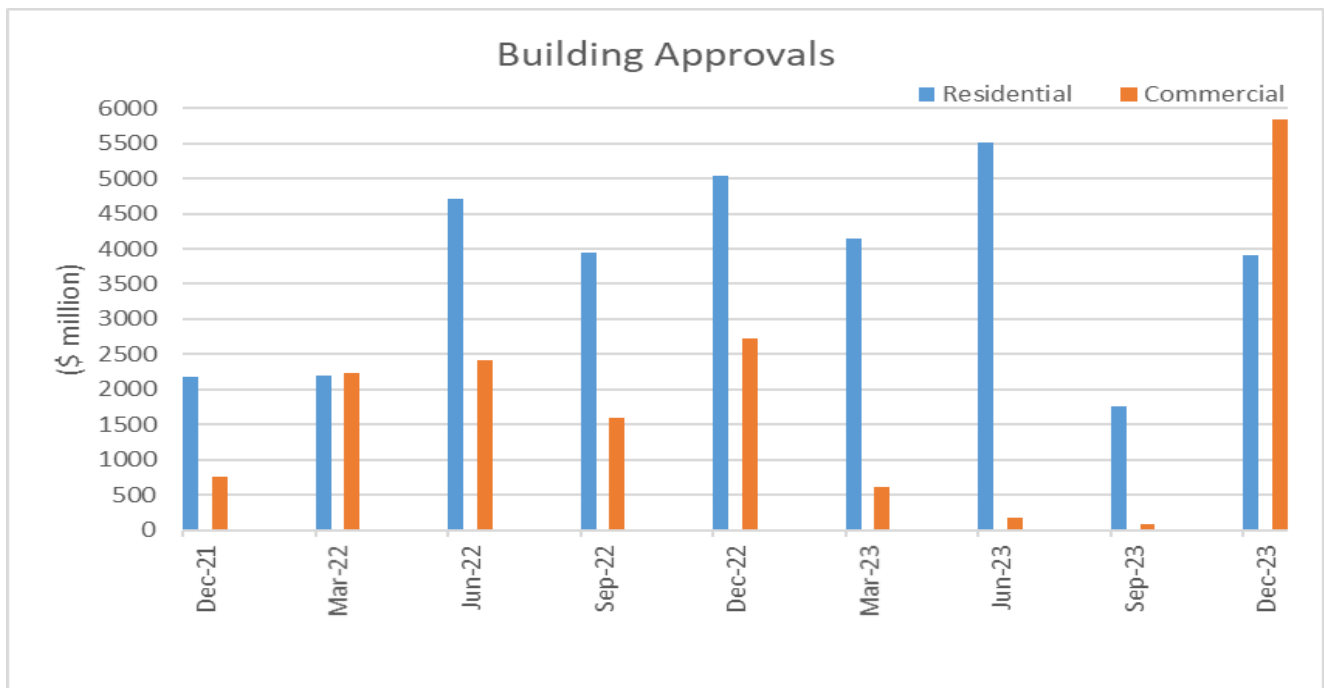


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**STATISTICAL BULLETIN**

**BUILDING CONSTRUCTION STATISTICS**  
**December Quarter 2023**

**Building Approvals** – The total Building permits issued for December quarter 2023 stood at 27. This is 15 permits more when compared to September quarter 2023.

Commercial buildings contributed (commercial 11.0 per cent, Tourist Accommodation 46.9 per cent, Community 2.1 per cent) in the total value of building approvals issued this quarter and the remaining 40.0 per cent were for Residential buildings.



Further information about this release can be obtained from the Statistics Office.

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**Table 1**  
**Number of Building Approvals**

Quarterly		Total	Residential	Commercial <sup>1</sup>	Short term	
					Accommodation <sup>2</sup>	Community <sup>3</sup>
2012	Mar	10	9	1	-	-
	Jun	8	6	2	-	-
	Sep	21	16	3	2	-
	Dec	16	14	2	-	-
2013	Mar	9	8	1	-	-
	Jun	17	8	2	5	2
	Sep	16	11	4	1	-
	Dec	14	11	2	-	1
2014	Mar	12	10	1	-	1
	Jun	23	19	4	-	-
	Sep	25	21	3	1	-
	Dec	13	5	4	2	2
2015	Mar	14	12	-	1	1
	Jun	16	12	2	1	1
	Sep	19	13	3	1	2
	Dec	23	21	-	1	1
2016	Mar	30	29	1	-	-
	Jun	38	31	4	2	1
	Sep	22	13	6	3	-
	Dec	20	14	1	1	4
2017	Mar	34	28	1	4	1
	Jun	30	22	3	2	3
	Sep	27	20	2	3	2
	Dec	38	25	7	4	2
2018	Mar	28	22	1	5	-
	Jun	26	20	2	3	1
	Sep	34	28	1	2	3
	Dec	28	17	4	4	3
2019	Mar	37	27	-	8	2
	Jun	32	29	1	2	-
	Sep	42	33	2	6	1
	Dec	41	28	6	7	-
2020	Mar	20	18	-	2	-
	Jun	26	21	3	1	1
	Sep	14	11	2	-	1
	Dec	26	22	4	-	-
2021	Mar	16	15	1	-	-
	Jun	11	10	1	-	-
	Sep	14	12	2	-	-
	Dec	8	6	1	-	1
2022	Mar	20	13	6	1	-
	Jun	35	29	5	-	1
	Sep	30	22	8	-	-
	Dec	35	27	4	2	2
2023	Mar	22	19	3	-	-
	Jun	28	26	-	2	-
	Sep	12	11	-	1	-
	Dec	27	21	4	1	1

