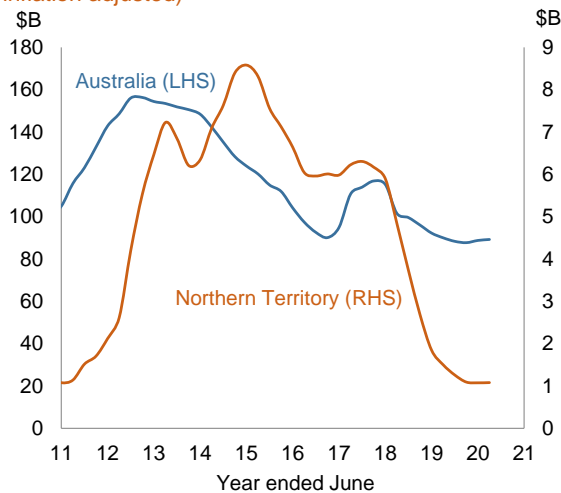


Engineering construction activity

September quarter 2020

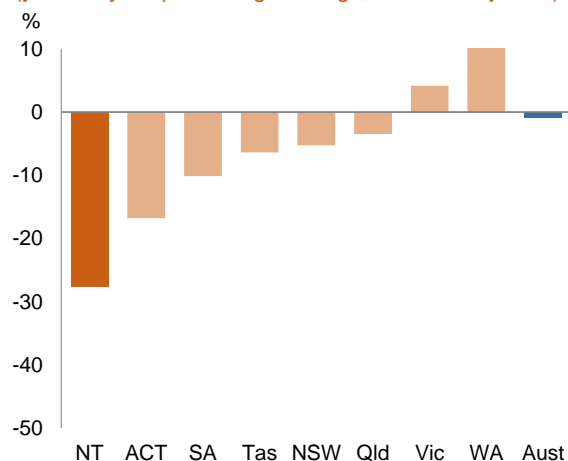
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Chart 1: Engineering work done (moving annual total, inflation adjusted)



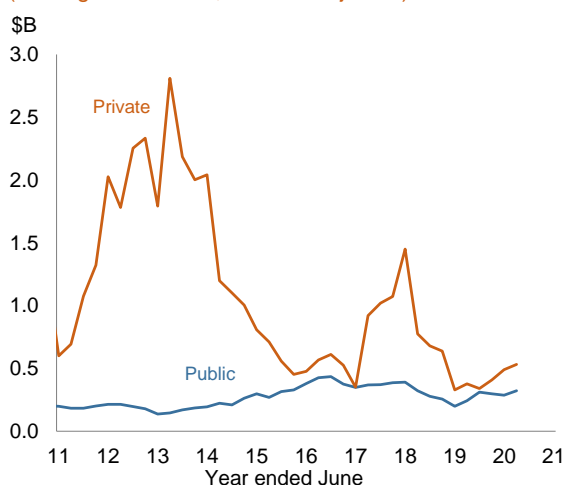
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Chart 2: Engineering work done (year-on-year percentage change, inflation adjusted)



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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)	↑6.7	↓1.7%
Annual change (seasonally adjusted)	↑2.4	↑1.9%
Year-on-year change (original)	↓27.6%	↓0.9%

In the September quarter 2020, the seasonally adjusted value of engineering construction work done in the Territory increased by 6.7 per cent to \$331 million.

In year on year terms, private sector activity declined by 35.5 per cent, reflecting declining demand for heavy industry construction (detracting 26.7 percentage points) from growth. In year on year terms, public sector activity increased by 5.6 per cent, due to work undertaken for electricity generation, transmission & pipelines (contributing 6 percentage points).

In the year to September 2020, all jurisdictions except Western Australia and Victoria reported declines, with the Territory recording the largest year on year decline. In other jurisdictions, year on year change ranged from a 16.8 per cent decline in the Australian Capital Territory to an 11.4 per cent increase in Western Australia.

Engineering work commenced

In the September quarter 2020, the value of engineering construction work commenced increased by 52.3 per cent to \$284 million. This reflects an increase in the public sector (up by 249.8 per cent to \$132 million) mainly due to works done for roads, highways & subdivisions (up by 224.5 per cent to \$58 million).

In the year to September 2020, the value of engineering work commenced increased by 37.3 per cent to \$854 million. Public sector work commenced increased by 31.9 per cent to \$323 million, reflecting work for bridges, railways and harbours. Work commenced by the private sector rose by 40.8 per cent to \$532 million, influenced by heavy industry, water storage & supply, sewerage & drainage, and electricity generation, transmission & pipelines (Chart 3).

Nationally, the value of engineering work commenced fell by 16.2 per cent to \$72.3 billion over the same period.

Engineering construction activity September quarter 2020

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

	September quarter 2020		Change		
	Quarter	Year to date	Quarterly ²	Annual ³	Year-on-year ⁴
Northern Territory					
Original	331	1 131	6.7%	2.4%	-27.6%
– public ¹	80	290	9.0%	21.4%	5.6%
– private ¹	235	792	4.7%	-3.8%	-35.5%
Seasonally adjusted	331	1 131	6.7%	2.4%	
Trend					
– trend series suspended from the June 2020 release					
Australia					
Original	22 020	89 192	-9.7%	2.1%	-0.9%
– public	8 609	36 012	-15.1%	3.7%	2.7%
– private	13 411	53 180	-5.8%	1.1%	-3.2%
Seasonally adjusted	22 584	89 150	-1.7%	1.9%	
Trend					
– trend series suspended from the June 2020 release					

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

	September quarter 2020		Change		
	Quarter	Year to date	Quarterly ²	Annual ³	Year-on-year ⁴
Northern Territory	284	854	52.3%	35.8%	37.3%
– public ¹	132	323	249.8%	34.8%	31.9%
– private ¹	152	532	2.3%	36.6%	40.8%
Australia	17 663	72 342	12.8%	-8.9%	-16.2%
– public ¹	8 085	32 499	14.4%	-28.2%	-5.8%
– private ¹	9 578	39 842	11.5%	17.6%	-23.2%

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

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

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