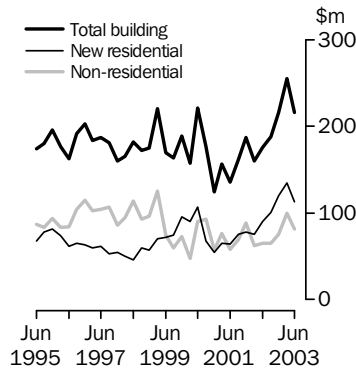


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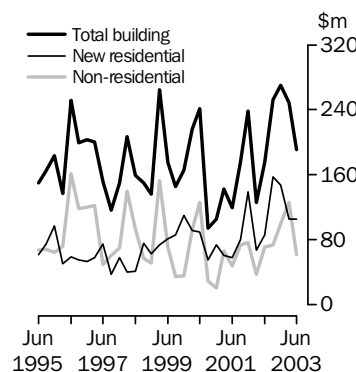
JUNE QTR KEY FIGURES

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	Jun qtr 03	Mar qtr 03 to Jun qtr 03 % change	Jun qtr 02 to Jun qtr 03 % change
Value of work done(a) (\$m)	215.9	-15.3	23.0
New residential building (\$m)	112.8	-16.3	25.8
Alterations and additions(b) (\$m)	21.6	6.9	5.7
Non-residential building (\$m)	81.5	-18.3	24.9
Total dwelling units commenced (no.)	778	8.2	15.0
New private sector houses (no.)	423	4.2	24.4

(a) Chain volume measures, reference year 2001-02. (b) To residential buildings.

Value of work commenced

Volume terms
Original



JUNE QTR KEY POINTS

VALUE OF WORK DONE, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, VOLUME TERMS

- In seasonally adjusted terms, total building work done fell 15.3% in the June quarter 2003 to \$215.9m. However, the previous quarter was the highest level since the September quarter 1989.
- New residential work done fell 16.3% from the previous quarter's second highest level on record, to \$112.8m. New houses fell 7.7% to \$66.4m while new other residential buildings fell 26.2% following nine consecutive quarterly rises, to \$46.4m. Alterations and additions rose 6.9% to \$21.6m.
- Non-residential building work fell 18.3% to \$81.5m. The previous quarter was the highest level since the March quarter 1999.

VALUE OF WORK COMMENCED, ORIGINAL, VOLUME TERMS

- Total building work commenced fell 23.1% in the June quarter to \$191.5m, mainly due to a drop in non-residential building work commenced.
- New residential commencements fell by a marginal 0.5% to \$105.3m. New houses rose 19.1% to \$72.7m, the second highest quarterly level since the September quarter 1993. However, new other residential buildings fell for the third consecutive quarter, down 27.2% to \$32.6m. Alterations and additions jumped by 45.8% to \$24.7m, the highest level since the March quarter 2000.
- Non-residential commencements fell by more than 50% to \$61.5m, following rises in the previous four consecutive quarters.

NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

- In seasonally adjusted terms, the total number of dwellings commenced rose 8.2% to 778, the second highest number since the September quarter 1994. Commencements of new private sector houses rose 4.2% to 423.

INQUIRIES

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Tony Bammann on Adelaide (08) 8237 7316, or the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

NOTES

ABOUT THIS ISSUE

This publication contains the first detailed estimates for the Australian Capital Territory from the quarterly Building Activity Survey. The data are subject to revision when returns from the following quarter are processed and final data for the June quarter 2003 will be released in *Building Activity, Australia* (cat. no. 8752.0) on 19 January 2004.

This June quarter 2003 issue is the final issue of this publication.

In future, all data in this publication will be available in other ABS products, viz:

- *Building Activity, Australia* (cat. no. 8752.0)—contains extensive state and territory data.
- A Building Activity data cube—contains a time series of most of the variables in this publication.
- The on-line *AusStats* service—under *Building Activity, Australia* (cat. no. 8752.0).
- The ABS web site—in the Main Features for *Building Activity, Australia* (cat. no. 8752.0), which now includes some state and territory data for the value of work done.

Some preliminary state and territory data is also available in other publications. For further information on these alternative sources and how to access them, please refer to the letter enclosed.



CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

Quarterly chain volume data incorporate a new base year, 2001–02, which has resulted in revisions to growth rates, small in most cases, for subsequent periods. In addition, the reference year has been advanced to 2001–02, thereby preserving additivity in the quarters after the reference year. Re-referencing resulted in revisions to levels, but not growth rates, for all periods.

Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates have been revised as a result of the adoption of new seasonal adjustment methodology. Concurrent seasonal adjustment has replaced forward factor methodology for all seasonally adjusted series in this publication. See paragraphs 29 and 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

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(**\$ million**)

Period	New residential building			Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building
	Houses	Other residential building	Total		Private sector	Total	
2000-2001	166.3	82.7	248.2	49.1	90.2	163.7	461.1
2001-2002	191.9	180.3	372.2	84.6	160.7	259.1	715.8
2002-2003	300.7	215.8	516.4	86.1	196.4	361.1	963.6
2002 Mar. qtr	44.0	23.9	67.7	20.7	19.2	37.4	125.6
Jun qtr	58.1	27.9	85.7	19.2	29.5	70.8	175.6
Sep. qtr	71.5	86.4	157.9	20.9	57.1	73.9	252.7
Dec. qtr	95.4	52.0	147.4	23.5	43.9	99.5	270.3
2003 Mar. qtr	61.1	44.7	105.8	17.0	68.0	126.3	249.1
Jun qtr	72.7	32.6	105.3	24.7	27.4	61.5	191.5

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 2001–2002. See paragraphs 31 and 32 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 2. VALUE OF BUILDING WORK DONE, CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES(a)
(**\$ million**)

Period	New residential building			Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building
	Houses	Other residential building	Total		Private sector	Total	
ORIGINAL							
2000-2001	178.8	73.4	251.2	57.1	119.7	284.3	593.7
2001-2002	190.9	127.2	318.1	79.5	187.3	286	683.6
2002-2003	264.5	203.8	468.3	85.1	184.7	321.1	874.5
2002 Mar. qtr	38.1	27.7	65.8	18.4	38.9	59.4	143.8
Jun qtr	57.7	42.4	100.1	21.5	39.3	61.2	182.8
Sep. qtr	56.9	45.3	102.2	22.4	41.3	65.1	189.7
Dec. qtr	67.0	52.2	119.2	22.9	50.4	82.4	224.5
2003 Mar. qtr	68.1	52.3	120.4	17.3	51.6	97.1	234.8
Jun qtr	72.6	53.9	126.5	22.5	41.4	76.5	225.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
2002 Mar. qtr	40.7	34.6	75.5	21.5	44.2	62.7	159.7
Jun qtr	53.1	36.6	89.7	20.4	43.1	65.2	175.4
Sep. qtr	58.8	42.2	100.9	22.3	42.7	64.8	188.0
Dec. qtr	67.3	52.4	119.8	21.1	41.8	75.1	215.9
2003 Mar. qtr	72.0	62.8	134.8	20.2	55.7	99.8	254.8
Jun qtr	66.4	46.4	112.8	21.6	44.5	81.5	215.9

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 2001–2002. See paragraphs 31 to 33 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 3. VALUE OF BUILDING WORK DONE(a): SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES
(\$ million)

