

Quarterly Statistics

Operational Statistics July 2002 – December 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 lodgements
July - December 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	32,883	40,240	28,162	34,376	28,163	32,925	27,699	29,464	116,907	137,005	17.2%
Hamilton Region	18,195	22,443	13,631	16,975	13,756	16,624	15,421	15,848	61,003	71,890	17.8%
Wellington Region	20,519	19,392	17,537	15,731	16,670	15,675	14,205	14,373	68,931	65,171	-5.5%
Christchurch Region	17,539	23,045	14,678	18,321	14,280	18,179	14,013	19,236	60,510	78,781	30.2%
Dunedin Region	9,047	14,544	6,162	9,978	5,958	10,278	7,473	10,015	28,640	44,815	56.5%
TOTAL	98,183	119,664	80,170	95,381	78,827	93,681	78,811	88,936	335,991	397,662	18.4%

The volume of land title documents lodged nationally during the half-yearly period July – December 2002 was 18.4% higher than for the same period in 2001. The two South Island regions experienced the largest percentage increases, with Dunedin being up by 56.5% and Christchurch by 30.2%. The only region with a lower document intake than for the same period in the previous year was Wellington, down by 5.5%.

See Graph 1 for monthly national document lodgements during 2001 and 2002.

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

	Title Plans Lodged			New Titles Issued		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
Auckland Region	2,204	2,046	-7.2%	9,001	8,611	-4.3%
Hamilton Region	1,003	1,138	13.5%	4,100	4,324	5.5%
Wellington Region	952	973	2.2%	3,411	2,848	-16.5%
Christchurch Region	1,038	1,041	0.3%	4,280	5,533	29.3%
Dunedin Region	393	457	16.3%	2,011	2,046	1.7%
TOTAL	5,590	5,655	1.2%	22,803	23,362	2.5%

Land title plan lodgements nationally were 1.2% higher during July – December 2002 than for the same period in 2001. Of the larger volume offices, Hamilton had 13.5% more lodgements, while Auckland was down by 7.2%. However, the 2001 figures do not include a number of new plans, for reasons that are explained in the notes relating to Table 5 – survey plan lodgements.

New title issues nationally were up by 2.5% during July - December 2002, compared to 2001. *Note that the figures in the table do not necessarily 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 volumes
July - December periods 2001 and 2002**

	Certificate 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	141,368	232,840	64.7%	37,430	38,508	2.9%	35,915	45,370	26.3%	47.5%
Hamilton Region	68,294	95,851	40.4%	16,306	15,150	-7.1%	13,469	20,240	50.3%	33.8%
Wellington Region	72,412	149,637	106.6%	17,634	25,930	47.0%	12,976	28,442	119.2%	98.0%
Christchurch Region	90,524	106,915	18.1%	17,258	19,447	12.7%	17,829	28,579	60.3%	23.3%
Dunedin Region	47,937	55,954	16.7%	6,818	7,601	11.5%	7,499	8,516	13.6%	15.8%
TOTAL	420,535	641,197	52.5%	95,446	106,636	11.7%	87,688	131,147	49.6%	45.6%

Total land title records supplied nationally during July - December 2002 were 45.6% higher than for the same period in 2001. Increases ranged from 52.5% for certificate of title search records to 11.7% for guaranteed title records. All offices recorded significant increases in total search volumes, and there are indications that some of the increases 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 issue/re-issue performance
October – December 2002**

	October	November	December	Quarter
	% issued/re-issued within 20 working days (standard is 95%)			
Auckland Region	92.9%	92.7%	89.4%	91.8%
Hamilton Region	95.4%	96.9%	91.6%	94.8%
Wellington Region	92.9%	92.4%	93.0%	92.8%
Christchurch Region	96.0%	96.0%	94.5%	95.6%
Dunedin Region	98.0%	94.6%	96.0%	96.1%
National	94.5%	94.1%	92.1%	93.7%

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 timeliness performance for title issues/re-issues has continued to improve during the October – December 2002 quarter. During this period 90.8% of titles were issued/re-issued within 15 working days, and 93.6% within 20 days.

**Table 5 – Survey plan lodgement volumes
October – December 2002**

	October		% Change	November		% Change	December		% Change	Total Quarter		% Change
	2001	2002		2001	2002		2001	2002		2001	2002	
Auckland Region	406	444	9.4%	461	447	-3.0%	351	391	11.4%	1,218	1,282	5.3%
Hamilton Region	275	232	-15.6%	113	239	111.5%	107	247	130.8%	495	718	45.1%
Wellington Region	169	193	14.2%	219	180	-17.8%	147	157	6.8%	535	530	-0.9%
Christchurch Region	217	202	-6.9%	221	199	-10.0%	146	201	37.7%	584	602	3.1%
Dunedin Region	68	73	7.4%	117	87	-25.6%	53	91	71.7%	238	251	5.5%
TOTAL	1,135	1,144	0.8%	1,131	1,152	1.9%	804	1,087	35.2%	3,070	3,383	10.2%

Note: See explanation of plan lodgement volume change rates in the notes accompanying this table.

