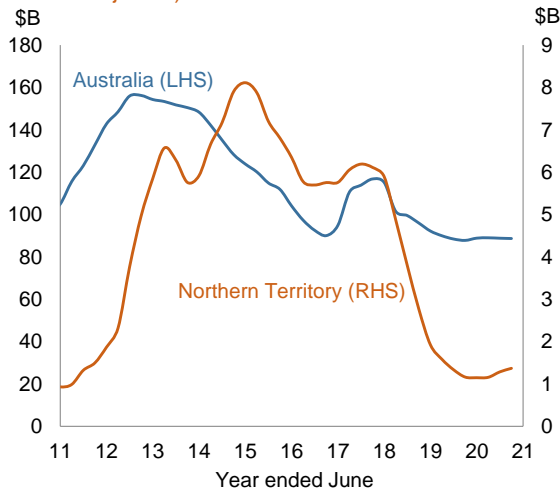


Engineering construction activity

March quarter 2021

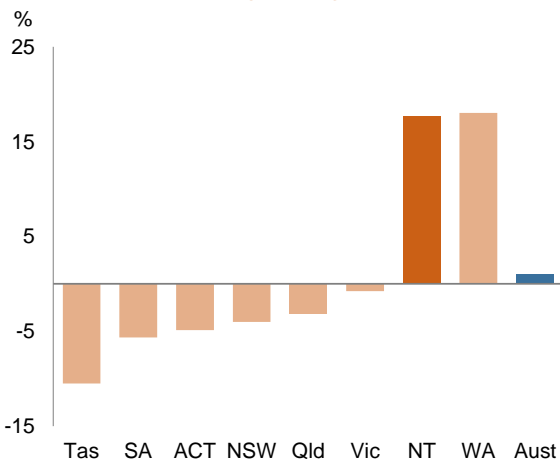
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Chart 1: Engineering work done (moving annual total, inflation adjusted)



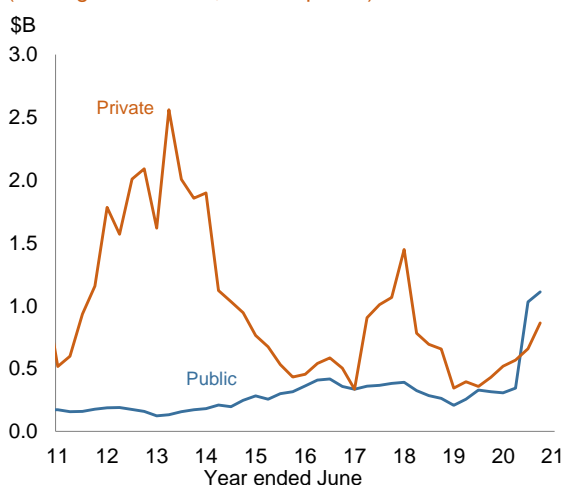
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Chart 2: Engineering work done (year-on-year percentage change, inflation adjusted)



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Chart 3: Engineering work commenced (moving annual total, current prices)



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Engineering construction work done

Value of engineering work done	NT	Aust
Quarterly change (seasonally adjusted)	↓33.2%	↑0.4%
Annual change (seasonally adjusted)	↑41.1%	↓0.4%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑17.6%	↑1.0%

In the March quarter 2021, the seasonally adjusted value of engineering construction work done in the Territory decreased by 33.2% to \$280 million.

In year-on-year terms, Territory engineering construction work done increased by 17.6%. This reflects public sector activity increasing by 24.0% mainly due to work for bridges, railways and harbours as well as electricity generation, transmission and pipelines construction (contributing 8.9 and 8.0 percentage points respectively) and private sector activity increasing by 15.8% mainly due to work for recreation and other as well as electricity generation, transmission and pipelines construction (contributing 11.7 and 7.6 percentage points respectively).

In the year to March 2021, the Territory recorded the second highest year-on-year increase behind Western Australia (18.0%). All other jurisdictions reported a decline in year-on-year change, ranging from a 10.5% decline in Tasmania to a 0.7% decline in Victoria (Chart 2).

Engineering work commenced

In the March quarter 2021, the value of engineering construction work commenced decreased by 53.7% to \$466 million. This reflects a decrease in public sector activity (down by 87.1% to \$107 million) mainly due to work commenced for roads, highways and subdivisions (down by 98.8% to \$10 million), partly offset by an increase in private sector activity (up by 96.5% to \$360 million) mainly due to work commenced for electricity generation, transmissions and pipelines (up by 3,739% to \$177 million).

In the year to March 2021, the value of engineering work commenced increased by 163.6% to \$2.0 billion. Public sector work commenced increased by 250.5% to \$1.1 billion, mainly reflecting work for roads, highways and subdivisions while private sector work commenced increased by 99.9% to \$864 million, mainly reflecting work for electricity generation, transmission and pipelines (Chart 3).

Nationally, the value of engineering work commenced fell by 14.6% to \$73.8 billion over the same period.

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Table 1: Engineering construction work done (\$M, chain volume)

	Period				Change		
	Mar qtr 20	Dec qtr 20	Mar qtr 21	Year to date	Quarterly ²	Annual ³	Year-on-year ⁴
Northern Territory							
Original	198	420	280	1 341	-33.2%	41.2%	17.6%
– public ¹	47	114	78	357	-31.7%	65.2%	24.0%
– private ¹	155	312	208	1 010	-33.3%	34.1%	15.8%
Seasonally adjusted	198	420	280	1 341	-33.2%	41.1%	
Trend							
– trend series suspended from the June 2020 release							
Australia							
Original	20 493	22 225	20 348	88 700	-8.4%	-0.7%	1.0%
– public	8 413	8 336	7 862	34 833	-5.7%	-6.6%	-1.8%
– private	12 080	13 890	12 486	53 867	-10.1%	3.4%	2.9%
Seasonally adjusted	21 834	21 667	21 746	88 655	0.4%	-0.4%	
Trend							
– trend series suspended from the June 2020 release							

Table 2- Engineering work commenced (\$M, original, current prices)

	Period				Change		
	Mar qtr 20	Dec qtr 20	Mar qtr 21	Year to date	Quarterly ²	Annual ³	Year-on-year ⁴
Northern Territory							
Original	181	1 007	466	1 975	-53.7%	157.2%	163.6%
– public	26	824	107	1 111	-87.1%	306.0%	250.5%
– private	155	183	360	864	96.5%	131.9%	99.9%
Australia							
Original	23 714	18 475	19 462	73 828	5.3%	-17.9%	-14.6%
– public	10 519	7 848	9 101	32 983	16.0%	-13.5%	-18.4%
– private	13 196	10 627	10 360	40 845	-2.5%	-21.5%	-11.3%

n.p.: data not published

1 Current prices.

2 Compares the latest quarter with the previous quarter.

3 Compares the latest quarter with the same quarter last year.

4 Compares the 4 quarters up to and including the latest quarter with the previous 4 quarter period.

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