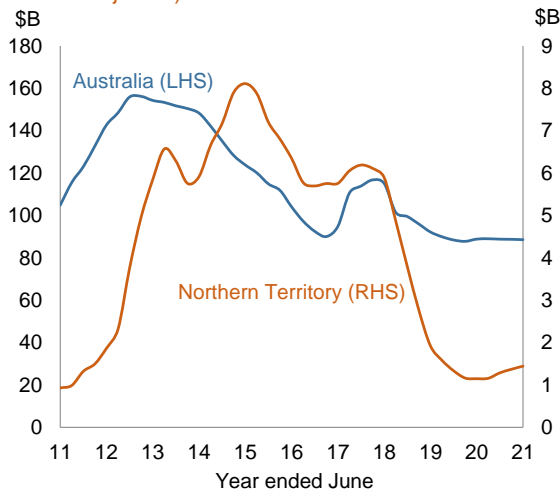


Engineering construction activity

June quarter 2021

Released: 29 September 2021 | Next release: 12 January 2022

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



Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat. No. 8762.0

Engineering construction work done

| Value of engineering work done | NT | Aust |
|--|---------|--------|
| Quarterly change (seasonally adjusted) | ▲ 35.3% | ▲ 3.2% |
| Annual change (seasonally adjusted) | ▲ 22.4% | ▼ 1.1% |
| Year-on-year change (original) | ▲ 25.7% | ▼ 0.3% |

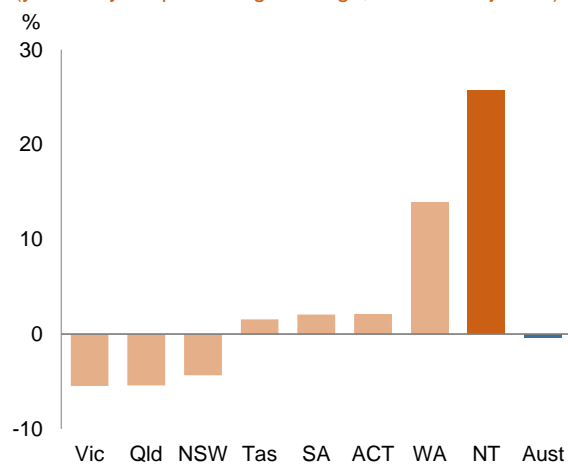
In the June quarter 2021, the seasonally adjusted value of engineering construction work done in the Territory increased by 35.3% to \$380 million.

In annual terms, the seasonally adjusted value of engineering construction work done in the Territory increased by 22.4%. Nationally, the seasonally adjusted value of engineering construction work done fell by 1.1%.

In year-on-year terms, Territory engineering construction work done increased by 25.7% to \$1.4 billion (Chart 1). This reflects public sector activity increasing by 38.7% mainly due to work for bridges, railways and harbours (contributing 18.5 percentage points) and private sector activity increasing by 21.5% mainly due to work for recreation and other (contributing 14.6 percentage points).

In 2020-21, the Territory recorded the highest year-on-year increase (25.7%) of the jurisdictions which otherwise ranged from a 5.5% decline in Victoria to a 13.9% increase in Western Australia (Chart 2).

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



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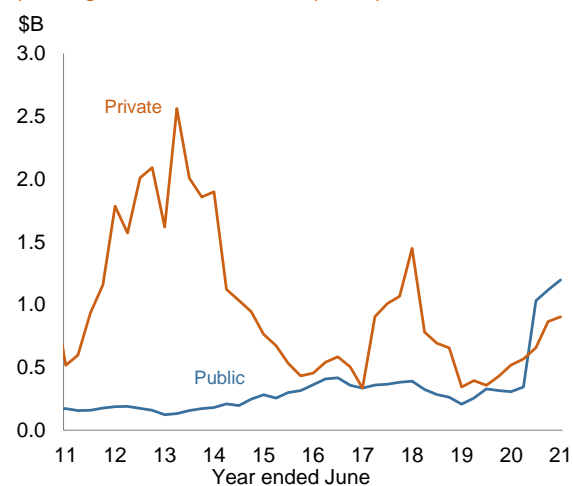
Engineering work commenced

In the June quarter 2021, the value of engineering construction work commenced decreased by 33.2% to \$316 million. This reflects a decrease in private sector activity (down by 45.7% to \$196 million) mainly due to work commenced for electricity generation, transmissions and pipelines (down by 94.8% to \$9 million).

In 2020-21, the value of engineering work commenced increased by 154.5% to \$2.1 billion. Public sector work commenced increased by 290.0% to \$1.2 billion (Chart 3), reflecting work for roads, highways and subdivisions. Work commenced by the private sector increased by 74.2% to \$903 million, mainly influenced by heavy industry, recreation and other and electricity generation, transmissions and pipelines.

Nationally, the value of engineering work commenced fell by 5.1% to \$75.9 billion over the same period.

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



Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat. No. 8762.0

Engineering construction activity June quarter 2021

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

| | Period | | | | Change | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| | Jun qtr 20 | Mar qtr 21 | Jun qtr 21 | Year to date | Quarterly ² | Annual ³ | Year-on-year ⁴ |
| Northern Territory | | | | | | | |
| Original | 310 | 281 | 380 | 1 411 | 35.3% | 22.4% | 25.7% |
| – public ¹ | 78 | 85 | 122 | 407 | 43.9% | 55.8% | 38.7% |
| – private ¹ | 238 | 202 | 269 | 1 034 | 33.1% | 12.7% | 21.5% |
| Seasonally adjusted | 310 | 280 | 380 | 1 411 | 35.3% | 22.4% | |
| Trend | | | | | | | |
| – trend series suspended from the June 2020 release | | | | | | | |
| Australia | | | | | | | |
| Original | 24 405 | 20 422 | 24 238 | 88 609 | 18.7% | -0.7% | -0.3% |
| – public | 10 137 | 7 919 | 10 360 | 35 116 | 30.8% | 2.2% | -1.8% |
| – private | 14 268 | 12 503 | 13 878 | 53 493 | 11.0% | -2.7% | 0.7% |
| Seasonally adjusted | 22 909 | 21 969 | 22 661 | 88 608 | 3.2% | -1.1% | |
| Trend | | | | | | | |
| – trend series suspended from the June 2020 release | | | | | | | |

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

| | Period | | | | Change | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| | Jun qtr 20 | Mar qtr 21 | Jun qtr 21 | Year to date | Quarterly ² | Annual ³ | Year-on-year ⁴ |
| Northern Territory | 198 | 473 | 316 | 2 101 | -33.2% | 59.6% | 154.5% |
| – public | 40 | 112 | 120 | 1 197 | 6.9% | 200.1% | 290.0% |
| – private | 158 | 361 | 196 | 903 | -45.7% | 24.1% | 74.2% |
| Australia | 17 317 | 19 377 | 19 498 | 75 925 | 0.6% | 12.6% | -5.1% |
| – public | 7 617 | 9 071 | 8 509 | 33 845 | -6.2% | 11.7% | -11.7% |
| – private | 9 700 | 10 307 | 10 989 | 42 080 | 6.6% | 13.3% | 1.0% |

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.

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat. No. 8762.0

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

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