

ABS State Details, March quarter 2013

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Queensland's state final demand (SFD) grew by 0.6% in seasonally adjusted (sa) terms for the second consecutive quarter in March quarter 2013.

Table 1: Queensland's state final demand
(March quarter 2013, sa)

Chain Volume Measures*	% Change		Contribution to SFD Growth	
	quarterly	annual	quarterly	annual
Private Final Demand	0.9	5.0	0.7	3.8
Household Consumption	1.0	2.8	0.5	1.4
Private Investment	0.9	9.3	0.3	2.4
Dwelling Investment	-2.9	-6.8	-0.1	-0.3
New Dwellings	-1.9	5.9	0.0	0.1
Alterations and Additions	-4.1	-18.9	-0.1	-0.5
Business Investment	1.6	15.7	0.3	2.7
Machinery and Equipment	3.3	11.5	0.2	0.7
New Engineering Construction	0.8	21.7	0.1	2.0
New Non-Residential Building	6.7	9.4	0.2	0.2
Public Final Demand	-0.6	-1.7	-0.1	-0.4
General Govt. Final Consumption	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.0
National	1.1	1.9	0.1	0.1
State and Local	1.3	-0.6	0.1	-0.1
General Govt. Investment	-2.5	-6.1	-0.1	-0.3
National	3.2	-36.8	0.0	-0.4
State and Local	-3.5	3.6	-0.1	0.1
Public Corporation Investment	-12.5	-7.1	-0.2	-0.1
National	10.4	60.9	0.0	0.1
State and Local	-16.9	-16.0	-0.2	-0.2
State Final Demand (SFD)	0.6	3.5	0.6	3.5
Overseas Exports of Goods	-4.2	3.0	n.a.	n.a.
Overseas Imports of Goods	-5.4	4.2	n.a.	n.a.

* Reference year for chain volume measure is 2010-11. Chain volume measures are not strictly additive. As such, there may be discrepancies associated with calculations based on the sum of components.

Household consumption growth accelerated 0.6 percentage point in March quarter 2013, to 1.0%. Improved consumer sentiment in the quarter, ongoing low interest rates, transitory spending associated with natural disasters in early 2013 and retail price discounting likely supported the March quarter result. Expenditure on recreation and culture (up 4.2%), and furnishing and household equipment (up 6.5%) contributed the most to household consumption growth in the quarter, while expenditure on food (down 1.2%) was the greatest detraction.

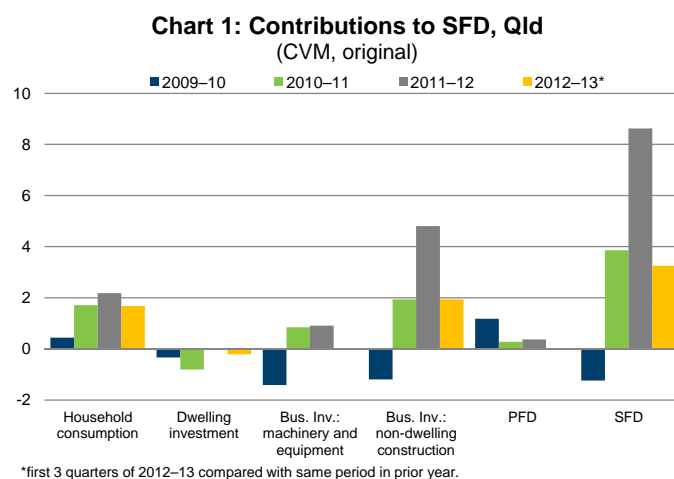
Dwelling investment fell 2.9% in March quarter 2013, following a rise of 3.9% and a fall of 8.4% in December quarter and September quarter 2012 respectively. Construction of new dwellings increased at an annual rate of 6.8% in the first three quarters of 2012-13 but its contribution to overall dwelling investment growth was more than offset by a 15.1% annual decline in alterations and additions.

Business investment rose 1.6% in March quarter 2013. Business investment in Queensland in the past two years has been driven by three major CSG-to-LNG projects, which in aggregate have a nominal construction value of over \$60 billion, and drove new engineering construction to a record high in March quarter 2013.

Non-residential building construction (which includes shops, offices, etc., and is currently 13.0% of total business investment) increased 6.7% in the quarter. While the current level remains

below the pre-GFC peak, non-residential building construction has grown strongly in recent quarters, to now be 38.8% above its post-GFC trough.

In the first three quarters of 2012-13, SFD increased at an annual rate of 3.3%. The growth was mainly contributed by non-dwelling construction and household consumption while dwelling investment and public final demand (PFD) detracted slightly from SFD growth (see Chart 1).



Overseas exports of goods fell 4.2% in March quarter 2013 in real terms, after rising 16.1% in December quarter 2012. Over the year, while the real value of exports rose 3.0%, the nominal value fell 15.5%, as lower world prices of key commodities and the strong A\$ weighed on returns to exporters.

Overseas imports of goods fell 5.4% in March quarter 2013. However, the ABS treatment of LNG imports has somewhat distorted this series in recent years, given that some imports associated with the LNG projects are accounted for at the national level, but have not been assigned at the state and territory levels.

Table 2: Interstate SFD/DFD growth comparison
(March quarter 2013, CVM)

	Trend		Seasonally adjusted	
	Quarterly % change	Annual % change	Quarterly % change	Annual % change
New South Wales	0.3	1.9	0.4	2.1
Victoria	-0.2	-0.7	0.8	-0.6
Queensland	0.2	2.3	0.6	3.5
South Australia	-0.9	-2.6	-0.3	-2.5
Western Australia	-1.5	3.1	-3.9	0.0
Tasmania	-1.0	-4.9	-1.1	-4.9
Australia	-0.1	1.4	-0.3	1.1

Note: ABS 5206.0 provides only SFD and international trade in goods. ABS 5220.0 State Accounts provides Gross State Product data on an annual basis.

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