



Activity

Unpacking Publications



What publications does the RBA release?
How often?
How are they structured?
How can they support my study of economics?

Step 1

What does the RBA publish, why and how often?

The RBA releases publications on its website in various forms at different times. Different types of publications can be located on the following tabs:

- Media releases
- Speeches
- Publications

Go to the RBA website and open each of these tabs to find out more. Use the information on these webpages to identify the purpose and frequency of the publications listed in Table 1 of this Activity. Record your findings in Table 1.

Step 2

How are RBA publications structured?

Each publication has a distinctive structure that you can use to help you navigate its contents. View the most recent publication in each category and identify its features. Place a tick against the features of each publication in Table 2. Spaces have been left for you to add any additional features you find.

Step 3

What does each publication cover?

Some publication series cover the same topics in each publication, others have different content in each publication. Knowing what is in each publication will help you identify its value as a source of information. To complete this activity, scan the most recent publication in each category, then scan a previous publication in the same category. Record your findings on Table 3.

Step 4

How can each publication support my study of economics?

Now that you have navigated several RBA publications, make an informed decision about the usefulness of each publication in supporting your study of economics. Complete Table 4.

Table 1: What is the purpose and frequency of RBA publications?

Publication name	Purpose	Frequency
Minutes		
Statement on Monetary Policy		
Financial Stability Review		
Bulletin		
Statement by the Reserve Bank Board: Monetary Policy Decision		
Speeches		

Table 2: What are the features of RBA publications? Place a tick against the features of each publication.

Organisation features	Minutes	Statement on Monetary Policy	Financial Stability Review	Bulletin	Statement by the Reserve Bank Board: Monetary Policy Decision	Speeches by the Governor
Table of contents						
Index						
Title						
Author/s						
Headings/subheadings						
Abstract						
Introduction						
Visuals (tables and graphs)						
Conclusion						
Decision						
References/endnotes						
Bullet points						
Glossary						
Webcast						

Table 3: What does each publication cover?

Publication name	Content (Headings) of most recent release	Content (Headings) of previous release/s	List of content common to each type of publication
Minutes			
Statement on Monetary Policy			
Financial Stability Review			
Bulletin			
Statement by the Reserve Bank Board: Monetary Policy Decision			
Speeches			

Table 4: How can each publication support my study of economics?

Publication name	I can use this publication to ...	The most useful content in this publication is ...	Because ...
Minutes			
Statement on Monetary Policy			
Financial Stability Review			
Bulletin			
Statement by the Reserve Bank Board: Monetary Policy Decision			
Speeches			