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PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING
MARCH 1976

SUMMARY OF RESULTS					
State capital cities	Percentage change between -		Weighted average of six State capital cities Groups and All groups	Percentage change between -	
	Feb. 76 and Mar. 76	Mar. 75 and Mar. 76		Feb. 76 and Mar. 76	Mar. 75 and Mar. 76
Sydney	+2.0	+11.8	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	+1.8	+14.9
Melbourne	+2.3	+15.6	Cement products	+1.2	+18.6
Brisbane	+2.6	+15.4	Bricks, stone, etc.	+0.9	+11.3
Adelaide	+2.8	+15.6	Timber, board and joinery	+2.7	+13.3
Perth	+2.3	+16.1	Steel and iron products	+3.4	+17.6
Hobart	+2.8	+16.1	Aluminium products	+1.1	+11.8
Weighted average of six State capital cities	+2.3	+14.1	Other metal products	+2.2	+ 8.6
			Plumbing fixtures	+1.7	+15.6
			Miscellaneous materials	+0.6	+10.8
			Electrical installation materials	+1.6	+13.4
			Mechanical services components	+2.2	+ 9.1
			All groups	+2.3	+14.1

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This bulletin contains index numbers of the Price Index of Materials used in Building other than House Building. A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973 (pp. 43-56). A Price Index of Materials used in House Building is published in a separate bulletin (Reference No. 9.9). *Index numbers for the current month and the previous month are preliminary and subject to revision.*

Scope and composition

2. The index measures changes in prices of selected materials used in the construction of buildings other than houses and *low-rise* flats (in general, those up to three storeys). It includes 72 items, combined in eleven groups, in addition to an *All Groups* index. Although the selected materials (or many of them) are also used in house (and low-rise flat) building, in building repair, maintenance and alteration work, and in *engineering construction* work (e.g. projects such as roads, dams, bridges and the like), the weighting pattern of the index, being designed for the specific purpose mentioned at the beginning of this paragraph, is not applicable to these other activities of the construction industry. In addition, since the weights are based on an average materials usage over a range of types of building within the defined area (building other than house building), the index is not necessarily applicable to any specific building or type of building included in that area.

Base period and method of calculation

3. The reference base of the index is the year 1966-67 = 100.0. The index is a fixed weights index and is calculated by the method known as the *weighted arithmetic mean of price relatives*.

Derivation of items and weights

4. The items and weights were derived from reported values of materials used in selected representative buildings constructed in or about 1966-67. The single weighting pattern relates to the whole of Australia, and is applied (with minor exceptions) in calculating indexes for each State capital city. The weights for groups of items are shown in Table 3. Further details concerning the weighting pattern are contained in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973 (Reference No. 6.7).

Prices

5. Prices are collected as at the mid-point of the month to which the index refers, or as near thereto as practicable. They relate to specified standards of each commodity and are obtained from representative suppliers of materials used in building. In general the point of pricing is *delivered on site* but in some cases it has been necessary to use the nearest realistic price available, e.g. that for *supplied and fixed*. Local prices are used in the indexes for each capital city, with the main exception that for the whole of the group

Electrical installation materials and the majority of the items in the group Mechanical services components, Sydney and Melbourne price series are used. As far as possible, actual transaction prices are used in the index as distinct from list prices. Thus measures of *special* or other discounts are sought where these are believed to be significant. To the extent that they can be determined, significant changes in special discounts are incorporated in the index but this may sometimes be on a partly estimated basis, and may sometimes necessitate revisions.

Index numbers

6. The index has been compiled for each month from July 1966, and for the financial years from 1966-67. Index numbers for financial years are simple averages of the relevant monthly index numbers. Index numbers for each State capital city and for the weighted average of the six capitals are given for *all groups combined* in Table 1 and for *each group of items* in Table 3. The separate city indexes measure price movements within each capital city individually. They enable comparisons to be drawn between cities as to *differences in degree of price movement* from period to period, but not as to the differences in price level.

Percentage changes

7. Table 2 shows, for each State capital city and for the weighted average of the six capitals, monthly and annual percentage changes for all groups combined. The following example illustrates the method of calculating percentage changes:

Sydney -

Index number as at Mar. 1976 204.4 (see Table 1)

Index number as at Feb. 1976 200.4 (see Table 1)

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{204.4 - 200.4}{200.4} \times 100 = 2.0\%$$

Special purpose index

8. Index numbers for the special purpose index for All groups excluding Electrical installation materials and Mechanical services components are shown for each capital city and the weighted average of the six capitals in the second column from the right in Table 3.

