



## Economic Snapshot - March 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 March 18, 2010

Economic Indicator	***Rate at date of publication	Rate February 2010 RBA Bulletin	Rate 3 months prior	Rate 12 months prior
<b>Cash Rate</b>	4.00%	3.75%	3.74%	3.25%
<b>90 Bank Bill Rate</b>	4.30%	4.16%	4.13%	3.16%
<b>10 Year Bond Rate</b>	5.590%	5.48%	5.47%	4.33%
<b>Consumer Price Index Australian All Groups*</b>				
Index Number	169.5	169.5	169.5	166.2
Percentage Change (from previous quarter)	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.10%
<b>Australia S&amp;P ASX 200</b>	N/A	362.4	380.6	279.9
<b>United States S&amp;P 500</b>	N/A	334.5	337.7	241.6
<b>Dow Jones Euro STOXX 300</b>	N/A	282.3	302.0	210.6
<b>United Kingdom FTSE 100</b>	N/A	249.8	252.5	244.8
<b>Hong Kong Hang Seng</b>	N/A	681.4	723.2	448.9
<b>All Ordinaries - Index Value</b>	4877.7	4673.9	4671.9	3416.8
<b>Property Trusts - Index Value</b>	867.8	852.7	857.8	682.9
<b>Industrials - Index Value</b>	3977.0	3909.7	3832.3	2620.8
<b>Housing Loan Indicator Lending Rates</b>				
Banks - Standard	N/A	6.65%	6.65%	5.85%
Banks - 3 year fixed	N/A	7.70%	7.60%	5.60%
Mortgage Managers	N/A	6.25%	6.25%	5.45%
<b>Building Loan Indicator Lending Rates</b>				
Small Business - Residential Secured	N/A	7.85%	7.85%	7.20%
Small Business - Other	N/A	8.60%	8.60%	8.00%
Small Business - 3 year fixed rate	N/A	8.30%	8.40%	6.65%
<b>Dwelling Approvals - Private sector (mthly)</b>	N/A	N/A	13,700	10,800
<b>Non Residential approvals - Private sector (mthly)</b>	N/A	N/A	\$1,780m	\$1,202m
<b>Dwelling Investment - Private spending (qtrly)</b>	N/A	N/A	\$17,202m	\$16,635m
<b>Westpac - Melbourne Institute Consumer Sentiment Index (Base 100)</b>	117.3	117.0	113.8	85.6
<b>NAB Business Confidence Index</b>	N/A	17.7	17.7	-24.0
<b>ANZ Job Series**</b>				
<b>Newspaper Job Ads Recorded Per Week</b>	N/A	9,947	10,631	7,958
Percentage Change (Seasonally adjusted on previous month)	N/A	13.10%	11.60%	-6.60%
<b>Internet Job Ads Recorded Per Week</b>	N/A	149,831	138,432	139,486
Percentage Change (Seasonally adjusted on previous month)	N/A	19.60%	5.60%	-8.60%
<b>Exchange Rates (per A\$)</b>				
United States dollar	0.9220	0.8899	0.8969	0.6873
UK Pound Sterling	0.6032	0.5826	0.5581	0.4804
Euro	0.6728	0.6551	0.6241	0.5190
Japanese Yen	83.21	79.42	82.82	67.48

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\*\* Based on ANZ Job Advertisement Series released March 9, 2010

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