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The *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product (ABS 5206.0)* reports state final demand and its components together with international trade in goods. These measures provide only a partial measure of overall economic activity.

Features

- Queensland continued to record strong state final demand (SFD) growth of 1.5% in December quarter 2004, higher than national growth of 1.0%. Queensland again achieved the highest growth in SFD of all the states in the December quarter.
- Trend data show that growth in SFD eased over the second half of 2003-04, but remained steady in the first half of 2004-05 (see Chart 1). National growth in domestic final demand (DFD) remained stable at 1.0% growth over the past three quarters.

Commentary (trend terms)

- *Household consumption* rose by 0.7% in December quarter 2004 and by 5.7% over the year to the December quarter. Growth in Queensland was marginally lower than consumption growth nationally, which was 0.8% in the December quarter (4.3% over the year).
- *Private investment* rose by 2.2% in December quarter 2004, strengthening slightly from 2.1% growth in the September quarter.

Dwelling investment rose 1.3% in trend terms in the December quarter, following growth of 0.4% and 0.5% in the June and September quarters respectively. Nationally, dwelling investment declined 1.7% in the December quarter, following a 1.1% fall in the September quarter.

Business investment continued to grow strongly, increasing 3.6% in the December quarter and 17.2% over the year. Machinery and equipment investment rose 4.6%, while non-dwelling construction rose 1.4%. Nationally, business investment rose 2.8% in the December quarter and 9.1% over the year.

- *Public final demand* in Queensland rose 1.8% in December quarter 2004, easing from 2.3% growth in the September quarter. Nationally, public final demand rose 1.2%.
- *Exports of goods overseas* rose by 0.8% in Queensland in December quarter 2004, compared with a decline of 0.2% nationally. Queensland *imports of goods overseas* rose 3.7% during the quarter, easing from 5.3% growth in the previous quarter.

Explanatory Note:

The Queensland State Accounts produced by the Office of the Government Statistician provide a comprehensive quarterly estimate of Queensland Gross State Product by incorporating additional data on interstate trade in goods and services including tourism transactions. The Queensland results from the ABS Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product report only State final demand and international trade in goods.

Table 1
State and National Growth
Real Quarterly Growth (%) – Trend

	QLD	AUST
Chain Volume Measure		
Household consumption	0.7	0.8
Public consumption	1.0	1.0
Private investment	2.2	1.2
Public investment	4.6	2.2
Final Demand (State/National)	1.5	1.0
International exports of goods	0.8	-0.2
International imports of goods	3.7	2.8

Note: Chain volume measures are not strictly additive. As such, there may be discrepancies associated with calculations based on the sum of components.

Chart 1
Real State/Domestic Final Demand
Quarterly Growth – Trend

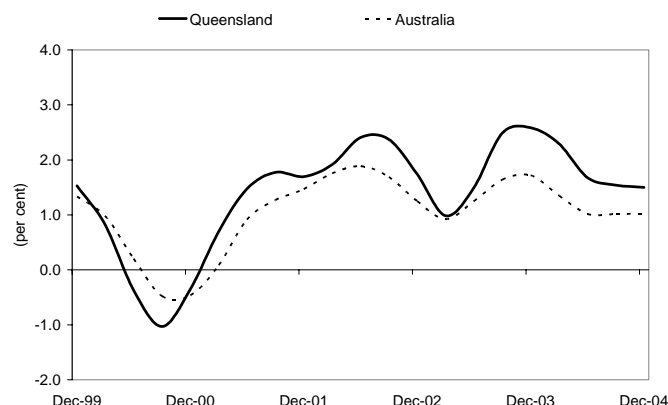


Table 2
Interstate Growth Comparison
Real State/Domestic Final Demand (trend)

	Quarterly % Change	Annual % Change
QLD	1.5	7.2
NSW	0.6	2.8
VIC	0.9	4.2
SA	0.7	3.6
WA	1.1	5.5
TAS	1.2	5.5
AUST	1.0	4.5