

Economic Snapshot - February 2010

The table below provides a snapshot of various economic indicators shown currently, 3 months ago and 12 months ago to give an indication of the movement in the economy over the last year. The date of publication figures depicted in the table, are based on those available as at February 22, 2010

Economic Indicator	***Rate at date of publication	Rate January 2010 RBA Bulletin	Rate 3 months prior	Rate 12 months prior
Cash Rate	3.75%	3.75%	3.48%	3.35%
90 Bank Bill Rate	4.17%	4.20%	3.95%	3.16%
10 Year Bond Rate	5.580%	5.56%	5.47%	4.09%
Consumer Price Index Australian All Groups*				
Index Number	169.5	168.6	168.6	166.0
Percentage Change (from previous quarter)	0.50%	1.00%	1.00%	-0.30%
Australia S&P ASX 200	N/A	357.1	367.3	261.3
United States S & P 500	N/A	325.2	331.8	403.0
Dow Jones Euro STOXX 300	N/A	287.9	286.2	392.2
United Kingdom FTSE 100	N/A	242.1	242.2	178.7
Hong Kong Hang Seng	N/A	665.3	721.5	423.6
All Ordinaries - Index Value	4732.7	4771.9	4739.2	3285.0
Property Trusts - Index Value	855.8	871.6	889.3	622.6
Industrials - Index Value	3938.5	3954.7	3831.0	2308.2
Housing Loan Indicator Lending Rates				
Banks - Standard	N/A	6.65%	6.30%	5.85%
Banks - 3 year fixed	N/A	7.70%	7.60%	5.65%
Mortgage Managers	N/A	6.25%	5.95%	5.55%
Building Loan Indicator Lending Rates				
Small Business - Residential Secured	N/A	7.85%	7.55%	7.30%
Small Business - Other	N/A	8.60%	8.35%	8.00%
Small Business - 3 year fixed rate	N/A	8.40%	8.50%	6.50%
Dwelling Approvals - Private sector (mthly)	N/A	N/A	13,000	10,100
Non Residential approvals - Private sector (mthly)	N/A	N/A	\$1,780m	\$1,202m
Dwelling Investment - Private spending (qtrly)	N/A	N/A	\$16,540m	\$17,217m
Westpac - Melbourne Institute Consumer Sentiment Index (Base 100)	117.0	120.1	118.3	85.8
NAB Business Confidence Index	17.7	17.7	16.0	-30.5
ANZ Job Series**				
Newspaper Job Ads Recorded Per Week	N/A	8,796	9,530	8,524
Percentage Change (Seasonally adjusted on previous month)	N/A	-16.60%	8.30%	-25.20%
Internet Job Ads Recorded Per Week	N/A	125,310	131,128	153,059
Percentage Change (Seasonally adjusted on previous month)	N/A	-7.50%	5.00%	-9.40%
Exchange Rates (per A\$)				
United States dollar	0.9012	0.8909	0.9178	0.6454
UK Pound Sterling	0.5821	0.5523	0.5539	0.4513
Euro	0.6608	0.6395	0.6092	0.5069
Japanese Yen	82.59	80.12	79.24	62.99

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* Based on ABS CPI Released January 27, 2010

** Based on ANZ Job Advertisement Series released February 1, 2010

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