

Quarterly Statistics

Operational Statistics July 2002 – March 2003

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Note: Following the nation-wide implementation of **Landonline** the statistics that were previously reported separately for each Land District (LD) are rolled up into the relevant regional office figures for reporting purposes, as follows:

Auckland Region – North Auckland LD

Hamilton Region – South Auckland and Taranaki LDs

Wellington Region – Wellington, Gisborne and Hawke's Bay LDs

Christchurch Region – Canterbury, Nelson, Marlborough and Westland LDs

Dunedin Region – Otago and Southland LDs

**Table 1 – Land title document lodgements - volume comparisons
July - March periods 2001/02 and 2002/03**

Region	Transfers		Mortgages		Discharged Mortgages		Others		Total for Period		% Change
	2001/02	2002/03	2001/02	2002/03	2001/02	2002/03	2001/02	2002/03	2001/02	2002/03	
Auckland	49,002	59,939	42,049	51,481	41,667	49,921	39,235	42,425	171,953	203,766	18.5%
Hamilton	26,303	33,408	20,057	25,184	20,181	24,819	21,523	22,502	88,064	105,913	20.3%
Wellington	29,424	30,777	24,994	25,307	24,082	25,121	20,502	21,647	99,002	102,852	3.9%
Christchurch	26,908	34,075	22,248	27,087	21,814	26,819	22,804	26,723	93,774	114,704	22.3%
Dunedin	13,955	20,157	9,464	13,823	9,438	14,166	11,384	13,541	44,241	61,687	39.4%
TOTAL	145,592	178,356	118,812	142,882	117,182	140,846	115,448	126,838	497,034	588,922	18.5%

The volume of land title documents lodged nationally during July 2002 – March 2003 was 18.5% higher than for same period in 2001/02. Wellington, which was up by only 3.9%, was the only region with an increase lower than the national level.

See Graph 1 for monthly national title document lodgements during 2001/02 and 2002/03.

**Table 2 – Land title plan lodgements and new title issues
July - March periods 2001/02 and 2002/03**

Region	Title Plans Lodged		% Change	New Titles Issued		% Change
	2001/02	2002/03		2001/02	2002/03	
Auckland	3,066	2,802	-8.6%	12,417	12,522	0.8%
Hamilton	1,236	1,647	33.3%	5,408	6,558	21.3%
Wellington	1,312	1,357	3.4%	4,789	5,058	5.6%
Christchurch	1,494	1,495	0.1%	5,854	7,398	26.4%
Dunedin	574	612	6.6%	2,865	2,793	-2.5%
TOTAL	7,682	7,913	3.0%	31,333	34,329	9.6%

Land title plan lodgements nationally were 3.0% higher during July 2002 – March 2003 than for the same period in 2001/02. Of the larger volume regions, Hamilton had 33.3% more lodgements, while Auckland was down by 8.6%. Hamilton's increase is partly due to the impact that conversion to **Landonline** had on plan lodgements in Hamilton during the November 2002 – March 2003 period.

New title issues nationally were also higher, up by 9.6% during July 2002 – March 2003 compared to the same period in 2001/02. All of the large volume regions experienced increases, ranging from 0.8% in Auckland to 26.4% in Christchurch. Dunedin was the only region to record a decrease. (*Note however that the figures in the table do not precisely reflect the volume of physical new parcels created within each geographical region. Under **Landonline**, titles can be issued from any office throughout the country, regardless of where the transaction is lodged or the affected land is located.*)

See Graph 2 for monthly national volumes of title plan lodgements and new title issues during 2001/02 and 2002/03.

**Table 3 – Survey plan volumes lodged in paper and electronic form
January - March 2003**

Region	January				February				March				Total Quarter			
	Paper	% of Total	e-lodgmt	% of Total	Paper	% of Total	e-lodgmt	% of Total	Paper	% of Total	e-lodgmt	% of Total	Paper	% of Total	e-lodgmt	% of Total
Auckland	245	100.0%	0	0.0%	324	100.0%	0	0.0%	354	100.0%	0	0.0%	923	100.0%	0	0.0%
Hamilton	169	100.0%	0	0.0%	206	100.0%	0	0.0%	216	100.0%	0	0.0%	591	100.0%	0	0.0%
Wellington	113	100.0%	0	0.0%	166	100.0%	0	0.0%	165	100.0%	0	0.0%	444	100.0%	0	0.0%
Christchurch	136	88.9%	17	11.1%	167	94.4%	10	5.6%	185	92.0%	16	8.0%	488	91.9%	43	8.1%
Dunedin	47	100.0%	0	0.0%	64	100.0%	0	0.0%	62	100.0%	0	0.0%	173	100.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL	727	97.7%	17	2.3%	937	98.9%	10	1.1%	998	98.4%	16	1.6%	2,619	98.4%	43	1.6%

