation of employees(a)           | r 20 596        | r 20 749        | r 21 233        | r 22 022        | r 21 098        | r 21 911        | r 22 216        | 23 792          |
| CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES(b) (\$m)         |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Final consumption expenditure          |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| General government                     | 6 853           | 6 988           | r 6 895         | r 7 052         | r 6 990         | r 7 196         | r 7 018         | 7 314           |
| Households                             | 24 443          | 25 698          | r 26 211        | r 27 911        | r 25 536        | r 26 946        | r 27 244        | 28 820          |
| Gross fixed capital formation          |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Private                                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Dwellings                              | 2 185           | 2 484           | 2 689           | r 2 773         | r 2 633         | r 3 173         | r 3 129         | 3 183           |
| Other buildings and structures         | 1 242           | 1 273           | r 1 303         | r 1 371         | r 1 270         | r 1 529         | r 1 967         | 1 754           |
| Machinery and equipment                | 2 623           | 2 984           | r 2 786         | r 3 354         | r 2 749         | r 3 444         | r 3 340         | 3 873           |
| Livestock                              | 148             | 148             | 189             | 189             | 189             | 189             | 169             | 169             |
| Intangible fixed assets                | 769             | 785             | 790             | 802             | 760             | 792             | r 840           | 904             |
| Ownership transfer costs               | 498             | 543             | 618             | 592             | 599             | 613             | 664             | 702             |
| Total private                          | 7 464           | 8 189           | r 8 375         | r 9 080         | r 8 200         | r 9 740         | r 10 109        | 10 585          |
| Public                                 | 1 148           | r 1 441         | r 1 113         | r 1 375         | r 1 241         | r 1 540         | r 1 074         | 1 415           |
| <b>State final demand</b>              | <b>39 908</b>   | <b>r 42 322</b> | <b>r 42 593</b> | <b>r 45 419</b> | <b>r 41 966</b> | <b>r 45 422</b> | <b>r 45 445</b> | <b>48 135</b>   |
| International trade — exports of goods | 5 685           | 5 902           | 6 044           | 6 082           | r 5 981         | r 6 067         | r 5 738         | 5 963           |
| International trade — imports of goods | r 8 687         | r 8 571         | r 9 225         | r 9 631         | r 9 172         | r 9 778         | r 10 852        | 11 521          |

(a) Method of calculation changed from March quarter 2002. For more information, see feature article in December quarter 2001 issue of *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product* (cat. no. 5206.0).

(b) Reference year for chain volume measures is 2000–01.

Source: *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product* (cat. no. 5206.0); ABS data available on request, *Australian National Accounts*.

## STATE FINAL DEMAND, CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES(a): SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND

|  | Mar qtr         | Jun qtr         | Sep qtr         | Dec qtr         | Mar qtr         | Jun qtr         | Sep qtr         | Dec qtr       |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
|  | 2001            | 2001            | 2001            | 2001            | 2002            | 2002            | 2002            | 2002          |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$m)                          |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |               |
| Final consumption expenditure                      |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |               |
| General government                                 | 6 842           | 6 931           | r 6 988         | r 7 025         | r 6 982         | r 7 138         | r 7 108         | 7 290         |
| Households   | 25 653          | 25 878          | r 26 208        | 26 417          | r 26 843        | r 27 136        | r 27 236        | 27 277        |
| Gross fixed capital formation                      |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |               |
| Private  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |               |
| Dwellings  | 2 325           | 2 402           | 2 686           | r 2 727         | r 2 793         | r 3 062         | r 3 105         | 3 149         |
| Other buildings and structures                     | 1 331           | 1 248           | r 1 304         | r 1 306         | r 1 367         | r 1 495         | r 1 976         | 1 674         |
| Machinery and equipment                            | 3 020           | 2 817           | r 2 757         | r 3 144         | r 3 167         | 3 265           | r 3 307         | 3 633         |
| Livestock  | 148             | 148             | 189             | 189             | 189             | 189             | 169             | 169           |
| Intangible fixed assets                            | 783             | 790             | 794             | 778             | 774             | 797             | r 845           | 877           |
| Ownership transfer costs                           | 510             | 544             | 602             | 595             | 612             | 613             | 646             | 706           |
| <i>Total private</i>                               | 8 131           | 7 920           | r 8 333         | r 8 739         | r 8 902         | r 9 421         | r 10 048        | 10 209        |
| Public   | 1 162           | r 1 270         | r 1 239         | r 1 395         | r 1 266         | r 1 369         | r 1 189         | 1 439         |
| <b>State final demand</b>                          | <b>41 788</b>   | <b>r 42 002</b> | <b>r 42 767</b> | <b>r 43 576</b> | <b>r 43 993</b> | <b>r 45 063</b> | <b>r 45 581</b> | <b>46 215</b> |
| International trade — exports of goods             | 5 797           | 6 002           | 6 148           | 5 749           | 6 101           | r 6 174         | r 5 825         | 5 639         |
| International trade — imports of goods             | r 9 028         | r 8 917         | r 8 910         | r 9 226         | r 9 516         | r 10 154        | r 10 471        | 11 019        |
| TREND ESTIMATES(b) (\$m)                           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |               |
| Final consumption expenditure                      |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |               |
| General government                                 | 6 846           | r 6 925         | r 6 977         | r 7 008         | r 7 033         | r 7 088         | r 7 165         | 7 230         |
| Households   | r 25 582        | r 25 894        | r 26 181        | r 26 488        | r 26 821        | r 27 069        | r 27 231        | 27 330        |
| Gross fixed capital formation                      |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |               |
| Private  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |               |
| Dwellings  | r 2 302         | r 2 445         | r 2 601         | r 2 736         | r 2 867         | r 2 991         | r 3 103         | 3 177         |
| Other buildings and structures                     | 1 262           | r 1 280         | r 1 289         | r 1 291         | r 1 408         | r 1 591         | r 1 745         | 1 799         |
| Machinery and equipment                            | 2 841           | 2 829           | 2 906           | r 3 023         | r 3 179         | r 3 270         | r 3 329         | 3 378         |
| Livestock  | 146             | 160             | 177             | 190             | 191             | r 183           | r 175           | 168           |
| Intangible fixed assets                            | 780             | 792             | 789             | r 779           | r 780           | r 803           | r 838           | 877           |
| Ownership transfer costs                           | 523             | 549             | 582             | 602             | r 607           | r 624           | r 654           | 679           |
| <i>Total private</i>                               | r 7 858         | r 8 046         | r 8 335         | r 8 618         | r 9 034         | r 9 454         | r 9 841         | 10 115        |
| Public   | r 1 220         | r 1 240         | r 1 282         | r 1 328         | r 1 317         | r 1 300         | r 1 308         | 1 344         |
| <b>State final demand</b>                          | <b>r 41 509</b> | <b>r 42 106</b> | <b>r 42 776</b> | <b>r 43 443</b> | <b>r 44 205</b> | <b>r 44 908</b> | <b>r 45 545</b> | <b>46 058</b> |
| International trade — exports of goods             | 5 943           | 5 962           | r 5 974         | 6 002           | r 6 039         | r 6 020         | r 5 896         | 5 713         |
| International trade — imports of goods             | r 9 031         | r 8 920         | r 8 958         | r 9 193         | r 9 607         | r 10 055        | r 10 427        | 10 706        |
| TREND ESTIMATES — CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER (%) |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |               |
| Final consumption expenditure                      |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |               |
| General government                                 | r 0.8           | r 1.1           | r 0.8           | r 0.5           | r 0.4           | 0.8             | r 1.1           | 0.9           |
| Households   | 1.2             | 1.2             | r 1.1           | r 1.2           | r 1.3           | r 0.9           | r 0.6           | 0.4           |
| Gross fixed capital formation                      |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |               |
| Private  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |               |
| Dwellings  | -3.1            | r 6.2           | r 6.4           | 5.2             | r 4.8           | r 4.3           | r 3.7           | 2.4           |
| Other buildings and structures                     | 0.2             | r 1.4           | r 0.7           | r 0.1           | r 9.1           | r 13.0          | r 9.7           | 3.1           |
| Machinery and equipment                            | r -1.3          | -0.4            | 2.7             | r 4.0           | r 5.2           | r 2.9           | r 1.8           | 1.5           |
| Livestock  | 0.8             | 9.1             | 10.6            | 7.5             | r 0.7           | r -4.3          | r -4.3          | -4.0          |
| Intangible fixed assets                            | 3.7             | 1.6             | -0.4            | r -1.2          | r 0.1           | r 3.0           | r 4.4           | 4.6           |
| Ownership transfer costs                           | 0.3             | 5.0             | 6.1             | 3.4             | r 0.8           | r 2.7           | r 4.9           | 3.7           |
| <i>Total private</i>                               | -1.0            | r 2.4           | r 3.6           | r 3.4           | r 4.8           | r 4.7           | r 4.1           | 2.8           |
| Public   | r 2.4           | r 1.6           | r 3.4           | r 3.6           | r -0.8          | r -1.3          | r 0.6           | 2.8           |
| <b>State final demand</b>                          | <b>0.7</b>      | <b>r 1.4</b>    | <b>r 1.6</b>    | <b>r 1.6</b>    | <b>r 1.8</b>    | <b>r 1.6</b>    | <b>r 1.4</b>    | <b>1.1</b>    |
| International trade — exports of goods             | 0.4             | 0.3             | 0.2             | 0.5             | r 0.6           | r -0.3          | r -2.1          | -3.1          |
| International trade — imports of goods             | r -1.6          | r -1.2          | r 0.4           | r 2.6           | r 4.5           | 4.7             | r 3.7           | 2.7           |

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 2000-01.

(b) Trend estimates for aggregates are derived directly, rather than as the sum of components. As a result, the sum of the trend estimates of individual components of a particular aggregate will not sum to the overall trend estimate of the aggregate.

Source: Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product (cat. no. 5206.0); ABS data available on request, Australian National Accounts.

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## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE(a)(b)

| Period    | Population at end of period |                 |                 | Components of population change |                                   |  |                           | % change from previous 12 months |           |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
|           | Males<br>'000               | Females<br>'000 | Persons<br>'000 | Natural<br>increase<br>'000     | Net overseas<br>migration<br>'000 | Net<br>interstate<br>migration<br>'000 | Total<br>increase<br>'000 | Victoria                         | Australia |
| 1996-97   | 2 268.5                     | 2 328.7         | 4 597.2         | 28.7                            | 21.1                              | -6.2                                   | 37.0                      | 0.81                             | 1.13      |
| 1997-98   | 2 287.0                     | 2 350.8         | 4 637.8         | 27.7                            | 19.3                              | -0.3                                   | 40.6                      | 0.88                             | 1.05      |
| 1998-99   | 2 309.4                     | 2 377.0         | 4 686.4         | 27.1                            | 24.7                              | 2.5                                    | 48.6                      | 1.05                             | 1.15      |
| 1999-2000 | 2 335.5                     | 2 405.8         | 4 741.3         | 27.7                            | 27.0                              | 5.2                                    | 54.9                      | 1.17                             | 1.20      |
| 2000-01   | 2 366.3                     | 2 438.4         | 4 804.7         | 26.4                            | 35.3                              | 5.2                                    | 63.4                      | 1.34                             | 1.36      |
| 2001-02   | 2 401.1                     | 2 471.4         | 4 872.5         | 27.3                            | 34.2                              | 6.2                                    | 67.8                      | 1.41                             | 1.29      |
| 2000      |                             |                 |                 |                                 |                                   |  |                           |                                  |           |
| December  | 2 349.2                     | 2 420.9         | 4 770.0         | 6.8                             | 6.4                               | 1.1                                    | 13.4                      | 1.21                             | 1.23      |
| 2001      |                             |                 |                 |                                 |                                   |  |                           |                                  |           |
| March     | 2 361.4                     | 2 432.5         | 4 793.9         | 6.8                             | 15.9                              | 2.0                                    | 23.8                      | 1.31                             | 1.32      |
| June      | 2 366.3                     | 2 438.4         | 4 804.7         | 6.6                             | 4.3                               | 0.9                                    | 10.9                      | 1.34                             | 1.36      |
| September | 2 375.0                     | 2 446.5         | 4 821.5         | 6.2                             | 8.9                               | 1.6                                    | 16.7                      | 1.36                             | 1.36      |
| December  | 2 382.1                     | 2 454.1         | 4 836.2         | 6.4                             | 6.4                               | 1.9                                    | 14.7                      | 1.39                             | 1.34      |
| 2002      |                             |                 |                 |                                 |                                   |  |                           |                                  |           |
| March     | 2 395.3                     | 2 465.9         | 4 861.3         | 7.6                             | 15.0                              | 2.5                                    | 25.1                      | 1.41                             | 1.31      |
| June      | 2 401.1                     | 2 471.4         | 4 872.5         | 7.1                             | 4.0                               | 0.2                                    | 11.3                      | 1.41                             | 1.29      |
| September | 2 409.1                     | 2 479.1         | 4 888.2         | 4.9                             | 10.7                              | 0.1                                    | 15.7                      | 1.39                             | 1.29      |

(a) ERP, natural increase, net overseas and net interstate migration data up to June 2001 are final. All ERP from September Quarter 2001 to June Quarter 2002 are revised as a consequence of finalising the population estimate for June Quarter 2001.

(b) All ERP, natural increase, net overseas and net interstate migration data for September Quarter 2001 to September Quarter 2002 are preliminary.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0); ABS data available on request, Australian Demographic Statistics.

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## REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

| Period  | Births(a) | Infant<br>deaths(a)(b) | Total<br>deaths | Marriages(c) | Divorces(c) |
|---|-----------|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| REGISTRATIONS (no.)                               |           |                        |                 |              |             |
| 1998-99   | 59 374    | 318                    | 32 298          | 26 351       | 12 579      |
| 1999-2000   | 59 733    | 304                    | 31 992          | 27 558       | 12 818      |
| 2000-01   | 58 686    | 255                    | 32 253          | 25 728       | 12 495      |
| 2001-02   | 60 557    | 295                    | 33 233          | 25 003       | 13 851      |
| 2000  |           |                        |                 |              |             |
| December qtr                                      | 14 680    | 68                     | 7 898           | 8 024        | 3 394       |
| 2001  |           |                        |                 |              |             |
| March qtr   | 14 281    | 56                     | 7 451           | 8 064        | 2 590       |
| June qtr  | 14 604    | 69                     | 8 023           | 5 697        | 3 423       |
| September qtr                                     | 15 550    | 80                     | 9 325           | 3 618        | 3 756       |
| December qtr                                      | 15 233    | 84                     | 8 786           | 7 574        | 3 953       |
| 2002  |           |                        |                 |              |             |
| March qtr   | 14 411    | 58                     | 6 828           | 8 194        | 3 081       |
| June qtr  | 15 363    | 73                     | 8 294           | 5 617        | 3 061       |
| September qtr                                     | 14 474    | 79                     | 9 583           | 4 079        | 3 368       |
| RATE PER 1,000 MEAN ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION |           |                        |                 |              |             |
| 1998-99   | r 12.74   | 5.36                   | r 6.93          | 5.65         | 2.70        |
| 1999-2000   | r 12.67   | 5.09                   | r 6.79          | 5.85         | 2.72        |
| 2000-01   | r 12.30   | 4.35                   | r 6.76          | 5.39         | 2.62        |
| 2001-02   | 12.52     | 4.87                   | 6.87            | 5.17         | 2.86        |

(a) All births and deaths data for September quarter 2001 to September quarter 2002 are preliminary.

(b) Rate for infant deaths is per 1,000 live births, and not per 1,000 mean population.

(c) Marriages and divorces data from March quarter 2002 are preliminary.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0).

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## CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE(a): ALL SERIES

| Month               | Employed          |               | Unemployed<br>'000 | Labour force<br>'000 | Unemployment rate |                | Participation rate |                |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
|                     | Full-time<br>'000 | Total<br>'000 |                    |                      | Victoria<br>%     | Australia<br>% | Victoria<br>%      | Australia<br>% |
| ORIGINAL            |                   |               |                    |                      |                   |                |                    |                |
| 2001                |                   |               |                    |                      |                   |                |                    |                |
| December            | 1 723.0           | 2 350.0       | 161.2              | 2 511.3              | 6.4               | 6.6            | 64.3               | 64.3           |
| 2002                |                   |               |                    |                      |                   |                |                    |                |
| January             | 1 693.3           | 2 315.8       | 170.2              | 2 486.1              | 6.8               | 7.4            | 63.6               | 63.4           |
| February            | 1 685.7           | 2 324.4       | 173.9              | 2 498.3              | 7.0               | 7.3            | 63.9               | 64.0           |
| March               | 1 684.7           | 2 348.4       | 156.2              | 2 504.6              | 6.2               | 6.7            | 63.9               | 63.8           |
| April               | 1 676.0           | 2 338.2       | 143.8              | 2 482.0              | 5.8               | 6.4            | 63.3               | 63.5           |
| May                 | 1 680.2           | 2 353.3       | 142.2              | 2 495.4              | 5.7               | 6.3            | 63.5               | 63.5           |
| June                | 1 669.4           | 2 353.7       | 150.1              | 2 503.8              | 6.0               | 6.3            | 63.7               | 63.8           |
| July                | 1 687.5           | 2 355.2       | 124.1              | 2 479.3              | 5.0               | 5.6            | 63.0               | 63.3           |
| August              | 1 674.5           | 2 353.7       | 147.8              | 2 501.5              | 5.9               | 6.0            | 63.4               | 63.2           |
| September           | 1 709.8           | 2 383.9       | 151.5              | 2 535.5              | 6.0               | 6.2            | 64.2               | 64.2           |
| October             | 1 683.0           | 2 360.7       | 138.7              | 2 499.3              | 5.5               | 5.7            | 63.2               | 63.4           |
| November            | 1 700.2           | 2 378.0       | 133.4              | 2 511.4              | 5.3               | 5.8            | 63.4               | 63.6           |
| December            | 1 757.7           | 2 436.8       | 145.7              | 2 582.5              | 5.6               | 6.1            | 65.1               | 64.9           |
| 2003                |                   |               |                    |                      |                   |                |                    |                |
| January             | 1 726.6           | 2 391.5       | 146.9              | 2 538.4              | 5.8               | 6.5            | 63.9               | 64.0           |
| February            | 1 733.6           | 2 406.3       | 145.9              | 2 552.2              | 5.7               | 6.7            | 64.2               | 64.6           |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED |                   |               |                    |                      |                   |                |                    |                |
| 2001                |                   |               |                    |                      |                   |                |                    |                |
| December            | 1 686.0           | 2 322.1       | 160.9              | 2 482.9              | 6.5               | 6.7            | 63.6               | 63.5           |
| 2002                |                   |               |                    |                      |                   |                |                    |                |
| January             | 1 690.2           | 2 346.3       | 164.7              | 2 511.0              | 6.6               | 7.0            | 64.3               | 64.0           |
| February            | 1 671.2           | 2 331.5       | 156.6              | 2 488.1              | 6.3               | 6.6            | 63.6               | 63.9           |
| March               | 1 688.8           | 2 348.1       | 146.6              | 2 494.7              | 5.9               | 6.4            | 63.7               | 63.7           |
| April               | 1 686.7           | 2 345.5       | 143.4              | 2 488.9              | 5.8               | 6.3            | 63.5               | 63.5           |
| May                 | 1 688.5           | 2 357.2       | 144.0              | 2 501.2              | 5.8               | 6.2            | 63.7               | 63.6           |
| June                | 1 688.2           | 2 346.7       | 156.6              | 2 503.4              | 6.3               | 6.5            | 63.6               | 63.8           |
| July                | 1 681.5           | 2 346.6       | 133.6              | 2 480.2              | 5.4               | 6.2            | 63.0               | 63.3           |
| August              | 1 700.9           | 2 370.1       | 150.8              | 2 521.0              | 6.0               | 6.2            | 63.9               | 63.8           |
| September           | 1 700.0           | 2 363.0       | 144.5              | 2 507.6              | 5.8               | 6.2            | 63.5               | 63.6           |
| October             | 1 681.0           | 2 355.6       | 145.6              | 2 501.2              | 5.8               | 6.0            | 63.2               | 63.5           |
| November            | 1 703.9           | 2 382.3       | 143.7              | 2 526.0              | 5.7               | 6.1            | 63.8               | 63.9           |
| December            | 1 719.4           | 2 408.4       | 145.2              | 2 553.6              | 5.7               | 6.1            | 64.4               | 64.1           |
| 2003                |                   |               |                    |                      |                   |                |                    |                |
| January             | 1 723.4           | 2 422.7       | 142.2              | 2 564.9              | 5.5               | 6.1            | 64.6               | 64.7           |
| February            | 1 719.2           | 2 414.0       | 131.8              | 2 545.8              | 5.2               | 6.0            | 64.0               | 64.4           |
| TREND ESTIMATES r   |                   |               |                    |                      |                   |                |                    |                |
| 2001                |                   |               |                    |                      |                   |                |                    |                |
| December            | 1 686.1           | 2 330.2       | 161.5              | 2 491.7              | 6.5               | 6.8            | 63.8               | 63.8           |
| 2002                |                   |               |                    |                      |                   |                |                    |                |
| January             | 1 685.5           | 2 335.2       | 158.9              | 2 494.1              | 6.4               | 6.7            | 63.8               | 63.8           |
| February            | 1 684.5           | 2 339.8       | 155.1              | 2 494.9              | 6.2               | 6.6            | 63.8               | 63.8           |
| March               | 1 684.1           | 2 343.7       | 151.0              | 2 494.7              | 6.1               | 6.5            | 63.7               | 63.7           |
| April               | 1 685.1           | 2 347.1       | 147.8              | 2 494.9              | 5.9               | 6.4            | 63.6               | 63.7           |
| May                 | 1 686.7           | 2 349.8       | 145.9              | 2 495.7              | 5.8               | 6.3            | 63.5               | 63.6           |
| June                | 1 688.2           | 2 351.7       | 145.0              | 2 496.7              | 5.8               | 6.3            | 63.5               | 63.6           |
| July                | 1 689.4           | 2 353.4       | 145.1              | 2 498.5              | 5.8               | 6.2            | 63.4               | 63.5           |
| August              | 1 691.1           | 2 357.0       | 145.6              | 2 502.6              | 5.8               | 6.2            | 63.5               | 63.5           |
| September           | 1 694.1           | 2 363.7       | 145.7              | 2 509.3              | 5.8               | 6.2            | 63.5               | 63.6           |
| October             | 1 699.1           | 2 373.8       | 145.1              | 2 518.8              | 5.8               | 6.1            | 63.7               | 63.7           |
| November            | 1 705.1           | 2 385.9       | 144.0              | 2 529.8              | 5.7               | 6.1            | 63.9               | 63.9           |
| December            | 1 711.2           | 2 398.1       | 142.4              | 2 540.5              | 5.6               | 6.1            | 64.1               | 64.1           |
| 2003                |                   |               |                    |                      |                   |                |                    |                |
| January             | 1 717.0           | 2 409.4       | 140.6              | 2 550.0              | 5.5               | 6.1            | 64.2               | 64.3           |
| February            | 1 721.2           | 2 418.2       | 137.8              | 2 556.0              | 5.4               | 6.0            | 64.3               | 64.5           |

(a) Civilian population aged 15 years and over. From April 2001 the Labour Force Survey was conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional data items and some minor definitional changes. Although the impact on core labour force series has been minor, revisions have been made to estimates previously published to ensure continuity. The revised series were released on 3 May 2001. *Information Paper: Implementing the Redesigned Labour Force Survey Questionnaire* (cat. no. 6295.0) contains further information about the questionnaire changes and the revised series. For details on the content of the redesigned questionnaire, see *Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (cat. no. 6232.0).

Source: *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0); *Labour Force, Selected Summary Tables, Australia* (cat. no. 6291.0.40.001).

