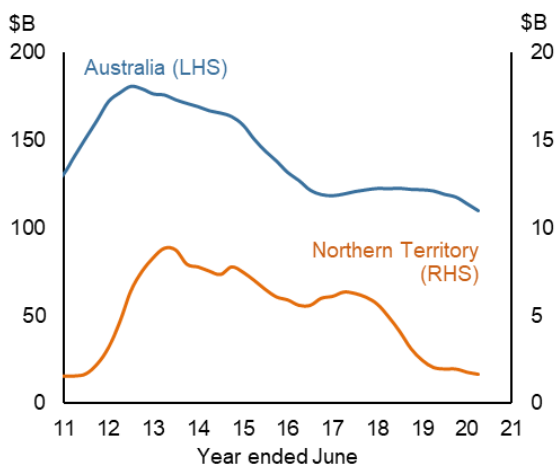


Private new capital expenditure

September quarter 2020

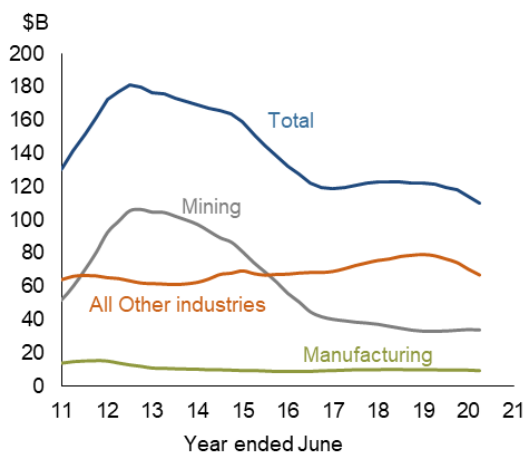
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Chart 1: Private new capital expenditure (moving annual total, original, inflation adjusted)



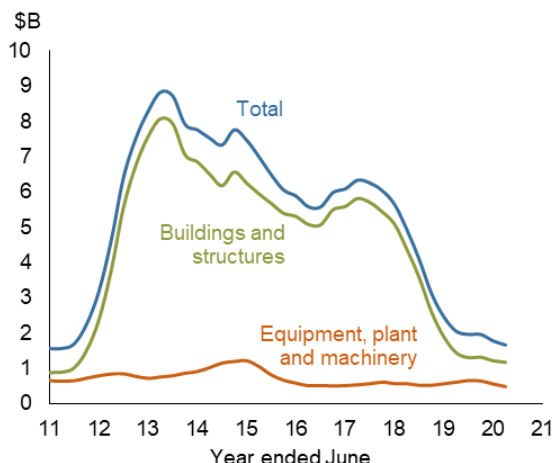
Source: ABS Cat. No.5625.0

Chart 2: New capital expenditure by industry, Australia (moving annual total, original)



Source: ABS Cat. No.5625.0

Chart 3: Territory new capital expenditure (moving annual total, original, inflation adjusted)



Source: ABS Cat. No.5625.0

Private new capital expenditure

| Private new capital expenditure | NT | Aust |
|---|--------|-------|
| Change in quarter (seasonally adjusted) | ↓2.3% | ↓3.0% |
| Year-on-year change (original) | ↓19.1% | ↓9.3% |

Private new capital expenditure in the Territory decreased by 2.3 per cent to \$333 million in the September quarter 2020 in seasonally adjusted terms. The decrease reflects a 9.2 per cent decrease in expenditure on buildings and structures, slightly offset by a 19.8 per cent increase in expenditure on equipment, plant and machinery.

The Territory reported the third smallest decline in private new capital expenditure of the jurisdictions in the quarter. All jurisdictions reported declines, ranging from a 7.7 per cent decline in Victoria to a 0.7 per cent decline in Queensland. Nationally, seasonally adjusted private new capital expenditure decreased by 3.0 per cent.

In the year to September 2020, private new capital expenditure in the Territory decreased by 19.1 per cent to \$1.7 billion (Chart 1). The Territory recorded the largest decline of the jurisdictions, with Western Australia experiencing the only increase (up by 7.0 per cent).

Nationally, private new capital expenditure decreased by 9.3 per cent to \$110 billion in year-on-year terms. On an industry basis, other industries was the main contributor to the decrease in national private new capital expenditure, down by 14.7 per cent to \$66.9 billion (Chart 2).

Buildings and structures

In the September quarter 2020, the seasonally adjusted value of private new capital expenditure on buildings and structures in the Territory decreased by 9.2 per cent to \$236 million.

In the year to September 2020, private new capital expenditure on buildings and structures in the Territory decreased by 18.5 per cent to \$1.2 billion.

Equipment, plant and machinery

In the September quarter 2020, the seasonally adjusted value of private new capital expenditure on equipment, plant and machinery in the Territory increased by 19.8 per cent to \$97 million.

In the year to September 2020, private new capital expenditure on equipment, plant and machinery in the Territory decreased by 20.8 per cent to \$480 million (Chart 3), below the 10-year annual average level of \$697 million.

Private new capital expenditure September quarter 2020

Table 1: Private new capital expenditure (inflation adjusted)

| | September 2020 | | Change | | |
|--|----------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| | Quarter | Year to date | Quarterly ¹ | Annual ² | Year-on-year ³ |
| Northern Territory | | | | | |
| Value (\$M) | | | | | |
| Original | 331 | 1 654 | -7.8% | -26.1% | -19.1% |
| – buildings and structures | 236 | 1 174 | -9.2% | -15.1% | -18.5% |
| – equipment, plant and machinery | 95 | 480 | -4.0% | -44.1% | -20.8% |
| Seasonally adjusted | 333 | 1 651 | -2.3% | -26.7% | |
| – buildings and structures | 236 | 1 174 | -9.2% | -15.1% | |
| – equipment, plant and machinery | 97 | 476 | 19.8% | -44.9% | |
| Trend | | | | | |
| – trend series suspended from the March 2020 release | | | | | |
| Australia | | | | | |
| Value (\$M) | | | | | |
| Original | 25 175 | 110 187 | -11.9% | -13.7% | -9.3% |
| – buildings and structures | 13 550 | 58 393 | -8.7% | -14.8% | -10.3% |
| – equipment, plant and machinery | 11 625 | 51 794 | -15.3% | -12.3% | -8.1% |
| Seasonally adjusted | 25 850 | 110 046 | -3.0% | -13.8% | |
| – buildings and structures | 13 760 | 58 321 | -3.7% | -15.0% | |
| – equipment, plant and machinery | 12 090 | 51 725 | -2.2% | -12.3% | |
| Trend | | | | | |
| – trend series suspended from the March 2020 release | | | | | |

1 Compares the latest quarter with the previous quarter.

2 Compares the latest quarter with the same quarter in the previous year.

3 Compares the year up to and including the latest quarter with the previous year.

Caution is advised when using quarterly data for the Territory, which is often derived from small samples and highly volatile.

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS Cat. No. 5625.0

The private new capital expenditure release is a measure of estimated capital expenditure by private businesses in selected industries. Due to the relatively small size of the Northern Territory economy, large investment projects can have a substantial impact on private new capital expenditure levels. Data is available for the Territory by asset type ('buildings and structures', and 'machinery, plant and equipment'). The ABS only reports data by industry at the national level and jurisdictional level except for the Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

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