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**Table 4 – Land title documents lodged in paper and electronic form
January - March 2003**

Region	January				February				March				Total Quarter			
	Paper	% of Total	e-lodgmt	% of Total	Paper	% of Total	e-lodgmt	% of Total	Paper	% of Total	e-lodgmt	% of Total	Paper	% of Total	e-lodgmt	% of Total
Auckland	19,062	100.0%	0	0.0%	22,224	100.0%	0	0.0%	25,484	100.0%	0	0.0%	66,770	100.0%	0	0.0%
Hamilton	10,144	100.0%	0	0.0%	11,108	100.0%	1	0.0%	12,770	100.0%	0	0.0%	34,022	100.0%	1	0.0%
Wellington	10,513	100.0%	0	0.0%	12,519	100.0%	2	0.0%	14,623	99.8%	25	0.2%	37,655	99.9%	27	0.1%
Christchurch	10,420	98.8%	126	1.2%	11,479	98.9%	131	1.1%	13,726	98.4%	222	1.6%	35,625	98.7%	479	1.3%
Dunedin	4,739	100.0%	0	0.0%	5,627	99.9%	8	0.1%	6,501	100.0%	2	0.0%	16,867	99.9%	10	0.1%
TOTAL	54,878	99.8%	126	0.2%	62,957	99.8%	142	0.2%	73,104	99.7%	249	0.3%	190,939	99.7%	517	0.3%

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**Table 5 – Land title records supplied
July - March periods 2001/02 and 2002/03**

Region	Cert. of Title Records Supplied			Guaranteed Title Records Supplied			Title Document Records Supplied			Total Records % Change
	2001/02	2002/03	% Change	2001/02	2002/03	% Change	2001/02	2002/03	% Change	
Auckland	219,977	349,041	58.7%	57,091	52,784	-7.5%	54,466	69,836	28.2%	42.3%
Hamilton	114,067	146,476	28.4%	24,302	21,449	-11.7%	19,337	31,332	62.0%	26.3%
Wellington	120,555	216,712	79.8%	27,053	35,119	29.8%	20,993	41,326	96.9%	73.9%
Christchurch	141,315	168,760	19.4%	26,760	27,055	1.1%	31,784	42,852	34.8%	19.4%
Dunedin	74,142	82,449	11.2%	10,806	10,704	-0.9%	11,391	12,098	6.2%	9.3%
TOTAL	670,056	963,438	43.8%	146,012	147,111	0.8%	137,971	197,444	43.1%	37.1%

Total search volumes nationally during July 2002 – March 2003 were 37.1% higher than for the same period in 2001/02. Certificate of title searches and document searches were up by 43.8% and 43.1% respectively. However, guaranteed searches were up by only 0.8%.

There are strong indications that some of the increases in search volumes are attributable to the ease and increasing use of **Landonline** searching compared to paper records searching.

See Graph 3 for monthly national certificate of title search volumes, and Graph 4 for monthly national guaranteed title and title document search volumes during 2001/02 and 20002/03.

**Table 6 – Land title document processing performance
January - March 2003**

Region	January	February	March	Quarter
	% within 20 working days (standard is 95%)			
Auckland	94%	93%	97%	95%
Hamilton	88%	91%	92%	91%
Wellington	89%	92%	90%	90%
Christchurch	94%	95%	98%	96%
Dunedin	97%	97%	94%	96%
National	93%	93%	95%	94%

The performance for title document processing during the January – March 2003 quarter continued to improve, and the standard of 95% completed within 20 working days was achieved nationally for the first time in March.

