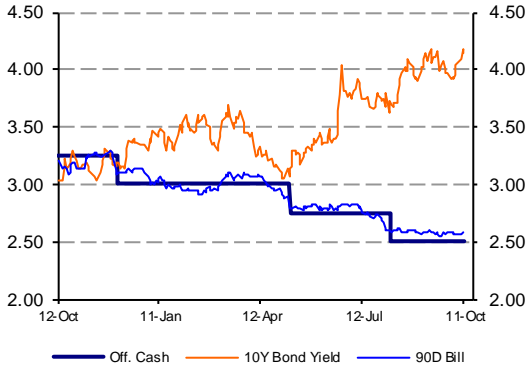
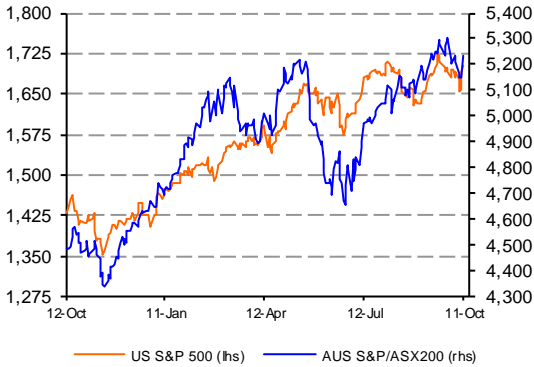


This Roundup covers critical economic data and publications used by NSW Treasury for monitoring and analysis.

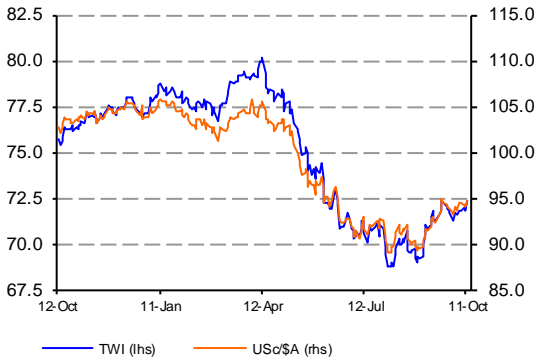
### Chart A: Domestic Interest Rates



### Chart B: Share Price Index



### Chart C: Exchange Rate



### Chart D: Commodities

### Domestic Data Releases

**Labour Force** data (sa) for September showed that the NSW unemployment rate fell to 5.6% and the national rate fell to 5.6%. Employment (number, sa, m%ch) in September was 0.6% lower from the previous month in NSW and was 0.4% higher than a year ago. Nationally employment growth rose 0.1% in September to be 0.8% higher through the year.

The number of **newspaper job ads** (number, sa, y%ch) in September, as measured by ANZ, fell 28.6% in NSW and was down 32.7% nationally.

**Building Activity** (value, nsa, y%ch,) data for the June quarter 2013 showed work commenced down 12.4% in NSW and flat nationally. Work yet to be done was up 10.6% in NSW and up 1.6% nationally.

The Westpac-MI national **consumer sentiment index** (index, m%ch) decreased by 2.1% in October to be 9.2% higher than a year ago. For NSW sentiment fell 1.9% in the month to be 7.6% higher than a year ago.

The **NAB monthly business survey** showed that in September:

- **Business confidence** in NSW rose 9 points to +12 and nationally rose by 8 points to +12.
- **Business conditions** in NSW remained unchanged at -9 and for Australia improved 3 points -4.

**Overseas Visitors** (number, nsa, y%ch) to NSW rose 7.6% in August. The number of visitors nationally increased 7.8%.

The AiG-HIA **Performance of Construction Index** (index, sa) rose 3.9 points to 47.6 in September. A reading above 50.0 shows expansion in the industry and below 50.0 a contraction.

### Markets

The **Australian stock market** was up 0.4% on the previous Friday, while the **New York stock exchange** rose 0.8%.

	Value	Change on Year	Change on Week
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	1,703.2	19.2 %	0.8 %
<b>ASX200</b>	5,230.9	16.6 %	0.4 %
<b>Australian Dollar (USD)</b>	0.9470	-7.8 %	0.3 %
<b>TWI</b>	72.30	-4.5 %	0.7 %
<b>Oil (USD/bbl)</b>	103.01	12.1 %	-0.8 %
<b>Gold (USD/oz)</b>	1,265.50	-28.4 %	-3.4 %
<b>Thermal Coal (USD/tonne)</b>	80.54	-2.4 %	0.5 %
<b>Australian 10-yr bond</b>	4.14%	111.7 bps	9.6 bps
<b>US 10-yr bond</b>	2.68%	102.0 bps	6.0 bps
<b>Australian 90-day bill</b>	2.59%	-61.2 bps	1.8 bps

### Upcoming Domestic Data Releases (14/10 – 18/10)

- The ABS will release data on housing finance, lending finance, sales of new motor vehicles, merchandise imports and the labour force by region.
- The RBA will release the minutes of their October monetary policy meeting.
- NAB will release their quarterly business survey.