Interpretation

9. In interpreting movements in the index, particularly those from month to month, it should be noted that changes frequently occur in an uneven fashion both over time and also, between separate capital cities, at the same points of time. Changes in index numbers for individual months should not be interpreted in isolation and without reference to changes over longer periods.

Other ABS publications

10. Users may also wish to refer to the following price index publications which are available on request:

- . *Price Index of Materials Used in House Building* (Reference No. 9.9)
- . *Price Index of Materials Used in Manufacturing Industry* (Reference No. 9.13)
- . *Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials* (Reference No. 9.5)
- . *Price Indexes of Metallic Materials* (Reference No. 9.10)

Symbols used

- p - preliminary, subject to revision.
- r - revised.

NOTE. *Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made in Canberra by telephoning Mr Martin Van der Hoek on 52 5541 or, in each State capital, by telephoning the office of the Australian Bureau of Statistics.*

TABLE 1. - PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING
ALL GROUPS. INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1972-73	127.2	131.2	130.4	129.8	126.3	129.7	128.9
1973-74	144.1	148.0	149.0	145.8	142.9	143.8	145.8
1974-75	176.0	180.6	186.6	181.0	176.7	179.3	179.2
1974-75							
February	180.9	185.0	191.5	186.3	182.1	183.9	184.1
March	182.9	186.6	193.6	188.2	184.7	187.3	186.1
April	183.9	188.7	196.2	189.9	186.2	191.2	187.8
May	184.4	190.5	197.5	191.0	187.3	192.0	188.8
June	185.5	192.6	199.6	193.0	188.7	192.7	190.4
1975-76							
July	186.7	194.3	201.4	195.0	191.6	194.7	192.1
August	188.7	198.6	204.6	198.3	196.2	198.6	195.2
September	190.3	201.0	205.9	201.1	198.6	202.7	197.2
October	193.6	204.2	211.0	204.4	203.4	206.3	200.9
November	195.7	206.2	213.7	207.2	205.1	207.9	203.0
December	197.1	207.2	214.5	208.9	206.8	208.8	204.3
January	199.0	208.4	216.3	210.3	207.9	209.7	205.9
February p	200.4	210.9	217.8	211.6	209.7	211.5	207.6
March p	204.4	215.8	223.4	217.6	214.5	217.5	212.3

(a) Figures are shown to one decimal place to avoid distortions that would occur in rounding off the index numbers to the nearest whole number.

TABLE 2. - PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING
ALL GROUPS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS PERIOD

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
	Percentage change from previous year -						
1972-73	+3.9	+5.9	+4.8	+5.8	+4.1	+5.8	+4.8
1973-74	+13.3	+12.8	+14.3	+12.3	+13.1	+10.9	+13.1
1974-75	+22.1	+22.0	+25.2	+24.1	+23.7	+24.7	+22.9
	Percentage change from previous month -						
1974-75							
February	+1.7	+2.0	+1.8	+2.0	+2.4	+1.5	+1.9
March	+1.1	+0.9	+1.1	+1.0	+1.4	+1.8	+1.1
April	+0.5	+1.1	+1.3	+0.9	+0.8	+2.1	+0.9
May	+0.3	+1.0	+0.7	+0.6	+0.6	+0.4	+0.5
June	+0.6	+1.1	+1.1	+1.0	+0.7	+0.4	+0.8
1975-76							
July	+0.6	+0.9	+0.9	+1.0	+1.5	+1.0	+0.9
August	+1.1	+2.2	+1.6	+1.7	+2.4	+2.0	+1.6
September	+0.8	+1.2	+0.6	+1.4	+1.2	+2.1	+1.0
October	+1.7	+1.6	+2.5	+1.6	+2.4	+1.8	+1.9
November	+1.1	+1.0	+1.3	+1.4	+0.8	+0.8	+1.0
December	+0.7	+0.5	+0.4	+0.8	+0.8	+0.4	+0.6
January	+1.0	+0.6	+0.8	+0.7	+0.5	+0.4	+0.8
February p	+0.7	+1.2	+0.7	+0.6	+0.9	+0.9	+0.8
March p	+2.0	+2.3	+2.6	+2.8	+2.3	+2.8	+2.3