<i>Period</i>	<i>New residential building</i>		<i>Alterations and additions to residential buildings</i>	<i>Non-residential building</i>	<i>Total building</i>
	<i>Houses</i>	<i>Total</i>			
2002 Mar. qtr	40.7	75.6	21.6	62.4	159.6
Jun qtr	53.8	91.1	20.8	66.0	177.9
Sep. qtr	60.6	104.5	23.0	66.4	193.9
Dec. qtr	70.4	125.8	22.0	78.1	225.9
2003 Mar. qtr	76.6	144.3	21.4	105.4	271.2
Jun qtr	72.7	123.6	23.5	87.1	234.2

(a) From the September quarter 2000, data is inclusive of non-deductible GST payable on residential buildings. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 4. NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED AND COMPLETED: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

<i>Period</i>	<i>New houses</i>				<i>Total dwelling units (includes conversions etc)</i>			
	<i>Private sector</i>		<i>Total</i>		<i>Private sector</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	<i>Commenced</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>Commenced</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>Commenced</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>Commenced</i>	<i>Completed</i>
2002 Mar. qtr	251	277	271	290	358	493	402	531
Jun qtr	340	293	343	291	700	442	676	493
Sep. qtr	447	274	473	269	892	377	931	380
Dec. qtr	432	283	478	312	668	558	747	537
2003 Mar. qtr	406	431	413	446	671	703	719	753
Jun qtr	423	289	435	276	784	763	778	818

TABLE 5. NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMMENCED(a): ORIGINAL

Period	Number of dwelling units				Value (\$m)						
	New houses	New other residential building	Conversions etc.	Total dwelling units	New houses	New other residential building	New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Total residential building	Total non-residential building	Total building
PRIVATE SECTOR											
2000-2001	973	562	1	1,536	153.0	71.1	224.1	46.8	270.8	87.6	358.5
2001-2002	1,141	1,156	9	2,306	184.1	176.7	360.7	84.0	444.8	160.7	605.4
2002-2003	1,705	1,277	1	2,983	299.1	212.1	511.2	91.4	602.6	203.4	806.1
2002 Mar. qtr	232	117	7	356	40.7	22.6	63.3	20.8	84.1	19.3	103.4
Jun qtr	365	212	1	578	59.1	27.9	87.0	19.6	106.6	30.0	136.6
Sep. qtr	399	473	—	872	69.7	89.1	158.7	21.6	180.3	58.8	239.1
Dec. qtr	483	330	—	813	86.8	43.8	130.6	24.5	155.0	45.4	200.5
2003 Mar. qtr	373	283	—	656	64.5	47.2	111.7	18.1	129.8	70.7	200.5
Jun qtr	450	191	1	642	78.1	32.1	110.2	27.3	137.5	28.5	166.0
PUBLIC SECTOR											
2000-2001	38	72	—	110	5.2	9.4	14.6	—	14.6	70.9	85.6
2001-2002	50	30	—	80	7.8	3.7	11.5	0.5	12.0	98.4	110.4
2002-2003	94	84	—	178	18.9	13.0	31.9	0.1	32.0	171.0	203.0
2002 Mar. qtr	16	6	—	22	3.5	1.5	5.0	—	5.0	18.3	23.3
Jun qtr	—	4	—	4	—	0.5	0.5	—	0.5	42.0	42.4
Sep. qtr	24	—	—	24	4.2	—	4.2	—	4.2	17.2	21.4
Dec. qtr	59	68	—	127	12.8	10.6	23.4	0.1	23.5	57.5	81.0
2003 Mar. qtr	3	—	—	3	0.5	—	0.5	—	0.5	60.7	61.2
Jun qtr	8	16	—	24	1.4	2.5	3.8	—	3.8	35.6	39.5
TOTAL											
2000-2001	1,011	634	1	1,646	158.3	80.4	238.7	46.8	285.5	158.6	444.0
2001-2002	1,191	1,186	9	2,386	191.9	180.3	372.2	84.6	456.8	259.1	715.8
2002-2003	1,799	1,361	1	3,161	317.9	225.2	543.1	91.5	634.6	374.5	1,009.1
2002 Mar. qtr	248	123	7	378	44.2	24.1	68.3	20.8	89.1	37.6	126.7
Jun qtr	365	216	1	582	59.1	28.3	87.4	19.6	107.0	72.0	179.0
Sep. qtr	423	473	—	896	73.8	89.1	162.9	21.6	184.5	75.9	260.4
Dec. qtr	542	398	—	940	99.7	54.3	154.0	24.5	178.5	102.9	281.4
2003 Mar. qtr	376	283	—	659	64.9	47.2	112.2	18.1	130.2	131.4	261.7
Jun qtr	458	207	1	666	79.5	34.5	114.0	27.3	141.4	64.2	205.5

(a) Data is inclusive of non-deductible GST payable on residential buildings. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 6. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING COMMENCED: ORIGINAL
(\$ million)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Hotels etc.</i>	<i>Shops</i>	<i>Factories</i>	<i>Offices</i>	<i>Other business premises</i>	<i>Educational</i>	<i>Religious</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>Entertainment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>Total non-residential building</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR											
2000-2001	10.1	17.0	1.5	38.5	8.0	5.1	0.7	0.6	3.1	3.0	87.6
2001-2002	3.2	35.5	1.1	59.8	16.6	12.5	7.4	0.5	23.8	0.3	160.7
2002-2003	1.1	19.0	0.8	96.2	16.2	25.8	1.3	2.2	37.7	3.2	203.4
2002 Mar. qtr	0.9	2.1	0.6	1.8	1.6	2.1	4.1	0.3	5.9	—	19.3
Jun qtr	1.6	4.3	—	9.0	7.1	6.3	—	—	1.7	—	30.0
Sep. qtr	0.2	2.5	—	25.7	3.6	2.1	0.9	1.7	21.4	0.7	58.8
Dec. qtr	—	6.3	0.7	25.8	0.2	4.9	—	0.4	6.3	1.0	45.4
2003 Mar. qtr	1.0	6.4	0.1	40.0	9.8	10.4	0.4	0.2	1.1	1.4	70.7
Jun qtr	—	3.8	—	4.7	2.6	8.4	—	—	8.9	—	28.5
PUBLIC SECTOR											
2000-2001	—	0.1	—	37.1	0.2	18.2	—	8.1	6.6	0.6	70.9
2001-2002	—	1.7	—	52.6	5.9	21.4	—	15.6	0.3	0.8	98.4
2002-2003	—	1.5	—	53.6	2.7	95.5	—	7.5	2.2	8.1	171.0
2002 Mar. qtr	—	—	—	1.5	—	10.1	—	6.2	0.3	0.1	18.3
Jun qtr	—	—	—	35.7	0.4	2.9	—	2.5	—	0.6	42.0
Sep. qtr	—	0.2	—	6.7	0.2	6.0	—	1.3	—	2.9	17.2
Dec. qtr	—	0.1	—	31.4	0.2	23.9	—	1.8	—	—	57.5
2003 Mar. qtr	—	0.2	—	10.7	2.3	41.3	—	0.9	2.2	3.1	60.7
Jun qtr	—	1.0	—	4.8	—	24.3	—	3.5	—	2.1	35.6
TOTAL											
2000-2001	10.1	17.1	1.5	75.6	8.2	23.3	0.7	8.8	9.7	3.6	158.6
2001-2002	3.2	37.2	1.1	112.4	22.5	33.9	7.4	16.1	24.1	1.2	259.1
2002-2003	1.1	20.4	0.8	149.8	18.9	121.3	1.3	9.7	39.8	11.3	374.5
2002 Mar. qtr	0.9	2.1	0.6	3.3	1.6	12.3	4.1	6.5	6.2	0.1	37.6
Jun qtr	1.6	4.3	—	44.7	7.5	9.1	—	2.5	1.7	0.6	72.0
Sep. qtr	0.2	2.7	—	32.4	3.8	8.1	0.9	2.9	21.4	3.7	75.9
Dec. qtr	—	6.3	0.7	57.2	0.4	28.8	—	2.2	6.3	1.0	102.9
2003 Mar. qtr	1.0	6.6	0.1	50.7	12.1	51.7	0.4	1.1	3.3	4.5	131.4
Jun qtr	—	4.8	—	9.5	2.6	32.7	—	3.5	8.9	2.1	64.2

