

Construction Activity	NT	Aust
Change in the quarter (s.a.)	↓5.1%	↑1.9%
Year on year change (original)	↑59.0%	↑9.6%

In the June quarter 2009, seasonally adjusted construction work done decreased by 5.1% to \$788M in the Territory, compared to a national increase of 1.9%. Despite the decline in the quarter, quarterly construction activity in the Territory remained near historically high levels.

In 2008-09, total construction work done increased by 59.0% to \$3.16B in the Territory (see Chart 1), the strongest growth of the jurisdictions (see Chart 2). This record level of work done reflects activity relating to a number of large engineering projects such as ENI's Blacktip project, the Bonaparte gas pipeline, the expansion of the GEMCO manganese refinery and the Montara oilfield development.

### Engineering Work Done

In the June quarter 2009, seasonally adjusted engineering work done in the Territory decreased by 6.8% to \$612M.

In 2008-09, engineering work done increased by 100.9% to \$2.41B, reflecting the activity on mining and energy projects (see above).

### Residential Building Work Done (original data)

In the June quarter 2009, residential work done increased by 42.8% to \$99M.

In 2008-09, residential work done decreased by 8.6% to \$380M, comprising:

- Construction of 'new houses' decreased by 13.9% to \$176M
- 'Other residential' (primarily units) construction activity decreased by 5.9% to \$145M
- 'Alterations & additions' increased by 2.9% to \$58M

### Non-residential Building Work Done (original data)

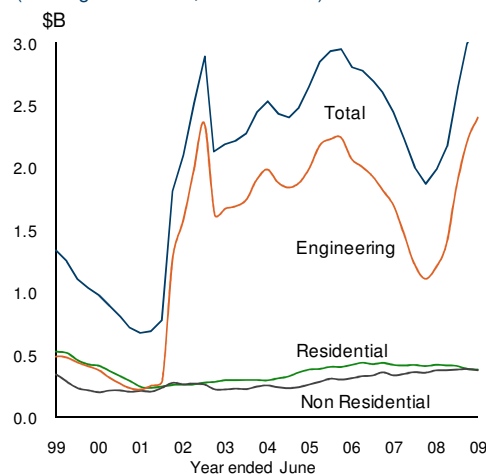
In the June quarter 2009, non-residential building work done decreased by 11.2% to \$79M.

In 2008-09, non-residential building work done increased by 0.2% to \$375M. Public sector work done increased by 15.2% to \$131M supported by the Commonwealth's Nation Building and Jobs Plan, while private sector work done decreased by 6.4% to \$244M, reflecting the completion of the Vibe and Medina hotels.

### Work Yet To Be Done

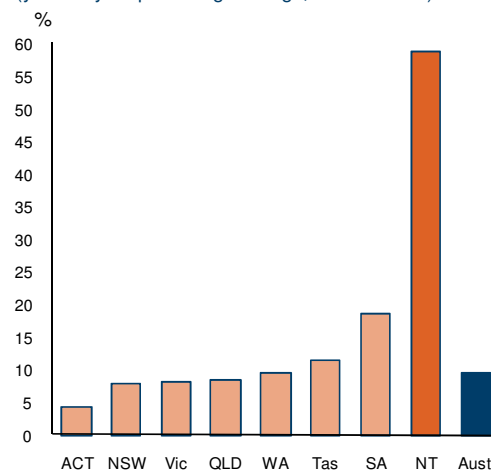
When comparing the June quarter 2009 with the June quarter 2008, construction work yet to be done in the Territory decreased by 45% to \$809M (see Chart 3), mainly due to a 60.1% decrease in engineering work yet to be done. The value of residential and non-residential construction work yet to be done increased by 10.7% and 18.8% respectively over the same period.

**Chart 1: Territory Construction Work Done** (moving annual total, chain volume)



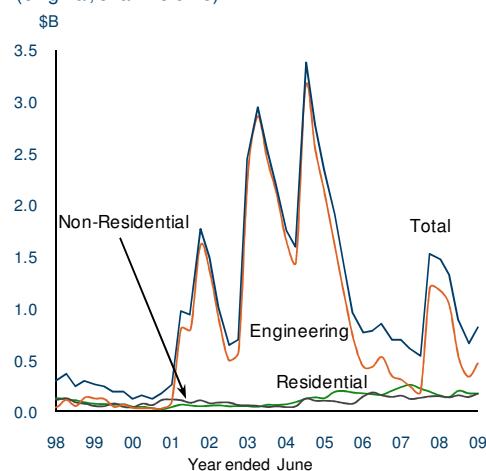
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**Chart 2: Construction Work Done** (year on year percentage change, chain volume)



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**Chart 3: Territory Work Yet to be Done** (original, chain volume)



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## Construction Work Done (\$M, chain volume)

	June Quarter		change		
	quarter	year to date	quarterly <sup>1</sup>	annual <sup>2</sup>	year on year <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>					
original	781	3 162	-1.0%	28.9%	59.0%
<i>residential building</i>	99	380	42.8%	-3.9%	-8.6%
<i>non-res building</i>	79	375	-11.2%	-11.6%	0.2%
<i>engineering</i>	602	2 407	-4.4%	45.9%	100.9%
seasonally adj	788	3 153	-5.1%	28.3%	
<i>building</i>	176	746	1.5%	-9.1%	
<i>engineering</i>	612	2 407	-6.8%	45.5%	
<b>Australia</b>					
original	36 649	141 356	14.1%	7.1%	9.6%
<i>residential building</i>	9 745	40 836	5.7%	-7.7%	-0.6%
<i>non-res building</i>	7 265	30 697	1.5%	-7.7%	2.2%
<i>engineering</i>	19 639	69 823	24.6%	24.5%	20.7%
seasonally adj	35 498	141 183	1.9%	7.0%	
<i>building</i>	16 943	71 358	-5.3%	-7.8%	
<i>engineering</i>	18 556	69 825	9.4%	25.3%	

## Construction Work Yet To Be Done (\$M, original, chain volume)

	June Quarter		change		
	quarter	year to date	quarterly <sup>1</sup>	annual <sup>2</sup>	year on year <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>					
	<b>809</b>		<b>24.2%</b>	<b>-45.0%</b>	
residential building	172		-2.2%	10.7%	
non-res building	169		25.5%	18.8%	
engineering	469		37.3%	-60.1%	
<b>Australia</b>					
	<b>78 631</b>		<b>-5.0%</b>	<b>-9.9%</b>	
residential building	16 567		-8.2%	-17.1%	
non-res building	17 682		-9.2%	-8.5%	
engineering	44 459		-1.7%	-7.3%	

<sup>1</sup> compares the latest quarter with the previous quarter

<sup>2</sup> compares the latest quarter with the same quarter last year

<sup>3</sup> compares the 4 quarters up to and including the latest quarter with the previous 4 quarter period

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

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