

Quarterly Statistics

Operational Statistics July 2002 – September 2002

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Note: The statistics in the following tables are reported on a regional basis. Following the implementation of Landonline all LINZ branch offices are now closed, and the figures that were reported for each branch office previously have been rolled up into the relevant regional office.

**Table 1 – Land title document receipts
July - September periods 2001 and 2002**

	Transfers		Mortgages		Discharged Mortgages		Others		Total for Period		% Change
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	
Auckland Region	16,868	19,075	14,358	16,082	14,565	15,025	14,803	15,026	60,594	65,208	7.6%
Hamilton Region	9,120	11,786	6,870	8,772	6,935	8,640	8,164	8,437	31,089	37,635	21.1%
Wellington Region	10,477	7,697	9,025	6,239	8,477	6,172	7,749	6,463	35,728	26,571	-25.6%
Christchurch Region	8,498	11,901	7,173	9,409	7,088	9,161	7,591	11,149	30,350	41,620	37.1%
Dunedin Region	4,515	8,565	3,177	5,968	3,158	6,160	4,737	6,066	15,587	26,759	71.7%
TOTAL	49,478	59,024	40,603	46,470	40,223	45,158	43,044	47,141	173,348	197,793	14.1%

The volume of land title documents received nationally during the quarterly period July – September 2002 was 14.1% higher than for same period in 2001. The two South Island regions experienced the largest percentage increases, with Christchurch being up by 37.1% and Dunedin by 71.7%. The only region with a lower document intake than for the same quarter in the previous year was Wellington, down by 25.6%.

See Graph 1 for monthly national document receipts during 2000/01 and 2001/02.

**Table 2 – Land title plans and new title issues
July - September periods 2001 and 2002**

	Title Plans Lodged			New Titles Issued		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
Auckland Region	1,090	712	-34.7%	4,981	3,884	-22.0%
Hamilton Region	600	467	-22.2%	2,246	2,368	5.4%
Wellington Region	480	486	1.3%	1,667	1,198	-28.1%
Christchurch Region	521	503	-3.5%	1,856	3,491	88.1%
Dunedin Region	208	232	11.5%	1,167	1,242	6.4%
TOTAL	2,899	2,400	-17.2%	11,917	12,183	2.2%

Land title plan lodgements nationally were 17.2% lower during the July – September 2002 quarter than for 2001. Of the larger volume offices, Auckland had 34.7% fewer lodgements, and Hamilton was down by 22.2%. Dunedin Region went against the trend, with an increase in plan lodgements of 11.5%, though this was on relatively low volume. Wellington and Christchurch showed little change.

New title issues nationally were up by 2.2% during July - September 2002, compared to 2001. *Note that the figures in the table do not accurately reflect the volume of new titles issued on a region by region basis. Under **Landonline**, titles can be issued from any office throughout the country, regardless of where the transaction is lodged.*

See Graph 2 for monthly national volumes of title plan lodgements and new title issues during 2000/01 and 2001/02.

**Table 3 – Land title records supply – volume comparisons
July - September periods 2001 and 2002**

	Cert. of Title Records Supplied			Guaranteed Title Records Supplied			Title Document Records Supplied			Total Records % Change
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	
Auckland Region	70,033	113,210	61.7%	18,258	19,097	4.6%	17,872	20,026	12.1%	43.5%
Hamilton Region	39,496	47,089	19.2%	7,796	7,927	1.7%	7,721	9,469	22.6%	17.2%
Wellington Region	31,364	76,576	144.2%	8,893	13,897	56.3%	6,264	14,843	137.0%	126.4%
Christchurch Region	45,225	52,795	16.7%	7,982	10,164	27.3%	7,968	15,135	89.9%	27.7%
Dunedin Region	23,658	27,455	16.0%	3,348	4,056	21.1%	3,997	4,455	11.5%	16.0%
TOTAL	209,776	317,125	51.2%	46,277	55,141	19.2%	43,822	63,928	45.9%	45.5%

Total land title records supplied nationally during July - September 2002 were 45.5% higher than for the same quarter in 2001. Increases ranged from 19.2% for guaranteed search records to 51.2% for certificate of title records and 45.9% for title document records. All offices recorded significant increases. Wellington stood out with an increase of 126.4%, but much of this increase can be attributed to comparison with the period in 2001 when volumes were very low during the early stages of **Landonline** implementation in Wellington.

There are also indications that some of the increases in search volumes in all offices may be attributable to the ease and increasing use of the **Landonline** search facility.

See Graph 3 for monthly national land title search volumes, and Graph 4 for monthly national guaranteed title and title document search volumes during 2000/01 and 2001/02.