TABLE 7. NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD(a): ORIGINAL

	<i>Number of dwelling units</i>				<i>Value (\$m)</i>						
	<i>New houses</i>	<i>New other residential building</i>	<i>Conversions etc.</i>	<i>Total dwelling units</i>	<i>New houses</i>	<i>New other residential building</i>	<i>New residential building</i>	<i>Alterations and additions to residential buildings</i>	<i>Total residential building</i>	<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>Total building</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR											
2000-2001	345	462	—	807	63.2	59.2	122.4	18.7	141.1	118.9	260.0
2001-2002	372	996	3	1,371	73.1	158.3	231.3	31.1	262.4	112.1	374.5
2002-2003	807	1,146	1	1,954	156.2	206.6	362.8	42.2	405.0	145.8	550.7
2002 Mar. qtr	321	949	2	1,272	63.3	151.6	214.9	28.0	242.8	103.7	346.6
Jun qtr	372	996	3	1,371	73.1	158.3	231.3	31.1	262.4	112.1	374.5
Sep. qtr	510	1,355	1	1,866	101.5	231.6	333.1	35.4	368.5	136.7	505.2
Dec. qtr	666	1,335	—	2,001	130.0	228.4	358.4	32.8	391.2	141.9	533.1
2003 Mar. qtr	668	1,475	—	2,143	136.0	259.8	395.8	33.6	429.5	176.6	606.1
Jun qtr	807	1,146	1	1,954	156.2	206.6	362.8	42.2	405.0	145.8	550.7
PUBLIC SECTOR											
2000-2001	11	63	—	74	1.6	8.4	9.9	—	9.9	113.6	123.6
2001-2002	—	6	—	6	—	1.5	1.5	—	1.5	73.7	75.2
2002-2003	65	66	—	131	13.2	11.8	25.1	—	25.1	165.8	190.8
2002 Mar. qtr	16	6	—	22	3.5	1.5	5.0	0.5	5.5	104.0	109.5
Jun qtr	—	6	—	6	—	1.5	1.5	—	1.5	73.7	75.2
Sep. qtr	24	—	—	24	4.2	—	4.2	—	4.2	90.1	94.2
Dec. qtr	81	68	—	149	16.9	10.6	27.5	—	27.5	132.3	159.8
2003 Mar. qtr	60	50	—	110	12.6	9.4	21.9	—	21.9	164.8	186.8
Jun qtr	65	66	—	131	13.2	11.8	25.1	—	25.1	165.8	190.8
TOTAL											
2000-2001	356	525	—	881	64.8	67.6	132.4	18.7	151.0	232.6	383.6
2001-2002	372	1,002	3	1,377	73.1	159.8	232.8	31.1	263.9	185.8	449.7
2002-2003	872	1,212	1	2,085	169.5	218.4	387.8	42.2	430.0	311.6	741.6
2002 Mar. qtr	337	955	2	1,294	66.8	153.1	219.9	28.5	248.4	207.7	456.1
Jun qtr	372	1,002	3	1,377	73.1	159.8	232.8	31.1	263.9	185.8	449.7
Sep. qtr	534	1,355	1	1,890	105.7	231.6	337.3	35.4	372.7	226.8	599.5
Dec. qtr	747	1,403	—	2,150	147.0	238.9	385.9	32.8	418.7	274.2	692.9
2003 Mar. qtr	728	1,525	—	2,253	148.6	269.2	417.7	33.6	451.4	341.5	792.9
Jun qtr	872	1,212	1	2,085	169.5	218.4	387.8	42.2	430.0	311.6	741.6

(a) Data is inclusive of non-deductible GST payable on residential buildings. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

**TABLE 8. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD: ORIGINAL
(\$ million)**

	<i>Hotels etc.</i>	<i>Shops</i>	<i>Factories</i>	<i>Offices</i>	<i>Other business premises</i>	<i>Educational</i>	<i>Religious</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>Entertain- ment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscel- laneous</i>	<i>Total non-resi- dential building</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR											
2000-2001	12.5	8.8	—	90.9	2.2	0.5	1.1	0.5	0.4	2.0	118.9
2001-2002	1.6	25.5	—	43.9	12.3	6.0	7.3	0.4	15.1	—	112.1
2002-2003	1.0	5.3	—	81.0	16.5	15.5	3.9	0.3	21.9	0.4	145.8
2002 Mar. qtr	0.9	24.6	0.6	42.9	6.0	4.0	7.6	0.7	16.3	0.2	103.7
Jun qtr	1.6	25.5	—	43.9	12.3	6.0	7.3	0.4	15.1	—	112.1
Sep. qtr	—	21.1	—	68.0	11.5	7.5	4.5	1.9	21.4	0.7	136.7
Dec. qtr	—	39.2	0.7	54.0	6.6	10.4	3.9	2.5	24.5	—	141.9
2003 Mar. qtr	1.0	39.5	0.8	83.6	15.0	8.8	4.3	2.3	20.8	0.4	176.6
Jun qtr	1.0	5.3	—	81.0	16.5	15.5	3.9	0.3	21.9	0.4	145.8
PUBLIC SECTOR											
2000-2001	—	—	—	71.9	0.2	28.2	—	13.3	—	—	113.6
2001-2002	—	—	—	38.5	—	12.1	—	22.7	—	0.3	73.7
2002-2003	—	1.1	—	60.4	2.3	84.8	—	11.3	1.2	4.8	165.8
2002 Mar. qtr	—	—	—	67.0	—	15.7	—	21.0	—	0.3	104.0
Jun qtr	—	—	—	38.5	—	12.1	—	22.7	—	0.3	73.7
Sep. qtr	—	—	—	57.1	—	14.4	—	15.7	—	2.8	90.1
Dec. qtr	—	—	—	81.2	0.2	30.6	—	17.4	—	2.8	132.3
2003 Mar. qtr	—	0.1	—	76.8	2.3	66.2	—	15.4	1.2	3.0	164.8
Jun qtr	—	1.1	—	60.4	2.3	84.8	—	11.3	1.2	4.8	165.8
TOTAL											
2000-2001	12.5	8.8	—	162.8	2.4	28.7	1.1	13.8	0.4	2.0	232.6
2001-2002	1.6	25.5	—	82.5	12.3	18.1	7.3	23.1	15.1	0.3	185.8
2002-2003	1.0	6.3	—	141.4	18.8	100.2	3.9	11.6	23.1	5.2	311.6
2002 Mar. qtr	0.9	24.6	0.6	109.8	6.0	19.7	7.6	21.7	16.3	0.4	207.7
Jun qtr	1.6	25.5	—	82.5	12.3	18.1	7.3	23.1	15.1	0.3	185.8
Sep. qtr	—	21.1	—	125.2	11.5	21.9	4.5	17.7	21.4	3.5	226.8
Dec. qtr	—	39.2	0.7	135.2	6.8	41.1	3.9	20.0	24.5	2.8	274.2
2003 Mar. qtr	1.0	39.5	0.8	160.5	17.3	75.0	4.3	17.7	22.0	3.4	341.5
Jun qtr	1.0	6.3	—	141.4	18.8	100.2	3.9	11.6	23.1	5.2	311.6