Survey plan lodgements for the October – December 2002 quarter were up by 10.2% compared to the same period in 2001. Changes ranged from a minor decrease in Wellington to an increase of 45.1% in Hamilton.

However, actual and comparative plan lodgement volumes are misleading in some cases. The large increase in Hamilton, and to a lesser extent in other offices, is due at least partially to the way in which the lodgement of Work in Progress (WIP) plans is now treated.

A new plan numbering system was introduced prior to the implementation of **Landonline** with the intention that plans lodged with the old numbers would then be recognised as WIP plans. Plans with old numbers were expected to have been lodged under the pre-**Landonline** process. The system (and resulting reports) therefore assumes that no WIP plans are new lodgements. It is now clear that plans with numbers pre-allocated to surveyors prior to **Landonline**, most commonly as part of the previous “simultaneous lodgement” process, are still being received as surveyors are continuing to use up the numbers earlier allocated to them. While these plans, using the pre-allocated numbers, are in fact completely new plans (lodged for the first time) LINZ has not previously been able to separate them from genuine WIP plans for reporting purposes.

LINZ is now able to identify new plans that are lodged with pre-allocated numbers, and the plan lodgement figures have been amended from July 2002 onwards. While new plan lodgement volumes are now accurately reported, the accuracy of comparisons with volumes lodged in **Landonline** offices prior to July 2002 is affected.

Due to the timing of **Landonline** implementation in each office, the comparative figures for Hamilton are most affected in this reporting period. Auckland figures will be similarly affected in future reports.

Information on cadastral survey datasets lodged in electronic form will be reported beginning from the next statistical report.

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

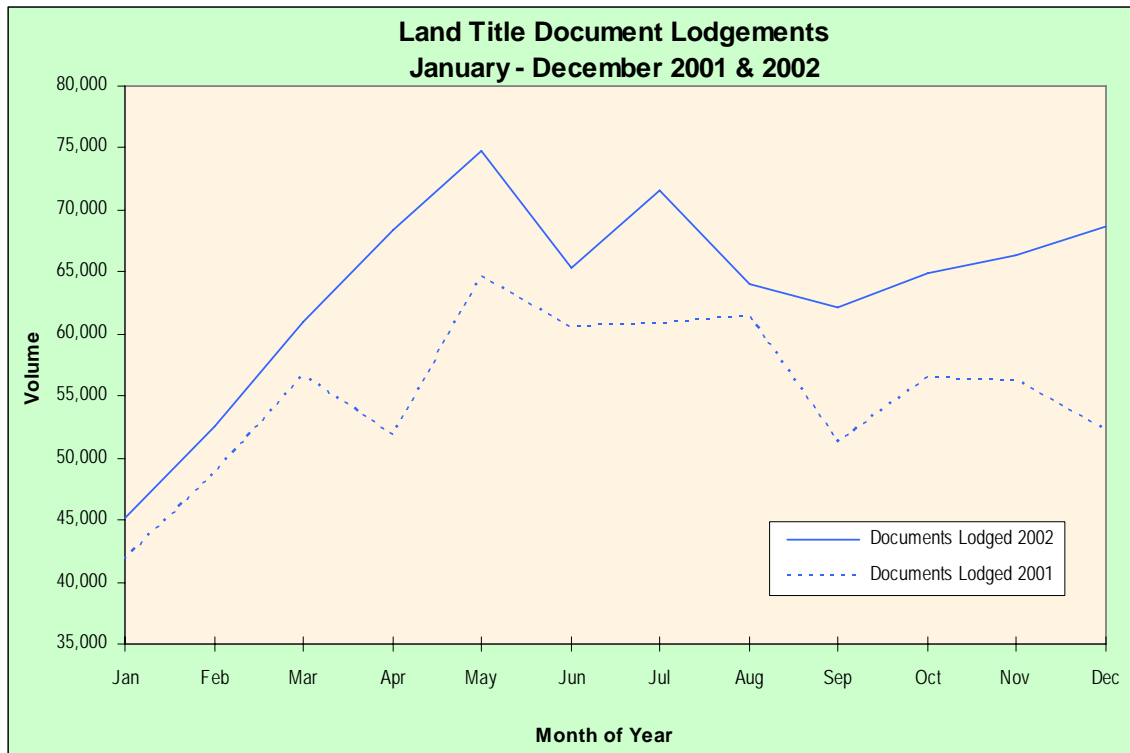
**Table 6 – Survey plan processing performance
October – December 2002**