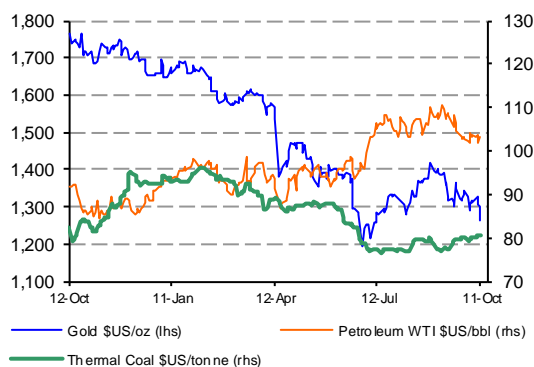
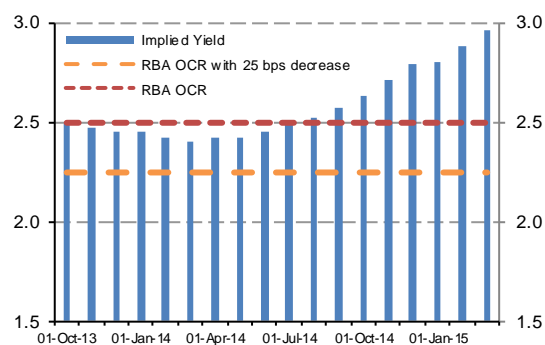
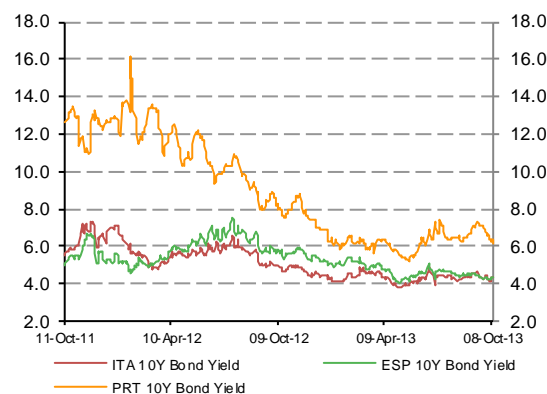
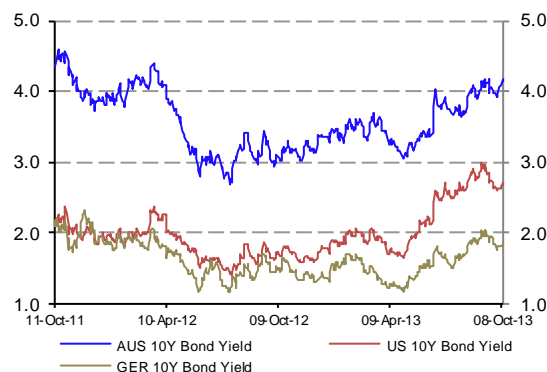


Chart E: Interest Rate Expectations



Charts F & G: International Bond Yields



## Market Interest Rate Expectations

Current **market expectations**, as shown by the implied yield curve on ASX 30 day interbank cash rate futures, **favour no change** by the RBA at its next meeting.

According to the **ASX target rate tracker**, as of 11 October, there is an 88% expectation that the RBA will keep the cash rate at 2.50% at its 5 November 2013 policy meeting.

## International Bond Yield Spreads

10-yr bond yield	Yield	Change on Year	Change on Week	Spread on 10-yr US bond week end	Spread on 10-yr US bond year ago
<b>Australian (AUS)</b>	4.14%	111.7 bps	9.6 bps	146.4 bps	136.7 bps
<b>United States (US)</b>	2.68%	102.0 bps	6.0 bps	- -	- -
<b>Germany (GER)</b>	1.86%	41.0 bps	4.2 bps	-82.5 bps	-21.5 bps
<b>Italy (ITA)</b>	4.29%	-56.5 bps	12.9 bps	160.8 bps	319.3 bps
<b>Portugal (PRT)</b>	6.19%	-178.5 bps	-17.3 bps	350.8 bps	631.3 bps
<b>Spain (ESP)</b>	4.30%	-131.1 bps	8.7 bps	161.7 bps	394.8 bps

## International Data Releases

The **IMF** in their **World Economic Outlook** forecast global growth to ease from 3.2% in 2012 to 2.9% in 2013 before accelerating to 3.6% in 2014. For Australia they forecast growth 2.5% in 2013 and 2.8% in 2014.

The **bank of England** in its **monetary policy meeting** decided to leave their official bank rate unchanged at 0.5%.

**German consumer price index** in September was 1.4% higher than a year ago.

## Upcoming International Data Releases (14/10 – 18/10)

- US: housing starts.
- UK: inflation, unemployment, retail sales.
- China: inflation, retail sales, GDP.