TABLE 9. NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMPLETED(a): ORIGINAL

Period	Number of dwelling units				Value (\$m)						
	New houses	New other residential building	Conversions etc.	Total dwelling units	New houses	New other residential building	New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Total residential building	Total non-residential building	Total building
PRIVATE SECTOR											
2000-2001	1,206	717	69	1,992	181.4	87.8	269.2	60.4	329.7	97.1	426.8
2001-2002	1,102	622	6	1,730	177.3	79.3	256.6	72.6	329.2	173.5	502.6
2002-2003	1,254	1,127	3	2,384	219.6	172.4	392.0	83.4	475.4	188.4	663.8
2002 Mar. qtr	232	113	6	351	38.9	14.1	53.0	17.1	70.1	34.2	104.3
Jun qtr	313	165	—	478	50.1	20.8	70.9	18.2	89.1	21.6	110.7
Sep. qtr	257	114	2	373	41.7	15.4	57.1	18.5	75.7	35.6	111.2
Dec. qtr	326	350	1	677	60.3	46.8	107.1	27.5	134.6	55.4	190.0
2003 Mar. qtr	359	143	—	502	58.5	22.0	80.5	17.4	97.8	36.2	134.0
Jun qtr	312	520	—	832	59.1	88.2	147.3	20.0	167.3	61.2	228.5
PUBLIC SECTOR											
2000-2001	30	25	—	55	4.1	2.6	6.7	3.1	9.8	154.0	163.8
2001-2002	61	87	—	148	9.3	10.6	19.9	0.6	20.5	146.8	167.3
2002-2003	29	24	—	53	5.7	2.7	8.4	0.1	8.5	90.3	98.8
2002 Mar. qtr	17	12	—	29	2.1	1.4	3.5	—	3.5	14.5	18.0
Jun qtr	16	4	—	20	3.5	0.5	4.0	0.6	4.6	73.1	77.6
Sep. qtr	—	6	—	6	—	1.5	1.5	—	1.5	14.4	15.9
Dec. qtr	2	—	—	2	0.4	—	0.4	0.1	0.4	14.7	15.1
2003 Mar. qtr	24	18	—	42	4.6	1.2	5.8	—	5.8	28.1	34.0
Jun qtr	3	—	—	3	0.7	—	0.7	—	0.7	33.1	33.8
TOTAL											
2000-2001	1,236	742	69	2,047	185.5	90.4	275.9	63.6	339.5	251.2	590.7
2001-2002	1,163	709	6	1,878	186.7	89.9	276.5	73.2	349.7	320.3	670.0
2002-2003	1,283	1,151	3	2,437	225.3	175.1	400.4	83.5	483.9	278.7	762.7
2002 Mar. qtr	249	125	6	380	41.0	15.5	56.5	17.1	73.6	48.6	122.2
Jun qtr	329	169	—	498	53.6	21.3	74.9	18.8	93.7	94.7	188.4
Sep. qtr	257	120	2	379	41.7	16.9	58.6	18.6	77.2	50.0	127.1
Dec. qtr	328	350	1	679	60.7	46.8	107.4	27.6	135.0	70.1	205.1
2003 Mar. qtr	383	161	—	544	63.1	23.2	86.3	17.4	103.7	64.4	168.0
Jun qtr	315	520	—	835	59.8	88.2	148.0	20.0	168.1	94.3	262.3

(a) Data is inclusive of non-deductible GST payable on residential buildings. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 10. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING COMPLETED: ORIGINAL
(\$ million)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Hotels etc.</i>	<i>Shops</i>	<i>Factories</i>	<i>Offices</i>	<i>Other business premises</i>	<i>Educational</i>	<i>Religious</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>Entertainment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>Total non-residential building</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR											
2000-2001	8.3	18.3	9.7	27.5	12.7	5.6	1.9	0.6	11.2	1.3	97.1
2001-2002	14.0	23.6	1.1	105.1	6.5	7.3	1.3	0.9	10.5	3.1	173.5
2002-2003	1.9	57.9	0.7	60.7	11.6	14.0	4.5	2.5	31.9	2.8	188.4
2002 Mar. qtr	7.0	14.0	—	7.9	2.3	1.3	0.1	—	1.6	—	34.2
Jun qtr	0.9	3.8	0.6	8.0	0.9	3.7	0.3	0.3	2.9	0.2	21.6
Sep. qtr	1.9	7.6	—	1.7	4.4	0.6	3.5	0.1	15.8	—	35.6
Dec. qtr	—	4.1	—	39.8	4.7	2.0	0.5	—	2.6	1.8	55.4
2003 Mar. qtr	—	8.3	—	11.3	1.4	8.9	—	0.4	4.9	1.0	36.2
Jun qtr	—	37.9	0.7	7.8	1.2	2.5	0.4	2.0	8.6	—	61.2
PUBLIC SECTOR											
2000-2001	—	0.1	—	11.0	—	129.0	—	5.4	7.9	0.7	154.0
2001-2002	—	1.7	—	93.6	5.7	37.5	—	7.6	0.3	0.5	146.8
2002-2003	—	0.4	—	43.8	0.4	22.0	—	19.0	1.0	3.7	90.3
2002 Mar. qtr	—	1.4	—	3.1	1.7	6.0	—	2.0	0.3	—	14.5
Jun qtr	—	—	—	64.3	0.4	7.1	—	0.8	—	0.5	73.1
Sep. qtr	—	0.2	—	1.3	0.2	3.9	—	8.3	—	0.5	14.4
Dec. qtr	—	0.1	—	7.6	0.1	7.0	—	—	—	—	14.7
2003 Mar. qtr	—	0.2	—	15.6	0.2	5.2	—	3.1	1.0	3.0	28.1
Jun qtr	—	—	—	19.3	—	5.9	—	7.7	—	0.3	33.1
TOTAL											
2000-2001	8.3	18.3	9.7	38.5	12.7	134.6	1.9	6.0	19.1	2.0	251.2
2001-2002	14.0	25.3	1.1	198.7	12.2	44.8	1.3	8.5	10.8	3.6	320.3
2002-2003	1.9	58.3	0.7	104.5	12.0	36.0	4.5	21.5	32.9	6.5	278.7
2002 Mar. qtr	7.0	15.4	—	11.0	4.0	7.3	0.1	2.0	1.9	—	48.6
Jun qtr	0.9	3.8	0.6	72.4	1.2	10.8	0.3	1.1	2.9	0.7	94.7
Sep. qtr	1.9	7.8	—	3.0	4.6	4.5	3.5	8.4	15.8	0.5	50.0
Dec. qtr	—	4.2	—	47.4	4.7	9.0	0.5	—	2.6	1.8	70.1
2003 Mar. qtr	—	8.5	—	27.0	1.5	14.1	—	3.4	5.9	4.0	64.4
Jun qtr	—	37.9	0.7	27.1	1.2	8.4	0.4	9.7	8.6	0.3	94.3

