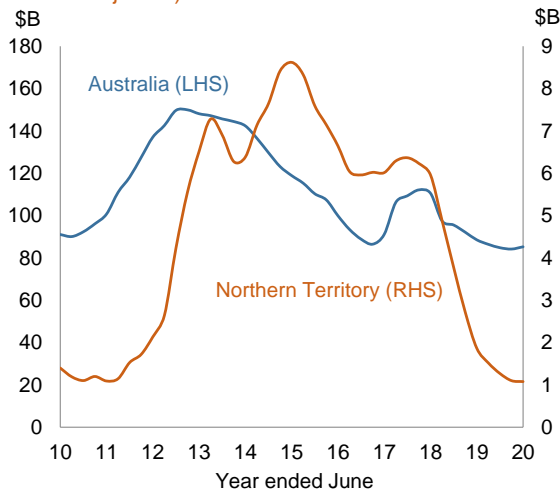


Engineering construction activity

June quarter 2020

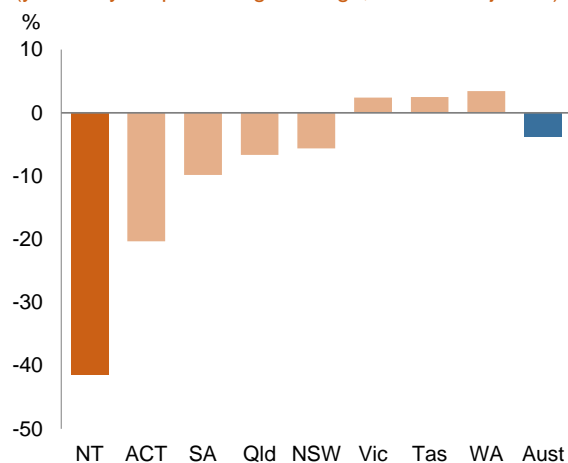
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Chart 1: Engineering work done (moving annual total, inflation adjusted)



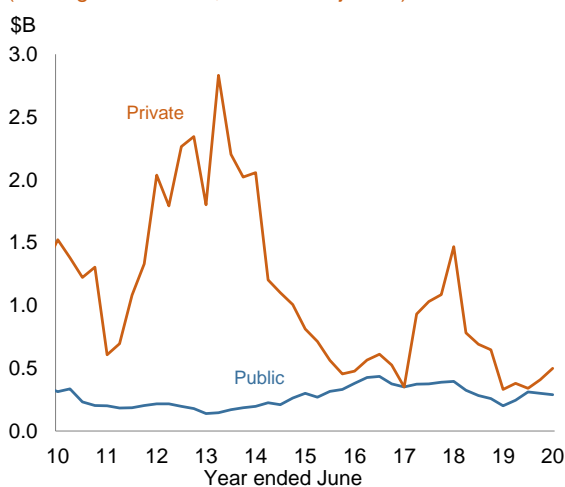
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Chart 2: Engineering work done (year-on-year percentage change, inflation adjusted)



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Chart 3: Engineering work commenced (moving annual total, inflation adjusted)



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Engineering construction work done

Value of engineering work done	NT	Aust
Quarterly change (seasonally adjusted)	↑56.4%	↑5.5%
Annual change (seasonally adjusted)	↓5.0%	↑4.4%
Year-on-year change (original)	↓41.5%	↓3.7%

In the June quarter 2020, the seasonally adjusted value of engineering construction work done in the Territory increased by 56.4 per cent to \$298 million.

In 2019-20, total engineering construction work done in the Territory declined by 41.5 per cent to \$1.1 billion (Chart 1). This reflects falls in private sector work done (down by 49.3 per cent) and the public sector (down by 3.6 per cent).

The decrease in private sector activity in 2019-20 reflects declining demand for heavy industry construction (detracting 30.7 percentage points) from growth. The decrease in public sector activity reflects work for bridges, railways and harbours (detracting 10.7 percentage points).

In 2019-20, all jurisdictions except Western Australia, Tasmania and Victoria reported declines, with the Territory recording the largest decline. In other jurisdictions, change ranged from a 20.3 per cent decline in the Australian Capital Territory to a 3.4 per cent increase in Western Australia (Chart 2). Nationally, the value of engineering construction work decreased by 3.7 per cent to \$85.2 billion.

Engineering work commenced

In the June quarter 2020, the value of engineering construction work commenced increased by 13.4 per cent to \$193 million. This reflects an increase in the public sector (up by 50.9 per cent to \$37 million) mainly due to recreation and other work and an increase in the private sector (up by 7.0 per cent to \$156 million) mainly due to electricity generation, transmission and pipelines.

In 2019-20, the value of engineering work commenced decreased by 47.8 per cent to \$788 million. Public sector work commenced increased by 43.9 per cent to \$289 million, reflecting work for bridges, railways and harbours. Work commenced by the private sector rose by 50.1 per cent to \$499 million, influenced by electricity generation, transmission and pipelines (Chart 3).

Nationally, the value of engineering work commenced fell by 13.6 per cent to \$74.2 billion over the same period.

Engineering construction activity June quarter 2020

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

	June quarter 2020		Quarterly ²	Change	
	Quarter	Year to date		Annual ³	Year-on-year ⁴
Northern Territory					
Original	298	1 077	56.4%	-5.0%	-41.5%
– public ¹	73	276	64.4%	5.3%	-3.6%
– private ¹	222	801	52.4%	-10.4%	-49.3%
Seasonally adjusted	298	1 077	56.4%	-5.0%	
Trend					
– trend series suspended from the June 2020 release					
Australia					
Original	23 445	85 183	19.3%	4.7%	-3.7%
– public	9 866	34 532	21.7%	3.9%	-1.1%
– private	13 579	50 651	17.6%	5.4%	-5.4%
Seasonally adjusted	22 134	85 172	5.5%	4.4%	
Trend					
– trend series suspended from the June 2020 release					

Table 2- Engineering work commenced (\$M, original, chain volume)

	June quarter 2020		Quarterly ²	Change	
	Quarter	Year to date		Annual ³	Year-on-year ⁴
Northern Territory	193	788	13.4%	67.7%	47.8%
– public ¹	37	289	50.9%	-22.4%	43.9%
– private ¹	156	499	7.0%	132.1%	50.1%
Australia	15 263	74 168	-32.3%	-32.7%	-13.6%
– public ¹	7 057	35 955	-28.6%	-23.5%	18.8%
– private ¹	8 207	38 213	-35.1%	-39.0%	-31.3%

n.p.: data not published

1 Chain volume equivalent Department of Treasury and Finance estimates.

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, 8782.0.65.001

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