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## HIA Trade Availability Report highlights the need for Housing Stimulus

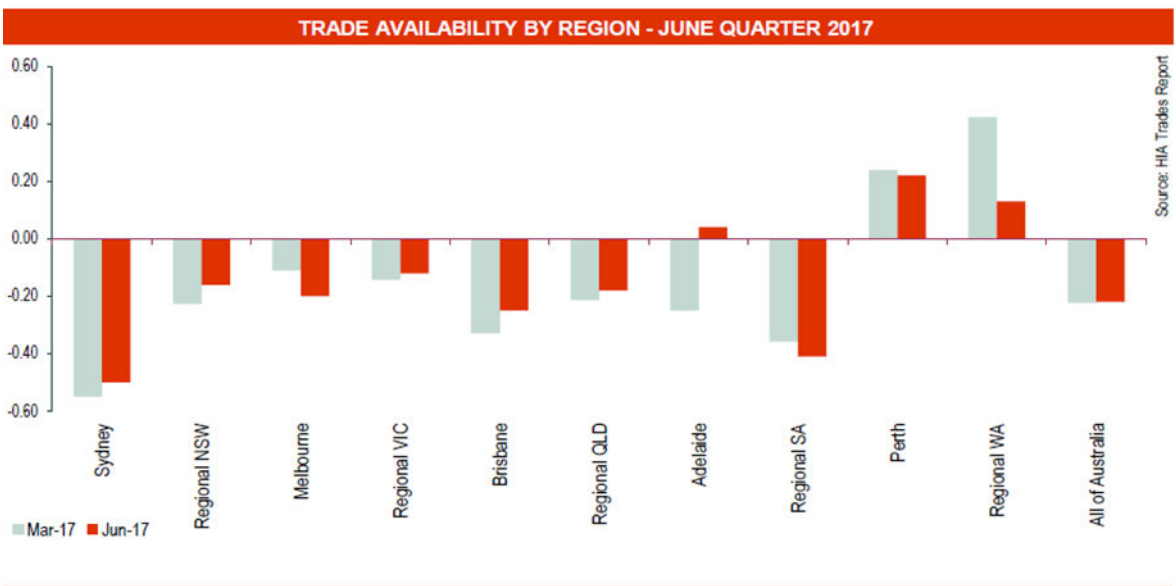
The HIA Trades Report provides a quarterly review of the availability of skilled trades and any price pressures on trades operating in the residential building industry.

“The HIA Trades Availability Index for the June quarter of 2017 shows that following the construction downturn, the index for Perth has shown an oversupply of trades for seven consecutive quarters and six consecutive quarters in regional WA” commented John Gelavis, Executive Director of the Housing Industry Association.

“Western Australia in the only state in Australia where there is an abundance of skilled trades people available, and this is why a focus must be placed around new housing construction and a dedicated Housing Incentive Package be developed in the state budget to support first home buyers, to boost supply, support the industry, support jobs, improve housing affordability and deliver social housing outcomes” continued Mr John Gelavis

“The State Budget should include initiatives including support for First Home Owners. Keystart must continue to be supported and criteria reviewed to encourage more first home buyers into the market” continued Mr John Gelavis

“This is a critical State Budget and we strongly encourage the McGowan Labor Government to recognise the Residential Housing Industry and the contribution it makes to the State Economy by delivering a package that will drive the industry and create much needed jobs” concluded Mr Gelavis.





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## HIA TRADE AVAILABILITY INDEX BY REGION

	Jun-14	Sep-14	Dec-14	Mar-15	Jun-15	Sep-15	Dec-15	Mar-16	Jun-16	Sep-16	Dec-16	Mar-17	Jun-17	Quarterly Movement in Availability
Sydney	-0.12	-0.17	-0.19	-0.36	-0.50	-0.45	-0.31	-0.16	-0.28	-0.59	-0.58	-0.55	-0.50	↑
Regional NSW	-0.23	-0.23	-0.14	-0.24	-0.33	-0.43	-0.29	-0.30	-0.21	-0.36	-0.28	-0.23	-0.16	↑
Melbourne	0.04	-0.15	-0.16	-0.05	-0.13	-0.16	-0.25	-0.22	-0.24	-0.29	-0.43	-0.11	-0.20	↓
Regional VIC	0.12	-0.20	-0.12	-0.10	-0.12	-0.18	-0.44	-0.23	-0.20	-0.06	-0.24	-0.14	-0.12	↑
Brisbane	-0.02	-0.17	-0.21	-0.57	-0.50	-0.42	-0.36	-0.22	-0.36	-0.28	-0.26	-0.33	-0.25	↑
Regional QLD	0.24	0.00	0.25	0.40	-0.02	0.08	-0.12	-0.03	-0.03	0.03	0.05	-0.21	-0.18	↑
Adelaide	-0.11	0.05	-0.06	0.10	0.09	-0.07	-0.09	0.00	-0.02	-0.18	-0.06	-0.25	0.04	↑
Regional SA	-0.64	-0.20	-0.35	-0.46	-0.04	-0.15	-0.18	0.28	-0.03	-0.24	-0.27	-0.36	-0.41	↓
Perth	-0.21	-0.32	-0.45	-0.18	-0.31	-0.10	0.06	0.13	0.17	0.63	0.52	0.24	0.22	↓
Regional WA	-0.23	-0.41	-0.30	-0.45	-0.07	0.19	-0.16	1.00	0.62	0.33	0.13	0.42	0.13	↓
All of Australia	-0.05	-0.17	-0.16	-0.19	-0.22	-0.23	-0.25	-0.14	-0.18	-0.22	-0.26	-0.22	-0.22	

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