

## Engineering Construction Activity

Value of Engineering Work Done	NT	A	\$B
Change in the quarter (trend)	↓0.9%	↓6.1%	180
Annual change (trend)	↓26.0%	↓25.3%	160
Year on year change (original)	↓28.3%	↓18.7%	140

## Engineering Construction Work Done

The trend value of engineering construction work done in the Territory in the September quarter 2016 decreased by 0.9 per cent to \$1.3 billion compared to the previous quarter.

In the year to September 2016, engineering construction work done in the Territory decreased by 28.3 per cent to \$5.7 billion (Chart 1).

This follows a period of record levels of engineering construction activity and reflects a number of major projects that have recently been completed or are nearing completion; however total engineering construction work done in the Territory remains above the 10 year average of \$3.7 billion.

The decline was largely driven by a 30.6 per cent decrease in private sector work, to \$5.3 billion, reflecting declines in engineering construction of heavy industry, generation plants and associated work.

This was partly offset by a 42.3 per cent increase in public sector engineering construction work done, to \$424 million. This was driven by growth in telecommunications activity, as well as activity related to the construction of roads, highways and subdivisions.

In other jurisdictions, the change in the value of engineering construction work done ranged from a decline of 31.6 per cent in Queensland to an increase of 11.1 per cent in Victoria in the year to September 2016 (Chart 2).

Nationally, the value of engineering construction work decreased by 18.7 per cent to \$88.6 billion in the year to September 2016.

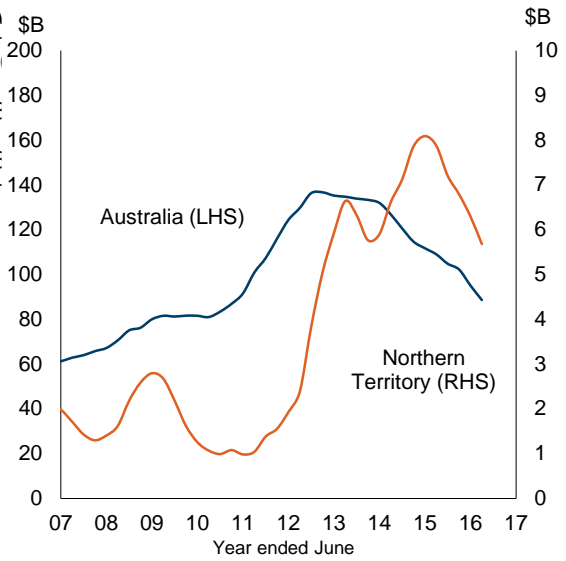
## Engineering Work Commenced

In the year to September 2016, the value of engineering construction work commenced in the Territory increased by 6.9 per cent to \$935 million. This was the first year on year increase since the December quarter 2013.

Public sector work commenced in the year to September 2016 increased by 100.8 per cent, to \$397 million (Chart 3). The increase largely reflects an increase in works commenced on telecommunications to \$162 million, as well as increases in works commenced on roads, highways and subdivisions.

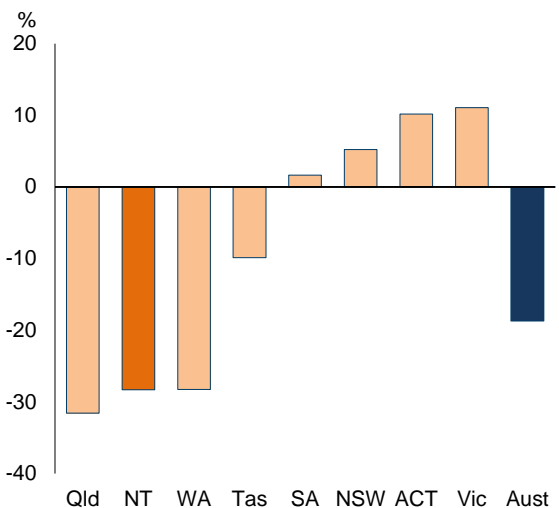
This was partly offset by a decline of 20.4 per cent in private sector work commenced to \$539 million. This is below the 10 year average level of private engineering construction work commenced of \$1.3 billion.

Chart 1: Engineering Work Done (Moving annual total, inflation adjusted)



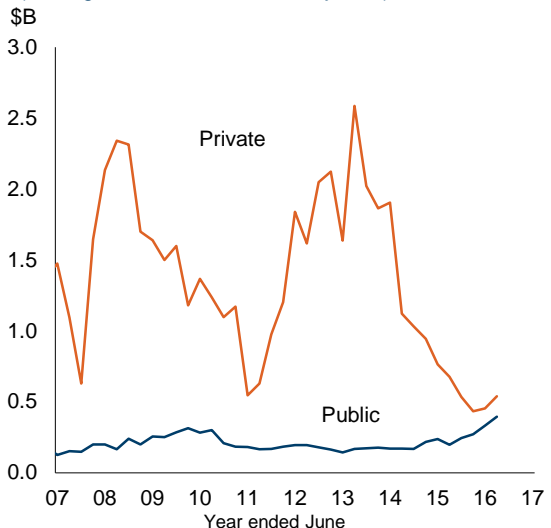
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Chart 2: Engineering Work Done, September Quarter, 2016 (Year on year percentage change, inflation adjusted)



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Chart 3: Engineering Work Commenced (Moving annual total, inflation adjusted)



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## Engineering Construction Work Done (\$M, chain volume)

	September Quarter		change		
	quarter	year to date	quarterly <sup>2</sup>	annual <sup>3</sup>	year on year <sup>4</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>					
original	1 377	5 661	2.9%	-30.8%	-28.3%
<i>Public</i> <sup>1</sup>	111	424	-13.5%	16.2%	42.3%
<i>Private</i> <sup>1</sup>	1 252	5 254	2.0%	-33.5%	-30.6%
seasonally adj	1 376	5 658	2.9%	-30.9%	
trend	1 337	5 763	-0.9%	-26.0%	
<b>Australia</b>					
original	19 641	88 578	-11.1%	-24.7%	-18.7%
<i>Public</i>	6 722	28 502	-18.8%	16.3%	13.9%
<i>Private</i>	12 919	60 076	-6.4%	-36.4%	-28.4%
seasonally adj	20 080	88 715	-4.7%	-23.9%	
trend	20 168	89 307	-6.0%	-23.4%	

## Engineering Work Commenced (\$M, original, chain volume)

	September Quarter		change		
	quarter	year to date	quarterly <sup>2</sup>	annual <sup>3</sup>	year on year <sup>4</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>	251	935	-12.0%	143.7%	6.9%
<i>Public</i> <sup>1</sup>	91	397	-23.9%	246.0%	100.8%
<i>Private</i> <sup>1</sup>	161	539	-3.4%	108.8%	-20.4%
<b>Australia</b>	17 053	68 407	-0.6%	20.3%	11.8%
<i>Public</i> <sup>1</sup>	7 933	34 012	-14.1%	18.1%	24.7%
<i>Private</i> <sup>1</sup>	9 121	34 396	15.2%	22.4%	1.3%

<sup>1</sup> chain volume equivalent Department of Treasury and Finance estimates.

<sup>2</sup> compares the latest quarter with the previous quarter.

<sup>3</sup> compares the latest quarter with the same quarter last year.

<sup>4</sup> compares the 4 quarters up to and including the latest quarter with the previous 4 quarter period.

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