TABLE 3. - PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING - GROUP INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscel- laneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	Special purpose index (c)	All groups
Value weight (%) (d)	10.41%	3.64%	5.28%	11.90%	30.58%	6.01%	2.59%	1.19%	7.09%	8.61%	12.70%	78.69%	100.00%
SYDNEY													
1972-73	124.9	136.0	123.6	133.9	124.0	124.8	134.8	142.5	127.3	120.5	132.2	127.1	127.2
1973-74	140.2	147.5	141.5	161.2	140.7	136.6	171.1	158.5	137.5	138.3	143.7	144.8	144.1
1974-75	173.4	184.1	177.5	190.7	175.4	171.4	175.7	195.5	166.9	157.4	181.1	177.3	176.0
1974-75													
February	183.0	191.0	180.9	194.1	181.2	178.9	171.8	197.9	171.2	157.3	186.1	182.7	180.9
March	183.8	190.2	187.9	195.8	182.9	180.3	172.1	206.0	174.6	160.1	187.5	184.7	182.9
April	184.2	196.6	188.8	196.5	182.9	182.3	174.2	208.3	175.8	162.0	188.9	185.6	183.9
May	184.9	200.8	188.8	198.6	182.1	183.3	173.9	208.3	177.4	161.8	189.3	186.1	184.4
June	189.5	202.2	190.0	200.0	182.1	184.7	173.6	208.3	179.8	162.9	189.8	187.3	185.5
1975-76													
July	190.6	205.1	190.0	201.0	181.8	185.8	173.5	211.2	181.5	165.0	193.6	187.9	186.7
August	191.0	206.2	190.3	203.7	184.8	187.1	177.4	218.3	184.1	168.2	193.3	190.2	188.7
September	191.8	207.5	192.2	204.2	186.8	191.7	177.5	222.0	186.6	169.1	194.3	192.0	190.3
October	194.7	211.5	193.6	205.1	193.3	195.4	180.5	222.1	187.4	169.3	197.1	195.1	193.6
November	198.7	216.2	194.7	205.3	196.0	195.9	181.1	228.0	188.2	171.8	199.0	197.8	195.7
December	200.7	216.9	194.7	207.6	196.7	195.7	182.5	230.7	188.9	176.2	199.5	198.9	197.1
January	204.8	218.3	202.6	207.8	198.3	199.3	182.8	230.8	192.0	177.5	199.1	201.3	199.0
February p	204.9	220.5	204.3	209.1	200.4	200.4	183.8	235.5	193.4	178.6	200.0	202.8	200.4
March p	209.6	223.1	205.1	215.0	205.0	203.1	188.3	240.6	194.6	181.5	204.3	206.9	204.4
MELBOURNE													
1972-73	129.6	133.4	130.8	127.7	136.4	134.5	123.1	149.8	123.6	120.5	132.8	132.1	131.2
1973-74	135.6	145.0	146.0	156.7	155.5	149.6	153.2	167.7	133.6	138.3	144.3	149.6	148.0
1974-75	162.6	176.7	169.3	189.9	197.8	174.2	152.7	210.2	164.8	157.4	181.4	182.9	180.6
1974-75													
February	167.3	183.0	171.8	188.8	206.2	178.1	147.1	208.7	170.3	157.3	186.4	187.7	185.0
March	169.3	185.7	171.9	189.8	207.1	179.4	152.4	219.5	172.7	160.1	187.8	189.3	186.6
April	171.9	193.8	173.0	195.1	207.9	179.5	153.6	227.7	173.6	162.0	189.3	191.5	188.7
May	173.1	194.2	174.1	198.4	210.5	182.5	154.6	227.7	176.2	161.8	189.8	193.7	190.5
June	178.2	196.4	183.5	201.6	211.7	182.5	155.5	228.3	177.4	162.9	190.6	196.2	192.6
1975-76													
July	178.7	201.0	184.5	203.2	212.6	183.6	154.8	234.5	178.8	165.0	194.4	197.4	194.3
August	181.8	202.4	184.9	205.0	222.5	184.7	158.2	240.9	182.0	168.2	194.0	202.6	198.6
September	185.2	205.4	185.3	207.8	225.8	188.7	159.7	243.3	183.7	169.1	195.1	205.5	201.0
October	185.9	208.4	184.1	209.0	234.0	190.2	159.2	243.3	183.7	169.3	197.9	209.0	204.2
November	188.7	213.0	187.1	209.0	236.6	189.9	159.0	247.9	185.1	171.8	199.8	211.0	206.2
December	188.8	213.7	187.1	209.7	237.4	191.0	160.1	249.0	186.6	176.2	200.3	211.8	207.2
January	189.3	216.3	190.0	209.9	238.9	195.3	160.5	249.1	186.9	177.5	199.9	213.2	208.4
February p	192.8	220.4	192.6	211.0	243.3	195.0	161.5	250.9	189.0	178.6	200.8	216.1	210.9
March p	197.3	223.1	194.1	216.7	251.2	196.0	165.9	252.7	189.9	181.5	205.2	221.2	215.8

