



PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, MARCH QUARTER 2016

Summary

During the March quarter, real private new capital expenditure:

- rose 0.1% in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, real private new capital expenditure fell 2.8%); and
- fell 2.3% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, real private new capital expenditure fell 5.2%).

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.

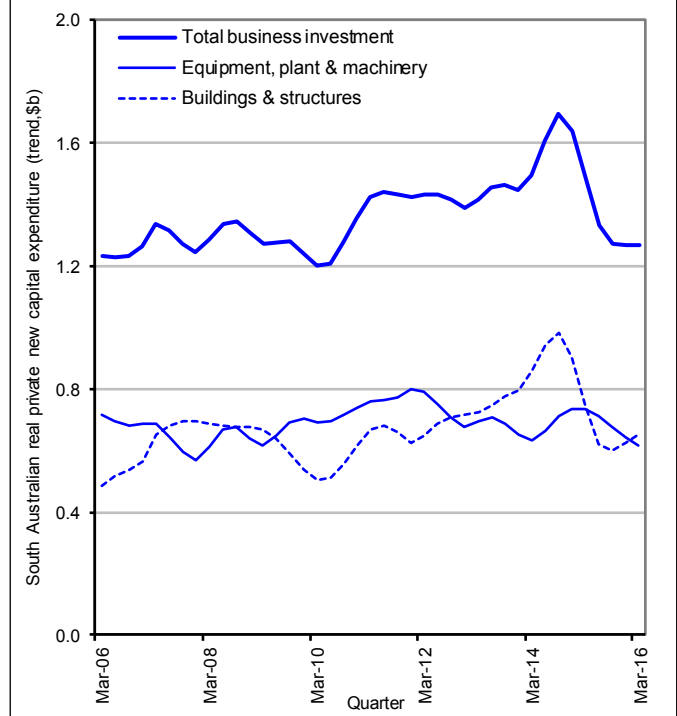
Further Analysis

Trend data

In South Australia, the rise in private new capital expenditure during the March quarter followed a fall of 0.5% in the previous quarter. The quarterly rise reflected an increase in expenditure on buildings and structures (up 4.8%) and a fall in expenditure on equipment, plant and machinery (down 4.3%)—see Chart 1.

Real private new capital expenditure in South Australia was 15% lower than a year earlier. Nationally, real private new capital expenditure was also 15% lower than a year earlier.

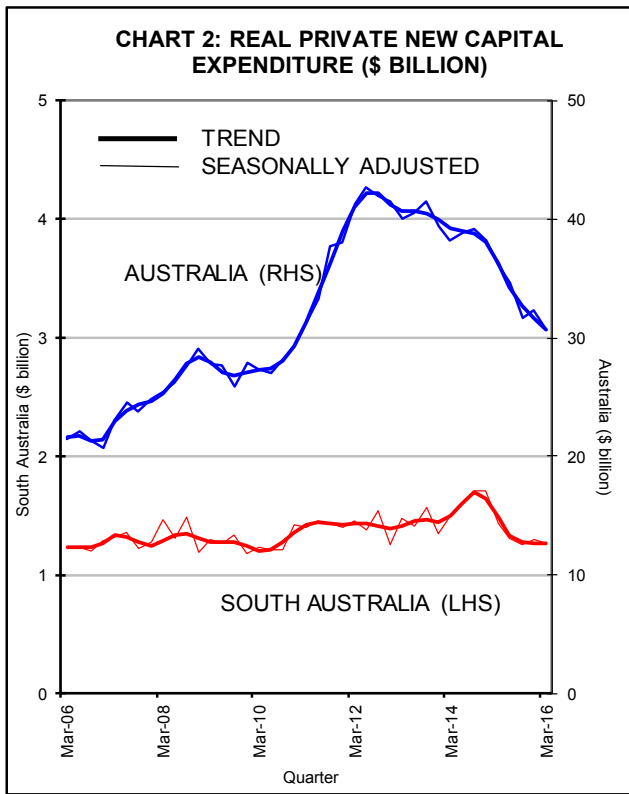
CHART 1: SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (TREND, \$ BILLION)



Seasonally Adjusted data

In South Australia, the fall in private new capital expenditure during the March quarter followed a rise of 2.8% in the previous quarter. The March quarter fall reflected falls in expenditure on buildings and structures (down 3.8%) and equipment, plant and machinery (down 0.6%).

Real private new capital expenditure in South Australia was 12% lower than a year earlier. This reflected a fall in capital expenditure on equipment, plant and machinery (down 9.3%) and a fall in capital expenditure on buildings and structures (down 15%)—see Chart 2.



In South Australia, total nominal private new capital expenditure was 19% lower in the year to March 2016 compared with the previous year. Capital expenditure contributions by industry were not available for mining and manufacturing. Capital expenditure in other selected industries was 8.8% lower than a year earlier.

Nationally there was a real fall of 5.2% in private new capital expenditure during the March quarter, reflecting falls in the mining industry (down 12%) and in the manufacturing industry (down 10%) partly offset by a rise in ‘other selected industries’ (up 1.8%).

A rise in capital expenditure during the March quarter 2016 was recorded in Tasmania (up 16%) and NSW (up 3.4%). Only Tasmania (up 20%), NSW (up 9.3%) and Victoria (up 0.3%) recorded through the year growth—see Table 1.

TABLE 1: Real Private New Capital Expenditure – Seasonally Adjusted

	(\$ billion)	Mar 16 v Dec 15 (% change)	Mar 16 v Mar 15 (% change)
NSW	6.9	3.4	9.3
VIC	4.7	-0.2	0.3
QLD	5.3	-13.0	-32.0
SA	1.3	-2.3	-12.2
WA	10.8	-7.6	-22.2
TAS	0.2	16.4	19.9
AUS	30.6	-5.2	-15.4

Original Data