**TABLE 11. VALUE OF BUILDING WORK DONE(a): ORIGINAL
(\$ million)**

<i>Period</i>	<i>New houses</i>	<i>New other residential building</i>	<i>New residential building</i>	<i>Alterations and additions to residential buildings</i>	<i>Total residential building</i>	<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>Total building</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR							
2000-2001	166.2	70.2	236.4	54.0	290.4	118.6	409.0
2001-2002	181.8	115.8	297.6	78.9	376.4	187.3	563.8
2002-2003	265.0	203.8	468.8	89.9	558.7	192.5	751.2
2002 Mar. qtr	36.4	26.8	63.2	18.3	81.5	39.0	120.5
Jun qtr	56.7	41.9	98.7	21.7	120.4	40.0	160.4
Sep. qtr	57.3	46.5	103.8	23.1	126.9	42.3	169.3
Dec. qtr	65.7	50.6	116.3	23.9	140.2	52.2	192.4
2003 Mar. qtr	67.3	52.2	119.5	18.4	137.8	54.1	192.0
Jun qtr	74.7	54.5	129.2	24.5	153.7	43.9	197.6
PUBLIC SECTOR							
2000-2001	4.0	2.1	6.0	0.4	6.4	163.0	169.4
2001-2002	9.2	11.4	20.6	0.6	21.2	98.7	119.8
2002-2003	15.4	10.1	25.5	0.1	25.6	142.4	168.0
2002 Mar. qtr	1.9	1.1	3.0	0.1	3.2	20.6	23.8
Jun qtr	2.0	1.2	3.2	0.1	3.3	22.2	25.5
Sep. qtr	1.4	0.1	1.5	—	1.5	24.4	25.9
Dec. qtr	4.3	3.6	7.9	0.1	8.0	33.2	41.2
2003 Mar. qtr	5.1	3.0	8.1	—	8.1	47.6	55.8
Jun qtr	4.6	3.4	8.0	—	8.0	37.1	45.1
TOTAL							
2000-2001	170.2	72.3	242.5	54.3	296.8	281.6	578.4
2001-2002	190.9	127.2	318.1	79.5	397.6	286.0	683.6
2002-2003	280.4	213.9	494.3	90.0	584.3	334.9	919.2
2002 Mar. qtr	38.3	27.9	66.2	18.5	84.7	59.7	144.3
Jun qtr	58.7	43.1	101.8	21.8	123.7	62.2	185.9
Sep. qtr	58.7	46.6	105.3	23.1	128.4	66.8	195.2
Dec. qtr	70.0	54.2	124.2	24.0	148.2	85.4	233.5
2003 Mar. qtr	72.4	55.2	127.6	18.4	146.0	101.8	247.8
Jun qtr	79.3	57.9	137.2	24.5	161.7	81.0	242.7

(a) From the September quarter 2000, data is inclusive of non-deductible GST payable on residential buildings. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 12. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WORK DONE: ORIGINAL
(\$ million)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Hotels etc.</i>	<i>Shops</i>	<i>Factories</i>	<i>Offices</i>	<i>Other business premises</i>	<i>Educational</i>	<i>Religious</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>Entertainment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>Total non-residential building</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR											
2000-2001	13.3	13.2	7.7	63.8	7.4	5.7	0.9	0.6	4.3	1.8	118.6
2001-2002	7.4	41.4	1.1	87.4	11.5	8.2	4.4	0.8	22.6	2.5	187.3
2002-2003	1.9	38.5	0.7	87.8	13.8	16.3	2.3	2.5	25.5	3.1	192.5
2002 Mar. qtr	1.7	13.9	0.4	11.0	2.7	2.5	0.8	0.2	5.7	0.1	39.0
Jun qtr	1.0	6.2	0.2	17.1	4.7	2.4	2.4	0.1	5.9	—	40.0
Sep. qtr	1.1	4.0	—	22.4	3.5	2.7	1.8	0.4	6.2	0.4	42.3
Dec. qtr	—	22.8	0.1	14.0	1.8	3.4	0.2	0.8	7.8	1.3	52.2
2003 Mar. qtr	—	8.8	0.6	27.7	3.6	6.2	0.1	1.1	5.0	1.1	54.1
Jun qtr	0.8	2.9	—	23.8	5.0	4.1	0.3	0.2	6.6	0.2	43.9
PUBLIC SECTOR											
2000-2001	—	0.1	—	48.2	0.1	93.1	—	10.4	10.4	0.7	163.0
2001-2002	—	1.7	—	52.0	5.6	25.3	—	12.9	0.3	0.9	98.7
2002-2003	—	1.3	—	78.2	0.7	42.4	—	11.4	2.1	6.4	142.4
2002 Mar. qtr	—	0.5	—	4.9	1.6	9.4	—	4.0	0.3	—	20.6
Jun qtr	—	—	—	13.3	0.4	4.8	—	2.8	—	0.8	22.2
Sep. qtr	—	0.2	—	13.8	0.2	4.0	—	3.8	—	2.5	24.4
Dec. qtr	—	0.1	—	20.2	0.2	10.0	—	2.6	—	0.1	33.2
2003 Mar. qtr	—	0.2	—	28.1	0.2	11.9	—	2.3	2.0	3.0	47.6
Jun qtr	—	0.9	—	16.2	0.1	16.4	—	2.8	—	0.8	37.1
TOTAL											
2000-2001	13.3	13.3	7.7	112.0	7.5	98.8	0.9	10.9	14.6	2.5	281.6
2001-2002	7.4	43.1	1.1	139.4	17.0	33.6	4.4	13.7	22.8	3.4	286.0
2002-2003	1.9	39.8	0.7	166.0	14.5	58.7	2.3	13.9	27.6	9.5	334.9
2002 Mar. qtr	1.7	14.3	0.4	15.9	4.2	11.9	0.8	4.2	6.0	0.1	59.7
Jun qtr	1.0	6.2	0.2	30.5	5.1	7.3	2.4	2.9	5.9	0.9	62.2
Sep. qtr	1.1	4.2	—	36.1	3.7	6.7	1.8	4.2	6.2	2.9	66.8
Dec. qtr	—	22.9	0.1	34.2	2.0	13.5	0.2	3.4	7.8	1.5	85.4
2003 Mar. qtr	—	9.0	0.6	55.7	3.8	18.1	0.1	3.4	7.0	4.1	101.8
Jun qtr	0.8	3.8	—	40.0	5.0	20.5	0.3	3.0	6.6	1.0	81.0

TABLE 13. VALUE OF BUILDING WORK YET TO BE DONE AT END OF PERIOD(a): ORIGINAL
(\$ million)