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TABLE 3. - PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING - GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - continued
(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscel- laneous materials (a)	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	Special purpose index (c)	All groups
Value weight (%) (d)	10.41%	3.64%	5.28%	11.90%	30.58%	6.01%	2.59%	1.19%	7.09%	8.61%	12.70%	78.6%	100.00%
BRISBANE													
1972-73	113.0	137.0	139.6	143.7	136.8	118.9	112.1	142.3	118.8	120.5	132.3	131.2	130.4
1973-74	133.2	154.0	157.4	167.7	159.1	132.4	141.6	160.3	125.8	138.3	143.7	151.0	149.0
1974-75	152.3	199.8	189.6	211.0	207.6	168.9	150.9	199.6	150.9	157.4	181.7	190.5	186.6
1974-75													
February	169.4	202.6	193.5	212.1	214.9	178.1	150.4	202.4	155.6	157.3	186.9	196.0	191.5
March	170.4	201.8	193.0	215.6	216.5	182.1	152.3	208.5	159.8	160.1	188.3	198.1	193.6
April	174.7	214.3	195.2	217.1	219.8	182.1	152.6	208.7	161.1	162.0	189.7	201.0	196.2
May	177.9	214.4	197.0	222.3	220.2	182.1	151.1	208.8	163.2	161.8	190.1	202.6	197.5
June	180.2	215.7	198.0	228.9	222.9	182.1	151.0	209.1	162.9	162.9	190.8	205.1	199.6
1975-76													
July	180.8	220.7	199.8	231.9	223.8	182.1	151.0	210.5	164.8	165.0	194.7	206.5	201.4
August	184.5	222.0	199.9	232.4	231.2	183.2	150.7	217.2	166.2	168.2	194.3	210.3	204.6
September	185.2	221.4	202.0	233.0	232.6	187.7	149.7	221.4	167.3	169.1	195.4	211.6	205.9
October	185.4	225.4	202.5	240.3	244.0	189.7	150.4	226.6	169.0	169.3	198.1	217.7	211.0
November	185.8	226.3	202.5	244.6	247.5	193.0	151.1	232.1	170.8	171.8	200.1	220.4	213.7
December	186.6	227.8	202.5	245.3	248.1	193.2	153.2	232.7	170.8	176.2	200.6	221.0	214.5
January	191.8	227.8	205.3	247.1	249.3	195.4	158.7	232.9	172.9	177.5	200.2	223.2	216.3
February p	193.1	237.9	207.1	247.8	250.0	197.9	162.8	239.9	173.5	178.6	201.1	224.8	217.8
March p	193.5	240.3	211.7	254.7	260.1	201.3	164.1	247.7	175.3	181.5	205.7	230.8	223.4
ADELAIDE													
1972-73	127.2	137.8	140.3	133.9	130.6	121.1	127.1	145.5	123.7	120.5	132.3	130.4	129.8
1973-74	131.0	151.8	149.2	165.7	147.6	136.5	161.4	161.4	134.9	138.3	143.7	146.9	145.8
1974-75	156.1	194.0	191.4	212.0	187.5	163.7	160.6	204.6	168.6	157.4	181.6	183.5	181.0
1974-75													
February	163.0	199.2	193.8	218.1	194.4	169.5	159.8	211.9	173.6	157.3	186.7	189.4	186.3
March	164.3	206.5	193.8	221.3	195.5	169.5	161.5	212.6	178.1	160.1	188.1	191.3	188.2
April	165.1	210.9	195.1	224.0	197.8	169.5	162.0	214.1	178.8	162.0	189.5	193.1	189.9
May	168.9	213.5	195.1	227.0	198.2	169.5	162.0	214.1	180.1	161.8	190.0	194.4	191.0
June	169.9	213.5	210.7	227.8	199.8	170.6	164.2	216.7	181.0	162.9	190.4	196.6	193.0
1975-76													
July	172.7	220.9	211.0	229.7	200.9	173.8	163.6	218.2	182.0	165.0	194.3	198.4	195.0
August	175.4	222.0	211.2	234.3	207.0	174.2	164.5	227.9	183.8	168.2	193.9	202.3	198.3
September	175.7	223.5	211.7	236.8	212.2	179.1	172.7	227.0	186.2	169.1	194.9	205.6	201.1
October	176.7	227.4	211.8	239.1	219.3	181.0	171.3	228.5	186.6	169.3	197.6	209.3	204.4
November	184.0	227.7	211.8	240.5	223.2	181.8	171.0	235.6	188.4	171.8	199.6	212.3	207.2
December	184.0	232.9	220.5	242.2	224.2	183.4	171.1	235.6	190.3	176.2	200.1	213.9	208.9
January	189.4	233.6	220.5	242.2	225.5	187.8	171.7	235.9	191.3	177.5	199.7	215.7	210.3
February p	190.3	235.7	220.8	243.7	226.1	188.6	172.4	236.1	196.8	178.6	200.6	217.0	211.6
March p	191.0	238.9	223.7	251.7	237.8	191.4	174.4	238.7	197.4	181.5	205.0	223.6	217.6