**Table 4 – Land title document processing performance
July – September 2002**

	July	August	September	Quarter
	% within 20 working days (standard is 95%)			
Auckland Region	89%	89%	92%	90%
Hamilton Region	95%	95%	94%	95%
Wellington Region	79%	91%	94%	88%
Christchurch Region	95%	92%	91%	93%
Dunedin Region	95%	95%	97%	95%
National	91%	92%	93%	92%

The LINZ timeliness standard applicable from 1 July 2002 is that 95% of titles are to be issued/re-issued within 20 working days. The previous standard was 95% within 15 days. However, even after allowing for the change from 15 to 20 days, the timeliness performance for title issues/re-issues has improved significantly during the July – September 2002 quarter. For example, during September 2002, 90% of titles were issued/re-issued within 15 working days, and 93% within 20 days.

**Table 5 – Survey plan lodgements
July – September 2002**

	July			August			September			Total Quarter		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
Auckland Region	399	240	-39.8%	425	329	-22.6%	355	305	-14.1%	1,179	874	-25.9%
Hamilton Region	236	186	-21.2%	261	195	-25.3%	204	181	-11.3%	701	562	-19.8%
Wellington Region	179	174	-2.8%	237	202	-14.8%	185	162	-12.4%	601	538	-10.5%
Christchurch Region	232	213	-8.2%	173	175	1.2%	203	198	-2.5%	608	586	-3.6%
Dunedin Region	85	88	3.5%	75	88	17.3%	91	86	-5.5%	251	262	4.4%
TOTAL	1,131	901	-20.3%	1,171	989	-15.5%	1,038	932	-10.2%	3,340	2822	-15.5%

Survey plan lodgements for the July – September 2002 quarter were down by 15.5% compared to the same period in 2001. Changes ranged from a decrease of 25.9% in Auckland to an increase of 4.4% on low volume in Dunedin. The large decrease in Auckland, especially early in the quarter, was at least partially attributable to the conversion of Auckland to **Landonline**.

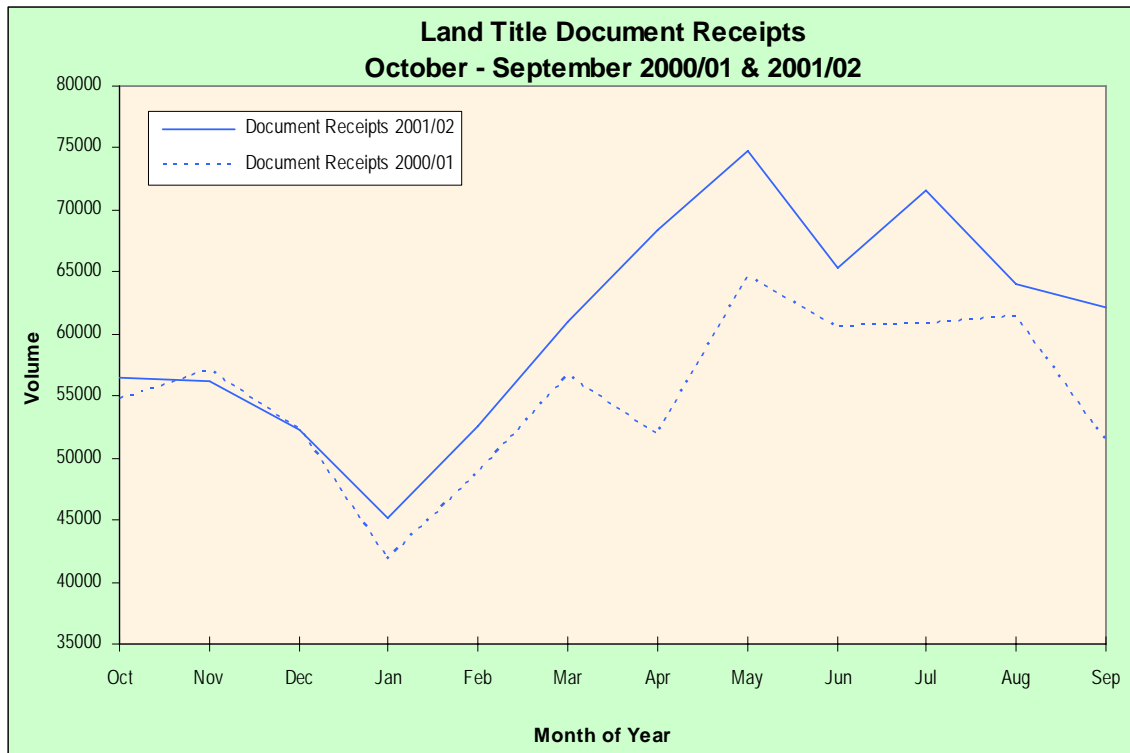
See Graph 5 for monthly national survey plan lodgements and approvals during 2000/01 and 2001/02.

