



# ABS BUILDING APPROVALS, MARCH 2016

## Summary

During March 2016, the number of new dwellings approved:

- rose by 8.7% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, new dwelling approvals rose 3.7%); and
- fell by 0.1% in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, new dwelling approvals rose 0.6%).

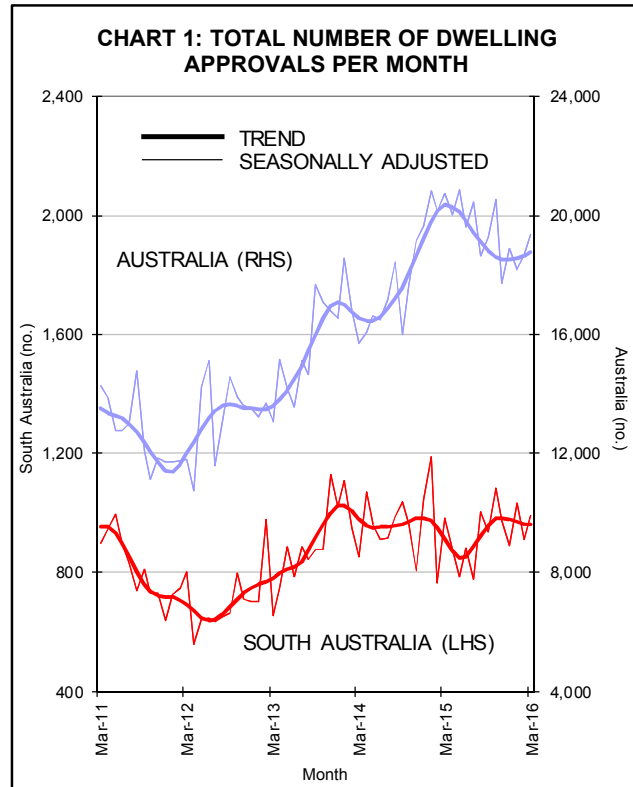
## Further Analysis

### Trend data

The total number of dwelling approvals in South Australia in March 2016 was 5.4% higher than a year ago. Nationally, the number of dwelling approvals was 7.9% 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 0.8% during March but was 1.8% higher than a year ago — see Chart 2.

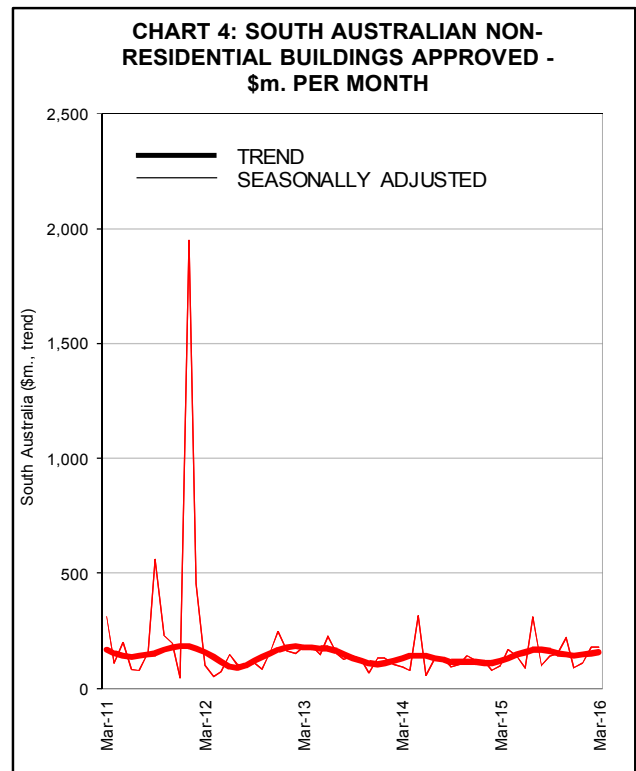
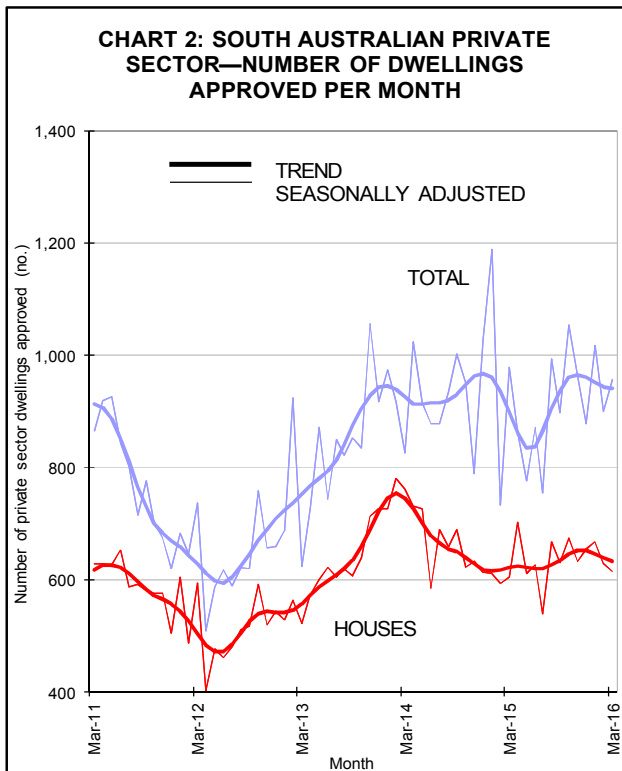
Private ‘other’ dwelling approvals in South Australia rose by 1.0% during March to be 11% higher than a year earlier.