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## CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE(a), BY REGION

| Month  | Employed          |                   |               | Unemployed<br>'000 | Labour force<br>'000 | Unemployment rate<br>% | Participation rate<br>% |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
|  | Full-time<br>'000 | Part-time<br>'000 | Total<br>'000 |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| MELBOURNE MAJOR STATISTICAL REGION           |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| 2001   |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| December                                     | 1 306.1           | 438.9             | 1 745.0       | 126.1              | 1 871.2              | 6.7                    | 65.3                    |
| 2002   |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| January                                      | 1 274.3           | 449.1             | 1 723.4       | 131.0              | 1 854.4              | 7.1                    | 64.6                    |
| February                                     | 1 265.0           | 466.3             | 1 731.3       | 129.1              | 1 860.4              | 6.9                    | 64.7                    |
| March  | 1 264.0           | 484.4             | 1 748.4       | 112.7              | 1 861.1              | 6.1                    | 64.6                    |
| April  | 1 258.4           | 482.3             | 1 740.7       | 104.0              | 1 844.7              | 5.6                    | 63.9                    |
| May  | 1 258.1           | 495.3             | 1 753.4       | 103.0              | 1 856.4              | 5.5                    | 64.2                    |
| June   | 1 256.1           | 493.7             | 1 749.8       | 107.8              | 1 857.7              | 5.8                    | 64.1                    |
| July   | 1 266.1           | 480.3             | 1 746.5       | 89.1               | 1 835.6              | 4.9                    | 63.3                    |
| August                                       | 1 259.3           | 496.3             | 1 755.6       | 104.7              | 1 860.2              | 5.6                    | 64.0                    |
| September                                    | 1 290.4           | 482.3             | 1 772.7       | 111.8              | 1 884.5              | 5.9                    | 64.8                    |
| October                                      | 1 271.7           | 491.9             | 1 763.6       | 103.1              | 1 866.7              | 5.5                    | 64.1                    |
| November                                     | 1 277.2           | 495.9             | 1 773.0       | 97.2               | 1 870.3              | 5.2                    | 64.1                    |
| December                                     | 1 331.8           | 488.9             | 1 820.7       | 107.0              | 1 927.7              | 5.5                    | 66.0                    |
| 2003   |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| January                                      | 1 302.7           | 479.3             | 1 782.0       | 110.8              | 1 892.8              | 5.9                    | 64.7                    |
| February                                     | 1 305.4           | 489.7             | 1 795.1       | 111.5              | 1 906.6              | 5.8                    | 65.0                    |
| BARWON-WESTERN DISTRICT STATISTICAL REGION   |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| 2001   |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| December                                     | 121.2             | 55.5              | 176.7         | 10.7               | 187.4                | 5.7                    | 63.5                    |
| 2002   |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| January                                      | 127.4             | 50.4              | 177.7         | 7.9                | 185.6                | 4.3                    | 61.8                    |
| February                                     | 125.1             | 48.1              | 173.3         | 11.5               | 184.8                | 6.2                    | 62.0                    |
| March  | 127.4             | 49.5              | 176.9         | 10.7               | 187.6                | 5.7                    | 62.7                    |
| April  | 127.9             | 52.3              | 180.2         | 8.3                | 188.5                | 4.4                    | 63.2                    |
| May  | 123.2             | 47.4              | 170.6         | 8.6                | 179.2                | 4.8                    | 61.3                    |
| June   | 117.2             | 50.1              | 167.3         | 9.4                | 176.7                | 5.3                    | 61.9                    |
| July   | 117.7             | 47.7              | 165.4         | 10.0               | 175.4                | 5.7                    | 62.4                    |
| August                                       | 114.0             | 47.3              | 161.2         | 9.9                | 171.1                | 5.8                    | 60.6                    |
| September                                    | 116.1             | 46.6              | 162.7         | 10.2               | 172.9                | 5.9                    | 60.9                    |
| October                                      | 114.0             | 48.4              | 162.5         | 9.6                | 172.0                | 5.6                    | 61.5                    |
| November                                     | 120.0             | 50.6              | 170.5         | 10.0               | 180.5                | 5.5                    | 61.5                    |
| December                                     | 117.8             | 50.6              | 168.4         | 11.4               | 179.8                | 6.4                    | 62.1                    |
| 2003   |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| January                                      | 112.6             | 55.3              | 167.9         | 10.0               | 177.8                | 5.6                    | 62.8                    |
| February                                     | 117.5             | 47.9              | 165.5         | 10.7               | 176.2                | 6.1                    | 62.5                    |
| CENTRAL HIGHLANDS-WIMMERA STATISTICAL REGION |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| 2001   |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| December                                     | 58.2              | 29.3              | 87.5          | 7.2                | 94.8                 | 7.6                    | 59.1                    |
| 2002   |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| January                                      | 58.3              | 27.7              | 86.1          | 7.8                | 93.9                 | 8.4                    | 59.4                    |
| February                                     | 61.0              | 27.2              | 88.2          | 6.5                | 94.7                 | 6.9                    | 59.1                    |
| March  | 63.8              | 29.7              | 93.5          | 8.6                | 102.1                | 8.5                    | 63.7                    |
| April  | 60.5              | 32.5              | 93.0          | 10.1               | 103.1                | 9.8                    | 64.3                    |
| May  | 68.1              | 29.4              | 97.6          | 9.0                | 106.6                | 8.4                    | 63.3                    |
| June   | 65.9              | 34.1              | 100.0         | 8.9                | 108.9                | 8.2                    | 65.3                    |
| July   | 67.0              | 30.0              | 97.0          | 6.8                | 103.8                | 6.6                    | 61.7                    |
| August                                       | 64.2              | 31.6              | 95.8          | 8.2                | 104.0                | 7.9                    | 64.5                    |
| September                                    | 62.2              | 31.4              | 93.6          | 5.8                | 99.4                 | 5.9                    | 62.6                    |
| October                                      | 62.1              | 32.5              | 94.7          | 3.5                | 98.2                 | 3.6                    | 61.3                    |
| November                                     | 63.9              | 25.4              | 89.2          | 6.0                | 95.2                 | 6.3                    | 58.6                    |
| December                                     | 62.1              | 27.0              | 89.1          | 5.9                | 95.0                 | 6.2                    | 59.0                    |
| 2003   |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| January                                      | 58.5              | 24.9              | 83.5          | 7.4                | 90.9                 | 8.2                    | 57.3                    |
| February                                     | 56.0              | 27.8              | 83.8          | 5.8                | 89.6                 | 6.4                    | 57.0                    |

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| Month                                    | Employed          |                   |               | Unemployed<br>'000 | Labour force<br>'000 | Unemployment rate<br>% | Participation rate<br>% |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
|  | Full-time<br>'000 | Part-time<br>'000 | Total<br>'000 |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| LODDON-MALLEE STATISTICAL REGION         |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| 2001                                     |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| December                                 | 84.4              | 35.3              | 119.6         | 7.7                | 127.4                | 6.0                    | 64.8                    |
| 2002                                     |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| January                                  | 82.5              | 34.1              | 116.6         | 8.8                | 125.4                | 7.0                    | 64.9                    |
| February                                 | 80.9              | 37.6              | 118.6         | 8.9                | 127.5                | 7.0                    | 64.9                    |
| March                                    | 80.2              | 39.9              | 120.1         | 9.7                | 129.8                | 7.5                    | 65.6                    |
| April                                    | 83.8              | 34.1              | 117.9         | 7.0                | 124.9                | 5.6                    | 62.6                    |
| May                                      | 81.7              | 35.8              | 117.5         | 6.2                | 123.7                | 5.0                    | 64.5                    |
| June                                     | 77.8              | 38.6              | 116.4         | 6.7                | 123.0                | 5.4                    | 63.6                    |
| July                                     | 81.0              | 43.4              | 124.3         | 6.2                | 130.5                | 4.8                    | 63.8                    |
| August                                   | 79.5              | 39.7              | 119.3         | 8.2                | 127.5                | 6.4                    | 62.9                    |
| September                                | 79.7              | 40.5              | 120.3         | 6.7                | 127.0                | 5.3                    | 63.0                    |
| October                                  | 80.5              | 36.1              | 116.7         | 7.1                | 123.7                | 5.7                    | 59.1                    |
| November                                 | 81.7              | 35.3              | 117.0         | 6.5                | 123.6                | 5.3                    | 64.8                    |
| December                                 | 81.1              | 33.4              | 114.5         | 7.6                | 122.1                | 6.3                    | 66.3                    |
| 2003                                     |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| January                                  | 84.0              | 31.5              | 115.4         | 5.7                | 121.1                | 4.7                    | 63.4                    |
| February                                 | 88.7              | 31.4              | 120.0         | 4.9                | 125.0                | 4.0                    | 64.3                    |
| GOULBURN-OVENS-MURRAY STATISTICAL REGION |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| 2001                                     |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| December                                 | 96.1              | 39.3              | 135.4         | 5.4                | 140.8                | 3.8                    | 62.3                    |
| 2002                                     |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| January                                  | 93.4              | 35.9              | 129.3         | 8.2                | 137.5                | 6.0                    | 61.8                    |
| February                                 | 95.2              | 35.4              | 130.6         | 8.9                | 139.4                | 6.4                    | 64.3                    |
| March                                    | 90.9              | 38.9              | 129.8         | 5.7                | 135.4                | 4.2                    | 63.6                    |
| April                                    | 90.6              | 36.2              | 126.8         | 7.5                | 134.3                | 5.6                    | 63.5                    |
| May                                      | 88.4              | 40.5              | 128.9         | 9.3                | 138.2                | 6.7                    | 64.9                    |
| June                                     | 89.2              | 42.5              | 131.7         | 8.1                | 139.8                | 5.8                    | 65.1                    |
| July                                     | 87.4              | 42.4              | 129.8         | 6.1                | 135.9                | 4.5                    | 64.8                    |
| August                                   | 92.5              | 40.0              | 132.5         | 8.1                | 140.6                | 5.7                    | 64.1                    |
| September                                | 98.6              | 44.3              | 142.9         | 9.1                | 151.9                | 6.0                    | 66.3                    |
| October                                  | 96.5              | 40.9              | 137.4         | 7.9                | 145.3                | 5.4                    | 63.8                    |
| November                                 | 94.6              | 39.4              | 134.0         | 7.9                | 141.9                | 5.6                    | 64.7                    |
| December                                 | 97.2              | 46.2              | 143.3         | 6.9                | 150.3                | 4.6                    | 66.3                    |
| 2003                                     |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| January                                  | 99.1              | 40.6              | 139.7         | 7.5                | 147.2                | 5.1                    | 64.1                    |
| February                                 | 104.0             | 39.2              | 143.2         | 6.7                | 149.9                | 4.5                    | 65.1                    |
| ALL GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL REGION         |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| 2001                                     |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| December                                 | 57.0              | 28.8              | 85.8          | 4.0                | 89.7                 | 4.4                    | 55.8                    |
| 2002                                     |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| January                                  | 57.4              | 25.3              | 82.7          | 6.5                | 89.2                 | 7.3                    | 54.3                    |
| February                                 | 58.4              | 24.1              | 82.5          | 8.9                | 91.5                 | 9.8                    | 54.9                    |
| March                                    | 58.5              | 21.3              | 79.8          | 8.8                | 88.6                 | 9.9                    | 52.9                    |
| April                                    | 54.9              | 24.7              | 79.6          | 6.9                | 86.5                 | 7.9                    | 51.5                    |
| May                                      | 60.6              | 24.6              | 85.2          | 6.2                | 91.4                 | 6.7                    | 53.2                    |
| June                                     | 63.2              | 25.4              | 88.5          | 9.2                | 97.7                 | 9.4                    | 55.3                    |
| July                                     | 68.2              | 23.9              | 92.1          | 5.9                | 98.1                 | 6.0                    | 56.2                    |
| August                                   | 65.0              | 24.3              | 89.3          | 8.8                | 98.1                 | 9.0                    | 56.5                    |
| September                                | 62.8              | 29.1              | 91.9          | 7.9                | 99.7                 | 7.9                    | 59.8                    |
| October                                  | 58.1              | 27.8              | 85.9          | 7.5                | 93.4                 | 8.1                    | 56.9                    |
| November                                 | 62.9              | 31.3              | 94.2          | 5.8                | 100.0                | 5.8                    | 56.6                    |
| December                                 | 67.8              | 33.0              | 100.8         | 6.8                | 107.6                | 6.3                    | 59.0                    |
| 2003                                     |                   |                   |               |                    |                      |                        |                         |
| January                                  | 69.8              | 33.3              | 103.0         | 5.5                | 108.6                | 5.1                    | 59.6                    |
| February                                 | 61.9              | 36.8              | 98.6          | 6.3                | 104.9                | 6.0                    | 57.6                    |

(a) Civilian population aged 15 years and over. From April 2001 the Labour Force Survey was conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional data items and some minor definitional changes. Although the impact on core labour force series has been minor, revisions have been made to estimates previously published to ensure continuity. The revised series were released on 3 May 2001. *Information Paper: Implementing the Redesigned Labour Force Survey Questionnaire* (cat. no. 6295.0) contains further information about the questionnaire changes and the revised series. For details on the content of the redesigned questionnaire, see *Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (cat. no. 6232.0).

Source: *Labour Force, Selected Summary Tables, Australia* (cat. no. 6291.0.40.001).

| <i>Industry division</i>              | <i>Males</i>   | <i>Females</i> | <i>Persons</i> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                       | '000           | '000           | '000           |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing     | 48.4           | 22.7           | 71.1           |
| Mining                                | 7.6            | 1.5            | 9.2            |
| Manufacturing                         | 256.4          | 101.8          | 358.2          |
| Electricity, gas and water supply     | 11.3           | 4.7            | 16.1           |
| Construction                          | 167.2          | 21.5           | 188.6          |
| Wholesale trade                       | 79.1           | 36.3           | 115.3          |
| Retail trade                          | 173.3          | 197.3          | 370.6          |
| Accommodation, cafes and restaurants  | 41.2           | 62.3           | 103.5          |
| Transport and storage                 | 78.3           | 24.9           | 103.1          |
| Communication services                | 33.2           | 22.2           | 55.4           |
| Finance and insurance                 | 44.0           | 56.0           | 100.0          |
| Property and business services        | 158.3          | 127.7          | 285.9          |
| Government administration and defence | 41.5           | 45.9           | 87.5           |
| Education                             | 53.4           | 113.8          | 167.2          |
| Health and community services         | 51.0           | 175.0          | 225.9          |
| Cultural and recreational services    | 27.3           | 30.6           | 57.9           |
| Personal and other services           | 49.3           | 41.6           | 90.9           |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>1 320.6</b> | <b>1 085.7</b> | <b>2 406.3</b> |

(a) From April 2001 the Labour Force Survey was conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional items and some minor definitional changes. Revisions have been made to core labour force estimates to ensure continuity. However, counts of employed persons by industry, being non-core data items, have not been revised. Thus data from April 2001 onwards are not strictly comparable with earlier unrevised data. Further information is contained in footnotes to Tables 6 and 7.

Source: ABS data available on request, Labour Force.

| Month    | Preferred to work more hours     |  |                          |  |       | Total part-time workers | Proportion of part-time workers preferring to work more hours |
|----------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|-------|-------------------------|---|
|          | Preferred not to work more hours | Had actively looked for more hours and were available to work more hours | Wanted to work full-time | All part-time workers who preferred to work more hours |       |                         |   |
|          | '000                             | '000   | '000                     | '000   | '000  | '000                    | %   |
| MALES    |                                  |  |                          |  |       |                         |   |
| 2001     |                                  |  |                          |  |       |                         |   |
| November | 109.1                            | 21.8   | 18.1                     | 68.9   | 177.9 | 38.7                    |   |
| 2002     |                                  |  |                          |  |       |                         |   |
| February | 114.8                            | 24.8   | 19.3                     | 61.7   | 176.4 | 35.0                    |   |
| May      | 126.2                            | 22.3   | 18.2                     | 56.6   | 182.7 | 31.0                    |   |
| August   | 131.3                            | 27.7   | 20.8                     | 64.2   | 195.5 | 32.8                    |   |
| November | 126.0                            | 25.1   | 21.7                     | 65.8   | 191.8 | 34.3                    |   |
| 2003     |                                  |  |                          |  |       |                         |   |
| February | 110.2                            | 31.3   | 25.3                     | 68.2   | 178.4 | 38.2                    |   |
| FEMALES  |                                  |  |                          |  |       |                         |   |
| 2001     |                                  |  |                          |  |       |                         |   |
| November | 340.4                            | 34.0   | 20.5                     | 121.4  | 461.8 | 26.3                    |   |
| 2002     |                                  |  |                          |  |       |                         |   |
| February | 357.1                            | 38.1   | 21.6                     | 105.1  | 462.3 | 22.7                    |   |
| May      | 387.3                            | 34.9   | 20.5                     | 103.1  | 490.4 | 21.0                    |   |
| August   | 384.3                            | 33.8   | 20.3                     | 99.4   | 483.7 | 20.5                    |   |
| November | 376.3                            | 31.9   | 21.0                     | 109.8  | 486.0 | 22.6                    |   |
| 2003     |                                  |  |                          |  |       |                         |   |
| February | 378.5                            | 42.0   | 26.2                     | 115.9  | 494.3 | 23.4                    |   |
| PERSONS  |                                  |  |                          |  |       |                         |   |
| 2001     |                                  |  |                          |  |       |                         |   |
| November | 449.5                            | 55.8   | 38.6                     | 190.2  | 639.7 | 29.7                    |   |
| 2002     |                                  |  |                          |  |       |                         |   |
| February | 471.9                            | 62.9   | 40.9                     | 166.8  | 638.7 | 26.1                    |   |
| May      | 513.5                            | 57.2   | 38.7                     | 159.6  | 673.1 | 23.7                    |   |
| August   | 515.6                            | 61.5   | 41.2                     | 163.6  | 679.2 | 24.1                    |   |
| November | 502.3                            | 56.9   | 42.7                     | 175.6  | 677.8 | 25.9                    |   |
| 2003     |                                  |  |                          |  |       |                         |   |
| February | 488.7                            | 73.3   | 51.5                     | 184.0  | 672.7 | 27.4                    |   |

(a) Civilian population aged 15 years and over. From April 2001 the Labour Force Survey was conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional data items and some minor definitional changes. For details on the content of the redesigned questionnaire, see *Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (cat. no. 6232.0).

Source: ABS data available on request, Labour Force.



## DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, BY SEX AND MAJOR STATISTICAL REGION

| Month  | Melbourne MSR |         |         | Balance of Victoria MSR |         |         | Victoria |         |         |
|--|---------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|
|  | Males         | Females | Persons | Males                   | Females | Persons | Males    | Females | Persons |
|  | '000          | '000    | '000    | '000                    | '000    | '000    | '000     | '000    | '000    |
| PERSONS UNEMPLOYED FOR UNDER 13 WEEKS        |               |         |         |                         |         |         |          |         |         |
| 2001   |               |         |         |                         |         |         |          |         |         |
| December                                     | 34.7          | 31.8    | 66.5    | 8.3                     | 5.7     | 14.0    | 43.0     | 37.5    | 80.5    |
| 2002   |               |         |         |                         |         |         |          |         |         |
| January                                      | 43.6          | 30.2    | 73.8    | 10.0                    | 8.5     | 18.5    | 53.6     | 38.7    | 92.3    |
| February                                     | 35.5          | 31.5    | 67.0    | 12.5                    | 10.2    | 22.7    | 47.9     | 41.8    | 89.7    |
| March  | 25.1          | 30.4    | 55.5    | 10.4                    | 9.0     | 19.4    | 35.5     | 39.4    | 74.9    |
| April  | 26.9          | 20.1    | 47.0    | 9.0                     | 7.0     | 16.0    | 35.9     | 27.1    | 63.1    |
| May  | 25.3          | 18.1    | 43.3    | 9.3                     | 9.2     | 18.5    | 34.6     | 27.2    | 61.8    |
| June   | 23.6          | 23.7    | 47.4    | 9.0                     | 8.3     | 17.3    | 32.7     | 32.0    | 64.7    |
| July   | 22.9          | 18.3    | 41.2    | 8.1                     | 9.3     | 17.5    | 31.0     | 27.6    | 58.7    |
| August                                       | 31.4          | 23.1    | 54.5    | 9.8                     | 9.0     | 18.8    | 41.2     | 32.1    | 73.3    |
| September                                    | 29.5          | 24.8    | 54.3    | 6.4                     | 10.1    | 16.5    | 35.9     | 34.9    | 70.8    |
| October                                      | 29.9          | 24.1    | 53.9    | 5.8                     | 6.7     | 12.5    | 35.6     | 30.8    | 66.4    |
| November                                     | 25.5          | 24.5    | 49.9    | 6.0                     | 6.1     | 12.1    | 31.5     | 30.6    | 62.1    |
| December                                     | 28.4          | 26.0    | 54.4    | 9.7                     | 6.9     | 16.6    | 38.1     | 32.9    | 71.0    |
| 2003   |               |         |         |                         |         |         |          |         |         |
| January                                      | 34.8          | 24.6    | 59.4    | 7.8                     | 9.9     | 17.7    | 42.6     | 34.5    | 77.1    |
| February                                     | 32.7          | 30.5    | 63.2    | 8.6                     | 8.2     | 16.9    | 41.3     | 38.8    | 80.1    |
| PERSONS UNEMPLOYED FOR 13 AND UNDER 52 WEEKS |               |         |         |                         |         |         |          |         |         |
| 2001   |               |         |         |                         |         |         |          |         |         |
| December                                     | 20.3          | 16.3    | 36.7    | 5.6                     | *3.4    | 9.0     | 25.9     | 19.7    | 45.6    |
| 2002   |               |         |         |                         |         |         |          |         |         |
| January                                      | 18.7          | 14.5    | 33.2    | 7.0                     | *4.3    | 11.4    | 25.8     | 18.8    | 44.6    |
| February                                     | 16.4          | 18.3    | 34.7    | 8.1                     | *3.6    | 11.7    | 24.5     | 21.9    | 46.4    |
| March  | 17.3          | 12.4    | 29.8    | 5.6                     | 4.9     | 10.5    | 23.0     | 17.3    | 40.3    |
| April  | 23.0          | 12.7    | 35.7    | 6.2                     | 7.5     | 13.7    | 29.3     | 20.2    | 49.5    |
| May  | 20.4          | 13.4    | 33.8    | 8.9                     | 6.4     | 15.3    | 29.3     | 19.8    | 49.2    |
| June   | 20.4          | 14.2    | 34.6    | 7.9                     | 7.2     | 15.1    | 28.3     | 21.4    | 49.7    |
| July   | 17.2          | 9.5     | 26.7    | 4.8                     | 4.8     | 9.6     | 22.0     | 14.3    | 36.2    |
| August                                       | 15.9          | 12.7    | 28.6    | 8.5                     | 8.6     | 17.1    | 24.4     | 21.3    | 45.7    |
| September                                    | 19.2          | 13.4    | 32.6    | 6.3                     | 8.0     | 14.3    | 25.5     | 21.4    | 46.9    |
| October                                      | 17.2          | 10.5    | 27.7    | 7.6                     | 6.4     | 14.0    | 24.8     | 16.9    | 41.7    |
| November                                     | 16.7          | 10.8    | 27.5    | 8.8                     | 5.1     | 13.9    | 25.5     | 15.9    | 41.4    |
| December                                     | 17.7          | 13.0    | 30.7    | 7.0                     | 5.0     | 12.0    | 24.7     | 18.0    | 42.7    |
| 2003   |               |         |         |                         |         |         |          |         |         |
| January                                      | 17.4          | 12.4    | 29.8    | 7.8                     | *3.2    | 11.0    | 25.2     | 15.6    | 40.9    |
| February                                     | 16.2          | 11.3    | 27.6    | 7.3                     | *3.3    | 10.6    | 23.5     | 14.6    | 38.2    |

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| Month                                    | Melbourne MSR |         |         | Balance of Victoria MSR |         |         | Victoria |         |         |
|--|---------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|
|  | Males         | Females | Persons | Males                   | Females | Persons | Males    | Females | Persons |
|  | '000          | '000    | '000    | '000                    | '000    | '000    | '000     | '000    | '000    |
| PERSONS UNEMPLOYED FOR 52 WEEKS AND OVER |               |         |         |                         |         |         |          |         |         |
| 2001                                     |               |         |         |                         |         |         |          |         |         |
| December                                 | 11.3          | 11.7    | 23.0    | 7.5                     | 4.6     | 12.1    | 18.8     | 16.3    | 35.1    |
| 2002                                     |               |         |         |                         |         |         |          |         |         |
| January                                  | 13.8          | 10.2    | 24.0    | 5.4                     | *3.9    | 9.4     | 19.2     | 14.1    | 33.3    |
| February                                 | 16.4          | 11.0    | 27.4    | 6.2                     | *4.2    | 10.4    | 22.6     | 15.2    | 37.8    |
| March                                    | 18.2          | 9.3     | 27.5    | 9.7                     | *3.9    | 13.6    | 27.9     | 13.2    | 41.0    |
| April                                    | 12.0          | 9.2     | 21.2    | 6.8                     | *3.3    | 10.0    | 18.7     | 12.5    | 31.2    |
| May                                      | 15.4          | 10.4    | 25.9    | *3.6                    | *1.7    | 5.4     | 19.1     | 12.2    | 31.2    |
| June                                     | 15.8          | 10.1    | 25.9    | 7.1                     | *2.7    | 9.8     | 22.9     | 12.8    | 35.7    |
| July                                     | 13.6          | 7.6     | 21.2    | 5.3                     | *2.7    | 8.0     | 18.9     | 10.3    | 29.2    |
| August                                   | 16.8          | 4.8     | 21.6    | 4.4                     | *2.9    | 7.3     | 21.2     | 7.6     | 28.9    |
| September                                | 18.1          | 6.8     | 24.9    | 6.0                     | *3.0    | 8.9     | 24.0     | 9.8     | 33.8    |
| October                                  | 15.5          | 6.0     | 21.5    | 6.5                     | *2.6    | 9.0     | 22.0     | 8.6     | 30.5    |
| November                                 | 13.6          | 6.2     | 19.8    | 5.4                     | 4.7     | 10.1    | 19.1     | 10.9    | 30.0    |
| December                                 | 14.4          | 7.5     | 21.8    | 5.9                     | *4.3    | 10.1    | 20.2     | 11.8    | 32.0    |
| 2003                                     |               |         |         |                         |         |         |          |         |         |
| January                                  | 13.0          | 8.5     | 21.5    | 5.4                     | *1.9    | 7.4     | 18.4     | 10.5    | 28.9    |
| February                                 | 14.1          | 6.6     | 20.7    | 5.6                     | *1.4    | 6.9     | 19.7     | 8.0     | 27.6    |
| TOTAL UNEMPLOYED PERSONS                 |               |         |         |                         |         |         |          |         |         |
| 2001                                     |               |         |         |                         |         |         |          |         |         |
| December                                 | 66.3          | 59.8    | 126.1   | 21.4                    | 13.7    | 35.1    | 87.7     | 73.5    | 161.2   |
| 2002                                     |               |         |         |                         |         |         |          |         |         |
| January                                  | 76.1          | 54.9    | 131.0   | 22.5                    | 16.7    | 39.2    | 98.6     | 71.6    | 170.2   |
| February                                 | 68.3          | 60.8    | 129.1   | 26.8                    | 18.0    | 44.8    | 95.0     | 78.9    | 173.9   |
| March                                    | 60.6          | 52.1    | 112.7   | 25.7                    | 17.7    | 43.5    | 86.3     | 69.9    | 156.2   |
| April                                    | 61.9          | 42.1    | 104.0   | 22.0                    | 17.8    | 39.8    | 83.9     | 59.8    | 143.8   |
| May                                      | 61.1          | 41.9    | 103.0   | 21.9                    | 17.3    | 39.2    | 83.0     | 59.2    | 142.2   |
| June                                     | 59.8          | 48.0    | 107.8   | 24.0                    | 18.2    | 42.3    | 83.9     | 66.2    | 150.1   |
| July                                     | 53.7          | 35.4    | 89.1    | 18.2                    | 16.8    | 35.0    | 71.9     | 52.2    | 124.1   |
| August                                   | 64.1          | 40.6    | 104.7   | 22.8                    | 20.4    | 43.2    | 86.8     | 61.0    | 147.8   |
| September                                | 66.8          | 45.0    | 111.8   | 18.6                    | 21.1    | 39.7    | 85.5     | 66.1    | 151.5   |
| October                                  | 62.5          | 40.6    | 103.1   | 19.9                    | 15.7    | 35.5    | 82.4     | 56.3    | 138.7   |
| November                                 | 55.8          | 41.5    | 97.2    | 20.2                    | 15.9    | 36.2    | 76.0     | 57.4    | 133.4   |
| December                                 | 60.5          | 46.5    | 107.0   | 22.5                    | 16.2    | 38.7    | 83.0     | 62.7    | 145.7   |
| 2003                                     |               |         |         |                         |         |         |          |         |         |
| January                                  | 65.2          | 45.6    | 110.8   | 21.0                    | 15.1    | 36.1    | 86.3     | 60.6    | 146.9   |
| February                                 | 63.0          | 48.5    | 111.5   | 21.5                    | 12.9    | 34.4    | 84.5     | 61.4    | 145.9   |

Source: ABS data available on request, Labour Force.