**Table 6 – Survey plan processing performance
July – September 2002**

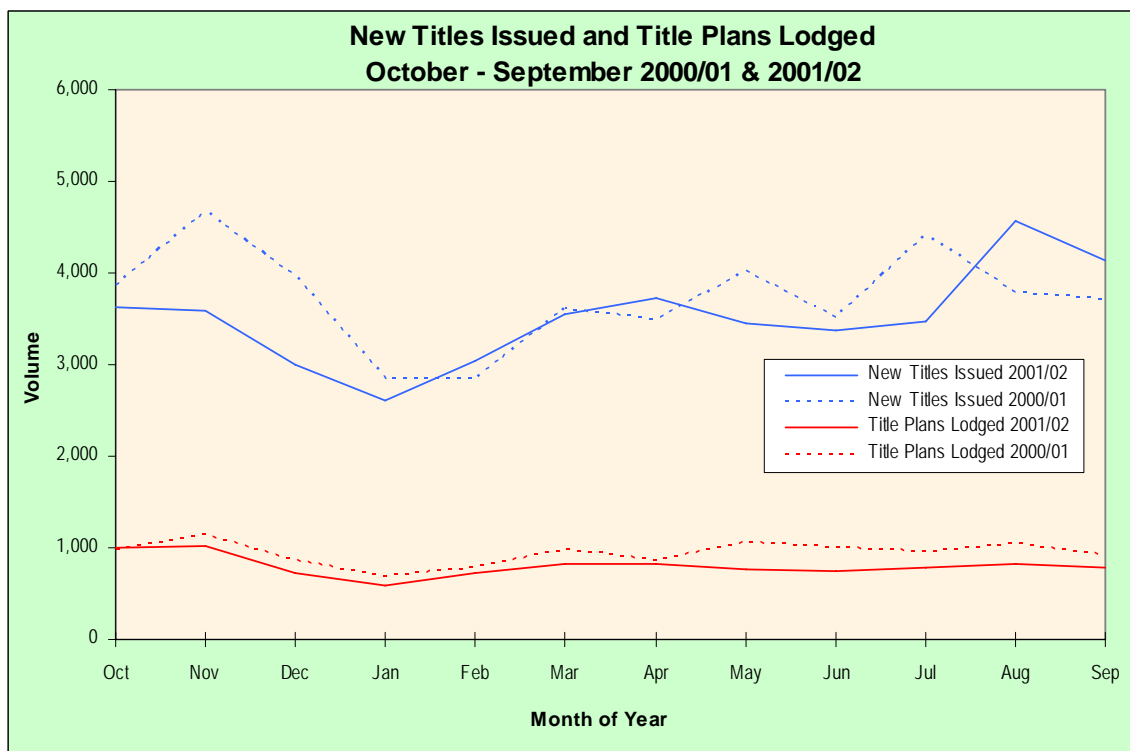
	July	August	September
	% within 25 working days (standard is 90%)		
Auckland Region	77%	70%	86%
Hamilton Region	61%	88%	89%
Wellington Region	70%	84%	83%
Christchurch Region	94%	90%	96%
Dunedin Region	86%	74%	61%
National	75%	79%	85%

The LINZ timeliness standard applicable from 1 July 2002 is that 90% of plans are to be processed within 25 working days. The previous standard was 90% within 20 days. The timeliness performance for plan processing continued to improve throughout the July – September 2002 quarter.

