



ABS BUILDING APPROVALS, APRIL 2016

Summary

During April 2016, the number of new dwellings approved:

- rose by 2.2% in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, new dwelling approvals rose 1.2%); and
- rose by 14% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, new dwelling approvals rose 3.0%).

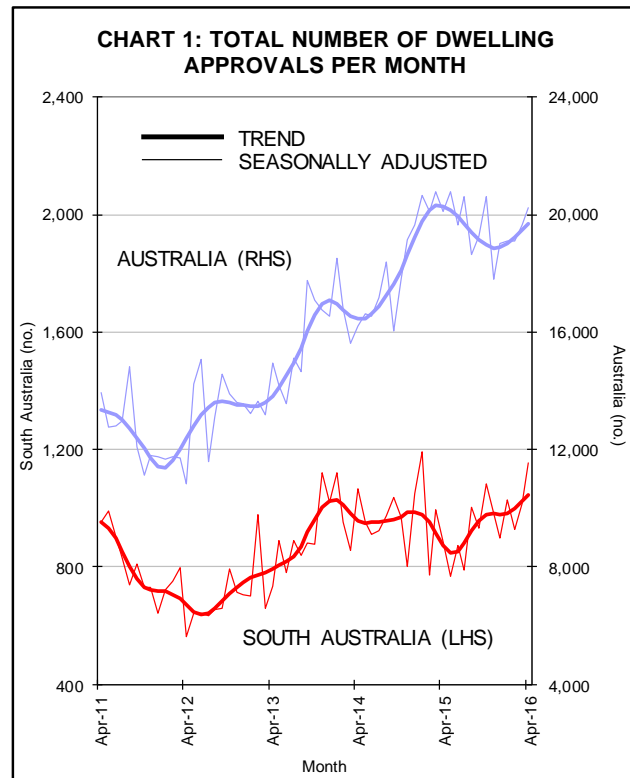
Further Analysis

Trend data

The total number of dwelling approvals in South Australia in April 2016 was 20% higher than a year ago. Nationally, the number of dwelling approvals was 2.9% lower than a year ago – see Chart 1 and Table 1.

The number of private sector houses approved for construction in South Australia rose by 2.0% during April to be 11% higher than a year ago — see Chart 2.

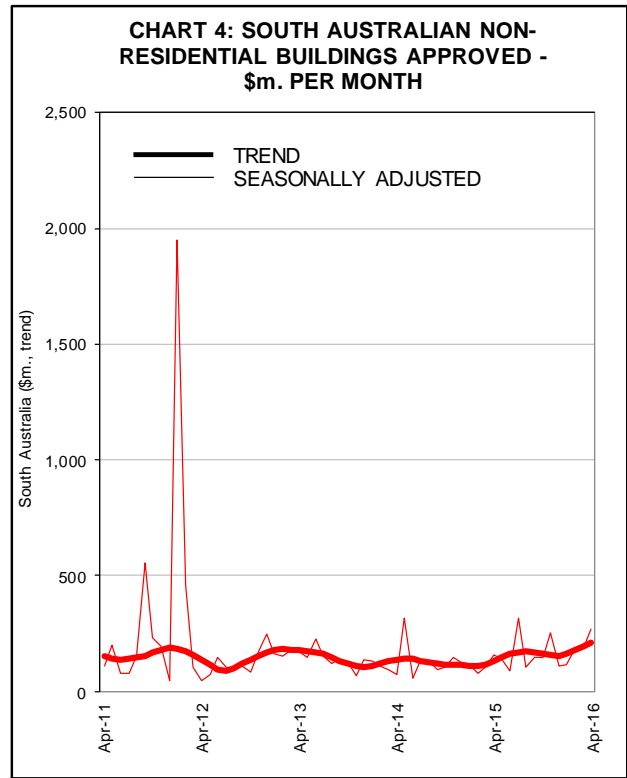
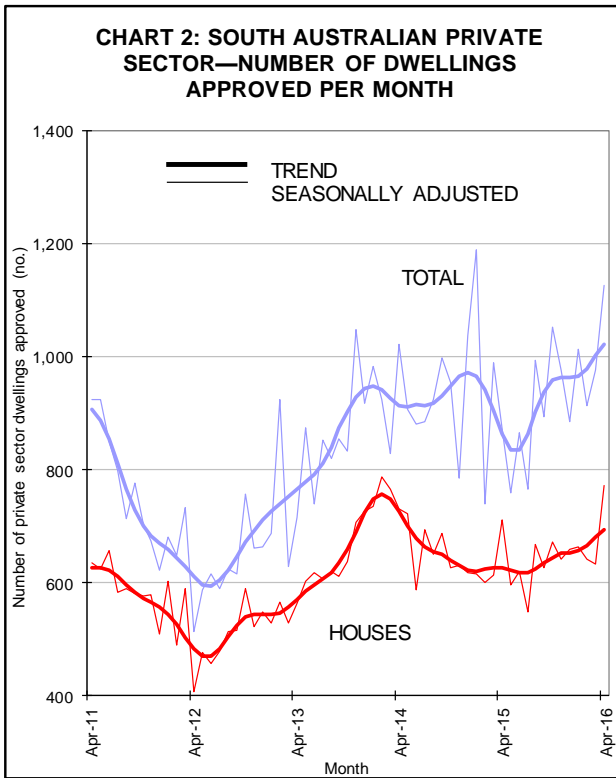
Private ‘other’ dwelling approvals in South Australia rose by 1.6% during April to be 37% higher than a year earlier.



