

# Engineering construction activity

December quarter 2022 | Economic brief

## Engineering construction work done

Value of engineering work done	NT	Aust
Quarterly change (trend)	↑0.8%	↑2.8%
Annual change (trend)	↓5.9%	↑7.2%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑13.0%	↑3.7%

In the December quarter 2022, the trend value of engineering construction work done in the Territory increased by 0.8% to \$483 million.

In 2022, the Territory's engineering construction work done increased by 13.0% to \$1.9 billion (Chart 1). This reflects private sector activity increasing by 25.5% mainly due to work for heavy industry (contributing 31.4 percentage points) and public sector activity increasing by 16.6% mainly due to recreation and other (contributing 5.9 percentage points).

The Territory recorded the largest year-on-year increase of the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from a 3.5% decrease in Western Australia to a 9.1% increase in New South Wales (Chart 2).

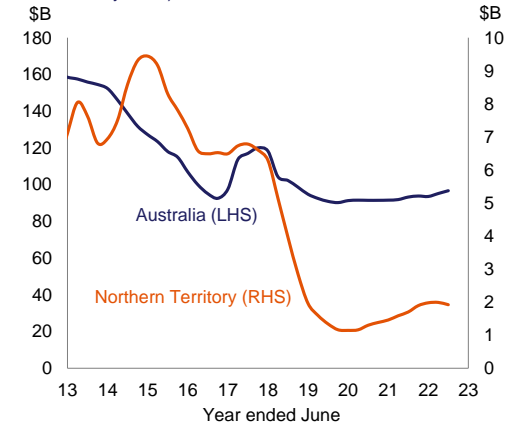
## Engineering work commenced

In the December quarter 2022, the value of Territory engineering construction work commenced was \$502 million. Private sector activity comprised 49.6% of the work commenced and was largely related to works for heavy industry, with the public sector work commenced largely relating to works for roads, highways and subdivisions.

In 2022, public sector work commenced increased by 29.2% to \$677 million, mainly reflecting increases in work for roads, highways and subdivisions (contributing 22.4 percentage points) (Chart 3). Private sector work commenced increased by 619.8% to \$5.7 billion, mainly reflecting significant increases in work for heavy industry in the March quarter.

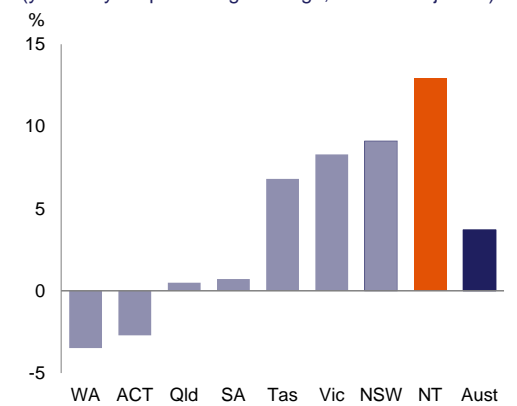
Nationally, the value of engineering work commenced increased by 49.5% to \$125.1 billion over the same period.

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



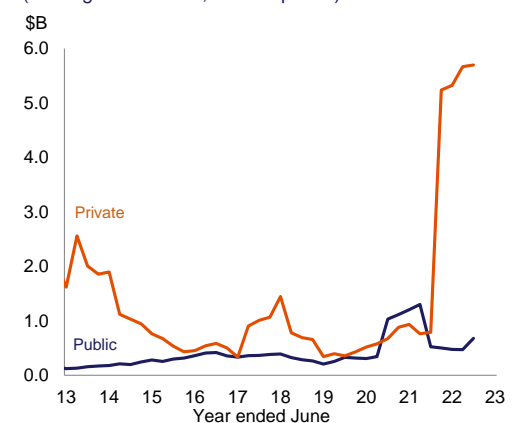
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Chart 2: Engineering work done (year-on-year percentage change, inflation adjusted)



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



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

	Period				Change		
	Dec qtr 21	Sep qtr 22	Dec qtr 22	Year to date	Quarterly <sup>2</sup>	Annual <sup>3</sup>	Year-on-year <sup>4</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>							
Original	550	488	480	1 925	-1.6%	-12.7%	13.0%
– public <sup>1</sup>	195	187	174	693	-7.0%	-10.9%	16.6%
– private <sup>1</sup>	376	363	375	1 439	3.4%	-0.3%	25.5%
Seasonally adjusted	550	488	480	1 925	-1.6%	-12.7%	
Trend	513	479	483	1 953	0.8%	-5.9%	
<b>Australia</b>							
Original	24 316	24 303	25 845	96 647	6.3%	6.3%	3.7%
– public	10 165	10 272	11 228	42 669	9.3%	10.5%	11.5%
– private	14 152	14 031	14 617	53 977	4.2%	3.3%	-1.7%
Seasonally adjusted	23 649	24 670	25 159	96 601	2.0%	6.4%	
Trend	23 390	24 397	25 081	96 671	2.8%	7.2%	

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

	Period				Change		
	Dec qtr 21	Sep qtr 22	Dec qtr 22	Year to date	Quarterly <sup>2</sup>	Annual <sup>3</sup>	Year-on-year <sup>4</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>							
Original	266	578	502	6 375	-13.2%	89.0%	491.8%
– public	48	234	253	677	8.2%	432.9%	29.2%
– private	218	344	249	5 697	-27.7%	14.0%	619.8%
<b>Australia</b>							
Original	19 543	41 970	29 439	125 065	-29.9%	50.6%	49.5%
– public	7 101	22 387	10 953	57 392	-51.1%	54.2%	64.7%
– private	12 442	19 583	18 486	67 673	-5.6%	48.6%	38.6%

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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