

## KEY POINTS

### Decline in building activity (ex engineering construction) accelerates in the June quarter

#### Total building activity

- The seasonally adjusted value of total building work done (residential and commercial) fell by 4.0% in the June quarter 2011 with the annual rate of contraction increasing from 4.4% in the March quarter 2011 to 13.6% (June quarter 2011 compared to June quarter 2010). This is the most marked annual rate of contraction over the past 11 years.
- The value of private building work done contracted by 2.8% in the June quarter, after a fall of 0.7% in the previous quarter.
- The value of public building work done declined by 9.1% reflecting the diminishing impact of the Federal Government's fiscal stimulus package. This follows an 18.0% decline in the March quarter 2011.
- In the June quarter 2011, the seasonally adjusted estimate of the value of total building work done rose in South Australia (11.5%). All other states and territories fell with the Northern Territory (-16.6%) and New South Wales (-11.8%) experiencing the largest falls.

#### New residential building activity

- The seasonally adjusted value of new residential building work done fell by 5.3% to \$9,530m. Work done on new houses fell 2.0% to \$6,321m, while new other residential building fell 11.0% to \$3,209m

#### Non-residential building (commercial) activity

- The seasonally adjusted value of non-residential building (commercial) work done in the June quarter fell by 4.0%, following a 9.1% fall in the March quarter to be 20.7% below the level of a year ago. Original series data indicates that the decline was driven by a 16.4% fall in education building reflecting the winding back of the Federal Government's school building program.

### Chart: Residential and commercial building activity