**Table 7 – Survey plan lodgements
January - March 2003**

Region	January		% Change	February		% Change	March		% Change	Total Quarter		% Change
	2002	2003		2002	2003		2002	2003		2002	2003	
Auckland	218	245	12.4%	326	324	-0.6%	433	354	-18.2%	977	923	-5.5%
Hamilton	100	169	69.0%	129	206	59.7%	133	216	62.4%	362	591	63.3%
Wellington	130	113	-13.1%	155	166	7.1%	123	165	34.1%	408	444	8.8%
Christchurch	217	153	-29.5%	156	177	13.5%	198	201	1.5%	571	531	-7.0%
Dunedin	70	47	-32.9%	90	64	-28.9%	65	62	-4.6%	225	173	-23.1%
TOTAL	735	727	-1.1%	856	937	9.5%	952	998	4.8%	2,543	2662	4.7%

Survey plan lodgements for the January – March 2003 quarter were up by 4.7% nationally, compared to the same quarter in 2002. Changes ranged from a decrease of 23.1% on relatively low volumes in Dunedin, to an increase of 63.3% in Hamilton. Hamilton's increase is partly due to the impact that conversion to **Landonline** had on plan lodgements in Hamilton in the January – March 2002 quarter.

See Graph 5 for monthly national survey plan lodgements during 2001/02 and 2002/03.

**Table 8 – Survey plan processing performance
January - March 2003**

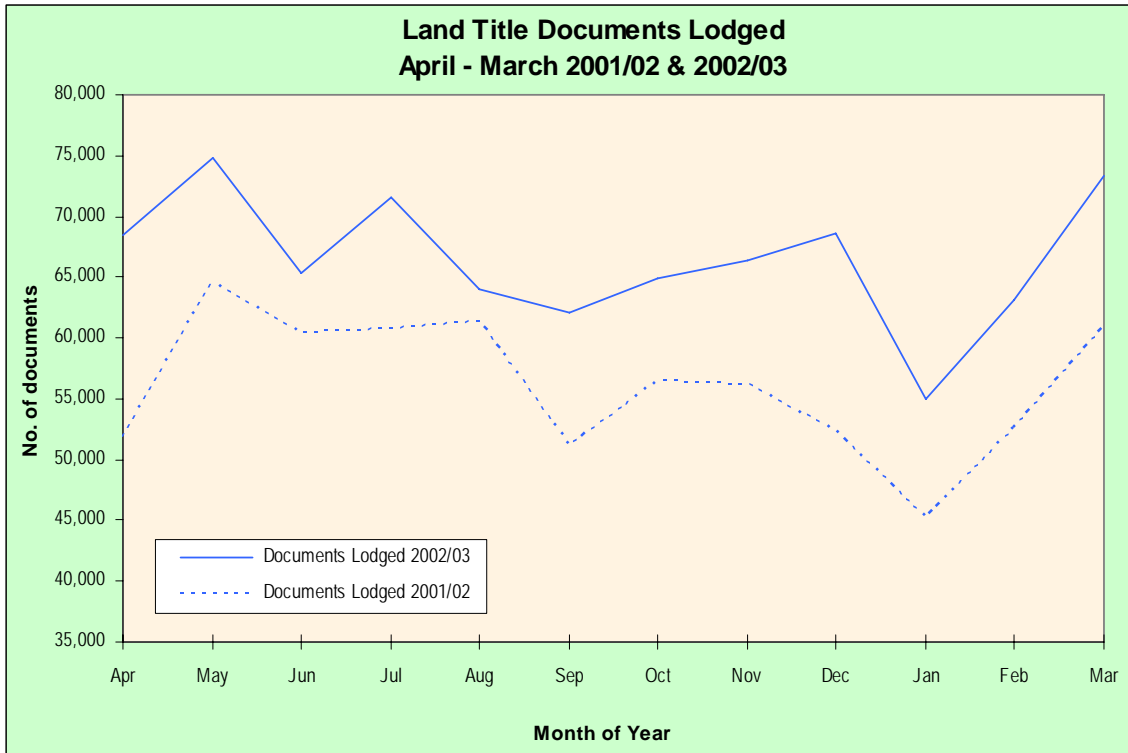
Region	PAPER LODGEMENT			ELECTRONIC LODGEMENT			
	January	February	March	January	February	March	
	% within 25 working days (standard is 90%)			% within 15 working days (standard is 90%)			
Auckland	91%	87%	83%	Landonline Stage II pilot commenced on 18 November			
Hamilton	84%	86%	89%				
Wellington	72%	37%	68%				
Christchurch	98%	94%	46%		100%	100%	80%
Dunedin	31%	78%	82%				
National	85%	80%	75%	100%	100%	80%	