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	Concrete mix, cement, and etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscellaneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	Special purpose index (c)	All groups
Value weight (%) (d)	10.41%	3.64%	5.28%	11.90%	30.58%	6.01%	2.59%	1.19%	7.09%	8.61%	12.70%	78.69%	100.00%
PERTH													
1972-73	118.4	127.5	133.3	126.4	129.2	118.2	118.4	127.1	125.6	120.5	132.0	126.0	126.3
1973-74	125.0	141.1	147.8	151.1	151.0	128.4	146.8	136.6	133.5	138.3	143.6	143.3	142.9
1974-75	143.0	171.3	185.1	186.9	198.5	156.0	151.4	158.6	156.5	157.4	181.5	178.0	176.7
1974-75													
February	151.3	176.3	188.5	189.0	207.1	163.7	146.0	161.9	159.9	157.3	186.4	184.0	182.1
March	153.5	178.0	193.6	191.8	209.8	165.9	149.0	164.9	164.1	160.1	188.0	186.8	184.7
April	155.0	181.5	193.6	196.3	210.2	165.9	150.4	164.3	166.6	162.0	189.8	188.3	186.2
May	155.4	190.2	194.2	198.9	210.5	167.6	150.3	167.4	167.2	161.8	190.2	189.5	187.3
June	156.1	194.0	204.3	199.7	211.9	167.6	150.9	167.4	167.7	162.9	190.6	191.2	188.0
1975-76													
July	156.6	194.7	204.9	203.7	215.8	172.0	150.5	168.4	168.6	165.0	194.6	194.0	191.6
August	162.6	196.8	205.2	207.1	226.2	172.1	151.8	173.0	170.8	168.2	194.2	199.6	196.2
September	164.9	197.4	207.2	208.3	230.2	176.6	152.6	172.9	172.7	169.1	195.2	202.4	198.6
October	165.1	206.8	215.2	213.6	238.7	181.8	153.1	172.9	173.2	169.3	198.0	208.0	203.4
November	165.1	207.6	215.2	216.1	240.7	185.0	153.7	171.2	175.6	171.8	199.9	209.6	205.1
December	166.0	207.6	215.2	219.0	242.3	188.6	156.0	172.7	176.0	176.2	200.5	211.2	206.8
January	166.0	208.6	215.2	221.2	243.4	191.0	155.7	174.5	179.6	177.5	200.1	212.5	207.9
February p	170.1	221.6	r215.6	221.6	r243.8	192.9	r156.5	176.4	r183.7	178.6	201.0	r214.5	r209.7
March p	174.9	221.8	215.6	223.4	254.0	192.9	160.4	179.2	185.1	181.5	205.4	219.6	214.5
HOBART													
1972-73	130.3	138.4	130.1	134.3	133.6	111.8	126.7	142.9	120.2	120.5	132.1	130.3	129.7
1973-74	139.3	149.3	150.0	154.6	148.7	117.3	150.1	154.0	129.1	138.3	143.5	144.4	143.8
1974-75	157.5	179.5	197.6	191.2	195.0	149.1	168.8	189.4	161.1	157.4	181.3	181.4	179.3
1974-75													
February	161.4	180.9	202.5	191.6	202.3	153.7	173.1	192.7	168.6	157.3	186.4	186.4	183.9
March	163.9	183.0	203.4	193.8	207.6	159.2	173.2	195.0	172.8	160.1	187.8	190.2	187.3
April	172.6	184.3	207.3	202.0	210.7	163.4	173.9	200.6	175.3	162.0	189.2	194.7	191.2
May	172.6	185.2	207.6	205.6	211.4	164.8	173.1	200.6	175.3	161.8	189.7	195.7	192.0
June	173.3	191.2	209.3	206.4	211.6	164.8	169.9	200.6	176.2	162.9	190.1	196.4	192.7
1975-76													
July	174.6	193.1	217.0	207.6	212.7	164.8	169.5	203.8	178.3	165.0	193.9	198.0	194.7
August	174.8	201.5	221.3	207.6	222.1	165.6	169.8	208.9	181.5	168.2	193.4	202.8	198.6
September	181.1	202.3	227.7	213.1	227.5	168.2	173.7	217.7	183.6	169.1	194.9	207.7	202.7
October	181.3	202.3	237.8	220.7	231.8	172.7	174.2	220.4	185.0	169.3	197.9	211.7	206.3
November	181.3	204.0	238.2	221.0	234.4	172.7	174.6	222.2	187.0	171.8	200.1	213.1	207.9
December	181.6	205.4	238.2	221.1	235.7	172.7	174.7	222.4	187.2	176.2	200.6	213.7	208.8
January	181.8	205.4	238.8	221.1	237.4	175.3	174.7	222.7	187.6	177.5	200.2	214.8	209.7
February p	191.8	206.6	238.8	221.3	238.0	178.1	176.0	222.9	189.4	178.6	201.1	216.7	211.5
March p	192.9	215.0	245.1	231.6	247.5	181.4	177.1	226.0	190.1	181.5	205.7	223.3	217.5

