

# Engineering construction activity

June quarter 2023 | Economic brief

## Engineering construction work done

Value of engineering work done	NT	Aust
Quarterly change (trend)	↓1.2%	↑3.3%
Annual change (trend)	↓0.7%	↑16.5%
Year-on-year change (original)	↓0.4%	↑12.6%

In the June quarter 2023, the trend value of engineering construction work done in the Territory decreased by 1.2% to \$489 million.

In year-on-year terms, the Territory's engineering construction work done decreased by 0.4% to \$2.0 billion (Chart 1). This reflects private sector activity increasing by 15.8% mainly due to work for heavy industry (contributing 21.3 percentage points) and public sector activity decreasing by 4.9% mainly due to work for roads, highways and subdivisions (detracting 21.3 percentage points).

The Territory recorded the weakest year-on-year result of the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from an increase of 1.8% in South Australia to an increase of 22.0% in New South Wales.

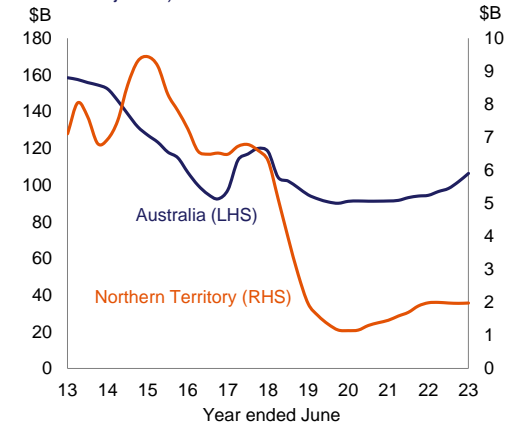
## Engineering work commenced

In the June quarter 2023, the value of Territory engineering construction work commenced was \$276 million. Private sector activity comprised 80.9% 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 year-on-year terms, public sector work commenced increased by 54.3% to \$735 million, mainly reflecting increases in work for recreation and other (contributing 20.0 percentage points) (Chart 3). Private sector work commenced decreased by 80.6% to \$1.0 billion, mainly reflecting decreases in work for heavy industry.

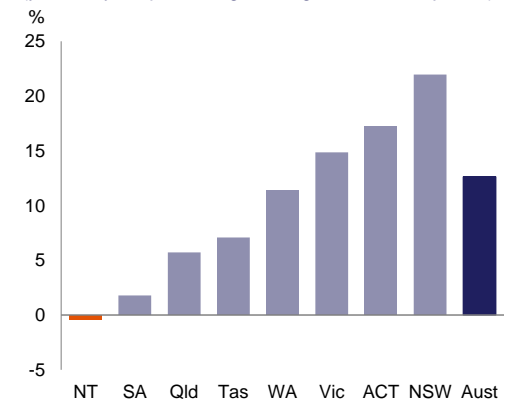
Nationally, the value of engineering work commenced increased by 29.5% to \$134.1 billion over the same period.

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



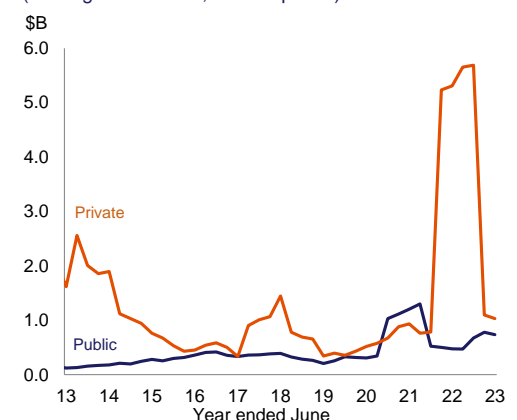
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Chart 2: Engineering work done (year-on-year percentage change, inflation adjusted)



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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		
	Jun qtr 22	Mar qtr 23	Jun qtr 23	Year to date	Quarterly <sup>2</sup>	Annual <sup>3</sup>	Year-on-year <sup>4</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>							
Original	487	470	497	1 984	5.6%	1.9%	-0.4%
– public <sup>1</sup>	160	130	189	679	45.8%	18.1%	-4.9%
– private <sup>1</sup>	375	418	391	1 606	-6.4%	4.3%	15.8%
Seasonally adjusted	487	470	497	1 984	5.6%	1.9%	
Trend	493	495	489	1 979	-1.2%	-0.7%	
<b>Australia</b>							
Original	25 526	25 528	30 045	106 371	17.7%	17.7%	12.6%
– public	12 105	11 639	14 065	47 669	20.8%	16.2%	16.0%
– private	13 421	13 889	15 980	58 702	15.1%	19.1%	10.0%
Seasonally adjusted	23 805	27 453	28 032	106 373	2.1%	17.8%	
Trend	24 076	27 138	28 041	106 082	3.3%	16.5%	

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

	Period				Change		
	Jun qtr 22	Mar qtr 23	Jun qtr 23	Year to date	Quarterly <sup>2</sup>	Annual <sup>3</sup>	Year-on-year <sup>4</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>							
Original	390	414	276	1 766	-33.3%	-29.3%	-68.2%
– public	100	198	53	735	-73.4%	-47.1%	54.3%
– private	291	216	223	1 031	3.7%	-23.1%	-80.6%
<b>Australia</b>							
Original	25 163	34 209	27 433	134 082	-19.8%	9.0%	29.5%
– public	11 454	18 088	11 398	64 265	-37.0%	-0.5%	42.7%
– private	13 709	16 121	16 036	69 817	-0.5%	17.0%	19.3%

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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