	PAPER LODGE MENT			ELECTRONIC LODGE MENT		
	October	November	December	October	November	December
	% within 25 working days (standard is 90%)			% within 15 working days (standard is 90%)		
Auckland Region	89%	85%	81%	Landonline Stage II pilot commenced on 18 November		
Hamilton Region	89%	91%	92%			
Wellington Region	87%	86%	82%			
Christchurch Region	96%	97%	95%			100%
Dunedin Region	87%	93%	97%			
National	89%	88%	86%			100%

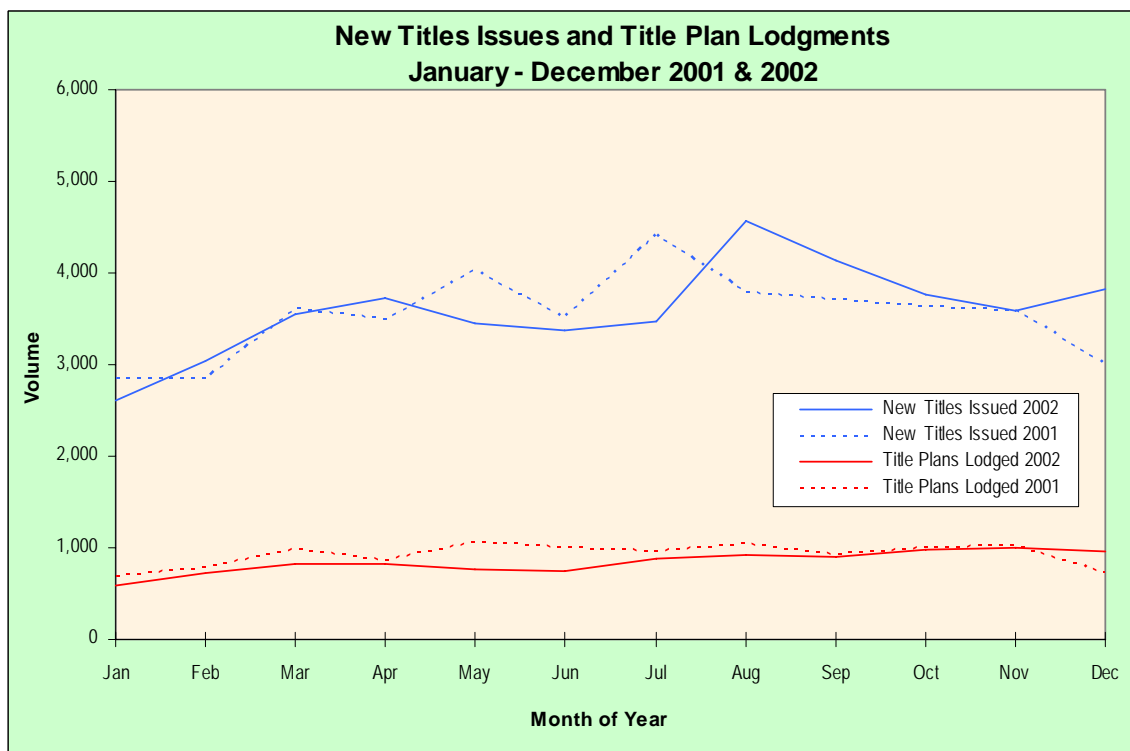
The LINZ timeliness standard applicable from 1 July 2002 is that 90% of plans lodged in paper form are to be processed within 25 working days, and 90% of plans lodged in electronic form are to be processed within 15 working days. The **Landonline** stage 2 pilot scheme commenced on 18 November, and 8 plans were lodged and processed between that date and the end of December 2002.

The timeliness performance for plan processing has continued to improve. For the October – December 2002 quarter, 88.2% of plans were processed within the timeliness standard, compared to 79.6% for the July – September 2002 quarter.