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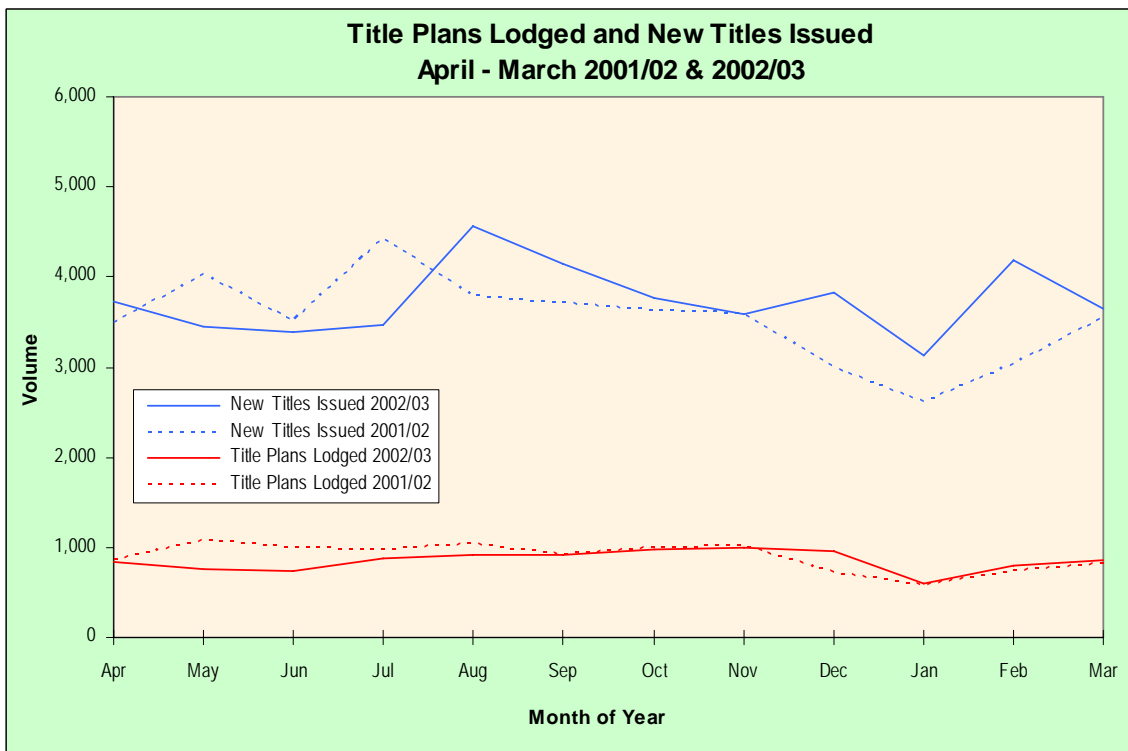
The LINZ timeliness standard applicable from 1 July 2002 is that 90% of plans lodged in paper form are to be processed within 25 working days, and 90% of plans lodged in electronic form are to be processed within 15 working days. The **Landonline** stage 2 pilot scheme commenced on 18 November, and 42 plans were processed during the January – March 2003 quarter.

Recent monthly processing performance has been between 80% - 90%, compared to the target of 90%. March performance slipped to 76% overall, due to a concentration on field audits by Approving Surveyors, particularly in Christchurch, resulting in a hold up in plan approval.