Source: Building Control - Ministry of Infrastructure and Planning

Note: (\*) - Commercial establishments including:

- (1) - Shops, Offices, Service Stations...
- (2) - Motels, Bungalows, Units, and Tourist Accommodation
- (3) - Churches, Comm, Halls, Schools, Factories, Workshops

**Table 2**  
**Value of Building Approvals \$'000**

Quarterly		Total	Residential	Commercial <sup>1</sup>	Short term	
					Accommodation <sup>2</sup>	Community <sup>3</sup>
2012	Mar	2,293	1,473	820	-	-
	Jun	730	620	110	-	-
	Sep	3,430	2,421	599	410	-
	Dec	1,593	1,553	40	-	-
2013	Mar	1,537	1,517	20	-	-
	Jun	1,676	886	170	370	250
	Sep	3,118	2,130	388	600	-
	Dec	2,220	1,640	500	-	80
2014	Mar	2,247	1,320	800	-	127
	Jun	3,258	2,892	366	-	-
	Sep	2,382	1,970	332	80	-
	Dec	1,851	246	1,230	135	240
2015	Mar	2,340	1,868	-	222	250
	Jun	2,745	1,680	644	252	169
	Sep	3,973	1,661	420	1,382	510
	Dec	4,540	3,999	-	365	176
2016	Mar	6,118	4,718	1,400	-	-
	Jun	6,241	4,981	548	592	120
	Sep	3,140	2,053	145	942	-
	Dec	6,626	2,068	200	402	3,956
2017	Mar	7,723	4,402	165	3,140	16
	Jun	18,850	3,340	562	858	14,090
	Sep	3,472	2,225	326	590	331
	Dec	7,214	3,946	818	1,880	570
2018	Mar	5,409	3,068	20	2,321	-
	Jun	3,866	2,754	212	570	330
	Sep	5,702	4,677	200	310	515
	Dec	4,995	2,008	892	725	1,370
2019	Mar	5,975	4,015	-	1,160	800
	Jun	5,451	4,651	270	530	-
	Sep	6,534	5,519	100	788	127
	Dec	7,597	3,572	1,490	2,535	-
2020	Mar	3,380	2,930	-	450	-
	Jun	5,290	3,633	1,487	90	80
	Sep	6,990	1,620	70	-	5,300
	Dec	3,319	3,092	227	-	-
2021	Mar	3,223	3,209	14	-	-
	Jun	2,382	2,042	340	-	-
	Sep	2,864	2,214	650	-	-
	Dec	2,942	2,182	10	-	750
2022	Mar	4,438	2,204	1,834	400	-
	Jun	7,125	4,705	2,270	-	150
	Sep	5,545	3,950	1,595	-	-
	Dec	7,763	5,038	500	2,038	187
2023	Mar	4,770	4,152	618	-	-
	Jun	5,679	5,509	-	170	-
	Sep	1,842	1,762	-	80	-
	Dec	9,753	3,903	1,075	4,575	200

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**Table 3**  
**Number of Building Approvals**

Period	Short term				
	Total	Residential	Commercial <sup>1</sup>	Accommodation <sup>2</sup>	Community <sup>3</sup>
2009	96	81	10	3	2
2010	71	62	8	-	1
2011	73	62	8	1	2
2012	55	45	8	2	-
2013	56	38	9	6	3
2014	74	56	12	3	3
2015	72	58	5	4	5
2016	108	85	12	6	5
2017	129	95	13	13	8
2018	116	87	8	14	7
2019	152	117	9	23	3
2020	86	72	9	3	2
2021	49	43	5	-	1
2022	120	91	23	3	3
2023	89	77	7	4	1

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**Table 4**  
**Value of Building Approvals \$'000**

Period	Short term				
	Total	Residential	Commercial <sup>1</sup>	Accommodation <sup>2</sup>	Community <sup>3</sup>
2009	12,745	10,398	1,152	905	290
2010	12,335	9,565	2,270	-	500
2011	10,658	7,650	1,943	175	890
2012	8,046	6,067	1,569	410	-
2013	8,335	5,957	1,078	970	330
2014	9,798	6,488	2,728	215	367
2015	13,598	9,208	1,064	2,221	1,105
2016	21,653	13,348	2,293	1,936	4,076
2017	37,259	13,913	1,871	6,468	15,007
2018	19,972	12,507	1,324	3,926	2,215
2019	25,557	17,757	1,860	5,013	927
2020	18,979	11,275	1,784	540	5,380
2021	11,411	9,647	1,014	-	750
2022	24,871	15,897	6,199	2,438	337
2023	22,044	15,326	1,693	4,825	200

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