# 11

## JOB VACANCIES

| Month    | Victoria      |        |         |                  | Australia        |
|----------|---------------|--------|---------|------------------|------------------|
|          | Job vacancies | Sector |         | Job vacancy rate | Job vacancy rate |
|          |               | Public | Private |                  |                  |
|          | '000          | '000   | '000    | %                | %                |
| 2001     |               |        |         |                  |                  |
| May      | 23.3          | 3.2    | 20.0    | 1.09             | 1.12             |
| August   | 28.1          | 3.9    | 24.2    | 1.36             | 1.26             |
| November | 24.7          | 3.1    | 21.6    | 1.21             | 1.14             |
| 2002     |               |        |         |                  |                  |
| February | 28.1          | 4.0    | 24.1    | 1.34             | 1.17             |
| May      | 24.9          | 3.1    | 21.8    | 1.19             | 1.15             |
| August   | 29.8          | 3.3    | 26.5    | 1.45             | 1.39             |
| 2003     |               |        |         |                  |                  |
| February | 27.2          | 3.6    | 23.6    | 1.32             | 1.38             |

Source: Job Vacancies, Australia (cat. no. 6354.0).

# 12

## INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

| Month     | Disputes            |       | Employees involved |       |               |              |                                       | Working days lost |       |  |
|-----------|---------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------|--|
|           | Commenced in period | Total | Newly involved     | Total | Manufacturing | Construction | Education, health, community services | Other industries  | Total | Rate per thousand employees, 12 months ended |
|           |                     |       |                    |       |               |              |                                       |                   |       | no.  |
| 2001      |                     |       |                    |       |               |              |                                       |                   |       |  |
| October   | 21                  | 25    | 11.2               | 11.8  | 8.7           | 12.7         | —                                     | 0.3               | 21.7  | 60   |
| November  | 28                  | 38    | 5.2                | 7.3   | 11.6          | 3.3          | —                                     | 0.6               | 15.4  | 64   |
| December  | 8                   | 17    | 1.9                | 4.2   | 3.0           | 0.9          | —                                     | 1.1               | 5.0   | 65   |
| 2002      |                     |       |                    |       |               |              |                                       |                   |       |  |
| January   | 11                  | 13    | 1.3                | 1.6   | 0.7           | —            | —                                     | 0.5               | 1.3   | 63   |
| February  | 22                  | 30    | 3.6                | 6.6   | 3.6           | 1.9          | 0.1                                   | 1.2               | 7.5   | 62   |
| March     | 28                  | 38    | 11.3               | 12.6  | 6.2           | 7.9          | 1.8                                   | 0.6               | 16.9  | 64   |
| April     | 31                  | 36    | 7.8                | 8.3   | 0.7           | 5.2          | 0.1                                   | 2.2               | 8.2   | 66   |
| May       | 31                  | 38    | 11.0               | 12.7  | 5.7           | 8.3          | —                                     | 0.4               | 14.4  | 66   |
| June      | 22                  | 30    | 2.2                | 2.7   | 3.1           | 1.2          | 0.1                                   | 0.3               | 4.8   | 63   |
| July      | 30                  | 37    | 4.1                | 5.3   | 2.8           | 4.4          | —                                     | 0.7               | 7.9   | 59   |
| August    | 17                  | 25    | 4.1                | 7.7   | 1.0           | 2.9          | —                                     | 0.8               | 5.2   | 55   |
| September | 33                  | 36    | 3.5                | 4.3   | 4.0           | 1.2          | 0.1                                   | 0.5               | 5.8   | 56   |
| October   | 20                  | 25    | 4.4                | 6.6   | 5.3           | 5.6          | —                                     | 0.5               | 11.4  | 50   |
| November  | 25                  | 31    | 3.4                | 4.1   | 3.5           | 3.1          | 0.2                                   | 0.1               | 6.9   | 46   |
| December  | 12                  | 17    | 2.8                | 4.0   | 0.5           | 1.5          | —                                     | 2.1               | 4.2   | 46   |

Source: Industrial Disputes, Australia (cat. no. 6321.0); ABS data available on request, Industrial Disputes.

## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES(a), BY SEX: ALL SERIES

|   | Males  |   |                                | Females  |   |                                  | Persons  |   |                                       |
|---|--|---|--------------------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|
|   | Full-time<br>adult<br>ordinary<br>time<br>earnings | Full-time<br>adult<br>total<br>earnings | All males<br>total<br>earnings | Full-time<br>adult<br>ordinary<br>time<br>earnings | Full-time<br>adult<br>total<br>earnings | All females<br>total<br>earnings | Full-time<br>adult<br>ordinary<br>time<br>earnings | Full-time<br>adult<br>total<br>earnings | All<br>employees<br>total<br>earnings |
| ORIGINAL (\$)   |  |   |                                |  |   |                                  |  |   |                                       |
| 2001  |  |   |                                |  |   |                                  |  |   |                                       |
| August  | 853.80   | 899.10                                  | 770.50                         | 749.10   | 763.60                                  | 527.40                           | 816.80   | 851.30                                  | 653.60                                |
| November  | 864.00   | 912.90                                  | 786.40                         | 762.00   | 777.20                                  | 526.40                           | 829.30   | 866.80                                  | 663.20                                |
| 2002  |  |   |                                |  |   |                                  |  |   |                                       |
| February  | 903.00   | 956.20                                  | 823.50                         | 777.90   | 790.30                                  | 532.20                           | 860.00   | 899.20                                  | 682.50                                |
| May   | 915.40   | 969.10                                  | 836.10                         | 794.60   | 806.30                                  | 541.00                           | 874.40   | 913.80                                  | 694.10                                |
| August  | 938.20   | 985.70                                  | 851.90                         | 799.00   | 811.10                                  | 561.50                           | 889.60   | 924.80                                  | 713.10                                |
| November  | 942.70   | 1 000.20                                | 859.00                         | 796.60   | 810.80                                  | 554.60                           | 890.70   | 932.80                                  | 710.90                                |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$)                                |  |   |                                |  |   |                                  |  |   |                                       |
| 2001  |  |   |                                |  |   |                                  |  |   |                                       |
| August  | 855.00   | 901.10                                  | 775.70                         | 749.10   | 763.70                                  | 526.10                           | 816.50   | 851.90                                  | 655.70                                |
| November  | 865.50   | 909.50                                  | 782.40                         | 758.60   | 771.90                                  | 529.80                           | 829.10   | 862.60                                  | 663.70                                |
| 2002  |  |   |                                |  |   |                                  |  |   |                                       |
| February  | 898.60   | 959.10                                  | 821.30                         | 779.70   | 793.40                                  | 530.30                           | 860.10   | 902.30                                  | 679.80                                |
| May   | 917.10   | 967.60                                  | 837.10                         | 796.50   | 808.80                                  | 540.80                           | 875.00   | 914.40                                  | 694.30                                |
| August  | 939.30   | 988.00                                  | 857.70                         | 798.80   | 811.00                                  | 560.20                           | 889.20   | 925.50                                  | 715.40                                |
| November  | 944.50   | 996.30                                  | 854.80                         | 793.00   | 805.10                                  | 558.20                           | 890.50   | 928.20                                  | 711.60                                |
| TREND ESTIMATES (\$)                                    |  |   |                                |  |   |                                  |  |   |                                       |
| 2001  |  |   |                                |  |   |                                  |  |   |                                       |
| August  | 852.70   | 898.40                                  | 773.50                         | 748.20   | 762.50                                  | 525.70                           | 815.60   | 850.50                                  | 654.80                                |
| November  | 871.80   | 921.20                                  | 791.60                         | 761.70   | 775.50                                  | 527.10                           | 834.00   | 871.00                                  | 665.00                                |
| 2002  |  |   |                                |  |   |                                  |  |   |                                       |
| February  | 895.00   | 947.60                                  | 815.40                         | 779.60   | 792.80                                  | 533.70                           | 856.30   | 895.00                                  | 680.20                                |
| May   | 917.20   | 969.90                                  | 837.10                         | 791.50   | 804.20                                  | 543.20                           | 874.00   | 913.20                                  | 695.60                                |
| August  | 935.10   | 986.20                                  | 852.00                         | 797.10   | 809.40                                  | 553.50                           | 886.40   | 924.50                                  | 708.30                                |
| November  | 948.90   | 997.60                                  | 861.00                         | 798.10   | 810.00                                  | 562.60                           | 894.50   | 930.90                                  | 717.40                                |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (From August 2002 to November 2002)   |  |   |                                |  |   |                                  |  |   |                                       |
| Original  | 0.5  | 1.5                                     | 0.8                            | -0.3   | —                                       | -1.2                             | 0.1  | 0.9                                     | -0.3                                  |
| Seasonally Adjusted                                     | 0.6  | 0.8                                     | -0.3                           | -0.7   | -0.7                                    | -0.4                             | 0.2  | 0.3                                     | -0.5                                  |
| Trend   | 1.5  | 1.2                                     | 1.1                            | 0.1  | 0.1                                     | 1.6                              | 0.9  | 0.7                                     | 1.3                                   |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (From November 2001 to November 2002) |  |   |                                |  |   |                                  |  |   |                                       |
| Original  | 9.1  | 9.6                                     | 9.2                            | 4.5  | 4.3                                     | 5.4                              | 7.4  | 7.6                                     | 7.2                                   |
| Seasonally Adjusted                                     | 9.1  | 9.5                                     | 9.3                            | 4.5  | 4.3                                     | 5.4                              | 7.4  | 7.6                                     | 7.2                                   |
| Trend   | 8.8  | 8.3                                     | 8.8                            | 4.8  | 4.5                                     | 6.7                              | 7.2  | 6.9                                     | 7.9                                   |

(a) Movements in average weekly earnings can be affected by both changes in the level of earnings per employee and changes in the composition of the labour force. For example, changes in the proportions of full-time, part-time, casual and junior employees and variations in the distribution of occupations can affect movements in earnings series. For more information, see paragraphs 17 and 18 of the Explanatory Notes in the source publication.

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, Australia (cat. no. 6302.0).

# 14

## WAGE COST INDEXES(a)

| Quarter ended | Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses |                               | Ordinary time hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses |                               |
|---------------|---|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
|               | Index number                                | % change from previous period | Index number  | % change from previous period |
| 1998-99       | 104.2                                       | 3.1                           | 104.1   | 3.0                           |
| 1999-2000     | 107.2                                       | 2.9                           | 107.1   | 2.9                           |
| 2000-01       | 110.8                                       | 3.4                           | 110.8   | 3.5                           |
| 2001-02       | 114.7                                       | 3.5                           | 114.6   | 3.4                           |
| 1999          |   |                               |   |                               |
| December      | 106.8                                       | 0.7                           | 106.7   | 0.6                           |
| 2000          |   |                               |   |                               |
| March         | 107.6                                       | 0.7                           | 107.5   | 0.7                           |
| June          | 108.3                                       | 0.7                           | 108.2   | 0.7                           |
| September     | 109.4                                       | 1.0                           | 109.4   | 1.1                           |
| December      | 110.4                                       | 0.9                           | 110.3   | 0.8                           |
| 2001          |   |                               |   |                               |
| March         | 111.2                                       | 0.7                           | 111.2   | 0.8                           |
| June          | 112.2                                       | 0.9                           | 112.1   | 0.8                           |
| September     | 113.6                                       | 1.2                           | 113.5   | 1.2                           |
| December      | 114.2                                       | 0.5                           | 114.2   | 0.6                           |
| 2002          |   |                               |   |                               |
| March         | 115.0                                       | 0.7                           | 114.9   | 0.6                           |
| June          | 116.0                                       | 0.9                           | 115.9   | 0.9                           |
| September     | 117.6                                       | 1.4                           | 117.5   | 1.4                           |
| December      | 118.5                                       | 0.8                           | 118.4   | 0.8                           |

(a) Base of each index: September quarter 1997 = 100.0. December quarter 2002 index numbers and associated percentage changes have been calculated using updated expenditure weights. For further information, refer to the source publication: paragraphs 18 and 19 of the Explanatory Notes and Appendix 1.

Source: Wage Cost Index, Australia (cat. no. 6345.0).

# 15

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(a), BY GROUP — MELBOURNE

| Group  | Dec qtr 2001 | Mar qtr 2002 | June qtr 2002 | Sep qtr 2002 | Dec qtr 2002 | % change from Sept qtr 2002 to Dec qtr 2002 |  | % change from Dec qtr 2001 to Dec qtr 2002 |  |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---|--|--|--|
|  |              |              |               |              |              | Melbourne                                   | Weighted average of eight capital cities | Melbourne                                  | Weighted average of eight capital cities |
| Food   | 143.1        | 143.2        | 142.6         | 145.1        | 146.7        | 1.1   | 1.4                                      | 2.5  | 2.5                                      |
| Alcohol and tobacco                          | 201.2        | 203.5        | 204.1         | 207.4        | 208.7        | 0.6   | —  | 3.7  | 2.7                                      |
| Clothing and footwear                        | 112.9        | 113.4        | 114.2         | 113.7        | 114.9        | 1.1   | 0.9                                      | 1.8  | 1.2                                      |
| Housing                                      | 102.1        | 103.2        | 103.5         | 104.8        | 105.0        | 0.2   | 0.4                                      | 2.8  | 3.2                                      |
| Household furnishings, supplies and services | 121.0        | 120.3        | 121.0         | 120.6        | 122.4        | 1.5   | 0.9                                      | 1.2  | 1.1                                      |
| Health                                       | 177.7        | 183.2        | 186.5         | 187.0        | 189.4        | 1.3   | 0.4                                      | 6.6  | 6.6                                      |
| Transportation                               | 135.8        | 136.4        | 139.2         | 138.0        | 139.9        | 1.4   | 1.1                                      | 3.0  | 3.1                                      |
| Communication                                | 105.3        | 105.4        | 106.2         | 107.8        | 108.3        | 0.5   | 0.5                                      | 2.8  | 2.8                                      |
| Recreation                                   | 127.1        | 129.9        | 130.7         | 131.2        | 131.7        | 0.4   | 0.1                                      | 3.6  | 3.5                                      |
| Education                                    | 187.8        | 197.1        | 197.1         | 197.6        | 198.3        | 0.4   | 0.1                                      | 5.6  | 5.0                                      |
| Miscellaneous                                | 160.9        | 162.6        | 163.1         | 167.7        | 168.5        | 0.5   | 0.3                                      | 4.7  | 4.3                                      |
| <b>All groups</b>                            | <b>134.8</b> | <b>136.0</b> | <b>136.9</b>  | <b>137.8</b> | <b>139.0</b> | <b>0.9</b>                                  | <b>0.7</b>                               | <b>3.1</b>                                 | <b>3.0</b>                               |

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6401.0).

## 16

## HOUSE PRICE INDEXES(a) — MELBOURNE AND WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES

| Period    | Melbourne         |                               |               |                               | Weighted average of eight capital cities |                               |               |                               |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
|           | Established homes |                               | Project homes |                               | Established homes                        |                               | Project homes |                               |
|           | Index number      | % change from previous period | Index number  | % change from previous period | Index number                             | % change from previous period | Index number  | % change from previous period |
| 1999–2000 | 144.6             | 14.0                          | 122.0         | 8.4                           | 142.3                                    | 9.1                           | 120.7         | 6.7                           |
| 2000–01   | 159.1             | 10.0                          | 136.9         | 12.2                          | 152.8                                    | 7.4                           | 134.9         | 11.8                          |
| 2001–02   | 193.7             | 21.7                          | 142.1         | 3.8                           | 178.0                                    | 16.5                          | 138.1         | 2.4                           |
| 2001      |                   |                               |               |                               |  |                               |               |                               |
| September | 187.2             | 8.0                           | 140.0         | 1.7                           | 167.7                                    | 5.2                           | 136.4         | 0.7                           |
| December  | 189.9             | 1.4                           | 142.6         | 1.9                           | 174.0                                    | 3.8                           | 137.6         | 0.9                           |
| 2002      |                   |                               |               |                               |  |                               |               |                               |
| March     | 191.4             | 0.8                           | 142.4         | -0.1                          | 180.6                                    | 3.8                           | 138.5         | 0.7                           |
| June      | 206.2             | 7.7                           | 143.4         | 0.7                           | 189.5                                    | 4.9                           | 139.9         | 1.0                           |
| September | 207.3             | 0.5                           | 143.9         | 0.3                           | 196.7                                    | 3.8                           | 141.3         | 1.0                           |
| December  | 213.6             | 3.0                           | 144.9         | 0.7                           | 206.1                                    | 4.8                           | 142.5         | 0.8                           |

(a) Base of each index: 1988–89 = 100.0.

Source: House Price Indexes (cat. no. 6416.0).

## 17

## PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING(a) — MELBOURNE

| Group   |              |               |              |              | % change from Sept qtr 2002 to Dec qtr 2002 |  | % change from Dec qtr 2001 to Dec qtr 2002 |  |
|---|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---|--|--|--|
|   | Mar qtr 2002 | June qtr 2002 | Sep qtr 2002 | Dec qtr 2002 | Melbourne                                   | Weighted average of six state capital cities | Melbourne                                  | Weighted average of six state capital cities |
|   |              |               |              |              |   |  |  |  |
| <b>House building (all groups)</b>                                | <b>124.7</b> | <b>126.4</b>  | <b>127.0</b> | <b>128.1</b> | <b>0.9</b>                                  | <b>1.0</b>                                   | <b>3.0</b>                                 | <b>3.9</b>                                   |
| Other than house building   |              |               |              |              |   |  |  |  |
| Structural timber   | 123.6        | 124.7         | 124.7        | 124.1        | -0.5  | 0.9  | 0.6  | 3.6  |
| Clay bricks   | 131.2        | 131.2         | 131.2        | 134.8        | 2.7   | 3.7  | 2.8  | 6.0  |
| Ready mixed concrete  | 105.8        | 114.6         | 119.5        | 126.0        | 5.4   | 4.9  | 19.3                                       | 19.0   |
| Precast concrete products   | 155.3        | 159.7         | 164.6        | 164.9        | 0.2   | 0.4  | 8.6  | 3.9  |
| Steel decking and cladding  | 107.4        | 104.2         | 107.1        | 107.1        | —   | -0.1   | -3.6                                       | 0.6  |
| Structural steel  | 101.1        | 104.8         | 106.1        | 107.1        | 0.9   | 2.1  | 5.5  | 7.9  |
| Reinforcing steel bar, mesh, etc.                                 | 89.7         | 89.8          | 90.5         | 91.9         | 1.5   | 1.4  | 3.8  | 1.7  |
| Aluminium windows   | 117.1        | 117.0         | 117.9        | 117.9        | —   | —  | 0.8  | 1.2  |
| Fabricated steel products   | 130.8        | 128.7         | 129.2        | 131.4        | 1.7   | 1.3  | 2.0  | 3.3  |
| Builders' hardware  | 136.2        | 136.2         | 138.0        | 138.0        | —   | 1.0  | 1.3  | 2.3  |
| Sand and aggregate  | 128.0        | 128.7         | 128.7        | 141.7        | 10.1  | 5.8  | 12.3                                       | 12.3   |
| Carpet  | 95.2         | 99.0          | 106.7        | 109.6        | 2.7   | 1.0  | 17.2                                       | 8.5  |
| Paint and other coatings  | 177.3        | 179.6         | 193.1        | 193.1        | —   | -0.1   | 8.9  | 6.9  |
| Non-ferrous pipes and fittings                                    | 132.3        | 135.5         | 135.5        | 135.5        | —   | 0.2  | 1.3  | 3.6  |
| All plumbing materials  | 134.2        | 136.0         | 135.3        | 135.9        | 0.4   | 0.5  | 1.6  | 4.2  |
| All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services | 117.2        | 119.1         | 120.8        | 122.3        | 1.2   | 1.3  | 4.5  | 4.7  |
| All electrical materials  | 117.9        | 117.8         | 117.8        | 116.5        | -1.1  | -0.5   | -1.0                                       | 0.3  |
| All mechanical services   | 121.5        | 123.6         | 124.2        | 124.6        | 0.3   | 0.3  | 3.7  | 2.9  |
| <b>All groups</b>   | <b>117.6</b> | <b>119.3</b>  | <b>120.8</b> | <b>121.8</b> | <b>0.8</b>                                  | <b>1.0</b>                                   | <b>3.8</b>                                 | <b>4.0</b>                                   |

(a) Base of each index: 1989–90 = 100.0.

Source: Producer Price Indexes, Australia (cat. no. 6427.0); ABS data available on request, Producer Price Indexes.

| <i>Manufacturing subdivision or group</i>         | <i>Sep qtr<br/>2001</i> | <i>Dec qtr<br/>2001</i> | <i>Mar qtr<br/>2001</i> | <i>Jun qtr<br/>2002</i> | <i>Sep qtr<br/>2002</i> | <i>Dec qtr<br/>2002</i> | <i>% change<br/>from Sep<br/>qtr 2002<br/>to Dec qtr<br/>2002</i> | <i>% change<br/>from Dec<br/>qtr 2001<br/>to Dec qtr<br/>2002</i> |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|
| Food, beverages and tobacco                       | 135.7                   | 138.8                   | 139.9                   | 136.7                   | 128.6                   | 135.8                   | 5.6   | -2.2  |
| Textiles, clothing, footwear and leather          |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |   |   |
| Textiles and textile products                     | 105.2                   | 104.2                   | 108.8                   | 109.3                   | 109.1                   | 112.1                   | 2.7   | 7.6   |
| Knitting mills and clothing                       | 109.5                   | 110.5                   | 109.1                   | 107.6                   | 108.2                   | 108.3                   | 0.1   | -2.0  |
| Footwear  | 127.8                   | 132.0                   | 129.3                   | 131.9                   | 130.3                   | 130.1                   | -0.2  | -1.4  |
| Leather and leather products                      | 102.1                   | 107.1                   | 98.7                    | 103.0                   | 99.7                    | 103.9                   | 4.2   | -3.0  |
| Wood and paper products                           |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |   |   |
| Sawmilling and timber products                    | 136.5                   | 137.1                   | 135.7                   | 135.2                   | 131.5                   | 130.1                   | -1.1  | -5.1  |
| Paper and paper products                          | 110.1                   | 111.5                   | 109.4                   | 107.8                   | 106.4                   | 104.5                   | -1.8  | -6.3  |
| Printing and publishing                           | 118.6                   | 118.8                   | 120.1                   | 119.8                   | 118.8                   | 116.9                   | -1.6  | -1.6  |
| Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated products |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |   |   |
| Petroleum and coal products                       | 197.7                   | 168.8                   | 156.8                   | 180.4                   | 189.0                   | 184.5                   | -2.4  | 9.3   |
| Chemicals   | 122.3                   | 123.4                   | 120.0                   | 118.4                   | 119.3                   | 118.6                   | -0.6  | -3.9  |
| Rubber and plastics                               | 124.8                   | 122.9                   | 120.5                   | 118.3                   | 122.3                   | 123.4                   | 0.9   | 0.4   |
| Non-metallic mineral products                     | 112.1                   | 112.7                   | 117.5                   | 119.4                   | 119.8                   | 122.7                   | 2.4   | 8.9   |
| Metal products                                    |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |   |   |
| Basic metal products                              | 106.0                   | 105.3                   | 106.4                   | 106.4                   | 105.8                   | 104.8                   | -0.9  | -0.5  |
| Fabricated metal products                         | 111.3                   | 110.3                   | 110.7                   | 109.9                   | 110.4                   | 110.5                   | 0.1   | 0.2   |
| Machinery and equipment                           |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |   |   |
| Transport equipment and parts                     | 124.6                   | 125.0                   | 124.5                   | 124.2                   | 124.9                   | 125.4                   | 0.4   | 0.3   |
| Electronic equipment and other machinery          | 107.3                   | 107.3                   | 107.1                   | 106.9                   | 107.5                   | 107.4                   | -0.1  | 0.1   |
| Other manufacturing                               | 125.2                   | 125.5                   | 123.5                   | 123.3                   | 124.3                   | 124.2                   | -0.1  | -1.0  |
| <b>All manufacturing</b>                          | <b>134.5</b>            | <b>132.0</b>            | <b>130.6</b>            | <b>132.6</b>            | <b>130.6</b>            | <b>131.3</b>            | <b>0.5</b>  | <b>-0.5</b>   |

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

Source: *Producer Price Indexes, Australia* (cat. no. 6427.0).

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## PRICE INDEXES OF ARTICLES PRODUCED BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY(a) — AUSTRALIA

| <i>Manufacturing subdivision or group</i>         | <i>Sep qtr<br/>2001</i> | <i>Dec qtr<br/>2001</i> | <i>Mar qtr<br/>2001</i> | <i>Jun qtr<br/>2002</i> | <i>Sep qtr<br/>2002</i> | <i>Dec qtr<br/>2002</i> | <i>% change<br/>from Sep<br/>qtr 2002<br/>to Dec qtr<br/>2002</i> | <i>% change<br/>from Dec<br/>qtr 2001<br/>to Dec qtr<br/>2002</i> |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|
| Food, beverages and tobacco                       | 137.6                   | 140.6                   | 141.8                   | 139.4                   | 138.2                   | 139.5                   | 0.9   | -0.8  |
| Textiles, clothing, footwear and leather          |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |   |   |
| Textiles and textile products                     | 110.3                   | 109.3                   | 112.8                   | 114.9                   | 115.0                   | 123.4                   | 7.3   | 12.9  |
| Knitting mills, clothing, footwear and leather    | 121.7                   | 122.0                   | 122.6                   | 122.8                   | 124.2                   | 124.8                   | 0.5   | 2.3   |
| Wood and paper products                           |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |   |   |
| Log sawmilling and other wood products            | 130.5                   | 132.0                   | 133.7                   | 133.4                   | 133.9                   | 134.0                   | 0.1   | 1.5   |
| Paper and paper products                          | 115.9                   | 115.2                   | 115.3                   | 117.0                   | 117.6                   | 119.5                   | 1.6   | 3.7   |
| Printing, publishing and recorded media           | 155.7                   | 155.1                   | 155.3                   | 155.7                   | 156.1                   | 154.6                   | -1.0  | -0.3  |
| Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated products |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |   |   |
| Petroleum and coal products                       | 170.4                   | 155.4                   | 144.8                   | 163.5                   | 161.9                   | 173.2                   | 7.0   | 11.5  |
| Chemicals   | 115.4                   | 113.7                   | 113.2                   | 113.3                   | 114.7                   | 115.1                   | 0.3   | 1.2   |
| Rubber and plastics                               | 122.9                   | 123.9                   | 124.5                   | 124.3                   | 125.3                   | 125.4                   | 0.1   | 1.2   |
| Non-metallic mineral products                     | 117.6                   | 117.8                   | 117.9                   | 121.6                   | 123.1                   | 125.6                   | 2.0   | 6.6   |
| Metal products                                    |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |   |   |
| Basic metal products                              | 110.9                   | 107.4                   | 107.4                   | 105.7                   | 106.3                   | 106.1                   | -0.2  | -1.2  |
| Fabricated metal products                         | 118.0                   | 118.3                   | 118.4                   | 119.7                   | 120.5                   | 121.8                   | 1.1   | 3.0   |
| Machinery and equipment                           |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |   |   |
| Transport equipment and parts                     | 127.5                   | 128.2                   | 129.4                   | 128.9                   | 129.0                   | 130.0                   | 0.8   | 1.4   |
| Electronic equipment and other machinery          | 114.2                   | 114.5                   | 114.2                   | 113.9                   | 114.0                   | 114.0                   | —   | -0.4  |
| Other manufacturing                               | 131.0                   | 130.6                   | 130.1                   | 132.3                   | 128.6                   | 127.9                   | -0.5  | -2.1  |
| <b>All manufacturing</b>                          | <b>129.2</b>            | <b>128.4</b>            | <b>128.3</b>            | <b>129.3</b>            | <b>129.0</b>            | <b>130.5</b>            | <b>1.2</b>  | <b>1.6</b>  |

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

Source: *Producer Price Indexes, Australia (cat. no. 6427.0)*.

