

Australian Securities
Exchange (ASX)

the primary stock
exchange group in
Australia

availability of funds

the ease with which a
business can access funds (for
borrowing) on the
international financial
markets

bank overdraft

a facility that allows a
business or individual to
overdraw their account up to
an agreed limit for a specified
time

bill of exchange

a document ordering
payment of a certain
amount of money at
some fixed future date

commercial bills

a type of bill of exchange
(loan) issued by non-
bank institutions

debentures	financial products issued by a company for a fixed rate of interest for a fixed period of time
dividend	a distribution of the profits of a company to shareholders
equity	the finance (cash) raised by a company by issuing shares
external finance	funds provided by sources outside the business, including banks, government, suppliers or financial intermediaries
factoring	the selling of accounts receivable for a discounted price to a finance company

financial decision
making

a process that requires relevant information to be identified, collected and analysed to determine an appropriate course of action

global economic
outlook

the projected changes to the level of economic growth throughout the world

interest rates

the cost of
borrowing money

internal finance

funds provided by the owners of the business (finance) or from the outcomes of business activities (retained earnings)

leasing

a long-term source of borrowing for businesses involving the payment of money for the use of equipment that is owned by another party

mortgage

a loan secured by
the property of the
borrower

owners' equity

funds contributed by
owners or partners to
establish and build the
business

primary markets

markets that deal with
the issue of debt
instruments by the
borrower of funds

secondary markets

markets that deal with
the purchase and sale of
existing securities

unsecured note

a loan for a set period of
time that is not backed
by any collateral or
assets