

ABS BUILDING APPROVALS, DECEMBER 2016

Summary

During December 2016, the number of new dwellings approved:

- fell by 1.3% in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, new dwelling approvals fell 2.5%); and
- fell by 5.3% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, new dwelling approvals fell 1.2%).

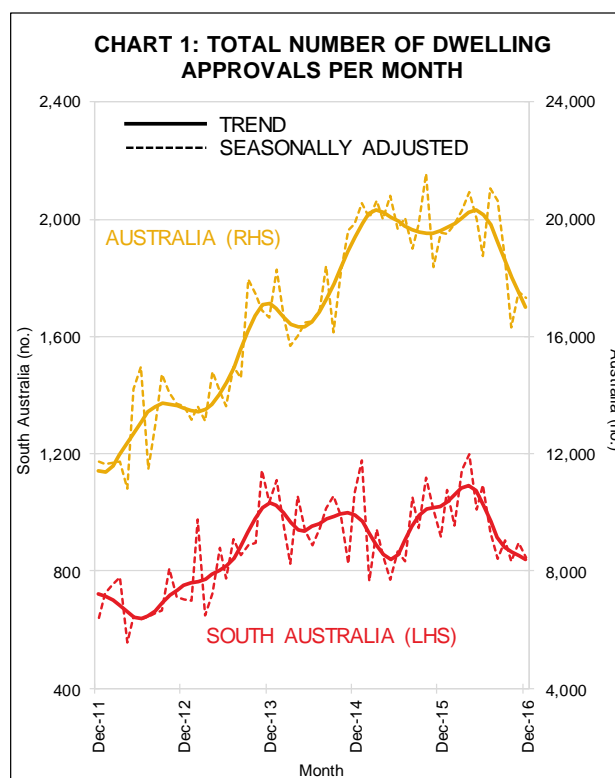
Further Analysis

Trend data

The total number of dwelling approvals in South Australia in December 2016 was 18% lower than a year ago. Nationally, the number of dwelling approvals was 13% lower than a year ago – see Chart 1 and Table 1.

The number of private sector houses approved for construction in South Australia fell by 0.7% during December to be 8.9% lower than a year ago — see Chart 2.

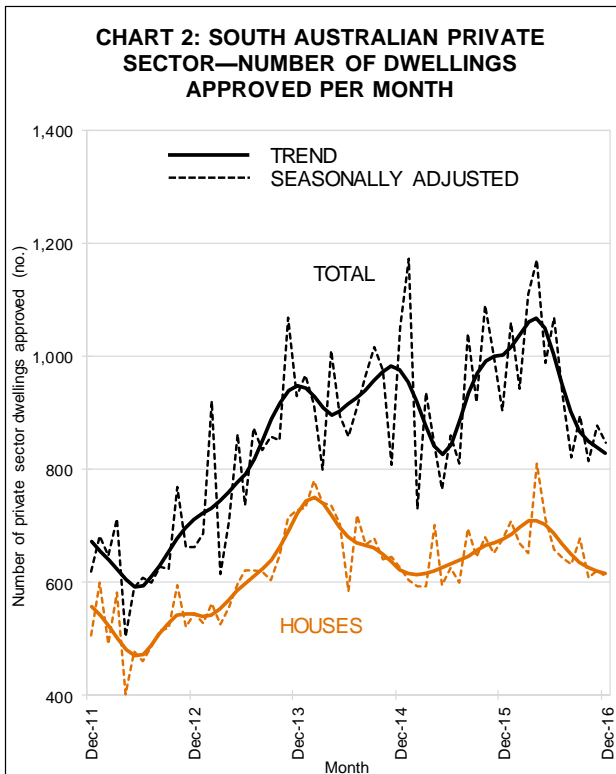
Private ‘other’ dwelling approvals in South Australia fell by 2.3% during December to be 35% lower than a year earlier.



