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EXPLANATORY NOTE ON PROVISION OF OWNER-OCCUPIER AND INVESTOR HOUSING CREDIT DATA

The following explanatory note accompanied the release of the February Financial Aggregates on 31 March 2008. It gives some background to the publication of owner-occupier and investor housing credit on that date. These data are also published in this Bulletin in Tables D.1 and D.2.

Over recent years, the RBA has published graphs and tables of owner-occupier and investor housing credit in its Statement on Monetary Policy and Financial Stability Review. However, due to concerns about data quality, these data were not included in the monthly Financial Aggregates release or in the Bulletin Tables. Recent changes in data availability have improved the quality of these data back to mid 2006 and they will now be included in the monthly Financial Aggregates release and Bulletin Tables. The data remain less accurate for the earlier period, particularly prior to 2003, but for historical comparisons a full time-series of these credit data is provided. ✪