	<i>New houses</i>	<i>New other residential building</i>	<i>New residential building</i>	<i>Alterations and additions to residential buildings</i>	<i>Total residential building</i>	<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<i>Total building</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR							
2000-2001	28.6	30.2	58.8	6.4	65.2	59.1	124.3
2001-2002	34.7	92.5	127.2	12.6	139.7	36.2	175.9
2002-2003	72.4	109.6	182.1	17.6	199.7	66.2	265.9
2002 Mar. qtr	31.4	107.0	138.3	13.0	151.3	46.1	197.4
Jun qtr	34.7	92.5	127.2	12.6	139.7	36.2	175.9
Sep. qtr	47.4	135.0	182.4	12.4	194.8	53.9	248.7
Dec. qtr	70.4	128.0	198.4	13.4	211.8	62.8	274.6
2003 Mar. qtr	67.6	129.2	196.7	13.6	210.3	79.8	290.1
Jun qtr	72.4	109.6	182.1	17.6	199.7	66.2	265.9
PUBLIC SECTOR							
2000-2001	1.4	7.7	9.1	—	9.1	31.7	40.8
2001-2002	—	0.1	0.1	—	0.1	39.1	39.2
2002-2003	3.6	3.0	6.6	—	6.6	79.2	85.7
2002 Mar. qtr	2.0	0.8	2.8	—	2.8	18.3	21.2
Jun qtr	—	0.1	0.1	—	0.1	39.1	39.2
Sep. qtr	2.8	—	2.8	—	2.8	45.3	48.1
Dec. qtr	11.6	6.9	18.6	—	18.6	69.2	87.8
2003 Mar. qtr	6.8	3.9	10.7	—	10.7	82.2	92.9
Jun qtr	3.6	3.0	6.6	—	6.6	79.2	85.7
TOTAL							
2000-2001	30.0	37.9	67.9	6.4	74.4	90.8	165.1
2001-2002	34.7	92.6	127.3	12.6	139.8	75.3	215.1
2002-2003	76.0	112.6	188.6	17.6	206.2	145.4	351.6
2002 Mar. qtr	33.4	107.8	141.1	13.1	154.2	64.4	218.6
Jun qtr	34.7	92.6	127.3	12.6	139.8	75.3	215.1
Sep. qtr	50.1	135.0	185.1	12.4	197.6	99.2	296.8
Dec. qtr	82.1	134.9	217.0	13.4	230.4	132.0	362.4
2003 Mar. qtr	74.4	133.1	207.4	13.6	221.0	162.1	383.1
Jun qtr	76.0	112.6	188.6	17.6	206.2	145.4	351.6

(a) Data is inclusive of non-deductible GST payable on residential buildings. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

**TABLE 14. VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WORK YET TO BE DONE AT END OF PERIOD: ORIGINAL
(\$ million)**

	<i>Hotels etc.</i>	<i>Shops</i>	<i>Factories</i>	<i>Offices</i>	<i>Other business premises</i>	<i>Educational</i>	<i>Religious</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>Entertain- ment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscel- laneous</i>	<i>Total non-resi- dential building</i>
PRIVATE SECTOR											
2000-2001	5.3	5.4	—	45.3	1.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1	1.4	59.1
2001-2002	0.8	3.8	—	14.9	6.1	4.6	3.2	0.3	2.4	—	36.2
2002-2003	0.2	3.0	—	25.1	8.0	12.0	2.0	0.2	15.6	0.1	66.2
2002 Mar. qtr	0.2	5.3	0.2	23.0	3.7	1.3	5.6	0.4	6.5	—	46.1
Jun qtr	0.8	3.8	—	14.9	6.1	4.6	3.2	0.3	2.4	—	36.2
Sep. qtr	—	2.9	—	18.4	6.2	4.1	2.2	1.6	18.3	0.3	53.9
Dec. qtr	—	2.4	0.6	30.4	4.2	5.5	2.0	1.4	16.3	—	62.8
2003 Mar. qtr	0.9	2.2	0.1	43.7	10.4	6.9	2.3	0.4	12.5	0.3	79.8
Jun qtr	0.2	3.0	—	25.1	8.0	12.0	2.0	0.2	15.6	0.1	66.2
PUBLIC SECTOR											
2000-2001	—	—	—	20.7	0.1	8.1	—	2.7	—	—	31.7
2001-2002	—	—	—	28.2	—	4.0	—	6.9	—	—	39.1
2002-2003	—	0.1	—	15.7	2.1	56.4	—	3.1	0.1	1.8	79.2
2002 Mar. qtr	—	—	—	5.5	—	5.4	—	7.2	—	0.2	18.3
Jun qtr	—	—	—	28.2	—	4.0	—	6.9	—	—	39.1
Sep. qtr	—	—	—	34.4	—	6.1	—	4.4	—	0.5	45.3
Dec. qtr	—	—	—	45.9	—	19.5	—	3.5	—	0.3	69.2
2003 Mar. qtr	—	—	—	29.0	2.1	48.3	—	2.2	0.1	0.4	82.2
Jun qtr	—	0.1	—	15.7	2.1	56.4	—	3.1	0.1	1.8	79.2
TOTAL											
2000-2001	5.3	5.4	—	66.0	1.1	8.2	0.2	3.1	0.1	1.4	90.8
2001-2002	0.8	3.8	—	43.2	6.1	8.6	3.2	7.2	2.4	—	75.3
2002-2003	0.2	3.1	—	40.7	10.1	68.4	2.0	3.3	15.7	1.8	145.4
2002 Mar. qtr	0.2	5.3	0.2	28.5	3.7	6.7	5.6	7.6	6.5	0.2	64.4
Jun qtr	0.8	3.8	—	43.2	6.1	8.6	3.2	7.2	2.4	—	75.3
Sep. qtr	—	2.9	—	52.7	6.2	10.1	2.2	6.0	18.3	0.8	99.2
Dec. qtr	—	2.4	0.6	76.2	4.2	25.0	2.0	4.9	16.3	0.3	132.0
2003 Mar. qtr	0.9	2.2	0.1	72.8	12.5	55.2	2.3	2.7	12.6	0.7	162.1
Jun qtr	0.2	3.1	—	40.7	10.1	68.4	2.0	3.3	15.7	1.8	145.4

**TABLE 15. BUILDING ACTIVITY RELATIVE STANDARD ERRORS, JUNE QUARTER 2003
(Percentage)**

<i>Stage of construction</i>	<i>New residential building</i>						<i>Value</i>		
	<i>Houses</i>		<i>Other residential</i>		<i>Total</i>		<i>Alterations and additions to residential buildings</i>	<i>Non-residential</i>	<i>Total building</i>
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Number of dwelling units</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Number of dwelling units</i>	<i>Value</i>			
Commenced	2.3	3.3	—	—	1.6	2.3	5.5	0.8	1.5
Under construction at end of period	3.1	3.6	—	—	1.3	1.6	5.3	0.2	0.9
Completed	7.9	8.1	—	—	3.0	3.3	9.7	0.9	2.0
Value of work done	—	3.4	—	—	—	2.0	4.9	0.7	1.2
Value of work yet to be done	—	4.9	—	—	—	2.0	6.7	0.1	1.1

**TABLE 16. BUILDING ACTIVITY RELATIVE STANDARD ERRORS, NON-RESIDENTIAL: JUNE QUARTER 2003
(Percentage)**

<i>State of construction</i>	<i>Hotels etc.</i>	<i>Shops</i>	<i>Factories</i>	<i>Offices</i>	<i>Other business premises</i>	<i>Educational</i>	<i>Religious</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>Entertainment and recreational</i>	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>Total non-residential building</i>
Value of work commenced	—	13.0	—	3.2	8.2	1.2	—	—	—	—	0.8
Value of work under construction	—	—	—	0.1	0.7	0.4	—	—	—	6.2	0.2
Value of work completed	—	2.3	—	1.3	14.2	0.5	—	1.4	—	—	0.9
Value of work done	—	16.4	—	0.7	3.5	2.0	—	0.8	—	20.7	0.7
Value of work yet to be done	—	—	—	0.3	0.9	—	—	—	—	3.5	0.1

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains detailed estimates from the quarterly Building Activity Survey. Each issue includes revisions to the previous quarter. Therefore data for the latest quarter should be considered to be preliminary only.

