

PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 2016

Summary

During the September quarter, real private new capital expenditure:

- fell 3.1% in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, real private new capital expenditure fell 4.9%); and
- fell 4.8% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, real private new capital expenditure fell 4.0%).

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 fall in private new capital expenditure during the September quarter followed a fall of 2.5% in the previous quarter. The quarterly fall reflected a decrease in expenditure on both buildings and structures (down 4.5%) and equipment, plant and machinery (down 1.6%)—see Chart 1.

Real private new capital expenditure in South Australia was 6.2% lower than a year earlier. This reflected a fall in capital expenditure on equipment and machinery (down 11%) and a smaller fall in expenditure on buildings and structures (down 0.3%).

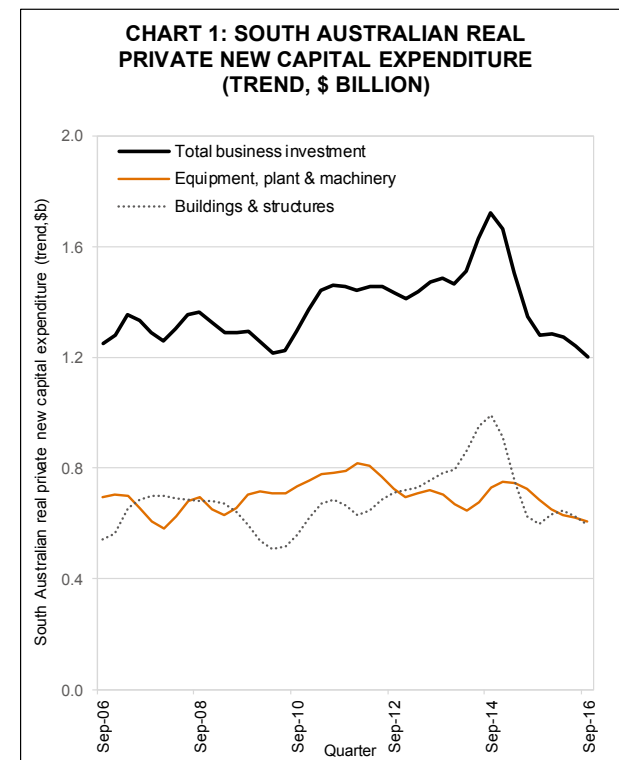
Nationally, real private new capital expenditure was 16% lower than a year earlier.

States recording a rise in capital expenditure in the September quarter 2016 were Victoria (up 1.7%), New South Wales (up 0.5%) and Tasmania (up 0.9%) with falls recorded in Western Australia (down 13%), Queensland (down 3.2%) and South Australia (down 3.1%)—see Table 1.

New South Wales (up 14%), Victoria (up 5.6%) and Tasmania (up 1.8%) recorded through the year growth in capital expenditure—see Table 1.

TABLE 1: Real Private New Capital Expenditure – Trend

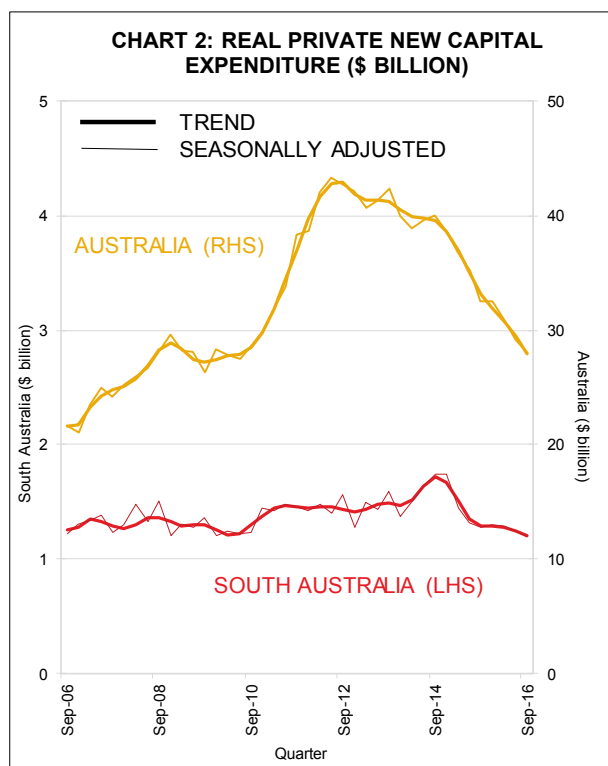
	(\$ billion)	Sep qtr 16 v Jun qtr 16 (% change)	Sep qtr 16 v Sep qtr 15 (% change)
NSW	7.3	0.5	13.8
VIC	5.0	1.7	5.6
QLD	5.2	-3.2	-21.8
SA	1.2	-3.1	-6.2
WA	7.7	-12.9	-37.9
TAS	0.2	0.9	1.8
AUS	28.0	-4.9	-15.6



Seasonally Adjusted data

In South Australia, the fall in private new capital expenditure during the September quarter followed a fall of 3.1% in the previous quarter. The September quarter fall reflected declines in expenditure on buildings and structures (down 4.2%) and equipment and machinery (down 5.5%).

Real private new capital expenditure in South Australia was 7.3% lower than a year earlier. This reflected a fall in capital expenditure on equipment and machinery (down 13%) and buildings and structures (down 1.0%)—see Chart 2.



Nationally, there was a real fall of 4.0% in private new capital expenditure during the September quarter, reflecting falls in the mining industry (down 7.2%), 'other selected industries' (down 1.9% and manufacturing (down 4.9%).

TABLE 2: Real Private New Capital Expenditure – Seasonally Adjusted

	(\$ billion)	Sep qtr 16 v Jun qtr 16 (% change)	Sep qtr 16 v Sep qtr 15 (% change)
NSW	7.2	-3.5	19.1
VIC	5.1	3.4	8.2
QLD	5.4	2.7	-16.2
SA	1.2	-4.8	-7.3
WA	7.6	-11.4	-37.7
TAS	0.2	-9.1	-6.8
AUS	28.0	-4.0	-13.7

Original Data

In South Australia, total nominal private new capital expenditure was 12% lower in the year to September 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 5.9% lower than a year earlier.

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