## 20

## EXPORT PRICE INDEXES(a), BY SELECTED COMMODITIES(b) — AUSTRALIA

| <i>Period</i> | <i>Live animals,<br/>animal<br/>products</i> | <i>Vegetable<br/>products</i> | <i>Products of<br/>chemical or<br/>allied industries</i> | <i>Wool and<br/>cotton fibres</i> | <i>Gold,<br/>diamonds and<br/>coin</i> | <i>Motor vehicles,<br/>aircraft and<br/>vessels</i> | <i>All groups</i> |
|---------------|--|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|---|-------------------|
| 1999-2000     | 107.8  | 83.9                          | 101.5  | 62.5                              | 93.5                                   | 113.2   | 98.0              |
| 2000-01       | 126.4  | 99.8                          | 120.1  | 74.3                              | 106.0                                  | 127.0   | 114.8             |
| 2001-02       | 142.0  | 107.6                         | 113.0  | 80.0                              | 114.4                                  | 131.8   | 116.7             |
| 2000          |  |                               |  |                                   |  |   |                   |
| March         | 107.8  | 83.1                          | 104.2  | 60.2                              | 96.0                                   | 112.4   | 99.5              |
| June          | 115.6  | 88.1                          | 112.4  | 67.3                              | 100.5                                  | 118.4   | 105.7             |
| September     | 116.6  | 90.9                          | 114.9  | 69.6                              | 102.1                                  | 121.0   | 107.9             |
| December      | 124.1  | 98.4                          | 122.5  | 71.9                              | 107.9                                  | 128.0   | 115.8             |
| 2001          |  |                               |  |                                   |  |   |                   |
| March         | 127.5  | 102.9                         | 121.0  | 74.8                              | 105.9                                  | 127.8   | 115.3             |
| June          | 137.2  | 107.1                         | 121.9  | 80.8                              | 108.1                                  | 131.3   | 120.3             |
| September     | 140.1  | 107.2                         | 118.6  | 79.4                              | 112.6                                  | 132.6   | 119.2             |
| December      | 146.8  | 109.5                         | 115.3  | 75.7                              | 113.1                                  | 133.2   | 117.2             |
| 2002          |  |                               |  |                                   |  |   |                   |
| March         | 142.8  | 110.5                         | 111.3  | 83.0                              | 115.0                                  | 131.9   | 116.4             |
| June          | 138.2  | 103.1                         | 106.8  | 81.9                              | 116.9                                  | 129.4   | 113.8             |
| September     | 131.3  | 102.9                         | 105.7  | 79.8                              | 117.7                                  | 129.6   | 113.6             |
| December      | 128.3  | 106.7                         | 100.1  | 89.5                              | 118.6                                  | 129.8   | 114.0             |

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

(b) AHECC Sections are 01, 02, 06, 11, 14 and 17.

Source: *International Trade Price Indexes, Australia (cat. no. 6457.0)*.



# 21

## BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS, SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK(a)(b)

| Business performance indicators | Expected aggregate change over the previous quarter |              |              |              |              |              |              |              | Mar qtr 2003 |           |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
|                                 | Mar qtr 2001  | Jun qtr 2001 | Sep qtr 2001 | Dec qtr 2001 | Mar qtr 2002 | Jun qtr 2002 | Sep qtr 2002 | Dec qtr 2002 | Victoria     | Australia |
|                                 | %   | %            | %            | %            | %            | %            | %            | %            | %            | %         |
| <b>Trading performance</b>      |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |           |
| Operating income                | -2.6  | -0.4         | -0.3         | 1.8          | -3.5         | 0.9          | 0.3          | 2.0          | -2.5         | -2.4      |
| Selling prices                  | —   | -0.4         | -0.4         | -0.3         | 0.5          | 0.8          | -0.5         | —            | -0.6         | -0.5      |
| Profit                          | -30.5   | -6.6         | -5.1         | 10.4         | -31.9        | 6.2          | 8.5          | 15.0         | -17.0        | -15.8     |
| <b>Investment</b>               |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |           |
| Capital expenditure             | 1.6   | 4.8          | 3.2          | -2.0         | 1.6          | 5.3          | 1.5          | 4.8          | 2.3          | 1.1       |
| Inventories                     | -1.6  | -0.7         | -1.9         | -1.1         | -0.9         | -0.7         | -1.6         | -1.1         | -2.6         | -1.5      |
| <b>Employment</b>               |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |           |
| Full-time equivalent            | -1.5  | -0.5         | -0.3         | -1.4         | -1.0         | -0.6         | -0.4         | -0.3         | -1.1         | -1.1      |

(a) Short-term outlook refers to the expected change between the calendar quarter in which the data are reported and the following calendar quarter. For example, the estimates for March quarter 2003 reflect the expectations of businesses during December quarter 2002 for future performance over the following calendar quarter.

(b) The ABS has ceased the compilation and publication of statistics on Australian business expectations following the release of March quarter 2003.

Source: Australian Business Expectations (cat. no. 5250.0).

# 22

## BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS, MEDIUM-TERM OUTLOOK(a)(b)

| Business performance indicators | Expected aggregate change over the same quarter of the previous year |              |              |              |              |              |              |              | Dec qtr 2003 |           |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
|                                 | Dec qtr 2001   | Mar qtr 2002 | Jun qtr 2002 | Sep qtr 2002 | Dec qtr 2002 | Mar qtr 2003 | Jun qtr 2003 | Sep qtr 2003 | Victoria     | Australia |
|                                 | %  | %            | %            | %            | %            | %            | %            | %            | %            | %         |
| <b>Trading performance</b>      |  |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |           |
| Operating income                | 1.4  | 1.9          | 0.7          | 0.7          | 1.3          | 2.3          | 1.3          | 2.0          | 2.3          | 2.1       |
| Selling prices                  | 0.7  | 0.2          | 0.3          | -0.2         | 1.8          | 1.8          | -0.6         | 0.2          | —            | 0.2       |
| Profit                          | -5.4   | 5.7          | 4.8          | 9.1          | 6.8          | 14.0         | 17.7         | 19.2         | 11.5         | 11.9      |
| <b>Investment</b>               |  |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |           |
| Capital expenditure             | 2.3  | 5.5          | 3.5          | -2.0         | 3.1          | 3.1          | 2.8          | 3.4          | 2.5          | 1.8       |
| Inventories                     | -1.3   | -0.1         | -1.8         | -2.2         | -1.4         | -0.5         | -0.2         | -1.9         | -1.7         | -1.0      |
| <b>Employment</b>               |  |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |           |
| Full-time equivalent            | 0.1  | 0.6          | -0.9         | -0.9         | -1.0         | 0.2          | —            | -0.9         | 0.1          | -0.1      |

(a) Medium-term outlook refers to the expected change between the calendar quarter in which the data are reported and the same calendar quarter in the following year. For example, the estimates for December quarter 2003 reflect the expectations of businesses during December quarter 2002 for future performance over the following four calendar quarters.

(b) The ABS has ceased the compilation and publication of statistics on Australian business expectations following the release of March quarter 2003.

Source: Australian Business Expectations (cat. no. 5250.0).

## 23

## PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY TYPE OF ASSET AND INDUSTRY: ORIGINAL

| Period    | Selected industries |               |                           |          | Type of asset            |                                |            |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
|           | Mining              | Manufacturing | Other selected industries | Total    | Buildings and structures | Equipment, plant and machinery | All assets |
|           | \$m                 | \$m           | \$m                       | \$m      | \$m                      | \$m                            | \$m        |
| 1999-2000 | 631                 | r 3 534       | 7335                      | 11 501   | 2 857                    | r 8 645                        | 11 501     |
| 2000-01   | 389                 | r 3 400       | 7209                      | r 10 997 | r 2 385                  | r 8 613                        | r 10 997   |
| 2001-02   | 697                 | r 3 280       | 7 378                     | r 11 356 | r 1 847                  | r 9 508                        | r 11 356   |
| 2001      |                     |               |                           |          |                          |                                |            |
| June      | 105                 | 891           | 1 887                     | 2 883    | 673                      | 2 210                          | 2 883      |
| September | 155                 | r 663         | r 1 807                   | r 2 625  | 417                      | r 2 208                        | r 2 625    |
| December  | 188                 | 887           | r 2 000                   | 3 076    | 537                      | 2 539                          | 3 076      |
| 2002      |                     |               |                           |          |                          |                                |            |
| March     | 147                 | 777           | r 1 631                   | 2 555    | r 392                    | 2 163                          | 2 555      |
| June      | 207                 | 953           | 1 940                     | r 3 100  | 501                      | 2 598                          | r 3 100    |
| September | 208                 | r 857         | r 2 079                   | r 3 144  | r 592                    | r 2 552                        | r 3 144    |
| December  | 200                 | 927           | 2 460                     | 3 587    | 602                      | 2 985                          | 3 587      |

Source: Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia (cat. no. 5625.0); ABS data available on request, Survey of New Capital Expenditure.

## 24

## PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY TYPE OF ASSET: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND

| Period    | Seasonally adjusted      |         |                                |                             | Trend                    |         |                                |                             |
|-----------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|           | Buildings and structures |         | Equipment, plant and machinery |                             | Buildings and structures |         | Equipment, plant and machinery |                             |
|           | \$m                      | \$m     | Value                          | Change from previous period | \$m                      | \$m     | Value                          | Change from previous period |
| 1999-2000 | r 2 856                  | 8 641   | r 11 497                       | -0.7                        | r 2 797                  | r 8 712 | r 11 509                       | 0.4                         |
| 2000-01   | r 2 378                  | r 8 633 | r 11 011                       | -4.2                        | r 2 332                  | r 8 588 | r 10 920                       | -5.1                        |
| 2001-02   | r 1 845                  | r 9 513 | 11 358                         | 3.2                         | r 1 932                  | r 9 511 | r 11 443                       | 4.8                         |
| 2001      |                          |         |                                |                             |                          |         |                                |                             |
| June      | r 668                    | r 2 113 | r 2 781                        | 2.3                         | r 557                    | r 2 144 | r 2 701                        | 0.2                         |
| September | r 398                    | r 2 240 | r 2 638                        | -5.1                        | r 503                    | r 2 241 | r 2 744                        | 1.6                         |
| December  | r 501                    | r 2 349 | r 2 850                        | 8.0                         | r 459                    | r 2 333 | r 2 792                        | 1.7                         |
| 2002      |                          |         |                                |                             |                          |         |                                |                             |
| March     | r 450                    | r 2 434 | 2 884                          | 1.2                         | r 463                    | r 2 433 | r 2 896                        | 3.7                         |
| June      | r 496                    | r 2 490 | r 2 986                        | 3.5                         | r 507                    | r 2 504 | r 3 011                        | 4.0                         |
| September | r 568                    | r 2 584 | r 3 152                        | 5.6                         | r 539                    | r 2 557 | r 3 096                        | 2.8                         |
| December  | 558                      | 2 764   | 3 322                          | 5.4                         | 576                      | 2 586   | 3 162                          | 2.1                         |

Source: Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia (cat. no. 5625.0).

## 25

## COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS(a)

| Period    | Fixed loan facilities |                           |                            |                                     |          |          | Revolving credit facilities | Total commercial finance |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
|           | Construction          | Purchase of real property | Purchase of motor vehicles | Purchase of other plant & equipment | Other    | Total    |                             |                          |
|           | \$m                   | \$m                       | \$m                        | \$m                                 | \$m      | \$m      |                             |                          |
| 1999–2000 | 2 086.6               | 7 432.2                   | 1 416.8                    | 1 103.2                             | 9 681.8  | 21 720.7 | 19 560.3                    | 41 281.0                 |
| 2000–01   | 1 846.5               | 7 529.9                   | 1 647.5                    | 1 032.9                             | 12 558.6 | 24 615.4 | 19 569.6                    | 44 185.0                 |
| 2001–02   | 2 521.0               | 11 781.5                  | 2 279.4                    | 1 210.7                             | 11 746.2 | 29 538.9 | 17 088.8                    | 46 627.7                 |
| 2001      |                       |                           |                            |                                     |          |          |                             |                          |
| November  | 155.3                 | 924.1                     | 206.8                      | 98.3                                | 945.4    | 2 329.9  | 1 175.1                     | 3 505.1                  |
| December  | 171.5                 | 855.3                     | 210.6                      | 103.7                               | 1 115.4  | 2 456.6  | 1 345.9                     | 3 802.5                  |
| 2002      |                       |                           |                            |                                     |          |          |                             |                          |
| January   | 188.7                 | 955.0                     | 172.3                      | 68.9                                | 563.0    | 1 948.0  | 1 282.9                     | 3 230.9                  |
| February  | 196.3                 | 859.0                     | 188.8                      | 79.9                                | 555.7    | 1 879.7  | 2 108.3                     | 3 988.0                  |
| March     | 153.1                 | 951.3                     | 206.2                      | 93.9                                | 1 484.5  | 2 889.0  | 1 175.4                     | 4 064.5                  |
| April     | 268.2                 | 979.7                     | 196.7                      | 96.7                                | 1 003.1  | 2 544.4  | 1 322.1                     | 3 866.5                  |
| May       | 415.2                 | 1 224.3                   | 205.8                      | 82.4                                | 791.0    | 2 718.7  | 1 251.6                     | 3 970.3                  |
| June      | 435.2                 | 1 288.5                   | 197.8                      | 135.5                               | 2 272.2  | 4 329.3  | 1 771.5                     | 6 100.8                  |
| July      | r 370.4               | r 1 275.6                 | 187.0                      | 155.0                               | 1 704.1  | 3 692.1  | 1 875.0                     | 5 567.1                  |
| August    | 266.4                 | 1 158.9                   | 188.1                      | 114.4                               | 1 962.7  | 3 690.6  | 1 484.9                     | 5 175.5                  |
| September | r 281.2               | r 1 108.7                 | 206.0                      | 139.1                               | 1 668.4  | 3 403.5  | 1 603.7                     | 5 007.1                  |
| October   | 482.1                 | 1 114.6                   | 204.6                      | 93.6                                | 2 842.8  | 4 737.8  | 1 605.6                     | 6 343.3                  |
| November  | 678.2                 | 1 084.3                   | 182.3                      | 83.8                                | 1 332.9  | 3 361.6  | 1 329.6                     | 4 691.1                  |
| December  | 551.9                 | 1 181.5                   | 186.3                      | 75.0                                | 2 336.5  | 4 331.2  | 2 024.1                     | 6 355.2                  |
| 2003      |                       |                           |                            |                                     |          |          |                             |                          |
| January   | 210.4                 | 915.8                     | 178.1                      | 49.4                                | 1 229.5  | 2 583.2  | 1 409.4                     | 3 992.7                  |

(a) Includes wholesale finance.

Source: ABS data available on request, Commercial Finance.

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## LEASE FINANCE COMMITMENTS(a), BY PURPOSE

| Period    | New cars & station wagons(b) | Used cars & station wagons(b) | New trucks | Used trucks | Trailers, buses & other motor vehicles(c) | Agricultural, construction & manufacturing equipment | Office equipment | Other goods(d) | Total lease finance |
|-----------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-------------|---|--|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
|           | \$m                          | \$m                           | \$m        | \$m         | \$m                                       | \$m  | \$m              | \$m            | \$m                 |
|           | 1999–2000                    | 517.8                         | 120.2      | 137.0       | 35.4                                      | 33.8   | 295.6            | 598.2          | 143.9               |
| 2000–01   | 353.3                        | 121.9                         | 53.6       | 18.8        | 20.4                                      | 136.2  | 595.1            | 108.7          | 1 407.9             |
| 2001–02   | 494.2                        | 179.4                         | 69.0       | 15.6        | 39.4                                      | 155.2  | 616.1            | 86.0           | 1 654.9             |
| 2001      |                              |                               |            |             |   |  |                  |                |                     |
| November  | 42.2                         | 13.8                          | 6.4        | 1.9         | 3.3                                       | 11.7   | 96.4             | 8.9            | 184.5               |
| December  | 38.2                         | 13.7                          | 5.9        | 1.1         | 1.4                                       | 6.7  | 45.4             | 7.3            | 119.6               |
| 2002      |                              |                               |            |             |   |  |                  |                |                     |
| January   | 31.1                         | 9.8                           | 4.2        | 1.4         | 1.0                                       | 11.6   | 54.8             | 5.2            | 119.0               |
| February  | 34.1                         | 13.0                          | 4.9        | 1.5         | 1.3                                       | 9.4  | 34.1             | 5.6            | 104.0               |
| March     | 42.3                         | 12.7                          | 5.9        | 1.5         | 1.6                                       | 9.6  | 39.3             | 8.6            | 121.5               |
| April     | 44.1                         | 12.4                          | 4.0        | 1.2         | 3.7                                       | 12.9   | 30.8             | 5.7            | 114.9               |
| May       | 54.6                         | 18.4                          | 6.2        | 1.3         | 5.4                                       | 11.3   | 40.9             | 6.0            | 144.0               |
| June      | 50.6                         | 17.3                          | 7.7        | 1.6         | 4.2                                       | 24.2   | 58.0             | 12.1           | 175.6               |
| July      | 48.4                         | 13.6                          | 6.1        | 1.1         | 3.5                                       | 12.3   | 43.1             | 13.4           | 141.6               |
| August    | 43.1                         | 14.4                          | 6.4        | 1.8         | 1.6                                       | 7.3  | 62.9             | 4.0            | 141.4               |
| September | 41.1                         | 13.2                          | 7.0        | 1.2         | 2.0                                       | 3.8  | 42.1             | 5.8            | 116.2               |
| October   | 43.6                         | 12.7                          | 3.3        | 1.0         | 4.1                                       | 6.3  | r 49.0           | 7.4            | 127.4               |
| November  | 41.8                         | 11.5                          | 6.2        | 0.6         | 1.6                                       | 8.3  | 36.4             | 5.3            | 111.7               |
| December  | 50.7                         | 13.6                          | 4.8        | 0.6         | 2.8                                       | 14.0   | 45.0             | 8.9            | 140.4               |
| 2003      |                              |                               |            |             |   |  |                  |                |                     |
| January   | 37.5                         | 10.1                          | 3.2        | 0.7         | 1.1                                       | —  | 35.4             | —              | 107.8               |

(a) Excludes leveraged leases.

(b) Includes small passenger vehicles.

(c) Includes coaches and other motor vehicles. Excludes other transport equipment.

(d) Includes other transport equipment.

Source: ABS data available on request, Lease Finance.

| Period     | Fixed loan facilities         |   |                                  |         |                          | Revolving credit facilities     |   |   |                                 |                        |
|------------|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|------------------------|
|            | Purchase of motor vehicles(a) | Purchase of individual residential blocks of land | Debt consolidation & refinancing | Other   | All personal fixed loans | New and increased credit limits | Cancellations and reductions in credit limits | Total used and unused credit limits available at end of period(b) | Credit used at end of period(b) | Total personal finance |
|            | \$m                           | \$m   | \$m                              | \$m     | \$m                      | \$m                             | \$m   | \$m   | \$m                             | \$m                    |
| 1999–2000  | 2 663.0                       | 374.1   | 990.3                            | 1 419.6 | 5 447.0                  | 8 108.8                         | 2 455.3                                       | 25 873.1  | 10 874.8                        | 13 555.8               |
| 2000–01    | 2 588.1                       | 411.0   | 1 080.9                          | 1 369.2 | 5 449.3                  | 8 166.8                         | 3 137.3                                       | 28 866.6  | 12 772.6                        | 13 616.0               |
| 2001–02    | 2 614.1                       | 615.5   | 1 297.6                          | 1 691.9 | 6 219.1                  | 9 184.7                         | 4 147.1                                       | 32 797.5  | 14 243.1                        | 15 403.8               |
| 2001       |                               |   |                                  |         |                          |                                 |   |   |                                 |                        |
| November   | 220.6                         | 48.2  | 106.1                            | 154.1   | 529.0                    | 783.4                           | 310.2   | 30 441.0  | 13 266.5                        | 1 312.4                |
| December   | 198.6                         | 46.8  | 90.1                             | 133.3   | 468.8                    | 698.5                           | 261.1   | 30 876.8  | 13 394.5                        | 1 167.3                |
| 2002       |                               |   |                                  |         |                          |                                 |   |   |                                 |                        |
| January(c) | 223.9                         | 40.7  | 101.6                            | 129.7   | 495.9                    | 618.0                           | 346.2   | 30 543.5  | 13 403.0                        | 1 113.8                |
| February   | 216.1                         | 46.7  | 106.1                            | 142.2   | 511.0                    | 752.7                           | 254.9   | 31 040.0  | 13 717.9                        | 1 263.8                |
| March      | 217.7                         | 48.6  | 115.5                            | 144.3   | 526.2                    | 767.3                           | 562.0   | 31 235.6  | 13 375.1                        | 1 293.4                |
| April      | 227.5                         | 57.0  | 96.5                             | 137.8   | 518.8                    | 707.9                           | 297.7   | 31 653.6  | 13 606.2                        | 1 226.7                |
| May        | 250.0                         | 63.8  | 130.0                            | 158.7   | 602.5                    | 885.6                           | 382.6   | 32 141.3  | 13 872.9                        | 1 488.1                |
| June       | 213.7                         | 54.4  | 141.0                            | 162.2   | 571.3                    | 962.4                           | 329.1   | 32 797.5  | 14 243.1                        | 1 533.7                |
| July       | 236.1                         | 59.7  | 144.1                            | 156.7   | 596.4                    | 955.0                           | 511.0   | 32 494.6  | 14 421.1                        | 1 551.4                |
| August     | 213.3                         | 58.7  | 141.2                            | 158.3   | 571.5                    | 949.1                           | 494.0   | 32 861.8  | 14 504.1                        | 1 520.5                |
| September  | 205.4                         | 55.0  | 135.5                            | 144.6   | 540.5                    | 758.8                           | 247.2   | 33 439.1  | 14 782.5                        | 1 299.3                |
| October    | 219.8                         | 66.1  | 153.8                            | 158.1   | 597.8                    | 852.6                           | 295.0   | 34 133.3  | 15 043.2                        | 1 450.4                |
| November   | 205.4                         | 58.3  | 133.9                            | 146.9   | 544.5                    | 863.2                           | 274.1   | 35 322.1  | 15 554.0                        | 1 407.7                |
| December   | 220.8                         | 65.7  | 137.5                            | 164.5   | 588.5                    | 828.1                           | 254.4   | 35 948.9  | 16 035.2                        | 1 416.5                |
| 2003       |                               |   |                                  |         |                          |                                 |   |   |                                 |                        |
| January    | 211.0                         | 73.3  | 129.7                            | 140.0   | 553.9                    | 744.7                           | 300.7   | 36 393.4  | 16 388.6                        | 1 298.7                |

(a) Includes motor cycles.

(b) This data item is a STOCK (i.e. balance at end of month) item. Users of the data should exercise care to ensure that this item is not aggregated.

(c) Normally the change in level of 'Total Available Credit Limits at End of Month' from month to month reflects the net effect of new and increased credit limits and cancellations and reductions. However, in January 2002, one or more lenders revised their total available credit limits. The revisions are not reflected in new and increased credit limits or cancellations and reductions for the latest month, resulting in a significant discrepancy between the change in the level of the series and the net of new and increased credit limits and cancellations and reductions for January 2002.