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TABLE 3. - PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING - GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - *continued*
(Base of each Index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscel- laneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	Special purpose index (c)	All groups
Value weight (%) (d)	10.41%	3.64%	5.28%	11.90%	30.58%	6.01%	2.59%	1.19%	7.09%	8.61%	12.70%	78.69%	100.00%
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES													
1972-73	124.5	135.0	130.1	132.9	130.3	125.4	126.4	143.5	124.5	120.5	132.4	129.3	128.9
1973-74	136.0	147.7	146.3	160.2	148.8	138.4	158.5	159.6	134.2	138.3	143.9	147.0	145.8
1974-75	164.6	183.9	179.4	194.7	189.2	169.2	162.7	197.7	163.4	157.4	181.3	181.3	179.2
1974-75													
February	172.0	189.6	182.5	196.7	196.2	175.8	158.3	199.7	168.1	157.3	186.4	186.6	184.1
March	173.4	190.9	185.7	198.6	197.9	177.5	161.4	207.0	171.6	160.1	187.8	188.6	186.1
April	175.3	197.9	186.9	201.4	198.8	178.5	162.9	210.4	172.8	162.0	189.3	190.3	187.8
May	176.6	200.6	187.5	204.4	199.3	179.9	162.7	210.6	174.6	161.8	189.7	191.6	188.8
June	180.4	202.4	192.9	206.9	200.2	180.5	163.0	211.1	176.0	162.9	190.3	193.5	190.4
1975-76													
July	181.3	206.4	193.7	208.7	201.0	181.9	162.7	214.4	177.6	165.0	194.1	194.7	192.1
August	183.5	207.8	194.1	211.0	207.4	182.9	165.3	221.2	180.1	168.2	193.8	194.4	195.2
September	185.2	209.4	195.6	212.5	210.2	187.3	166.6	224.1	182.0	169.1	194.7	200.7	197.2
October	186.7	213.3	196.9	215.0	217.9	190.2	167.6	225.0	182.7	169.3	197.6	204.8	200.9
November	189.7	216.6	198.2	215.9	230.7	191.2	168.1	229.9	184.1	171.8	199.5	207.0	203.0
December	190.7	217.9	199.0	217.5	221.7	191.7	169.3	231.5	185.0	176.2	200.1	208.1	204.3
January	193.8	219.3	203.2	218.1	223.1	195.3	170.4	231.6	187.0	177.5	199.6	210.0	205.9
February p	195.7	223.8	204.9	219.1	225.2	196.3	171.6	235.2	189.0	178.4	200.5	211.9	207.6
March p	199.2	226.4	206.7	225.1	232.8	198.5	175.3	239.3	190.2	181.5	204.9	216.9	212.3

(a) Figures are shown to one decimal place to avoid distortions that would occur in rounding off the index numbers to the nearest whole number. (b) The Wholesale Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials is used as the indicator for this group. (c) All groups excluding Electrical installation materials and Mechanical services components. (d) Composition and weighting pattern as at reference base years; see paragraph 3 and 4.

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