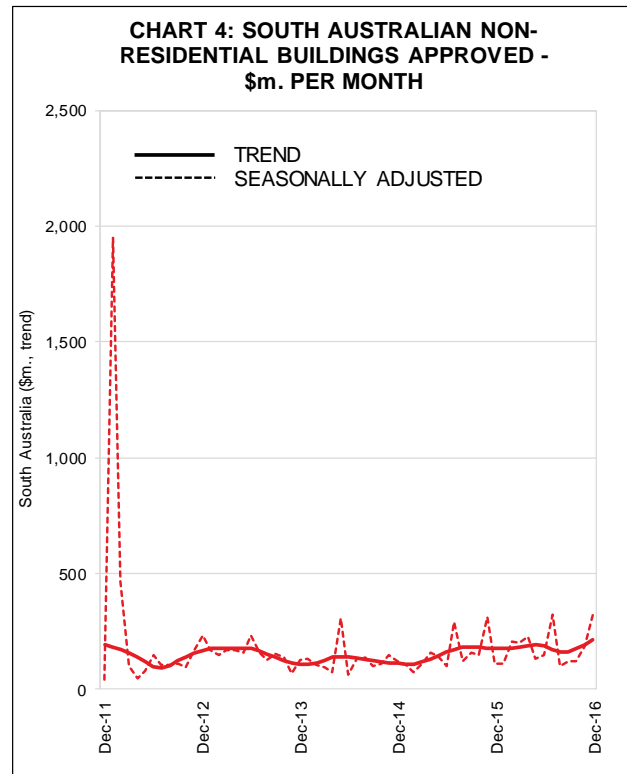
Nationally, the number of private sector houses approved for construction fell by 0.4% during December, while the number of private ‘other’ dwelling approvals fell by 4.7%.

Table 1: Trend Dwelling Approvals By State

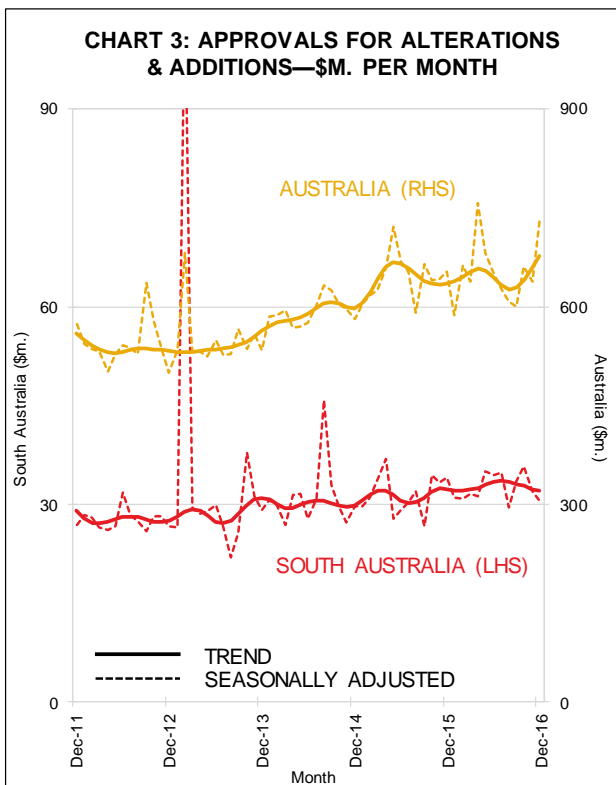
	Dec 16 (no.)	Dec 16 vs. Nov 16 (% change)	Dec 16 vs. Dec 15 (% change)
NSW	4,976	-6.3	-14.4
VIC	5,566	1.5	-1.3
QLD	3,135	-5.0	-29.0
SA	840	-1.3	-17.7
WA	1,717	-0.3	-16.1
TAS	176	3.8	-15.4
AUS	17,019	-2.5	-13.2



The value of renovation approvals in South Australia fell by 1.1% during December and was 1.1% lower than a year ago. Nationally, the value of renovation approvals rose 3.0% in December to be 6.7% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 3.



During December, the value of non-residential building approvals rose by 11% in South Australia, to be 23% higher than a year earlier. Nationally, the value of non-residential building approvals fell by 5.6% during December but was 2.4% higher than a year ago—see Chart 4.



Note: The ABS excludes large irregular movements in a seasonally adjusted series when calculating a trend series. This is pertinent in this brief where seasonally adjusted private sector 'other dwellings' has recorded large irregular movements in South Australia, and explains why there is a large difference in the movement of these series.

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