2 The statistics were compiled on the basis of returns collected from builders and other individuals and organisations engaged in building activity. From the March quarter 2002, the quarterly survey consists of:

- a sample survey of private sector jobs involving residential building jobs valued at \$10,000 or more and non-residential building jobs valued at \$50,000 or more; and
- a complete enumeration of all such public sector building jobs.

3 From the September quarter 1990, only non-residential building jobs (both new and alterations and additions) with an approval value of \$50,000 (previously \$30,000) or more are included in the survey.

4 The use of sample survey techniques in the Building Activity Survey means that reliable estimates of private sector building activity are generally available only at state, territory and Australia levels. Although subject to higher relative standard errors (refer to paragraphs 24–26), a range of sub-state estimates of building activity may be available. For further information on the availability of Building Activity estimates, contact the ABS in Adelaide on 08 8237 7316. Detailed data on building approvals, based on information reported by local government and other reporting authorities, are available for regions below state and territory level from the Building Approvals series compiled by the ABS.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

5 The statistics relate to *building* activity which includes construction of new buildings and alterations and additions to existing buildings. Construction activity not defined as building (e.g. construction of roads, bridges, railways, earthworks, etc.) is compiled from the ABS Engineering Construction Survey (ECS). Results from the Building Activity Survey, together with estimates from the ECS, provide a complete quarterly picture of building and construction.

6 Building jobs included in each quarter in the Building Activity Survey comprise those jobs selected in previous quarters which have not been completed (or commenced) by the end of the previous quarter and those jobs newly selected in the current quarter. The population list from which jobs are selected for inclusion comprises all approved jobs which were notified to the ABS (refer to paragraph 2) up to but not including the last month of the reference quarter (e.g. up to the end of August in respect of the September quarter survey). This introduces a lag to the statistics in respect of those jobs notified *and* commenced in the last month of the reference quarter (e.g. for the month of September in respect of the September quarter survey). For example, jobs which were notified as approved in the month of June and which actually commenced in that month are shown as commencements in the September quarter. Similarly, building jobs which were notified in the month of September and which actually commenced in that month are shown as commencements in the December quarter.

TREATMENT OF GST

7 Statistics on value of building work (current prices) show residential building on a GST inclusive basis and non-residential building on a GST exclusive basis. This approach is consistent with that adopted in the Australian National Accounts which is based on the conceptual framework described in the 1993 edition of the international statistical standard *System of National Accounts* (SNA93).

TREATMENT OF GST *continued*

8 SNA93 requires value added taxes (VAT), such as the GST, to be recorded on a net basis where:

- (a) both outputs of goods and services and imports are valued excluding invoiced VAT
- (b) purchases of goods and services are recorded including non-deductible VAT.

Under the net system, VAT is recorded as being payable by purchasers, not sellers, and then only by those purchasers who are not able to deduct it. Almost all VAT is therefore recorded in the SNA93 as being paid on final uses—mainly on household consumption. Small amounts of VAT, may however, be paid by businesses in respect of certain kinds of purchases on which VAT may not be deductible.

9 Within building activity statistics, purchasers of residential structures are unable to deduct GST from the purchase price. For non-residential structures, the reverse is true. While the ABS collects all building activity data on a GST inclusive basis, it publishes value data inclusive of GST in respect of residential construction and exclusive of GST in respect of non-residential construction.

10 It is appropriate to add the residential and non-residential components to derive total building activity. Valuation of the components of the total is consistent, since, for both components, the value data is recorded inclusive of non-deductible GST paid by the purchaser. As such, total building activity includes the non-deductible GST payable on residential building.

DEFINITIONS

11 A *building* is defined as a rigid, fixed and permanent structure which has a roof. Its intended purpose is primarily to house people, plant, machinery, vehicles, goods or livestock. An integral feature of a building's design, to satisfy its intended use, is the provision for regular access by persons.

12 A *dwelling unit* is defined as a self-contained suite of rooms, including cooking and bathing facilities and intended for *long-term* residential use. Units (whether self-contained or not) within buildings offering institutional care, such as hospitals, or temporary accommodation such as motels, hostels and holiday apartments, are not defined as dwelling units. The value of units of this type is included in the appropriate category of non-residential building.

13 A *residential building* is defined as a building predominantly consisting of one or more dwelling units. Residential buildings can be either *houses* or *other residential buildings*.

- A *house* is defined as a detached building predominantly used for long-term residential purposes and consisting of only one dwelling unit. Thus, detached 'granny flats' and detached dwelling units (such as caretakers' residences) associated with non-residential buildings are defined as houses for the purpose of these statistics.
- An *other residential building* is defined as a building which is predominantly used for long-term residential purposes and which contains (or has attached to it) more than one dwelling unit (e.g. includes townhouses, duplexes, apartment buildings, etc.).

DEFINITIONS *continued*

14 From the June quarter 1996 issue of this publication, the number of dwelling units created as part of alterations and additions to, or conversions of, existing residential or non-residential buildings, and as part of the construction of non-residential building is shown separately in tables 5, 7, and 9 under the heading of 'Conversions, etc.', and is included in the total number of dwelling units shown in these tables. Previously, such dwellings were only included as a footnote.

15 In addition, the seasonally adjusted estimates for the total number of dwelling units commenced and completed, shown in table 4, include these conversions, etc. Previously, only dwelling units created as part of the construction of new residential buildings were included in these estimates.

16 *Commenced.* A building job is regarded as commenced when the first physical building activity has been performed on site in the form of materials fixed in place and/or labour expended (this includes site preparation but excludes delivery of building materials, the drawing of plans and specifications and the construction of non-building infrastructures such as roads).

17 *Under construction.* A building job is regarded as being under construction at the end of a period if it has been commenced but has not been completed, and work on it has not been abandoned.

18 *Completed.* A building job is regarded as completed when building activity has progressed to the stage when the building can fulfil its intended function. In practice, the ABS regards buildings as completed when notified as such by respondents to the survey.

VALUATION OF BUILDING JOBS

19 The value series in this publication are derived from estimates reported on survey returns as follows.

- *Value of building commenced or under construction* represents the anticipated completion value based, where practicable, on estimated market or contract price of building jobs excluding the value of land and landscaping. Site preparation costs are included. Where jobs proceed over several quarters, the anticipated completion value reported on the return for the first (commencement) quarter may be amended on returns for subsequent (under construction) quarters as the job nears completion.
- *Value of building completed* represents the actual completion value based, where practicable, on the market or contract price of jobs including site preparation costs but excluding the value of land and landscaping.
- *Value of building work done during the period* represents the estimated value of building work actually carried out during the quarter on jobs which have commenced.
- *Value of building work yet to be done* represents the difference between the anticipated completion value and the estimated value of work done up to the end of the period on jobs commenced but not completed.

BUILDING CLASSIFICATION

20 *Ownership*. The ownership of a building is classified as either *public sector* or *private sector* according to the sector of the intended owner of the completed building as evident at the time of approval. Residential buildings being constructed by private sector builders under government housing authority schemes whereby the authority has contracted, or intends to contract, to purchase the buildings on or before completion, are classified as public sector.