Source: ABS data available on request, Personal Finance.

| Period    | Original series            |         | Seasonally adjusted |        | Trend estimates |          |
|-----------|----------------------------|---------|---------------------|--------|-----------------|----------|
|           | no.                        | \$m     | no.                 | \$m    | no.             | \$m      |
|           | VALUE                      |         |                     |        |                 |          |
| 1999–2000 | 130 348                    | 17 310  | 129 847             | 17 251 | 130 127         | 17 280   |
| 2000–01   | 126 452                    | 16 667  | 126 754             | 16 703 | 126 759         | 16 739   |
| 2001–02   | 146 326                    | 22 309  | 146 995             | 22 442 | r 145 295       | r 21 982 |
| 2002      |                            |         |                     |        |                 |          |
| January   | 12 047                     | 1 887   | 13 636              | 2 184  | 11 891          | 1 790    |
| February  | 11 106                     | 1 708   | 11 168              | 1 780  | 11 769          | 1 779    |
| March     | 11 048                     | 1 701   | 11 691              | 1 781  | 11 729          | 1 786    |
| April     | 11 648                     | 1 804   | 11 467              | 1 769  | 11 798          | 1 815    |
| May       | 13 498                     | 2 137   | 12 037              | 1 880  | r 11 940        | r 1 861  |
| June      | 11 780                     | 1 837   | 12 127              | 1 924  | r 12 083        | r 1 908  |
| July      | 13 151                     | 2 048   | 12 417              | 1 934  | r 12 165        | 1 945    |
| August    | r 12 419                   | r 2 002 | r 12 239            | 2 027  | r 12 161        | r 1 968  |
| September | 11 431                     | 1 886   | 12 301              | 2 001  | r 12 100        | r 1 981  |
| October   | r 12 639                   | 2 051   | r 11 589            | 1 949  | r 12 035        | r 1 991  |
| November  | 12 187                     | 2 022   | 11 806              | 1 933  | 12 010          | 2 004    |
| December  | 12 052                     | 2 094   | 12 212              | 2 070  | 12 022          | 2 020    |
| 2003      |                            |         |                     |        |                 |          |
| January   | 10 752                     | 1 824   | 12 279              | 2 069  | 12 047          | 2 036    |
|           | CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH |         |                     |        |                 |          |
|           | %                          | %       | %                   | %      | %               | %        |
| 2002      |                            |         |                     |        |                 |          |
| January   | 4.4                        | r 4.9   | 11.6                | r 18.8 | -1.5            | r -1.4   |
| February  | -7.8                       | -9.5    | -14.3               | -18.5  | -1.5            | r -0.6   |
| March     | -0.5                       | -0.4    | 0.0                 | 0.1    | -0.3            | 0.4      |
| April     | 5.4                        | 6.1     | -1.9                | 4.8    | r 0.6           | r 1.6    |
| May       | 15.9                       | r 18.5  | 5.0                 | 6.3    | 1.2             | r 2.5    |
| June      | -12.7                      | -14.0   | 0.7                 | 2.3    | 1.2             | 2.5      |
| July      | 11.6                       | 11.5    | 2.4                 | 0.5    | r 0.7           | r 1.9    |
| August    | r -5.6                     | -2.2    | -1.4                | 4.8    | r 0.0           | r 1.2    |
| September | -8.0                       | -5.8    | 0.5                 | -1.3   | r -0.5          | r 0.1    |
| October   | 10.6                       | 8.7     | r -5.8              | -2.6   | r -0.7          | r 1.1    |
| November  | -3.6                       | -1.4    | 1.9                 | -0.8   | -0.2            | 0.7      |
| December  | -1.1                       | 3.6     | 3.4                 | 7.1    | 0.1             | 0.8      |
| 2003      |                            |         |                     |        |                 |          |
| January   | -10.8                      | -12.9   | 0.5                 | -0.0   | 0.2             | 0.8      |

(a) For owner occupation. Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

Source: Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (cat. no. 5609.0).

| Period    | First home buyers  |  |                      |                        | Other home buyers  |  |                      |                        |
|-----------|--------------------|--|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--|----------------------|------------------------|
|           | Dwellings financed | Number as proportion of all dwellings financed | Value of commitments | Average borrowing size | Dwellings financed | Number as proportion of all dwellings financed | Value of commitments | Average borrowing size |
|           | no.                | %  | \$m                  | \$'000                 | no.                | %  | \$m                  | \$'000                 |
| 1999–2000 | 32 144             | 24.7   | r 4 095.1            | r 127.4                | 98 204             | 75.3   | r 13 228.1           | r 134.7                |
| 2000–01   | 30 479             | 24.1   | 3 739.8              | r 122.7                | 95 973             | 75.9   | r 12 889.2           | r 134.3                |
| 2001–02   | 34 253             | 23.4   | r 5 007.8            | r 146.2                | 112 108            | 76.6   | r 17 309.5           | 154.4                  |
| 2002      |                    |  |                      |                        |                    |  |                      |                        |
| January   | 3 203              | 26.6   | r 480.8              | r 150.1                | r 8 844            | 73.4   | 1 407.1              | r 159.1                |
| February  | 2 279              | 20.5   | 333.0                | 146.1                  | 8 827              | 79.5   | 1 374.4              | 155.7                  |
| March     | 2 360              | 21.4   | 347.2                | 147.1                  | 8 688              | 78.6   | 1 353.6              | 155.8                  |
| April     | 2 310              | 19.8   | 337.3                | 146.0                  | 9 338              | 80.2   | 1 467.0              | 157.1                  |
| May       | 2 741              | 20.3   | 416.1                | 151.8                  | 10 757             | 79.7   | 1 720.0              | 159.9                  |
| June      | 2 123              | 18.0   | 321.0                | 151.2                  | 9 657              | 82.0   | 1 516.1              | 157.0                  |
| July      | 2 479              | 18.9   | r 383.5              | r 154.7                | 10 672             | 81.1   | 1 663.8              | r 155.9                |
| August    | r 2 194            | r 17.7   | r 344.2              | r 156.9                | r 10 225           | r 82.3   | r 1 658.5            | 162.2                  |
| September | 1 922              | 16.8   | 312.7                | 162.7                  | 9 509              | 83.2   | 1 573.7              | 165.5                  |
| October   | r 2 093            | r 16.6   | r 342.4              | r 163.6                | r 10 546           | r 83.4   | r 1 708.5            | r 162.0                |
| November  | 1 979              | 16.2   | 324.6                | 164.0                  | 10 208             | 83.8   | 1 697.6              | 166.3                  |
| December  | 1 921              | 15.9   | 323.9                | 168.6                  | 10 131             | 84.1   | 1 769.9              | 174.7                  |
| 2003      |                    |  |                      |                        |                    |  |                      |                        |
| January   | 1 730              | 16.1   | 296.3                | 171.3                  | 9 022              | 83.9   | 1 527.4              | 169.3                  |

(a) For owner occupation. Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

Source: *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (cat. no. 5609.0); ABS data available on request, *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation*.



| Period          | Dwelling units(a)(b)        |        |                                      |  | Total value of all building(c)       |                             |        |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
|                 | Change from previous period |        | Value of new residential building(a) | Value of residential alterations, additions and conversions(a) | Value of all residential building(a) | Change from previous period |        |
|                 | no.                         | %      |                                      |  |                                      | \$m                         | \$m    |
| TREND ESTIMATES |                             |        |                                      |  |                                      |                             |        |
| 2001            |                             |        |                                      |  |                                      |                             |        |
| December        | r 3 893                     | -4.4   | r 568.7                              | r 117.2  | r 686.0                              | r 1 060.2                   | r -0.4 |
| 2002            |                             |        |                                      |  |                                      |                             |        |
| January         | r 3 773                     | -3.1   | r 563.9                              | 113.2  | r 677.0                              | r 1 065.0                   | 0.5    |
| February        | r 3 755                     | -0.5   | r 575.1                              | r 110.2  | r 685.4                              | r 1 077.1                   | r 1.1  |
| March           | r 3 861                     | 2.8    | r 601.1                              | r 109.3  | r 710.4                              | r 1 099.3                   | r 2.1  |
| April           | r 4 036                     | r 4.5  | r 631.9                              | r 110.8  | r 742.7                              | r 1 134.9                   | r 3.2  |
| May             | r 4 248                     | 5.3    | r 667.6                              | r 113.8  | r 781.4                              | r 1 180.3                   | r 4.0  |
| June            | r 4 434                     | r 4.4  | r 705.2                              | 117.1  | r 822.2                              | r 1 225.4                   | r 3.8  |
| July            | r 4 535                     | r 2.3  | r 736.5                              | 120.1  | r 856.6                              | r 1 260.7                   | r 2.9  |
| August          | r 4 499                     | r -0.8 | r 751.4                              | 121.0  | r 872.4                              | r 1 275.0                   | r 1.1  |
| September       | r 4 326                     | r -3.8 | r 741.0                              | r 119.8  | r 860.8                              | r 1 256.1                   | r -1.5 |
| October         | r 4 083                     | r -5.6 | r 709.9                              | r 118.0  | r 827.9                              | r 1 205.3                   | r -4.0 |
| November        | r 3 834                     | r -6.1 | r 666.5                              | r 117.4  | r 783.9                              | r 1 134.7                   | r -5.9 |
| December        | 3 612                       | -5.8   | 619.9                                | 117.9  | 737.8                                | 1 057.2                     | -6.8   |
| 2003            |                             |        |                                      |  |                                      |                             |        |
| January         | 3 426                       | -5.1   | 577.9                                | 119.1  | 697.0                                | 985.4                       | -6.8   |
| February        | 3 269                       | -4.6   | 535.8                                | 121.7  | 657.5                                | 911.9                       | -7.5   |

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

(b) Includes all new dwelling units created.

(c) Includes residential building valued at \$10,000 and over and non-residential building valued at \$50,000 and over.

Source: *Building Approvals, Australia* (cat. no. 8731.0); ABS data available on request, *Building Approvals* collection.



| Period              | New dwelling units(a)(b) |               |          |                           | Value of building approvals |  |                             |            |                           |  |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|--|
|                     | All new dwelling units   |               |          |                           | All building                |  |                             |            |                           |  |
|                     | Private sector           | Public sector |          | Proportion of state total | New dwelling units(a)       | Residential alterations, additions and conversions(a)(c) | Non-residential building(d) |            | Proportion of state total |  |
|                     | no.                      | no.           | no.      | %                         | \$m                         | \$m  | \$m                         | \$m        | %                         |  |
| MELBOURNE           |                          |               |          |                           |                             |  |                             |            |                           |  |
| 1999-2000           | 37 091                   | 611           | 37 702   | 77.7                      | 5 142.4                     | 1 019.4  | 2 654.9                     | 8 816.8    | 81.3                      |  |
| 2000-01             | 26 265                   | 374           | 26 639   | 77.8                      | 4 118.0                     | 990.6  | 3 470.7                     | 8 579.3    | 82.7                      |  |
| 2001-02             | r 35 605                 | r 635         | r 36 240 | 75.0                      | r 5 918.6                   | r 1 153.8  | r 3 843.3                   | r 10 915.7 | r 80.8                    |  |
| 2001                |                          |               |          |                           |                             |  |                             |            |                           |  |
| December            | 2 731                    | 59            | 2 790    | 74.2                      | 428.4                       | 80.8   | 400.4                       | 909.6      | 82.6                      |  |
| 2002                |                          |               |          |                           |                             |  |                             |            |                           |  |
| January             | 2 534                    | 19            | 2 553    | 75.8                      | 433.7                       | 83.8   | 194.1                       | 711.6      | 79.5                      |  |
| February            | r 2 729                  | r 23          | r 2 752  | r 73.1                    | r 469.7                     | r 91.0   | 487.2                       | r 1 047.9  | 82.8                      |  |
| March               | 2 495                    | 33            | 2 528    | 72.4                      | 402.0                       | 86.7   | 308.2                       | 796.9      | 78.3                      |  |
| April               | r 3 353                  | 35            | r 3 388  | r 78.0                    | r 548.9                     | 77.3   | r 476.3                     | r 1 102.5  | r 83.9                    |  |
| May                 | 3 023                    | 66            | 3 089    | r 72.0                    | 468.1                       | r 107.3  | 347.1                       | r 922.6    | 76.2                      |  |
| June                | 2 933                    | 28            | 2 961    | 74.7                      | 495.1                       | r 82.2   | 260.7                       | 838.1      | 80.4                      |  |
| July                | r 3 072                  | 48            | r 3 120  | 76.3                      | r 504.6                     | 108.3  | 208.8                       | r 821.8    | 76.8                      |  |
| August              | r 4 648                  | r 36          | r 4 684  | 82.6                      | r 841.3                     | 119.1  | 321.8                       | r 1 282.1  | 84.4                      |  |
| September           | r 2 717                  | 56            | r 2 773  | r 73.6                    | r 509.1                     | r 105.7  | r 344.8                     | r 959.7    | r 79.7                    |  |
| October             | r 3 507                  | 70            | r 3 577  | r 75.9                    | r 667.8                     | 99.5   | r 273.1                     | r 1 040.4  | r 81.0                    |  |
| November            | r 2 320                  | 17            | r 2 337  | r 73.1                    | r 474.9                     | 91.6   | r 314.1                     | r 880.6    | 78.5                      |  |
| December            | 2 555                    | 13            | 2 568    | 75.0                      | 446.8                       | 81.6   | 288.2                       | 816.6      | 77.9                      |  |
| 2003                |                          |               |          |                           |                             |  |                             |            |                           |  |
| January             | 2 276                    | 2             | 2 278    | 75.3                      | 415.8                       | 72.6   | 624.2                       | 1 112.6    | 86.6                      |  |
| February            | 2 345                    | 105           | 2 450    | 71.5                      | 416.1                       | 107.9  | 255.4                       | 779.5      | 76.5                      |  |
| BALANCE OF VICTORIA |                          |               |          |                           |                             |  |                             |            |                           |  |
| 1999-2000           | 10 642                   | 176           | 10 818   | 22.3                      | 1 275.7                     | 191.8  | 560.9                       | 2 028.3    | 18.7                      |  |
| 2000-01             | 7 551                    | 71            | 7 622    | 22.2                      | 996.8                       | 200.4  | 592.1                       | 1 789.4    | 17.3                      |  |
| 2001-02             | r 11 824                 | r 261         | r 12 085 | 25.0                      | r 1 688.9                   | r 238.3  | 673.8                       | r 2 601.0  | r 19.2                    |  |
| 2001                |                          |               |          |                           |                             |  |                             |            |                           |  |
| December            | 930                      | 38            | 968      | 25.8                      | 132.7                       | 19.2   | 39.5                        | 191.4      | 17.4                      |  |
| 2002                |                          |               |          |                           |                             |  |                             |            |                           |  |
| January             | 780                      | 35            | 815      | 24.2                      | 112.5                       | 16.1   | 54.5                        | 183.2      | 20.5                      |  |
| February            | r 990                    | 22            | r 1 012  | 26.9                      | r 141.9                     | 19.8   | 56.5                        | r 218.1    | 17.2                      |  |
| March               | 951                      | 13            | 964      | 27.6                      | 133.3                       | 22.2   | 65.6                        | 221.2      | 21.7                      |  |
| April               | r 892                    | r 61          | r 953    | r 22.0                    | r 138.0                     | 21.0   | 52.6                        | r 211.7    | r 16.1                    |  |
| May                 | r 1 195                  | 6             | r 1 201  | r 28.0                    | r 178.8                     | 29.0   | 80.3                        | r 288.1    | 23.8                      |  |
| June                | 987                      | 17            | 1 004    | 25.3                      | 142.3                       | 16.3   | 45.2                        | 203.8      | 19.6                      |  |
| July                | r 952                    | 16            | r 968    | 23.7                      | r 148.5                     | 18.5   | 81.2                        | r 248.2    | 23.2                      |  |
| August              | 988                      | 2             | 990      | 17.4                      | 152.0                       | r 20.0   | 65.1                        | 237.1      | 15.6                      |  |
| September           | r 980                    | 16            | r 996    | r 26.4                    | r 161.1                     | 23.6   | 59.3                        | r 244.0    | r 20.3                    |  |
| October             | r 1 126                  | 9             | r 1 135  | r 24.1                    | r 162.1                     | 23.1   | 59.3                        | r 244.5    | r 19.0                    |  |
| November            | r 855                    | 6             | r 861    | r 26.9                    | r 131.2                     | 22.2   | 87.3                        | r 240.7    | 21.5                      |  |
| December            | 836                      | 18            | 854      | 25.0                      | 134.4                       | 21.8   | 75.9                        | 232.1      | 22.1                      |  |
| 2003                |                          |               |          |                           |                             |  |                             |            |                           |  |
| January             | 727                      | 21            | 748      | 24.7                      | 117.6                       | 19.2   | 35.8                        | 172.6      | 13.4                      |  |
| February            | 971                      | 5             | 976      | 28.5                      | 161.3                       | 22.0   | 55.7                        | 239.1      | 23.5                      |  |

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| Period    | Number of new dwelling units(a)(b) |               |          |                           | Value of building approvals |  |                             |            |                           |  |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|--|
|           | All new dwelling units             |               |          |                           | All building                |  |                             |            |                           |  |
|           | Private sector                     | Public sector |          | Proportion of state total | New dwelling units(a)       | Residential alterations, additions and conversions(a)(c) | Non-residential building(d) |            | Proportion of state total |  |
|           | no.                                | no.           | no.      | %                         | \$m                         | \$m  | \$m                         | \$m        | %                         |  |
| VICTORIA  |                                    |               |          |                           |                             |  |                             |            |                           |  |
| 1999–2000 | 47 733                             | 787           | 48 520   | 100.0                     | 6 418.1                     | 1 211.2  | 3 215.8                     | 10 845.1   | 100.0                     |  |
| 2000–01   | 33 816                             | 445           | 34 261   | 100.0                     | 5 114.8                     | 1 191.0  | 4 062.8                     | 10 368.6   | 100.0                     |  |
| 2001–02   | r 47 429                           | r 896         | r 48 325 | 100.0                     | r 7 607.6                   | r 1 392.1  | r 4 517.0                   | r 13 516.7 | 100.0                     |  |
| 2001      |                                    |               |          |                           |                             |  |                             |            |                           |  |
| December  | 3 661                              | 97            | 3 758    | 100.0                     | 561.1                       | 99.9   | 439.9                       | 1 100.9    | 100.0                     |  |
| 2002      |                                    |               |          |                           |                             |  |                             |            |                           |  |
| January   | 3 314                              | 54            | 3 368    | 100.0                     | 546.2                       | 99.9   | 248.7                       | 894.8      | 100.0                     |  |
| February  | r 3 719                            | r 45          | r 3 764  | 100.0                     | r 611.6                     | r 110.8  | 543.6                       | r 1 266.1  | 100.0                     |  |
| March     | 3 446                              | 46            | 3 492    | 100.0                     | 535.3                       | 108.9  | 373.8                       | r 1 018.0  | 100.0                     |  |
| April     | r 4 245                            | r 96          | r 4 341  | 100.0                     | r 687.0                     | 98.3   | r 529.0                     | r 1 314.2  | 100.0                     |  |
| May       | r 4 218                            | 72            | r 4 290  | 100.0                     | r 646.9                     | r 136.4  | 427.4                       | r 1 210.7  | 100.0                     |  |
| June      | 3 920                              | 45            | 3 965    | 100.0                     | 637.4                       | 98.6   | 305.9                       | r 1 041.8  | 100.0                     |  |
| July      | 4 024                              | 64            | 4 088    | 100.0                     | 653.2                       | 126.8  | 290.0                       | 1 069.9    | 100.0                     |  |
| August    | r 5 636                            | r 38          | r 5 674  | 100.0                     | r 993.3                     | r 139.1  | 386.8                       | r 1 519.2  | 100.0                     |  |
| September | r 3 697                            | 72            | r 3 769  | 100.0                     | r 670.2                     | r 129.3  | r 404.1                     | r 1 203.7  | 100.0                     |  |
| October   | r 4 633                            | 79            | r 4 712  | 100.0                     | r 829.8                     | 122.6  | r 332.5                     | r 1 284.9  | 100.0                     |  |
| November  | r 3 175                            | 23            | r 3 198  | 100.0                     | r 606.1                     | 113.7  | r 401.4                     | r 1 121.2  | 100.0                     |  |
| December  | 3 391                              | 31            | 3 422    | 100.0                     | 581.2                       | 103.4  | 364.2                       | 1 048.7    | 100.0                     |  |
| 2003      |                                    |               |          |                           |                             |  |                             |            |                           |  |
| January   | 3 003                              | 23            | 3 026    | 100.0                     | 533.5                       | 91.8   | 660.0                       | 1 285.2    | 100.0                     |  |
| February  | 3 316                              | 110           | 3 426    | 100.0                     | 577.4                       | 130.0  | 311.2                       | 1 018.6    | 100.0                     |  |

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

(b) Excludes dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

(c) Includes alterations and additions creating dwellings, alterations and additions not creating dwellings, and conversions.

(d) Valued at \$50,000 and over.

Source: *Building Approvals, Victoria* (cat. no. 8731.2); ABS data available on request, *Building Approvals* collection.

| Local Government Area    | December quarter 2002 |               |                        | 12 months ending December quarter 2002 |               |                        | Dwelling units per '000 population(b) |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------|--|---------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                          | Dwelling units(a)     | Building jobs | Value of all approvals | Dwelling units(a)                      | Building jobs | Value of all approvals |                                       |
|                          | no.                   | no.           | \$m                    | no.                                    | no.           | \$m                    | no.                                   |
| Alpine (S)               | 35                    | 52            | 9.6                    | 115                                    | 194           | 31.9                   | 8.7                                   |
| Ararat (RC)              | 6                     | 17            | 2.0                    | 43                                     | 80            | 15.0                   | 3.7                                   |
| Ballarat (C)             | 199                   | 324           | 49.7                   | 863                                    | 1 238         | 210.3                  | 10.2                                  |
| Banyule (C)              | 140                   | 229           | 51.7                   | 630                                    | 949           | 456.6                  | 5.3                                   |
| Bass Coast (S)           | 195                   | 259           | 29.4                   | 679                                    | 920           | 110.9                  | 25.4                                  |
| Baw Baw (S)              | 84                    | 146           | 18.5                   | 341                                    | 563           | 76.6                   | 9.3                                   |
| Bayside (C)              | 103                   | 227           | 52.6                   | 478                                    | 986           | 240.5                  | 5.3                                   |
| Boroondara (C)           | 166                   | 376           | 105.1                  | 664                                    | 1 496         | 375.1                  | 4.2                                   |
| Brimbank (C)             | 358                   | 440           | 82.4                   | 1 327                                  | 1 626         | 341.3                  | 7.7                                   |
| Buloke (S)               | 3                     | 8             | 0.6                    | 8                                      | 26            | 2.6                    | 1.1                                   |
| Campaspe (S)             | 76                    | 123           | 18.6                   | 286                                    | 447           | 63.8                   | 7.8                                   |
| Cardinia (S)             | 312                   | 375           | 52.0                   | 1 053                                  | 1 254         | 178.4                  | 21.6                                  |
| Casey (C)                | 995                   | 1 191         | 225.3                  | 4 109                                  | 4 684         | 787.5                  | 21.4                                  |
| Central Goldfields (S)   | 20                    | 36            | 2.9                    | 53                                     | 110           | 10.8                   | 4.0                                   |
| Colac-Otway (S)          | 47                    | 80            | 10.8                   | 251                                    | 297           | 47.6                   | 11.9                                  |
| Corangamite (S)          | 12                    | 25            | 3.0                    | 58                                     | 144           | 16.2                   | 3.3                                   |
| Darebin (C)              | 106                   | 236           | 51.6                   | 763                                    | 1 020         | 235.3                  | 6.0                                   |
| Delatite (S)             | 45                    | 71            | 7.5                    | 188                                    | 290           | 42.1                   | 8.9                                   |
| East Gippsland (S)       | 119                   | 168           | 23.7                   | 389                                    | 610           | 82.4                   | 9.8                                   |
| Frankston (C)            | 319                   | 410           | 57.1                   | 1 137                                  | 1 441         | 215.6                  | 9.8                                   |
| Gannawarra (S)           | 6                     | 16            | 1.4                    | 37                                     | 96            | 12.4                   | 3.1                                   |
| Glen Eira (C)            | 204                   | 262           | 66.1                   | 674                                    | 1 021         | 231.6                  | 5.5                                   |
| Glenelg (S)              | 19                    | 50            | 5.0                    | 78                                     | 200           | 24.9                   | 3.8                                   |
| Golden Plains (S)        | 38                    | 45            | 6.3                    | 156                                    | 197           | 25.4                   | 10.2                                  |
| Greater Bendigo (C)      | 216                   | 342           | 64.3                   | 941                                    | 1 323         | 201.5                  | 10.2                                  |
| Greater Dandenong (C)    | 76                    | 177           | 45.8                   | 411                                    | 641           | 191.2                  | 3.2                                   |
| Greater Geelong (C)      | 508                   | 715           | 138.2                  | 2 002                                  | 2 719         | 466.6                  | 10.1                                  |
| Greater Shepparton (C)   | 96                    | 171           | 25.7                   | 473                                    | 744           | 123.8                  | 8.0                                   |
| Hepburn (S)              | 23                    | 49            | 6.9                    | 140                                    | 236           | 26.5                   | 9.6                                   |
| Hindmarsh (S)            | 4                     | 9             | 2.3                    | 12                                     | 37            | 6.8                    | 1.8                                   |
| Hobsons Bay (C)          | 107                   | 175           | 32.5                   | 516                                    | 784           | 161.6                  | 6.1                                   |
| Horsham (RC)             | 29                    | 55            | 5.4                    | 117                                    | 203           | 27.7                   | 6.3                                   |
| Hume (C)                 | 458                   | 552           | 127.9                  | 1 883                                  | 2 282         | 528.6                  | 13.4                                  |
| Indigo (S)               | 30                    | 59            | 8.4                    | 112                                    | 208           | 27.8                   | 7.5                                   |
| Kingston (C)             | 203                   | 384           | 69.4                   | 1 003                                  | 1 556         | 313.4                  | 7.4                                   |
| Knox (C)                 | 234                   | 380           | 61.7                   | 1 186                                  | 1 569         | 283.2                  | 7.9                                   |
| Latrobe (C)              | 67                    | 167           | 19.9                   | 304                                    | 631           | 101.4                  | 4.3                                   |
| Loddon (S)               | 5                     | 10            | 1.2                    | 32                                     | 71            | 11.6                   | 3.7                                   |
| Macedon Ranges (S)       | 93                    | 151           | 27.0                   | 389                                    | 662           | 96.9                   | 10.1                                  |
| Manningham (C)           | 208                   | 197           | 46.9                   | 735                                    | 792           | 195.6                  | 6.4                                   |
| Maribymong (C)           | 118                   | 126           | 28.6                   | 644                                    | 616           | 160.2                  | 10.5                                  |
| Maroondah (C)            | 106                   | 248           | 46.8                   | 549                                    | 922           | 154.6                  | 5.4                                   |
| Melbourne (C)            | 1 109                 | 304           | 516.4                  | 4 704                                  | 1 082         | 2 069.7                | 87.2                                  |
| Melton (S)               | 411                   | 444           | 83.1                   | 2 435                                  | 2 423         | 414.7                  | 41.4                                  |
| Mildura (RC)             | 169                   | 129           | 25.2                   | 452                                    | 566           | 96.7                   | 9.0                                   |
| Mitchell (S)             | 107                   | 140           | 19.8                   | 507                                    | 610           | 97.4                   | 17.3                                  |
| Moira (S)                | 44                    | 67            | 10.0                   | 205                                    | 325           | 44.5                   | 7.6                                   |
| Monash (C)               | 169                   | 321           | 76.0                   | 803                                    | 1 313         | 337.4                  | 4.9                                   |
| Moonee Valley (C)        | 180                   | 259           | 49.5                   | 589                                    | 987           | 183.6                  | 5.3                                   |
| Moorabool (S)            | 61                    | 101           | 13.0                   | 236                                    | 362           | 46.3                   | 9.3                                   |
| Moreland (C)             | 267                   | 269           | 58.1                   | 915                                    | 1 078         | 193.6                  | 6.7                                   |
| Mornington Peninsula (S) | 437                   | 655           | 109.6                  | 1 989                                  | 2 766         | 488.0                  | 14.7                                  |
| Mount Alexander (S)      | 29                    | 61            | 4.7                    | 160                                    | 249           | 36.1                   | 9.3                                   |
| Moyne (S)                | 23                    | 60            | 7.0                    | 90                                     | 203           | 22.4                   | 5.7                                   |
| Murrindindi (S)          | 32                    | 51            | 5.5                    | 134                                    | 212           | 26.3                   | 9.7                                   |
| Nillumbik (S)            | 50                    | 130           | 18.0                   | 192                                    | 492           | 64.6                   | 3.1                                   |
| Northern Grampians (S)   | 8                     | 36            | 2.2                    | 33                                     | 103           | 11.2                   | 2.5                                   |
| Port Phillip (C)         | 420                   | 178           | 238.1                  | 1 338                                  | 713           | 677.2                  | 16.3                                  |
| Pyrenees (S)             | 8                     | 19            | 1.2                    | 28                                     | 62            | 7.5                    | 4.2                                   |

