

PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, JUNE QUARTER 2017

Summary

During the June quarter, real private new capital expenditure:

- rose 4.4% in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, real private new capital expenditure rose 0.6%); and
- fell 5.5% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, real private new capital expenditure rose 0.8%).

Note: The ABS survey of New Capital Expenditure covers private businesses in all industries except for agriculture, forestry and fishing, government administration and defence, superannuation funds, education, health and community services, and 'other' services and those that do not employ.

Further Analysis

Trend data

In South Australia, the rise in private new capital expenditure during the June quarter followed a rise of 5.1% in the previous quarter. The quarterly rise reflected an increase in expenditure on both buildings and structures (up 7.0%) and equipment, plant and machinery (up 1.8%)—see Chart 1.

Real private new capital expenditure in South Australia was 11% higher than a year earlier. This reflected a rise in capital expenditure on equipment, plant and machinery (up 12%) and buildings and structures (up 9.3%).

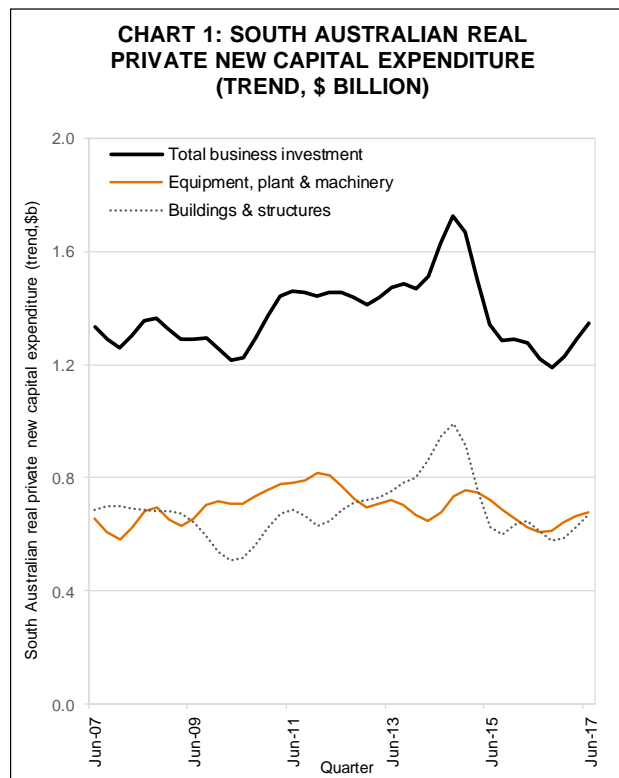
Nationally, real private new capital expenditure was 4.0% lower than a year earlier.

States recording a rise in capital expenditure in the June quarter 2017 were South Australia and Tasmania (both up 4.4%), Victoria (up 1.3%) and Queensland (up 0.7%) while a fall was recorded in Western Australia (down 1.6%) and expenditure in New South Wales was unchanged—see Table 1.

Through the year growth in capital expenditure was recorded in Tasmania (up 15%), South Australia (up 11%), Queensland (up 7.7%) and Victoria (up 6.9%)—see Table 1.

TABLE 1: Real Private New Capital Expenditure – Trend

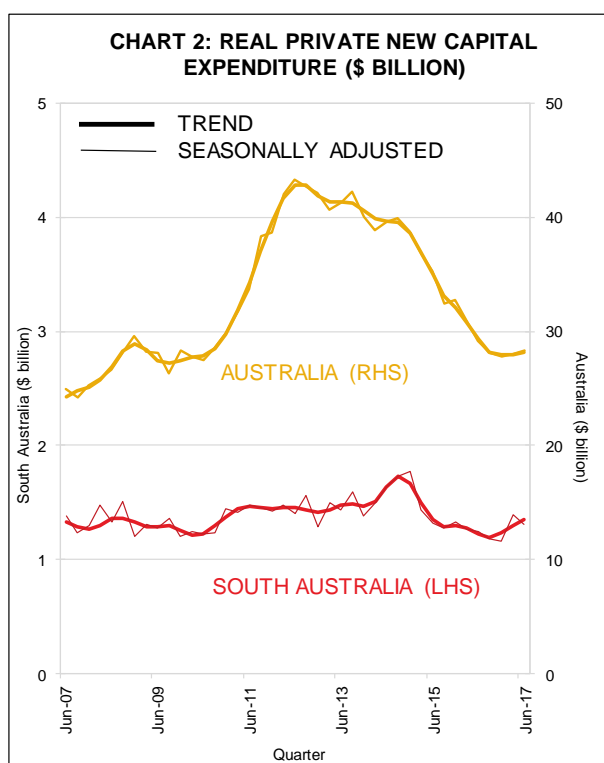
	(\$ billion)	Jun qtr 17 v Mar qtr 17 (% change)	Jun qtr 17 v Jun qtr 16 (% change)
NSW	6.8	0.0	-7.0
VIC	5.3	1.3	6.9
QLD	5.8	0.7	7.7
SA	1.3	4.4	10.6
WA	6.9	-1.6	-21.9
TAS	0.3	4.4	15.0
AUS	28.2	0.6	-4.0



Seasonally Adjusted data

In South Australia, the fall in private new capital expenditure during the June quarter followed a rise of 20% in the previous quarter. The June quarter fall reflected a decrease in expenditure on equipment, plant and machinery (down 16%), which was only partially offset by a rise in expenditure on buildings and structures (up 6.5%).

Real private new capital expenditure in South Australia was 5.4% higher than a year earlier. This reflected a rise in capital expenditure on buildings and structures (up 12%) partly offset by a smaller fall in spending on equipment, plant and machinery (down 1.3%).



Nationally there was a real rise of 0.8% in private new capital expenditure during the June quarter, reflecting rises in 'other selected industries' (up 2.8%) and the manufacturing industry (up 1.4%) while spending in the mining industry fell (down 2.8%).

TABLE 2: Real Private New Capital Expenditure – Seasonally Adjusted

	(\$ billion)	Jun qtr 17 v Mar qtr 17 (% change)	Jun qtr 17 v Jun qtr 16 (% change)
NSW	6.9	3.5	-5.7
VIC	5.3	2.5	8.6
QLD	5.9	1.6	12.9
SA	1.3	-5.5	5.4
WA	6.9	-1.4	-20.0
TAS	0.3	0.4	8.0
AUS	28.3	0.8	-3.0

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