21 *Functional classification of buildings* (FCB). A building is classified according to its intended major function. Hence, a building which is ancillary to other buildings or forms a part of a group of related buildings is classified to the function of the building and not to the function of the group as a whole. An example of this can be seen in the treatment of building work approved for a factory complex. In this case a detached administration building would be classified to Offices, a detached cafeteria building to Shops, while factory buildings would be classified to Factories. An exception to this rule is the treatment of group accommodation buildings where, for example, a student accommodation building on a university campus would be classified to Educational.

22 Examples of the types of buildings included under each main functional heading are shown in the following list.

- *Houses*. Includes cottages, bungalows, detached caretakers'/managers' cottages, rectories.
- *Other residential buildings*. Includes blocks of flats, home units, attached townhouses, villa units, terrace houses, semi-detached houses, maisonettes.
- *Hotels, etc*. Includes motels, hostels, boarding houses, guest houses, holiday apartment buildings.
- *Shops*. Includes retail shops, restaurants, cafes, taverns, dry cleaners, laundromats, hair salons, shopping arcades.
- *Factories*. Includes paper mills, oil refinery buildings, brickworks, foundries, powerhouses, manufacturing laboratories, workshops as part of a manufacturing process.
- *Offices*. Includes banks, post offices, council chambers, head and regional offices.
- *Other business premises*. Includes warehouses, storage depots, service stations, transport depots and terminals, car parks, electricity substation buildings, pumping station buildings, telephone exchanges, mail sorting centres, broadcasting stations, film studios.
- *Educational*. Includes schools, colleges, universities, kindergartens, libraries, museums, art galleries, research and teaching laboratories, theological colleges.
- *Religious*. Includes churches, chapels, temples.
- *Health*. Includes hospitals, nursing homes, surgeries, clinics, medical centres.
- *Entertainment and recreational*. Includes clubs, theatres, cinemas, public halls, gymnasiums, grandstands, squash courts, sports and recreation centres.
- *Miscellaneous*. Includes law courts, homes for the aged (where medical care is not provided as a normal service), orphanages, gaols, barracks, mine buildings, glasshouses, livestock sheds, shearing sheds, fruit and skin drying sheds, public toilets, and ambulance, fire and police stations.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

BUILDING CLASSIFICATION *continued*

23 Note that from and including the March quarter 2003 issue, *Building Activity, Australia* (cat. no. 8752.0) classifies non-residential building work done (and commenced) to the new 2000 FCB, while this publication continues to use the 1986 FCB. Historical data is available on the new basis, commencing with the September quarter 2001. For more details, refer to the June quarter 2003 issue of 8752.0 and to *ABS Functional Classification of Buildings* (cat. no. 1268.0.55.001) which is available on the ABS website by selecting the 'About Statistics' link and following the links to 'Concepts and Classifications' and 'ABS Classifications'.

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

24 Since the figures for private sector building activity (including alterations and additions) are derived from information obtained from a sample of approved building jobs, they are subject to sampling error; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been obtained if information for all approved jobs for the relevant period had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error (SE), which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of approved jobs was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one SE from the figure that would have been obtained if all approved jobs had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two SEs. Another measure of sampling variability is the relative standard error (RSE), which is obtained by expressing the SE as a percentage of the estimate to which it refers. The RSEs of estimates provide an indication of the percentage errors likely to have occurred due to sampling, and are shown in tables 15 and 16.

25 An example of the use of RSEs is as follows. Assume that the estimate of the number of new private sector houses commenced during the latest quarter is 2,000 (for actual estimate see table 5) and that the associated RSE is 2.5% (for actual percentage see table 15). There would then be about two chances in three that the number which would have been obtained if information had been collected about all approved private sector house jobs would have been within the range 1,950 to 2,050 (2.5% of 2,000 is 50) and about nineteen chances in twenty that the number would have been within the range 1,900 to 2,100.

26 The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the RSE, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of inadequacies in the source of building approval information, imperfections in reporting by respondents, and errors made in the coding and processing of data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling error, and may occur in any enumeration whether it be a full count or only a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by the careful design of questionnaires, efforts to obtain responses for all selected jobs, and efficient operating procedures.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

27 Seasonally adjusted building statistics are shown in tables 2 to 4. In the seasonally adjusted series, account has been taken of normal seasonal factors, 'trading day' effects arising from the varying numbers of working days in a quarter and the effect of movement in the date of Easter which may, in successive years, affect figures for different quarters. Further information about seasonal adjustment can be obtained from the Assistant Director of Time Series Analysis on Canberra 02 6252 6540.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT *continued*

28 Since seasonally adjusted statistics reflect both irregular and trend movements, an upward or downward movement in a seasonally adjusted series does not necessarily indicate a change of trend. Particular care should therefore be taken in interpreting individual quarter-to-quarter movements. Some of the component series shown have been seasonally adjusted independently. As a consequence, while the unadjusted components in the original series shown add to the totals, the adjusted components may not add to the adjusted totals. Therefore, figures should not be derived using the adjusted totals. (For example, seasonally adjusted public sector dwelling units should not be derived by subtracting seasonally adjusted private sector dwelling units from the seasonally adjusted total). In table 3, the components of the current price value series have, however, been seasonally adjusted dependently, and the seasonally adjusted components of series in that table add to the seasonally adjusted total.

29 From the June quarter 2003, the seasonally adjusted estimates are produced by the concurrent seasonal adjustment method which takes account of the latest available original estimates. The concurrent seasonal adjustment methodology replaces the forward factor methodology previously used, when seasonal factors were only revised following an annual re-analysis. The concurrent method improves the estimation of seasonal factors and, therefore, the seasonally adjusted estimates for the current and previous quarters. As a result of this improvement, revisions to the seasonally adjusted estimates will be observed for recent periods. In most instances, the only noticeable revisions will be to the previous quarter and the same quarter of a year earlier.

30 A more detailed review of concurrent seasonal factors will be conducted annually, generally prior to the release of data for the December quarter.

CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES

31 Chain volume estimates of the value of commencements and work done are shown in tables 1 and 2. While current price estimates of the value of commencements and work done reflect both price and volume changes, chain volume estimates measure changes in value after the direct effects of price changes have been eliminated and therefore only reflect volume changes. The direct impact of the GST is a price change, and hence is removed from chain volume estimates. The deflators used to revalue the current price estimates in this publication are derived from the same price data underlying the deflators compiled for the dwellings and new other building components of the national accounts aggregate 'Gross fixed capital formation'.

32 The chain volume measures of commencements and work done appearing in this publication are annually reweighted chain Laspeyres indexes referenced to current price values in a chosen reference year (currently 2001–02). The reference year is updated annually in the June quarter publication. Each year's data in the value of commencements and work done series are based on the prices of the previous year, except for the quarters of the latest incomplete year which are based upon the current reference year (i.e. 2001–02). Comparability with previous years is achieved by linking (or chaining) the series together to form a continuous time series. Further information on the nature and concepts of chain volume measures is contained in the *ABS Information Paper: Introduction of Chain Volume Measures in the Australian National Accounts* (cat. no. 5248.0).

33 The factors used to seasonally adjust the chain volume series are identical to those used to adjust the corresponding current price series.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

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SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
FCB	Functional Classifications of Buildings
qtr	quarter
RSE	relative standard error
SE	standard error
..	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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