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| <i>Local Government Area</i> | <i>December quarter 2002</i> |                      |                               | <i>12 months ending December quarter 2002</i> |                      |                               | <i>Dwelling units per '000 population(b)</i> |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------------------|--|
|                              | <i>Dwelling units(a)</i>     | <i>Building jobs</i> | <i>Value of all approvals</i> | <i>Dwelling units(a)</i>                      | <i>Building jobs</i> | <i>Value of all approvals</i> |  |
|                              | <i>no.</i>                   | <i>no.</i>           | <i>\$m</i>                    | <i>no.</i>                                    | <i>no.</i>           | <i>\$m</i>                    | <i>no.</i>                                   |
| Queenscliffe (B)             | 15                           | 14                   | 19.9                          | 48  | 61                   | 29.5                          | 14.7   |
| South Gippsland (S)          | 80                           | 120                  | 13.1                          | 297   | 464                  | 49.0                          | 11.3   |
| Southern Grampians (S)       | 11                           | 43                   | 4.1                           | 67  | 176                  | 22.4                          | 3.9  |
| Stonnington (C)              | 89                           | 242                  | 64.8                          | 526   | 999                  | 300.0                         | 5.8  |
| Strathbogie (S)              | 20                           | 31                   | 4.9                           | 81  | 127                  | 16.0                          | 8.4  |
| Surf Coast (S)               | 88                           | 134                  | 23.7                          | 398   | 600                  | 102.2                         | 18.4   |
| Swan Hill (RC)               | 26                           | 56                   | 5.8                           | 108   | 203                  | 35.1                          | 5.0  |
| Towong (S)                   | 1                            | 5                    | 0.2                           | 18  | 43                   | 3.6                           | 2.9  |
| Wangaratta (RC)              | 36                           | 67                   | 10.5                          | 140   | 270                  | 38.7                          | 5.2  |
| Warrnambool (C)              | 56                           | 104                  | 18.2                          | 261   | 391                  | 65.6                          | 8.7  |
| Wellington (S)               | 51                           | 104                  | 16.6                          | 221   | 460                  | 64.5                          | 5.3  |
| West Wimmera (S)             | 4                            | 8                    | 1.3                           | 12  | 26                   | 5.1                           | 2.5  |
| Whitehorse (C)               | 115                          | 279                  | 49.2                          | 611   | 1 212                | 248.1                         | 4.2  |
| Whittlesea (C)               | 283                          | 347                  | 56.2                          | 1 297   | 1 563                | 276.6                         | 10.7   |
| Wodonga (RC)                 | 80                           | 132                  | 20.3                          | 349   | 503                  | 85.8                          | 10.5   |
| Wyndham (C)                  | 579                          | 685                  | 104.0                         | 2 704   | 2 908                | 520.8                         | 29.2   |
| Yarra (C)                    | 98                           | 212                  | 49.6                          | 395   | 711                  | 180.9                         | 5.7  |
| Yarra Ranges (S)             | 181                          | 369                  | 61.4                          | 802   | 1 470                | 215.3                         | 5.6  |
| Yarriambiack (S)             | 1                            | 7                    | 1.8                           | 8   | 29                   | 3.3                           | 1.0  |
| Unincorporated Vic.          | —                            | —                    | —                             | —   | —                    | —                             | —  |
| <b>Victoria</b>              | <b>11 526</b>                | <b>15 316</b>        | <b>3 454.8</b>                | <b>48 982</b>                                 | <b>61 647</b>        | <b>13 993.4</b>               | <b>10.1</b>                                  |

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over. Excludes dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings, but includes alterations and additions to all buildings.

(b) Preliminary Estimated Resident Population as at 30 June 2002.

Source: ABS data available on request, *Building Approvals*.

| Period                          | New residential building |                            |           |  | Non-residential building |           |                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|--|--------------------------|-----------|----------------|
|                                 | Houses                   | Other residential building | Total     | Alterations and additions to residential buildings | Private sector           | Total     | Total building |
|                                 | \$m                      | \$m                        | \$m       | \$m  | \$m                      | \$m       | \$m            |
| WORK COMMENCED — ORIGINAL       |                          |                            |           |  |                          |           |                |
| 1999–2000                       | 5 378.6                  | 1 850.0                    | 7 215.6   | 1 478.5  | 2 547.7                  | 3 388.3   | 11 986.7       |
| 2000–01                         | 3 628.8                  | 1 720.2                    | 5 349.0   | 1 137.7  | 3 060.3                  | 3 782.3   | 10 269.0       |
| 2001–02                         | r 5 342.9                | r 2 074.6                  | r 7 417.4 | r 1 446.4  | r 3 141.4                | r 4 144.0 | r 13 008.1     |
| 2001                            |                          |                            |           |  |                          |           |                |
| June                            | 986.7                    | 488.6                      | 1 475.5   | 326.6  | 1 000.7                  | 1 197.7   | 3 005.3        |
| September                       | 1 306.3                  | 680.7                      | 1 986.9   | 407.3  | 562.2                    | 718.3     | 3 112.5        |
| December                        | 1 340.4                  | 371.0                      | 1 711.4   | 324.4  | r 865.0                  | r 1 033.3 | r 3 069.2      |
| 2002                            |                          |                            |           |  |                          |           |                |
| March                           | 1 271.0                  | r 515.8                    | r 1 786.8 | 361.6  | r 812.7                  | r 1 261.6 | r 3 410.1      |
| June                            | r 1 425.2                | r 507.1                    | r 1 932.3 | r 353.1  | r 901.5                  | r 1 130.8 | r 3 416.3      |
| September                       | 1 536.1                  | 780.5                      | 2 316.6   | 319.8  | 661.6                    | 943.2     | 3 579.5        |
| WORK DONE — ORIGINAL            |                          |                            |           |  |                          |           |                |
| 1999–2000                       | 5 124.8                  | 1 554.8                    | 6 680.6   | 1 456.3  | 2 795.2                  | 3 596.5   | 11 687.9       |
| 2000–01                         | 3 928.1                  | 1 520.9                    | 5 449.3   | 1 201.2  | 2 697.2                  | 3 559.6   | 10 210.2       |
| 2001–02                         | r 4 770.1                | r 1 758.2                  | r 6 528.3 | r 1 408.1  | r 2 944.8                | r 3 850.3 | r 11 786.8     |
| 2001                            |                          |                            |           |  |                          |           |                |
| June                            | 997.8                    | 403.7                      | 1 401.5   | 335.3  | 700.3                    | 916.0     | 2 652.6        |
| September                       | 1 138.2                  | 440.9                      | 1 579.1   | 343.7  | 723.6                    | 959.9     | 2 882.7        |
| December                        | 1 134.9                  | 411.8                      | 1 546.7   | 363.2  | 736.1                    | 982.3     | 2 892.3        |
| 2002                            |                          |                            |           |  |                          |           |                |
| March                           | r 1 115.4                | r 433.6                    | 1 549.0   | 317.0  | 657.5                    | 848.2     | 2 714.2        |
| June                            | r 1 381.6                | r 471.9                    | r 1 853.5 | r 384.2  | r 827.6                  | r 1 059.9 | 3 297.6        |
| September                       | 1 488.6                  | 481.3                      | 1 969.9   | 359.9  | 990.7                    | 1 333.0   | 3 662.8        |
| WORK DONE — SEASONALLY ADJUSTED |                          |                            |           |  |                          |           |                |
| 2001                            |                          |                            |           |  |                          |           |                |
| June                            | 986.2                    | 396.6                      | 1 382.8   | 322.8  | 691.3                    | r 908.5   | 2 614.3        |
| September                       | 1 099.2                  | r 403.5                    | r 1 502.7 | 359.2  | 705.4                    | r 939.9   | 2 801.8        |
| December                        | 1 101.8                  | r 416.8                    | r 1 518.6 | 334.4  | 681.2                    | 916.8     | r 2 769.8      |
| 2002                            |                          |                            |           |  |                          |           |                |
| March                           | r 1 205.5                | r 475.8                    | r 1 681.2 | 344.4  | 741.5                    | r 940.7   | r 2 966.4      |
| June                            | r 1 363.6                | r 462.1                    | r 1 825.7 | r 370.1  | r 816.8                  | r 1 052.9 | r 3 248.7      |
| September                       | 1 436.8                  | 441.8                      | 1 878.6   | 375.7  | 956.7                    | 1 303.5   | 3 557.8        |

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 2000–01. See paragraphs 29 to 31 of the Explanatory Notes in *Building Activity, Victoria* (cat. no. 8752.2).

Source: *Building Activity, Victoria* (cat. no. 8752.2).

|  | Value of building commenced | Value of building under construction at end of quarter | Value of building completed | Value of work yet to be done at end of quarter | Value of work done |
|--|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|
|  | \$m                         | \$m  | \$m                         | \$m  | \$m                |
| <b>Melbourne</b>                               |                             |  |                             |  |                    |
| Houses   | 1 466.6                     | 3 503.3  | 1 217.8                     | 1 878.9  | 1 402.7            |
| Other residential building                     | 841.6                       | 3 211.7  | 622.2                       | 1 988.0  | 537.8              |
| <i>Total residential building</i>              | <i>2 308.2</i>              | <i>6 715.0</i>   | <i>1 839.9</i>              | <i>3 866.9</i>                                 | <i>1 940.5</i>     |
| Hotels etc.                                    | 17.9                        | 199.9  | 9.0                         | 114.3  | 38.7               |
| Shops  | 140.5                       | 714.8  | 259.1                       | 235.8  | 238.7              |
| Factories, offices and other business premises | 329.4                       | 1 685.6  | 330.9                       | 810.1  | 567.2              |
| Educational                                    | 145.4                       | 568.8  | 82.8                        | 225.3  | 145.2              |
| Health   | 31.4                        | 539.2  | 45.4                        | 324.2  | 91.4               |
| Entertainment and recreational                 | 38.4                        | 205.6  | 19.8                        | 57.4   | 54.1               |
| Other non-residential building                 | 42.6                        | 148.3  | 40.2                        | 67.5   | 50.1               |
| <i>Total non-residential building</i>          | <i>745.5</i>                | <i>4 062.3</i>   | <i>787.3</i>                | <i>1 834.5</i>                                 | <i>1 185.3</i>     |
| <i>Total Melbourne</i>                         | <i>3 053.7</i>              | <i>10 777.3</i>  | <i>2 627.2</i>              | <i>5 701.4</i>                                 | <i>3 125.8</i>     |
| <b>Balance of Victoria</b>                     |                             |  |                             |  |                    |
| Houses   | 438.9                       | 1 013.7  | 434.6                       | 452.0  | 480.8              |
| Other residential building                     | 13.5                        | 93.8   | 13.9                        | 45.4   | 21.1               |
| <i>Total residential building</i>              | <i>452.4</i>                | <i>1 107.5</i>   | <i>448.5</i>                | <i>497.4</i>                                   | <i>501.8</i>       |
| Hotels etc.                                    | 10.0                        | 29.9   | 3.9                         | 17.1   | 8.8                |
| Shops  | 24.8                        | 59.5   | 9.1                         | 23.8   | 25.2               |
| Factories, offices and other business premises | 70.2                        | 106.5  | 26.4                        | 47.4   | 52.5               |
| Educational                                    | 66.0                        | 138.2  | 19.0                        | 70.2   | 34.3               |
| Health   | 16.1                        | 123.5  | 19.1                        | 51.7   | 29.5               |
| Entertainment and recreational                 | 13.1                        | 29.3   | 19.1                        | 14.4   | 11.4               |
| Other non-residential building                 | 29.8                        | 94.5   | 26.6                        | 37.5   | 38.8               |
| <i>Total non-residential building</i>          | <i>230.0</i>                | <i>581.3</i>   | <i>123.2</i>                | <i>262.1</i>                                   | <i>200.6</i>       |
| <i>Total Balance of Victoria</i>               | <i>682.3</i>                | <i>1 688.8</i>   | <i>571.7</i>                | <i>759.5</i>                                   | <i>702.4</i>       |
| <b>Victoria</b>                                |                             |  |                             |  |                    |
| Houses   | 1 905.5                     | 4 517.0  | 1 652.4                     | 2 330.8  | 1 883.5            |
| Other residential building                     | 855.1                       | 3 305.5  | 636.0                       | 2 033.5  | 558.8              |
| <i>Total residential building</i>              | <i>2 760.6</i>              | <i>7 822.5</i>   | <i>2 288.4</i>              | <i>4 364.3</i>                                 | <i>2 442.3</i>     |
| Hotels etc.                                    | 27.8                        | 229.8  | 13.0                        | 131.4  | 47.5               |
| Shops  | 165.3                       | 774.3  | 268.2                       | 259.6  | 263.9              |
| Factories, offices and other business premises | 399.5                       | 1 792.2  | 357.2                       | 857.6  | 619.7              |
| Educational                                    | 211.4                       | 707.0  | 101.8                       | 295.4  | 179.4              |
| Health   | 47.5                        | 662.7  | 64.6                        | 375.8  | 120.9              |
| Entertainment and recreational                 | 51.5                        | 234.9  | 38.9                        | 71.7   | 65.5               |
| Other non-residential building                 | 72.4                        | 242.8  | 66.8                        | 105.0  | 88.9               |
| <i>Total non-residential building</i>          | <i>975.5</i>                | <i>4 643.7</i>   | <i>910.5</i>                | <i>2 096.5</i>                                 | <i>1 385.9</i>     |
| <b>Total Victoria</b>                          | <b>3 736.1</b>              | <b>12 466.1</b>  | <b>3 198.9</b>              | <b>6 460.9</b>                                 | <b>3 828.2</b>     |

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (cat. no. 8752.2); ABS data available on request, Building Activity.

| Period    | Original series    |                |                | Seasonally adjusted |                |                | Trend estimates(b) |                |                | Change from previous period |
|-----------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
|           | Passenger vehicles | Other vehicles | Total vehicles | Passenger vehicles  | Other vehicles | Total vehicles | Passenger vehicles | Other vehicles | Total vehicles |                             |
|           | no.                | no.            | no.            | no.                 | no.            | no.            | no.                | no.            | no.            | %                           |
| 1999–2000 | 142 040            | 53 433         | 195 473        | 141 388             | 53 351         | 194 739        | 142 982            | 53 730         | 196 712        | -5.0                        |
| 2000–01   | 166 500            | 57 924         | 224 424        | 167 408             | 58 333         | 225 741        | 156 500            | 57 343         | 213 843        | 8.7                         |
| 2001–02   | 154 868            | 66 331         | 221 199        | 156 055             | 66 608         | 222 663        | r 153 585          | r 66 428       | r 220 013      | 2.9                         |
| 2001      |                    |                |                |                     |                |                |                    |                |                |                             |
| December  | 14 286             | 5 216          | 19 502         | 13 491              | 4 962          | 18 453         | 13 044             | 5 442          | 18 486         | 1.1                         |
| 2002      |                    |                |                |                     |                |                |                    |                |                |                             |
| January   | 11 154             | 4 504          | 15 658         | 14 035              | 5 856          | 19 891         | 13 120             | 5 523          | 18 643         | 0.8                         |
| February  | 11 918             | 5 418          | 17 336         | 12 661              | 5 831          | 18 492         | 13 075             | 5 625          | 18 700         | 0.3                         |
| March     | 12 611             | 5 719          | 18 330         | 12 578              | 5 457          | 18 035         | 12 898             | 5 737          | 18 635         | -0.3                        |
| April     | 11 789             | 5 461          | 17 250         | 12 687              | 5 803          | 18 490         | 12 679             | 5 857          | 18 536         | -0.5                        |
| May       | 12 935             | 6 605          | 19 540         | 12 720              | 6 084          | 18 804         | 12 529             | 5 971          | 18 500         | -0.2                        |
| June      | 13 183             | 7 113          | 20 296         | 12 438              | 6 053          | 18 491         | 12 545             | 6 073          | 18 618         | 0.6                         |
| July      | 12 652             | 6 069          | 18 721         | 12 403              | 6 016          | 18 419         | 12 670             | 6 109          | 18 779         | 0.9                         |
| August    | 12 699             | 6 243          | 18 942         | 12 654              | 6 332          | 18 986         | 12 844             | 6 075          | 18 919         | 0.7                         |
| September | 13 286             | 5 479          | 18 765         | 13 558              | 6 107          | 19 665         | 13 017             | 5 988          | 19 005         | 0.5                         |
| October   | 14 351             | 5 834          | 20 185         | 13 133              | 5 893          | 19 026         | 13 178             | 5 913          | 19 091         | 0.5                         |
| November  | 13 857             | 5 972          | 19 829         | 13 560              | 5 691          | 19 251         | 13 298             | 5 899          | 19 197         | 0.6                         |
| December  | 13 837             | 5 869          | 19 706         | 12 495              | 5 226          | 17 721         | 13 373             | 5 943          | 19 316         | 0.6                         |
| 2003      |                    |                |                |                     |                |                |                    |                |                |                             |
| January   | 11 318             | 5 172          | 16 490         | 14 304              | 6 760          | 21 064         | 13 425             | 6 029          | 19 454         | 0.7                         |
| February  | 12 302             | 5 850          | 18 152         | 13 087              | 6 285          | 19 372         | 13 442             | 6 125          | 19 567         | 0.6                         |

(a) Excludes motorcycles, plant and equipment, and unpowered vehicles.

(b) All trend estimates from June 2002 to November 2002 have been revised.

Source: Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Electronic Delivery (cat. no. 9314.0.55.001).

| Month               |                       |                          |   |                                 |                                    |                        |                                 | Total   |                              |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
|                     | Food retailing<br>\$m | Department stores<br>\$m | Clothing and soft good retailing<br>\$m | Household good retailing<br>\$m | Recreational good retailing<br>\$m | Other retailing<br>\$m | Hospitality and services<br>\$m | \$m     | % change from previous month |
| ORIGINAL            |                       |                          |   |                                 |                                    |                        |                                 |         |                              |
| 2001                |                       |                          |   |                                 |                                    |                        |                                 |         |                              |
| December            | 1 546.4               | 563.8                    | 316.7                                   | 648.2                           | 195.1                              | 444.2                  | 503.8                           | 4 218.4 | 25.2                         |
| 2002                |                       |                          |   |                                 |                                    |                        |                                 |         |                              |
| January             | 1 385.9               | 247.9                    | 209.5                                   | 505.3                           | 140.1                              | 288.6                  | 435.3                           | 3 212.7 | -23.8                        |
| February            | 1 255.9               | 203.0                    | 180.3                                   | 444.1                           | 121.7                              | 272.5                  | 419.8                           | 2 897.3 | -9.8                         |
| March               | 1 406.9               | 261.2                    | 213.3                                   | 484.9                           | 135.0                              | 288.8                  | 468.4                           | 3 258.4 | 12.5                         |
| April               | 1 310.9               | 273.3                    | 250.3                                   | 495.2                           | 126.4                              | 296.0                  | 430.9                           | 3 182.9 | -2.3                         |
| May                 | 1 384.8               | 287.1                    | 257.9                                   | 512.4                           | 138.7                              | 332.2                  | 429.6                           | 3 332.6 | 4.7                          |
| June                | 1 301.6               | 295.2                    | 233.0                                   | 534.3                           | 126.7                              | 284.3                  | 420.0                           | 3 195.2 | -4.1                         |
| July                | 1 377.2               | 261.0                    | 233.4                                   | 502.4                           | 145.1                              | 304.7                  | 479.5                           | 3 303.3 | 3.4                          |
| August              | 1 412.8               | 246.4                    | 230.6                                   | 496.2                           | 154.6                              | 319.8                  | 468.1                           | 3 328.4 | 0.8                          |
| September           | 1 365.1               | 247.3                    | 236.2                                   | 478.3                           | 138.1                              | 318.1                  | 436.0                           | 3 219.2 | -3.3                         |
| October             | 1 460.6               | 285.3                    | 252.2                                   | 514.0                           | 141.3                              | 334.5                  | 419.2                           | 3 407.1 | 5.8                          |
| November            | 1 483.9               | 364.2                    | 265.6                                   | 536.2                           | 147.2                              | 350.6                  | 434.4                           | 3 582.2 | 5.1                          |
| December            | 1 625.2               | 580.8                    | 341.3                                   | 674.6                           | 230.2                              | 483.2                  | 500.0                           | 4 435.2 | 23.8                         |
| 2003                |                       |                          |   |                                 |                                    |                        |                                 |         |                              |
| January             | 1 506.9               | 264.7                    | 209.2                                   | 502.8                           | 139.0                              | 310.9                  | 473.7                           | 3 407.3 | -23.2                        |
| February            | 1 355.4               | 219.5                    | 190.8                                   | 446.1                           | 120.9                              | 306.1                  | 414.2                           | 3 053.1 | -10.4                        |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED |                       |                          |   |                                 |                                    |                        |                                 |         |                              |
| 2001                |                       |                          |   |                                 |                                    |                        |                                 |         |                              |
| December            | 1 335.8               | 284.5                    | 219.8                                   | 495.1                           | 126.5                              | 309.1                  | 447.1                           | 3 217.9 | 0.4                          |
| 2002                |                       |                          |   |                                 |                                    |                        |                                 |         |                              |
| January             | 1 360.1               | 285.5                    | 226.3                                   | 503.8                           | 135.3                              | 323.0                  | 445.7                           | 3 279.7 | 1.9                          |
| February            | 1 354.4               | 286.3                    | 226.1                                   | 500.7                           | 139.6                              | 316.2                  | 455.1                           | 3 278.5 | -0.0                         |
| March               | 1 371.5               | 291.5                    | 230.6                                   | 517.1                           | 145.5                              | 309.6                  | 448.6                           | 3 314.4 | 1.1                          |
| April               | 1 380.1               | 294.6                    | 239.3                                   | 535.0                           | 139.6                              | 314.9                  | 443.8                           | 3 347.2 | 1.0                          |
| May                 | 1 390.4               | 298.4                    | 243.8                                   | 522.0                           | 147.6                              | 325.9                  | 431.9                           | 3 360.0 | 0.4                          |
| June                | 1 389.2               | 319.9                    | 240.0                                   | 549.1                           | 141.5                              | 316.7                  | 448.4                           | 3 404.8 | 1.3                          |
| July                | 1 409.0               | 277.2                    | 243.7                                   | 519.7                           | 152.6                              | 321.6                  | 478.8                           | 3 402.6 | -0.1                         |
| August              | 1 404.0               | 282.9                    | 255.4                                   | 513.6                           | 158.9                              | 325.0                  | 456.6                           | 3 396.5 | -0.2                         |
| September           | 1 428.5               | 289.1                    | 258.3                                   | 505.1                           | 144.2                              | 330.2                  | 448.7                           | 3 404.0 | 0.2                          |
| October             | 1 438.6               | 292.8                    | 251.2                                   | 505.3                           | 146.8                              | 319.8                  | 419.2                           | 3 373.7 | -0.9                         |
| November            | 1 443.9               | 321.3                    | 250.1                                   | 500.5                           | 141.3                              | 329.3                  | 431.9                           | 3 418.3 | 1.3                          |
| December            | 1 429.3               | 298.8                    | 238.4                                   | 513.7                           | 147.4                              | 325.8                  | 444.9                           | 3 398.4 | -0.6                         |
| 2003                |                       |                          |   |                                 |                                    |                        |                                 |         |                              |
| January             | 1 442.7               | 308.5                    | 225.1                                   | 497.6                           | 133.0                              | 348.7                  | 468.4                           | 3 423.9 | 0.8                          |
| February            | 1 458.5               | 308.7                    | 239.2                                   | 503.4                           | 139.8                              | 353.7                  | 449.0                           | 3 452.2 | 0.8                          |
| TREND ESTIMATES     |                       |                          |   |                                 |                                    |                        |                                 |         |                              |
| 2001                |                       |                          |   |                                 |                                    |                        |                                 |         |                              |
| December            | 1 343.1               | 284.9                    | 220.2                                   | 501.0                           | 132.8                              | 308.6                  | 445.1                           | 3 234.8 | 0.7                          |
| 2002                |                       |                          |   |                                 |                                    |                        |                                 |         |                              |
| January             | 1 351.3               | 286.7                    | 223.9                                   | 504.1                           | 135.4                              | 312.0                  | 447.3                           | 3 260.6 | 0.8                          |
| February            | 1 360.4               | 289.3                    | 228.0                                   | 510.1                           | 137.9                              | 314.9                  | 447.2                           | 3 288.5 | 0.9                          |
| March               | 1 369.6               | 292.1                    | 232.1                                   | 517.9                           | 140.6                              | 316.6                  | 446.4                           | 3 316.7 | 0.9                          |
| April               | 1 378.4               | 294.6                    | 236.3                                   | 525.3                           | 143.5                              | 317.8                  | 447.5                           | 3 344.9 | 0.9                          |
| May                 | 1 386.6               | 295.3                    | 240.6                                   | 529.8                           | 146.2                              | 318.9                  | 450.3                           | 3 369.0 | 0.7                          |
| June                | 1 395.5               | 294.5                    | 244.9                                   | 529.1                           | 148.3                              | 320.5                  | 452.6                           | 3 385.9 | 0.5                          |
| July                | 1 405.1               | 293.4                    | 249.1                                   | 524.4                           | 149.6                              | 322.1                  | 452.4                           | 3 395.7 | 0.3                          |
| August              | 1 414.7               | 293.0                    | 251.9                                   | 517.6                           | 150.0                              | 323.1                  | 449.8                           | 3 399.0 | 0.1                          |
| September           | 1 423.3               | 294.5                    | 252.2                                   | 511.0                           | 149.1                              | 324.2                  | 445.9                           | 3 398.7 | -0.0                         |
| October             | 1 430.7               | 297.8                    | 250.0                                   | 506.7                           | 146.8                              | 326.4                  | 442.4                           | 3 399.7 | 0.0                          |
| November            | 1 436.9               | 301.9                    | 246.0                                   | 504.4                           | 144.1                              | 330.3                  | 441.3                           | 3 404.5 | 0.1                          |
| December            | 1 442.1               | 305.7                    | 241.3                                   | 503.3                           | 141.5                              | 335.3                  | 443.3                           | 3 412.6 | 0.2                          |
| 2003                |                       |                          |   |                                 |                                    |                        |                                 |         |                              |
| January             | 1 446.5               | 308.6                    | 236.9                                   | 502.9                           | 139.3                              | 340.6                  | 446.7                           | 3 422.3 | 0.3                          |
| February            | 1 450.6               | 311.0                    | 232.9                                   | 502.5                           | 137.5                              | 345.8                  | 451.8                           | 3 432.0 | 0.3                          |