Nationally, the number of private sector houses approved for construction rose by 0.2% during April, while the number of private ‘other’ dwelling approvals rose by 2.3%.

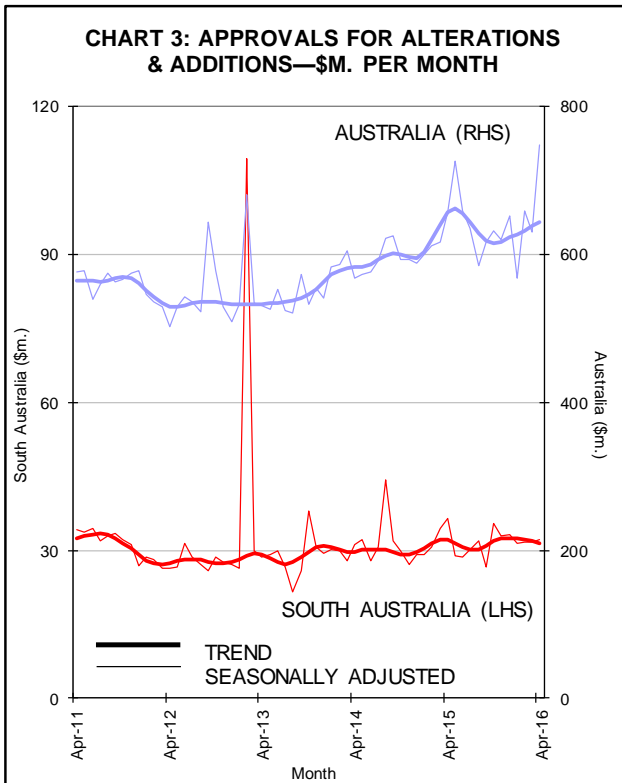
Table 1: Trend Dwelling Approvals By State

	Apr 16 (no.)	Apr 16 vs. Mar 16 (% change)	Apr 16 vs. Apr 15 (% change)
NSW	5,798	1.4	-4.6
VIC	5,696	0.0	-4.7
QLD	4,476	2.9	10.6
SA	1,047	2.2	19.7
WA	1,986	-0.1	-23.6
TAS	200	1.9	-23.4
AUS	19,700	1.2	-2.9



The value of renovation approvals in South Australia fell by 1.5% during April and was 2.0% lower than a year ago. Nationally, the value of renovation approvals rose 1.0% in April but was 1.9% lower than a year earlier—see Chart 3.

During April, the value of non-residential building approvals rose by 9.0% in South Australia, to be 62% higher than a year earlier. Nationally, the value of non-residential building approvals was unchanged in April, but was 1.1% 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.