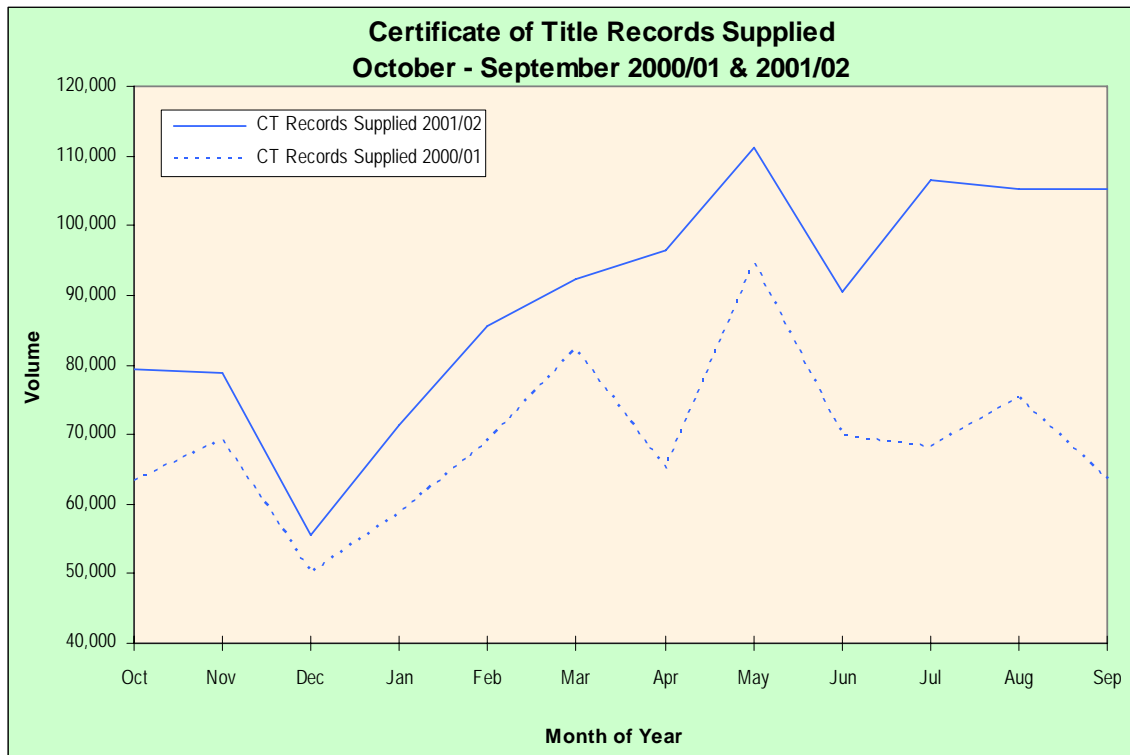
Graph 1



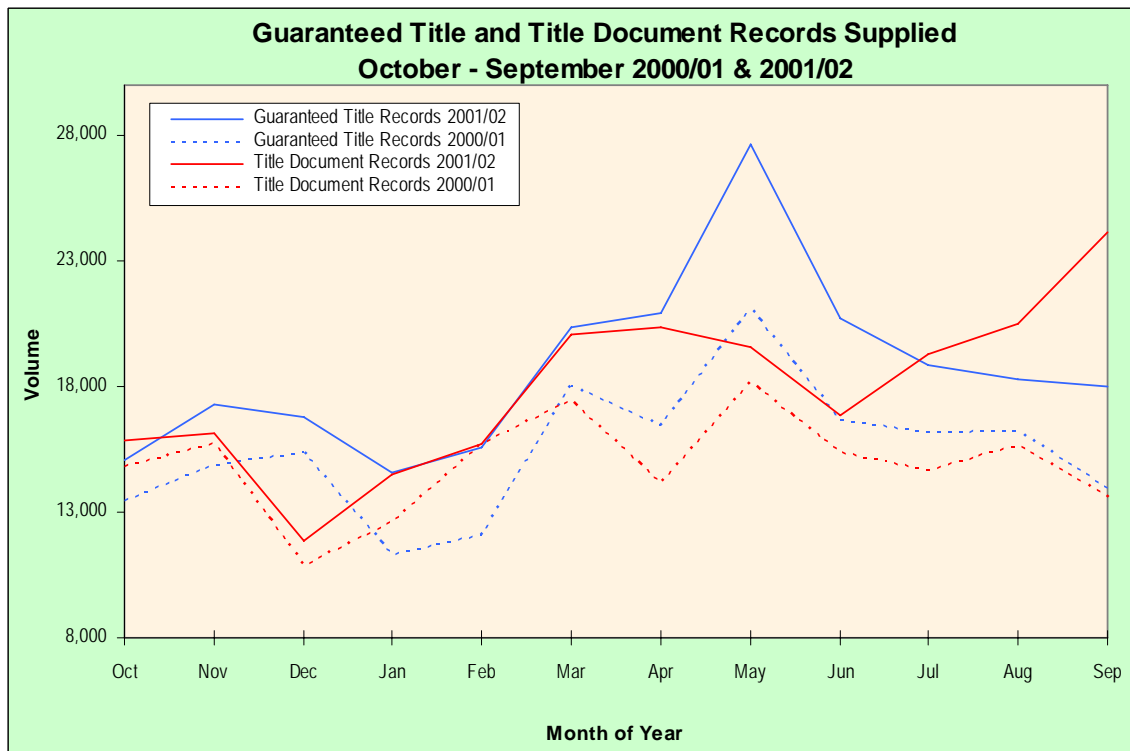
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Graph 3



Graph 4



Graph 5