(a) Excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc

Source: Retail Trade, Australia (cat. no. 8501.0).



| Quarter ended                                 | Original   |            | Seasonally adjusted |            | Trend estimates |            |
|---|------------|------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
|   | Victoria   | Australia  | Victoria            | Australia  | Victoria        | Australia  |
| TURNOVER (\$m)                                |            |            |                     |            |                 |            |
| 2001  |            |            |                     |            |                 |            |
| September                                     | r 8 962.6  | r 38 073.5 | r 9 296.0           | r 39 219.8 | r 9 271.4       | r 39 073.2 |
| December                                      | r 10 559.5 | r 44 073.7 | r 9 371.9           | r 39 470.4 | r 9 418.7       | r 39 556.8 |
| 2002  |            |            |                     |            |                 |            |
| March   | r 9 097.5  | r 38 130.0 | r 9 578.6           | r 40 027.6 | r 9 598.6       | r 40 161.1 |
| June  | r 9 439.1  | r 39 414.4 | r 9 812.1           | r 40 973.9 | r 9 742.6       | r 40 795.4 |
| September                                     | r 9 506.3  | r 40 222.9 | r 9 835.9           | r 41 385.4 | r 9 819.8       | r 41 359.8 |
| December                                      | 11 006.4   | 46 561.4   | 9 782.9             | 41 709.3   | 9 838.3         | 41 803.4   |
| CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER (%)              |            |            |                     |            |                 |            |
| 2001  |            |            |                     |            |                 |            |
| September                                     | r 1.8      | r 2.5      | r 1.7               | 1.7        | 1.5             | r 1.1      |
| December                                      | 17.8       | r 15.8     | r 0.8               | 0.6        | r 1.6           | r 1.2      |
| 2002  |            |            |                     |            |                 |            |
| March   | r -13.8    | -13.5      | r 2.2               | r 1.4      | r 1.9           | 1.5        |
| June  | 3.8        | 3.4        | 2.4                 | r 2.4      | r 1.5           | 1.6        |
| September                                     | r 0.7      | r 2.1      | r 0.2               | r 1.0      | r 0.8           | r 1.4      |
| December                                      | 15.8       | 15.8       | -0.5                | 0.8        | 0.2             | 1.1        |
| CHANGE FROM SAME QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR (%) |            |            |                     |            |                 |            |
| 2001  |            |            |                     |            |                 |            |
| September                                     | r 9.9      | 5.5        | r 10.0              | r 5.6      | r 7.1           | r 4.1      |
| December                                      | r 7.0      | r 4.7      | r 6.8               | r 4.5      | r 7.5           | r 4.6      |
| 2002  |            |            |                     |            |                 |            |
| March   | r 6.7      | r 4.9      | r 6.7               | r 4.7      | 7.2             | r 5.2      |
| June  | 7.3        | r 6.1      | r 7.3               | r 6.2      | r 6.6           | r 5.6      |
| September                                     | r 6.1      | r 5.6      | r 5.8               | r 5.5      | r 5.9           | r 5.9      |
| December                                      | 4.2        | 5.6        | 4.4                 | 5.7        | 4.5             | 5.7        |

(a) Excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.

(b) Reference year for chain volume measures is 2000-01.

Source: Retail Trade, Australia (cat. no. 8501.0).

| <i>Hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments(a)</i> |                             |                        |                       |                             |                                     |                                    |                                  |                                       |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|  | <i>Establish-<br/>ments</i> | <i>Guest<br/>rooms</i> | <i>Bed<br/>spaces</i> | <i>Persons<br/>employed</i> | <i>Room<br/>nights<br/>occupied</i> | <i>Room<br/>occupancy<br/>rate</i> | <i>Guest nights<br/>occupied</i> | <i>Takings from<br/>accommodation</i> |
| <i>Quarter ended</i>   | <i>no.</i>                  | <i>no.</i>             | <i>no.</i>            | <i>no.</i>                  | <i>'000</i>                         | <i>%</i>                           | <i>'000</i>                      | <i>\$m</i>                            |
| <b>2001</b>  |                             |                        |                       |                             |                                     |                                    |                                  |                                       |
| March  | 706                         | 32 023                 | 87 185                | 21 890                      | 1 787.2                             | 62.1                               | 3 054.5                          | 241.4                                 |
| June   | 705                         | 32 295                 | 87 866                | 22 008                      | 1 619.6                             | 55.1                               | 2 699.3                          | 202.6                                 |
| September  | 707                         | 32 274                 | 87 398                | 22 011                      | 1 649.2                             | 55.5                               | 2 797.1                          | 214.1                                 |
| December   | 711                         | 32 548                 | 88 604                | 21 333                      | 1 757.3                             | 58.7                               | 2 990.0                          | 221.0                                 |
| <b>2002</b>  |                             |                        |                       |                             |                                     |                                    |                                  |                                       |
| March  | 711                         | 32 605                 | 88 872                | 21 099                      | 1 777.1                             | 60.6                               | 3 079.7                          | 230.1                                 |
| June   | 712                         | 32 894                 | 89 537                | 21 208                      | 1 607.4                             | 53.7                               | 2 647.3                          | 193.0                                 |
| September  | 715                         | 33 184                 | 90 233                | 21 465                      | 1 672.6                             | 54.9                               | 2 832.7                          | 211.0                                 |
| December   | 714                         | 33 183                 | 90 199                | 21 208                      | 1 827.8                             | 59.9                               | 3 090.8                          | 232.8                                 |

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

Source: *Tourist Accommodation, Australia (cat. no. 8635.0)*.

| <i>Hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments(a)</i> |                                |                     |                       |                                   |                                       |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>Tourism region</i>  | <i>Room occupancy<br/>rate</i> | <i>Guest nights</i> | <i>Guest arrivals</i> | <i>Average length of<br/>stay</i> | <i>Takings from<br/>accommodation</i> |
|  | <i>%</i>                       | <i>'000</i>         | <i>'000.</i>          | <i>days</i>                       | <i>\$'000</i>                         |
| Melbourne  | 69.5                           | 2 083.5             | 877.6                 | 2.4                               | 179 469                               |
| Melbourne East   | 38.3                           | 26.0                | 14.4                  | 1.8                               | 2 165                                 |
| Peninsula  | 46.5                           | 53.2                | 31.8                  | 1.7                               | 3 781                                 |
| Geelong  | 54.7                           | 64.7                | 32.8                  | 2.0                               | 4 225                                 |
| Western  | 56.9                           | 141.1               | 91.1                  | 1.5                               | 7 437                                 |
| Western Grampians  | 52.2                           | 38.8                | 28.2                  | 1.3                               | 1 933                                 |
| Central Highlands  | 46.6                           | 28.6                | 17.5                  | 1.6                               | 1 250                                 |
| Ballarat   | 56.1                           | 92.9                | 51.8                  | 1.8                               | 4 249                                 |
| Macedon  | 33.2                           | 2.8                 | 1.7                   | 1.6                               | 230                                   |
| Spa Country  | 53.3                           | 9.8                 | 5.6                   | 1.7                               | 1 242                                 |
| Bendigo Loddon   | 54.5                           | 69.3                | 43.7                  | 1.6                               | 3 690                                 |
| Wimmera  | 31.0                           | 5.8                 | 4.7                   | 1.2                               | 211                                   |
| Mallee   | 52.4                           | 100.6               | 63.8                  | 1.6                               | 4 638                                 |
| Central Murray   | 47.3                           | 44.0                | 28.1                  | 1.6                               | 2 094                                 |
| Goulburn   | 49.3                           | 53.6                | 35.6                  | 1.5                               | 2 672                                 |
| Upper Yarra  | 27.3                           | 15.7                | 8.8                   | 1.8                               | 1 199                                 |
| High Country   | 25.4                           | 88.1                | 49.8                  | 1.8                               | 4 063                                 |
| Murray East  | 46.2                           | 29.6                | 19.2                  | 1.5                               | 1 348                                 |
| Lakes  | 43.6                           | 44.7                | 32.6                  | 1.4                               | 2 001                                 |
| Gippsland  | 42.2                           | 61.6                | 37.4                  | 1.6                               | 2 952                                 |
| Phillip Island   | 49.4                           | 38.3                | 23.2                  | 1.6                               | 1 912                                 |
| <b>Total Victoria</b>  | <b>59.9</b>                    | <b>3 090.8</b>      | <b>1 499.5</b>        | <b>2.1</b>                        | <b>232 761</b>                        |

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

Source: *Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, Victoria (cat. no. 8635.2.40.001)*.

| Period              | Livestock slaughterings |        |         |         |         | Meat (carcass weight) |         |         |          |         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|
|                     | Cattle                  | Calves | Sheep   | Lambs   | Pigs    | Beef                  | Veal    | Mutton  | Lamb     | Pigmeat |
|                     | '000                    | '000   | '000    | '000    | '000    | tonnes                | tonnes  | tonnes  | tonnes   | tonnes  |
| ORIGINAL            |                         |        |         |         |         |                       |         |         |          |         |
| 1999–2000           | 1 523.8                 | 678.5  | 3 816.0 | 7 144.5 | 1 443.7 | 351 273               | 13 370  | 76 719  | 140 215  | 106 690 |
| 2000–01             | 1 523.9                 | 608.9  | 4 193.3 | 8 090.0 | 1 065.6 | 354 819               | 11 842  | 84 016  | 157 898  | 78 954  |
| 2001–02             | 1 431.1                 | 597.0  | 3 819.5 | 6 997.4 | 1 042.1 | 342 898               | 11 996  | 74 426  | 136 324  | 73 653  |
| 2001                |                         |        |         |         |         |                       |         |         |          |         |
| November            | 129.5                   | 18.3   | 389.3   | 682.1   | 93.5    | 31 406                | 440     | 7 825   | 13 078   | 6 448   |
| December            | 103.7                   | 8.2    | 312.2   | 579.0   | 93.3    | 24 839                | 266     | 6 238   | 11 086   | 6 252   |
| 2002                |                         |        |         |         |         |                       |         |         |          |         |
| January             | 127.3                   | 8.3    | 387.3   | 622.5   | 86.5    | 30 556                | 254     | 7 528   | 11 951   | 6 162   |
| February            | 122.9                   | 7.7    | 371.2   | 541.5   | 81.2    | 30 210                | 252     | 7 052   | 10 622   | 5 638   |
| March               | 116.8                   | 15.1   | 315.6   | 524.5   | 74.2    | 28 061                | 392     | 6 016   | 10 492   | 5 216   |
| April               | 119.2                   | 31.0   | 289.8   | 558.8   | 80.9    | 28 688                | 649     | 5 448   | 11 067   | 5 789   |
| May                 | 139.9                   | 47.5   | 293.1   | 620.2   | 92.3    | 33 375                | 920     | 5 538   | 12 149   | 6 385   |
| June                | 107.9                   | 61.1   | 231.6   | 538.2   | 78.8    | 24 868                | 1 173   | 4 339   | 10 781   | 5 457   |
| July                | 115.5                   | 76.5   | 280.3   | 573.6   | 95.0    | 26 629                | 1 426   | 5 160   | 11 159   | 6 785   |
| August              | 132.3                   | 185.0  | 276.1   | 553.5   | 82.7    | 30 360                | 3 576   | 5 120   | 10 169   | 5 812   |
| September           | 136.5                   | 151.9  | 320.3   | 561.2   | 80.6    | 30 621                | 4 074   | 5 998   | 10 516   | 5 838   |
| October             | 162.9                   | 84.1   | r 403.2 | r 666.0 | 92.6    | 36 355                | 1 662   | r 7 651 | r 12 176 | 6 592   |
| November            | 152.2                   | 31.1   | 383.0   | 652.7   | 81.3    | 34 316                | 672     | 7 278   | 11 709   | 5 691   |
| December            | 120.6                   | 11.9   | 325.8   | 572.5   | 87.3    | 27 394                | 256     | 6 269   | 11 272   | 6 079   |
| 2003                |                         |        |         |         |         |                       |         |         |          |         |
| January             | 139.6                   | 11.0   | 384.6   | 574.1   | 83.5    | 31 936                | 277     | 7 114   | 10 759   | 5 779   |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED |                         |        |         |         |         |                       |         |         |          |         |
| 2001                |                         |        |         |         |         |                       |         |         |          |         |
| November            | 118.2                   | 50.3   | 331.3   | 605.9   | 95.2    | 27 815                | 1 140   | 6 412   | 11 675   | 6 554   |
| December            | 110.6                   | 58.4   | 323.7   | 603.3   | 92.9    | 26 806                | 1 485   | 6 340   | 11 691   | 6 490   |
| 2002                |                         |        |         |         |         |                       |         |         |          |         |
| January             | 114.0                   | 56.6   | 329.0   | 595.8   | 89.3    | 27 202                | 1 344   | 6 515   | 11 364   | 6 370   |
| February            | 115.4                   | 63.9   | 313.1   | 569.2   | 87.1    | 28 193                | 1 645   | 6 139   | 11 150   | 6 174   |
| March               | 119.6                   | 58.2   | 290.8   | 570.7   | 75.4    | 28 781                | 1 340   | 5 702   | 11 334   | 5 448   |
| April               | 124.4                   | 62.2   | 307.4   | 588.5   | 81.1    | 29 741                | 1 308   | 6 064   | 11 823   | 5 694   |
| May                 | 123.4                   | 54.3   | 287.0   | 588.7   | 80.6    | 29 661                | 1 082   | 5 654   | 11 520   | 5 455   |
| June                | 123.1                   | 49.6   | 299.5   | 593.0   | 81.1    | 29 225                | 968     | 5 636   | 11 588   | 5 606   |
| July                | 121.1                   | 46.3   | 310.3   | 582.2   | 88.7    | 28 314                | 891     | 5 621   | 10 877   | 6 214   |
| August              | 141.4                   | 56.0   | 355.5   | 575.2   | 82.9    | 32 773                | 1 103   | 6 489   | 10 904   | 5 867   |
| September           | 154.3                   | 67.4   | 370.8   | 560.7   | 86.7    | 35 380                | 1 805   | 6 713   | 10 548   | 6 117   |
| October             | 146.7                   | 70.3   | r 351.5 | r 576.9 | 91.0    | 32 468                | 1 426   | r 6 421 | r 10 562 | 6 428   |
| November            | 148.5                   | 95.6   | 350.6   | 608.3   | 86.8    | 32 035                | 1 880   | 6 288   | 11 196   | 6 132   |
| December            | 123.7                   | 76.0   | 324.2   | 574.8   | 85.3    | 28 134                | 1 305   | 6 215   | 11 245   | 6 100   |
| 2003                |                         |        |         |         |         |                       |         |         |          |         |
| January             | 126.7                   | 83.7   | 332.6   | 559.2   | 86.5    | 28 352                | 1 633   | 6 081   | 10 610   | 6 011   |
| TREND ESTIMATES     |                         |        |         |         |         |                       |         |         |          |         |
| 2001                |                         |        |         |         |         |                       |         |         |          |         |
| November            | 116.7                   | 52.4   | 325.5   | 585.0   | 93.4    | 27 983                | 1 186   | 6 310   | 11 340   | 6 585   |
| December            | 115.5                   | 55.5   | 322.5   | 588.7   | 91.5    | 27 715                | 1 319   | 6 292   | 11 359   | 6 446   |
| 2002                |                         |        |         |         |         |                       |         |         |          |         |
| January             | 115.5                   | 58.4   | 318.1   | 589.0   | 88.4    | 27 768                | 1 416   | 6 244   | 11 425   | 6 237   |
| February            | 116.4                   | 60.0   | 310.4   | 586.6   | 85.0    | 28 062                | 1 438   | 6 126   | 11 488   | 5 998   |
| March               | 117.7                   | 59.3   | 301.9   | 584.4   | 82.2    | 28 398                | 1 364   | 5 955   | 11 512   | 5 790   |
| April               | 119.7                   | 56.9   | r 297.0 | r 583.2 | 80.7    | 28 812                | 1 237   | r 5 808 | r 11 499 | 5 658   |
| May                 | r 122.6                 | r 53.8 | r 299.3 | r 583.0 | 80.8    | r 29 355              | r 1 117 | r 5 759 | r 11 438 | r 5 633 |
| June                | r 127.2                 | r 52.3 | r 309.5 | r 582.5 | 82.2    | r 30 142              | r 1 073 | r 5 833 | r 11 292 | r 5 716 |
| July                | r 133.1                 | r 53.7 | r 324.4 | r 581.6 | r 84.2  | r 31 100              | r 1 123 | r 6 000 | r 11 101 | r 5 868 |
| August              | r 138.7                 | r 58.5 | r 338.7 | r 580.2 | 85.9    | r 31 908              | r 1 245 | r 6 190 | r 10 927 | r 6 025 |
| September           | r 142.2                 | r 65.5 | r 347.6 | r 578.9 | r 86.9  | r 32 273              | r 1 393 | r 6 325 | r 10 831 | r 6 126 |
| October             | r 142.8                 | r 72.8 | r 350.2 | r 578.6 | r 87.2  | r 32 072              | r 1 514 | r 6 385 | r 10 822 | r 6 170 |
| November            | 140.9                   | 78.9   | 348.0   | 578.3   | 87.3    | 31 390                | 1 590   | 6 372   | 10 850   | 6 175   |
| December            | 137.4                   | 83.7   | 343.4   | 577.1   | 87.2    | 30 475                | 1 634   | 6 320   | 10 879   | 6 158   |
| 2003                |                         |        |         |         |         |                       |         |         |          |         |
| January             | 133.3                   | 87.1   | 337.4   | 575.8   | 86.7    | 29 497                | 1 654   | 6 246   | 10 929   | 6 113   |

Source: ABS data available on request, Livestock Slaughtering collection.

|                              |                     | Sep qtr  | Dec qtr   | Mar qtr    | Jun qtr    | Sep qtr    | Dec qtr  |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|----------|
|                              | Units               | 2001     | 2001      | 2002       | 2002       | 2002       | 2002     |
| <b>Livestock products</b>    |                     |          |           |            |            |            |          |
| <b>Milk</b>                  |                     |          |           |            |            |            |          |
| Factory intake               | million litres      | 1 688.9  | 2 617.2   | 1 873.1    | 1 225.6    | r 1665.5   | 2 488.7  |
| Market sales by factories(b) | million litres      | 117.8    | r 115.5   | r 111.9    | 113.9      | 118.9      | 116.9    |
| <b>Milk products</b>         |                     |          |           |            |            |            |          |
| Cheese                       | tonnes              | 59 493   | 92 366    | 79 027     | 54 647     | 54 230     | 75 749   |
| Whole milk powder(c)         | tonnes              | 44 701   | 85 421    | 65 778     | 42 783     | 48 112     | 66 881   |
| Skim milk/buttermilk powder  | tonnes              | r 59 661 | r 102 566 | r 57 278   | r 28 691   | r 56 019   | 88 974   |
| Butter/butteroil             | tonnes              | r 31 792 | r 51 807  | r 36 803   | r 24 510   | r 32 650   | 50 539   |
| <b>Wool receivals</b>        |                     |          |           |            |            |            |          |
| Original                     | tonnes              | 36 536   | 45 778    | 35 103     | 24 921     | r 36 698   | 44 750   |
| Seasonally adjusted          | tonnes              | 34 331   | 31 395    | 42 761     | 38 120     | r 34 553   | 30 993   |
| Trend(d)                     | tonnes              | 34 655   | r 35 580  | r 38 135   | r 38 063   | r 35 263   | 31 799   |
| <b>Live sheep exports</b>    |                     |          |           |            |            |            |          |
| Quantity                     | number              | 195 721  | 284 500   | 369 242    | 448 477    | 301 684    | 65 611   |
| Gross weight                 | tonnes              | 9 766    | 14 631    | 18 333     | 28 644     | 14 887     | 3 547    |
| <b>Chickens slaughtered</b>  |                     |          |           |            |            |            |          |
| Original                     | '000                | 24 681.4 | 27 947.8  | 27 691.0   | 29 041.4   | 28 625.5   | 30 716.2 |
| Seasonally adjusted          | '000                | 25 386.1 | 26 738.2  | 28 182.5   | 29 182.8   | 29 196.9   | 29 295.1 |
| Trend(d)                     | '000                | 25 728.1 | 26 705.3  | r 28 052.9 | r 28 894.7 | r 29 274.1 | 29 412.5 |
| <b>Chicken meat</b>          |                     |          |           |            |            |            |          |
| Original                     | tonnes              | 41 170   | 45 297    | 45 473     | 49 116     | 49 518     | 54 717   |
| Seasonally adjusted          | tonnes              | 42 562   | 43 363    | 46 266     | 48 788     | 51 235     | 52 362   |
| Trend(d)                     | tonnes              | 42 844   | 43 874    | r 46 026   | r 48 688   | r 50 897   | 52 529   |
| <b>Other products</b>        |                     |          |           |            |            |            |          |
| Electricity(e)               | '000 megawatt hours | 11 978   | 10 274    | 10 909     | 11 212     | r 12 436   | 11 881   |
| Ready mixed concrete(f)(g)   | '000 cubic metres   | 1 179    | 1 199     | 1 120      | 1 310      | 1 392      | n.y.a.   |
| Hardwood woodchips(f)(h)     | tonnes              | 41 677   | 44 564    | 32 525     | 39 293     | 40 155     | n.y.a.   |

(a) Quarterly statistics on Victoria's production of gold, oil and gas are available in *Australian Mineral Statistics*, published by the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

(b) Original series.

(c) Data from September quarter 2001 onwards are for Australia. For confidentiality reasons, state data are no longer available. The majority of whole milk powder production occurs in Victoria.

(d) Trend estimates for the most recent quarters are subject to revision when data for the subsequent quarters become available.

(e) Total metered generation of all generators in Victoria.

(f) Compiled from the ABS manufacturing production collection. Excludes details relating to both single establishment manufacturing enterprises with fewer than four persons employed, and establishments predominantly engaged in non-manufacturing activities which may also undertake some limited manufacturing activity. However, the effect of these establishments on production levels and movements is usually marginal.

(g) ANZSCC 375.01.01. Reported production of ready mixed concrete for sale as such. Excludes production used, or for use, in the same business. (An improvement in coverage for Melbourne Statistical Division from June month 2000 contributed approximately a 4% increase in the June month 2000 production level for Victoria).

(h) ANZSCC 312.03.01. Expressed as greenweight; excludes chips which are not sold or are used in own works.

Source: *Australian Dairy Corporation*; ABS data available on request, *Wool Receivals and Purchases*; ABS data available on request, *Merchandise Exports*; ABS data available on request, *Poultry and Game Birds Slaughtered*; *National Electricity Market Management Company*; ABS data available on request, *Manufacturing Production Survey*.

| Section and division of the SITC Rev3                          | 2000-01       |               | 2001-02         |               | Eight months ended<br>February 2003 |               |
|--|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
|  | Exports       | Imports       | Exports         | Imports       | Exports                             | Imports       |
|  | \$m           | \$m           | \$m             | \$m           | \$m                                 | \$m           |
| 0 Food and live animals chiefly for food(d)(e)                 | 5 772         | 1 430         | 6 445           | 1 494         | 3 326                               | 1 115         |
| 1 Beverages and tobacco(d)(e)                                  | 228           | 211           | 291             | 226           | 228                                 | 172           |
| 2 Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)(d)(e)               | 2 164         | 677           | 2 007           | 623           | 1 371                               | 450           |
| 3 Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials(e)          | 1 393         | 2 309         | 1 122           | 1 961         | 656                                 | 1 579         |
| 4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(d)(e)              | 108           | 96            | 106             | 106           | 73                                  | 84            |
| 5 Chemicals and related products, n.e.c.(d)(e)                 | 1 258         | 3 855         | 1 317           | 3 930         | 887                                 | 2 812         |
| 6 Manufacturing goods classified chiefly by material(d)(e)     | 2 901         | 4 772         | 2 775           | 4 877         | 1 793                               | 3 684         |
| 7 Machinery and transport equipment(d)(e)                      | 4 079         | 15 435        | 3 965           | 16 173        | 2 473                               | 12 672        |
| 8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(d)(e)                    | 1 403         | 6 205         | 1 328           | 6 390         | 855                                 | 4 762         |
| 9 Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, n.e.c.(f) |               |               |                 |               |                                     |               |
| 97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)   | 1 940         | 335           | 1 498           | 541           | 562                                 | 108           |
| 98 Combined confidential items of trade                        | 1 017         | 1 152         | 1 116           | 1 224         | 630                                 | 1 023         |
| Other Section 9  | 242           | 8             | 272             | 13            | 165                                 | 4             |
| <i>Total Section 9</i>   | <i>3 200</i>  | <i>1 494</i>  | <i>2 886</i>    | <i>1 778</i>  | <i>1 357</i>                        | <i>1 135</i>  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>22 506</b> | <b>36 485</b> | <b>r 22 242</b> | <b>37 558</b> | <b>13 018</b>                       | <b>28 465</b> |

(a) Victorian imports are those imported goods released from Customs control within Victoria. Victorian exports are those whose final stage of production or manufacture occurred within Victoria.

(b) Standard International Trade Classification.

(c) Any discrepancies between sums of the component items and totals are due to rounding.

(d) Excludes export commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. These are included in Section 9.

(e) Excludes imports commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. These are included in Section 9.

(f) Includes export and import commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction.