Nationally, the number of private sector houses approved for construction rose by 0.3% during March, while the number of private ‘other’ dwelling approvals rose by 0.7%.

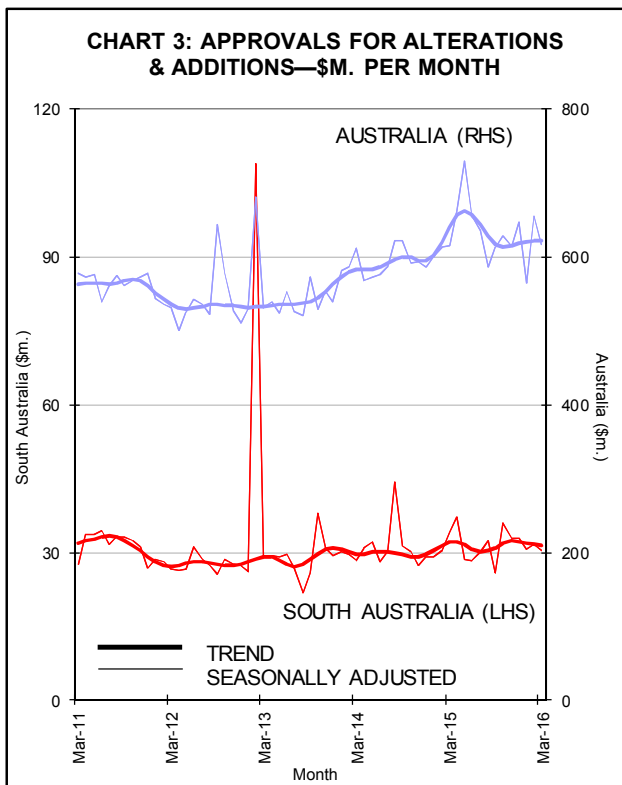
Table 1: Trend Dwelling Approvals By State

	Mar 16 (no.)	Mar 16 vs. Feb 16 (% change)	Mar 16 vs. Mar 15 (% change)
NSW	5,304	-0.3	-10.9
VIC	5,732	0.2	-6.2
QLD	3,994	0.8	-2.7
<b>SA</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>5.4</b>
WA	2,037	1.1	-22.6
TAS	196	-1.5	-18.0
<b>AUS</b>	<b>18,754</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>-7.9</b>



The value of renovation approvals in South Australia fell by 0.8% during March and was 2.4% lower than a year ago. Nationally, the value of renovation approvals fell 0.1% in March to be 3.1% lower than a year earlier—see Chart 3.

During March, the value of non-residential building approvals rose by 2.2% in South Australia, to be 33% higher than a year earlier. Nationally, the value of non-residential building approvals fell by 3.9% during March, to be 5.9% lower 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.