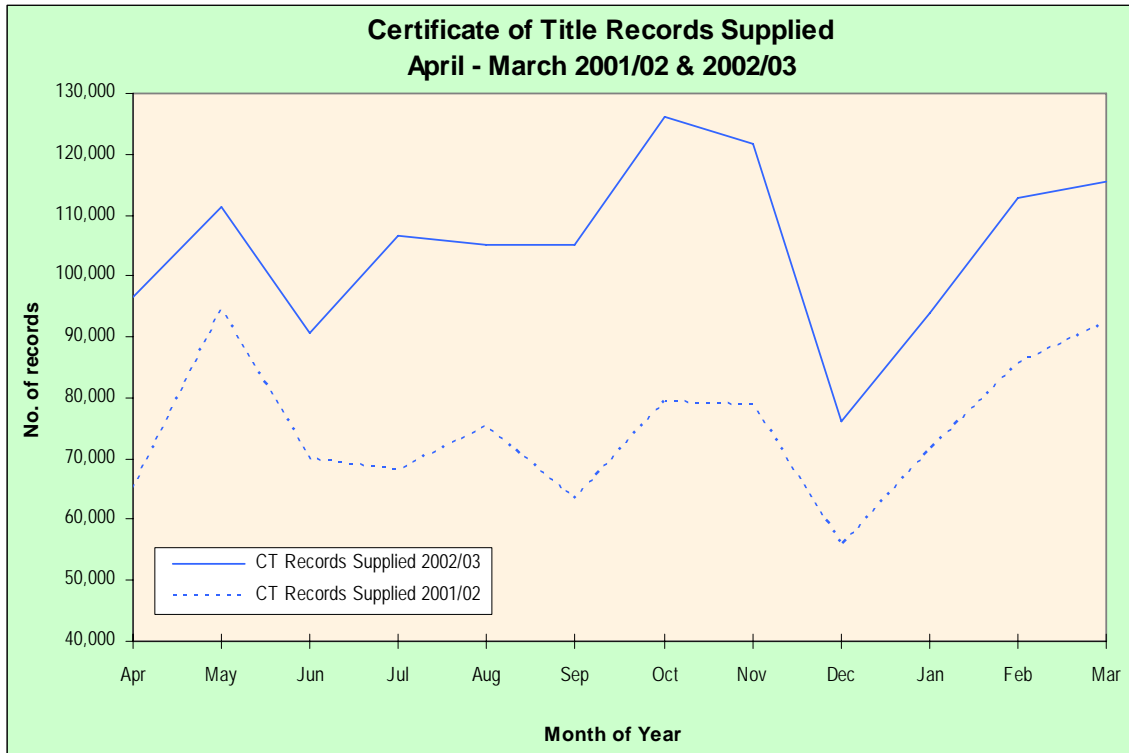
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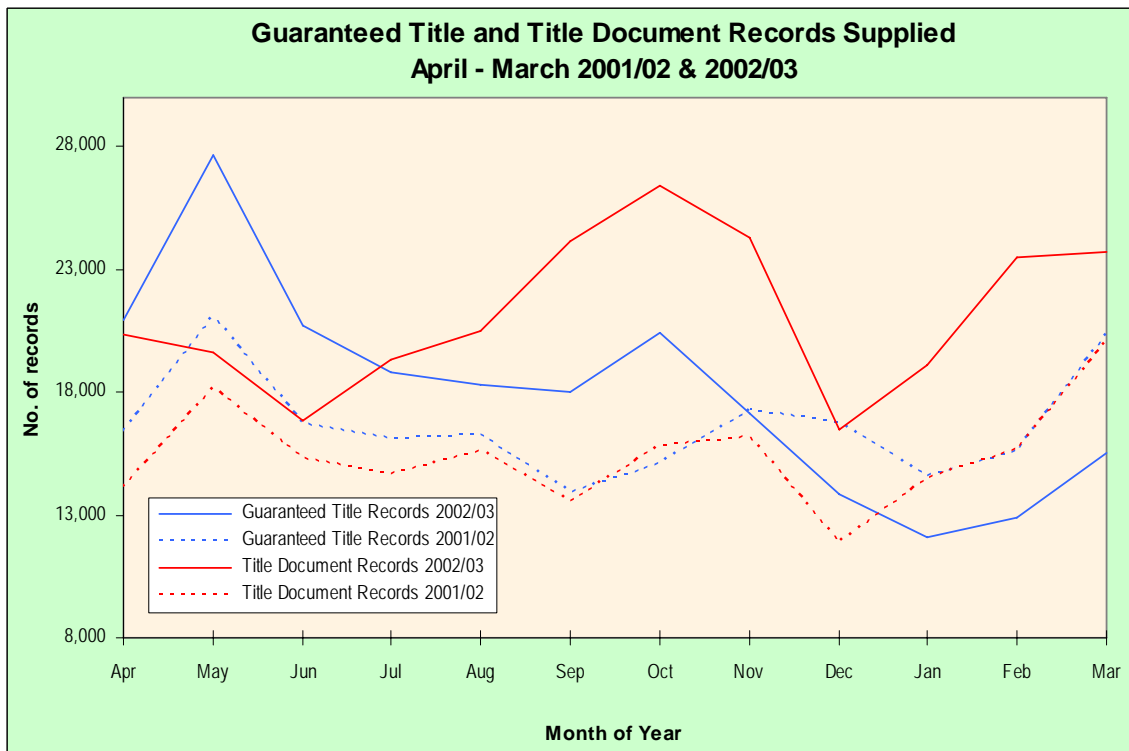
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