Source: ABS data available on request, *Merchandise Exports Collection*; ABS data available on request, *Merchandise Imports Collection*.

| Period    | Victoria(a) |         |                   |                                | Australia |                   | Victorian exports as a proportion of Australia | Victorian imports as a proportion of Australia |
|-----------|-------------|---------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|--|--|
|           | Exports     | Imports | Excess of exports | Exports (including re-exports) | Imports   | Excess of exports |  |  |
|           | \$m         | \$m     | \$m               | \$m                            | \$m       | \$m               | %  | %  |
| 1999–2000 | 19 034      | 33 717  | -14 683           | 97 286                         | 110 078   | -12 792           | 19.6   | 30.6   |
| 2000–01   | 22 506      | 36 485  | -13 978           | 119 539                        | 118 317   | 1 222             | 18.8   | 30.8   |
| 2001–02   | r 22 242    | 37 558  | -15 316           | r 121 108                      | 119 649   | r 1 460           | 18.4   | 31.4   |
| 2001      |             |         |                   |                                |           |                   |  |  |
| December  | 1 826       | 2 873   | -1 047            | 10 189                         | 9 138     | 1 051             | 17.9   | 31.4   |
| 2002      |             |         |                   |                                |           |                   |  |  |
| January   | 1 535       | 2 904   | -1 369            | 8 963                          | 9 346     | -383              | 17.1   | 31.1   |
| February  | 1 802       | 3 037   | -1 234            | 9 301                          | 9 617     | -316              | 19.4   | 31.6   |
| March     | 2 062       | 3 128   | -1 066            | 10 449                         | 9 609     | 840               | 19.7   | 32.6   |
| April     | 1 793       | 3 159   | -1 366            | 9 784                          | 10 154    | -370              | 18.3   | 31.1   |
| May       | 1 879       | 3 212   | -1 332            | 10 018                         | 10 142    | -123              | 18.8   | 31.7   |
| June      | 1 701       | 3 042   | -1 341            | r 9 807                        | 9 618     | r 189             | 17.3   | 31.6   |
| July      | r 1 834     | r 3 560 | r -1 726          | r 10 122                       | r 11 301  | r -1 180          | 18.1   | 31.5   |
| August    | r 1 537     | 3 490   | r -1 953          | r 10 278                       | r 11 386  | -1 108            | r 15.0   | 30.6   |
| September | r 1 709     | r 3 433 | r -1 725          | r 9 916                        | r 10 839  | r -923            | 17.2   | 31.7   |
| October   | r 1 937     | 3 648   | r -1 710          | r 10 409                       | r 11 879  | r -1 470          | 18.6   | 30.7   |
| November  | r 1 608     | r 3 547 | r -1 939          | r 9 996                        | 11 638    | r -1 642          | r 16.1   | 30.5   |
| December  | 1 717       | 3 919   | -2 202            | 10 404                         | 12 115    | -1 711            | 16.5   | 32.3   |
| 2003      |             |         |                   |                                |           |                   |  |  |
| January   | 1 213       | 3 477   | -2 264            | 8 905                          | 10 887    | -1 982            | 13.6   | 31.9   |
| February  | 1 464       | 3 391   | -1 927            | 8 989                          | 10 225    | -1 236            | 16.3   | 33.2   |

(a) Victorian imports are those imported goods released from Customs control within Victoria. Victorian exports are those whose final stage of production or manufacture occurred within Victoria.

Source: *International Merchandise Imports* (cat. no. 5439.0); ABS data available on request, *Merchandise Exports* collection; ABS data available on request, *Merchandise Imports* collection.

| Country                    | 2000-01       |               | 2001-02       |               | Eight months ended<br>February 2003 |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
|                            | Exports       | Imports       | Exports       | Imports       | Exports                             | Imports       |
|                            | \$m           | \$m           | \$m           | \$m           | \$m                                 | \$m           |
| Belgium-Luxembourg         | 168           | 275           | 97            | 285           | 44                                  | 257           |
| Brazil                     | 70            | 123           | 56            | 144           | 25                                  | 129           |
| Canada                     | 195           | 412           | 204           | 351           | 157                                 | 302           |
| China                      | 1 430         | 3 891         | 1 559         | 4 378         | 1 107                               | 3 582         |
| Fiji                       | 361           | 142           | 211           | 144           | 144                                 | 74            |
| Finland                    | 10            | 227           | 10            | 211           | 5                                   | 146           |
| France                     | 156           | 748           | 166           | 882           | 84                                  | 908           |
| Germany                    | 507           | 2 585         | 409           | 2 761         | 296                                 | 2 189         |
| Hong Kong (SAR of China)   | 1 062         | 408           | 1 100         | 435           | 445                                 | 251           |
| India                      | 220           | 291           | 257           | 332           | 131                                 | 269           |
| Indonesia                  | 391           | 1 049         | 486           | 1 110         | 244                                 | 787           |
| Italy                      | 464           | 1 028         | 399           | 1 112         | 306                                 | 955           |
| Japan                      | 2 248         | 4 828         | 2 093         | 4 895         | 1 229                               | 3 416         |
| Korea, Republic of (South) | 1 305         | 1 065         | 1 121         | 1 053         | 649                                 | 643           |
| Malaysia                   | 531           | 1 037         | 538           | 1 064         | 316                                 | 781           |
| Mexico                     | 157           | 130           | 166           | 110           | 104                                 | 82            |
| Netherlands                | 150           | 302           | 111           | 386           | 66                                  | 297           |
| New Zealand                | 1 876         | 1 535         | 2 058         | 1 751         | 1 450                               | 1 232         |
| Pakistan                   | 76            | 112           | 71            | 97            | 29                                  | 67            |
| Papua New Guinea           | 145           | 22            | 133           | 11            | 84                                  | 7             |
| Philippines                | 474           | 175           | 458           | 171           | 253                                 | 138           |
| Saudi Arabia               | 1 206         | 314           | 1 404         | 188           | 705                                 | 23            |
| Singapore                  | 1 518         | 685           | 1 137         | 825           | 476                                 | 615           |
| South Africa               | 204           | 208           | 228           | 253           | 147                                 | 208           |
| Sweden                     | 28            | 541           | 32            | 543           | 21                                  | 361           |
| Switzerland                | 47            | 342           | 51            | 340           | 31                                  | 220           |
| Taiwan                     | 816           | 959           | 674           | 906           | 493                                 | 691           |
| Thailand                   | 491           | 802           | 603           | 834           | 461                                 | 665           |
| United Kingdom             | 696           | 1 842         | 691           | 1 888         | 466                                 | 1 338         |
| United States of America   | 2 073         | 7 377         | 2 151         | 7 259         | 1 203                               | 5 393         |
| Other and unknown          | 3 431         | 3 029         | 3 566         | 2 840         | 1 848                               | 2 437         |
| <b>Total(c)</b>            | <b>22 506</b> | <b>36 485</b> | <b>22 242</b> | <b>37 558</b> | <b>13 018</b>                       | <b>28 465</b> |

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(b) The list of countries in this table reflects the volume of trade with Victoria.

(c) Any discrepancies between sums of component items and the total are due to rounding.

Source: ABS data available on request, Merchandise Exports collection; ABS data available on request, Merchandise Imports collection.

|                          | Proportion of days per quarter with Ozone Pollutant Index(b) at stated level(c) |     |      |     |      |     |      |     | Proportion of days per quarter with Visibility Pollutant Index(b) at stated level(c) |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------------------------|---|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|--|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|                          | 2000  |     | 2001 |     | 2002 |     | 2000 |     | 2001   |     | 2002 |     |     |     |     |     |
|                          | Sep   | Dec | Mar  | Jun | Sep  | Dec | Mar  | Jun | Sep  | Dec | Mar  | Jun | Sep | Dec | Mar | Jun |
|                          | %   | %   | %    | %   | %    | %   | %    | %   | %  | %   | %    | %   | %   | %   | %   | %   |
| <b>West(d)</b>           |   |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |  |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |
| Very good                | 86  | 53  | 44   | 89  | 88   | 81  | 63   | 90  | 42   | 62  | 64   | 48  | 47  | 79  | 67  | 40  |
| Good                     | 14  | 44  | 47   | 11  | 12   | 19  | 32   | 10  | 42   | 34  | 30   | 31  | 34  | 21  | 30  | 41  |
| Fair                     | —   | 3   | 9    | —   | —    | —   | 4    | —   | 13   | 2   | 1    | 19  | 14  | —   | 3   | 15  |
| Poor                     | —   | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | —  | 1   | 3    | 2   | 6   | —   | —   | 3   |
| Very poor                | —   | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | 2  | —   | 1    | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1   |
| <b>East(d)</b>           |   |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |  |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |
| Very good                | 99  | 73  | 49   | 93  | 90   | 83  | 67   | 82  | 39   | 77  | 64   | 21  | 24  | 77  | 58  | 26  |
| Good                     | 1   | 26  | 44   | 7   | 10   | 17  | 30   | 18  | 30   | 21  | 29   | 44  | 51  | 23  | 41  | 36  |
| Fair                     | —   | 1   | 7    | —   | —    | —   | 3    | —   | 16   | 2   | 3    | 20  | 15  | —   | 1   | 20  |
| Poor                     | —   | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | 10   | —   | 1    | 15  | 7   | —   | —   | 14  |
| Very poor                | —   | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | 4  | —   | 2    | —   | 4   | —   | —   | 3   |
| <b>City(d)</b>           |   |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |  |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |
| Very good                | 100   | 89  | 68   | 100 | 100  | 96  | 90   | 99  | 61   | 84  | 62   | 43  | 58  | 88  | 85  | 50  |
| Good                     | —   | 11  | 32   | —   | —    | 4   | 9    | 1   | 31   | 15  | 32   | 39  | 28  | 12  | 15  | 33  |
| Fair                     | —   | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | 1    | —   | 5  | 1   | 2    | 16  | 9   | —   | —   | 14  |
| Poor                     | —   | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | 2  | —   | 1    | 2   | 5   | —   | —   | 3   |
| Very poor                | —   | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | 2  | —   | 2    | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   |
| <b>Geelong(d)</b>        |   |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |  |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |
| Very good                | 100   | 75  | 57   | 95  | 99   | 94  | 70   | 84  | 63   | 85  | 74   | 51  | 55  | 94  | 88  | 57  |
| Good                     | —   | 24  | 38   | 6   | 1    | 6   | 27   | 16  | 30   | 15  | 21   | 37  | 35  | 6   | 12  | 28  |
| Fair                     | —   | 1   | 6    | —   | —    | —   | 3    | —   | 7  | —   | 3    | 10  | 9   | —   | —   | 15  |
| Poor                     | —   | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | —  | —   | 1    | 2   | 1   | —   | —   | —   |
| Very poor                | —   | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | —  | —   | —    | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   |
| <b>Latrobe Valley(d)</b> |   |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |  |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |
| Very good                | 90  | 79  | 59   | 93  | 87   | 86  | 83   | 85  | 35   | 74  | 47   | 21  | 25  | 85  | 71  | 25  |
| Good                     | 10  | 20  | 40   | 7   | 13   | 14  | 17   | 15  | 42   | 26  | 42   | 41  | 58  | 15  | 24  | 35  |
| Fair                     | —   | 1   | 1    | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | 20   | —   | 8    | 30  | 13  | —   | 2   | 30  |
| Poor                     | —   | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | 3  | —   | 3    | 8   | 3   | —   | 2   | 9   |
| Very poor                | —   | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | —    | —   | —  | —   | —    | 1   | 1   | —   | —   | 1   |

(a) The EPA reports air quality as an index for any given pollutant as its concentration expressed as a percentage of the relevant standard. It enables easy interpretation of whether the pollutant is at a level which may cause harm. An index value of 100 means the pollutant is currently at a concentration equal to the National Environment Protection Measure (Air NEPM) or State Environment Protection Policy (The Air Environment) (SEPP) standard levels (levels designed to protect human health and the environment). Indexes are calculated separately for each measured pollutant: Ozone, Nitrogen Dioxide, Sulfur Dioxide, Carbon Monoxide, Fine Particulates (PM10), Visibility (Airborne Particle Index). For each station, the daily pollutant indexes are the maximum index values for that day. Note that not all pollutants are measured at each station. The EPA also calculates an overall Air Quality Index, which amalgamates each pollutant index into an overall measure of air quality at each station.

(b) Data have been provided for the Ozone and Visibility (or Airborne Particle) Indexes as these are the dominant pollutants and are widely measured across the EPA network. It should also be noted that meteorological conditions are a major determinant on the incidence of elevated pollutant levels. Hence significant daily, seasonal and annual variations can be expected in air quality. For more information on Air Quality, see the EPA web site, <<http://www.epa.vic.gov.au>>.

(c) The index is converted into a qualitative scale with 5 commonly understood terms Very Good (0–33), Good (34–66) and Fair (67–99), (which represent measurements within the health standards) while Poor (100–149) and Very Poor (150+) represent measurements exceeding the health standards.

(d) For reporting purposes the Port Phillip Region (PPR) has been divided into 4 regions: East, West, City and Geelong. Air monitoring stations assigned to each region are: East — Alphington, Brighton, Box Hill, Dandenong; City — RMIT, Richmond; West — Footscray, Mount Cottrell, Point Cook, Paisley; Geelong — Point Henry, Geelong South. In addition, the Latrobe Valley has stations at Moe and Traralgon. The regional index is considered to be the maximum of the station indexes calculated within each particular region. The daily index reported for a region is the maximum region index recorded each day.

Source: Environment Protection Authority, Victoria.



| River basin                          | Capacity at full service level<br>ML | Storage capacity levels at end of month |             |             |             |             |             |                      |                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|
|                                      |                                      | 2002                                    |             |             | 2003        |             |             | Capacity change from |                      |  |
|                                      |                                      | Jan                                     | Feb         | Mar         | Jan         | Feb         | Mar         | Feb 2003 to Mar 2003 | Mar 2002 to Mar 2003 |  |
|                                      | %                                    | %                                       | %           | %           | %           | %           | %           | %                    |                      |  |
| Goulburn                             | 3 833 500                            | 33.5                                    | 29.8        | 24.1        | 15.8        | 13.5        | 10.8        | -2.7                 | -13.3                |  |
| Broken                               | 405 000                              | 52.2                                    | 48.8        | 44.9        | 27.4        | 24.3        | 21.3        | -3.0                 | -23.6                |  |
| Campaspe                             | 387 060                              | 51.9                                    | 44.9        | 36.9        | 16.9        | 14.4        | 11.7        | -2.7                 | -25.2                |  |
| Loddon                               | 284 300                              | 52.0                                    | 46.8        | 40.6        | 27.6        | 27.2        | 24.7        | -2.6                 | -15.9                |  |
| Murray                               | 7 113 210                            | 69.2                                    | 65.2        | 56.0        | 27.1        | 24.1        | 21.8        | -2.3                 | -34.2                |  |
| Ovens                                | 37 500                               | 87.2                                    | 77.8        | 52.2        | 62.5        | 43.7        | 30.1        | -13.6                | -22.1                |  |
| Werribee                             | 76 020                               | 70.5                                    | 65.1        | 58.0        | 22.5        | 18.5        | 14.8        | -3.7                 | -43.2                |  |
| Maribyrnong                          | 24 900                               | 29.3                                    | 27.9        | 28.8        | 16.8        | 14.9        | 13.1        | -1.8                 | -15.7                |  |
| Glenelg/Wimmera                      | 770 410                              | 23.2                                    | 21.2        | 19.8        | 7.7         | 7.1         | 6.4         | -0.7                 | -13.4                |  |
| Thomson/Latrobe                      | 1 466 200                            | 61.1                                    | 58.4        | 55.0        | 45.7        | 41.5        | 37.4        | -4.1                 | -17.6                |  |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>14 398 100</b>                    | <b>55.1</b>                             | <b>51.3</b> | <b>44.3</b> | <b>24.7</b> | <b>21.9</b> | <b>19.4</b> | <b>-2.6</b>          | <b>-24.9</b>         |  |
| Total volume of water                |                                      |   |             |             |             |             |             |                      |                      |  |
| In Melbourne water storages(a)       | 1 772 500                            | 57.4                                    | 55.8        | 53.5        | 48.2        | 45.5        | 43.3        | -2.2                 | -10.2                |  |
| In rural water authority storages(b) | 9 773 495                            | 50.2                                    | 46.3        | 39.2        | 22.1        | 19.3        | 16.7        | -2.6                 | -22.5                |  |

(a) The total volume in Melbourne water storages is calculated as the sum of volumes in store in Thomson, Upper Yarra, O'Shannassy, Maroondah, Sugarloaf, Yan Yean, Greenvale, Silvan and Cardinia (Tarago and Devil Bend are excluded).

(b) The total volume in rural water authority storages is calculated (as an approximation) as the sum of volumes in store for all listed storages, minus the volume in Thomson reservoir, minus half of the volume stored in the Murray Basin.

Source: Department of Natural Resources and Environment web site, <<http://www.nre.vic.gov.au/vro>>.

| Statistical division   | ISPs(a)    | POPs(b)    | Access lines(c) | All subscribers(d) | Data downloaded by subscribers(d)(e) | Average number of subscribers per access line(f) | Average data downloaded per subscriber(e)(f) |
|------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
|                        | no.        | no.        | no.             | '000               | million Mbs                          | no.  | Mbs  |
| SEPTEMBER QUARTER 2002 |            |            |                 |                    |                                      |  |  |
| Melbourne              | 169        | 217        | 146 040         | 1 021              | 518                                  | 7.0  | 527  |
| Barwon                 | 31         | 35         | 4 896           | 36                 | 14                                   | 7.3  | 387  |
| Western District       | 12         | 17         | 633             | 6                  | n.p.                                 | 10.2   | n.p.   |
| Central Highlands      | 25         | 27         | 2 365           | 26                 | 7                                    | 11.0   | 285  |
| Wimmera                | 3          | 6          | n.p.            | n.p.               | n.p.                                 | n.p.   | n.p.   |
| Mallee                 | 14         | 16         | 1 041           | 10                 | 4                                    | 9.8  | 348  |
| Loddon                 | 15         | 22         | 2 619           | 24                 | 8                                    | 9.3  | 311  |
| Goulburn               | 19         | 30         | 1 862           | 17                 | 5                                    | 9.3  | 249  |
| Ovens-Murray           | 10         | 10         | 800             | 7                  | 2                                    | 8.9  | 263  |
| East Gippsland         | 6          | 12         | n.p.            | n.p.               | n.p.                                 | n.p.   | —  |
| Gippsland              | 14         | 24         | 2 819           | 23                 | 8                                    | 8.3  | 354  |
| <b>Victoria</b>        | <b>198</b> | <b>416</b> | <b>163 855</b>  | <b>1 180</b>       | <b>569</b>                           | <b>7.2</b>                                       | <b>496</b>                                   |
| MARCH QUARTER 2002     |            |            |                 |                    |                                      |  |  |
| Melbourne              | 179        | 229        | 94 419          | 866                | 408                                  | 9.2  | 471  |
| Barwon                 | 40         | 48         | 4 839           | 36                 | 13                                   | 7.5  | 344  |
| Western District       | 14         | 22         | 1 433           | 13                 | 3                                    | 9.3  | 195  |
| Central Highlands      | 27         | 29         | 2 497           | 25                 | 6                                    | 10.0   | 240  |
| Wimmera                | 5          | 8          | 378             | 5                  | n.p.                                 | 13.6   | n.p.   |
| Mallee                 | 16         | 18         | 1 532           | 14                 | 4                                    | 8.9  | 300  |
| Loddon                 | 18         | 27         | 2 289           | 24                 | 6                                    | 10.4   | 265  |
| Goulburn               | 20         | 34         | 3 348           | 26                 | 5                                    | 7.6  | 207  |
| Ovens-Murray           | 12         | 14         | 686             | 7                  | n.p.                                 | 10.3   | n.p.   |
| East Gippsland         | 9          | 21         | 821             | 8                  | 2                                    | 9.5  | 214  |
| Gippsland              | 16         | 26         | 2 302           | 21                 | 9                                    | 9.1  | 411  |
| <b>Victoria</b>        | <b>212</b> | <b>476</b> | <b>114 544</b>  | <b>1 045</b>       | <b>457</b>                           | <b>9.1</b>                                       | <b>438</b>                                   |
| SEPTEMBER QUARTER 2001 |            |            |                 |                    |                                      |  |  |
| Melbourne              | 191        | 241        | 119 889         | 946                | 303                                  | 7.9  | 320  |
| Barwon                 | 33         | 38         | 4 273           | 37                 | 10                                   | 8.8  | 272  |
| Western District       | 11         | 16         | 1 194           | 17                 | 3                                    | 14.4   | 176  |
| Central Highlands      | 26         | 27         | 3 152           | 29                 | 5                                    | 9.3  | 188  |
| Wimmera                | 5          | 10         | 417             | 5                  | n.p.                                 | 13.2   | n.p.   |
| Mallee                 | 14         | 17         | 1 932           | 19                 | 4                                    | 9.7  | 198  |
| Loddon                 | 17         | 27         | 2 932           | 30                 | 6                                    | 10.3   | 207  |
| Goulburn               | 19         | 32         | 3 469           | 29                 | 5                                    | 8.4  | 165  |
| Ovens-Murray           | 10         | 12         | 666             | 6                  | n.p.                                 | 9.0  | n.p.   |
| East Gippsland         | 7          | 16         | 617             | 10                 | 3                                    | 16.0   | 265  |
| Gippsland              | 17         | 29         | 2 772           | 31                 | 6                                    | 11.1   | 206  |
| <b>Victoria</b>        | <b>220</b> | <b>465</b> | <b>141 313</b>  | <b>1 160</b>       | <b>347</b>                           | <b>8.2</b>                                       | <b>299</b>                                   |

(a) An Internet Service Provider (ISP) is a resident Australian individual or business offering Internet access services to customers. ISPs are counted in each Statistical Division (SD) where that ISP has a presence. Counts of ISPs reflect only those businesses operating at the end of the reference quarter.

(b) A Point of Presence (POP) is a server in a geographic location where an ISP can be accessed by a subscriber via access lines. Estimates for data at the state/territory and Statistical Division levels are derived from data provided for POPs (Point of Presence or servers). A review of the methodology utilised to estimate POP data which individual ISPs could not provide was undertaken during the processing of the September 2002 IAS. As a result, estimates below the Australian level are considered to be of improved quality, however, comparisons below the Australian level to previous quarters should be undertaken with caution.

(c) Lines, points, ports and modem access points available to subscribers to access their ISP.

(d) Subscribers and data downloaded have been apportioned to a SD according to the location of the POP where the activity took place.

(e) A megabyte Mb is a data unit of 1,048,576 bytes, sometimes interpreted as 1 million bytes. Volume of data downloaded figures relate to data downloaded during the three months of the reference quarter. Both the September 2001 and March 2002 quarter figures for volume of data downloaded have been revised upwards. The revised figures reflect an increase in the uptake of broadband services by household subscribers.

(f) Prior to March 2002, average data downloaded by Internet subscribers was calculated from the number of subscribers at the end of the reference period and the data downloaded over the three months of the reference period. In the current issue, this figure has instead been calculated from an estimate of the number of subscribers at the mid point of the reference period. Average figures are calculated using actual data as opposed to rounded figures.

Source: *Internet Activity, Australia* (cat. no. 8153.0).

## GLOSSARY

**Chain volume measures** Annually-reweighted chain Laspeyres indexes referenced to the current price values in a chosen reference year (i.e. the year when the quarterly chain volume measures sum to the current price annual values). Chain Laspeyres volume measures are compiled by linking together (compounding) movements in volumes, calculated using the average prices of the previous financial year, and applying the compounded movements to the current price estimates of the reference year. Quarterly chain volume estimates are benchmarked to annual chain volume estimates, so that the quarterly estimates for a financial year sum to the corresponding annual estimate.

Generally, chain volume measures are not additive. In other words, component chain volume measures do not sum to a total in the way original current price components do. In order to minimise the impact of this property, the ABS uses the latest base year as the reference year. By adopting this approach, additivity exists for the quarters following the reference year and non-additivity is relatively small for the quarters in the reference year and the quarters immediately preceding it. The latest base year and the reference year will be advanced one year with the release of the June quarter data each year. A change in reference year changes levels but not growth rates, although some revision to recent growth rates can be expected because of the introduction of a more recent base year (and revisions to the current price estimates underlying the chain volume measures).

**Duration of unemployment** The elapsed period to the end of the reference week since a person began looking for work, or since a person last worked for two weeks or more, whichever is the shorter. Brief periods of work (of less than two weeks) since the person began looking for work are disregarded.

**Employed** Persons aged 15 years and over who, during the reference week:

- worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind, in a job or business or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers); or
- worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers); or
- were employees who had a job but were not at work and were:
  - away from work for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week; or
  - away from work for more than four weeks up to the end of the reference week and received pay for some or all of the four week period to the end of the reference week; or
  - away from work as a standard work or shift arrangement; or
  - on strike or locked out; or
  - on workers' compensation and expected to return to their job.
- were employers or own account workers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Part-time workers</b>   | Employed persons who usually worked less than 35 hours a week (in all jobs) and either did so during the reference week, or were not at work in the reference week.  |
| <b>Seasonal adjustment</b> | A means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variations from economic time series so that the effects of other influences are obvious. Seasonal variations are the systematic (though not necessarily regular) intra-year movements of economic time series. These are often the result of non-economic phenomena, such as climatic changes and regular religious festivals, e.g. Christmas and Easter.  |
| <b>State final demand</b>  | Conceptually identical to domestic final demand at the national level (the sum of private and government final consumption expenditure and private and public gross fixed capital formation).<br><br>National estimates are based on the concepts and conventions embodied in the <i>System of National Accounts</i> , 1993, but for regional (including state) estimates there is no separate international standard. Although national concepts are generally applicable to state accounts, there remain several conceptual and measurement issues that either do not apply or are insignificant nationally. Most of the problems arise in the measurement of gross state product for the transport and storage, communication services, and finance and insurance industries, where production often takes place across state borders. In these cases, a number of conceptual views can be applied to the allocation of value added by state. For more information, see chapter 28 of <i>Australian System of National Accounts: Concepts, Sources and Methods</i> (cat. no. 5216.0). |
| <b>Trend estimates</b>     | Smoothing seasonally adjusted series produces a measure of trend by removing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson weighted moving average to the respective seasonally adjusted series. Readers are reminded that trend estimates are subject to revision as subsequent months' data become available..  |
| <b>Unemployed</b>          | Persons aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the reference week, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ were available for work in the reference week; or</li> <li>■ were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week, and could have started in the reference week if the job had been available then.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |







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