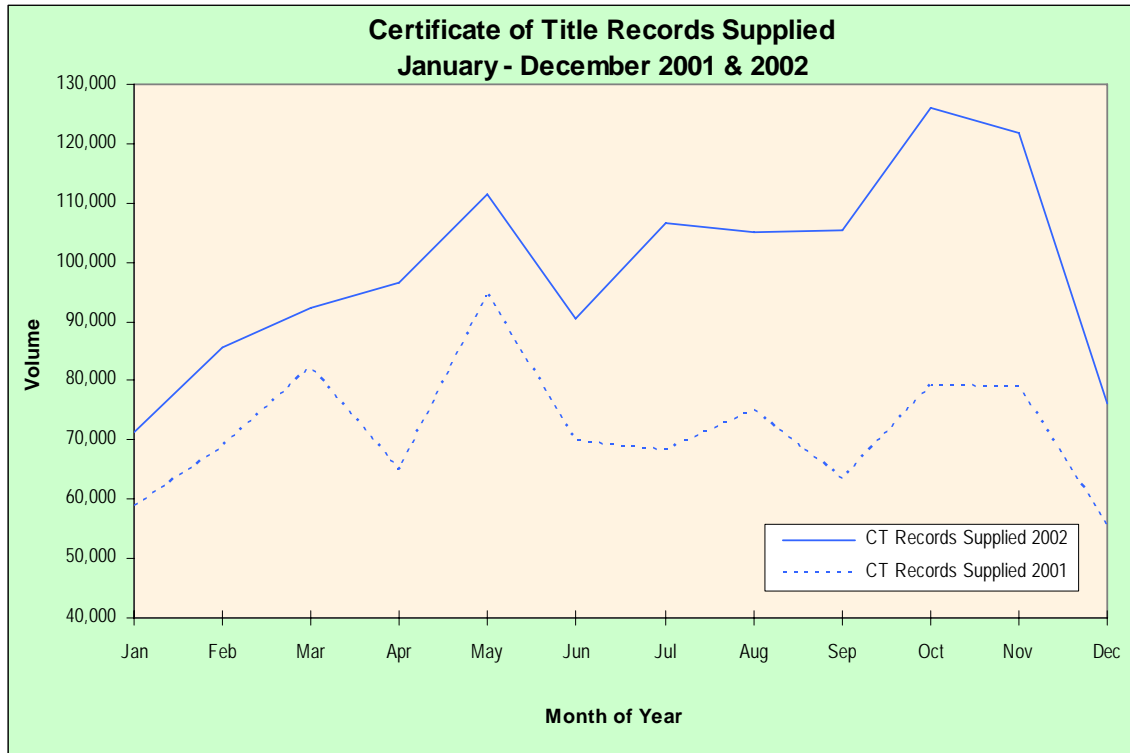
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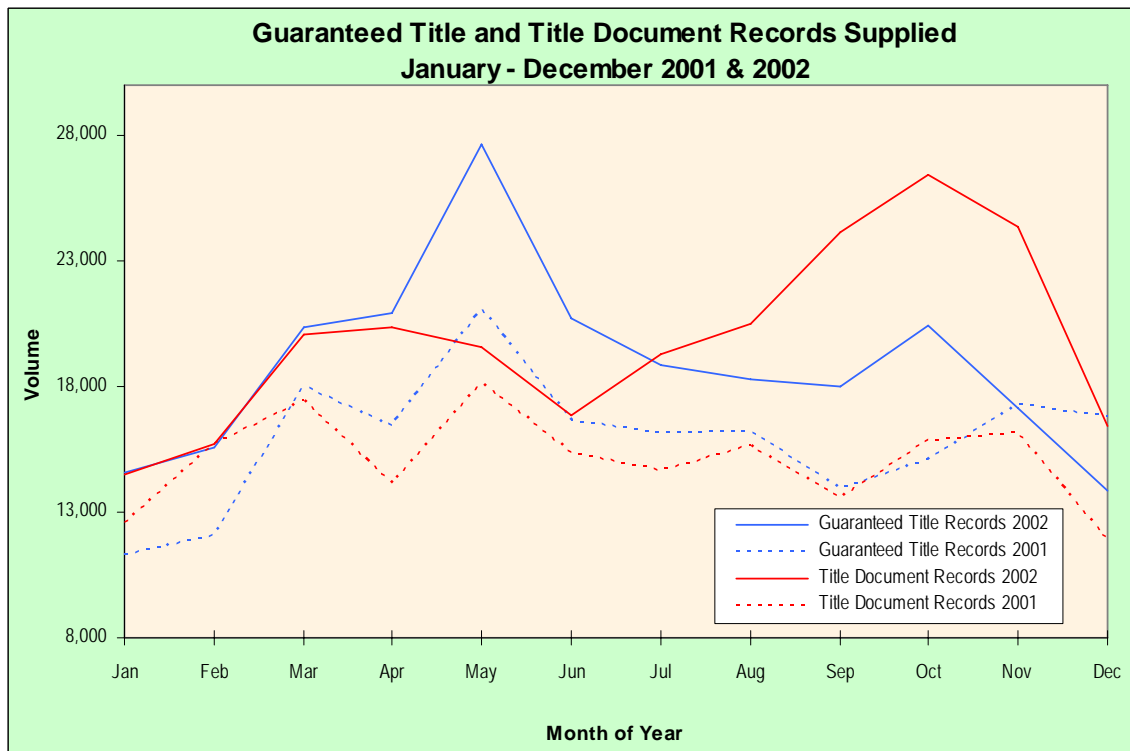
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